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Welcome from the Chair



"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times". So began Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities".

As I write to introduce these Notes, I wonder how we will all look back upon our experiences of the last few months. It has of course been a time which has incorporated much sadness, not a little grief and introduced a way of life that is unrecognisable from what we have become used to. And yet, over the coming months, it may also prove to be a time when some things changed, we hope, for the better: when we have learnt to appreciate once more the importance of having a healthy work/life balance; to care more than ever for those closest to us; to pause and reflect; and to give our planet a chance to draw breath. As we begin to return to a semblance of (socially distanced) normality, we hear our teachers' words echoing from the past: "Look, listen and learn".

The recent heartwarming reports of community minded initiatives, spontaneous generosity and sacrifice will no doubt resound with those senior Dunstonians who will recall the experiences of the

wartime evacuation. Their memories are recounted in this edition and it is a fascinating collection of reminiscences, which I hope you will enjoy.

Whilst on the subject of looking back it is exciting to report that the College's and Association's archives, so long neglected and underused, are about to undergo a transformation. As a first step, all the Chronicles will soon be available online to Dunstonians and will incorporate a search function to help you search for that reference in a cricket or drama report from 50 years ago.

Over the coming years we will build on this first step by enhancing this online archive facility with dramatic, musical, sporting and photographic memorabilia. As those of you who have visited the College recently and will have seen in the display cases, this renaissance of our archives has already started, initially by Andrew Johnstone who was passionate about the importance of archive material. Andrew has now moved on to face new challenges and our best wishes go with him. The project however has been carried on by Isabelle Blake-James with invaluable help from Jemima Davenport and others.

Our social calendar so far this year has of course been affected by Covid. It was a great shame that our dinner in March to celebrate 25 years of co-education had to be postponed but we hope to rearrange it as soon as possible. Commemoration Day in May was transformed by the miracles of modern technology into an online virtual spectacle but I know many of you are already looking forward to the event returning to the "real world" next year. The College Arts Festival incorporating a Sporting Dinner and our September Family Day have both had to be given a leave of

absence this year. However, 2021 is likely to be a busy year – so please look out for "Save the Date" notices in the regular email newsletters.

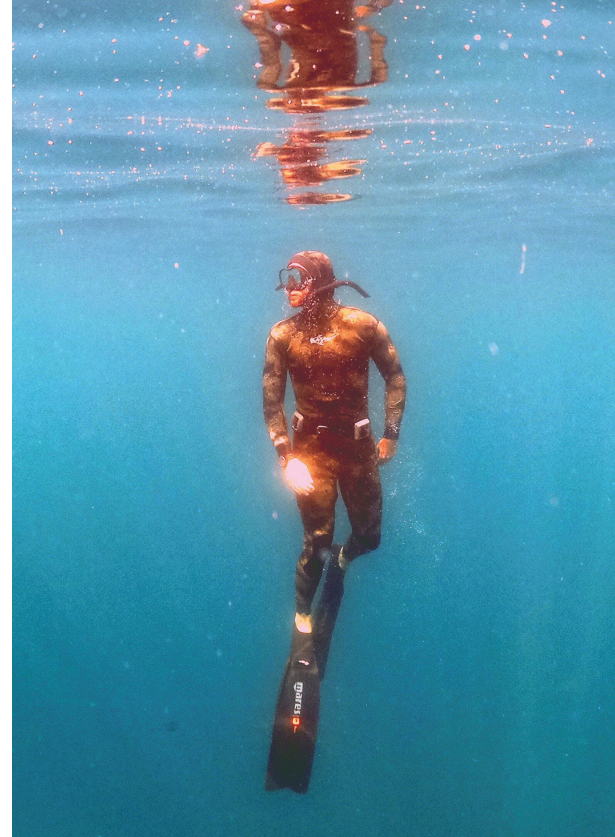
In this edition of The Notes, you can read about the exciting progress of the redevelopment at the College to create a new Junior School, Science technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) block and Sixth Form Centre. There are also plans for a Performing Arts Centre and new Sports and Leisure Centre (incorporating a relocation of the Fives courts), which the Association is thoroughly committed to supporting in whatever way we can and I hope over the coming months that our part of the Dunstonian community can help the College realise those aspirations.

As you may have already noticed, this edition of The Notes is somewhat different from its precursors. As reported in the last edition, Bob Rangecroft has decided to put the cap on his editor's pen after no less than 50 editions. He has however remained at the heart of this evolution of The Notes and worked tirelessly with Isabelle Blake-James to ensure that the quality of its content is no less than its readership has come to expect over the years. We hope you enjoy the new format and we would be delighted to know what you think and of any ideas for future content.

Finally, although it may not yet be the "best of times", may I, on behalf of the Committee, conclude this welcome by wishing you all an enjoyable and healthy summer.

David Edwards ('83)
Chair of The Dunstonian Association

DUNSTONIAN NEWS



Roy Payton ('53) Busy during lockdown!

Roy joined the 2.6 Marathon challenge to raise funds for Chestnut Tree House Children's Charity, completed the marathon and raised nearly £500 for the Charity. He is the oldest recipient of the BBC Sussex Community Heroes Award. Roy now walks a marathon each week and during lockdown he has walked over 200 miles around the grounds of Bernhard Baron Cottage Homes where he lives. He intends to keep walking until he celebrates his 84th Birthday on Trafalgar Day (21st October). He also decided to read one book a week during lockdown.



Shark Conservationist Greg Holder ('10)

SDC welcomed back former pupil Greg Holder to the College. During the day Greg spoke to pupils about his work in shark conservation in South Africa near Durban and the part we can all play in protecting them. He was also the guest of honour at the Year 13 Scholars' Symposium and had the hard task of judging the Sixth Formers' displays. You can find out more about Greg's work including the possibility of internships at www.sharklife.co.za.

Jeremy Burton's book published ('61)

Jeremy's first (and last!) book of travel, "We never sleep- who does in economy class?", a collection of anecdotes spanning more than 25 years was recently published by Austin Macaulay Publishers (www.austinmacaulay.com.)



Christmas drinks 2019 at the Jubilee Ground

Christmas drinks at the Jubilee for the last ten years' leavers has now become a staple in the Dunstonian calendar of events – all attendees were given a goodie bag containing the College's 2019 Chronicle as well as a branded power bank and a copy of *The Shield*. They were joined by suitably Christmassy deers...

John White ('55) on Stephen Chaplin ('52)

– a local artist

"I was very interested to see the notification of the death R 'Ralph' Palfrey ('52) in the Autumn 2019 OD Notes from Stephen (not Steven) Chaplin. I have sent him a copy of this. He says I am now the person who has known him the longest! He lived nearly opposite us in Lancing Road Orpington; my parents were very friendly with his (having roots in the Brockley area). Stephen and I went to the same school in Orpington (Montclair House School) as did one or two other ODs: the late D N 'Donald' Andrews ('39) died 1997, Dr B J 'Brian' Bush ('54), the late Keith Harrington ('53) died 2016, Dr Andrew Parker ('60) and the Gambling boys.

Chaplin's father and mine were ARP Wardens together. His father was injured by a V2 which fell behind a house at the bottom of our road on 1 March 1945 at 8.23am - per the book Doodlebugs and Rockets, but Stephen says this is two minutes out! His father, Ivor, was right outside and I believe he was blown across the road; never worked again as I remember it. I remember him well and my father often went to visit him after this; he had worked for Brown Shipley, then a well-known Merchant Bank. I was in the hall of our house as the front door came in and Stephen

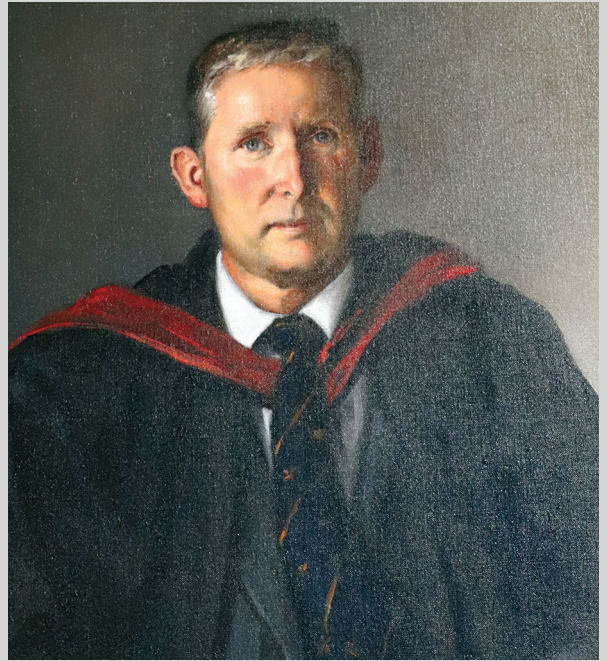


was about to leave for school as well; I can still see the pall of dust and smoke billowing up the road (then unmade!).

Stephen became an art teacher (via The Slade) and our ways parted for many years. One day a friend rang me and said "you must go to an art exhibition by Stephen Chaplin in Orpington". This was of his memories of the war (he was older than me). I did, and at about half way round my tour of the exhibition was a painting of his father and mine sitting round the fire in his parent's house after a night on ARP duty. How he remembered my Dad's profile I really don't know, but it was uncanny! As result of this Stephen and I met again and have remained good friends. However, I never knew that his father, Ivor, who died in 1961, was an OD who had left SDC in 1914!

I have copies of the local paper write up of his 2007 Orpington Exhibition, copies of the detailed captions to all 39 painting which were exhibited (my Dad being in No17!), and a brief biography which went with these - The Slade, degree in art history at the Courtauld Institute, taught at Leeds College of Art, then taught at Leeds University 1991 to 1997, Archivist at The Slade).

Stephen did murals for Orpington Hospital and I think Bromley as well. There was a retrospective exhibition of his work at Leeds Alumnus Day in October 2016. More recently, I understand some of his work is included in the recently opened Battle of Britain Museum at Biggin Hill."



Thoughts in retirement

Headmaster Ian Davies (1998-2004)

'I must apologise for keeping such a low profile for the last 15 years, but having departed in September 2004 to take up the Headship of Brentwood School, I turned 60 in May 2019 and retired at the end of August after nearly 22 years as a Head. Long enough for anyone!'

Writing prior to the current UK lockdown, Davies explains that 'Sara and I retired to the Essex coast (Shoeburyness), and have made full use of Southend Airport in my first term of freedom. We had intended to travel even more extensively after Christmas, but I have been persuaded by an old friend to take up the Interim Headship of a school in Barnet, North London, for two terms until their new Head starts there in September. So, all plans on hold until September 2020.'

'I look back on my time at St Dunstan's with great fondness, and am still – and will be eternally grateful for – the help and support of the wonderful senior staff at the school when I arrived there. Tim Pratt, Simon Thorogood, Norrie Wallace and John Gaskell were all towers of strength and Jane Davies, of course, was my best appointment as Deputy Head. How time flies; Jane has now retired and Nick Hewlett is doing a splendid job as current Headmaster.

'It is great to see that John Grundy and Stuart Robertson continue as stalwarts of the Old Dunstonian community. The College is so fortunate to have men of such stature, integrity and energy who show such interest in the happenings of their school. I remain indebted to them for their friendship and support, and hope one day soon to be able to get out to play golf with them again.

Please also share my email address – iand3096@gmail.com – with anyone who wishes to have it. It will always be a pleasure to meet ODs near and far when I eventually do retire for good.



BOB RANGEYCROFT

RETIRES AS OD NOTES EDITOR AFTER 25 YEARS

'Sorry to hear confirmation that all good things come to an end – by which I mean your sterling work over the many years on *OD Notes*. As an early convert to digital communications, I'm pleased to note that this is now the standard method for *Notes*' distribution. I am only sorry that it will not be you that I advise early next year of my forthcoming book *We never sleep - who does in economy class?* with due reference to St Dunstan's, but I am sure you will still get to read an item if your successor agrees to include it
J H 'Jeremy' Burton ('61)

'Trust you will now have some time to enjoy your "second" retirement – thanks indeed for the tremendous effort as *Notes* Editor over so many years – a great achievement.'
MT 'Martin' Hodgson ('62) from Australia

'Sorry to see that you are hanging out the nib to dry – wonderful job, your dry wit bringing many a smirk to my cracked old face over the years.

'Apropos of nothing, I am amazed that old Dick Ellerby hung on so long – must have been those long circuits of the sports field, trudging round in all too brief school issue PT shorts. Bill Morris's name also fetched a wintry smile as I recall obtaining the lowest ever end of year mark given to a first-year Latin pupil – 14%.

'Anyone beat that? I gave up Latin after the first year by mutual consent

which I must admit stood me in very good stead in my ensuing military and commercial career. The lesson learnt? Never reinforce failure!'

R J S 'Jim' Penny ('64)

'... thanking for all your work when I was on the committee for I think a mere eight years as we tried to bring the ODA more up to date and get SDC involved. Best wishes for now and again many thanks to all you have done and your outstanding contribution to Dunstonian life.'

R G 'Richard' Fletcher ('67)

'Expect you will be getting lots of messages to congratulate on your 50th anniversary – wish you well for a well-earned retirement from editing the *Notes*. With an ex-*Notes* Editor father in the Newton family - the late J W 'John' Newton ('44) - we fully understand just what a big task that is and how time consuming it can be. Enjoy your new-found freedom!' **MS 'Mark' Newton ('77)**

'I was interested to read your comments about Charlton. I went to the Leeds match and revelled in their victory, not realising of course that it would be another 12 games before another win. Our hopes were so high at that time, dreaming of another golden era, possibly replicating their glory years 1934-37. It was not to be but let's hope the new owners invest wisely in the club. (Indeed so! – Ed)
'Very disappointed to hear that you have

decided to step down as *Notes* Editor but I suppose that after 25 years it is not that surprising. I always thought that we had a bit in common because I think we overlapped at school by about three years in the 1950s – in fact, you might even have been in my platoon in R Company in the CCF. If you were, you would have passed Cert A part 1 at the first attempt as I had a 100% record that year.'

DA 'Dave' Hardy ('58)

We will meet again

D P R 'David' Peddy ('65) emailed in to report having finally managed to make contact with R 'Richard' Brook ('65) after 55 years: 'It was a long and highly convoluted process. Richard still lives in the Bickley/Chislehurst area and told me that he has had some contact over the years with ODs through his work and some sport.

When we are both in London we hope to meet up. As mentioned previously, I remain in regular contact with another contemporary D 'Derek' Pearson ('66) who lives in Cirencester."



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Consecrated 24 September 1937



THE ELLERBY EFFECT

With lockdown just upon us all, a gratifying email came from M St J 'Mike' Markin ('65): 'Probably one of the silent minority, I have followed the *Notes* over the years and have reached that certain age when things should be said before it is too late!'

'I took physics, was offered a PhD in Antarctica, almost filling the geographical gap in OD coverage identified in your last edition, and got married instead – Golden Wedding just completed in lock-down!'

'An impressive long stint as Editor – terrific read – and you happened to have been an extraordinary personal role model. I was modest of stature, unbelievably shy, but ultra keen on sport, and with some strange inbuilt determination. Your demeanour, actions, and the way you swirled that gown, etc. made a lasting impression about leadership, really!'

'So I was hugely conscientious as a sub-prefect, and I hope reasonably successful. Very rare appearance of duty master on a winter morning: "Markin – a boy has been cornered in the Fives Court, an angry mob is going to kill him with ice balls – sort it out!'

'My somewhat related point is that the master who made a man of me was College master, the late 'Dick' Ellerby, (obit in Autumn 2019 *Notes*). He showed me through rugby, sub-aqua, CCF as one of the 'hard men' on Dartmoor etc how far one's personal boundaries really are beyond anything you thought was possible.

'As a result I had a grand career doing lots of science and test flying as a civilian in MoD, a full-on operational intelligence tour leading the most stretching stuff all over the world, and finished as the Chief Scientist in Whitehall advising three Prime Ministers in times of crisis...'

Markin concluded by adding that he would like to write to Ellerby's son and could OD *Notes* provide any sort of contact route within the ethics of data protection? We were happy to oblige and a suitable tribute to our former schoolmaster has, no doubt, made its way from Markin to Ellerby Jnr at his home in Norfolk.

Your ex-Editor can vouch for Markin's comments on Harold Ellerby. 'I don't think I exaggerate if I say that Ellerby could be a hard taskmaster and was never what you might term a "normal" schoolmaster but did instil some serious thoughts about self-belief, being self-critical, and the vital importance of always full applying oneself to the task in hand.'

'His "advice" (not quite the right word but readers from a number of OD generations will know what I mean!) to those of us who were rather pleased with our sporting achievements was blunt. You weren't achieving anything worthwhile or really playing the game if not stretching yourself to your limits – and, ideally, always trying to push beyond them. Invaluable lessons to take on from school into real life!'

It has been a very strange period since The Old Dunstonian Lodge last met up. The brethren had been busily preparing for their next meeting, learning their lines and making plans, then STOP! Covid-19 reached our shores and the Government implemented lockdown. Our April meeting was cancelled.

To some this probably came a relief, as in life, many leave learning their part right until the last minute, to others a great disappointment. Freemasonry, and indeed Freemasons are not immune to Covid-19, despite what some people think, we are just normal people in everyday life that cherish friendship, Brotherly love, charity and beneficence.

It has, however, presented us with an opportunity to extend our hand of friendship and reach out to help as many friends and neighbours in time of need. Freemasonry gives millions of pounds every year to charitable causes to purchase such needed things as a CyberKnife, air ambulances, and high reach turntables for the Fire Brigade to reach up to 60 stories high.

But there are thousands of Freemasons out there helping their friends and neighbours everyday in some small way, not as 'Freemasons' but in a quiet, private way, letting their actions reflect those tenets and principals that they have been taught in the Lodge.

This has also been a good time to talk to each other (there are numerous forms of social media to use nowadays), engage with each other and others. Many of us have used to time to explain Freemasonry to people who do not know what we do or what Masonry is all about. If you want to know more about Freemasonry, thinking about joining or just curious, this is a good time to find out.

Meet our new archives volunteer



**Iain Macdowall('81)
Goosey House**

When did you leave St Dunstan's college and what did you end up doing as a career?

I left St Dunstons in 1981. After university I "accidentally" got a job in the Lloyd's insurance market (like so many others), and have spent the last 30 odd years there.

What is your fondest memory of St Dunstan's College?

Lunchtimes in Room 4 (that's the room on the right, just before the link to the dining hall). I won't bore you with the details – suffice to say that boys will be boys....I also have happy memories of CCF camps.

Who was your most inspiring teacher and what impact did he/she have on your future career?

I have vivid memories of many of the teachers from that era – who could forget ROD Hughes, "Jack" Reynolds or Dai Rees, to name but a few?

Whilst I can't pinpoint one who had a particular impact on my career, I have fond memories of Ken Douie (Head of Lower School) – a very kind-hearted and generous man, Martin Preston who displayed endless enthusiasm and dedication to the school's theatrical productions, and Peter Thompson who, as well as being an excellent History teacher, was possessed of a very caustic wit. Any sub-standard essays would be forensically (and hilariously) demolished in front of the entire class. Great fun, as long as you weren't the author of the essay in question....

What prompted you to become a volunteer for the Archives?

I recently cut down to one or two days a week at work, and was keen to find a regular voluntary role. I had already come across SDC's digital archives online, which I thought were an excellent innovation, so when I saw that SDC was looking for a volunteer archivist it seemed a perfect opportunity to reconnect with the school.

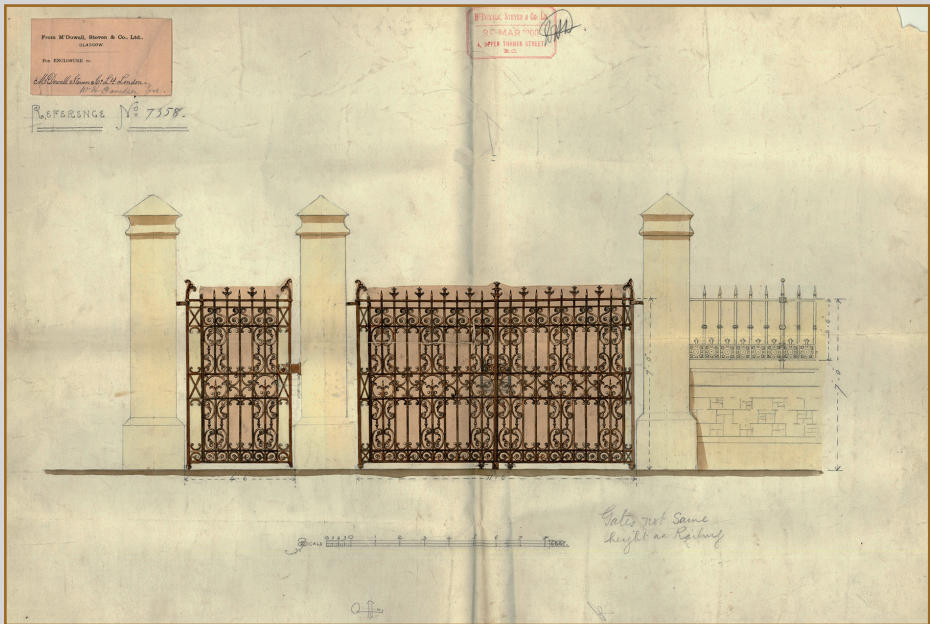
When you visited back the College recently, what is the first memory that sprung to mind?

I think I only visited SDC once between 1981 and 2020, so my recent tour of the school with Isabelle was a real trip down memory lane. Physically, much is unchanged, although a change of ethos since my time there (for the better!) was immediately apparent. While the "main sights" (Great Hall, dining hall etc) were much as I remembered them, a couple of unremarkable places gave me a startling sense of déjà vu – one was the "alley way" that leads from the changing rooms to the playground, and the other was one of the chemistry labs.

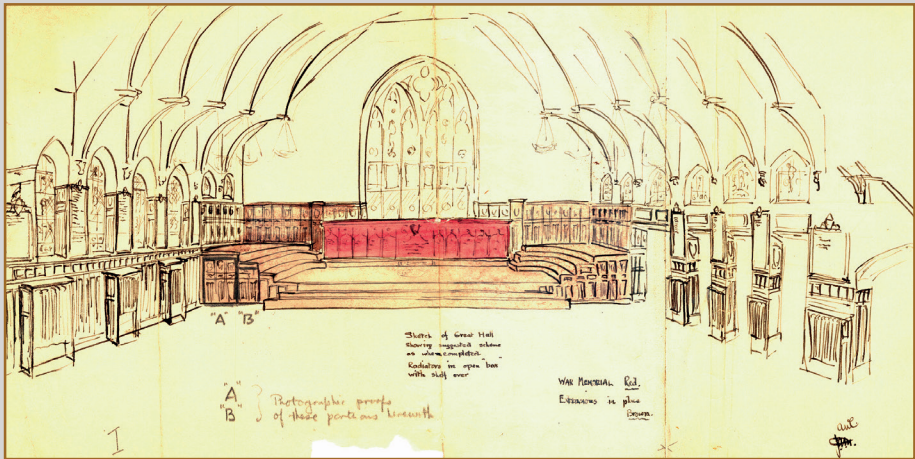
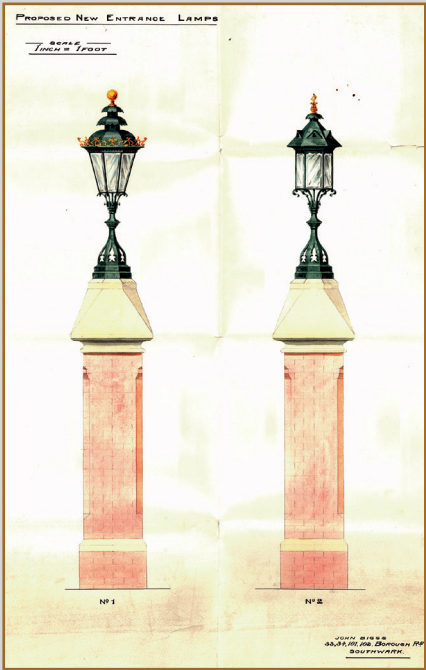
What would be your word of advice to our Year 13 students about to embark on their adult life?

It's all downhill from here? Perhaps not...I would advise them, however, to maintain the friendships that they have formed at school. In my experience, these will stand the test of time.

PLANS FROM THE ARCHIVES



The original architect for the College was Sir William Tite who also designed the Royal Exchange, but it is his successor, Mr Clifton, who altered Tite's plan a couple of decades later to include iron railings at the front overlooking Stanstead Road.





ROUND UP

Sport

Sport in lockdown

Slim pickings for sports enthusiasts as the Covid 19 lockdown curtails OD rugby with roughly a third of scheduled matches unplayed, Golf Society activities on hold since mid-March and any prospect of OD Cuaco getting onto the cricket field this season in serious doubt. An irony all round given April's excellent weather – quite the best for quite some years - leaving players and supporters hoping for better times soon.

Rugby

Along with the rest of UK sport, rugby ended abruptly at Langley Park in early March, leaving four league fixtures not played and three games over the Easter weekend in Cornwall cancelled for the first time in post-war years. With no prospect of resumption, the RFU declared the 2019-20 season finished, assigning ODRFC to fifth place in its league – confirming the mid-table position that the Club occupied for most of the season. Indeed, the club seems to be firmly rooted in the London South East 3 league: good enough to steer clear of relegation but without the consistency or ambition to go for promotion.

This season has, in fact, proved no different from recent years when the 1st XV at times produces some compelling team performances but is unable to identify or maintain a winning formula. The touchline experience is a rollercoaster of delight and disappointment, when, for example, a magnificent draw against league leaders Ashford one week is followed by a listless defeat to bottom of the table Uckfield the next. With insufficient player numbers committing to regular training and playing programmes, it remains difficult to establish a settled side and achieve the standard of play of which this group is clearly capable.

Undoubtedly, under the captaincy of Sam Perry, the 1st XV showed glimpses of a brand of 'total' rugby that all opponents found difficult to match. At its best, usually on the flat, manicured surface of Langley Park, the team could play with pace and precision, resulting in some memorable scores. Equally, a new, well-drilled defensive structure at times appeared impregnable. Occasionally, this more reliable home form was replicated on the road, as demonstrated by the excellent 'double' achieved over an Aylesford side only recently returned from the league above.



Stalwarts of the OD forward effort have been Josh Ajiboye, who is fast developing into a formidable force at tight head prop, and veteran flanker Alex Lake who, after 100 appearances, remains as combative as ever at this level. Fran Pennachia enjoyed an outstanding debut season in the centre while Mike Ubee once again provided the composure and fortitude from fly-half to put the team into winning positions and get them out of losing ones.

With captain Simon Burgess and vice-captain Andy Wren at the helm again and leading from the front, the 2nd XV looked set for another successful campaign in the Kent Spitfire league, but continuous first team call-ups took their toll and consequent match cancellations dashed any title hopes. However, as more players take their opportunity in the premier side, the club will benefit from a more integrated, competitive and experienced senior squad.

Player numbers remain the single most important challenge facing junior rugby clubs. Next season, Old Dunstonian colours will be worn by minis and colts as the club looks to invest in its junior playing membership to secure a long-term future. Strengthening relationships with SDC will hopefully also bolster player recruitment with Langley Park able to provide a vibrant and social rugby community for those keen to continue their involvement in the game.

For more information and membership packages visit www.odrfc.co.uk or contact M A 'Mike' Rogers ('69) maraboyne@gmail.com.

1st XV Appearances (max 18)

Perry S, Raleigh D, Ubee M (17); Ajiboye J, Lake A, Penacchia F (16); Gobir J (14); Booth A *1 (13); Condon G *3, Jefferys P, Keppe N, Mann J *3, McCullough, Nagel J, Raleigh A *4 (12); Jebb L (9); Golden O *2, Hart G 84, Payne M *2 (7); Bozier R *1, Palmer R *1, Pecorella J *5, Smith C G (6); Edwards B *4, McClune M *5, McNamara T *2, Oddy J *2 (5); Connelly M, Methven J, Mills J-P *3, Skilbeck M *1, Sutton D (4); Burgess M (3); Burgess S *1, Burnham T, Nagel C *2, Richardson G, Traynor M *2 (2); Ajiboye A, Sawyer A *1, Wren A *1 (1).

*Replacement

1st XV Scorers

Tries (59)

Gobir J (12); Penacchia F (8); Nagel J (6); Ajiboye J, Jefferys P, Perry S (4); Raleigh A, Raleigh D (3); Bozier R, Ubee M (2); Ajiboye A, Booth A, Burgess M, Condon G, Connelly M, Hart G, Jebb L, Lake A, McCulloch A, Nagel C, Richardson G (1).

Penalty Try (1)

Conversions (37)

Ubee M (36); Burgess S (1).

Penalties (12)

Ubee M (12).

Drop Goals (0)

1st XV Results 2019-20

14.9	Park House *	Away	Won	32 - 29
21.9	Vigo *	Home	Lost	26 - 38
28.9	Bromley *	Away	Lost	10 - 20
5.10	Old Williamsons *	Away	Won	30 - 29
19.10	Ashford *	Home	Drawn	27 - 27
26.10	Uckfield *	Away	Lost	12 - 33
9.11	Aylesford Bulls *	Home	Won	44 - 17
16.11	Gillingham Anchorians *	Away	Lost	15 - 17
23.11	Heathfield & Waldron *	Home	Won	28 - 13
7.12	Folkestone *	Away	Lost	15 - 36
14.12	Pulborough *	Home	Won	40 - 19
26.12	Old Elthamians f	Home	Club Game	
11.1	Vigo *	Away	Won	25 - 21
18.1	Bromley *	Home	Lost	7 - 15
25.1	Old Williamsons *	Home	Won	38 - 19
01.2	Ashford *	Away	Lost	7 - 33
15.2	Uckfield *	Home	Lost	5 - 18
22.2	Aylesford Bulls *	Away	Won	27 - 26
29.2	Gillingham Anchorians *	Home	Won	27 - 12

All subsequent fixtures not played due to Covid-19: Heathfield & Waldron * (A), Folkestone * (H), Pulborough * (A), Penryn (A), Falmouth (A), Truro (A). Park House * (H)

*London 3 South East league match

A XV Results 2019-20

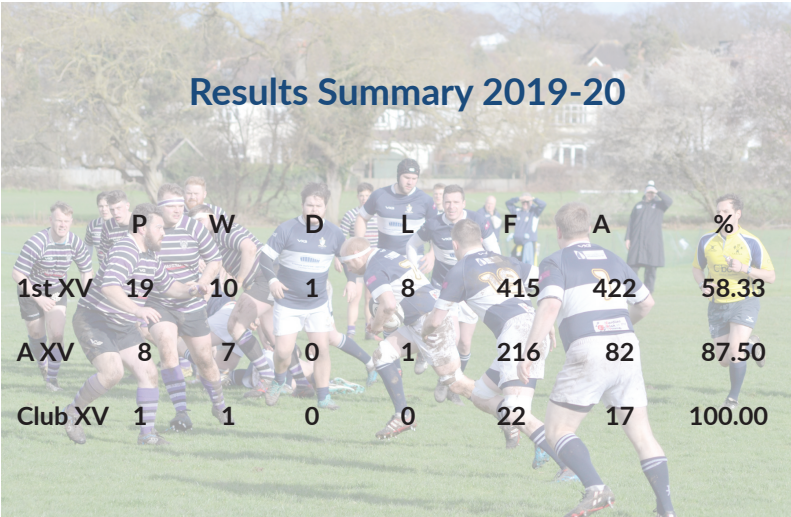
19.10	Beccehamians 2 *	Away	Won	35 - 14
26.10	Sidcup 3 *	Home	Won	22 - 5
9.11	Old Elthamians 3 *	Home	Won	22 - 0
23.11	Southwark *	Away	Won	19 - 10
14.12	Blackheath Bandits *	Home	Lost	15 - 31
11.01	Charlton Park *	Away	Won	32 - 0
18.01	Beccehamians *	Home	Won	35 - 12
22.02	Southwark *	Home	Won	34 - 12

ODRFC '200' Club

The winners of the first two 2020 draws were:

February: 1st John Heather £140, 2nd David Edwards £70, 3rd David Baker £50, 4th Dominic Stoffel £40.

May: 1st John Hemsley £140, 2nd Alistair Moore £70, 3rd Pat Thomas £50, 4th Dom Pratt £40.



Results Summary 2019-20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
1 st XV	19	10	1	8	415	422	58.33
A XV	8	7	0	1	216	82	87.50
Club XV	1	1	0	0	22	17	100.00



At the moment the position is that there will be no professional cricket before start of July at the earliest. We can only hope that this is also the worst case scenario for amateur club cricket and keep fingers crossed that we may, in time, get some better news.

And there has been good news despite the uncertainty. We have been successful in securing a new sponsorship deal for this season which has been a major boost in our efforts to ensure we continue to pay our way as a Club and to press on with further improvements on and off the field.

At the same time, response to our recent appeal for continued support through subscriptions and donations has been overwhelmingly positive. It has allowed us to stay on budget in meeting our general overheads and to ensure we pay our groundsman who has been doing a fine job of keeping both pitch and outfield in good shape while we wait for better times.

The close season has also seen useful work taking place on improvements to the Clubhouse and ground. The square was successfully re-laid after the close of the

season last September, a re-vamp of the Club scoreboard has since been completed, and we are now adding a new secure storage shed alongside which should be completed shortly. And when we do get playing, it will be with a new floor and redecoration in the toilets and showers!

In addition, our 200 club is still going strong with 50% of all monies handed back in prizes and the balance helping to fund improvements at the club. It's just £20 a year to join; to pay by Direct Debit follow the link at <http://www.odcuaco.co.uk/200-club.html> If you're already paying by DD or standing order, then thanks for your continued support; thanks, too, if you're about to join – it's much appreciated.

In short, despite the hold-up in getting onto the field, we continue to make progress and to pay our way but donations are always welcome. So, our thanks go to all who have contributed to keeping the Club in shape and a gentle reminder to those who have not yet paid their subs to do so if they can – the reduced rates are still available!

A W 'Andy' Rouse ('83), Executive Chairman;
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Real Tennis and College fives

Former Association, Chairman R G 'Richard' Fletcher ('67), was in touch to report being currently hors de combat – at the time 'in week 10 of 24 recuperating from wreck all my tendons and ligaments in my right arm, shoulder and back muscles – after playing real tennis at Bristol in October.

'The Bristol courts were set up relatively recently at Clifton College where I remember Stan Holt took us on tour in 1966 when he thought we need good practice before the Public Schools fives. We played Colston's, Clifton and Bristol GS and slept in a makeshift dorm in the sports room at Colston's. Happy days!

'On which general subject, I am encouraged by the recent College fives courts refurbishments and possible new courts in the development at Catford.'

GOLF

The Old Dunstonian Golf Society, founded in 1950, is OD golfers' own Club with its own events list and annual club competitions for its cups and other trophies, held at various venues mostly in the South East of England.

- Captains Day - 18 holes stapleford; 18 holes team four-ball - various venues.
- Summer Meeting- 18 holes stapleford ; 18 holes team four-ball - various venues
- Autumn Tour - various formats and venues
- Christmas Fayre - 18 holes; Lunch; Society AGM - Knowle Park Golf Club, Sevenoaks,

Dunstonians and golfing friends are most welcome to join us. Cost per day is about £70-£90 for two rounds of golf and lunch. Handicaps are kept to 24 for the games but this does not mean you need an official handicap, just as long as you enjoy and enter the spirit of the day.

Current Society Officials -

Captain: Trevor Smith

Vice-Captain: Ian Pressney

Hon Secretary: Ian Pressney

Hon Treasurer: Keith Norman

For full details of the Society and its activities contact the ODGS Hon Secretary, Ian Pressney – ipressney@hotmail.com

Unfortunately, recent destinations of society members to Rye GC for the Spring meeting and Knole Park for the Grafton Morrish qualifier had to be postponed due to the current pandemic. Golf lends itself to gentle 'lifting' of the lockdown, so I am hopeful that we'll be able to keep the Summer meeting date at Crowborough and will look to re-visit Rye later in the Summer. However, I anticipate that the 'social' side to the meetings may well be disrupted but, it seems that this could be a wonderful opportunity to join us and re-visit the great game.

We also have the extremely exciting Autumn meeting that will double as a mini tour to look forward to after much hard work organising. This is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the society and it is hoped that a Popes and Presidents team will make the trip with us for some further OD networking and fun. We have over 14 tourists confirmed already but, it would be great to have as many playing and non-playing ODs take an overnight trip to the links in Devon. This is planned for 20/21st September with much anticipation to enjoy two of the top 50 golf courses in the country.

Ian Pressney
Honorary Secretary ODGS



Xmas Fayre Knole Park GC

4th December 2019

The weather treated a small group of OD golfers well with some fantastic scoring by the entire group. Confusion reigned in the absence of the secretary, apologies, about scoring systems for 'golfer of the year – Murrell Salver'. But, via a 'simple' average score of their rounds from the year, our Treasurer Keith Norman scooped not only this most coveted prize but also the Rustys Wry Cup with a score of 36 on the day.

Dates for the Diary 2020

Summer meeting:

Crowborough Beacon Golf Club
24th June 2020

Autumn meeting/tour:

Saunton Golf Club
20/21st September 2020



DUNSTONIANS LOOK BACK

TWO WARTIME EVACUATIONS

With September 1939's final British Note to Hitler demanding restraint on Poland ignored, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was forced to admit grimly to the nation that "We have received no such undertaking and, consequently this country is at war with Germany."

These words may have become familiar to later generations but for those at St Dunstan's at the time, and their parents, they proved the signal for an immediate evacuation to Reigate and, for the College buildings at Catford, their later requisitioning by the Army as a wartime regional command centre.

Little respite was seemingly in sight. September 1944 saw our evacuees on a second move – from Reigate further afield to South Wales – simply compounding their long exile from Catford. Both were life-changing events for many ODs some of whom have, often years later, put pen to paper in recalling their experiences.

We give here the just some of our evacuees' thoughts, reactions and reminiscences published in past editions of OD Notes.

Bob Rangecroft

1939 march to Forest Hill

R J Coombs ('40) writing in 1996

'I was grieved to read of the death of E V 'Vic' Wobschall ('43 – d. 1995). Vic and I headed the march of our form from the College to Forest Hill Station during the 1939 evacuation. Subsequently, we shared billets in Reigate until I left at the end of 1940. Post-war we often played in the same rugby and cricket teams. He was one of many good men who died last year'.

Round ball football

R H 'Reg' Braddon ('43 – died 2015) writing in 2001

Braddon was following up earlier OD Notes items on informal soccer at St Dunstan's and the time-honoured gibe about it being a game for gentlemen played by hooligans as opposed to rugby, a game for hooligan's played by gentlemen.

'We certainly played soccer at Reigate in the early days of the evacuation including, I think, the odd formal match, so it obviously had official blessing at the time. I recall A J V 'Arthur' George ('43) to whom I sat next in classes showing unsuspected prowess as a full back – perhaps gained from watching techniques at The Valley which, it seems, he used to do frequently. For my part as a natural ball-player, I fluctuated between goalkeeper and outside left!

'Another couple of other points in the last edition of the Notes reminded me of Reigate days. I noticed a mention of P R 'Peter' Porter-Smith ('41 – d 1941). We were in the same form and the same billet (and, I seem to recall, bed) in South Park, Reigate, for a few weeks at the beginning of the War. The elderly house-owners, the Landmarks, soon tired of us and we were billeted elsewhere –

in the early days one tended to be moved around quite a lot.

'My final billet was with form-mates Brian Cannon – he visited us out of the blue a few years ago when we lived in St Albans – and C J C 'Cliff' Angel ('40) who returned home from Reigate after a few months and whose death in 2000 was also reported in the last Notes.

'Another form-mate, R P 'Reg' Wellsman ('43), joined Brian and me in the very large house owned by Mr & Mrs Ledger in a fashionable part of Reigate where I stayed until I left school in 1943'.

At home with the Lancasters

T A 'Tony' Riddle ('42 – died 2005) writing in 2002

Riddle was prompted to write by a much-delayed notice in the Spring Notes of the death of F M 'Felix' Arscott ('40), Professor Emeritus of Applied Mathematics at the University of Manitoba in Canada in 1996.

'On arrival in Reigate we two were the last to be billeted and spent the first night in a semi-detached house in a road I cannot now remember. The following morning's walk to explore our new surroundings was interrupted by sirens and, on returning to our billet, we were met outside and told to collect the few belongings we had been allowed to bring from home.

'No-one seemed to know what to do with us but after an hour or two we were taken off to a very nice detached Victorian house in Evesham Road, the home of the Lancasters – he the Town Clerk of Reigate and Chief Civil Defence Officer and responsible for billeting. They had taken

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us in as all known billets had been filled.

'I later learned that our first landlady had had a nervous breakdown at the sound of the sirens – we never saw her again.

'At the Lancasters we were well looked after and shared a large bedroom. Non-school mornings were spent filling sandbags, building blast walls and digging air-raid shelters behind Reigate Grammar School.

'We shared the school – they had it in the morning and we the afternoon. Lunches and school certificate exams were taken on card tables at the local Parish Hall, regardless of air-raids.

'After exams, Felix left SC and I was alone in the billet until I left to join the Army in 1942. Since then I have had no further contact with him and often wondered where he had got to and what he was doing.'

Hillside Terrace, Ystrad Mynach
J H G 'John' Cook ('46) writing in 2004

'I was reminded of evacuation to South Wales by the recollections of F W 'Fred' Hankins ('48) in the last Notes. Most of my form were billeted in Ystrad Mynach, a mining village some five miles from Caerphilly – we went to school every day by train. Several of us were foisted on the unfortunate inhabitants of a modest row of houses in Hillside Terrace.

'At No 1 was L V 'Leslie' Hewitt ('47) ('Beef') and next door E V 'Eric' Vines ('47 – died 2001) ('Vinegar'). They were inseparable, both at school and when they went up to read English at the same Cambridge college. In later years I met Eric





when he had been HM Ambassador to Mozambique and later Uruguay’.

‘Hewitt’, says Cook, ‘was later billeted on a lady with a sideline preparing bodies for burial. Corpses were brought to the house and laid out in the parlour where the lady did the necessary. Hewitt was mercifully allowed to do his prep in another room!’

‘At No 2 Hillside Terrace was J S Nettleton (‘Nettlerash’), already an accomplished actor who went on to RADA and to play innumerable stage and TV roles.

‘P J Dunmore and I were at No 3, D R M ‘Denis’ Tune (‘47) was at No 4 and I think P F ‘Peter’ Geliot (‘45) was at No 5. Geliot’s brother, M ‘Michael’ (‘43 – died 2012) later rose to become Director of the Welsh National Opera and, when he started in that post, went back to stay at his old Welsh digs for a time.’

Cook adds that there were ‘some splendidly named boys in our year, among them Michael St John Bartholomew Logan Scott (‘46) and Denis Redfern MacDowell Tune (as above). Nicknames abounded – A R ‘Ronald’ Walker (‘46) was ‘Sid’, G C ‘Geoff’ Cowperthwaite (‘42) ‘Cow’, M J ‘Maurice’ de St Croix (‘43) ‘Santy’ and the young Strong was, perhaps inevitably, ‘Atlas.’

In tune with Denis

F W ‘Fred’ Hankins (‘48 – died 2007) writing in 2004

‘D R M ‘Denis’ Tune (‘47) was a year ahead of me and, owing to the separation of Middle and Senior School at Reigate we

were not to meet until re-evacuation to Wales.

‘Then the babe of the 1st XI led by M ‘Maurice’ Bulpitt (‘45 – died 2007), I played cricket for the summer of 1945 with Denis. It was a good side deserving better opposition than the Welsh schools provided. Christ College apart – they were our only conquerors!’

Health and Safety

J H G ‘John’ Cook (‘46) again writing in 2004

Schoolmaster ‘Nobby’ Clark was, it seems, in a league of his own on health and safety matters during evacuation at Reigate as Cook explained.

‘Mr Clark was sometimes driven to resort to a form of physical punishment that I imagine today would have ended up in court. He would suddenly be triggered by persistent misbehaviour from a boy by throwing him out of the window, followed by his books and all his possessions!’

‘This did seem to have the desired effect of subduing the rest of us for a while but it did no good to the flowerbeds. Perhaps it was for this propensity that Mr Clark was always programmed to teach in a room on the ground floor at Isbells’.

Straight to Wales

D C ‘Derek’ Childs (‘52 – died 2019) writing in 2005

Childs did not join SDC until September 1944 when the Lower School was being re-evacuated to Penarth and the Upper

School to Caerphilly, so his first memories were of ‘boys gathering outside the College ready to board those old double-decker buses with the outside stairs bound for Paddington. Of course, nobody knew anyone else, so it was probably a sad occasion saying goodbye to one’s parents, though I don’t remember any tearful farewell myself – only the later homesickness’.

‘On arrival in Penarth, we must have gone to a sorting point for onward delivery to our individual addresses. This was something of a lottery and there is no doubt that many boys were billeted in homes of a greater or lesser degree of social care than that in which they had been brought up. It was said some billetors took pity on us because they thought we were from the blind school while others may have seen us as a means of supplementary income!’

‘Some boys never had it so good – I was assigned to the other end of the scale. Without in any way detracting from the kindness of Mrs Young of 32 Glebe Street, just down from Penarth Docks, I have to say the next 10 months were about the unhappiest of my life. But, looking back, I was simply too young to understand the different circumstances in which I found myself one Wilfred Casebow was my fellow Dunstonian lodger and it would be interesting now to compare notes with him.

‘No 32 was a small house in a long terrace fronting directly onto the pavement. There was a small yard at the back where the outside lavatory was, and where a metal bath hung on the wall. Approximately once a week the bath was brought into the kitchen for Wilfred and I to share the water, heated in buckets on the open kitchen fire.

‘Mrs Young was a widow living with a 16-year-old daughter and an elderly uncle; her younger son was killed on the Rhine Crossing while I was there. The daughter worked in a shop down the road and the uncle did nothing, though he, perhaps, provided some financial assistance. He spent most of each day at the Albion Tavern a few yards down the road and, when at home, sat in an old armchair next to the coal-fired range, frequently swigging from a flagon bottle of beer kept under his seat.

‘I never saw him at the meal-table but I

Boys gathering outside the College, ready to board the old double-decker buses with the outside stairs, bound for Paddington station.



can see him to this day frequently spitting into the fire from his chair. Any item which he found indigestible was similarly dispatched. How unfair, too, that Wilfred was given Ovaltine tablets but I wasn't!

'We used to walk to the school, established in an old nunnery at the other end of Penarth: Llandarf House, Earl Road. Sometimes we went through the back alleys to avoid the local boys of Penarth County, some of whom used to throw stones at us – that stopped after the SDC 1st XV came down from Caerphilly and beat them 63-0!

'All that said, I have some good memories, too: the occasional lunch at the government-subsidised British restaurant where you paid for each course with different coloured tokens; Mr Early taught me to swim at the public baths opposite the pier; we had deep snow – when I was quite badly hurt by a toboggan; we played on the beach and went over to Sully Island at low tide; I didn't do too badly at lessons – certificates show that I was top of Form 1B for one term, even first in Latin – something of a false dawn as it turned out; and, finally, I remember my first post-war ice cream at Forte's café on the promenade.

'I returned home one month early, quite

severely undernourished (as early school photos show).

'Looking back, I now see my time in Penarth as part of my education, somewhat painful, but helpful in understanding less socially comfortable circumstances. In a strange way I'm glad I didn't miss it.'

A female perspective **S G 'Stan' Tame ('51 – died 2008)** **writing in 2005**

Tame produced more evacuation memories from an unlikely source Reigate County School at War 1939-45, a collection of their girls' wartime reminiscences edited by Geraldine Foy and published in late 2004.

'Among extracts from her report of 6 February 1940, the Head Mistress of Honor Oak School (then evacuated to share the County School premises) draws a favourable picture of our College evacuees.

'Each week the boys of St Dunstan's from Catford and the girls of Honor Oak meet at Reigate Parish Church for a special short service planned on purpose for them by a joint committee of Church of England Clergy and Free Churchmen. The boys and girls help with the arrangements and take turns in reading the lesson. They also

provide the choir.' The 1940 Honor Oak School Magazine later confirmed that this arrangement was continuing successfully.

'Later, the Reigate County girls were to find themselves in South Wales. One observation from their 1943/44 Magazine will chime with the SDC experience: "Little did we dream that, with evacuees, we ourselves would be evacuated. But we took a last look at the school and went into what was then the unknown. We are now in villages – Aberkenfig, Tondy, Llangynwyd, Cwnfein, Penyfai – none being pronounced as they look!"

'Other comments from the wartime Magazine include: "We have been reading *Twelfth Night* in English and we cannot help wondering how Malvolio would sound declaring, "Tis but fortune" in a gas mask".

'Elsewhere, we learn that the girls "were issued with iron rations – a packet of nuts and raisins and a small bar of chocolate, not to be eaten until necessary. We kept them in our gas mask cases but it wasn't long before they all disappeared!"

'And, finally, "This term Miss Miller acted as deputy for Miss Lewis who had German Measles. This was very unpatriotic of Miss Lewis!"

Making your bed

D S 'Doug' Ford ('46) writing in 2005

Ford thought that he might enhance his own recollections and possibly stir happy memories in others. 'I had already been evacuated to Redhill with my primary school and joined SDC at the end of 1941, so it only meant changing my "billet" to be closer to school which was split into three sections owing to the accommodation problem'

'The first couple of years in the Junior School at Dovers were under "Sheeny" Shinwell. We played soccer then in the appropriate term under the tutelage of Johnny Lockton who had been a member of the leading pre-War English amateur club, the Corinthian Casuals. In the classroom, he always had a piece of chalk in hand, thrown at any boy thought not paying attention!

'Lunch was provided in a church hall canteen about midway between South Park and Reigate town. It was quite a trek there and back for 12-13 year olds and I can remember thinking that it was somewhat unfair to collect payment for these meals from our "billetors" who, after all, were paid only 10/6d (52p) a week by the government for our board and lodging. 'On graduating to the Middle School, we transferred to Cabalva in Reigate itself where the sports were rugby, cricket and athletics/cross-country.

'The Senior School was housed in Isbells, a very grand old house in Cockshott Hill at the end of a steep drive running up from the road, opposite a large quarry. Rugby was played on a field kindly loaned by Crusader Insurance which had its HQ next to the house.

'I never made the second transition (from the Middle into the Senior School at Reigate) – we were all re-evacuated to South Wales. There we shared Caerphilly High School with local pupils but were billeted in various surrounding mining villages.

'John Cook mentioned Ystrad Mynach (OD Notes Autumn 2004) but for most of the time I lived in Llanbradach and recall spending some time in a hostel in Sengendydd "just up the valley."

'Two things stand out in my mind from this period, the first being that, despite the intimidating impression of Welsh



invincibility at rugby, our school teams enjoyed one of their most successful seasons ever in Caerphilly.

'The second is a little cameo related by a good friend of mine at the time, P A P 'Pat' Cordell whom I have not seen for many, many years although we both played for the ODRFC in the 50s. Pat was greeted on arrival by his hostess and told "come upstairs and I will show you your room – Huw (or whoever) is just making your bed". 'And, indeed, there was the husband, tool-kit on the floor, literally making a bed for him!'

Harvest Camp 1943, Lambourn

D A 'David' Matthews ('44) writing in 2005

Left to right – Back Row: Johnson, M M Davies, Billington, Butler, Bulpitt, Cruse, Peck, Corney.

Middle Row: Evans J, ?, Caston, Goodfellow, Bingham, Evans D, Read, Coleman, Fry, Smith, Cusack, D A 'Nobby' Clarke, George, Self, Matthews, Rush, Kinnear, French, Roberts, Jenkins.

Front Row: Waters, Greenaway, Bosworth, ?, Elkins, Baker, Beecham, Newton, "Noblet", Brown.

This Lambourn photo comes courtesy of Matthews (one of those pictured) who 'could not recall every name though some are hovering in the empty spaces at the back of my mind or swimming in the lower depths – whatever image is appropriate!'

The group were assembled outside the C of E School in Lambourn where, says Matthews, 'we all slept on the hall floor on straw-filled paliaasses. I am intrigued by the variety of dress, from formal – a



The week before the war started my brother and I were filling sandbags at the school in Catford.



pre-Episcopal D E 'David' Jenkins ('43 – d 2016)) (in later life Bishop of Durham) in double-breasted suit to the more or less agricultural (Evans J – far left).'

'Who took the photograph? Possibly Baxter, Jenkins' chum, with whom I cycled together with Jenkins over the hills to Wantage for a Service for school harvesters, sermon by the Bishop of Oxford which his future Durham counterpart pronounced "pedestrian"'

A great adventure
PC 'Peter' Lawrence ('50 – died 2008) writing in 2005

Lawrence wrote as one who joined the College in 1943 during evacuation at Reigate. He later experienced re-evacuation to Wales 'at a time when my parents had just survived a direct hit on our house by a V1. Despite the initial anguish, I enjoyed life at the School – it was a great adventure.'

'My subsequent visits in recent time to Wales to search out old haunts dismayed me. So much had changed. I prefer to remember it as it was in the 1940s. However, I recently went to watch my grandson playing rugby for Eltham College against Reigate Grammar School whose ground is directly opposite Dovers where it all started over 60 years ago. No longer can you hear the voices of young boys for it is now an old people's home. C'est la vie.'

An odd College booklet
S 'Stan' Holt ('55) writing in 2011
Various SDC-related items come our

way from time to time but none quite so curious as one unearthed by Holt, albeit as a photocopy not an original document. A rather formal booklet apparently published in 1940 but with no identified author, it charts the development of plans for evacuation to Reigate from the Munich crisis of 1938 through to the move in late August and early September 1939 and describes events on to close to the end of the year.

A day-to-day diary of events and standing orders for staff and pupils details the almost military planning which went into the move itself, the larger part of the booklet being given over to a more or less verbatim report of happenings in the days immediately following arrival in Reigate. That it manages to do so without a single mention of names – either of masters, other staff, or pupils, the sole exception being Headmaster Hecker – makes the publication all the more strange a read.

Holt explains the background which led to him receiving the material. 'An old friend of mine delivers copies of a newsletter to members of the Reigate Society, one of those on his "round" being a Mr Sean Hawkins, now retired from owning the Reigate Bookshop which provided SDC with books during and after the evacuation.'

'Coincidentally, my friend's cousin, Ken Johnson (now living in Otford) was a boy at SDC and took part in the evacuation, later leaving school before the subsequent

move to Wales. I have sent him a copy of the booklet and he has agreed to furnish as much more information (especially names) as he can remember. Will forward any more news when I get it!'

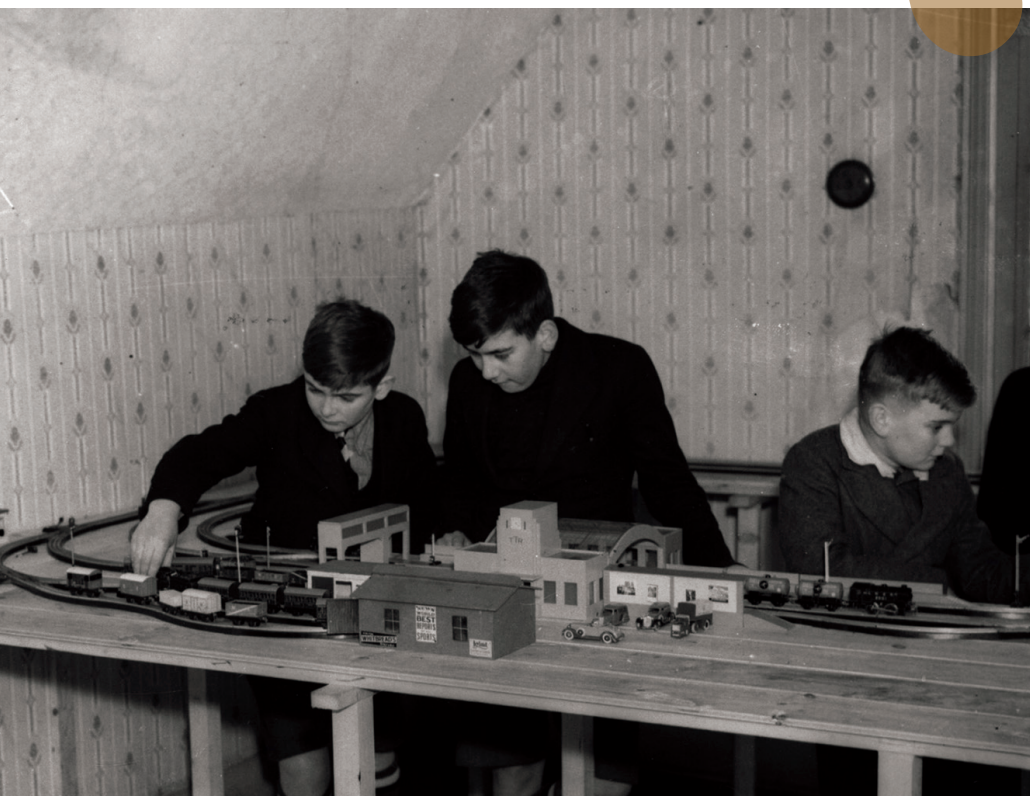
So our thanks to Holt and the Reigate Society for their efforts and, meanwhile, a copy of the booklet will be on its way to the SDC archivist for safe keeping just in case no original printed version has ever found its way into the College collection.

From sandbags to the fish shop
P M 'Peter' Moyles ('45) writing in 2013

Moyles was recalling the years before his departure for Canada in 1966. 'The week before WW2 started my brother C A E 'Conrad' ('42 – d 2013) and I, with other College boys, were filling sandbags at the school in Catford. By 2 September, we had been evacuated to Reigate and billeted over MacFisheries fish shop!

'We were supposed to help our billetors, so Conrad would deliver fish and chicken to Reigate Hill Hotel on a Saturday to the kitchen door and on Sunday eat the chicken in the Hotel dining room with our father who had driven down from London for the day!

'He won 1st XV colours for Rugby in 1942 and was Drum Major 1941-42 and then CSM for the Autumn term in 1942. Among his duties at that time was blowing the Last Post on the bugle at the Reigate War Memorial on Remembrance Day, 11 November, in 1941 and 1942.



...the sad but brave faces by which the parents hid the sadness of saying goodbye to their boys.

'Earlier, in 1940, he and many other SDC schoolboys joined the LDV, later the Home Guard, in Reigate. On leaving school, he transferred to the Forest Hill Company – he had wanted to go into the regular Army but due to boyhood mastoid problems, was not physically accepted, a fact which I think he never got over'.

Not a time for lasting friendships F 'Frank' Symons ('40) writing in 2017

Recalling his experience of evacuation to Reigate, Symons reflected that, for him, 'it was not the time to forge any lasting friendships, and neither were enquiries made of our welfare during and after the war by our hosts – but we should be grateful for their shelter.

'War has been declared, or will be in a couple of days, and for someone of my age it did not immediately strike as alarming. Not even the prospect of being "evacuated". We had had gas masks issued some time before – they had been tried (but not tested!) and were now carried everywhere.

'But, of course, we young people had absolutely no idea of the fear that it must have caused the older person, such as my mother, who had lived through the terrible effects of WW1 and my father who had served in it, now faced with a second World War, within 20 years.

'Notification, by letter probably, must

have been received at home that I was to attend school for onward transmission. So we assembled, I guess in the school playground, and marched down the road to Catford Bridge station.

'We boarded a train (electric, not steam) to "we knew not where", but eventually found ourselves at Reigate about 25 miles from home. On arrival there, buses took us to a restaurant/cafe serving as a dispersal point at the top of Reigate Hill. I do not know how allocations were made, but I was one of a bundle of five, who were then taken to our billets – in our case Brokes Lodge.

'This happened to be a very large house, in grounds of something like six or seven acres, owned by the then Chairman of the Port of London Authority. The house staff numbered a cook, and three or four maids; the outside staff Head Gardener, Under Gardener, and a chauffeur.

'The main part of the house was occupied by the owner obviously, and by his two spinster sisters, and it was made clear that we boys were not to use the formal part of the house and so not clash with the owners, nor were we to use the main staircase, but to get up to our floor, we should use the back stairs.

'Room was provided on the top floor (of three) to sleep three boys – and I should mention that the owners had hoped to

have girls! So two of us were taken in by the Head Gardener and his wife in the adjoining lodge. This was built over what had been stables but now housed the Chairman's car. Surprise, surprise, we found that the French master, his wife and her sister, would be joining us until they found an alternative home, so weren't we all a jolly bunch!

'Eventually, school working was organised – by sharing time and space with the local Reigate Grammar School – and most normal activities were pursued, including the OTC, some of which joined in the duties of the local Home Guard. As Reigate was supposed to be "safe" we were surprised one night to hear one or two bombs falling nearby, at least one of which failed to explode.

'Our resident French master came up with the idea that we should go and look for it – so out we went, in the dark, to cover the approximately 20 acres, in search of a hole hiding a UXB!! On finding it, we should put up our hands and shout "Found it" or "Housey", or something like that. Obviously, had it exploded during our search, the hole would have been far easier to locate – even if we weren't! There is more...our immediate futures were decided for us – but that's another story – and we were eventually dispersed, presumably militarily'.



Spotlight - 'Reg' Caygill ('41)

A bout of nostalgia

'I am reaching the point of no return: I suffer from nostalgia. One of my memories is my time at College followed by membership of the OD Association.

'Having lived abroad for a considerable period of time, I lost contact with almost all my UK friends and would appreciate it if you could send me just one copy of your latest magazine. I am probably one of the oldest members - now 92 - and it would be nice to see the progression time has made to St Dunstan's and the Association.

'I was initially evacuated to Reigate with the school where I stayed until around 1942 when I rejoined my family. I joined the Association as a Life Member and enjoyed many years at Beckenham particularly with the Golf section becoming a Captain one year and getting my name on the Player of the Year plate another. I was also a member of the OD Lodge. I left everything around 1976 by moving abroad and assume that my name must have been deleted a long time ago.

'I am afraid I only record things like the changes made by the sad but brave faces by which the parents hid the sadness of saying goodbye to their boys. I think the boys were looking on the situation as an adventure and they were yet to reach the brink of many changes.

'Small stuff really...like most of us were billeted in Reigate although our new school was situated in Redhill. The enjoyment of the to-and-fro transport gave us the opportunity to put the world to rights whilst in transit. The school was very OK as schools go and although adequate it was nothing like the College we had left behind. There could never be a match anyway.

'None of the schools in either areas were

familiar with the game of rugby and we very quickly converted to football. We surprised them sometimes when we decided to pick the ball up and run. Not really - but at first it was strange to get used to.

'It is difficult to reminisce after nearly 80 years when for the duration nothing greatly had changed. The one thing no-one ever seems to have mentioned was the kind people who adopted us and treated us as part of their family.

'Being a lucky one I was billeted with a Dr Pool [how about that] and his wife so we got a lot of attention. I recall two things which were not particularly pleasant. Dr Pool was lovely man but had this fixation in connection with healthy eating. At

virtually every dinner time dishes of tapioca pudding, or sometime Sago pudding had pride of place on the table. There was a more promising dish than the others - College Pudding and custard - a delight. The only snag was that one could only indulge in the college pudding after having a dish of the - do you mind if I don't mention their names again?

'Another thing which I found humiliating was that I caught GERMAN measles. I was lucky to avoid being shot as dawn but to have a doctor on hand.

'One good thing happened. I fell in love with the girl next door Esther Legge. Well, I was coming up 14 and anyway, didn't last'.

ODs in Service during WW2

Around 1,400 ODs served in the Armed Services and the Merchant Navy. There were ODs in some 80 regiments in WW2, by far the greatest number - 214 - in the Royal Artillery. By August 1945, 123 ODs had been either killed in action or died on active service, four civilian ODs had died at sea or in air-raids, and three pupils had been killed in an air-raid at and three pupils had been killed in an aid raid at Reigate during the College's first wartime evacuation.

The names of those lost, including those of the three boys, are commemorated in the College War Memorial on the face of the balcony in the Great Hall at Catford. No other record exists of ODs killed in UK air-raids but the search still continues on identifying others lost at home in WW2. ODs served in every theatre of war - from the ill-fated British Expeditionary Force evacuated from Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, D-Day and the final push into Germany, to the desert war in North Africa, the Atlantic & Russian convoys, and action in India, Burma and the Far East.

More than 50 ODs, among them WW1 veterans, were living and working abroad in 1939 and enlisted in Dominion and Colonial military services in Africa, Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Egypt, New Zealand and, notably, India.

91st Field Regiment RA

In 1937, the Government decided to expand the UK's Territorial Army by doubling the size of certain TA units. The 91st Field Regiment was one. A second line regiment was formed by transferring two Batteries to the 91st Field to form 139 Field Regiment and both brought up to strength by recruitment.

OD Major W 'Bill' Buffey ('16 - d 1984) was the officer commanding the 91st Field. His brother L M 'Len' ('21 - d 1996) commanded B Troop with I C 'Ivor' Pickance ('24 - d 1959) - both played OD rugby and recruited no less than 60 Club members to form 8 Troop.

The 91st was one of the first TA regiments to go to France in October 1939 - 139 followed in January 1940. Both units were fully engaged in France, suffering casualties but making it back from Dunkirk, and were then kept in England until the threat of invasion passed.

The 91st subsequently served in India and Italy, completing its war in Europe. 139th was sent to India and Burma, suffering severe casualties and much sickness in the latter campaign, and was disbanded on its return to England.

Spotlight on...



Having been involved in the exciting changes here at the College in the past few years, how does it compare with what you might have seen back in the 1970s?

Whilst I remember the changing faces (and characters) of Headmaster, from Hecker to Pedley and then to Dance, much of any other change (academic, staff, or routine) if there was back in the early 70s, has faded from my memory I am afraid. Use of the new Prep Block in 1968 and the building of the Physics block around 1974/75, I do recall, although now we are about to see their demise, and not before time for the Prep Block, as the new build programme brings a new lease of life to SDC. Certainly the Head boy was to be feared and the senior prefects ran much of the school routine, from completing the 'late book', to playtime duties and managing the lunchtime chaos, as well as issuing Saturday detentions or 100 lines, depending on the misdemeanour. A little different to now, I think.

So, what of the staff who stand out from your time at the College back then?

Well, I was not a natural scholar and had to work hard at my studies. The loss of a parent at the age of 13 provided indisputable challenges, but the St Dunstan's 'family' that I

reflect upon helped enormously. Not recognising that 'family' at the time, it was not only my school friends but in a few cases their mums and dads and SDC staff as well, who provided support. The staff who stand out in that 'family', extend from the gentlemanly Mr Williams, (Form master around 1970/71), to John Reynolds, Colonel Tom Downing and Ian Burgess during my very formative 6th Form days. There was also the calm and personable Tony Banks as the Tutor for Ross House and the resourceful Peter Thompson who was OiC of the CCF RN Section back in the early 70s.

So, with your current involvement in the CCF Naval Section, what of the CCF in those days?

Sadly much has faded but some specific events stand out, from the MoD Inspection with the Contingent fully paraded on the 1st XV rugby pitch achieving a barely passable march-past on grass, to being trusted to build an obstacle course with zip-wire and 4 metre high scrambling net without a risk assessment. The latter couldn't happen at all now. I certainly remember the sailing trip in *Electron* with Lieutenant Thompson at the helm, to St Malo and back I think, in some awful weather which was stomach emptying for some but character building for all.

And presumably the CCF provided a key stepping-stone to your career in the Royal Navy?

Yes, although I probably didn't quite see it that way then. I do owe a great deal of thanks to the staff I mentioned, for their perseverance and patience and being convinced that somewhere lurking within Main there was some nascent ability worth nurturing. That faith, determination and guidance resulted in my tremendously enjoyable, broadening and rewarding career of 32 years in the Senior Service as a marine engineer. What a tremendous preparation for life it all was at St Dunstan's, and not just progression in the CCF but through the many other aspects of the College preparing its pupils for what lay beyond the 6th Form.

My career and the very rewarding and exacting periods at sea in numerous warships, dealing with floods and fires, providing support to troubled communities abroad, responding to 9/11 at sea alongside the Americans in 2002, being responsible for £M of machinery or engaging with Whitehall Ministers and foreign dignitaries (in a more relaxed and entertaining capacity) has all helped to 'albam exorna'.



Stephen Laws ('68) Ross House

When were you at St Dunstan's and what did you end up doing as a career?

It is now more than half a century since I left St Dunstan's. I started, aged 8, in form P2 in the prep department – Mr Hankins – on a date that has stuck in my memory: Tuesday 16 September 1958. All memories from the 50s are in black and white. I left more than ten years later, in December 1968, following A levels (French, German and Latin with Roman History).

I went on to the University of Bristol, to study Law, where I graduated with the only first-class honours degree awarded in my year. Law was a subject for which I found I had an aptitude. Perhaps there was some hint of that in the fact that, so far as I remember, the best mark I ever received for anything at St Dunstan's was from Rev Toller for an essay on the ethics of euthanasia.

My first-class degree at Bristol enabled me to spend a year as an assistant law lecturer there while, at the same time, also qualifying to be called to the Bar. So, it was in 1973 that I entered pupillage in the Temple. This, in turn, led me, by a circuitous and unpredictable route, into the civil service where I remained from 1975 until 2012, spending almost all my career in the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel ("OPC"), drafting Bills for the different government departments. The service also involves advising on and assisting with related handling and procedural issues.

From 2006 until 2012, I was the First Parliamentary Counsel, the head of the OPC and also the civil service Permanent Secretary in charge of both the legislative drafters and the civil service support for the "Government Business Managers": the Government Chief Whip and Leader of the House, in both the Commons and the Lords. That role required me to be an adviser on constitutional matters at the centre of Government, including – excitingly – during the formation of the coalition government in 2010. I have continued to speak and write on constitutional matters since my retirement in 2012.

What did you enjoy most at school?

There was the sport (at which I lacked talent, never rising above the 3rd XV), the annual overseas trips, the drama productions (I acted – badly – and also printed the programmes in the "Craft shop"), the CCF (the annual camps, the DofE award scheme, the expeditions) and of course the friendships.

Who was your most inspiring teacher?

As for the teachers, many characters stand out as individuals whose mere existence made the case for individualism: Mr Hughes, the tutor of the "Languages" set, who inspired confidence that our response to literature could be mature, and lower down Mr Douie (who made learning fun), and then Col Robertson (who led the CCF, taught Latin and arranged a trip to Greece in 1966 that involved "Greek Bus Practice" in our pre-trip preparation), Mr Ellerby (who ran the DofE scheme and made clear to us all that we had to understand that we were putting our lives on the line), Mr Newton, then head of 6th form (who masterfully inspired us with an understanding that we were transitioning from boys to young men), Mr Daw (my house master in Ross – of which I became house captain), and so on. I am grateful to them all, and these are only the most obvious.

What prompted you to become involved in the Dunstonian Association?

I came back to St Dunstan's after a long absence and became involved in the Dunstonian Association. It was gratitude. A realisation, in retrospect, that St Dunstan's prepared me much better for life and leadership than other schools prepared many of my contemporaries. I was taught somehow to set my own targets and not to think that there was only one way to do things or to find happiness and success in life.

What would be your word of advice to our Year 13 Students about to embark on their adult life?

This is what lies at the core of the advice I would give students leaving the College today. Qualifications can get you through the door, but it is what you do once through the door that counts most. Life is unlikely to go as planned and no one else can tell you how it ought to go – particularly if you aspire to any sort of leadership. Success is reached through steering, not aiming, and the obstacles and failures in the process are sometimes the best opportunities.



What is your fondest memory of St Dunstan's College?

My fondest memory while at St Dunstan's is being awarded 1st XV Rugby Captain in my final year at the college. I am very proud to have led the 1st XV in my last year of school and it definitely helped me build up my confidence and leadership skills. Also one of my proudest and most challenging moments of my school career was to give the speech at the Sports dinner, however this was the start of me building up my public speaking skills which I use now regularly to give talks at schools and other groups about my job.

Who was your most inspiring teacher?

My most inspiring teacher was Mr Davies, he was my DT teacher, but he had the most effect on me through the CCF, I was in the Army section and think that the CCF was one of the most beneficial parts of my school career. I learnt so many skills throughout my time in the CCF that I use on a daily basis. Mr Davies' passion and effort he put into making CCF what it was made a huge difference to my time at school.

What inspired you to work in conservation? Can you tell us more about it?

I grew up loving wildlife and nature, but until recently I only focused on seeing wildlife and nature, but unfortunately



it is getting harder and harder to see a lot of these amazing creatures. Once I got more into diving, I fell in love with the ocean and the marine world. Once I found out more about the state of the oceans at the moment and the damage the fishing industry is having on our oceans, I realised that I needed to be part of the solution instead of being part of the problem, or even just ignoring the problem and getting on with my life. Now I work in Shark conservation, I have been assisting on shark research for the last year in South Africa free diving with sharks daily. Now each time I am back in the UK I aim to reach as many schools and groups as possible to share what I do and speak about how they can help save sharks and the ocean.

Can you name three things that prepared you for later life whilst being a pupil?

I gained a lot of leadership skills while at St Dunstan's though captaining the rugby team and leading students in the CCF. Another skill I gained during my time at St Dunstan's that has proved invaluable in my careers is communication. It is so important to develop good communication skills to ensure that you can be heard, you can get your message across and that you can understand other people's views as well.

Finally, I think one of the main things I gained during my time at St Dunstan's is confidence. At different times in your school career there will be challenges and difficulties but being confident throughout will always help you get through them.

Have you been back to the College since you left? Had anything changed?

I visited St Dunstan's in 2019 to give a talk on Marine and Shark Conservation to the students. Yes a lot had changed within the school and the building work for the huge changes to the school were underway.

What would be your words of advice to our Year 13 students about to embark on their adult life?

Find what you are passionate about and pursue it! It is so important to do something that you love and are passionate about as you will give 100% all the time.



Yanoulla Kakoulli ('01) Stuart House

How did it feel to be one of the first girls ever joining SDC 25 years ago?

At 11 years old, I was too young to see any significance in being one of the first girls. I was mainly nervous of joining a new school where I thought everyone was so different from me. I was from a working class background and I wasn't 'posh'. Looking back, I was very fortunate to go through such a unique experience with such a varied and talented bunch of individuals, teachers and students included.

What is your fondest memory of SDC?

Every school play in which I was involved. They were a lot of fun and often an opportunity to bond with people you would not normally spend time with. It was also extremely satisfying when all the hard work paid off and the play started to 'come together'. Also, the last day of school which started with a champagne breakfast and ended....I am not really sure how.

Who was your most inspiring teacher and what impact did he/she have on your future career?

There were so many great teachers. It is really difficult to name one. Mrs Vincent was a fantastic teacher and human being. She was so calm and really awakened a love of art in me. In terms of future career, I did an art foundation after SDC but did not go further than that. It was also a complete joy to be taught drama by Mrs Allen. She dished out a lot of advice about life and not just schooling. Drama has probably helped me with confidence to represent clients in court.

Have you kept in touch with many Dunstonians and if so what do they have in common?

In short, yes. No one knows the unique, crazy experience of school that you went through better than your friends who were there. We share a good sense of humour, an ability to talk to people from all walks of life openly and a certain confidence that ODs share. I love them!

What have you done since leaving SDC and where are you now?

I have travelled, dabbled in an art foundation course, journalism and settled in law. I am a solicitor in a tier one Legal 500 family team at Pinney Talfourd Solicitors. I started as a housing paralegal mainly practicing in homelessness law. I later qualified in family law. I have always been passionate about helping people and, particularly, protecting the vulnerable, from representing a heavily pregnant homeless woman sleeping in parks to victims of domestic and financial abuse in marriages.

What would be your word of advice to our Year 13 students about to embark on their life post-SDC?

Make the most of every opportunity and get involved. Also, whatever you do, enjoy it.

Announcements



together, both at home and abroad.

David had always wanted to return to his home area of SE London and in 2014 he and Sue moved to Beckenham, where they lived very happily.

Clarke

Rev Robert Clarke ('52) died on 1 June 2020. He was a former Chaplain to HM The Queen. Before retiring back to the UK, he spent most of the year in Cadiz in Southern Spain performing honorary duties in Gibraltar Cathedral, returning to the UK every two or three months for his formal duties at St James's Palace.

Dawson

We are obliged to J S 'John' Brightwell ('64) for passing on the news of the death of his friend and contemporary, Dr M H O 'Michael' Dawson ('63), on 2.4.20 at his adopted home in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. We give here an edited version of a longer obituary by an unknown writer which was provided by Brightwell.

Son of the late Wilfred and Phyllis (née Osborne), Michael Dawson was an orthopaedic surgeon specialising in spinal conditions and had a private practice in Pottsville for some 39 years, retiring in March 2012.

After leaving St Dunstan's, he completed all his medical education in the UK and served at the London Hospital in Whitechapel before moving on to complete specialist training at the Robert & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry.

Throughout his life Michael was straightforward in his left-of centre views and a complete enthusiast for his work and the good it brought to those whom he treated. In return, he was highly regarded for both his work and his teaching of other surgeons during his time in the USA and earlier in the UK. His professional dedication was as much a part of him as his occasional bluntness in argument and his brow-furrowed love appreciation of music.



Wedding

M N R Lee ('04) and Miss A E Lattimore ('05) married at Eltham Palace, during last Summer.

The Dunstonian couple first met as students at SDC, remained friends during university and became engaged in August 2018. No surprise that quite a few ODs numbered among the wedding guests and groomsmen, including leavers from '03, '04 and '05.



Obituaries

Carter

Major David John Carter ('65) died on 21.2.20, his funeral being held on 10 March 2020 at Beckenham Crematorium, followed by a wake at The Chancery in Beckenham. His formal obituary gave details of a life enjoyed life to the full. He had a love of cars, at one time owning three Alfa Romeos one in green, one in white and one in red, to represent the Italian flag.

David grew up in Forest Hill and had very happy memories of his childhood and early adult years before joining the Army in 1968, a career which took him to many different places. He had three wives. His first wife gave him two daughters, Samantha and Zoe, who in turn have each given him a beautiful grand-daughter - Veronique and Isabella.

He met his third wife, Sue, in 2008 and over the past 12 years they enjoyed travelling, especially to Cyprus, where he was stationed three times with the United Nations and the Army. They enjoyed many happy times



He loved playing the piano and enjoyed classical music. The works of the avant garde composer Olivier Messiaen were particularly close to his heart – though not so endearing to many others that had to listen to them!

Golf was another facet of his life and he and his wife enjoyed food, travelling and entertaining, Michael being known for his sense of humour – many fondly recall a risqué joke, story or limerick he told at a party.

He also enjoyed classic cars and, in his younger days, motorcycles. Among many other interests, he was a keen percussionist, long-time Philadelphia Eagles fan, and a model railway and aeroplane enthusiast.

He, in true OD style, most definitely enjoyed his beer – the English way at room temperature. A 'foaming pint' was something that featured from an early age, starting with school friends in pubs in London's East End while driving his father's Lanchester and later, on one memorable occasion, involving an out-of-hours trip to a zoo snake-pit.

He leaves his wife of 39 years, Pauline (née Pereira), three sons: Charlie (and wife Nicola) in London, Oliver in Dorking, England; and Frederick (and wife Karen) in Dublin, a sister, Maxine Mathews (and husband Roger), in Surrey; five grandchildren, a nephew – Toby, and a niece, Candy, together with circles of friends in the USA, UK and Malaysia.

A Memorial Service is to be held in the UK when current travel restrictions allow where it is hoped there will be foaming pints and perhaps a chance to play seven-card stud poker with his friends from medical school.

Brightwell adds his own footnote. 'Mike and I first met in the 1st form at SDC and, over the years, we shared many interests: cycling, railway modelling (and real

railways too!), and later on, music – after I encouraged him to join the percussion class in the 6th form, we played in a number of amateur orchestras together at school and for some time afterwards. He always managed to beat me at Monopoly, engaging in devious tactics of re-mortgages or IOUs, with him ending up 'owning' a string of hotels of which even Trump might dream'!

'Our contact was very much less when Mike moved to the USA – just Christmas newsletters and the occasional telephone call. My wife and I did meet up with Mike and Pauline in Summer 2018 in London, parting hopeful of further meetings but it was not to be. Mike could not travel easily and we received the final news with heavy hearts. One point from: Mike's "left-wing views" alluded to in his obit notice caused a twitch of amusement – in the USA even a LibDem would be thought of as a 'communist'!

Farran

M 'Mike' Farran ('62) passed away in Bude Hospital with family present on 26.2.20 after a short but terminal illness. Earlier he had been visited by life-long friend and OD contemporary R 'Roger' Pitts ('61) following major surgery at which point he had been scheduled to return home shortly with palliative care. Pitts, at Farran's request, made sure via A J G 'Andy' Roland ('62) that all his close OD friends were kept fully informed.

Robert Anthony Dunstan Forder

(son of Headmaster Forder) We were notified of the death of Forder's son by Forder's granddaughter, Mrs Ruth Chadderton, by email on 7 February 2020:

"I don't know if you remember me, F.G. Forder's granddaughter? You very kindly arranged a visit to St Dunstan's School some time ago when I and my daughters heard all about the work of my grandfather at St Dunstan's and even saw the house where he lived and where my father Robert Anthony Dunstan Forder was born. I felt that you might like to know that my father, the last surviving child of F.G. Forder died

recently and his funeral and memorial service were held yesterday. He had been as active in his community as his father had been in his, an educationist, a lay preacher, active in local politics and the originator and strong supporter of many projects to help less fortunate members of his community. He was a true 'chip off the old block'. He left a widow (his second wife), six children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren plus another on the way so the Forder heritage lives on."

Goodliffe

We record here the death of A B B 'Anthony' Goodliffe ('56) on 9.12.19. No further details known.

Lawrence

Dr Derek Anthony Lawrence ('43) died 12.1.20. No further details known.

Skinner

C 'Chris' Skinner ('70) died early June 2020 – Died of cancer aged 66; he was a statistician whose work informed vital policy decisions in many areas, including the minimum wage; he was born in Penge, attended St Dunstan's in the 1960s and gained a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated with a first in mathematics in 1975. His full obituary can be found on the *Guardian* online <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/jun/07/chris-skinner-obituary>.

Sparks

We learn from J C 'John' Simpson ('56) of the death in mid-March his contemporary and one of his best friends B 'Brian' Sparks ('57). Simpson was prompted into looking him up on Google by a *Daily Telegraph* obituary of another naval officer who went to Dartmouth in 1957 and would have been on the same intake as Sparks.

Watts – see full article on page 12.

White

E J 'Edward' White ('50) died on 20 April 2020 – no further details.

ERRATUM:

To put the record straight, we give here a correction and two additions to the list of attendees at his father Ian's funeral in July last year received from S D 'Simon' Armitage ('89). He tells us in an email sent from China where he was working at the time that our obituary should name Simon's son as Jonathan not Anthony; also that his cousin P S 'Paul' Armitage ('66) and M R 'Mark' Ford ('89), son of D S 'Doug' ('46) were also present on the day.

OBITUARY

Colin Watts 1921-2020

It is with great regret that we report here the death on 9.3.20 of a doyen OD, C L 'Colin' Watts ('38), at the age of 99. A glance at any OD Notes published since the late 1940s will find him as present at SDC Founders & Old Boys Days; Association Annual Dinners, Regional Lunches, AGMs & Committee meetings; OD Sports Club Board AGMs & meetings; or Tennis Club committee meetings.

His was a truly astonishing commitment to Dunstonian life and though no official listing is likely to be compiled, Watts, with nearly 70 years of active service, must surely be the record-holder for attendance at OD-related events.

Colin Watts followed his father, the late V L Watts (1912), to St Dunstan's in the early 1930s, leaving in 1938 with Rugby colours. As it was for most of his OD generation, military service intervened within a year or so and for Watts this included being one of the many who made it home from Dunkirk in 1940.

For him and his contemporaries it was not until after the war that OD life could be resumed at the old Beckenham Hill HQ. There his Hon Secretaryship of the OD Tennis Club (1948-55) and Captaincy (1948-50) proved just a prelude to his many years of service in the OD cause.

It was also a time which saw his marriage to Henriette (née Casbolt) in June 1951 – a partnership which was to last for more than 50 years – and the birth of their daughter Nicole, for many years now since her marriage resident in the USA.

Watts was, above all, an OD Association man and served as a Member on its Management Committee for nearly 60 years (1953-2012) during which time he was Hon Secretary (1975-81), Vice President (1971/72) and President (1972/73).

In the same period he was also a Board Member of the OD Sports Club Ltd (1950-70) serving as company secretary from 1953 to 1970. He and the late G W 'Geoffrey' Wallington ('33) were key figures in the negotiations for the sale of the Beckenham Hill Clubhouse & Ground

to the London County Council for its Sedgemoor Comprehensive School project and in the successful move in 1959 to our Park Langley home.

In later years and at a time when most are planning do less rather than more in their lives, Watts was delighted to be invited to become a Governor of St Dunstan's College in 1979. The appointment meant a great deal to him and he relished being involved in decisions affecting the future development of his *alma mater*.

Given that, one can only imagine the personal satisfaction he must have felt when, after more than 30 years in post, his Fellow Governors conferred on him the additional honour of becoming a Companion of St Dunstan's in March 2010.

Unsurprisingly, there was a fine turnout when in September 2011 the College hosted a celebration of Watts' 90th birthday. More than 70 close family members, OD and non-OD friends, fellow College Governors and Companions of St Dunstan's, and school staff both past and present, were on hand to raise a glass to a remarkable OD to mark the start of his 10th decade.

As OD Notes commented at the time "...With Watts' long dedication to all things Dunstonian already firmly in the realm of legend, it is no surprise to any who know him that it continues to the present day with his service on the College Board of Governors and the ODA Management Committee".

A year or so later, Watts finally set aside both of these two long-standing duties when mobility and travel became more difficult for him, leaving those who knew him and worked alongside him with huge admiration for his indefatigable commitment to the ODs.

It is difficult to imagine his example of service ever being matched. Somewhat prickly he might on occasions have been in fighting his corner, but no-one could ever doubt his determination in the OD cause. In short he was, demonstrably, an ODs' OD.

Colin Watts, remembered left, attended St Dunstan's in the 1930s and features in the edition of *The Chronicle* below, published in 1938.

The 1934 page, pictured right, depicts the opening of the Stuart Memorial Five courts – named after Charles M Stuart – Headmaster from the founding in 1888-1922. More memories and archive images of Fives, featured on pages 30-31.

FIRST XV CRITIQUE

* 1st XV Colours. † 2nd XV Colours. ‡ Honour Cap.

*†A. C. MACRAE-GIBSON.—As captain has had to contend with lack of material, and the season has been disappointing. As a player was a tower of strength. A fast strong-running centre three-quarter, he was by far the most dangerous in attack, while by his unerring tackling and covering he set a splendid example to his team in defence. Played in all the Kent Public Schools XV matches, and thoroughly justified his selection. L. F. M.

**A. G. LEWIS (*Wing forward*).—He was an enthusiastic and hard fighting pack leader. It was some time before he realized that the scrum needed his pushing, but in the later games he packed in well, and his weight was very useful. His winging was alert, and he was always prominent in the loose.

**L. C. WATKINS (*Lock Forward*).—We greatly missed him during a large part of the season, but after his recovery his shoving was valuable. He should learn the need for a really quick heel from a scrum. He played well in the loose, and his tackling was hard and reliable.

*H. E. CHANDLER-HONNOR (*Left Centre Three*).—His play has much improved since last year, and his tackling was good, but his running appeared to lack determination. His touch kicking was good and very useful, but his place kicking could never be relied upon.

*C. L. WATTS (*Right Wing Three-quarter*).—His lack of speed was very much against him as a wing. He played always a hard and intelligent game, and was usually good in the loose.

*N. K. MACRAE-GIBSON (*Fly Half*).—He is very fast, and possesses a good head off and accurate, but was inclined to cut in rather often. His

The St. Dunstan's College Chronicle

"The Opening of the Stuart Memorial Fives Courts"

(Reprinted from the "*Lewisham Journal*" with acknowledgments)

FOUR fives courts erected at St. Dunstan's College, Catford, were opened on Saturday by Colonel Ian Campbell, as a memorial to Mr. Charles M. Stuart, who was headmaster from 1888 to 1922. Three of the courts are designed for Rugby fives, the other being for the Eton game, favoured by Mr. Stuart, now far less common among schools. Funds toward the building of the courts amounting to nearly £800 were raised by subscription during the past eighteen months among Old Boys, present boys, and friends. A generous grant of £200 to complete the amount was made by the College Governors. Flood-lighting enables matches to be played at all times on the courts, of which the walls are lined with special non-sweating compound. A changing room adjoins the courts.

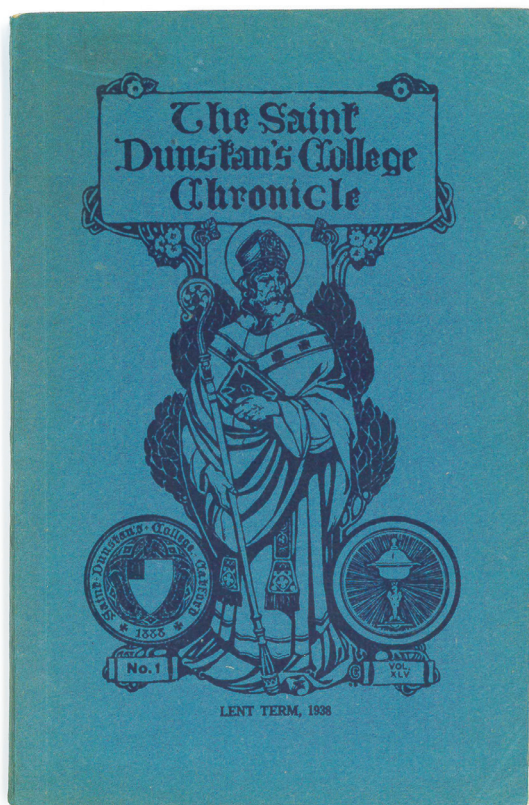
Colonel Campbell, chairman of the Court of Governors, said: "Mr. Stuart would have desired no more fitting memorial. This simple ceremony would have pleased him very much. His dear wife, masters, boys and friends, and, above all, his Old Boys, have met together in the precincts of his old school to unveil this plain, but sincere, memorial. Simple, but sufficient by reason of its sincerity is our homage to a great headmaster. This is not the ending, but a beginning. To erect a memorial to such a man as Mr. Stuart is not to relegate him to the forgotten things of the past; it is to proclaim to future generations those characteristics that made him worthy. Above all, he was straight, loyal, thorough, and intensely active both in mind and body. If you can attain to these four manly virtues you will be able, as he was, to face and win through all the disappointments and difficulties of life. I am glad as a member of the Court of Governors to be here and to take part in this simple, but impressive, ceremony. It gave us great pleasure to give some little support. We have never failed to value his wonderful work in this school, nor do we fail to recognize the legacy he left of many manly virtues. I hope this old school of St. Dunstan's will continue to flourish in those manly qualities so fully exemplified in Charles Stuart, the first headmaster."

Colonel Campbell unveiled a stone tablet on a pier of the Eton Court, on which were the words:—

1934

THESE COURTS WERE ERECTED
IN MEMORY
OF
CHARLES M. STUART
HEADMASTER 1888-1922.

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FIRST XV, 1937



Back Row: S. R. LAYTON, H. A. D. WINTER, H. R. HEASMAN, A. C. SAYER.
Middle Row: P. S. WHITE, C. L. WATTS, D. WARDEN, J. F. GATES, M. J. W. CASSY, C. E. HOWE, H. E. CHANDLER-HONNOR.
Front Row: A. G. LEWIS, A. C. MACRAE-GIBSON (Capt.), L. C. WATKINS.



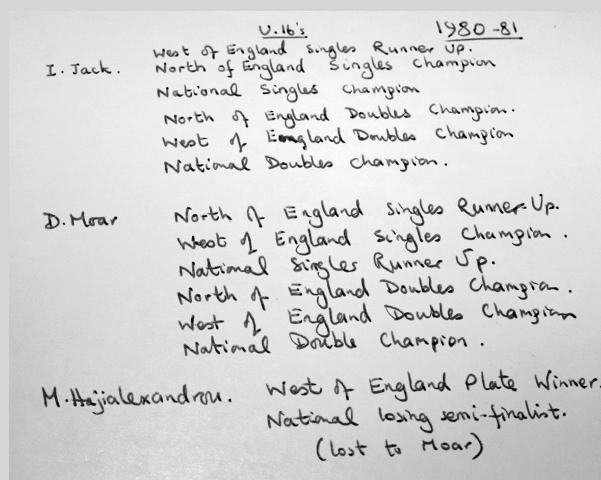
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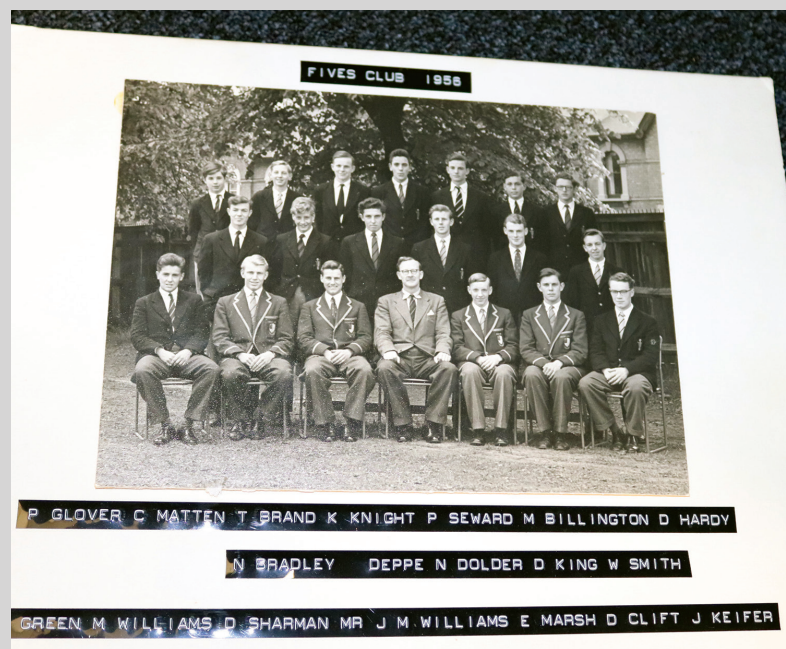
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FIVES

Then & Now...

Fives has been a fixture of the College since its Foundation. In November 1934 new courts were officially opened as a memorial to headmaster Stuart: three for Rugby Fives and one for Eton Fives. The Governors donated £200 and almost £800 was raised by subscription from Old Dunstonians, pupils and friends. In the 1950s, fives was one of the predominant sports at the College alongside rugby, cricket, athletics, cross-country and swimming. Two golden periods stand out: in the late 1950s the College was virtually unbeatable and Marsh and Clift won the Public Schools Championship doubles in 1957 and 1958 and Marsh the singles in 1958.

By the late 1980s, the College's most distinguished fives player since the war was P Newman: he held both the national schools singles and doubles titles for several years. The sport was still enjoyed throughout the 1990s but primarily for lack of coaches, was dropped as one of the main school sports.

Current Headmaster, Mr Nicholas Hewlett, is keen to reinstate the tradition and is making sure that fives courts will feature in the extensive refurbishment of the Sports and Leisure Centre which is due for completion in 2021 as part of the largest expansion of the College since its Foundation in 1888. This is one of the three projects for which there is now active fundraising.

If you would like to receive more information or make a donation, please email development@sdmail.org.uk or visit the College's website at www.stdunstonscollege.org.uk.



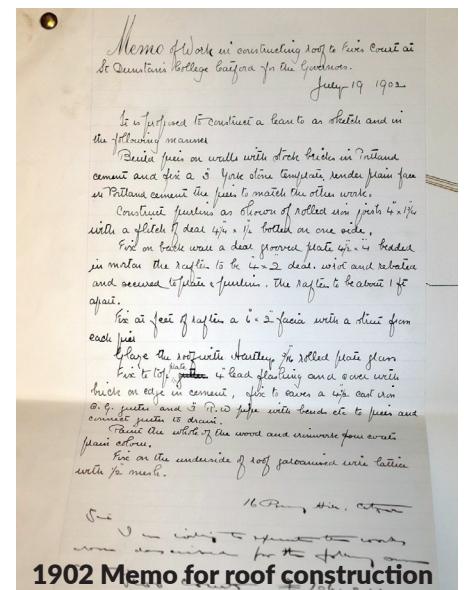
Some of my happiest memories from my days at SDC were of playing fives. I was lucky enough to play alongside Nii-Noi Omaboe, who won both the Junior & Senior National Championships. He really was an outstanding player in our day and it was an honour to have served as his double's partner.

I hope that once the COVID-19 restrictions are eased and the fives club is back up and running, that I might get to see him on the courts again.

Tom Coling



Five Courts Opening Ceremony 1934, left to right:
Col. I M Campbell (Chairman of Governors)
Mr Heath (Governor)
Mr J F Usherwood (Headmaster)
Mr GH Stepney (Governor)



1902 Memo for roof construction

SDC NEWS

From the Headmaster



Dear Dunstonians,

I am conscious that my first formal communication to you through the Dunstonian Notes is written in the most unusual of times. As you may well be aware, since March the College has been operating remotely. Although the doors of St Dunstan's are gradually creaking open again – Junior School and some Senior School students have begun to return – our way of life is still far from normal. Two-metre distancing with 3 year olds is no easy task! Our language has changed to one of bubbles, markings and PPE, rather than the usual end of term celebrations, collectively marked as they are now by the St Dunstan's Festival. A year like no other, but perhaps now, as we enter the summer, we see signs of a return to some form of normality. Certainly it is our hope that the school will fully resume in September. It is my firm view that you can only keep young people cooped up for so long before they will vote with their feet. And if that is the

case, better to have them in school, I would say!

All this being said, we have been fortunate to have weathered the Covid storm with customary resolve. I heard somebody say the other day that they had 'had a good pandemic', which, horrific as the sentiment undoubtedly is, can thankfully be said of St Dunstan's. Proactive and early planning for remote learning meant that we have been able to present the very best of ourselves throughout the phase of national lockdown. Students have received a rich diet of curricular and co-curricular stimulation. Interactive lessons and independent study have become a new routine for students and teachers, and we celebrated as a community with virtual VE Day and Commemoration Day services. Let us all be thankful for the wonders of technology! Whilst our communication has been highly regarded throughout this crisis, I do also think the College is fortunate to be in the position it is in. After a number of years forging a clarity of direction for the school, we now have a parent and student body who understand the vision for the College, can see the buildings going up which will underpin its future, and can see the exciting landscape being painted by the different sort of education we are offering in this part of London.

And so to the future. A new look to the Dunstonian Notes, and I am most grateful to Isabelle and to Bob for creating something that maintains the historic integrity of the publication whilst at the same time

injecting it with a fresh and engaging feel. Our community is more important than ever. We are embarking on the most significant and challenging redevelopment of our College since its foundation in 1888. A £30 million redevelopment, that sees the fundamental transformation of both College sites. We do this from a position of strength; to capitalise on a growing market and growing popularity. We also do it to remain true to the wishes of our founding Governing Body that the College should be 'ahead of its present time'. State-of-the-art STEM facilities, a new Junior School, Sixth Form Centre, Plaza, Sports Centre and Performing Arts Centre – this is not a list or project for the faint hearted! And as such, we want you to be a part of it. To feel proud of what your school is seeking to do and to achieve in the coming years. Once the pandemic passes, I would love to host you back at the school to show you more of the exciting trajectory we are now firmly on and I hope you feel moved to visit and see this for yourselves.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading these notes, from across our community and alumni network. My thanks to all those who have spent many hours pulling it together, and in whatever state of lockdown you find yourself within, I trust that the Dunstonian spirit will see you through it. Albam Exorna!

Nick Hewlett
Headmaster

New MUGA unveiled at the Jubilee Ground

Mrs Clair Wilkins, the Bursar, was delighted to unveil the latest new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Jubilee Grounds. The facility, which was installed by the award-winning team at Spadeoak, is able to provide the 'ultimate in player convenience' due to its all-weather playability, versatility and minimal maintenance needs.

This is the latest of many investments to the Jubilee Ground, which is increasingly becoming a centre for sporting excellence at the College and a focal point programmes of community engagement.



Royal Navy at St Dunstan's

CF is thriving at the College and the Royal Navy arm has been particularly busy.

Year 9 Royal Naval cadets were recently given the opportunity to experience a scuba diving session before going on a residential in Portsmouth at HMS Excellent (The RN Gunnery School). The cadets stayed on warship HMS Bristol overnight, experiencing the three-tier bunks in their mess decks. They also had the chance to use the Gunnery School drill square and explore the warship from the bridge to the sea dart missile magazine (which is now a theatre).

Meanwhile a group of Year 11 Royal Navy cadets attended a three-day Section Cadet Instructor Course at Crowborough Training Camp.



ISI Inspection awards top score in every category

In November 2019 the College as a whole underwent a full inspection for the first time in more than nine years.

During their visit, inspectors spent time in upwards of 90 lessons, seeing nearly every College teacher. They met with teaching and non-teaching staff, and spent time with more than 100 pupils from the Nursery to the Sixth Form. The leadership team, led by Headmaster Mr Hewlett, were found to 'give every individual a chance to work out the person they want to be.'

The inspectors found that 'the quality of the pupils' academic achievement and other achievements is excellent,' and that 'pupils of all ages display excellent knowledge, skills and understanding and become resilient in their learning as they move through the school'. The report's key findings also found that St Dunstan's pupils of all ages 'have outstanding attitudes to learning and are effective independent learners and thinkers' and that they 'learn effectively by collaborating with their peers'. Inspectors found that 'pupils show compassion and kindness for each other and have a discernible appreciation for their community and the world beyond'. Praising the College's community outreach, the inspectors noted that pupils 'translate their moral awareness into carrying out activities such as charitable giving, both in terms of money and time, to local causes and they are able to engage with great issues of our time, such as climate change and inequality.'

Pupils are also able to strike a good balance between the academic and co-curricular demands of school life, inspectors found. 'Pupils embrace the very busy life of the College with enthusiasm,' the report said. 'Pupils understand the importance of maintaining a balance between work and leisure'. Inspectors found that pupils 'embrace opportunities' given to them by the wealth of activities and societies offered by the Forder Programme. 'They become, for instance, equality ambassadors, skilled Warhammer players, excellent cooks, eco-warriors, chess players or drummers by developing these skills in the extensive co-curricular programme.'

Overall, the College received the highest possible outcome in each category – pupil personal development and pupil academic development were both deemed to be excellent.





India Scholars' Exchange to Delhi

Before Christmas, a group of St Dunstan's Senior School scholars visited India on a 'breathtaking' trip as part of the College's Exchange Programme with the Delhi Public School. During the visit, the pupils visited the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Delhi Fort, Akshardham Temple and Raj Ghat, the tomb of Gandhi. The scholars also had a chance to practise their haggling at the markets and took part in a variety of Indian lessons, including sport, painting and dancing.

Year 10 pupil Maggie said: 'Going to the Taj Mahal was breathtaking; I still can't believe that I was there. The students and teachers were nothing but kind and extremely welcoming, it made the exchange so much more comfortable and I can't wait for them to come and visit us so that they can experience our culture.'

Legally Blonde

Harvard came to the Great Hall for one performance only this term. Due to the College closure further to Covid-19, the three performances of *Legally Blonde* were cancelled. However, the dedicated cast were able to keep their spirits high and put on a stellar performance for Year 7 and 8.



Ground breaking event

The College was delighted to officially mark the start of its new development by 'breaking the ground' with contractors Willmott Dixon on Friday 17 January 2020. The works will include a new Junior School, STEM building and Sixth Form Centre, which will all open in 2021.

During the day, Willmott Dixon gave a group of Junior and Senior pupils a tour of the building site and explained to them what would be happening over the next 18 months, before excited pupils got a chance to have photos in the large digger. Following this, staff including the Headmaster, bursary team and a group of Governors, were given a tour of the site.



Inaugural G12 summit

In early March, St Dunstan's College Parliament gathered in Lewisham Council's Chamber for the College's inaugural G12 Summit. Pupils from Junior to Sixth Form were represented by their Form and Year Group Reps, and during the sessions discussed what they had achieved in the last two terms since the new parliament was formed.

Head Girl Polly Bannister, reports:

"As I am sure you are aware, a new format for the College Parliament was launched this year and I am incredibly proud to say that it has been a huge success. Everybody from Year 2 up to Year 13 has worked tirelessly throughout the school year in weekly meetings and support from teachers and the Senior Leadership Team has made it all possible. It was, therefore, such a rewarding experience to celebrate and recognise the work that everyone had achieved by collating it all into one prestigious event.

At 9am, on our last Monday in school before the lock-down, the whole College Parliament made their way down to the Civic Suite to prepare their final presentations, which included ideas drawn from every pupil in the school.

We started the Summit with a brief review from each year group about the successes of the Parliament throughout the year so far. Some examples included a new rewards and sanctions system in the Junior School and improving the cleanliness of the bathrooms by the Lower School.

The Middle School was instrumental in relieving congestion by the Maths Office, by campaigning to open an additional door that lead to the playground and incorporating pupil voice into the catering was achieved by the Prefect Team.

Our pupil-led societies, Green-Soc, Afro-Caribbean Society and Amnesty International, which also play a large role in the College Parliament, each gave a summary of the monumental amounts they have contributed to the St Dunstan's Community. It was amazing to hear how much had already been achieved by the Parliament in just one term.

We then moved onto the most important part of the Summit, the voting in of the Pupil Priorities for next year's College Development Plan. The Junior School, Lower School, Middle School and Sixth Form Parliaments each presented four priorities that they would like to be in the Final Development Plan and every member of the Parliament voted on which one of the four they would like to see implemented next year.

Each idea presented to the Parliament was well thought through and sensible, which made it difficult for the members to choose, however these were the results:

- In the Junior School: increased opportunities to engage in activities with a focus on Art and Drama.
- In the Lower School: increase in clarity and consistency across the school for sanctions.

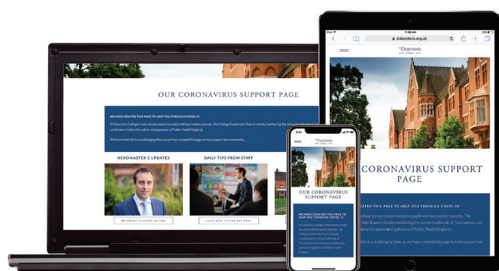
- In the Middle School: to look at introducing an end of term celebration for Year 11 pupils to celebrate the work achieved during their time as GCSE pupils.
- In the Sixth Form: to improve and increase the UCAS support available to pupils in Year 12 and Year 13 to assist with life after St Dunstan's.

On behalf of all the pupils, I would like to say thank you to the teachers involved in the College Parliament as they have all been so willing and supportive of our ideas, which has made for an efficient collaboration between teachers and pupils in the College.

I was most impressed by the maturity of the pupils which demonstrated the importance of pupil voice in our College Parliament as many productive ideas were proposed, that will lead to an improved College experience for all members of the St Dunstan's Community.

Although I will no longer be a part of the Parliament next year, I am proud to have been involved in the developments made this year and I am excited to see what will be achieved by the College Parliament in the future."





Covid-19 Lockdown

The St Dunstan's community embraced a new way of learning on Monday 23 March 2020 as the College locked down amid the coronavirus crisis. Staff started delivering their lessons virtually using online platforms Firefly and Microsoft Teams for pupils to follow at home.

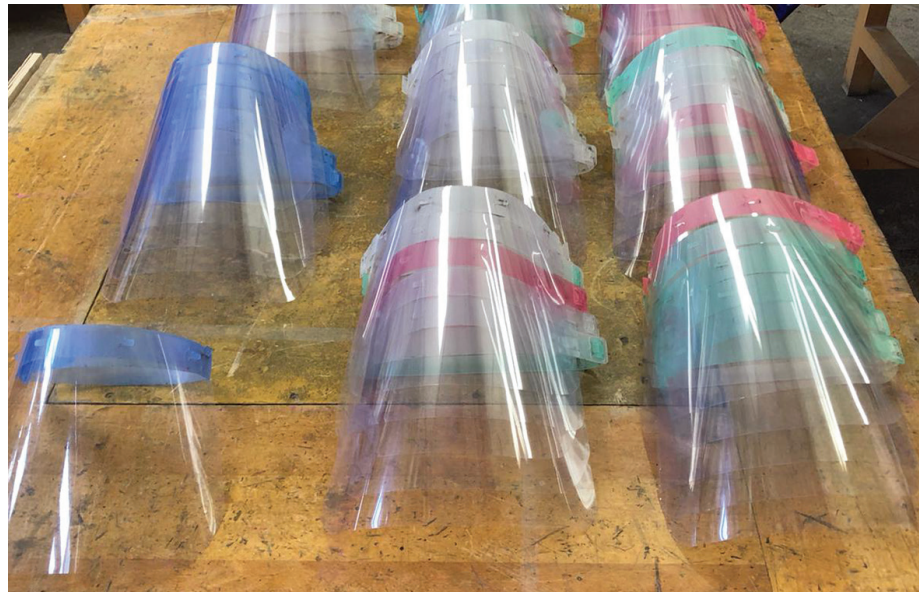
Speaking about the first day of virtual learning, Deputy Head Pastoral, Mrs Jade McLellan, said the leadership team

were 'delighted at some of the best practice' they had seen during the day. In the Senior School, a virtual assembly was hosted by Mr Holmes on the theme of scholarship.

Junior School parents sent in reports of their children excitedly making playdough, building 3D shapes out of paper and enjoying story time from the many books available on their year group page: they could even listen to the Headmaster reading them *Never ask a Dinosaur to Dinner*.

At the time of going to print, the Junior School was partially reopened as of 1 June in accordance with Government guidance and Miss Whitwood, Head of the Junior School, welcomed back Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.





St Dunstan's Design Technology department organises PPE production

In April, St Dunstan's College's design and technology department manufactured personal protective equipment (PPE) amid the current Coronavirus crisis. The department, led by Mr James Randall, produced over around 600 items of PPE

in the College's workshop using the laser cutter.

Speaking about the production, Mr Randall explained: 'Community is at the heart of everything we do at St Dunstan's. This week, we have been making PPE including face masks and visors for the NHS. We have been cutting them out on our laser cutter, and once they're cut, they are then ready to be sent out to the local community.'

'We know this is a very challenging time for many of our NHS, care and key workers, so we wanted to be able to help in this way, and hopefully the PPE will be able to support those in our community working on the front line.'

The PPE was distributed locally between University Lewisham Hospital, King's College Hospital, Bethlem Royal Hospital, St Christopher's Hospice and several GP surgeries.



Virtual 75th Anniversary of VE Day

Early May this year saw the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day in 1945. Commemorating the final chapter of World War Two, victory over Japan brought about by the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, waits until August.

WW2, like the Great War a generation before, left its own mark on our College history. The overall loss of Dunstonian lives may have been smaller than the first war's appalling toll but, in fact, there were many more ODs in uniform in 1939-45 – around 1400 against 1914-18's 977. The new dimension in this conflict – the direct involvement of College pupils as well as staff – was evacuation, simply the greatest departure from school life as it had been since SDC was re-founded in 1888.

Some wartime realities were very quickly brought home to our Catford schoolboys as the College made a rapid exit to Reigate in September 1939. And more was to come – a subsequent exodus further afield to South Wales in September 1944. That move was essential as London and SE England bore the brunt of Hitler's V1 and V2 assault on British cities and ports in retaliation to the Allies successful D-Day landings in Normandy.

We wanted to honour our Community and although a physical service at the College was not possible due to lockdown still being in place, a virtual service was led by the school Chaplain, Revd Boswell, with contributions from Mr Hewlett, and many pupils. This can be viewed on the College's YouTube channel.



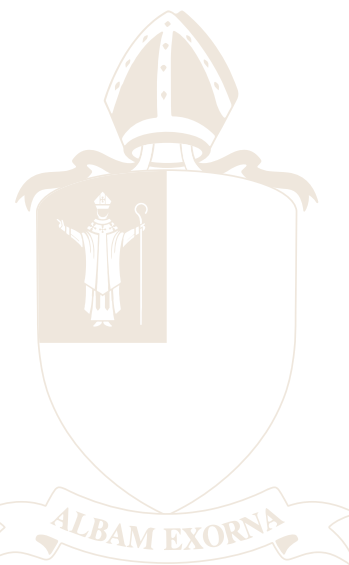
Virtual Commemoration Day

22 May

Under In normal circumstances, our the whole College community would have been taking a specially chartered train from Catford to Southwark Cathedral for the 120th Commemoration Day Service. However, due to the current lockdown we decided to mark the day was instead marked with the Foundation's the special day of our Foundation with our first ever virtual Commemoration Day Service.

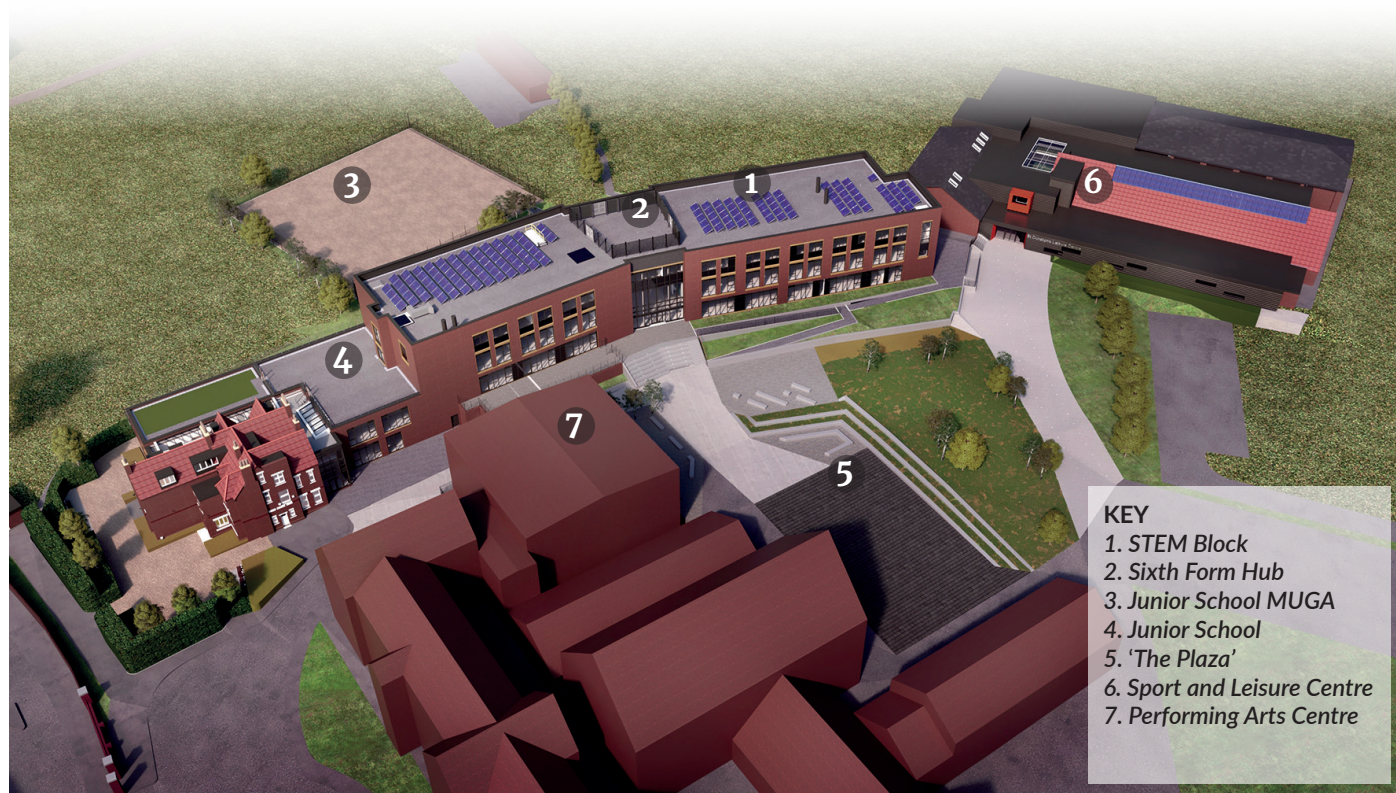
The service was led by our Head girl, Polly Bannister, and readings were complemented by the school's very own orchestra recording. The service can be viewed on the College's YouTube channel.





ST DUNSTAN'S 2021 CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Stanstead Road site is currently undergoing its most significant redevelopment since the College's foundation in 1888. Fully funded, through a combination of reserves and borrowing, and due for completion in April 2021, it will transform the west side of the College, building and an architecturally stunning new Junior School, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) block, and Sixth Form Centre.





ST DUNSTAN'S 2021 FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are three projects which we would love to complete by September 2021, whilst we still have contractors on site. If we can fundraise sufficient money to deliver these projects, it would prove significantly less disruptive to the pupils and far more cost effective.

If you would like to make a donation towards one of these three projects, please return one of our Donation Forms by post to the Development Office, St Dunstan's College, Stanstead Road, London SE6 4TY; you can also make an online donation via SDConnect on the "Support us" page.

All gifts, large or small, are precious and will make a difference.

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PROJECT 1 – The Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Built on the footprint of the old Design and Technology workshops and Science Block, we have plans to build a fabulous new theatre, music practice rooms, recital room and rehearsal studios.

Cost – £1m

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PROJECT 2 – 'The Plaza'

We would like to landscape the centre of our College into a captivating outdoor hub, where a parade square for the CCF doubles up as a performance venue, with recreational seating positioned within trees and gardens, and where a bandstand and outdoor theatre supports our Performing Arts Department and annual Summer Festival.

Cost – £1m

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PROJECT 3 – The Sport and Leisure Centre

Our Stanstead Road site needs expanding and enhancing. The designs see the relocation of Fives into the heart of this building and dramatically improve the changing facilities and classrooms.

Cost – £2m





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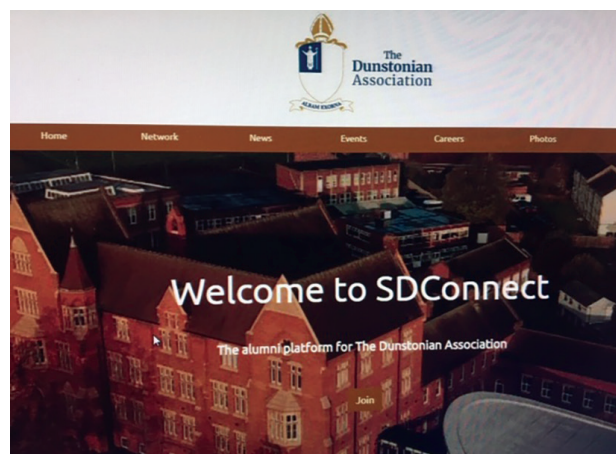
THE ALUMNI PLATFORM FOR ALL PAST STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF



Launched a year ago, just under 500 Dunstonians are now registered on the College's alumni platform, SDConnect which enables Association members to reconnect with old friends, look for mentoring options or work experience, or find out more about alumni events.

The Dunstonian Digital Archives are also available to those registered onto SDConnect. All Chronicles of the College are being digitalised over two years and the first batch from 1960 to 2019 is being digitalised as we go to print and will be available to view from September 2020.

We would encourage all Dunstonians who have yet to do so, to register onto SDConnect at <https://dunstonians.org.uk> as all communications will flow from the alumni platform from 1 July 2020.



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DIRECTORY: Find old friends or invite new connections to join you for a reunion in the UK or abroad.

JOBS and WORK EXPERIENCE: Connect with other alumni who are offering work experience or advertising job opportunities online through the portal.

EVENTS: Find out about the increasing number of events taking place at the College or at the Jubilee Ground.

CLUBS: The DA runs various sports clubs which you are most welcome to get involved with.

ARCHIVES: Some of the College's archives have been digitalised and you will have access to them once you have signed up.

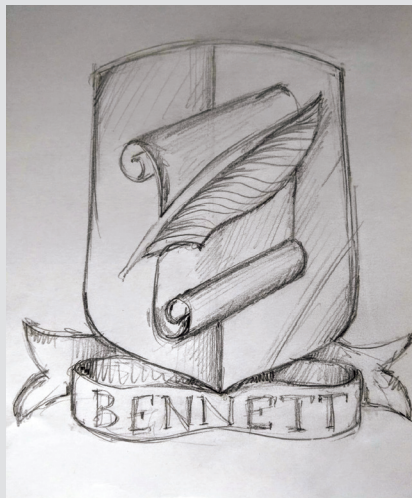
MERCHANDISE: We intend to launch a range of branded merchandise in time for Christmas 2020, solely available on SDConnect.

SUPPORT US: Check out our fundraising page for our 2021 campaign!

LAUNCH OF MERCHANDISE RANGE

The eight wooden house shields that were hung in the Learning Resource Centre for many years are in the process of being restored to their original colours (pictured right before restoration). Once this is done, the images will be digitised for use on a new range of merchandise to be launched in time for Christmas 2020.

If all goes to plan, items will be available online from SDConnect this Autumn as well as from the new onsite shop at the College from September 2021. Items will include branded mugs, ties, tea towels, umbrellas, teddy bears, puzzles, cufflinks and so much more.



Save the date...

Upcoming events at
St Dunstan's College



5 September 2020: Family day, SDC

9 November 2020: Careers and Higher Education Convention

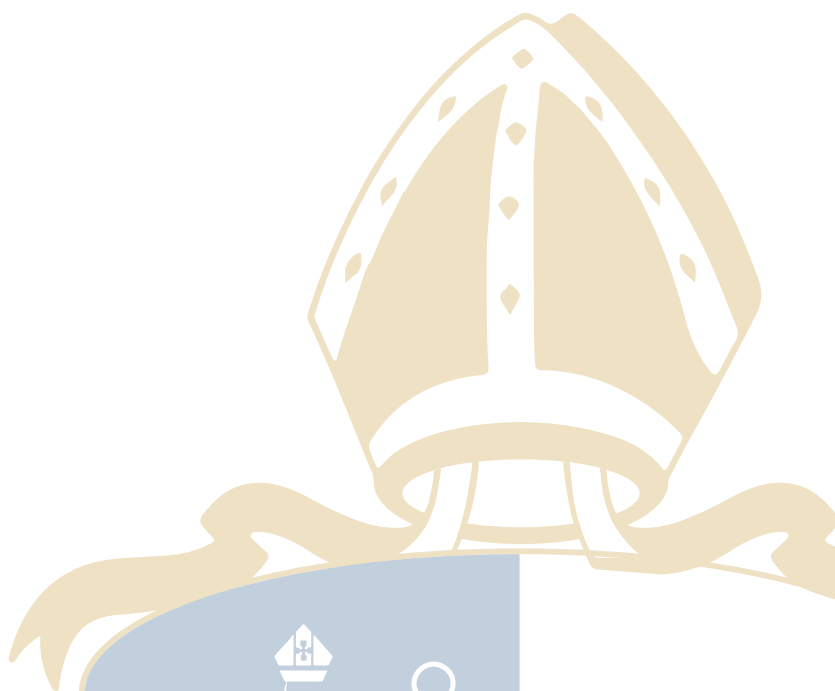
16 November 2020: AGM, Park Langley Club

17 December 2020: Christmas Drinks

March 2021: Black Tie Dinner, Great Hall (date tbc)

May 2021: Archives Day, SDC

* All dates are subject to current Covid-19 restrictions. Please check SDConnect regularly for updates

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