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## CRICKET AT LORD'S

*The School v Eton, Marylebone Cricket Club, 23 June  
Eton 237-7 from 55 overs, Harrow 123 all out 40 overs  
Eton won by 114 runs*

A bright sunny morning with a light breeze greeted the players as they arrived at Lord's. The ground looked at its best and the pitch was a couple of strips in from the edge of the square on the Tavern side. It looked firm and dry, but it had been used for two one-day matches previously, and was therefore likely to take spin, especially in the second innings. In the event, any turn was slow, but there was occasional inconsistency of bounce with the odd ball keeping low.



Eton won a crucial toss and elected to bat, which was very much the game-plan that they had envisaged; they had had much more success in their previous matches batting first, whereas Harrow had both defended scores and chased totals down. Harrow were on the back of a thrilling victory against Radley that had created a sense of optimism and belief amongst the squad. It was one of many tight games that had gone their way and another close encounter was expected here.

Anscomb and Elias negotiated the opening overs relatively calmly, albeit playing and missing at several deliveries, with the latter taking most of the strike; both Falcon and Maxwell generated a healthy pace and generally bowled a good length, troubling both batsmen a couple of times an over. Harrow would have considered themselves unlucky not to break through earlier, but in the 12th over the score had reached 45 (12 extras) when the Harrow captain, Ayliffe, bowled Anscomb, on the drive for 10, with a ball that came back into the batsman, in his second over. The Eton captain Lyons immediately increased the tempo with some aggressive running and positive stroke-play. Crucially, he tried to run a three on his first ball and would have been run out by a couple of yards had the ball not taken a horrible bounce on return to the stumps. On such moments can games turn. His increasing fluency encouraged Elias to be more expansive, scoring most of his runs behind the wicket, and the pair maintained the scoring rate at just under four an over, so that the 100 came up in the 25th over, and at lunch (32 overs: Elias 59, Lyons 37) Eton had progressed to 126-1. Eton had batted well but had been fed too many balls in the favoured areas and pressure was not being maintained for more than three- or four-ball spells. Leg-spinner Chohan struggled

to find his accuracy initially but, when bowling in tandem with off-spinner Ali, who finished with the excellent figures of 11-0-32-1, Eton were kept relatively at bay. Elias reached a fine 50 after 89 balls and Lyons had continued to score at a healthy rate, so that Eton had built a secure foundation for acceleration after lunch with nine wickets in hand and 23 overs remaining. The Harrow bowling had always been tidy, but they struggled to achieve the breakthroughs that could have slowed the steady rate of scoring.

Eton continued to make progress after lunch, and the pair had just achieved a 100 partnership in 26 overs when Ali straightened a ball bowled from round the wicket to have Elias lbw, half forward for 70 (145-2) – a thoroughly deserved reward for accurate bowling. Elias had played with his usual determination and patience, and had never got bogged down, providing the essential backbone of the Eton innings. Adair was immediately into his stride, looking to strike the ball hard from the outset. The pair added 31 in seven overs of which Adair had scored 25, when he skied Chohan, attempting an expansive drive, who completed a comfortable return catch (177 for 3 from 45 overs). Lyons had been relatively becalmed, but completed his 50 soon after from 80 balls. Thistlethwayte had looked to bat positively from the outset, playing some attractive strokes, so that runs came quickly until Lyons was bowled by Chohan 'on the charge' for 56 (195-4); he had set the tone right from the start of his innings and maintained a steady momentum throughout, never missing the chance of putting the fielding side under pressure with his running. Lowther-Pilkington missed an expansive sweep to a full, straight delivery from the same bowler fourth ball and was palpably lbw for a duck (195-5 in the 49th over); Chohan had bowled increasingly steadily after a rocky start and finished with 11-0-49-3, regularly turning both his leg-break and googly, and increasingly commanding respect. This brought Lytle to the crease in a situation made for his bustling style, and he scored a breezy 10 from nine deliveries before missing a full straight ball from the returning Maxwell to be lbw (209-6 in the 52nd over).



Penny ran well with Thistlethwayte, who continued to play aggressively until the former holed out at mid-off off Falcon (234-7 in the 55th over). Thistlethwayte finished unbeaten with an attractive 29 from 27 balls as the innings closed on 237-7. Both Falcon and Ayliffe achieved respectable figures with their fast-medium bowling, and Harrow maintained their concentration and energy in the field, only rarely giving away careless runs,

so that the score was never allowed to escalate out of control; they conceded 25 wides, however, which was the factor that pushed the final total beyond par. Harrow would need to bat very well, even by their high standards and with at least one outstanding innings, to achieve their objective.

The Eton opening attack of Gammell (out-swing) and Hardy (left-arm in-swing) generated aggressive pace and accuracy, so that there were three maidens in the first five overs; Dicketts and Harrington-Myers also played and missed a couple of times an over. In the eighth over, Hardy lost his rhythm and conceded 13 runs (6 extras); the score reached 26-0, and he was replaced by the medium-paced Penny. In the next over, Gammell swung a full delivery back into the left-handed Harrington-Myers to have him lbw (27-1). This brought the 15-year-old Sheopuri to the crease. He was immediately into his stride, scoring two impressive boundaries, when Penny bowled a perfect in-swing delivery which pitched just outside off-stump and hit the top of middle and leg (37-2: 10 overs). Sixteen-year-old Wijaratne was also in good form coming into the game and soon opened his account with a boundary. However, in the same over, Penny trapped Dicketts lbw, half-forward, for 7 (44-3: 11.3 overs).



Harrow were failing to learn their lessons: the manner of his dismissal very similar to that of Sheopuri. Immediately afterwards, in Gammell's final over of his spell, he bowled another fast in-swing to trap the left-handed Wijeratne lbw for 5 (49-4), another example of failing to adhere to warnings as his dismissal was identical to that of Harrington-Myers. Gammell's spell ended with impressive figures 7-3-11-2. Captain and 'keeper, Ayliffe and Ferreira, now came together to attempt to stem the tide, and the latter started briskly with a couple of boundaries in Mathur's first over of off-spin. The bowler had his revenge from the first ball of his next over, however, as Ferreira edged to the 'keeper, pushing forward for 12 (65-5: 16.1 overs). Harrow had kept up with the required rate but the stuffing of their innings had been ripped apart in eight overs. Ayliffe remained watchful but Langston is another aggressive player and hit four boundaries, being particularly severe on Penny, before the introduction of Elias' left-arm spin induced him to sky the ball to mid off for 21 (94-6: 24.5 overs) just before tea. Falcon joined his captain and there followed a quiet period where both batsmen were circumspect and scored a few singles. Eventually, Falcon hit a boundary off Elias on the off-side but two balls later was smartly stumped by Lytle attempting something similar for 6 (107-7: 29.4 overs). Chohan did not last long before being bowled by Elias for 2 (113-8: 31.2 overs) and, in the following over, Ayliffe's defiance finally came to an end as Mathur persuaded him to hole out to Adair at mid-off for 10 (117-9: 33 overs). The last pair of Ali and Maxwell took their time and played sensibly for six overs before Elias finished the match by having the former smartly caught by Lowther-Pilkington at slip for 7 in the 40th over. After Gammell's decisive opening burst, Eton had kept the pressure on with Penny (7-0-44-2 – expensive but two vital wickets), and spinners Mathur (11-2-28-2 – a miserly spell as usual) and Elias (8.4-4-11-4 – highly effective on an increasingly low, slow pitch), and they had been backed up by tidy and athletic

fielding. Eton bowled well but Harrow simply failed to execute their game plans and warnings from earlier in the season had not been dealt with fully. Many of this side will return next year and will be better for the experience. For those Upper Sixth leavers it was a sad way to finish but all had been part of the victorious Lord's side the year before so can take comfort in that. Well played to Eton, who were much better on the day.

## CLASSICS TRIP

*Rome and Naples, 30 Jun–7 July*

In the early hours of the morning after House Songs, a group of enthusiastic Classicists gathered outside Rendalls and set off towards Heathrow Airport. A staple of the Classics department calendar, this year's trip to Rome and Naples was a classic (pun intended). It gave the boys the opportunity to visit arguably the most famous places in all of Classical history.

Having deposited our suitcases in our hotel in central Rome, we set off to see the first site, the Capitoline Museum, situated upon the hill of the same name. The museum's collection includes a large number of ancient Roman statues and artefacts, as well as medieval and Renaissance art, with its most famous piece being the statue of Romulus and Remus being nursed by a she-wolf.

Following the museum, Catholic boys were given the opportunity to go to mass in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, one of Rome's oldest churches. A few non-Catholic boys also came along to appreciate its beautiful interior, brimming with magnificent artwork and sculptures.

The next day, we took the metro to the seaside town of Ostia to visit the archaeological site of Ostia Antica, one of Rome's first *coloniae*; in other words, an outpost of Rome established in a conquered territory. It was utilised as a harbour city and was home to the widest canal the Romans ever built, which was used for transporting large quantities of goods.



Our next stop was the Roman Gladiator School, a chance to fully immerse ourselves into the life of a Roman gladiator. After a rigorous training session, including an obstacle course, we were taught how properly to attack and defend using a sword. Once everyone was able to wield a *gladius* effectively, it was time for the spars – though everyone fought valiantly, the award for the most heroic gladiator had to go JDBM, who fearlessly defeated two Sixth Formers at the same time!

It was an early start the following day, for it was to be a jam-packed tour of many of Rome's most famous sites. We started off with the Piazza del Popolo, visiting its famous twin churches, the Santa Maria in Montesanto and the Santa Maria dei Miracoli. From there, we made our way towards the Ara Pacis, an altar dedicated to the goddess of peace, Pax. It was commissioned by the Roman Senate to honour the return of Augustus to Rome after three years in Hispania and Gaul. It represented the Augustan vision of Roman civil religion. The peaceful setting of the Ara Pacis was in stark contrast to our next destination: the famous Trevi Fountain. With teeming



crowds by its edge, it's safe to say that the scene around the fountain has changed since its early days! However, with the sun beating down, delicious *gelati* in our hands and the relaxing sound of the splashing water overpowering all other sounds, it was nevertheless an enjoyable moment. The Trevi Fountain was not, however, the only fountain on that day's itinerary. A short walk took us to the lesser-known Piazza Navona, home to the Fountain of the Four Rivers (those being the Nile, the Danube, the Ganges and the River Plate).

The time had come for the jewel in the crown of any visit to the Eternal City: the Colosseum, the awe-inspiring amphitheatre built during the reign of Vespasian. Famous for hosting gladiator fights, which sometimes involved wild beasts, a relatively forgotten aspect of the Colosseum's history is the naval battles that would take place in the arena, which could be quickly flooded with water from a nearby aqueduct. However, sea battles were stopped under Domitian and an elaborate system of tunnels under the arena was constructed for holding the animals and gladiators.



Having left the Colosseum, we ascended the Palatine Hill, named for the immense Imperial palaces built on it, home to Nero, who it is said started the Great Fire of Rome to clear the space for his palatial hilltop complex. The summit of the hill gave a wonderful view of the day's last destination, the Forum, the city's ancient marketplace and town centre.

Our last day in Rome was spent visiting the world's smallest nation, the Vatican City. The Vatican Museum's collection of works amassed by Popes throughout the centuries displays multiple works of worldwide acclaim, such as Raphael's School of Athens and the Apollo of Belvedere. The most anticipated part of the tour was, unsurprisingly, the breath-taking Sistine Chapel, a place whose awe-inspiring quality just cannot be conveyed justly through photographs. A tough act to follow, without a doubt, but St Peter's Basilica was certainly up for the challenge. Once we had admired all of the basilica's lavish interior from the ground, a quick elevator ride to the dome allowed us to see it from a far more dizzying perspective!

During the transit to Naples, we took a few breaks to look at some splendid villas, including Hadrian's holiday villa. The event for which the area is most well-known is assuredly the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. Visits to the two cities affected by the eruption, Pompeii and Herculaneum, were unique in that they showed us what normal Roman towns looked like, as opposed to stand-alone monuments or buildings. The ascent of Vesuvius itself was spine-tingling; standing on the edge of the gargantuan crater gave one a sense of how devastating the event must have been.

The Classics trip ended with an excursion to the island of Capri, a former British naval base. With a circumnavigation of the island by speedboat and a chairlift ride to the very top of the island, it was an excellent way to finish a highly enjoyable week. Many thanks go to SMK for organising the trip and to JDBM, CTP and SFM for accompanying us. It was a bittersweet parting for SFM as it was his last Classics trip before retirement, and so he left us with an emotional farewell speech (in Latin, of course!).

## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

*Bronze Awards, The Chilterns, End of Summer Term*

The Bronze qualifying expedition took place in the Chiltern Hills, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This gave boys who had never visited England's countryside before the opportunity to appreciate its beauty and lifestyle. The groups came up with some interesting expedition aims, such as writing poetry and creating t-shirt designs inspired by the countryside they walked through.



The boys' map-reading skills were not bad but, at times, finding their way back to their planned route meant wading through a river! There were humorous moments such as when one boy pointed to a herd of cows and enthusiastically shouted 'Horses!'

Throughout the year, the boys' endeavours included the usual round of various sporting and musical pursuits but they impressed with their volunteering choices. There were highly valued contributions to the newly formed Drone Society, the work of the Harrow School Archive, the Old Speech Room Gallery and the Learning Skills department.

The four teams of boys found the experience highly enjoyable and valuable preparation for the Silver Award, which all Bronze level participants intend to continue with.

## AS FEATURED IN THE RAG

*Johnno Spence, Elmfield OH, gets a good deal*

This would normally be 'Here and There' news, but this, as featured in *The Times*: 'A morning suit made for Meghan Markle's father so that he could walk her down the aisle in style has made its first outing at Royal Ascot. The "semi-bespoke" suit was snapped up half price by the public relations consultant Johnno Spence (ie Johnno Spence, *Elmfield* 1989<sup>3</sup>) from a men's outfitters in Chelsea.'



Thomas Markle did not attend his daughter's wedding to Prince Harry after he was caught staging paparazzi photographs, which included an image of him being measured for a suit.

Meghan had commissioned the menswear company Oliver Brown to make several men's summer outfits for her father, not only the suit for the wedding, suggesting that his visit to the UK would have lasted several days, according to *The Mail on*

*Sunday.* A source told the paper: ‘When Johnno walked in, the tailor said: “We’ve got the perfect morning suit for you as well as a summer suit and three shirts for you if you want them.”’

‘They were made for Mr Markle for the royal wedding but, obviously, he never came over to pick them up. He said that with a few adjustments, they’d fit Johnno like a glove — and they did.’

Mr Spence paid a total of £2,000 for the items, which was about half the full price.

## MUSIC PRIZES

*Finals, Speech Room, 21 June*

The winners were:

Junior Brass (*Worshipful* etc): Graham Lambert, *Lyon’s*  
 Junior Strings (Campbell): JunWha Shin, *Elmfield*  
 Junior Woodwind (Poke): JunWha Shin, *Elmfield*  
 Senior Brass (Lucas): Michael Tasker, *West Acre*  
 Senior Strings (W & W): Pasa Suksmith, *Elmfield*  
 Senior Woodwind: Corran Stewart, *Lyon’s*, and Francis Bamford  
*Bradlys*  
 Guitar: Ostap Stefak, *Newlands*  
 Junior Piano (lockett): Cody Xu, *The Grove*  
 Senior Piano (Verney): Joshua Harris, *West Acre*

## BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

*“Never Again!”, Shells Head to France and Return  
 Shell Shocked, 27 June*

At roughly 4.45am on the morning of the 27 June, the vast majority of the Shell year arrived at the Parade Ground ready for a fun-filled and fully enjoyable Battlefields trip. What they got, however, must have been very European and perhaps the very reason for Brexit.

After this vast gathering of Harrovians had occurred, the realisation dawned that only three of the four coaches designated for the trip had turned up. So, the cohort of Lyon’s, Newlands, Moretons and Druries was sent to Ypres in Northern Belgium and the other Houses were left at the Parade Ground (they did eventually leave – between nine and 12 hours later).

Harrovians who had not managed to leave were sent back to their Houses. According to them, a vast quantity of sleeping happened and they eventually managed to leave at 6.30am to join us.

However, all was not yet lost. The trip was still in good spirits despite having only a third of the intended pupils. We visited the museum of Passchendaele, which was very pleasant, and we even managed to find a chocolate shop where we were told purchasing is a Harrow tradition and that the owner was offering us a special deal (€10 for a chocolate bar AND a refrigerated bag). In the evening, the group decided to rendezvous in the city of Albert in Northern France.

On the second day, the group enjoyed a very pleasant day in Albert led by Father Nic and we payed our respects to the dead in graveyard sites across Northern France.

Finally, we arrived back in Calais where we sat down for a delicious €12 dinner. After the restaurant took our order and money, it became clear that the travel company had not booked a fast-food restaurant, and if we weren’t careful, we would all miss the Eurotunnel train. Out of the restaurant we went.

The coaches (now all three of them) went back to the Eurotunnel where we were informed that we had missed our train and the French officers swiftly put us into a holding bay. As I write this article, we are in the train and stationary because, apparently, there is a problem.

Finally, we would all like to thank TGE and all the beaks who came with us for our exciting adventure and bonding experience. Despite the fact that it didn’t go 100% to plan, I think I’m correct in stating that we didn’t spend a single moment bored.

## HAYGARTH AT HARROW

*Roger Heavens, Haygarth at Harrow, a review*

Even for devotees of Harrow cricket, the name of Arthur Haygarth does not immediately leap from the page. He comes from the earliest years of the School’s cricketers who made their mark in the first half of the 19th century. He was contemporary with those giants of old, of whom Edward Bowen wrote in his song, ‘with Lang to bowl and Hankey to play, Wenn and Walker and to score and stay’ and the ‘two that I know but may not say’: Frederick Ponsonby, later Lord Bessborough, and The Hon Robert Grimston.

Although Haygarth played in the Harrow XIs of 1842 and 1843, he was himself no great player. He was a ‘blocker’ or ‘stonewaller’: attrition was his byword. It was his job to wear down the opposition bowlers, a role that has mercifully all but disappeared from modern cricket. It suited his temperament. But it was as a determined chronicler that he made his name. As the author of *Cricket Scores and Biographies*, first published in 1862, Haygarth was the forerunner of Lillywhite and Wisden, and thus has given us information about organised cricket and cricketers from its earliest days.

Haygarth was a stickler for detail and it was this characteristic that made him such a reliable chronicler. Had he had to earn his living, in a later age he would have made an excellent accountant.

Roger Heavens is Haygarth’s biographer, Boswell to Haygarth’s Johnson, and he has republished Haygarth’s work, adding an index that has made the records more easily accessible.

Now Heavens has published a short biography of Haygarth’s time at Harrow, including the scores of about 70 games and matches, with notes on the players and some background on the School at the time. There were the matches at Lord’s against Eton and Winchester but most of the opposition were adults. Rather surprisingly, the internal games only rarely include House matches. The majority were contrived, such as the Slow Bowlers v Fast Bowlers, or The XI v the Next XXII. Smokers v Non-Smokers was unexpected in that it implies that smoking was a perfectly acceptable activity in the School at the time.

Roger Heavens has displayed all of Arthur Haygarth’s qualities as a chronicler to provide a little book, which will appeal to students of the history of cricket and of Harrow.

## HERE AND THERE

Congratulations to OH Aristo Sham (*Moretons*, 2010<sup>3</sup>) who was a finalist in two international piano competitions in June. He took the Silver Medal in the Gina Bachauer International Artists Piano Competition 2018 in Utah, also winning the Gina Bachauer Audience Prize. This competition was established in 1976 in honour of Greek pianist Gina Bachauer, who was a celebrated favourite of Utah audiences. A few weeks before that he won the National Symphony Orchestra Concerto Prize for his performance of Prokofiev’s 3rd Piano Concerto in the finals of the Dublin International Piano Competition.

Many congratulations to Arshaan Bhatnagar, *The Park*, who won second prize in Gonville & Caius’ English Prize. In celebration of his achievement, he was invited to a prizegiving Ceremony at the college. Well done!



## HOLD THE PHONE

For those not in the know at our prestigious establishment, the use of a mobile phone, the type that is owned by the vast majority of self-respecting, functioning citizens in society, is heresy worthy of the sixth circle of Dante's *Inferno*. It is, of course, unthinkable to reach into one's pocket and fetch a device that is capable of accessing the vast extent of knowledge of all of the beaks combined in the School, most likely quicker and in more depth. If one dares to initiate such a scandalous crime in the vision of a beak, the beak must swoop in like the archangel they are in our society to save us from the evils of Snapchat. I do apologise on behalf of all boys around the Hill who have involved themselves in such an outrageous lapse in judgement and blissfully praise the greater fountains of knowledge around the Hill for correcting us. Trust me, we immature juveniles strive to do better than to reply to a text from our loving mothers behind New Schools – such a wide, open place for the public to judge us for using such an idiosyncratic, extraordinary device – or in the archway near Biology Schools – a fountain of fantastic signal and a hotspot for cellular phone usage. Do not get me wrong, sirs, I totally understand the confiscation of such an irrelevant and useless device that I have never seen beaks use under any circumstances. But, by all means, please do blend the device into a microchip smoothie to force-feed the boy if they dare wield an Android.

Without a doubt, paying strict attention to the door of an empty form room whilst waiting for a beak to stroll through without a care in the world from the OH Room after a cuppa (and, dare I say, a sneaky check of their phone for a message from their only Tinder match in the last two years) is the foremost thing in my mind. Obviously, this is above keeping up to date with current news, replying to messages from friends and loved ones or catching up on some French vocabulary for my all-important GCSE using the Quizlet app. I would never need my phone in the dire situation of an emergency where a beak (shock-horror) is late to look up what to do in case of a health risk or to contact emergency services to save lives. I would never need to be able to let my location known in a crisis in order to receive help. A true violation of the highest order that transcends the regular, dull, absurd punishment of writing out by hand meaningless texts. Oh no no no. Instead, understandably, the true punishment, on par with this abuse, would be a deprivation of the single accessory that 95% of households in the UK admit to using. Much to the shock of the School, I actually care more about my 200-day Snapchat streak than dot-and-cross diagrams. That said, I will definitely think twice when I have to make the choice between looking up how to use an EpiPen on my struggling classmate writhing on the floor or yet again disappointing my House Master with another phone confiscation. Effective discipline at its finest. However, it does make me wonder if the School is trying to stop me calling the Independent Schools Inspectorate, whom they recommend contacting via telephone in Existing Customs. Corruption at its finest. The School nailed this one, chaps.

I also find it hilarious that the School have deemed the Lower School unworthy of the hefty responsibility of leaving boys with their phones at night. Don't get me wrong, rocking up to Saturday school as the embodiment of sleep deprivation, with bags under our eyes so dark and deep they could be mistaken for an abyss that is empty of slumber, is unacceptable. However, I do not see the problem with lying in bed, scrolling through my Instagram feed for a couple of minutes before settling down to some much-needed shuteye after a strenuous day of keeping my nose to the grindstone in the push for Trials at the end of the term. Now, I do realise that keeping up to date with modernisms in today's society has clearly not been Harrow's strong point, especially when the combined age of the SMT may be older than the School, but I do feel, considering that iPhones are nearing their teenage years, the School has had more than enough time

to adjust. In an age of magnificent Surfaces being employed for pedagogy, as presented in a fantastic video on Academic Share for your viewing pleasure, the mobile deserves a resurgence. After all, I know that my phone is one of the only things that stops me from jumping off the mountain of prep, expectation, and pressure into the depths of depression. Happy students learn better. Therefore, it is in the interest of the School to improve their image and raise grades as phones continue to make the boys smile. If the School decide to make the argument that it is healthier for boys to gain that extra couple of minutes of sleep, I would press them – and I hate to be the one to suggest this (I really don't) – to ask boys in Speech Room to put their hand in the air if they stay up late to complete prep, or if they end up disrupting their oh-so-strict sleep regime to wake up earlier for Custos Report (clearly a winner in the most potent sanction department) or to complete some more prep.

May I also remind readers that phones are endlessly useful for time-keeping. Much easier to make checklists for prep, set an alarm, hold a timetable for my multiple commitments from around the Hill and, of course, to tell me the time to aid my impeccable punctuality. This, alongside the fact that it is not quite as slick and easy to check the time walking on the High Street with a Surface as a quick glance at my phone's display, counters that attempt at clinging onto any lingering notions that the School's higher thinking is best for us.

Truth be told, having had my phone confiscated, I have become quickly bored of life and am edging closer to a chasm of dreariness and dolefulness. I have lost the ability to laugh anymore and have a severe meme deficiency. In fact, I even ended up constructing this masterpiece in an attempt to grasp onto my slowly fading sanity. Fortunately, I have found salvation in Gaffe and Gown and am slowly recovering from the fatal state I was in. On the upside of this conundrum, I have become the epitome of health, taking in the wider world, getting a perfect amount of sleep and have reached a state of nirvana-like enlightenment. My grades in recent tests have shot up to 95% plus. All of this after a day. Ignore this whole article readers, for the SMT clearly know exactly what they are doing and what is right for boys that are clearly only a handful of years younger than them, growing up on totally different customs in society and starkly contrasting environments. Regrettably, the hand in question is one of King Kong. I really have got into quite the strop without my device. Perhaps beaks that have the gall to snatch a boy's phone from their hands with a wide grin on their face should think twice before acting with such chutzpah. The audacity. It amazes me.

## CAN UTILITARIANISM BE DEFENDED?

*Oliver Bater, Rendalls, Essay prize*

*Oliver Bater, has won the prestigious New College of Humanities Essay Competition. The competition, judged by A C Grayling, invited students to write essays on a range of different humanities subjects including philosophy, politics, economics and history.*

Ethics is dead. Markets are the new morality.

Free market exchange justified by utilitarianism has subtly but incontrovertibly become the ethical basis behind our society. Having discernibly shifted from a market economy to a market society, almost everything now can and should be commodified. Under the notion of an objective system of morality that can be universalised in any context, utilitarian principles (in their purest Benthamite form) now underpin our perception of right and wrong. Any free-market exchange maximises utility because both parties as rational individuals seek to maximise their individual utility through their actions, and thus is increasingly

condoned. Regardless of the intrinsic worth of a good, society now is willing to commodify and value monetarily previously sacrosanct or civic goods and positions: such as prison beds, pollution, university places and life insurance. Market thinking is hence the epitome of the pervasiveness of utilitarian thinking in our understanding of ethics.

Utilitarianism's appeal derives from its ability to shield us from our competing conceptions of morality: subjective ideas around religion, spirituality, sexuality and the natural world — particularly pertinent in an ever more diverse society with multitudes of different interpretations of morality. Utilitarianism is instead grounded in the morality of the value-neutral "principle of utility" proposed by Bentham, or as Joshua Greene simply put it: "the idea that we should try to make things overall better makes moral sense to everyone." Naturally, a major objection against utilitarianism is, of course, the inability to quantify such elusive concepts as pleasure and pain; however, instead of being reduced to the semantics of what constitutes utility (or whether even the entire notion of happiness is a flawed idea) this essay will seek to evaluate, under the assumption that utility is quantifiable, is Mill's dogma "we ought to bring the greatest balance of pleasure over pain" a justifiable ethical position to hold?

Superficially, the utilitarian rationale, celebrated by economists globally seems sound — in a free exchange both parties always benefit (utility is in the short term clearly maximised) and individual rights are maintained. However, in examining each "act" in isolation, economists often fail to recognise the consequences of legitimising the degrading and corruption of certain civic values in the long-term.

An interesting example of such corruption is the selling of the right to shoot Walrus. The Canadian Government permits the native Inuit, original subsistence hunters, to continue to hunt a certain quota of Atlantic walrus as a perseveration of their way of life. However, recently the Inuit have begun to sell their right to kill Walrus as a form of "trophy hunting" to individuals looking to complete the Arctic "Grand Slam" — the five most-prized Arctic trophy hunting animals. From a consequential perspective, all parties benefit: the Canadian Government maintains the population levels of an animal previously delimited by over-hunting through their quota; the Inuit gain additional income to supplement their community, and the shooters achieve their own distorted sense of satisfaction from killing the Walrus. Yet, there seems to be something morally disagreeable in treating wildlife as an object of sport- rather than a creature of intrinsic value. Killing a helpless walrus at close range simply to complete a list caters to a perverse desire, where the motive (the deontology) behind the action is wrong- irrespective of the consequences.

This example highlights two clear objections to utilitarian thinking: the theory fails to recognise intrinsic values which do not provide utility, and it disregards the motives of actions. Commercialisation (though backed by utilitarian principles) seems to corrupt and degrade the intrinsic values, which activities, institutions or objects should embody. Many argue that ideals such as honesty, knowledge, or environmental preservation should carry an inherent worth despite the external utility they cause. The commodification of blood donation is an archetypical example of where markets unequivocally change the meaning of social practices crowding out important non-market norms. Although commodifying blood donations may bring positive consequences through the act itself, by twisting donations into an economic transaction and eroding the inherent value of altruism — there will be unquantifiable changes in the general attitude towards charity which are not measured in the consequences of the act itself- shown as the number of free voluntary donations of blood has dramatically decreased in the United States in the years following its commodification .

In response, Joshua Greene defends utilitarianism using the neuroscience of dual-process theory around the traditional trolley

dilemma to suggest how our moral values are unreliable. He argues our moral intuitions- which we rationalise to form much of our non-consequentialist moral reasoning — have evolved in circumstances that discredit them as reliable sounds guides to what we ought to do. We should thus reject emotionally based automatic responses because they are contingent on our context, evolution and subjective viewpoints. In contrast, utilitarianism under the principle of "universal benevolence" weighs up our own interests equally against others — a principle which directly contradicts the evolutionary process — meaning it is immune from such evolutionary debunking arguments. Furthermore, the principle of utility ensures a sense of objectivity and universality in ethical thinking, in contrast to categorical thinking which is based on the subjective interpretation of which ideals should carry intrinsic value.

Henry Sidgwick further criticises the supposed intrinsic nature of certain values through anecdotal examples and "common sense morality". For example, it is naturally permissible to lie to a small child about who brings their Christmas presents, or about whether an illness they have been diagnosed with is likely to be curable — despite clearly breaking the categorical rule that "one should not lie"? Telling the truth only in certain scenarios means that honesty and veracity are not self-evident moral truths. Furthermore, such an example reflects how honesty like other categorical values only derives its relevance through instrumental rather than intrinsic values. We value honesty because it acts as good, not perfect, guide towards increasing happiness/the greater good — rather than for the value of honesty itself. Such categorical rules are indeed usually derived from the maximisation of utility following utilitarian principles- and hence it is usually the instrumental rather than the intrinsic value of the ideal we value.

However, there are more fundamental flaws in the hedonic calculus approach to ethics. Fyodor Dostoevsky and Ursula K. Le Guin both construct quasi-utopian societies in their books "The Brothers Karamazov" and "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas" in which all individuals experience unlimited utility and pleasure at expense of the complete misery/torture of an individual child. The crude cost-benefit analysis of Act Utilitarian logic would suggest that the existence of such societies would be morally positive, as the pleasure experienced by the majority vastly outweighs the cost to the individual child. However, this directly contradicts the modern notion of undeniable individual rights. Hence, act utilitarianism attempts to extend society into one "super person" (Nagel); however, such collectivist morality doesn't show sufficient respect for the rights of an individual. The persecution of an innocent for the benefit of the masses is clearly incompatible with a modern sense of justice and hence utilitarianism is too demanding an ethical theory to be able to justify as it requires the condoning of grave injustices.

Thus, Mill's more sophisticated application of Utilitarianism argues that we should instead focus on rules, which will bring about the best possible consequences in most circumstances — a form of Utilitarianism known as Rule Utilitarian- rather than just individual. This form is divided into Strong and Weak Rule Utilitarianism, in which the former contains rules which have undeniable instrumental value and should always be maintained, while the latter acknowledges that certain rules should have exceptions. Mill's harm principle "The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilised community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others." is an example of rule, which specifically governs against the abuse of the individual by society — and counters the traditional objection made against Bentham's theory.

However, there is clearly a paradox in that following strong rule-utilitarianism may lead an individual to follow ultimately rules (categorical principles), which will directly contradict the supposed basis of utilitarian principles (committing actions which indeed reduce utility), epitomised by the Ticking Time Bomb

analogy. It thus seems to be counter-intuitive, that Mill and later rule Utilitarians propose an ethical theory based on rules, which its principles fundamentally dictate should be broken.

It thus also ultimately very difficult to differentiate rule utilitarianism from the moral absolutist positions of Kant and Anscombe—particularly given the majority of Kant's categorical positions do derive from the maximisation of utility. Thus, most of the criticisms of Kantian Ethics are indeed also applicable to Rule Utilitarianism. Utilitarianism in this sense can be viewed as self-effacing, as it directs its adherents to follow other moral theories. Rule utilitarianism has even been labelled as essentially deontological, as it encourages a basis for morality, in which the morality of actions comes from following rules, rather than from the consequences of the individual actions themselves. The closest Utilitarians have been to reconciling this clear paradox is through Sidgwick's Method of Ethics, in which he argues that Utilitarians should accept flawed rules in public as the best possible guides for society, but secretly not follow them themselves. However, such "esoteric morality" or "morality for an enlightened"—as labelled by Bernard Williams—greatly limits the ability for such forms of Utilitarianism to be universalised and its use of a viable ethical theory.

In final analysis, although the principles of the act Utilitarianism are extremely intuitive and sound, its inability to guarantee individuals' rights means that it is too demanding an ethical theory to universalise. While, the failure of Rule Utilitarianism to truly differentiate itself from the Kantian categorical ethical system, ensures that it susceptible to the same objections, and likewise cannot be defended.

## OPEN WATER SWIMMING

### *Marlow Classic River Swim 3km*

Twelve brave Harrovians, the morning after Lord's, at 6am, crack of dawn, headed for Marlow and our first open water event of the year. The sun was shining, the day was a beauty for this sort of event — no wind and a perfect temperature. The boys piled into the mini-bus and were given some banana milk (?) and a croissant provided by our wonderful kitchens. There were smiles and eager anticipation, despite the obvious weariness from an exciting day the day before.

Will Stokes, coach extraordinaire, drove us to the verdant banks of the River Marlow in the Chilterns. This event was not too hardy as there was a Costa coffee van just next to registration that the boys took no time in raiding.

This was only the second time in Harrow swimming history that we have entered an open water event. The boys were a bit piecemeal with wetsuits of all shapes and sizes: surfing winter wetsuits with furry interiors (Ben Hooper, *The Head Master's*), cut-off shorty wetsuits (Harrison Layden-Fritz, *West Acre*), just a 70s leather-look vest (James Bailey, *Newlands*), wetsuits three sizes too big for them (Oliver Bater, *Rendalls*) and multicoloured spaceman wetsuits (Z-Za Bencharit, *Elmfield*, Ryan Nasskau, *West Acre*, Caspar Grundy, *Rendalls*, and William Tate, *The Knoll*). Those who blended in with the rest of the field were Dan Shailer, *Rendalls*, Maxwell Brooks, *West Acre*, and George Rates, *Newlands*. If there had been a prize for the most motley-looking crew, we would have taken that.

For many chaps, this was their first open water event and the donning of the wetsuits proved a bit troublesome for a few. Bater had no excuse as this was not his first time. However, he still did attempt to put on his wetsuit, not only inside out, but also back to front. What? Fourteen A\*s at GCSE and this was too tricky for him? I am not sure if this was the biggest boob of the day however. Grundy cannot seem to count to four as that is how many laps we were told to do to complete the 3km course. For some reason he exited the water after two laps and

did not understand why no one else was around. Maths A-level beaks who teach Grundy, please take this information on board. The good news is that if Grundy had been signed up for the 1.5km swim, he would have come fifth overall.

Hooper, though a swimming legend and certainly no stranger in the water, had never swum an open water event before but, surprisingly, after the race starter got rid of the swans that were blocking the start of the event, Hooper steamed out immediately and his rototiller arms blasted a path for the other swimmers. He completed the four laps before anyone else, winning overall. He was over a minute in front of the swimmer in second place, who came up to Hooper after the race and said that Hooper most certainly would have gone quite a bit quicker if he had not been weaving back and forth. Perhaps it was that banana milk!

Next in of the Harrow swimmers was Brooks, who came third overall in this race: an amazing achievement. He was also first junior. Like Hooper, he also had never swum an open water event before. He just let his arms and legs do their usual thing in the water, not stopping to think too much about the goose droppings that were floating past our faces, and kept in front of all but two of the rest of the pack. Well done, Brooks.

Rates was third man in from Harrow, second junior and that was even with a cheeky tap and huge grin mid-stroke aimed at RMT, catching her eye as he lapped her. George came seventh overall in this race.

Bater, with wetsuit the right way around, came in fourth for Harrow, 12th overall. Layden-Fritz, also a first timer, was fifth for Harrow, and fourteenth overall.

Another top-15 finisher was Bencharit who, before the race, was not so keen. However, after his stellar performance, he seemed to be interested in perhaps having another go sometime.

Bailey and Shailer, having not spent as much time recently in the pool training as they would have liked because of A-levels, enjoyed this event and finished in the top 30.

Finally, and perhaps most impressive of all were Nasskau and Tate, who showed real Harrow Lion spirit in signing up for this event. Some of the men at the race at the mass, crash-bang, frothy start, were perhaps three times their size. It can be a scary event. Nasskau and Tate are to be congratulated for holding their nerve throughout and completing the course in the top half of the field.

This was an excellent way to round off our successful swim season of 2017-2018. Well done to all who took part.

## CRICKET

### *School v Kingston Grammar School*

2nd XI Won by 61 runs

School 205 for 3 in 30 overs, KGS 144 for 8 in 30 overs

A convincing win for Harrow against Kingston GS 1st XI. Otto Stroyan, *The Grove*, marked his 2nd XI debut with an assured 89 not out. This innings, along with solid contributions from Smith, *Druries*, and Jafree, *Elmfield*, allowed the hosts to set a formidable total which never seemed to be in danger of being surpassed.

Stroyan 89\*, Jafree 61, Smith 30, Kirby 3 wickets for 16 runs

Yearlings B v KGS Under-14A

School on by 5 wickets, KGS 112 for 9 in 25 overs, Harrow 113 for 5 in 17 overs

Yearlings D v KGS Under-14 C, won by 54 Runs

Harrow 157 for 6 in 20 overs

KGS 103 for 5 in 20 overs



A great way to cap off an outstanding unbeaten season with this great group of boys. Cullindale 35\*

*Harrow v St Edward's, Oxford*

JCA XI, Lost by 26 runs, St Edward's 155 for 8 in 30 overs  
Harrow 129 for 9 in 30 overs

Yearlings A, Won by 119 runs, Harrow 269 for 5 in 35 overs,  
St Edward's 150 for 8 in 35 overs

Harrow produced a fine all-round performance to defeat St Edward's. The cornerstone of Harrow's innings was a well-paced stand of 147 for the second wicket between Cutler (75) and Chatwin (77). That allowed Ferreira, Phillips and Newall to add quick runs at the end to take Harrow to a monster 269 for 5 off their 35 overs. St Edwards got off to a quick start but Ashworth took the vital early wicket of Horton. Nelson bowled a crucial spell of seven overs for 19 to really put the pressure on. Hern and Kersher put on 76 for the second wicket at five an over until Nelson bowled Hern with a beauty. Now it was a question of keeping the dangerous Kersher away from the strike and Harrow did this very well. Newall and Chatwin then produced excellent spells to take Harrow home, with Kersher finally falling to Newall for 69. It was a hard-earned win but satisfying win against a batting line up that had two 1st XI players.  
Cutler 75, Chatwin 77

*Yearlings A v Merchant Taylor's, Northwood  
Middlesex Under-14 Cup*

*The School Won by 4 wickets, MTS 182 for 8 in 40  
overs, Harrow 184 for 6 in 40 overs*

Harrow won the Middlesex Cup but it was not easy. Merchant Taylors' won the toss and batted on a sweltering day. The Harrow spinners reduced their oppositions to 61 for 6 with Ashworth taking 3 for 22 off his eight overs. But the seamers could not maintain the pressure and Merchant Taylors' had a 74 stand for the seventh wicket. Only good late spells from Nelson and Max Shirvell kept MTs to 182 for 8 off their 40 overs. Harrow also lost early wickets and were 61 for 4. But Ferreira dug in to make 54 and had great support from Phillips (28) and Newall (27 not out). In the end, Harrow won with seven overs to spare as MTs struggled to find a reliable fifth bowler. A fitting end to a fine season.

*1st XI v MCC*

*School lost by 2 wickets, Harrow 264 all out, MCC 265  
for 8*

An excellent game against an MCC side containing no fewer than ten Old Harrovians. Harrow batted first and scored 264. Dicketts top-scored with 84 and Wijeratne scored 82. In reply, Harrow fielded well but dropped crucial chances. Assani and Will Spencer scored 100 for the seventh wicket and showed the team how to chase. A great game for Harrow cricket.  
Dicketts 84, Wijeratne 82

*Stowe T20 Competition*

*Semi-finals, 1st XI v Stamford, School won by 61 runs,  
Harrow 192, Stamford 131 all out*

A good win for the XI. Harrow won the toss and chose to bat. Ferreira batted superbly for 82 and was superbly assisted by Falcon, who smeared 42 from just 14 deliveries. The fielding was excellent and the pressure proved to much for Stamford. Chohan took 4 in an over including a hat-trick.

*1st XI v Stowe, School lost by 34 runs, Stowe 121 v  
Harrow 87 all out*

Harrow lost a low-scoring game on a sticky dog of a track. Harrow bowled superbly to keep Stowe to 121 from their 20 overs with wickets shared around. Harrow struggled with the low and slow bounce and were bowled out for 87 in reply. A good day of cricket but we could not quite defend the trophy of last year.

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