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**“Oh what happened to you?  
Whatever happened to me?  
What become of those people we used to be?  
Tomorrow’s almost over the days went by so fast ..**

Many Old Vikings will remember the theme music to *Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads*. Indeed OV’s of a certain vintage will remember the original series *The Likely Lads*. The questions in the title music are often hauntingly relevant as I learn about long lost OV’s. Sometimes I receive e-mails asking, “Whatever happened to ...?” or asking if we have a name listed on the database. Then again harking back to British television simply misses out a significant number of OV’s. It is astounding how many OV’s are making their living overseas. Also Old Vikings are forever asking after their teachers. Please send in your news if you taught at Shiplake, it seems that there is some truth in the Government’s “Everyone remembers a good teacher” recruiting slogan.

Currently we have around 2000 addresses on the database but it is sad to see so many editions of the OV newsletter returned as “Not known at this address.” If you are moving please let us know and we can update the OV records.

The OV page of the College web-site has proved to be successful. On average one or two OV’s per week e-mail in after having seen the site. If you discover any long-lost OV’s encourage them to visit the site and send in their news.

We will soon have an updated web-site and also an e-mail directory, both run by **Andrew Adams’ (970)** firm.

There was much discussion over the e-mail directory. The OVS will never pass on e-mail addresses to any other organisation and it is hoped that the disclaimer screen will discourage organisations from harvesting the addresses. The directory should prove to be of great benefit in helping OV’s to track down long lost friends. The site can be found at **[www.shiplake.org.uk](http://www.shiplake.org.uk)**

The web-site **[www.friendsreunited.co.uk](http://www.friendsreunited.co.uk)** has also been highly useful in tracking down OV’s. Ben Williams’ (96B) entry on the Shiplake page is fascinating as it begins, “I don’t work in a bank and I don’t work in the city,” and admittedly there are many OV’s in the city but the web-site confirms that OV’s are to be found in all walks of life.

We all owe a great vote of thanks to **Henry Summers (79S)** who has shouldered the burdens of both Treasurer and Secretary this year. Henry boldly and bravely stepped into the interregnum between Bob Esau and Malcolm Woodcock, devoting many hours to the OVS. It was a testament to Henry’s efforts that over 70 people attended the annual dinner. **Charlie West (89E)** has also worked hard to gather in the advertising for this edition, if you would like to advertise in next year’s newsletter please ring Charlie (01249 782470). Thanks also to **Peter Hose (Staff)** for tackling the gremlins in the database and updating it.



Marett & Smees

Old Vikings are adventurous souls and this year **Ben and Tim Phillis (92O)** have run across the Sahara. Meanwhile **Chris Marett (92O)** and **Alastair Smees (92B)** have rowed

from Tenerife to Barbados. If you have any similar plans to raise money for charity you will be interested to read of the new OVS Awards Fund.

**Send your news to: [medwards@shiplake.org.uk](mailto:medwards@shiplake.org.uk)**

### ***Old Vikings Events 2002***

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<b>Hockey: OVS v 1st XI</b>	14.30 Sunday 10th March at Shiplake
<b>Cricket: OVS v 1st XI</b>	11.30 Saturday 8th June
<b>Summer Ball:</b>	20.30 Friday July 5th
<b>Rugby: OVS v 1st XV</b>	15.00 14th September
	Tea and drinks for recent leavers at 16.30
<b>OVS AGM</b>	19.30 14th September
<b>OVS Annual Dinner</b>	19.00 for 20.00 14th September
<b>OVS Annual Reunion</b>	19.00 7th November, Soho House





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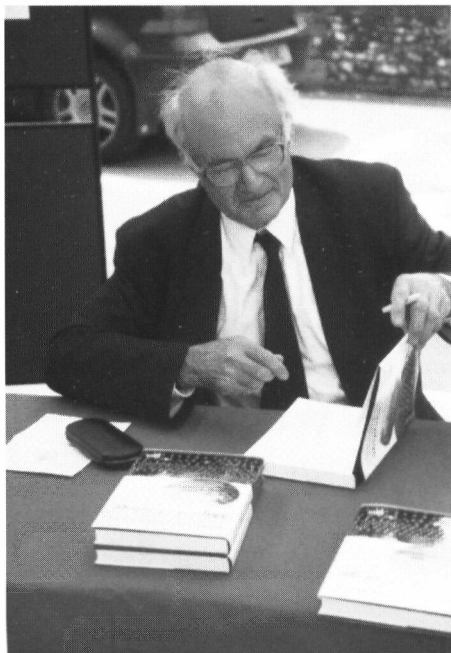
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## ***Wish and Fulfilment***

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Hans Wells-Furby's updated history of Shiplake College is a fascinating read of over 270 pages telling the remarkable story of the school that grew up on a £17,500 Thames-side site purchased in 1959. The author deals openly with the many challenges and growing pains of the early years and founder Alexander Everett's contributes his recollections too. This is no glossy public relations publication but a realistic, no punches pulled, interpretation of the development of the school. The school has been home to many great characters, teachers and pupils, and this history portrays them with humour and sensitivity.



Hans Wells-Furby

Hans, who first joined the school in the sixties and served as Second Master from 1980 until his retirement in 1993, returned to Shiplake to sign copies of his book on Speech Day. He produced the first edition of the history of the College in 1984 and was asked by the College's Governors to bring the book up to date. The book contains revealing chapters on school humour and major sports.

Current Deputy Head, Barry Edwards, has taken the story on into the third millennium and he looks ahead to the challenges confronting the College today. A selection of nostalgic images, ranging from the very first Rugby XV in 1961 to the first generation of sixth form girls in 1999, presents a comprehensive view of life at Shiplake.

*Wish and Fulfilment is available from Michael Edwards at Shiplake College, price £20 (including post and packing.) Cheques payable to Shiplake College.*

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e-mail directory  
at  
[www.shiplake.org.uk](http://www.shiplake.org.uk)**

## ***The Soho House Reunion***

Reading a newspaper piece on Julie Walters, as I travelled the underground, the interviewer mentioned how the meeting had taken place at a Soho club. Immediately I visualised the civilised setting. I too was heading for Soho House. For the second year running Nick Jones had offered to host the annual Old Vikings get together. With its opportunity for film screenings Soho House is a magnet for the media industry. On my last visit I had bumped into Michelle Collins on my ascent up the twisitng staircase.

Soho House is an ideal location for the annual London bash. Even at seven o'clock the private party room set aside for OVs was humming with the suits who had dropped in straight from work. In contrast it was good to see Andrew Jones, Alex Macdonald and Tom Michell, representatives of the class of 2001, who had only left the College just four months earlier.

Henry Summers, who had galvanised OVs into activity with a string of e-mails, continued to work hard. He had organised a raffle with prizes of a meal for two at Soho House and a weekend for two at Charlie West's new country pub.

Richard Mannix had driven a staff party up including Nick Bevan, Barry Edwards, Malcolm Woodcock, Phil Davey, Candy and Ivan Jacklin, Peter Webb, Peter Gould and Grant Lawson. Unfortunately the parking wasn't as successful and the bus picked up a parking ticket.

It was another great evening of memories, nostalgia and reminiscences as the beer and wine flowed. OVs caught up with each other's histories and asked about life at the

College. Hopefully, if we didn't make too much noise, we should be invited back for another reunion next November.

## ***The OVS Awards Fund***

The Committee is keen to develop closer links with both the College and current pupils. Every year the OVS generates a surplus and we have decided to set up a fund to assist Old Vikings with worthwhile funds.

A range of awards from £250 through to £1,000 are available. Pupils in their last year at Shiplake or leavers from the last 5 years are invited to apply. Funds could aid pupils with charitable fund raising, voluntary work providing education, medical or social care. We would also consider supporting sporting events which demonstrate courage, endeavour or skill.

Applicants would be required to make a written presentation on the scope of their proposed project followed by a presentation to the school. Once the project is completed they would be required to make a presentation to a section of the school.

As an early example of the spirit of this initiative we have donated £600 to Chris Marett and Alastair Smeed for their transatlantic race. Their row will raise significant sums for a charity, The Berkshire Association of Young People's Clubs.

We look forward to receiving applications for funds which should be addressed to the OVS Secretary, Malcolm Woodcock, at the College.

## Reintroducing Malcolm Woodcock

A MESSAGE FROM THE OVS PRESIDENT



Malcolm Woodcock

Music began well at Shiplake under Derek Healey, but those at Shiplake between 1964 and 74 will not recall music being much fun. All that changed when Malcolm Woodcock took over. He was appointed by John Eggar: moderated by Peter Lapping and let loose by Nick Bevan. To continue with the facts of a long career at Shiplake, Malcolm has worked with six chaplains and he has a good memory for sermons. He was Skipwith resident tutor before he took over from Michael Charles as housemaster. Between them they guided Skipwith from 1972 into the new Millennium.

MLW got to know the school through the Music Time Table; teaching one Examination History Set and via play production. Those in his house and those chosen to perform in concerts got to know Malcolm's whimsey particularly. He always knew a good idea when he saw it and he kept alive the Charles method, which gave a house of seventy each year a style to match the spacious mansion that has been Skipwith's home. Since 1980 being a housemaster has become complicated in ways I never expected when I took over a House of 43 from David Skipwith

in 1962.

Malcolm's contributions have been so varied that each and every one of you will have your own special memory, possibly of something that happened during rehearsals for the regular whole school concerts when a choral effort ended Summer Terms. Our Silver Jubilee term included Malcolm's first production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. When will the fourth one be?

I was delighted to work with Malcolm in devising *Shiplake 900*. I wanted to mark a hundred years of the present Shiplake Court and Malcolm suggested we should begin with the local Domesday Book entry of 900 years before. This was the start of the main summer term effort of the 1990s, late night outdoor productions in which some of you may have been in for up to five summers.

Malcolm now joins the list of former housemasters who have co-ordinated OVS activities from the College itself. His memory is so prodigious so contact him by letter, phone and fax, your name will register with him. Perhaps we should expect the unexpected .. if British radicals can hire a train to get to the Genoa protests, expect OVs to charter Eurostar to go to the Milan Opera.

Please do not forget that Malcolm is a fundamentally serious person with a genuine concern for people. As you may have noted, with my little pieces, I tend to finish with a quotation and a serious point. From Kent a very experienced Schoolmaster wrote to me after my wife's funeral. "Shiplake - what a friendly place - a sad occasion but full of encouragement for us all - a beautiful service with lovely music and wonderful words." Just think of all the occasions when Malcolm has contributed to a serious, confident and worthwhile Shiplake. With a smile and with the support of parents, colleagues and pupils he has achieved so much more.

Well now, OVS, let us team up with MLW.

Hans Wells-Furby

## News of Old Vikings

### Sixties

*"Before the first monitors were appointed, A.J. Lindsay and I.A. Sutherland, Captain of Bloxham School, and one of his School Prefects, gave a talk on the Prefect system in a Public School. The monitors so far appointed have been:- Autumn Term 1959: S. Azari, A. Barron, C.H. Bullock, R.J. Richardson. Spring Term, 1960: J.M.D. Bryan, P.H. Morkel. Summer Term, 1960: D.M. Hays, B. Osborn. Autumn Term: T.R. Hands" - The Court 1959-60*

**Roger Stagnell (64S)** wrote in that he had "sadly attended the funeral of his good friend John S. Banyard, who at twelve, was the youngest founder member in 1959. Suddenly brought down by the Big C he leaves his wife and two sons.

I remain in touch with two other friends, Clive Wigfall who runs a small hotel in Stoke Gabriel, Paignton and Anthony Cameron who remains a gentleman of leisure in Cumbria.

Leaving in 1964, I was, I believe, the first generation to experience that jobs would no longer be for life. Starting with ten



1962 School Photo

**Guy Avis (63)** wrote "I am presently living in Edmonton, Canada and am employed as a pilot with Air Canada. I fly Boeing 737s and have been on the same aircraft since 1973. I am occasionally in touch with Victor Durman who is in Vancouver. He is in the real estate development business. I would be interested in knowing the whereabouts of Roger Peacock and any other Old Vikings living in Canada and the USA. My e-mail is [guyavis@aol.com](mailto:guyavis@aol.com)

most enjoyable years "on the floor" in Throg Street the highlight has to be the Posidon Adventure at 8 shillings to £125 which really set me up. After leaving in 1975 during a market slump, I did little for three lovely years, enjoying a laid back existence at the right age too!

By 1978, not sure what to do next, I borrowed a car from a friend, since I ran a sports car, and did the night shift for a Finchley private hire company. What was expected to last a few months



ran into three years.

Into my years of property development which eventually brought me to Eastbourne. A period of rest again and then in the nineties, spotted an opportunity which keeps me happily occupied luckily without any stress. I have built up a specialist health insurance brokerage, HMC Health Care Management. Our private client portfolio is expanding, because we remain strictly impartial. If we can be of assistance ring 01323 410415."

**Peter Pearson-Lund** made contact concerning a stopover at the College on a London to Oxford cycle-ride and reported, "Henry Strachey has led an interesting life including the ownership of a gallery in Savile Row and breeding horses in the USA and UK. He lives in Wiltshire and is in good shape. Andrew McCoy was the Banqueting Manager at the Savoy for a number of years and left last year to run a Sesame Bun franchise in the UK. I am not sure how he is doing but he won't go hungry!"

*"Who were the boys who saw Shiplake through the first four years? They had a lot to put up with - it was school policy to prevent them watching television, having private radios or record players. It was also policy to insist on compulsory Sunday afternoon walks."*  
*Wish and Fulfilment*

**Johnny Kent (64B)** has been a Producer/Director in the Film/TV industry for all his career, first of all for the BBC, before becoming a freelancer working world-wide. Since 1992 he has been co-director of a video production company "Flight on Film Ltd." making promotional films for airlines, aerospace manufacturers and the defence industry, in addition to sports

and leisure subjects for television. Back in 1990 he made a Channel Four film about the history of Henley Regatta, directed over a fun three year period.

Johnny remembers a short school film about Shiplake, shown on a Saturday evening. The film was probably shot on 16mm. Hans Wells-Furby thinks the film may have been made by Richard Richardson, son of Mrs. Everett. Does anyone know if the film still exists?

**Paul Griffiths (67E)** writes "I was in Everett House, where Mr Mash was the Housemaster and Mr Edgar was the Headmaster. I remember Mr Welsh and his Latin lessons with me - it's a wonder he survived my Latin skills (or lack of them!) - I was in the first rowing four and in the first rowing VIII that Shiplake had - I was number two oarsman with Mr Duncan as the coach. I was also on the first rugby team and a prefect in Everett. They were good days - at least I look back on them as being that.

After Shiplake, I emigrated to the USA, finished College and went into the US Air Force, where I spent 9 years in some different and interesting locations. After that I went to work for Boeing aircraft and developed fuel management systems for the 747-400, B2 and others. I then started with Nike in the late 1980s and have been living in Asia now for almost 10 years working in R and D for Nike and enjoying every minute of it.

Shiplake had a profoundly positive effect on me and has always been instrumental in my day to day actions - even today!"

**Rob "Barnowl" Barnish (68S)** - rbarnish@lineone.net - met and married Liz an Occupational Therapist. He now has 3 children, Thomas (20) at

Nottingham University, Zoe (18) at Kingston Maurward College and George at Hardys Dorchester. Rob had various jobs after leaving Shiplake until taking up his interest in agriculture, going to the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester and then farming in New Zealand, Australia and the U.K. 1983 unfortunately saw the end of his farming career due to a back injury. This led to becoming one of the early househusbands, a very enjoyable & rewarding career."

He is now busy with IT, computing & administration at his local countryside college, Kingston Maurward, plus a bit of private database consultancy. Liz is also busy with her position as Head of OT at the local hospital.

Although occasionally in touch with Andy Dixon it would be great to renew some contact with others from the 'old top landing', especially **Chris & Roger Newton** and **Martin Tomlinson**. It would be great to learn anything of these OVS and to pass on good wishes to Hans Wells-Furby.

**Mark Mackenzie-Charrington (68S)** - mcharrington@wa-ellis.co.uk - worked for 20 months in Canada, travelling and working for Canada Dry. After stock-broking and commercial surveyors he moved to W.A. Ellis, residential Estate Agents and Surveyors, situated in Knightsbridge, where he has been since 1974. He became a partner in 1985, looking after Central London residential development. Married Diana Crowther from Melbourne in 1997 and now have Sophie, 22, working in PR, and Patrick doing his A Levels at Radley. He has just celebrated his glorious 50th, now spends his leisure time fishing, shooting, eating, drinking and doing up

the new home in Gloucestershire.

*"The choral items in the concert were disappointing. The Male Voice Choir, singing "Art Thou Troubled?" by Handel was very rough and the Choral Society in two folk songs "Faithful Johnnie" and "Donkey Riding" worse still. Some of the trouble was due to lack of rehearsal under actual conditions, but the chief fault was the refusal of most of the singers to take their eyes away from their copies for a single moment."*  
*The Court 1968*

**Malcolm Mash (Staff)** has been living in Crewkerne since he retired as Headmaster of Lyncroft House in 1976. He still keeps in touch with **Michael** and **Phillip Shaw, Alan Yates, Andrew Gordon** and the **Guillaumes**.

**James Burgess (69B)** writes "I now live in the British Virgin Islands where some 5 years ago I started a new business, high quality Motor Yachts for charter. If you go to [www.virgin-traders.com](http://www.virgin-traders.com) you will see what it is all about. It is a wonderful place to live and the business has exploded to a point where my partner and I have been somewhat taken aback, however we are supported by a strong team and more or less have the beast under control. Life since leaving Shiplake has been a rollercoaster ride through different occupations and countries. I am now in a position to help keep the wheels of industry turning back home and if any OV's feel the need of some of the best recreational facilities in the world, miles of white beaches, Island bars, floating restaurants, scuba, sportsfishing and other dreadfully boring pastimes, then please let them know there is a fellow OV doing just that (james@virgin-traders.com) and the appropriate discounts will be offered."

## Seventies

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**Robert Luckcock (70W)** called into the College in September 2001 when he arrived in the UK to take a break from life in the Dutch Antilles Islands. He works as a sports journalist covering basketball, cricket and rugby.

*"Edna Edelin de la Praudiere retired last July, after more years at Shiplake than most of us can remember. She arrived in the very early days and her graceful figure, with her exotic name, spread an aura of French, almost medieval, culture around her during these important formative years. An English francophile in the finest tradition, her influence made itself felt far beyond the classroom." The Court 1973*

**Phillip Carson (74S)** has moved 500 yards to a flat in Edinburgh. He is working for a Marketing Agency in Edinburgh as their graphic designer cum computer graphics whiz. Daughter Marguerite arrived in January 1998 to be followed by Alexander. Phillip continues to fish at every opportunity. He has recently run into **Malcolm Carmichael, Richard Wilson** and **Mark Hayes-Fisher**. Mark is living in France with wife, children and a host of pets.

**Tim Brunsdon (74E)** gained his A Levels at Kingston College of further education and spent 3 years in engineering. He then devoted time to training first as a diver and underwater prop maker as well as a lighting designer, this lead to membership of the "Dangerous Sports Club". On return from 3 years working for the Sultan of Brunei he became Head of Supotco Design based in London.

Living in West Hampstead, with three young daughters, he is Executive Producer for London Fashion Week.

*"One of the most amusing clubs was undoubtedly the pets organisation ... during the holiday most pets escaped and took up residence underneath the terrapin laboratories. Occasionally members tried to renew contact with their disloyal pets. This normally took the form of borrowing staff dachshunds to drive the pets into the open." Wish & Fulfilment*

**Richard Warner Smith (74S)** would like to pass on his new e-mail address richws@smiffs.ndo.co.uk and would love to hear from anyone who remembers him from the 70's in Skipwith House.

**Andy Osborn (75E)** - andy@smallhotel.com - has sold his business, The Small Hotel Company, to a German firm called Design Hotels, and is now working for this firm.

He is still living in New Zealand with his wife Jenny and has two boys Sam 10 and Tom 7 years. He would love to know the whereabouts of **Titus Drummond (75E)** and would love to hear from some of the rowers who made up the first Eight and Four that year.

**Chris Payne(76O)** "I'm a Documentary Video Producer & Freelance Cameraman making programmes and promotional videos for a wide range of companies/organisations/TV networks. Very varied! That's why it's so much fun. I made contact with **David John** a couple of months ago when I was filming the 'Sunday Morning' programmes for Anglia Television. He now lives in Stroud, Gloucestershire."

**Nigel Isherwood (770)** I am currently living in the United States and have done since 1991. I spent three years in Atlanta then moved to Gainesville in Florida. I was married to my childhood sweetheart for 18 years, we have four wonderful girls, ages..17,15,11 and 4. Sadly we divorced this year. I have the 17 and 15 year old living with me. After leaving Shiplake I went on to King James College in Henley for a year then got a job in retail management till 1991 when I left for the States. Upon my arrival I started working in the restaurant industry and am still to this day, I really enjoy living and working here but still love to come home and visit every now and then.  
Nisher5223@aol.com

*"In January 1976 it cost 76p a day to feed a boy - by June it had risen to 96p per day; the figure in 1966 had been the equivalent of 18p." Wish & Fulfilment.*

**Jason Shipp (78E)** graduated from Kingston University as a mature student in 1997 with a 2:1 B.Sc(Hons) in Computer Information Systems Design & Multimedia."I then went and worked for Logica for 2.5 years as an Ethical Hacker and Web Designer.

In March 2000, I was headhunted by a company called Rubus who were a newish company working within the realms of e-Business. I was part of the Creative team based in Bracknell, but we were all made redundant at Xmas 2000. I was then nabbed by a competitor in Jan, 2001 whom I was up against during a proposal war for a major financial house [I won!]. So, I am still at iXL as a Senior Information Architect and work alongside an Old Viking - **Paul Sommerville**, who is a Web Author. I was finally tied down in

1999 by my then long suffering girlfriend of 9 years - Carolyn. We moved out to the North Guildford area last year, so if any guys from my 'era' live in the area, then drop me a note via email: jason.shipp@ntlworld.com or via the office: jshipp@ixl.com"

My brother **Adam Shipp (80E)** is still running his business of commercial photography, though is shortly going to take a 12 month sabbatical to spend some time in Thailand and then travel.

*"With a squad of 22 boys and 3 willing staff Shiplake College Rugby club's squad set out for the very first time on a rugby tour of Le Havre over the half term period of the Winter Term.*

*Two cramped minibus loads of boys and a sleepless night on the over-night ferry later we were to find out that we were only to play one game of rugby! As we just managed to scrape a 79-0 victory it was therefore, as far as the rugby was concerned, somewhat of a disappointment. But as anyone who went on the trip can tell you it was a well worthwhile enjoyable experience we will all never forget!!" Jonty Hearndon, The Court 1979*



1st XI Cricket 1979

**Andrew Linsey (79S)** "I am in Swaziland and have been since 1984. I fiddled around in the UK for a few years after leaving Shiplake in 1979 (sounds such a long time ago) getting an HCIMA in Hotel and Catering and worked for a short time in London and felt homesick for Africa.

Before leaving in 1984 I got married and dragged my wife out to Swaziland with me. We have one son who is now 10. My father at the time was working for the EU here in the Finance side of things, was friendly with the Minister for Finance who offered me a job at his hotel complex...casino - the works. I hadn't been working for him for longer than 6 months when he was arrested for high treason and imprisoned. His assets were frozen and I was basically out of a job.

To cut a long story short, I then started my own business selling giftware etc and studied accounting and got myself a job with a local accounting firm (I then sold my business) got a bit of experience and then moved to Coopers and Lybrand (now Price Waterhouse Cooper) and hold the position of Tax Consultant/Manager. I suppose I was lucky that things worked out and that PWC is such a great firm to be with.

I come over to the UK every 2 years or so since I have a house there which needs checking on now and again. I wonder what happened to the likes of **Ashley Guy**, and **Nicholas Roper-Caldbeck**. I have many fond memories of Shiplake and the things we used to get up to.

I remember one incident in 1977 when I was beaten six strokes of the willow late on Saturday evening (quite what for escapes me) and some 10 hours later I

was whipped again for going down to the river for a smoke (I have never smoked in my life.) I wonder if that record still holds, 12 strokes in 10 hours.

I remember nicking a whole roll of communications wire from the corps storeroom and linking all the houses together with an intercom. This included night time sorties over the roof tops in order to install the wires! Those were the days....I do remember **Dave Sharpe**. I often get out the cricket and Rugby photos".

**Andrew Barkman (76S)** made contact from Australia looking to contact **Howard Raymond**, **Andrew Home**, **David Sharpe** and **David Barnes**. Sadly only David Sharpe was present on the OV database.

"I now reside in Australia. Incorp is a professional association I established in 1988 with a colleague. We have offices in Sydney and Melbourne and are currently the fifth largest Interior Design firm in NSW. Incorp encompasses the three disciplines of Strategic Facilities Planning, Commercial Interior Design and Project Management. We have a staff of 40 who are made up of Architects, Interior Designers, CAD operators, Construction Supervisors and Draftsman:- Feel free to visit our web site [www.incorp.net.au](http://www.incorp.net.au)

I am also a silent partner of a printing company in North Sydney - Spectrum Printing our web site there is [www.spectrumprinting.com.au](http://www.spectrumprinting.com.au) Shiplake played a major part in my "growing up years" I would love to hear from somebody who can remember a skinny curly haired pupil, who was captain of the 1st Tennis team, failed in



his Maths O Level twice, and did his French Oral exam in English !"

**David Lister (770 )**, both pupil and rowing coach at Shiplake, met **Richard Mannix** at Miami Airport. David has moved out of rowing and into a property firm.

**Ashley Guy (78S)** wrote "I live in Alabama USA with my wife of 11 years. I worked in London for an illustrators agent and then left there about 10 years ago. We now live in Mobile Alabama where I renovate old historic houses and my wife is in medical school."

**Charles Eve (79E)** - charles.eve@gs.com - wrote, " I very much enjoy receiving the Old Vikings newsletter. I currently live in Tokyo with my wife Monica and two girls Sophie and Annabel (9 and 6).

I work for Goldman Sachs (American Investment Bank) and currently am Head of the Tokyo Equity Division. I have worked for Goldman Sachs since 1986 and have mainly been trading Convertible Bonds prior to my recent assignment where we have been for two years. I have been a Managing Director since 1996 and was delighted recently to be elected a Partner of Goldman Sachs. I do feel extremely pleased to have achieved this title and in many ways I would like Shiplake College to feel good about it also. Goldman Sachs attracts some of the best talent and recruits from the top universities and business schools globally. Although intimidating initially I have enjoyed the challenge and in many ways I thank Shiplake for giving me the confidence and drive to achieve what I have.

I do not get back home very much but am still in touch with **Jonty Herndon** and I am Godfather to one of his twin boys. I will probably return to the UK full time within a year or two and I very much look forward to visiting the college again. I was on the OV committee for a short while with Jonty. Give my regards to Malcolm Woodcock (tell him I am not as good at Bach's Toccata and Fugue as I was but my girls are learning) and tell Hans Wells Furby I still have a soft spot for Everett!"

**Roger Harrold (79S)** "on the news front - for those who are interested in really old boys! I am still with Deutsche Bank - based in Singapore now for 7 years. Married with two children Vincent 4 years old and Antonia 2 years old - both born here in Singapore. I have regular contact with **Tim Stuart Prince**, **John Woodward** and **Andrew Bainbridge** as we meet in the city every so often. Have always thought it right to have a senior old boys re-union at school one year so that we can remember the good old days!"

**Send in your  
news to:  
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shiplate.org.uk**

**James Whishaw (82B)** is married and now living at Burwood Park, Walton, in Surrey. Jack Whishaw was born in September 99 and is a healthy addition to the Whishaw family. Karen is an ex Pro Tour Tennis Player, she does a little coaching and practises Remedial Sports Massage Therapy from home.

I am for my sins, in the retail trade, albeit the nicer end of retail to be at. I am a Director of Gieves & Hawkes Plc and based at No1 Savile Row. The brand is changing considerably under the current boards' guidance and is in a strong position to capitalise on the trend for dressing down at the office. So get down to Savile Row or Sloane Square/Harrods, Selfridges, Bath, Winchester, Leeds, Chester or our "outlet" store at the Bicester shopping village and get sorted!

## **Richard Lambert (84E)**

richardmlambert@hotmail.com wrote to say that even though his time at Shiplake was cut a little short towards the end he still has incredibly fond memories and has kept in touch with many OVs. He married Fleur at St. James Church, Picadilly in July 1998. For a while he lived in Battersea, working as the International Sales and Marketing Manager for some of the world's largest trade exhibitions. Now he has moved to Sydney, Australia working as a Sponsorship Manager for an International Conference Company. So far it has been an incredible two years and anticipates a return to the UK late in September 2002. From time to time he sees **Ed Fallon (86W)** who has

now made Sydney his home.

## **Simon Armstrong (83O) -**

Simon.Armstrong@Compaq.com writes "I left Shiplake and went to do my 'A' levels at King James College, Henley. Started work in a bank, was bored rigid, left and travelled around Europe. Returned to UK, worked as a Planning Engineer for British Telecom designing tele networks for 6 years. Married. Became self employed still planning networks. Decided on change of career and am now a Sales Account Manager at Compaq Computers Limited. Unfortunately divorced, but living with a woman in Basingstoke. No kids yet!!"

*"The junior house debates took place in February, and it was good to see so much talent on stage. Several boys stood out for the vehemence and strength of their arguments. Messrs A. Buckler, J. Millard and N. Wise. The adjudicator was our former Head of Science, George Wright, who declared Skipwith the winners." The Court 1983*

**Andrew Sprately (83O)** contrasted present day e-mail with memories of going into the tiny computer room at the College that housed the only computer on campus and running "basic" programmes. He wrote, "I'm married to Libby, with two lovely twin girls aged 3. We live in Marlow now and I run my own promotions company based in the town. Nothing much else has changed. I'm still a complete hedonist and enjoy everything to excess. Terrible really, but there we are."

**Tim Pemberton (84W)** is currently studying full-time at Cranfield University for an MBA. He writes, "Since leaving Shiplake College I have

got a degree from the Polytechnic of Central London in Business Studies, worked for a Record company for 2 years, worked in Advertising for 8 years, finishing as a Group Account Director (and working alongside **Benj Kaye** !!) . Got married. Got myself the biggest mortgage ever by buying a house in Barnes. Left the wife to pay the bills as I've gone back to school. I will be leaving Cranfield and back into the REAL world of gainful employment in September, hopefully back in the Media industry."

**Michael Underwood (84)** is disappointed that there seems to be little news of his contemporaries. He is working in middle-management in an old folks home near Leatherhead. He has two sons and is still keeping up with his languages.

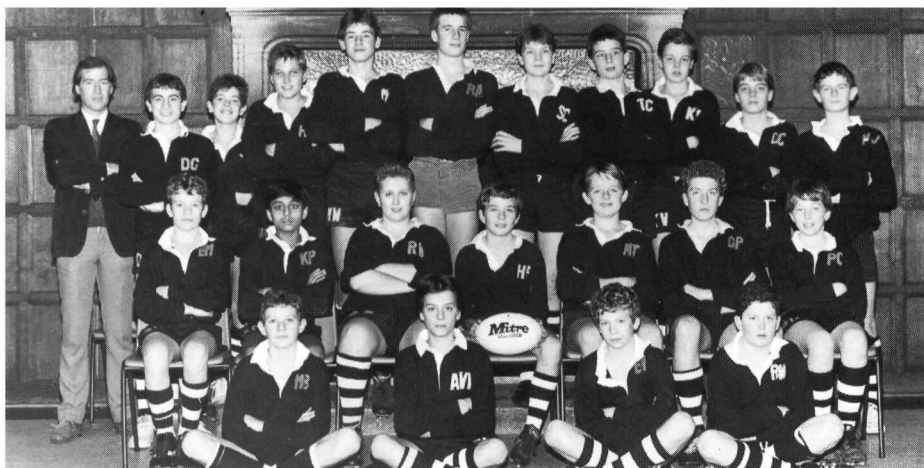
**Fraser Benkinsop (870)** - [fraser@maitlandfinance.co.uk](mailto:fraser@maitlandfinance.co.uk) . Left the college in 1987 for employment in Estate Agency, then joined the family business in 1989 to as a Finance Broker and is still working there . Not married

as yet! One daughter aged 4 years. Still in contact with **Dennis Simmonds (880)** would like to hear from **Richard Godwin (86S)** and **Neil Webb (86B)**.

*"Secret Diary of an Assistant Coach - Age 24 and Three Quarters  
Monday - Fitness Training  
Early afternoon enthusiasm replaced by  
"I think I'll sit this one out Tony" Critical assessment of last match. Well done lads but remember, the polite reply is 'good tackle old chap!' Tim Coulson*

**Patrick Herdman (87B)** - [patrick.herdman@quotelinedirect.co.uk](mailto:patrick.herdman@quotelinedirect.co.uk) - "I continue to be in touch with **Tony Foster-Brown, Simon Able** and **Sanjeev Bakrania** who were all in Burr. They are all alive and well. I am now married to a wonderful lady called Jane and have been for almost two and a half years. I work for an Insurance Brokers as their Claims Manager, busy and very interesting. I have just been on the website and thought I must touch base.

**Richard Laing (88E)** writes "Have been acting since 1992 and have



1986 Rugby Team

worked in the West End doing theatre, in TV, film and most recently have just finished filming two features "The Pilots" with Dereck Jacobi and "Aberdeen" with Stellan Skarsgard where I played a father with three kids aged 10 ,11 and 13.Considering I am only 31, I was not impressed!! No make up, nothing! Have kept in touch with various people including **Yassa Al-Saheal (87E)**, now an architect working in London. **James Welsh (87B)** is a teacher at a Law School who I occasionally work for. **Andrew Frankland (87E)** set up his own recruitment business, but has now moved on to the Wine Industry , **Akin Akinloye (88S)** set up his own financial brokerage company. I was best man at **Julian Buck's (88B)** wedding. They are all doing very well and are very happy.

Two years ago I completed a design course and was invited out to Thailand to interior design a hotel in the city 'Phitsinoluk', which was fantastic. When not acting I do freelance interior-design work, mainly flats in London including James Welsh's. Have lived in London now for 13 years and now live in Willesden Green. Have travelled far too much! You name it, I've been there. Rather embarrassed about the number of trips I have been on. I have been very lucky. Spoke to and saw Malcom Woodcock last year and did some recording for him. Used to do a lot of singing which Malcolm encouraged me to do. Did various musicals earlier on in my career and a couple of years ago did a singing masterclass for T.V. To put it mildly, I was bad, so there ended my singing career!!

Now concentrating on the serious drama and am especially keen to do more film. Am also seriously thinking

about spending a couple of years in Brazil working with street kids, but don't know when that will happen. I am keen to learn any news of **David Jones (88E)**. I would also particularly like to hear from **Rosak Salleh (87E)**.

**Ollie Toogood (89W)** writes, "After leaving I took a year out in which I travelled Australia before studying Business Studies at Swindon College. On leaving in 1991 the recession had taken its toll on Swindon, so for about a year I temped. After which I started work for Innovations Mail order for whom I then worked for 5 years, moving to their head office in London in 1996.

Once settled here I bought a flat in Crouch End, which I sold last year at a nice price! I am now in the process of buying again. I am now The Corporate Relationship Manager for a company called e-street.com, an impartial onlineguide to any shop fronted business throughout London, Bristol and Dublin with another 20 cities to be launched over the next 12-18 months. I am still a very keen sports fan and for my sins still follow the fortunes and misfortunes of Swindon Town F.C. Fancy a pint? Give me a call on 078 999 46322."

**Nick Carlton ( 890)** is still deceiving batsman with flight and spin as he bags wickets for Harpsden, currently he is working freelance assessing TV scripts for Sky.

**Rob Lingard (89W)** writes "My father was posted to South Africa. I liked the place so much that I decided to stay and it was soon time to start thinking about a career. I put myself through a couple of computer courses and

managed to get a position with a small PC support company. A few years later and a few Microsoft Certificates under my belt, I'm now the Network Administrator for the Development Bank of South Africa. The network consists of a mixed bag of 30NT/2000/Unix Servers, feeding 500 end user workstations - more than enough to keep me busy! I must admit, looking back at my academic records at school, I never thought I'd be where I am today - computers of all things? (David Scoins would be thrilled!) Life is full of ironies.

On the personal side of things. I met a wonderful girl by the name of Guttel in 1994. We were married in March 1996 and our first child Jason was born on 4th June 2001. He is a real bundle of joy and has already enriched our lives immensely - albeit without much sleep."

**Stefan Rygaard (89W)** called in on

Peter Gould during his first visit back to the College since leaving. He had graduated from Exeter University with a 2.1 in Statistics and Economics, is working in Holland and playing a lot of squash.

**Jim Kroth's (Staff)** memorial was unveiled by **Derek Dovaston** at an event supported by a number of Jim's colleagues. **James Johnston** explained how he had been impressed by Geoff Parsonage's work at the River and Rowing Museum. The sculptor had been commissioned to produce a piece called the Jazz Pianist as a symbol of enduring memories of Jim's warmth.

Jim's widow Veronica spoke of how Jim used to look forward to the lunchtime Jazz sessions by the Art Department. She felt that the piece was a fitting tribute to Jim's wacky personality and love of music.



Rugby 1st XV 1989





1990 Everett

**Patrick Gubbins (90E) -**

patrick.gubbins@xtra.co.nz - has finally realised a long-held ambition to be a freelance artist and actually make a living out of it. He also has an upcoming contract with a yacht designer for interior renderings. He has discovered a niche market in race-horse oil paintings which go down very well with breeders and trainers. Recently he underwent heart surgery at Easter.

He and his fiancée, Rebecca, moved into their first home just before Christmas and have managed to transform the garden. He would like to get in touch with **Laurence Woolford (89E)**, **Daryl Partridge (90O)** and anyone else who remembers him.

*Steve Fox joins the Geography Department... With a big, very fit frame to maintain, he has also become known as one of the Common Room's big eaters. "If no-one else is going to finish this off..." has already become*

*something of a catch-phrase." The Court 1990. Steve is now working at Shrewsbury School.*

**Charles Cumming (91B)** e-mailed in to track down his copy of the newsletter and wrote, "Currently am living and working in Melbourne. Working as a Sales Consultant for a Cheese Distributor/Wholesaler/Supplier called Meribel Fine Foods. I consult and advise the Executive Chefs of Melbourne and Victoria with selections of Australian Cheeses for cheeseboards, platters, banquets, corporate functions etc. I am married to my beautiful wife Kylie and have been for two and a half very happy years. We have a wonderful son Hugo Charles Cumming aged seventeen months.

I came home for a month in February 2001 and saw the likes of **William Spalding (91)**, **Bill Hunter (90B)** and **Ziad Khoury (91B)** who were all very well and in top form as usual. I keep in regular contact with William Spalding

who may be coming to Oz for a holiday in 2002”.

**Alastair Tucker (91E)** -

alastair.tucker@dyson.com - has recently moved to Swindon to work for Dyson. He is a quality engineer on their recently launched washing machine.

**Richard Alldrick (91O)** -

duke@alleyns.org.uk wrote “I am currently teaching at Alleyn’s School in Dulwich, I run the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and all the outward bound stuff at school. I also run our field centre in Buxton (if any of the old boys want to use it please contact me). It’s in Buxton and sleeps 32 I will sort out a good price for Old Vikings. I am also a housemaster and teach PE & Geography.

Would love to hear from any of the boys in my year.”

**Ben and Tim Phillis (92O)** attracted considerable publicity with their plan to run the Sahara Marathon, 150 sand-blown, scorching miles across the North African desert. They even gained a half-page feature in *The Sunday Independent*. According to their Dad, School Governor Bob, they successfully completed the mission.

There was a strong nineties contingent at the OV Cricket match who turned the match into a stylish occasion. It was particularly pleasant to join them in a glass of Dom Perignon while **Mike Baker** and **Malcolm Liddell-Grainger** played some champagne shots during a sparkling opening partnership.

**For Anthony Hall (91E)** it was just his second game of the season although he is playing in Hertfordshire Division 1 when other commitments permit. Currently he is occupied with a busy

round of stag-nights and weddings. He runs Billing for Rank Xerox, taking responsibility for invoicing throughout the UK.

**David Jacobs (93O)** is busy working in property development, acquiring sites for Banner, throughout Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. In his spare time property continues to keep him busy as he and his brother have just bought a house in Henley and have totally gutted it over recent months in preparation for complete refurbishment.

**Nick Philp (93O)** has also stayed on local grounds and is working hard farming in Twyford. His farm is predominantly arable and he has not been too greatly troubled by foot-and-mouth but floods followed by local draught has created problems.

**Andrew Rouse (91B)** a civil engineer based in Peterborough, specialising in coastal and river work, reported that his brother-in-law, **Chris Campbell** who taught at the College in the mid-nineties is now thriving in computer sales, living in Witney and about to enter his third year of parenthood.

**Chris Marett (92O)** and **Alastair Smee (92B)** made a return visit to school with a difference. They towed in their vivid yellow transatlantic rowing boat for pupils and staff to inspect. While they were at the College they collected a donation from the College and the OVS, which helped to fund blades for the marathon row.

They were on their way to Tilsbury to freight their boat on the first leg of its epic journey. The Transatlantic race, from Tenerife to Barbados, began on 7th October 2001.

The duo had worked long hours raising funds for the £45,000 boat, building the boat and organising sponsorship for their chosen charity, The Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People.

"I'm told it is a tremendous relief when the race actually starts, all the sponsorship and preparation is over, and you can focus on the rowing," said Chris.

The first 24 hours were tough. They both had to row hard to get out into the Atlantic. After that they took it in turns to row for two hours and then sleep for two hours.

Race regulations insisted that the boat should be loaded with 150 litres of drinks and sufficient food for 90 days. However, they hit a major problem when they suffered a technical hitch with the desalination machine. It looked as if they might have to retire from the race until they finally completed a repair.

Chris and Ali were caught in a freak storm with 50 feet high waves battering their boat, just 9 miles short of the finish. With their boat breaking up they had to be towed into harbour. After 72 days at sea they were awarded 22nd place.

**Edward Wardale (92W)** - wardale@powerup.com.au - has now moved to Australia's Gold Coast to be with his family and is working in Property Development and general Real Estate. Prior to that he ran a night-club in Mallorca. He would like to get in touch with **Matt Jones, Nick England, John Polansky, Miles Gilbert** and other friends from that era.

**Chris Campbell (92B)** - chris.campbell@hanovermatrix.com -

spent a brief spell teaching at KCS Wimbledon but now works for a large firm of Head Hunters in London. He was married to Claire on a May Bank Holiday weekend, with his reception in The Great Hall. He is keen to get back in touch with friends from his era.

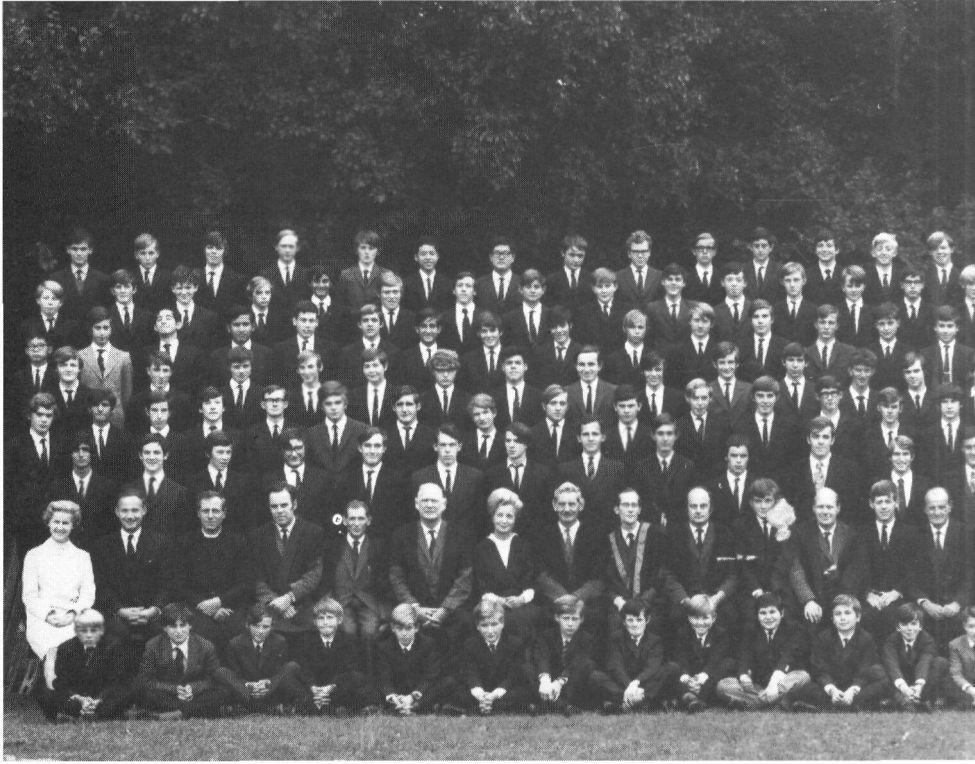
**Rob Inglis (92W)** wrote "What a whirlwind ride it has been since I left Shiplake. I went to College to study Business Finance and Business Law. Then I went on to study motor mechanics and vehicle restoration and gained a degree from Loughborough University. I became a mechanic and painter but I found myself getting bored with cars and switched to the special effects industry, working on programmes such as Bugs, London's Burning and Hornblower. I have now gone back to college at the age of 26 to study computer design and multimedia productions. Hopefully this will get me into the film industry either as a special effects wizard or as a camera man. I am still in contact with **James Hutchins (92W)** and **Chris Hayes (91W)**. Chris is now married and has just left Microsoft as a technical engineer. James is a Civil Servant but has produced a film called Reckoning Day. I have travelled the world and fell in love with San Francisco where I would like to emigrate to. If not Hawaii will do."

Some OV's will remember receiving GCSE and A Level English tuition from Princetown Fellow **Matt Mahoney (Staff)** who spent a busy year in Shiplake for the 1992-3 academic year. After teaching in a New York school Matt is now running an after-school programme in the Washington Heights district. The scheme provides additional



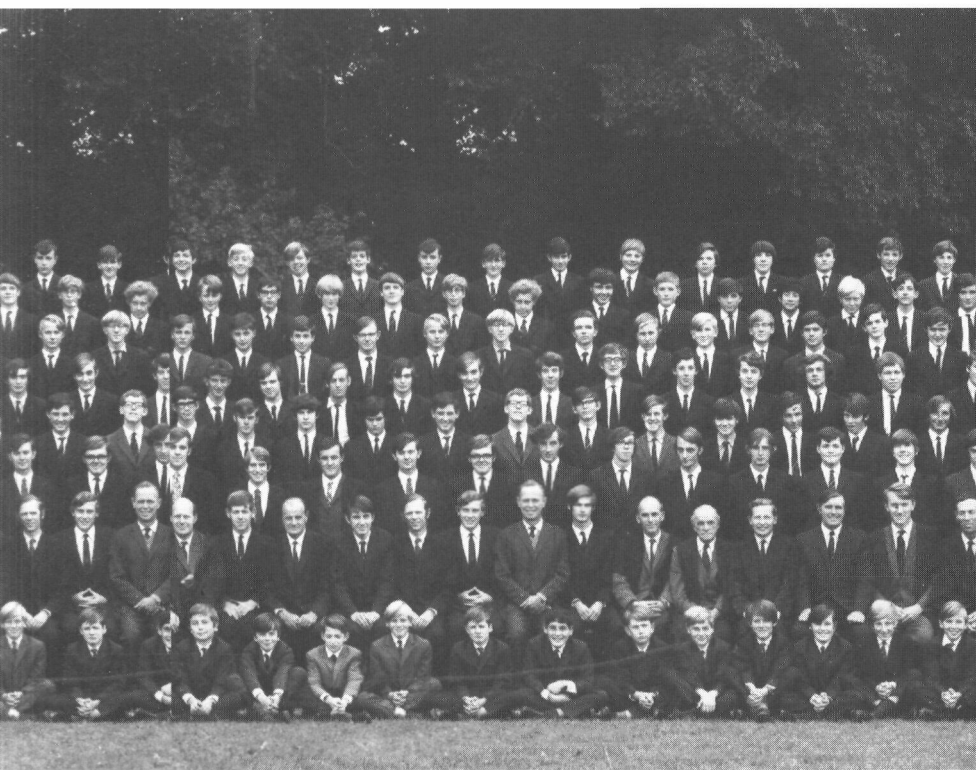
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programmes in literacy and numeracy for the local population who are largely Hispanic. It also tries to place children in better schools and see them through to University. Matt phoned in whilst on a whirlwind sightseeing tour of London.

**Trillia Scoins (Staff)** wrote in, "David is still busy at Plymouth College, too busy, as usual. Apart from his Maths commitments, he is also helping to run CCF and the Ten Tors team on Dartmoor. Between playing football, hockey, and swimming in the new school pool, he has also competed in the national canoeing championships at Pangbourne, done courses in sailing and power-boating, and plans to take pupils off to the Highlands for winter training. So you can see that age is taking its toll ....."

Meanwhile, back at the smallholding, we have been holding our breath during the foot and mouth crisis. Although we have only a mini-flock of seven delinquent sheep, the dread was always there. If our pets went down with it, so would our immediate neighbours, all stock farmers. Despite a moment of panic when one beast showed all the symptoms (turned out to be a split nail), we've come through OK.

A summer of good weather has been just wonderful to bring the visitors back. I run a gift shop on the coast, and while it was very pleasant to sit out in the courtyard sun drinking tea through May and June, it didn't pay any bills. The season seems to be lasting a little longer this year too, but we won't know until the end of the year just how many businesses have gone under. If any OV's are passing Boscastle, call in to The Old Mill, and spend loadsamoney on bears, antique beds, sheepskins, and

fabulous food. As to the offspring, Jess is now one year married, and blissfully unemployed. Hoagy is up in Warrington, studying for a degree in Music Production. For those OV's with long memories, Wally the dog went on to doggy heaven last summer, after 13 happy years. Her fur still lives on .... With best wishes from the sticks, Trillia Scoins

**Matt Jones (93W)** writes, "**Ali Steven (93S)** is still flying for Air 2000, and has recently bought a place down south (Arundle), but within easy reach of Gatwick where he's based. He's enjoying the flying and very occasionally bumps into **Chris Frank (93S)** who flies with BA. Today, **Tim Harley (93B)**, who has been working for IT company 24/7 and living with uni (Plymouth) mates in Putney, heads out to Australia, to do a Yachtsman course. He'll be there for a few months. He's decided that doing something with boats and water is what would give him the most pleasure (good to see that he took some of my advice!) **Adam Binns (93W)** is back from Australia and is living in Fulham, in a block of flats where his brother Mark is also.

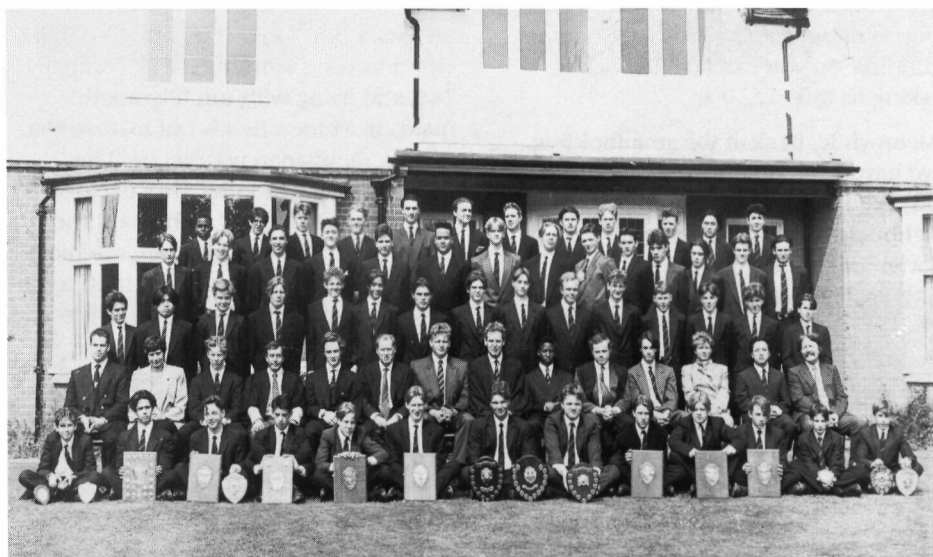
**James Gregory (93E)** is working for Travis Sullivan (I think there has been a recent name change though) an online marketing and advertising organisation, and is living in Fulham (next door to Peter Mandleson!). **Nick England (91W)** is travelling in Australia with his girlfriend.

My brother **Dan Jones (90W)** is still living out in Australia with his long term girlfriend Tanya. He is loving it out in Melbourne, currently working for an IT company but looking to get into sports marketing. He has been passing the

various tennis coaching qualifications which he has enjoyed, and has been doing quite a bit of coaching in his free time. Me.....I'm still working at Saracens Rugby Club, where I've been for 2 years now, in the role of Media & Communications manager. It's a great working environment in the office and all the players, from the big names, to the young up and coming ones are friendly and professional. It's also nice to see Paul Emerson around on the circuit running touch.

I'm still playing rugby myself, and continue to run into old and young Shiplake boys.

agency's search for new clients. A great position that keeps me on the golf course and in restaurants a lot of the time! My family is doing well living in the suburbs of Denver. It is a wonderful city to live in and offers a great deal of outdoor activities given the proximity to the Rocky Mountains. I would highly recommend it to anyone who is considering a move to the US. I still coach rowing on a weekly basis at my local club, but have taken up swimming as my new sport. I swam in a 4.5 mile open water (lake) swim last month and placed fifth from a field of about 70 swimmers! Early this year I also did a



1993 Welsh

**John Polansky (93W)** "I still live in Denver, Colorado (USA). I have been working at PRACO Public Relations and Advertising for just over 2 years. I had worked as an advertising account manager for about a year and a half and then got promoted to Director of Business Development. I now lead the

winter quadrathlon. A 50 mile race consisting of cycling, running, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. It was staged as a climb and descent up a 13,000ft peak in New Mexico. By far the most challenging physical event I have ever done - or will do again. I encourage any Vikings who are ever out

in the Denver area to contact me and to stop in for a beer. My e-mail address is: johnpolansky@yahoo.com

**Ben Middlemiss (93O)** attended the OVS dinner and reported that he is living in Earley, not doing a great deal of work on his own property, but undertaking superb renovations and interior design for his clients.

**Joe Cochrane (94W)** is currently working in London for Keith Prowse Events but is looking to move into Sports Photography. His tennis coaching took him to Australia and he returned from travelling in South America a couple of years ago.

**Richard Boulton (Staff)** called into Shiplake during Henley Regatta. He is now Master-in-charge of Boats at Hampton School and busy teaching Geography too.

**Johnny Fieldhouse (94B)** "Went to Newcastle Poly.... and surprising enough I had too much fun in the TA and generally enjoying life. So I messed up my degree and ended up back with my folks at home in Yorkshire. I am working just down the A1 for a Telecoms company. I love the countryside and enjoy most, if not all country sports (generally the ones that everyone is trying to ban)!!!"

I have sadly suffered a lot of injuries due to sport like shin splints and back problems. I was playing for Yorkshire U18s hockey and Harrogate cricket 1st X1 but with all the injuries I have slowed up and dropped down a level. I am still enjoying playing and in a way, probably more, as it is less competitive and I am not travelling 300 miles a week to train and compete."

**Peter Ratcliffe (94S)** is keen to hear

from anyone in his year and particularly from **Andy Hudson, Chris Taylor, Adrian Hadfield, Jamie Bruce, Tim Harding** and **Simon Wedge**. Peter managed to keep in touch with **Paul Young** until he was seen heading in the direction of Australia to start his own pub. Peter says that his trouble-making days are in the past and that he is now a Junior Art Director in advertising in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Get in touch with him at peterneves@yahoo.com.br

**Bill Ingram (94B)** wrote, "After school I was asked to leave Uni by the course tutor after just one term, my one academic claim to fame in that it is still the quickest expulsion from QMW.

I then spent 6 years in the city as a IT recruitment consultant specialising in Investment Banking !!! Made my first fortune, left to set up my own company that unfortunately had the backing pulled from it by the investors ( market conditions rather my inept business acumen - I like to think.)

Joined my current company to head up the Thames Valley IT Recruitment business. I am to be a father for the first time as of November - very excited!! I am still in constant contact with **Ally Robertson** and **Warren Harding**."

**Tom Evans (94W)** wrote "Hi, how are things going at Shiplake? I am working for Boodle and Dunthorne doing sales, going very well. I got married in December to Angela and we have bought a house in Bromley."

**Ben Pontin (94W)**  
benpontin@hotmail.com - completed two years in Barbados at the end of 2000 on an airport contract and since

March 2001 is in Nassau, in the Bahamas, on a road contract. Ben says he is happy to entertain any Old Viking girlfriends who need a break.

**Tim King (95W)** is working as an architect in London and he was at the Soho House Reunion along with **Dominic Kennedy (95S)** who is a Headhunter. **John Gillespie (95W)** also dropped in after work. Unfortunately he had been made redundant by a web-site design firm but was busy using his business training doing some accounting temp work. They had tales of **Dearden Jameson (94W)**, currently doing charity work in India coaching rugby, **James Callan (95W)** reporting for CNN in Manhattan and **Mark Binns (95W)** managing a drinks business. **Kehinde Sanusi (95E)** is at University in London, busy enjoying himself, but on a promise to the family to return to Nigeria in two years time to run the business. **Nathan Lucas (95S)** specialises in head-hunting investment bankers.

**Oscar Koo (95S)** wrote to Marjorie White to inform her that his family have now left Hong Kong. Having gained a degree in Surveying Oscar is now working in London and studying for his professional qualifications.

*"I'm in the play, Sir."*

*"Oh really? Which part?"*

*"I'm a leper."*

*"Very appropriate. And what about you, James?"*

*"I'm a cripple, Sir."*

*A review of Jesus Christ Superstar, The Court 1994-5.*

**Duncan Dickinson (95E)** gained a 2.1 in Business Studies at Bradford University and got a job in Dublin

working as Investment executive for a telecommunications company called Eircom. He didn't really enjoy sitting behind a desk so he moved back to the UK and has decided to pursue an Army Career. He went to Sandhurst in September and is currently sponsored by the Parachute Regiment. Recently Duncan bumped into **Nick Mead (95E)** who having done a stint in the wine trade was taking a business related degree at Oxford Brookes and rowing for their first eight.

**Ed Fairweather (96W)** is currently working for Grubb & Ellis one of the largest American commercial real estate firms before moving back to the UK in October 2001 to start work with a large commercial property in London.

He gained a degree in Estate Management from Cirencester, where he captained one of their rugby teams and trained in his own boat, every day at Coate Water Park Swindon.

**James Midwood (96W)** is about to start his own construction company and **Jamie Lauder (96W)** is in his last year at Oxford Brookes.

**Nick Riddell (97S)** is working in the sports and leisure industry. He has just moved on from a position in Maidenhead to Duty Officer at an Ascot leisure centre. Nick sees **Will Carver (96S)** who is living nearby and is in Sales for Hewlett Packard.

**James York (96E)** e-mailed in between jobs. After graduating from Imperial University he worked for Chestertons and is now moving on to a new position lured by BMWs and the Munich Beer fest. He is playing a lot of squash for Richmond Squash Club and captaining them. He has been cured of any desire

to play cricket by an intense spell of six consecutive games in Ibiza of all places, though he recommends this as a great cure for a hangover.

James looks back longingly on the days when his greatest problem was which 5 a-side soccer team to field against the staff, quite rightly admitting that the staff always won despite the immense physical nature of the matches. He had just met up with **Stephen King**, **Matthew King** and **Ed King** in Fulham where they spent most of the evening moaning about **Turki Al Faisal (96E)** who fails to keep in touch with anyone!

**James Lewin (97B)** is awaiting his degree result and currently working in the IT department of an engineering distribution centre in Bicester.

**James Hitchin (97B)** called into the College to introduce his cousin on the new boy induction afternoon in June. James is currently running a fish and game restaurant in Putney. He enjoys the work and has formed his own company, hopefully to start up his own restaurant within the next year or two. He had recently seen **Ollie Haines** who had graduated from Bournemouth and **Ewan McGriskin** who was between jobs in the insurance industry.

*"They were everywhere. Ben Pitts was in Wallingford at Wilders, James Burridge worked on the Daily Express Saturday Magazine in London, Andrew Lane was back at Papplewick teaching, Nathan Watt repaired a Porsche pranged by a journalist on a test drive while Chris Fox became a journalist. Sam Harcourt made films at Millennium Studios, Elstree. Sam Edington made coffee at Hamptons. Jim Richmond sold a house, James Crosse sold Mr Cheadle a pair of*

*shoes." Work experience reported in the 1997-8 Court.*

**Rupert Bridgman (97W)** wrote in to say that he had graduated with a 2.1 from Southampton University. The final year was quite a slog as his dissertation, "The Geography of AIDS in Zimbabwe" become a challenge as the situation there deteriorated. He did three weeks in Malawi with the University Officer Training Corps, taking medical supplies to a children's hospital and carrying out odd jobs. He planned to work until Christmas, travel and then start a graduate training scheme with a Bank in the City.

**Matthew Bryant (97E)** is currently in his second year at the University of Surrey and Roehampton, working towards a BSc in Sports Science. He's enjoying the life, living in a flat in Earlsfield and working in a pub in the evenings. He's planning to go inter-railing in the summer with **Roger Kennedy (97E)**.

**Tom Mountford (97B)** called in to watch some rugby and say hello to a number of staff. Tom is living with his parents and working at a local Sports Centre but is considering an IT course for the future.

**Guy Mance (Staff)** sent in news that he is now Dean of the Sixth Form at his College in Wellington. He and his wife Racheal are expecting twins in January. He has taken to DIY around the house in anticipation, having to widen and create paths so that a double buggy can navigate through. He caught up with **James Dossor (Staff)** in Sydney in July. He was well and enjoying life to the full, spending time surfing and playing rugby.

**Nick Marett (970)** once a leading member of the CCF at Shiplake, then a graduate of Loughborough University, gained a place on the Rowallan Company intake starting at Sandhurst in June 2001.

**Simon Smith (97S)** called into the College to take a break from revision for his Business Studies and French finals. He regularly sees **Max Robinson (97S)**, **Chris Kemp (97S)**, **Dan Vanrenen (97W)** and **Will Midlane (97S)**. Simon spent a great seven months in Lyons improving his French conversation skills and playing Rugby. He also reported that **Matt Ward (97B)** is spending a year studying IT at university after three years of working hard and staying out of trouble.

**James MacCurrach (97S)** - maccers69@hotmail.com "In Autumn 1997 I took a gap year before going to college and spent most of my time out in New Zealand and Fiji which was fantastic. Spent most of that working my way around the country doing most farm work but no fruit picking!!!!. In the Autumn of 1998 I went to the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester, been there 3 years and have one more to go. I am studying agriculture and land management hopefully to degree level.

I have been doing very well there, amazingly have passed all my exams that I have taken. I am also in the first team for squash and the hockey team of which I am secretary. During time off and holidays I am working at home on the farm with my parents and now have a very active role in the day to day running .

Future events that I am planning are to work abroad over the next few winters

on large dairy (4000 head milking) and arable farms in Arizona and New Zealand when harvesting takes place in January. Depending on plans at home I hope to look for a management job abroad for a few years, preferably in dairying, in America."

**Tom Pontin (980)** - robert.pontin@virgin.net - is at Manchester University reading Economics and recently played prop for England Students North v England Students South. Ben who saw the game retaliated for all the years of playing outside centre to **Henry Cripps (96B)**, who was playing for the South, stating that Henry's still a greedy b\*!&!. "

*"The role of the ICT co-ordinator embraces teacher, technocrat, bargain-hunter and sometimes scapegoat."*  
(Charly Lowndes, Head of ICT, Reading Evening Post 1998)

**Yo Kim (99S)** wrote to Graham Vick with the news that he has too much work to do at Waterloo University, Ontario, Canada. He was busy studying all three sciences, linear mathematics, algebra and calculus. On his sponsor's prompting he has switched to honours science to enable him to apply for medical school later on. His fiancée studies Business at a neighbouring university and they plan to marry at the end of their courses. His older brother **Mike (97B)** is currently serving in the Korean Army, based in their Headquarters. He plans to marry his prep school teacher fiancée next year.

**Bill King (970)** was busy on the river with a pre-Henley Regatta training camp for Bath University. Bill was between finals for an MSc in Finance and the completion of a 20,000 dissertation on Investment Appraisal. As



soon as the dissertation deadline had been met Bill was off to London to work for Banque Nationale Paris.

**Andrew Adams (970)** has just finished at Bournemouth University and gained a 2:1 in Business Information Systems Management. "I have moved up to London and myself and two friends from Uni have started an Intranet Development business and we are currently working on our first contract with the Daily Mail. I am still playing Squash and Tennis and really enjoying living up in London. Looking forward to popping into the college sometime soon to say hi to everyone."

**Alastair Coldrey (98E)** appeared in the pages of FHM magazine modelling hair gel. **Andy Lane (99O)** is busy developing his golf. He watched the OV hockey match but did not dare play as he was saving himself for a golf tournament at Sunningdale before heading off to the USA for more training.

Head of College **Harry Colvin** was spotted by **Ollie Poulton (99W)** on a night out in Chiswick. Ollie is now living in Chiswick and working for a Health Centre and looking after their accounts.

*"The first of these extravaganzas (the Summer outdoor production) was performed in 1984. Its success inspired Malcolm Woodcock to make it an annual event. The next one took place five years later. For 12 consecutive summers Shiplake has witnessed an out door show. All but one, Macbeth, have been musicals: three have been compilations specially written for the occasion. The scale of these productions has been huge: casts of 100s, lighting galleries towering over costumes of every hue*

*and increasingly sophisticated sound equipment. Highlights of these spectacles have been the floods of 1995 ... and the moving death of Lady Macbeth accompanied by the New Orleans Jazz Band playing on the river; the smell of sewage wafting malodourously across the set of Oliver; the fire alarms being triggered by the smoke of flaming torches in Happy and Glorious." From the script of Juryplus An Evening with The Stars, June 2000*

**Ben Pitts (99O)** and **Stuart Stubbs (99O)** were both busy working for Home and Garden Maintenance setting up the traditional Orchard end of year party on New Field. Ben is working full time for the firm but had found a holiday job for Stuart who was taking a break from his Business degree at Nottingham Trent University. They reported that **Chris Anderson (98O)** had curtailed his travels in Australia when he had run out of money. They were hoping for a rare sighting of **Rupert Miller (99O)** at Henley Regatta.

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## New Millennium

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At the OV Hockey match **Charlotte Morse (00W)** reported to Peter Gould that she had been accepted onto a Textiles and Journalism course at St.Martin's-in-the-Field.

**Eleanor Guy (00W)** was seen rowing for Bristol University in a boat named *Nick Bevan*. Bristol had bought it second hand from Shrewsbury School.

**Ed Dadak (00B)** was back at Shiplake within a week of landing from North Island, New Zealand. Ed had spent 6 months in a school teaching Music and Rugby before moving on to Guildford to study Contemporary Music.

**Hugo Jackson (00S)** dropped in to the

OV cricket match. He had spent 6 months in New Zealand, spending two months responsible for 35 horses, on some days he had been riding eight times. Hugo caught up with **Tom Nilsson (00W)** who had returned home to Hawkes Bay, having just completed a Personal Training Course, Tom was preparing to join the New Zealand Army.

**Ben Radford (00B)** has been busy working in administration for a Tennis String company before studying at Loughborough University from September 2001. **Paddy Ranger (00E)**, **Nick Lay (00B)**, currently studying at Cheltenham and Gloucester, **Ilana Rakhorst (00B)**, and **Paul Hickey (00E)** were all on the boundary supporting the OV X1.



2001 Leavers

## **OV Hockey 18th March 2001**

### **Shiplake College 1st XI 4 Old Vikings Society XI 2**

The Shiplake College 1st XI took to the Henley Astroturf looking for a sound victory to round off a very successful season. Before this Sunday afternoon game the College had won five, drawn four and lost just two.

Although the Old Vikings Society, the College's alumni had a young team, many just short of 20, it took the team a while to gel together. As so often before it was Field-Hall who gave Shiplake the early impetus, he dribbled into the D and hit a fine shot past keeper David Sardell. Shortly afterwards Field-Hall again found space and time to coolly beat Sardell for the College's second.

The OVS were not deterred. Tom Caston, teacher and hockey coach at Shiplake on weekdays, but now inspired old-boy midfielder worked tirelessly. Alongside him Ben Radford began to provide a useful flow of possession. Nathan Watt marshalled the defence and right-winger Ollie Gradden became more and more of a threat.

Will McMullen, had shown some deft touches, but then he found the roof of the College's net from an acute angle to bring the OVS right back into the game at 2-1. Soon afterwards Tim Bailey, with a typically energetic performance, reacted rapidly to goal-mouth chaos to give the OVS a well-deserved equaliser.

Into the second-half it was the cohesion and fitness of the current generation that enabled Field-Hall to clinch his hat-

trick after Gurney had fed him with a good pass. Then it was Field-Hall bursting into the D who was brought down, enabling Ashley Hutton to seal a fine victory with a precision penalty flick.

Although conditions were cold and slippery it was a high quality game played with a tremendous spirit that entertained a large-touch-line crowd.

#### **OVS Team:**

David Sardell, Tim Scoffham, Nathan Watt, Richard Jacob, Ben Radford, Nick Bates, Ollie Gradden, Nick Lay, Tom Constable, Will McMullen, Tim Bailey, Tom Caston, Ed Dadak

#### **OV Cricket Saturday 2nd June**

Mike Baker and Malcolm Liddell-Grainger gave the OV X1 a flying start with a 44 run opening partnership. Ben



**Mike Baker - Out!**

Radford and Mark Hamilton, moving on from last year's 1st X1 to this year's OVs, were both reticent about their chances and fell rapidly to Will Downing, though some forcing shots from Ben Radford suggested that it would not take long for him to regain his touch.

Anthony Hall, playing the innings of the day, with 8 sweetly timed boundaries and a powerful six, reminded us that he still plays very high grade cricket. Nick Thomson, joined Anthony, for a quick flourish towards the end to hoist a highly respectable total of 179 for 8. All credit to a 1st X1 who fielded with great enthusiasm and stuck to the task in hand.

David Jacobs struck immediately when the 1st X1 batted but the school team prospered. Mark Hamilton's erratic first over conceded 21 runs with Ashley Hutton helping himself. But Mark is too good a leg-spinner to be flustered by such trivialities and he struck back immediately with wickets in his second and third overs.

From the prosperity of 71 for 1 the 1st X1 declined to 84 for 5. Tom Caston, playing for the team he coaches, in the absence of injured captain and keeper Kit Murray, producing a well crafted 28. Charlie Armitage and Finch Field-Hall gave superb late middle-order support with 23 and 33 respectively.

It was time for Anthony Hall to return. He tried to disconcert Caston with a bouncer and the 1st X1 Captain had to play straight. Hall claimed a well deserved 4 for 17 off of 7 overs. However, the 1st X1 clung on to achieve an excellent victory with just 2 overs to spare.

## **OV Rugby - 15th September 2001**

### **Shiplake College 1st XV 25**

### **The Old Vikings Society XV 48**

The Old Vikings Society XV, tore up the script for their game against the College's 1st XV. Usually the OVS make an impressive start, displaying the benefits of skills marshalled by older, wiser heads until lack of fitness takes its toll and the College side pulls away.

Although Finch Field-Hall opened the scoring for the College, with a penalty, it was the Old Vikings who rampaged through the first-half. Captain Will Paddison had selected a formidable squad. Powerful scrummaging and sterling work in the loose from Robinson, Hickey, Douglas and Jacob ensured plentiful possession. With many of the squad soon to return to University for 1st XV rugby this was one of the strongest OV teams seen for many years.

Jamie Marshall, taking time out from Richmond, took advantage for two tries as did Tom Constable, but it was Paddison's hat-trick that lead the way. Ashley Hutton took on the kicking duties and secured a try for himself to boost his points tally.

The College fought back in the second-half, working the ball wide to the wings for Webber and Goldie to stretch the OV defence and Wilkinson, Clarke, Lightwing and Webber were all able to pick-up tries in a spirited second-half comeback. Although the tries were encouraging consolation the OVS gained a very comfortable victory.

**OV Squad:** Will Paddison, Jamie Low, Richard Jacob, Tom Constable, Paul Hickey, John Robinson, Ollie Miller, Ashley Hutton, Toby Douglas, Hamish Brown, Arthur de Borman, Alexis Rivet de Sabatier, Jordan Darrah, Tom Michel, Jack Gregory.

## ***From the Headmaster***

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Whatever the national debate about GCSE standards the last academic year saw a momentous improvement in Shiplake's results. The class of 2001, our Fifth Form or Year 11 as they are now called, achieved our best GCSE pass rate ever of 81%, an increase of nearly 10% on the previous year.

I am proud to say that this academic success was not due to them sacrificing debating, drama, music, sports and social life to slavish, desk-bound study. Our J16 IV trained and raced throughout their exams, going on to represent Great Britain and defeat their French Challengers. The collective GCSE results of this crew were outstanding. Of the fifth formers who revised by the swimming pool on their Easter Barbados tour only one French GCSE slipped away. Perhaps the next tour should visit a French speaking Caribbean island.

The finale to the Summer Term included no less than three productions, an exuberant junior play, outstanding performances of HMS Pinafore and more Moliere. There are more important things than league table standing at Shiplake and the success of the Old Vikings chronicled in this newsletter is a complete vindication of Shiplake's rich educational experience. Shiplake has always offered a broad education and will continue to do so, whatever challenges the educational administrators present.

The arrival of 19 new sixth formers, 9 day girls and 10 boys, was a ringing endorsement of all that Shiplake has to

offer. Coupled with our largest intake of 13 year old boys for many years it has been time to call in our architects once more. Many OVs saw the exciting plans for a splendid university hall of residence style Upper Sixth Form house on their visit for the OVS Dinner. The new building will rise from the debris of the Orchard Housemaster's residence and form a quadrangle with the Sports Hall. It should be open by the beginning of the Autumn Term 2002 with Shane O'Brien as the Housemaster.

These are exciting times for the Old Vikings Society too. We had excellent numbers for both the OVS Dinner and the Soho House Reunion in London. If you have not yet made it to a Soho House Reunion I thoroughly recommend it. Nick Jones' club has a wonderful atmosphere and when it is filled by over eighty OVs there is a very special ambience indeed.

This publication contains news of more OVs than ever before and I am sure that the relaunched web-site and OVS e-mail address directory will further enhance communication between OVs. It really is very encouraging to see such a thriving alumni association ready to help future OVs through Chairman Ben Fitzwilliam's imaginative sponsorship scheme.

Nick Bevan - Headmaster

## **College Sport**

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### **RUGBY**

The OVS's impressive victory over the current 1st XV demonstrated that the current senior teams are not as strong as some of their predecessors. However, there has been considerable change within the Rugby Club. Andrew Dix is the new Director of Rugby and five coaches from Henley Rugby Club have helped to raise the skill levels seen on the Shiplake playing fields. There is now an emphasis on quality rather than quantity. In general fixtures are played on a Saturday.

The U15As have continued with their winning form, building on an unbeaten year as an U14A squad. They had a good run in the Daily Mail cup, eventually suffering their first defeat at Wellington College, and they have just won the Oxfordshire U15 Cup beating Magdalen College School in the final. The U14As have also begun well and the benefits of professional coaching and adequate rest periods are clearly evident in their some of their well-worked victories.

### **HOCKEY**

With numerous bookings for the Reading and Henley astro-turf the appalling weather did not inflict too much damage on the Hockey season. Peter Gould's 1st XI delighted everybody by surpassing expectations and securing second place in the Berkshire Schools Indoor tournament was an outstanding result. Another highlight was a 3 - 0 victory over Pangbourne. It

could have been better as the side let a number of 2 - 0 leads slip. Although the inspirational Captain Jordan Darrah is moving on, the nucleus of a fine side remains for the 2002 season. In November a girl's XI took on Cranford House. A 3 - 0 defeat constituted a promising start for girls' hockey at Shiplake, particularly as there were just a dozen girls to select from.

### **CRICKET**

Tom Caston worked hard with a 1st XI squad whose batting was always frail and even weaker after Captain Kit Murray's injury. The highlight of the Summer was the performance of the U14s. Will Downing started with a century against St. Edwards and amassed a further two tons. In one remarkable match he and Ed Blanchard put on 218 for no wicket against Leighton Park in just 20 overs. Not surprisingly the side went on to win the U14 section of the Shiplake Shield tournament played on the last Sunday of term.

There were 7 U15 players in the 14 player U16 Squad who spent 10 days in Barbados in April, and although the team gained fewer wins than expected back on home soil, it is clear that a number of boys will be ready to challenge for 1st XI places next year.

### **TENNIS**

Andrew Cheadle's tennis club excelled themselves in the new Independent Schools tournament for local schools. The tournament was spread over a weekend and 8 venues with the club picking up numerous medals. There

was also a historic, if largely social match, for the girls' first IV.

## ROWING

Excellent performances earned Ed Grieg and Jack Gregory invitations to training camps in Seville and Brive. Although on the brink of selection at several stages they never quite shone enough in pairs racing to go all the way but they were clearly a potent force in bigger boats as the Shiplake season unfolded. The maturity of the 1st VIII showed through on the Wednesday at Henley Royal Regatta. They did not panic when they found themselves a length down to Kings Canterbury at half way but rather applied the pressure to row through and gain a handsome one length victory.

Susie Ellis' J16 coxed IV of Johnny Halsall, Mark McCluggage, Charlie Cort, Matthew Jackson and Jamie Falvey won their way through to represent Great Britain against the French, claiming a triumphant victory for GB and Shiplake at Dorney Lake, Eton.

## OTHER SPORTS

Soccer is becoming increasingly popular. For the first time the inter-house competition was played as a league. John Blunsdon, aided by Caversham coach Luke Gojnic, has led a revival in Squash and reintroduced fixtures for the first five. Peter Gould has also been taking boys over to Eton to play Fives, while golf at Henley Golf Club is as popular as ever.

A strong PE Department of Shane O'Brien and Andrew Dix, supported by

table-tennis maestro Phil Davey means that the Sports Hall is often crammed full of Badminton, Table Tennis and Trampolining on activities afternoons.

## Staff News

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### MALCOLM WOODCOCK - SKIPWITH HOUSEMASTER

*"Sixteen years of service as a Housemaster," I sighed.*

*"Sixteen distinguished years," Malcolm Woodcock corrected.*

Of course he was right. To current pupils and many Old Vikings, Malcolm Woodcock is Skipwith. It is fitting that Skipwith is housed in a large rambling 19th century house. Even away from his beloved Devon Estate there is an air of the country gentleman about Malcolm.

One of Malcolm's hallmarks has been a succession of grand but totally unreliable vehicles parked in front of Skipwith, sometimes a Volvo, now a Jaguar. Boys joke that he has to call-out the AA an hour before every planned departure.

If it were not for these trappings of modern life, and the occasional whim to purchase a helicopter, or perhaps an island, Malcolm, with his taste for the finer things in life and love of music, might have been a gentleman out of a Jane Austen novel. In some ways Malcolm finds the modern era very demanding and quite puzzling.

"What is a web-site?" he queried. His overflowing pigeon-hole could have been a Tate Prize entry: a symbolic,

chaotic protest at the excessive administration and bureaucracy that hinders education.

Malcolm will be sorely missed by Skipwith boys and tutors. As he takes on new roles as Senior Master and Secretary of the Old Vikings Society people will gravitate towards the Music Department to share his warm humour and love of music.

Malcolm had a rare ability, particularly in meetings, to see an issue in a new light, frequently after he had interjected a seemingly irrelevant Wilfrid Owen quotation or historical parallel. Most important of all he was able to bring the best out of so many of the hundreds of boys fortunate enough to be placed in his care.

*Nick Brown, previously Head of History, took over the running of Skipwith House in September 2001.*

#### **RICHARD MANNIX - ORCHARD HOUSEMASTER**

Usually the position of Housemaster of a Day House in a predominantly boarding school creates a number of challenges. In many such schools boarders cast "part-timer" accusations. Richard Mannix has risen to the challenge of leading a house with such a strong spirit and reputation for academic, cultural and sporting success that questioning whispers are swept aside.

After eleven years of overseeing a couple of generations of day boys Richard is leaving Orchard, moving out of Meltemi and into Lower Shiplake, to take on the equally demanding position of Director of Studies. Of course he will

still be coaching formidable U15 Hockey teams, producing crafty Junior doubles combinations on the tennis court and masterminding the now traditional School Rock concert.

Richard's once-more-into-the-breach exhortations, delivered with a we-shall-fight-them-on-the beaches tone, prior to house events, such as Athletics or Cross Country, are famed amongst Orchard boys for their enthusiasm and fervour.

The Orchard Richard leaves is unrecognisable from the Orchard he inherited. He led a demolition group who pulled down the tatty old buildings and coped with a group of boys housed in Portakabins as a new sumptuous Orchard rose from the rubble.

It was fitting that a thriving Orchard Parents' Association should pay tribute to Richard at a May ceremony. Both parents, pupils and fellow staff have valued Richard's professionalism and perseverance in developing a Day House that now attracts pupils from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and even London.

*Chris Alcock, previously Head of English, became Orchard Housemaster in September 2001.*

#### **GRAHAM VICK - DIRECTOR OF STUDIES**

Graham Vick has sat in the hot seat of Director of Studies for 10 years, a decade of academic progress for Shiplake. "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it," wrote the quality guru William Edwards Demming. Perhaps Graham's greatest contribution as Director of Studies has been the introduction of academic added value



measures.

Since 1997 the Year Eleven Information Service (YELLIS) system results have demonstrated where Shiplake's strengths lie. For four consecutive years Shiplake has been placed in the top 5% of UK schools. YELLIS results are more than just a vindication of the Shiplake way of teaching. By pupil, or department, the results are a management tool, enabling teachers to see where further improvements can be achieved.

Over the past 10 years the pace of educational change has been rapid. New subjects have arrived. Places in the curriculum for Business Studies, Media Studies and Information Communications Technology and Sports Studies have had to be found. Options columns have had to be adjusted and balanced.

During Graham's decade the College has come through two demanding inspections with flying colours. It is a tribute to the rigour with which he has encouraged codification of syllabi and schemes of work that the College was admitted to the Headmasters' Conference in 1998.

*Richard Mannix succeeded Graham Vick as Director of Studies in September 2001*

## ***New Staff***

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**Lowri Cook**, our new Head of English, is very familiar with Shiplake College. Her husband, Nick, gave long and distinguished service as a governor. Lowri, resident in Lower Shiplake, is

just moving a couple of miles up the road from her position as Head of Drama at Queen Anne's School. Currently she is studying for a M.Ed (Professional Development) with Westminster College, her thesis is a study of the use of ICT in teaching English Grammar. Lowri is a keen theatre-goer and enjoys exercise from tennis, swimming, rowing and walking.

**Jane Barr**, a Henley resident, is looking forward to a much shorter commute before she starts her day's Maths teaching. Previously she has crossed Reading to arrive at Crosfields Prep School and The Abbey School. With a B.Ed in Mathematics and a MA in Education, her thesis focused on ICT, she is well prepared for the challenges ahead. Jane will also be involved in the development of girls' activities at Shiplake.

**Mark Partridge** is coming to Shiplake to teach Information Communications Technology and to run the Boat Club. With a B.Ed in Business Education, sales and marketing experience and five years teaching at Claires Court he is well prepared for the position. A Commonwealth Gold medal, with the heavyweight VIII in 1994, is a highlight of his CV.

**Andrew Dix** is Shiplake's new Director of Cricket and Rugby. He has an impressive pedigree of county representation in a number of sports. Having gained a BSc from Loughborough University in Physical Education and Sports Science he remained at Loughborough to study for a Post Graduate Certificate of Education with Mathematics as his second subject. Andrew is moving from the Forest School, Winnersh.

**Athol Hundermark** joins Shiplake as a Geography student teacher. Brought up in South Africa, he graduated from Rhodes University with a BSc majoring in Geography, Human Kinetics and Ergonomics. He stayed on at Rhodes to complete a Higher Diploma in Education and tutor first year Geography students. In 1996 he represented South Africa in the World Rowing Championships, other interests include diving, hiking, skiing, squash and swimming.

**Scott Dunsdon** is spending a gap year at Shiplake after leaving Melbourne Grammar School. He is working alongside Malcolm Woodcock in the Music school, often using his ICT skills to produce programmes. Few people know that Scott has also studied Mandarin for six years!

**Rob Little**, from Guildford Grammar School, Australia, has provided invaluable assistance to Burr House, Ceramics, Media Studies and helped out on the river. Rob arrived in the UK with a desire to broaden his horizons and develop greater independence before settling into the next phase of his educational and career development. He is well on the way to achieving that objective during his gap year.

## **Leavers**

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**Charly Lowndes** departed for the post of Head of ICT at Magdalen College School. During Charly's four years at Shiplake, ICT had made immense strides forward. The school had acquired over 100 computers, most of

them networked through houses, classrooms, labs and administration and ICT A Level had become extremely popular.

Charly put together an entertaining series of events for the Thursday Tithe Barn culture slot as well as finding time to run the London Marathon, help out with the Navy Section of the CCF and appear in a number of College plays.

**Paul Johnson** has gained promotion as Head of Design and Technology in Derbyshire. It was Paul who had driven through the plans for a Desk Top Publishing Suite and this will be a lasting tribute to his spell at Shiplake. He also raised the profile of Shiplake Rugby as an U16 County Manager, bringing trials to Shiplake and ensuring that our talented players received the selection that they deserved.

**Tom Caston** moves on to another teaching post in Bath after an incredibly busy two years at Shiplake. He taught Geography, served as Everett House Resident Tutor and coached Rugby, Hockey and Cricket. Meanwhile he had to find the time to study for his teaching qualification.

Perhaps Tom's greatest achievement was his ability to coax the best from 1st XI cricket squads who greatly valued his enthusiasm, humour and technical expertise. He will continue to serve on the OV Committee and run OV cricket.

**Adrian Lewis** spent just one year at Shiplake as Director of Cricket and Rugby. Sadly he found travelling from West London difficult. It was a pity that we could not see more of his talents as coach and administrator. He enjoyed his introduction to Learning Support and has embarked on a course to

develop his skills further.

### **BILL BROWNBRIDGE**

Bill Brownbridge, said a fond farewell to Shiplake College, after fifteen years as Catering Manager. Following a career in the Army this was Bill's longest stay at any one location.

Bill has been a tremendously loyal servant of the College. Every day his team had fed every boy, girl and member of the staff in the College. Over the years he has produced over four hundred lunches every day.

The celebrations began with Bill serving up a farewell steak lunch for the boys and girls he has looked after so professionally. One Sunday lunchtime College staff and suppliers gathered in the Great Hall for a tribute lunch that took the form of a "This is Your Life" occasion.

Bill said his final goodbye at a school assembly. As a gesture of gratitude for his happy days at the school Bill made a presentation of a World Atlas to the College library. Bill and his wife retire to a home in Mudeford so that Bill can spend more hours supporting his beloved Bournemouth Football Club.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

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I was recently asked what I did as Treasurer of the Old Vikings Society and what it involved. This gave me the idea to tell fellow OV's just how things are and what I do. As an early reader of the OVS Newsletter in the late 70's and

80's it always intrigued me where the money came from and what we did with it.

We have an annual income of approximately £14,000, which is derived from subscriptions based on termly contributions, which are added to each pupil's bill of currently £11.40. In addition income is derived from newsletter advertising (£750.00 for 2000/2001), and the annual OVS dinner (£122.00 for 2000/2001). Now in its second year following Bob Esau's instigation we held the annual Soho House event which raised a further £790.00

Our major expense is the production of the annual Newsletter which for the 2001 edition was £3000.00. We had a print run of 1800 which was sent to all OV's on our database as well as all parents of existing pupils.

The society's capital base is in the region of £27,000.00 with some £23,000 invested in a National Savings account. We also have a current account and deposit account with Barclays which is used for day to day business. As Treasurer I am assisted by David Dalzell who slaps me down if he is not happy with what I am doing. We have a Finance Sub Committee that reports to the main Committee. It is the Treasurer's responsibility for a small Society such as ours to count the pennies. To that end a decision has been taken not to touch the capital base, but operate on income that we receive from subscriptions, donations and fundraising events.

Under the Chairmanship of Ben Fitzwilliams the Society has decided to establish a good causes fund which will distribute up to a maximum of £1500

per year to pupils who need financial assistance for projects that they may undertake after leaving the College as well as other related College projects. This fund now stands at a little under £3000. We are targeting Upper 6th formers. The Committee will accept applications from pupils and award grants accordingly. There is no limit to the applications. The only limiting factor being available funds. We will be

making our first donations in the 2001/2002 financial year of account.

One of the little known benefits of being an OV is that if you send your children to Shiplake as an OV parent you get a 25% discount on the fees. Finally, when I started at Shiplake in 1975 the fees were £550.00 per term and when I left in 1979 the fees were £900 per term.

Henry Summers

## ***The AGM***

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Minutes of the OVS AGM held in the SCR at Shiplake College on Saturday 15th September 2001 at 19.45 (prior to the OVS Dinner)

1. Apologies were received from Charlie West, Richard Maundrell and Tom Caston.
2. The minutes of last year's AGM were read and accepted.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. The Treasurer's report was distributed and accepted.
5. The Headmaster postponed his report until after the dinner.
6. Election of Committee Members:  
Henry Summers was re-elected, proposed by David Dalzell, and seconded by Peter Webb.  
John Ostroumoff was re-elected, proposed by Nick Bevan, and seconded by Ben Middlemiss.
7. There being no other business the meeting closed at 19.55.

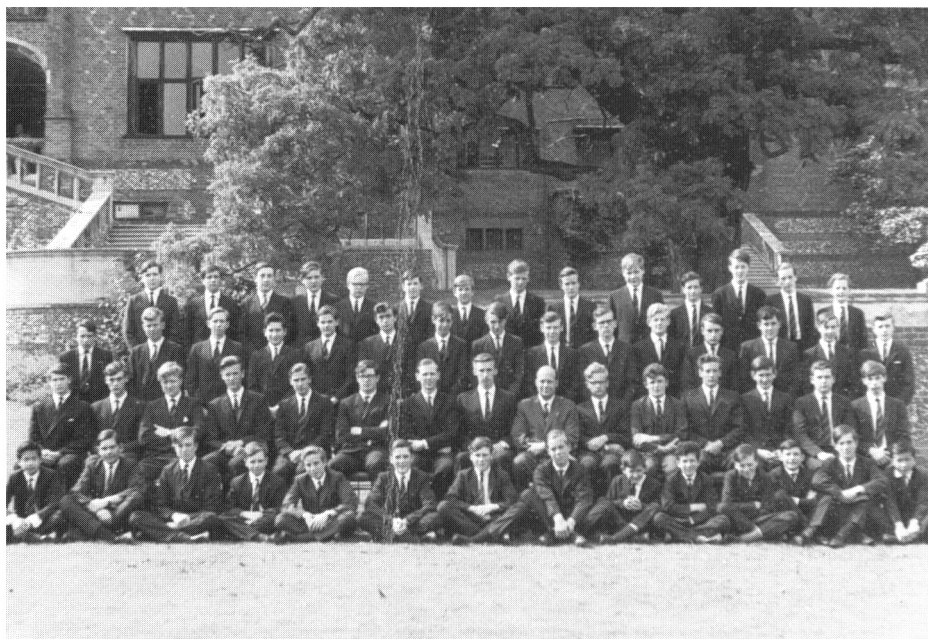
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### ***Sports Representatives***

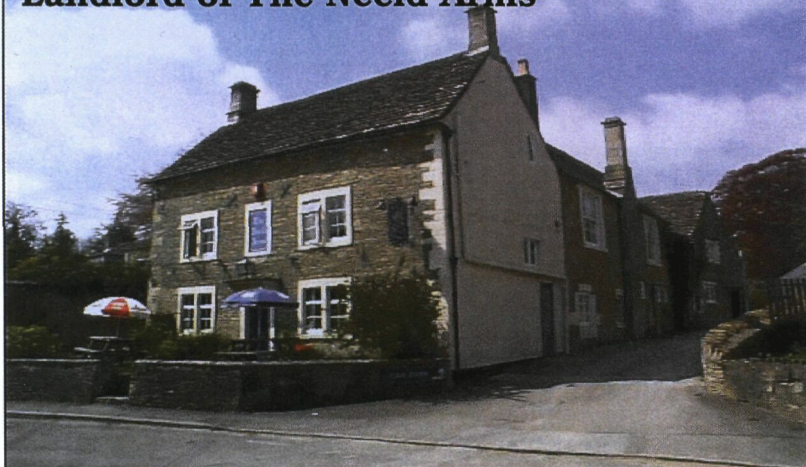
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