

ODyssey

The Newsletter for
Old Dauntseians
Summer 2021

Springtime at
The Manor

Mark Lascelles - Head Master



It has certainly been an interesting year here at School. Covid 19 has impacted on our normal programmes, but the teachers and pupils have risen to the challenge and online lessons have worked very well. Things are looking much brighter now as restrictions ease: the campus is busy and many activities have resumed. Upper Sixth and Fifth Form pupils are taking internal assessment papers to provide evidence for their predicted examination grades.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the School remains popular and recruitment has been resilient. Indeed, we are oversubscribed for September and, due to demand for boarding places, an extension to Evans House is under way.

On April 22 we were pleased to welcome Roger Black to open the Athletics Track. This is an excellent facility for both Dauntsey's and Wiltshire County Athletics.

There are two staff changes that I would like to highlight. The Second Master, Mark McFarland, is retiring after 18 years of distinguished service. Mark's contribution to the success of the School cannot be overstated – he is and has been central to all that we do and achieve. He is to be succeeded by Andy Collins from Millfield. My secretary, Debbie Caiger, has recently retired. I shall miss her warmth, good humour and company. She is enjoying playing golf, walking her dog Digby and looking after her grandchildren.

Finally, I would like to thank our OD donors who support Dauntsey's with their generosity and kindness. The financial assistance we receive is significant, particularly for our Free Places Scheme which provides life changing opportunities for a group of boys and girls.

Mark Neve - Head of Foundation



I hope this newsletter finds you well. This last year has seen a challenge for all of us in many different ways, but it has been a time when our School values of positivity, kindness and fortitude have shone through. Despite the Covid 19 restrictions and a long period of furlough, Julie and I have been busy in the Foundation Office. We have missed the regular OD events and gatherings, but many ODs have been keeping in touch and we have started planning for the future.

There is plenty of news in the newsletter, not least the arrangements for Jim Hodges' Memorial Service on 15 October and details about a book written by Nick Hale on the life of our founder William Dautesey. This year we also celebrate fifty years of co-education at Dauntsey's. The first six girls arrived on our doorstep in 1971 – there are 417 here today.

I would like to join the Head Master in thanking all our donors and supporters for their generosity. The funds we receive enable us to undertake minor projects and boost our Free Places Scheme. This year we have received a superb stamp collection from Scotland and a valuable gold-plated Scrabble edition.

We cherish the warmth and friendliness of the OD community and look forward to resuming our regular activities soon.

William Dautesey – A Biography by Nicholas Hale

I have been interested in the history of our founder since the 450th celebrations almost thirty years ago, and lockdown has provided the catalyst to my completing the research and writing his story. The book will appear during the summer, cost so far unknown, but I hope somewhere between £15.43 and £20.21. It runs to about 47,000 words and will contain a dozen or so illustrations. A number of you have already expressed an interest via the OD Facebook page, and I shall be posting updates there. I have created a dedicated email address for the book – dauteseybiography@gmail.com; please note the spelling! (Those of you with my regular email, and/or Facebook contact, are welcome to use those.)

The contents contain some surprises: the previously given date of birth is wrong, the spelling of your School is not the one that he used (DAUNTESEY), and the date of the will – and hence the foundation of his School – is 1543, not 1542. Other revelations: he was the fourth son of the local squire and went to London to make his fortune (like his fellow Mercer Dick Whittington a century earlier), and ended up a multimillionaire with property all over London and Wiltshire, in Essex and Hampshire and Calais. He was a master of detail and the small print. His second will runs to over 5,000 words (printed in its entirety in the book) and gives exhaustive instructions on appointing the scolemaister (salary £10 a year) and how to sack and replace him if he's no good; he, his pupils and the inhabitants of the almshouses were to attend Mass every morning at All Saints', West Lavington. One of Dautesey's first duties as Alderman was to attend the execution of Anne Boleyn. He was being lined up to be Lord Mayor of London but died during a plague year; they shut the schools and cancelled travel (yes, 1543). So, you could have attended Sir William Dautesey's! I have sneaked in one joke (in Latin). Bill Scarborough, OD 62-67, Master of the Mercers' Company in 2009, has kindly written the Foreword. The picture shows the two of us studying the will.



School News

Romanian Charity



Pupils and staff from Dauntsey's have been supporting the Nightingales Children's Project Charity in Romania for over 15 years. The charity provides invaluable support for vulnerable young people and their families. Each summer around 20 of our Lower Sixth students travel to Romania to offer practical help and activities for many youngsters. It is hugely rewarding for our pupils: the experience has often been described as life changing. The School normally raises £10,000 annually for the charity – this is about one third of their income. All funds go directly to the Children's Project. These last two years have been difficult and the trips to Romania have been cancelled due to Covid 19. However, we still plan to support the charity and currently we have raised £2,000. This leaves a shortfall of £8,000 from our usual donation. We need your help - please will you consider giving your support? Donations can be made using the following link:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DauntseysSchool> Thank you!

Careers



Dauntsey's Mentor Network (DMN) was established in 2014 and is populated by parents of pupils, Old Dauntseians and friends of the School. It provides a human resource of individuals from a wide range of professions and industries who are keen to share their knowledge and the journey they have taken thus far in their careers. Through the various events run by the Careers Department, for example the Sixth Form Speed Networking, pupils benefit hugely when it comes to early career planning, improvement of soft skills, university applications and general employability.

We would like to encourage more ODs to become part of this network. We will only contact you when we are running events that may fit your career area. Having this bank of knowledge and experience to draw on is invaluable, and is greatly appreciated by current Dauntseians.

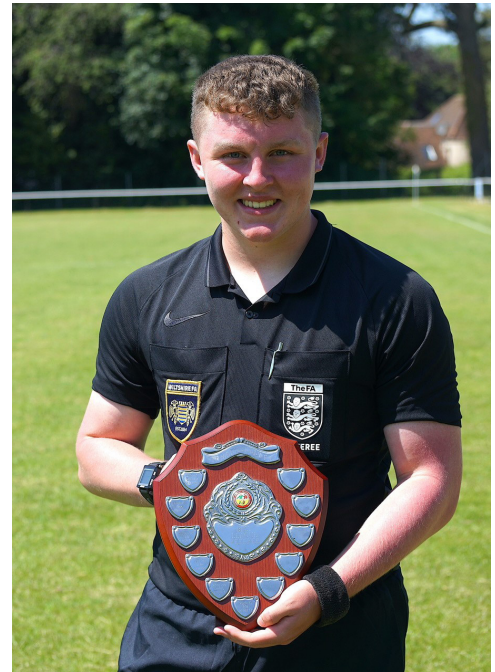
Registering is simple by following the link and completing our form online:

<https://www.dauntseys.org/life-at-dauntseys/careers-guidance/dauntseys-school-mentor-programme>

James O'Hanlon

Head of Careers

Man in the Middle



Congratulations to football referee Robert Herrett (U6) who has received the Swindon League Best Referee Award for the 2020-2021 season. Rob is a senior county referee and is rising rapidly through the ranks. He is currently at Level 5 – watch this space!

Athletics Track



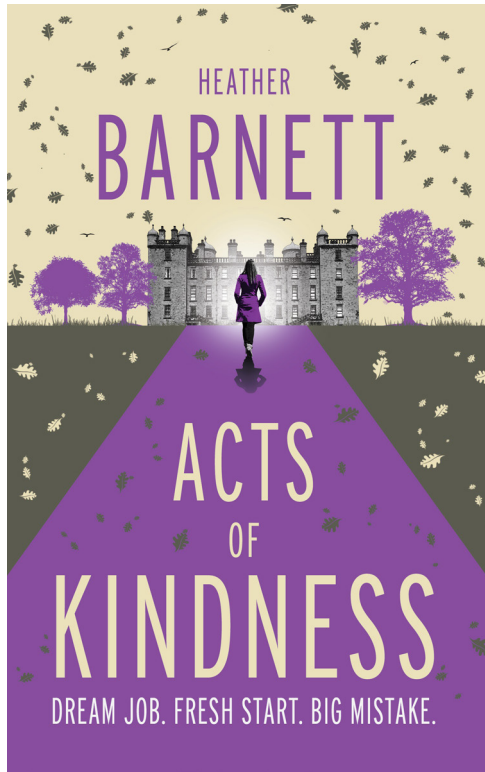
It was a lovely sunny day in April when Roger Black officially opened our Athletics track. Roger, alongside Olympic gold medallist David Hemery, enjoyed chatting with pupils about his career and achievements, and many were inspired by one of our finest sportsman.

School Musical



We are pleased to announce that this year's Christmas show is *Legally Blonde the Musical*. Elle Woods has it all. She wants nothing more than to be Mrs. Warner Huntington III. But there is one thing stopping him from proposing: she is too blonde. Elle rallies all of her resources and gets into Harvard, determined to win him back.

This fun, popular musical will run for four nights from December 1st to 4th



Heather Barnett (92-94) has just published her first novel, *Acts of Kindness*. It's a light-hearted mystery, set in a fictionalised version of Wiltshire. The paperback and e-book have been picked as a top 10 read by *WI Life* (the magazine of the Women's Institute) where it is described as 'a fast-paced and fun mystery - a terrific distraction from real life'.



Ann Philips (73-75) was amongst some of the first girls to join Dauntsey's. She writes: Leaving Lavington School in 1973, I was fortunate, under the unique and sadly short-lived 'Lavington Link', to join the small number of girls in the Sixth Form, where I was taught English by PTT, Bryn Byrne and the inimitable Jim Hodges. GEK-R suggested that I follow his daughter to Homerton College, Cambridge from where I duly graduated in 1980, marrying Tim Cartwright (73-74) that summer, holding our wedding reception at the Manor. I then became the first full-time woman member of staff at Hampton School. Moving to Strasbourg, I taught English in the International Sections, simultaneously raising our four sons, two of whom, Alexander and James Cartwright are also ODs. In 2007 I became Head of the Anglophone Section of the new European School in Strasbourg. As a trailing spouse, I subsequently taught at the Universities of Sarajevo and Pristina, and I leave my final teaching appointment at the British International School in Tunis this summer. Amongst the many theatrical productions with which I have been involved, including HJH's *Midsummer Night's Dream* on the Head Master's lawn, particularly memorable was *Twelfth Night* in local costume, staged in Kosovo, part of that very Illyria! A life-long passion for ballet encompassed dancing in GEK-R's *The Boy Friend*; being an inaugural member of the Cambridge University Ballet Association; chorus-lining in *Footlights* pantomimes; and regular dance classes throughout my life. As well as at the barre, I am still most happy with a book. Jane Austen's *Persuasion* is perhaps my favourite, and I look forward to being reunited with my own library of more than 4,000 books in our Georgian town house in Devizes.



Bob Laverton (35-39) celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday 13 June. Bob is a great friend of Dauntsey's and we hold him in great esteem. Many congratulations! Here he is with his sons Hugh (61-68), Anthony (61-65) and Robert (65-71).

The Roger Tamlyn Lower School Memorial Prize for Spirit of Adventure

Roger Tamlyn (1939-2018) was a pupil at Dauntsey's from 1953 to 1959. He attributed much of his personal development and lifetime achievements to his schooldays in West Lavington.

Affectionally known as Colonel T, Roger had numerous adventures and met many challenges in a distinguished army career. He was a senior Consultant in Anaesthetics and Intensive Care and, for "exceptional skills and resourcefulness" at a military hospital in Ethiopia, he was awarded a military MBE. In the latter part of his career he was proud to be appointed a Queen's Honorary Surgeon.

The annual prize in his memory is awarded to a Lower School pupil who demonstrates a true spirit of adventure, with a high level of personal achievement, bravery and initiative.



Ali Lock (née Daniels) (88-95) has two treasured items from her schooldays that she is unable to part with: her Moonrakers jumper and school scarf.

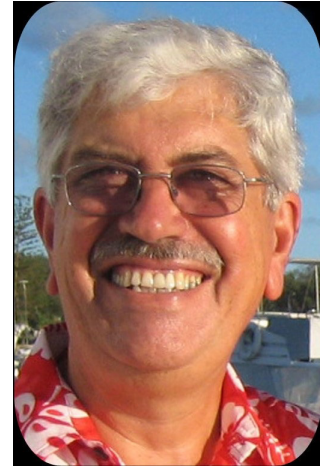


'Sometimes the smallest things in life take up the most room in your heart' – Winnie the Pooh. Very sadly, on 20th January 2021, an ODs' newborn baby called Isobel Rose passed away. Parents, Julian (90-97) and Felicity (97-04) Stafford-Wood were able to spend 9 days with her before she died. In her memory they have created, 'The Rosebud Foundation'. They wish to raise awareness of the amazing work that the Neonatal Emergency Stabilisation and Transport (N.E.S.T.) team do in our region as a thank you for transporting Isobel safely and promptly following her birth. The Rosebud Foundation's first event will be on 28th August 2021 in Warminster - details can be found on their Facebook and Instagram Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Rosebud-Foundation-106597808288844/>



Gerry Lawrence (54-59) has fond memories of his schooldays at Dauntsey's. He has booked a seat for the School's 500th anniversary in 21 years' time when he will be 101. He certainly looks healthy!



Robin Tedder (66-72) celebrated the School's birthday on the same day as the first birthday of Archie, his youngest grandchild, with a suitable glass of red. Robin is seen with his wife Rita at the top of the Earnslaw Burn, a truly spectacular place, just after finishing an eight-hour hike. Robin and Rita live in Sydney and in Queenstown NZ where they have a Pinot Noir vineyard. They would be delighted to catch up with any ODs visiting or living down under.



Richard Derry (52-57) over the last sixty years has worked in the City of London, started his own business, travelled the world extensively, and changed residence many times. His friends call him a 'Merchant Adventurer'. Richard and his wife are happily retired in North Wales, with 5 children and 9 grandchildren doted around the world to keep them busy. His closest friends at School were Martyn Evans, who he has visited in New Zealand many times, and Sam Abuja.

Memorial Service for Jim Hodges

The Very Revd. James Atwell



The service to celebrate Jim's life will take place in the Memorial Hall at 3pm on Friday 15 October 2021. Please let Julie Romijn know if you will be attending: j.romijn@dauntseys.org.

James was a Wiltshire lad and son of a tenant farmer, who loved fairground organs, *The Sound of Music*, Land Rovers and people. He was also a significant theological scholar, and probably the best to come out of Dauntseys, though readers may be surprised to know that he is not the only one. His latest work, *The Second Temple*, was completed a week before he died of cancer and is with the publishers. We were not contemporaries at School, but shared good memories of Jim Hodges, when James and his amazing wife Lorna retired back to Cambridge.

It was Maggie Thatcher who memorably said that men may have the ideas, but it takes a woman to do something about them. Theirs was a loving and significant fundraising partnership that saw significant additions to Winchester Cathedral, where he was Dean, and a tower to St Edmundsbury Cathedral, where he was previously Dean.

James was warm-hearted, wise and inclusive, with a gift for friendship, attentive listening and encouragement. He is greatly missed by his many friends.

Selwyn Image CBE (51-57)

Some recollections of Roger Tamlyn (1939-2018)

I have had the good fortune in life to meet a number of men of highly individual, indeed eccentric, characters who could be said to be truly English. This does not represent a type or class: Sydney Carton was such a one, but in my lifetime, Roger Tamlyn was the most remarkable. In today's social/political climate he might have been out of step. He came from an old landed family of mainly English stock, but also with an Irish branch - hence RSPB (for Briscoe) Tamlyn. His background was the army and some of his forebears would have led troops in battles going back to the 18th century. He had a great sense of fun, but also a strict sense of probity and he was someone for whom the concept of honour was very real. An only child of parents stationed in Malaya he was sent to Dauntsey's, while out of term time he was brought up by relatives, only

visiting his parents every three years. A very skilled fencer, for his last three years he was School captain, became south west counties champion and on joining King's College, London University, where I met him, continued as fencing captain.

For Roger, studying medicine and serving in the army were twin ambitions, which he was able to fulfil in outstanding ways. As a person of great coolness, calm and of clear logical thought, he was very resourceful under great difficulty, and this was shown particularly in Abyssinia in 1970. A lorry load of Christian pilgrims travelling in a very remote region overturned causing many casualties and some deaths. He had to perform operations outside his personal experience while a nurse read instructions from manuals. Wire was needed to hold limbs and only available was some on an animal stockade and this had to be sterilised with what difficulty can only be imagined. Most lives were saved and a great impression must have been made on his patients, and others too. Roger was invited to meet Emperor Haile Selassie, one of the most admired men of any country at the time, and there are two photos of the Negus shaking hands with a very proud Dr Roger. In the next year's honours list, Captain Roger was awarded an MBE.

Roger loved the army and the variety of missions he was able to fulfil. Earlier in his life he had been a member of an expedition led by John Blashford-Snell, and years later sailed in a section of a Round-the-World Race, navigating Cape Horn. While in Africa, he had shot a man-eating crocodile whose skin may be viewed at Dauntsey's, but in Roger's lifetime lay, jaws agape, in the crocodile bedroom.

During the next decades until he retired, Roger was sent to posts across the globe, including Hong Kong, Nepal and the Falklands, and he was present at the Iranian Embassy siege. For some of the time he was, of course, in this country and kept in touch by driving his c1963 dark blue Morgan sports car; straight back, folding engine cover with a broad leather strap, three different kinds of windscreen and headlights encased in mesh fastened to a steel bar. On one occasion the battery was flat and to fix it he tied a rope to my rear bumper and to the steel bar. The resulting crash as the bar and headlights were pulled off was embarrassing, but he was duly grateful as his car had been pulled to life. His other car the Jaguar sports he drove to Strensall camp near York to be told the awful news that his mother had been given three months to live suffering from advanced cancer, so he drove back and forth across England desperately striving to see the top surgeons. All in vain, alas.

Sometimes he drove to his friends for shoots accompanied by a succession of black labradors, the first Gunner and the last Caesar. The beautiful spacious house he inherited must have been a haven of peace from his exacting tours of duty, though it could worry him, as when he returned to Bournemouth to find water had been coming through the ceiling for six months. With his usual resourcefulness he dealt with this, and designed and installed a complex and ingenious irrigation system in the extensive garden.

Roger's great ability and capacity to lead had resulted in a colonelcy and in the new century he was appointed as a Queen's honorary surgeon. From about 1996 it was apparent that Roger was becoming somewhat forgetful, and this increased; and then sudden loss of the use of his legs brought him very close to the end. Some months before he died, he married his long-term partner Jenny in Poole hospital. He showed great forbearance and courtesy to the staff. For those people from his past the news of his death left a fond remembrance of having known an extraordinary man and friend.

Obituaries

Anna Shuttleworth

The death occurred on 2 March 2021 of Anna Shuttleworth, who taught the cello at Dauntsey's from 1960 to 1967, under Directors of Music Philippe Oboussier and Prabhu Singh. Born in 1927, she worked with many of the leading musicians of the mid and late 20th century, and played for Casals, Rostropovich and Tortelier. A brilliant cello teacher and an eccentric enthusiast, her constant refrain "Play anything, don't worry about the notes" endeared her to many of her pupils, who will recall her with affection and pride.

Philip Nokes (64-70)

It's thanks to you

The School would like to express its gratitude to the following donors who have supported Dauntsey's in the 2020-21 academic year.

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John	Couzens	40-46
Michael	Brodie	42-46
Claude	Rutter	42-47
John	Beukers	43-50
Richard	Winn	44-48
John	Lambert	44-50
Derek	Ainley	46-50
Richard	Evans	51-56
Richard	Kidner	52-58
John	Laurence	53-60
Rupert	Brendon	56-59
Neville	Stanton	57-63
Richard	Snook	58-62
Michael	George	58-63
Paul	Bancroft	58-65
Peter	Batten	59-64
Mark	Clenshaw	62-69
Philip	Nokes	64-70
Robert	Walden	65-68
Hugh	Piggott	66-71
Nicholas	Gosling	67-74
Barnaby	Reeves	68-73
John	Rose	69-75

David	Linsay	69-77
James	Gosling	72-79
Gary	Walker	73-80
Simon	Clothier	77-82
Simon	Buckley	78-85
Charlotte	Howard	82-88
Eric	Groslin	83-88
Ruth	Dries	85-92
James	Gaiger	87-94
Sally	Bull	88-91
Jerry	Hung	06-08

Parents and Friends

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Mr & Mrs G	St. Pier
Mr & Mrs M	Waymouth
Dr J	Wells
Mr J	White

Legacy

John Newton	51-55
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In Memoriam

David Wells	(36-41)	Richard Slade	(50-55)
John Pike	(37-42)	Michael Corfe	(51-55)
Brian Cox	(38-43)	Peter Hayward	(51-56)
John GRAHAM Findlay	(41-45)	David Langhorne	(51-56)
A M Nelson	(42-47)	Peter Hills	(55-60)
M J Freegard	(44-48)	Nigel M Smith	(56-62)
John G Turner	(44-49)	The Very Reverend James Atwell	(59-65)
Dr Roger Whatley	(46-53)	Richard Cawley	(59-66)
Roger Kemp	(46-51)	Anna Shuttleworth	(60-67) - former member of staff
D M Pugh	(46-51)	Patrick Litchfield	(68-73)
H R Lambert	(47-52)	Richard Parry	(70-73) - former member of staff
R Anthony Buckley	(48-52)	Tom Clack	(70-76)
A H Proctor	(49-52)	Susan Gillott	(71-73) - one of the first 6 girls to join in 1971

On the agenda...

OD Golf Day: Friday 24 September 2021
Classes of 2015/16 Leavers' Dinner: Saturday 11 September 2021
OD Match Day Event: Saturday 13 November 2021

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