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The Musical



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COVER:
Legally Blonde

THIS PAGE:
Copper Beech Trees on the Drive

Welcome

Legally Blonde, this term's musical, provides the pinkest *Quad* cover on record as well as the rosiest of glows in the recollection. A confection of the lightest sort, this was a witty romp through early noughties US culture and had cast, crew and audiences alike tapping their feet with the fun and vigour of it all. Just watching was an exhausting experience and that so many of those participating were also part of the flourishing House Music Competition (which yet again had hundreds of high-quality entries) and the Lent Concert, whose crowning glory was a full performance of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony* is testament to the fantastic energy and commitment of all the students.

In fact, a real sense of get-up-and-go is evident in every sphere of Lancing life this term, be that in sport, charitable fundraising (for some reason each new initiative is announced by the students with a flourish of truly terrible puns), the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, or any of the other myriad activities and initiatives enjoyed each term.

However, that wholeheartedness is perhaps most evident in the sheer range of intellectual endeavour undertaken here – and a real excitement about learning too. As you can see in these pages, be it the innovations of the Heresy initiative, the huge range of science and engineering projects, our Medics' Society (the envy of many another school), or playful mathematical explorations, the spirit of intellectual questing is absolutely alive and kicking in the College. Do enjoy the piece on the Languages Department; in a national picture where such learning is in decline, Lancing is a proud bearer of the languages torch.

The Foundoners programme – our drive to bring people to Lancing who would otherwise not even begin to dream of such an opportunity – is burgeoning. At the end of the Half Term break we welcomed Kenny Tutt, the BBC's 2018 *MasterChef* champion. Kenny cooked for over 80 diners in support of the campaign. It was a pleasure to host the event which, thanks to the generosity of everyone attending, raised over £14,000. You can read more and view the pictures of a hugely enjoyable evening later on in these pages.

I write on my return from a whistle-stop visit to Hong Kong. My heartfelt thanks go to all the OLs and parents past and present who welcomed me and who ranged from long-standing residents to those enjoying time working for a year or two in such a fizzing metropolis. It was a real pleasure to be able to meet over 150 people who share a bond with the College. I met some students who will be joining us in September too: their thrills of anticipation were palpable. There could be few better reminders of Lancing's long-standing and vibrantly global connectedness.

With my best wishes for a very Happy Easter and a restful break.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Dominic Oliver in white ink, positioned above his name and title.

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College News

Charities Term

During the Lent Term all Houses came together to raise money and awareness for their chosen charity. Co-ordinated by a Charity Committee composed of Lower Sixth formers from across the Houses, our pupils chose many brilliant and life-changing charities to support:

SANKofa (supported by Sankey's House), Syria Relief (Second's), St George's Hospital (School), CentrePoint (Gibbs'), Virtual Doctors and Martlets Hospice (Head's), Fircroft Trust (Field's), CLIC Sargent (Manor), Sussex Cancer Care (Saints'), Action for Children (Handford), and Winston's Wish (Teme).

The planning and organisation occurred during the Advent Term, when all Charity Reps met regularly to discuss and brainstorm ideas. Fundraising activities in the term included bake sales, disco and pizza nights, dress-up days, and bouncy castles, amongst others. The term was indeed filled with fun: from the excitement of *Spyring* [a game where students and staff turn into super sleuths to catch fellow students and colleagues] to the amusing *Just Dance* competition and, of course, the simple exquisite delight of stuffing one's face with doughnuts and baked goods ... Yet it is important to reflect on the purpose behind the charity weeks, and remember that the money we raised goes to support important causes, from tackling the issue of homelessness to helping people with mental health problems – all prevalent issues in today's society.

Avery Ko, Lower Sixth



Lancing marks International Women's Day

For International Women's Day on Friday 8 March, all departments looked at the contribution of women to their particular fields of study. For example, the Languages Department displayed a trail of notable French and Spanish women, and their biographies were discussed in the classroom. In Classics we looked at examples of influential women of the Ancient World, while Business and Economics students learnt more about feminist economics and worked on profiles of business women of our time.

The College community also engaged in an initiative called **#messagetomysister** run by the charity Women for Women International. Women and girls from the College wrote messages of encouragement and hope on postcards which were then collected, translated and delivered by the charity to women survivors of war around the world.

Senior Deputy Head Hilary Dugdale spoke about IWD in the weekly Assembly: 'It's good to ask why this day is marked and why it needs to be marked. The College has a long history as a boys' school and admitted girls only within the last 50 years, initially only in small numbers. In the Dining Hall many key men look down from impressive pictures. Other pictures of Head Masters line Great School, one of Lancing's grandest rooms. We celebrate OLs like Evelyn Waugh, Christopher Hampton, David Hare. The catalogue of the past is male, and whilst young men here find role models and affirmation through the famous men of Lancing, girls don't see their place here reflected in the same way.

In the future perhaps the OLs celebrated and recalled will have amongst them Shirin Gerami, Iranian triathlete; Racheal Ofori, playwright, poet and performer; Zoe Conway, BBC journalist; or young women in the school today, people whose talents are developing and who will shine in the future. New buildings may be named after influential women. Fridays might start with Head Woman's Assembly ...

In a way Lancing reflects the world outside, where monuments, heroes and iconic figures have been largely male; and whilst that balance is generally towards the male, it's good to have a day when girls and women are put centre stage and in the middle of the picture – a day that thinks about and celebrates female achievement and allows female voices worldwide to be heard a little louder.'



Triumph at the Chichester Music Festival

Well done to Edmund and Dom Harry for winning the Brass Duet cup and a further cup for 'Most Promising Duet Partnership' at the Chichester Music Festival.

Many congratulations also to Cecily Moorsom, Amélie Rohan and Poppy Tallis for their outstanding results in the Recorder solo, duet and ensemble classes.

Great enthusiasm at the Advance Programme Experience Day

On Tuesday 15 January the College welcomed 85 pupils to take part in our 2021 Advance Programme Experience Day. The pupils, aged between nine and ten years, came together from a wide range of prep schools across London and the South East. They enjoyed an enriching day of exploring and showcasing their various skills and interests.

During the day pupils completed a read and understand exercise, did a 'show and tell' on a topic of their choice and had a tour of the College. The atmosphere was one of great enthusiasm and parents joined the pupils at the end of the day for an afternoon tea and a round-up from Deputy Head Dr John Herbert.



Now in its second year, the programme has proved extremely popular with positive feedback from parents and applications which exceed expectations. The programme has been designed as an early entry route for pupils to gain a place at the College in the Third Form. Pupils sit the ISEB pre-test at their own school and are then invited to participate in the Experience Day. The day is uniquely designed to allow us to get to know prospective pupils and identify their strengths in academic, sporting and other fields. The day also offers an opportunity to visit the school guided by the College Prefects and find out more about what it's like to be a pupil at Lancing.



'My son said the teachers he spoke to were super interested and asked lots of questions which made him feel very special!'

'It is a good challenge for children at an early age where it is emphasised that there is no pressure per se and that they should enjoy themselves.'

'We were extremely impressed with the kindness and friendliness of the school community.'

Parents' Feedback on the 2021 Advance Programme Experience Day

Sixth Formers excel at Young Enterprise Awards

A group of Lower Sixth Formers represented the College at the recent Coastal West Sussex Young Enterprise awards held at The Body Shop HQ in Littlehampton.

After a series of interviews with the judges and a presentation to the audience, the pupils were awarded with the 'Best Customer Service' award for their Wellness Enterprise project.

Aimed at improving the mental wellbeing of the community and, in particular, of young people, the project included the design and print of a Wellness Planner to help achieve goals and maintain a positive life. Half of the profits will be donated to Mind, the mental health charity.



Inter-House Music Competition 2019

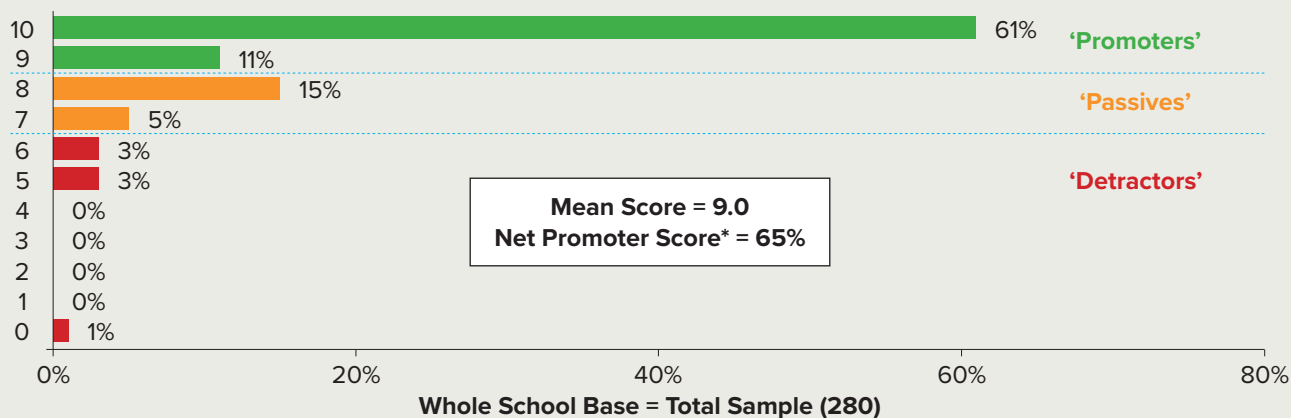
Just before the February Half Term we saw the conclusion of the Inter-House Music Competition, which is open to musicians of all abilities. Over 300 performances took place this year, leading up to the grand finale. Well done to all the participants, to the team working hard behind the scenes in the Music School, and many congratulations to Manor House (pictured) for winning this year's Cup.

Parent Survey 2019

The most recent survey of parent satisfaction revealed a strong increase in the extent to which parents would recommend Lancing to other parents.

Using the widely adopted **Net Promoter Score*** as a measure of customer satisfaction, Lancing achieved a score of 65% which was a statistically significant improvement from 2016. With this score Lancing is placed in good company with household names such as First Direct (73%), John Lewis (68%) and Sony (61%).

Q18: How likely is it that you would recommend Lancing College to other parents? (10 = Very likely to 0 = Not likely at all)



*Net Promoter Score = % Scoring 9–10 (Promoters) minus % Scoring 0–6 (Detractors)

About our Parent Survey

This year was our third parent survey; it is carried out annually for parents of children joining Lancing and biennially for parents of current pupils.

The results from this survey provide a strong evidence base to inform our ongoing developments; they also serve to complement all of the individual conversations which take place every week.

In 2019 the survey achieved an excellent response rate of 57% of all families and 66% of new families. This is well above the 45% achieved in our previous all-family survey in 2016.

This is a very good figure and is also highly representative of the pupil profile which means that we can have a high level of confidence in the data.

Analysis of the survey is carried out by Shine Research, an independent company and Market Research Society member.

We are extremely grateful to parents for their feedback and additional comments. It is heartening to see improvements across many measures that we have been working on and especially value of reports and feedback, communications with Housemasters and Housemistresses, contact with Tutors, the breadth of the curriculum, parental involvement and, for new joiners, meetings with the Head Master

There is a tremendous amount of feedback also in the form of additional comments. We will be assessing all of this together with the data in the coming months so that we can review areas where you would like us to do better.

New Day Nursery and Forest School to Open at Lancing College

Lancing College has announced plans to open Little Lancing, a new Day Nursery and Forest School on the site of the former Sussex Pad on the edge of the Lancing College estate, with easy access from the A27.

Little Lancing is due to open in Autumn 2019 and will welcome children from local and commuting families.

The nursery will offer day care hours ranging from 7am to 7pm for children aged 2 months to 5 years. It will be open 5 days a week, all year round (except for Bank holidays) with morning, afternoon and all day sessions, subject to availability.

Little Lancing will operate as a standalone setting but will share the same ethos and approach as the College's Senior School and the College's two local prep schools in Worthing and Hove, which will both continue to run their current term-time only provision for pre-school age children.

The nursery will be run by a qualified Nursery Manager and co-managed by Tops Day Nurseries, a national award-winning early years provider with 27 Good or Outstanding nurseries across the South. They are pioneers and leaders of quality in the early years sector with the Managing Director, Cheryl Hadland, named as the 'Most Influential Person in Childcare 2018' by Nursery Management Today.

Commenting on the announcement, Head Master Dominic Oliver said: 'We are tremendously excited about this new venture. Extending our early years provision with a year-round day nursery is an obvious development for Lancing College which is recognised for its focus on nurturing the individual and inspiring young minds. Our convenient location and parent-friendly opening hours will, we hope, attract families who live and work in our local area.'



The Heresy Project 2018-19

This year the Lower Sixth has produced a range of truly exceptional essays for the *Heresy Project*, even more spikily punchy and brilliantly iconoclastic than last year.

They have joyfully shaken entrenched intellectual complacencies; and, to paraphrase Tom Sharpe, that great Lancing comic satirist, they have forcefully proved that 'if a little knowledge (is) a dangerous thing, a lot (is) lethal!'

This year nearly 30 essays could have made the final shortlist and there has been some truly outstanding writing: wise, well-researched and wittily biting in argument, pushing the case for an extraordinary collection of heretical causes with knowing, forceful, feisty flair. Lancing's long tradition of engaged, independent intellectual thought is alive and kicking, and dangerously so! There is no pedestrian dullardry here! The elderly have been disenfranchised, the French monarchy has been restored and π rejected! Olly Hancock has even cast his impressively caustic heretical gaze towards Dr Kerney in his artfully constructed photograph: *Students are more intelligent than teachers!*

A grand jury in the Common Room of Dr Kerney, Dr Herbert, Mr Harman and Mrs Mole hammered out an agreement on the winners from the shortlist, and it was agreed that three entrants should be jointly awarded top prize. These three essays were defined not just by their formidably well-researched analytical verve, but by the sophisticated flair with which they deconstructed their heretical targets: precisely the qualities of independent thought sought by the very best universities.

Dr Damian Kerney, Head of Sixth Form Enrichment



Lancing's heretical triumvirate this year comprises:

- **Avery Ko** (above, right) for her essay: *Organ 'Donation': Who matters more? The living or the dead?*
- **Lohith Konathala** (above, left) for his essay: *The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill wasn't a disaster after all ...*
- **Nat Oliver** (above, centre) for his essay: *It is impossible to live authentically*

The shortlist also included:

- **Nicole Bellamy Plaice**: *Why we should disenfranchise the elderly*
- **Monica Chen**: *Pi? No Tau!*
- **Olly Hancock's** heretical photograph: *Students are more intelligent than teachers*
- **Poppy Hawkins**: *Sappho presents a more nuanced and complex version of female sexuality than modern day feminism*
- **Cecily Moorsom**: *De Regibus Anglorum: who was the first King of England?*
- **Yana Murateva**: *Assisted death: is the UK healthcare system missing the point?*
- **Dante Phillips**: *The restoration of the Orleans Dynasty will finally bring out political stability in France*
- **Aidan Strong**: *To what extent are tempi used for classical music today historically accurate?*

A new issue for this year's *Project* will be printed in the forthcoming months. Previous editions are available to view on the College website.

Focus on Science

When studying scientific subjects, our pupils learn to apply their problem-solving and critical thinking ability. These are vital skills in learning how to make good decisions; and, by learning to use evidence-based information, they are able to work their way towards finding a solution.

We live in an extremely 'technological' world; surrounded by products of modern technology, we fully rely on these to work, learn, communicate or travel. Our children also live and breathe technology; as they grow up and develop in a very scientifically advanced world, the skills and concepts taught in a science classroom will be essential for them to succeed in school and also later in life.

When a pupil starts their journey at Lancing College, it is very likely that they already have a connection with the Science Department; either knowingly, if they attended the annual Year 6 Prep Schools Challenge, or through their teachers via the Science Teachers CPD day that we hold for local colleagues every year.

The first of these events has been going for twenty years now and attracts applications from over 30 schools from as far afield as Kensington, London and Southampton. Secondly, by hosting a day of meetings for Science teachers from over two dozen schools, we can share good practice and, more significantly, get to know the incoming students very early: we know the Third Form before they even arrive at the College.

Our energetic department delivers a wide variety of subjects and activities. Highly qualified specialists teach Biology, Chemistry and Physics to GCSE and A Level with great success. There are also A Level courses in Psychology and Computer Science, as well as the off-timetable opportunity to study for a GCSE in Electronics.

Each subject offers a range of clinics after lessons, dealing with everything from completing some challenging homework, to revising for exams or preparing for Olympiad competitions and Oxbridge interviews.

Clubs and clinics cover every kind of co-curricular support: the Medics' Society arranges regular lectures and visits as well as the annual OL Medics' Dinner (a prime networking

opportunity for our students); Computing Club and Electronics Club give Third and Fourth Form students an opportunity to engage with real programming challenges and hardware development; the recently formed Telescope Club is working to refurbish the College's 12" Newtonian reflector, donated to Lancing in 1985 by the famed amateur astronomer Cmdr Henry Hatfield; Engineering for the Upper Sixth involves a year-long project in collaboration with our neighbours Ricardo Engineering and leads to a CREST Gold Award.

Regular visits include a long weekend to Geneva and CERN, a day at the Diamond Light source at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) in Culham, the week-long Biology Field Trip to South Wales, a visit by the Psychology students to the annual Criminology conference and a Computer Science trip to the home of codebreaking, Bletchley Park.

In the academic year 2017–18, 34 Upper Sixth students moved on to start science-based undergraduate courses, including: Charlie Bishop studying Mechanical Engineering at Brunel; Jacob Wyborn following Electrical Power Engineering at Bath; Russell Woodger studying Chemistry at Lincoln College Oxford; Riona Zhang reading Theoretical Physics at UCL; John Leung (Biochemistry) and Charles Law (Medical Biosciences) at Imperial; and Abi Yetton reading Space Systems at Surrey. We also had seven students placed at Medical Schools and one to Veterinary College.

Dr Giles Preston, Head of Science

Upper Sixth Former Sophie Williams writes about the College's collaboration with Ricardo: 'The Ricardo CREST Engineering Project has been an amazing experience as we work to find a solution to the real commercial problem of piston telemetry. Over the past six months I have worked with professional engineers and three of my peers. It has been fascinating to see the many different ways each one of us has faced the challenges. In particular, this project has really helped me see both the benefits and the difficulties of working in a team, of playing to everyone's strengths and getting the best out of each person there, a skill which I have no doubt will be very valuable to us all, no matter whether or not we choose Engineering as a career.'



The Medics' Society – supporting Lancing's aspiring doctors

For those pupils aspiring to a career in medicine or related subjects, the popular Medics' Society, accessible from the Fifth Form, allows them to explore all the opportunities available in these fields. Competition for university places in medicine and biomedical sciences is fierce and this programme allows the students to be well-equipped and as informed as possible about the process and wide range of options available. The Medics meet weekly to consider and discuss a wide range of topics; time is also spent on role-playing activities to further their interpersonal skills and studying techniques to master the BMAT and UKCAT exams, the two challenging medical entrance exams. On a monthly basis, the group attends the Medico-Chirurgical lectures at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

The ability to reflect upon real experiences is vital, and Lancing College alumni and parents provide invaluable help, either through talks to students, networking events, visits to their workplaces, or by joining the students for the Annual Medics' Dinner.

With the challenges of an ageing population and increasing life expectancy, the current shortage of skills in the medical and bioscience areas looks set to continue. Lancing pupils have increasingly responded to this demand, with the thriving medical group going from strength to strength. In the future we can expect Lancing pupils to be working around the world at the forefront of medicine and bioscience.



Basil Yusuf (Head's 2007–2012)

At Lancing I took Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics; I then graduated from Queen Mary in Biomedical Sciences and am now in my penultimate year of the Graduate Entry Medicine Programme at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry. I am planning to pursue a career as a Trauma and Orthopaedics Surgeon. Lancing helped me develop my independence and gave me the freedom to build my own persona around my own interests and strengths. As a result of my time at Lancing, I was ready to live an independent life at university and excel in order to gain a place in the competitive four-year graduate medical programme and pursue my dreams of becoming a surgeon.



Sarah Leiter (Handford 2006–2008)

At Lancing I studied Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, after which I studied Medicine at Newnham College, Cambridge, on their MB/PhD programme. Currently I am working as a junior doctor; I'm also interested in becoming a geneticist and would like to work in research. I am also aiming to represent Great Britain at goal ball at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. Lancing gave me the confidence to pursue my dream of becoming a medical doctor despite having a visual impairment. It also provided an environment where I could follow my faith and grow from a child to an adult in a safe environment.



'The additional support I received, including a medical group, trips, practical and expert advice, has been very helpful in guiding my career path and preparing me to continue my studies in Biomedical Science.'

Sixth Form pupil

Languages at Lancing

Speaking a foreign language enhances career prospects, also opening up the possibility of work or study abroad. Languages graduates are presented with a wide range of careers with the additional opportunity to work or continue their studies abroad or within an international environment. There is also an increasing trend among UK universities to require a foreign language to GCSE level.

We have a healthy mix of nationalities with over 40 countries represented in the school. Preparing our pupils to be successful global citizens is an important part of our work at the College. In recent surveys pupils have told us that they value making friends with other pupils from all over the world and learning to understand different cultures

Head of Languages Sergei Drozdov explains why languages play an important part in the curriculum offering at the College: 'At Lancing, Modern Foreign Languages are still a very popular choice, with everyone studying a foreign language at GCSE and 45 students studying either Spanish, French or German at A Level.

Seven Sixth Form students (James and Simon Brophy, Hannah Eastbury, Henry Jakob, Hannah McGuinness, Annabelle Parish and Nat Oliver) are studying two languages, whilst Luca Inder Rieden is preparing to take A Levels in French, Spanish and Italian. Moreover, we understand the importance of learning languages at an early stage and have diversified our language provisions at both Lancing prep schools this year, adding Spanish and German to the existing French.

Although we hear that a growing number of schools are allowing their students to drop languages after Year 9, here at Lancing a language is a compulsory GCSE subject, and all students study at least one language until the end of Fifth Form (Year 11). Our students are still as enthusiastic about learning

a foreign language as ever: there is a healthy number of dual linguists (around 20 each year) who enjoy studying languages and continue with both languages to GCSE. Languages are perceived as challenging subjects to choose for A Level, but our students do very well, with a healthy number of Sixth Formers continuing with a language at university. Recent OLs are currently pursuing a degree in languages at Cambridge (Matt Gurtler), UCL (Alicia Ebisawa), Durham (Henry Smethurst), Maastricht (Jack Taylor), to name just a few. Five current Upper Sixth students are applying to study a language at top universities next year.

Studying a language helps students improve their English and understand its grammar. It is often in a language classroom when students learn what a gerund is, that voices can be active or passive – not just loud or quiet, and moods can be indicative, imperative or subjunctive – not just grumpy or silly.

Languages are also valuable cross-curricular subjects, helping students to learn more about history and geography of the country whose language they are learning, offering a cultural insight into that country. Literature, art, poetry, music, cinema all feature in the cultural aspect of language learning at a higher level. The Languages Department organises visits to countries where the target language is spoken, either in the form of exchanges or regular trips; these offer a personal, social and cultural experience for pupils.'



Some of our Sixth Form Languages students

'There are many famous quotes which inspired me to learn a foreign language but my favourite one is by Nelson Mandela, who once said: "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." Be brave, be original, be open-minded: study a foreign language at Lancing.'

Sergei Drozdov, Head of Languages

Career opportunities enhanced by the study of Languages

Curriculum Options

• French • German • Spanish • Latin •

French is both a working and an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts. It is also the language of Strasbourg, Brussels and Luxembourg, where the EU institutions are headquartered.



The main language of Germany, Austria and much of Switzerland. Widely spoken in Central and Eastern Europe. Jobs with German language skills have currently the highest demand in the UK employment market, with Germany being amongst the UK's top trading partners.



Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States and there are over 450 million Spanish speakers worldwide. Spanish language skills give access to the majority of Latin American countries.



Co-curricular Options

• Italian • Mandarin • Russian •



We have a fantastic team of language specialists in the Department, representing England, Wales, Germany, Russia, Spain, France, Italy, Colombia and China!

Academic Enrichment

Williams' Rule!

Well done to Upper Sixth Former Sophie Williams who has received a Head Master's Commendation for her outstanding independent exploration of Simpson's Rule. In class they had been using the rule to find a quadratic approximation to an integral. The question was raised as to whether a cubic approximation would be better. Sophie produced a tremendous solution not only for a cubic approximation but also for a quartic approximation. Her workings showed tenacity, determination and a genuine desire to explore further that what she had learnt in the classroom. Impressive work from Sophie; her cubic approximation should now be called Williams' Rule!

Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad Competition

This year over 7,000 pupils from schools across the UK took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad. A Gold award represents an achievement accomplished by only 8% of entries, whilst the Silver award was achieved by only 25% of the entries. Given that only high achievers would be entered for these competitions, Lancing did particularly well this year. Congratulations to the students below on their result:

- Gold Award: Karl Li
- Silver Award: Thom Lai, Jonathan Williams and Sophie Williams
- Bronze Award: Cheryn Fong, Lohith Konathala, Antony Lau, Michail Manthios and Yana Murateva



The Lent Term Scholars' Programme

This term the Scholars have again been able to encounter cutting-edge research at the highest level, engaging with and drawing on the ideas of a range of exceptional visiting speakers. Dr David Smith, Fellow, College Lecturer and Director of Studies in History at Selwyn College Cambridge, has unpicked the problematic reputation of Oliver Cromwell; Dr Rebecca Mitchell, a lecturer in the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages at Cambridge, has analysed developing trends in Linguistics, whilst Dr Tomáš Pevný from the Czech Technical University in Prague and the R&D group of CISCO has unravelled the complexities of current developments in Steganography. All have offered key insights into life at their universities, from Oxbridge to continental institutions, giving immeasurable help to our Lower Sixth as they set their sights high for university entrance next year. Oxbridge ambitions have in turn been fostered by a visit to St Catherine's and New Colleges Oxford.

As always the Scholars' programme has also been enriched by speakers from within the Common Room, debating and discussing their current intellectual preoccupations: from Dr Mark Palmer on the relationship between the Book of Genesis and the Enlightenment to Dr Damian Kerney unpacking the rhetoric of crisis. Above all, our Scholars' high intellectual calibre has been marked out by the formidable quality of questioning at each meeting; and, as I write, a series of outstanding essays are being sent up to Oxbridge Colleges for Prize competitions, from the Vellacott History Prize to the Thomas Campion English Prize.

Lancing's intellectual life is in rude good health.

Dr Damian Kerney

History in the Lent Term

This term, week-in-week-out, Lancing's historians have engaged with a rich diet of new historical thinking, within the classroom, in the History societies and far beyond, sharpening their minds, deepening their understanding of History's extraordinary research potential, and preparing for top university entrance. There have been Lower Sixth visits to the Christopher Walker OL Memorial Lecture at King's College, London, as well as to the National Portrait Gallery and the manuscript collection of the British Library. There have been lectures by Dr Rebecca Jinks, Lecturer in Modern History at Royal Holloway, on new research approaches to 20th century genocides and Dr David Smith, College Lecturer and Director of Studies in History at Selwyn College Cambridge, on the ongoing debates surrounding Oliver Cromwell's reputation. There have been A Level conferences in London, allowing our Sixth Form historians new insights into their studies: from lectures by Professor Jonathan Phillips and Dr Tom Asbridge on 12th century crusading to Professor Aristotle Kallis on the Weimar Republic and Professor Roger Griffin on post-war Germany's attempts to deal with the legacy of Nazism. Our Lower Sixth historians have also been deepening their own independent research interests, from the impact of the Norman conquest on Anglo-Saxon women to issues of microhistory and imperial failure, writing for an impressive range of essay prizes, as they have worked towards Oxbridge and top flight university applications in History.

Dr Damian Kerney, Head of History and Sixth Form Enrichment



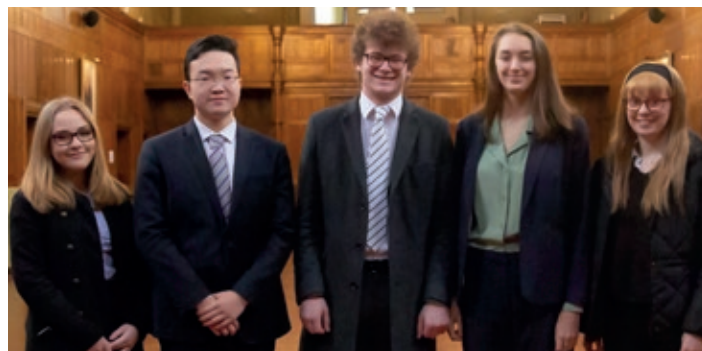
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Oxbridge Offers for Five Talented Pupils

This year five exceptionally gifted Lancing students have secured highly prized offers to study at Cambridge University. Their outstanding achievement once again underscores Lancing's long-standing, consistent success at the highest, most academically competitive level of Oxbridge entrance. It recognises the students' top flight abilities in some of the most highly competitive and intellectually demanding courses across the range of the Humanities and Sciences, from History to Engineering. It also stands alongside the first-class, rising success of Lancing students in achieving offers to study at the country's most prestigious medical schools, music conservatoires and at the most academically elite universities in the US, Canada and Europe. Above all, this success is grounded in the renowned excellence of the College's teaching. Academically gifted, dedicated and inspiring teachers, working alongside the individual intellectual interests of each pupil, in the classroom and far beyond, help foster the acute independence of thinking and academic flair central to Oxbridge achievement.

In 2019 Lancing's strength in History has been highlighted by Sophie Millward-Sadler, who came to the College from Lancing Prep Worthing and has been offered a place at St Catharine's

College Cambridge. Karl Li has underlined the College's year-on-year Oxbridge success in Mathematics, receiving an offer of a place to study Mathematics at St John's College Cambridge. Hannah Eastbury, a former pupil of Lancing Prep Hove, has received an offer to study Modern and Medieval Languages at Magdalene College Cambridge. Lancing's Head of School, Sophie Williams, has also gained an offer to study Engineering at Trinity College Cambridge, as has Timothy Clifford, remarkably the third of three brothers at Lancing to achieve Oxbridge offers.



Opportunities to study Abroad

In the Lent Term we were delighted to host an event in cooperation with International Education Week. The event aimed to offer our pupils and parents an opportunity to explore study abroad options, meet representatives from a select group of top international universities and discover their range of degree programmes. The pupils had also the opportunity to learn more about how international study can enhance their CV and career options. The workshop included exhibitors such as IE International University in Spain, IED Design and Fashion school in Milan and ESSEC International Business School in Paris, amongst others. Open to College pupils from the Fourth Form onwards, the event proved very popular with parents and pupils from various year groups alike.

The workshop was part of the College's ongoing Higher Education and Careers programme, which helps present the pupils with all university options at an early stage, in order to offer them a better chance to find a suitable course.

Last term's events included a Fulbright College Day, a session with Educanada and several talks with other international institutions.



Pupils celebrate Top University Offers

According to the QS World Rankings, the most internationally reputed metric of university reputations, in addition to Oxford (6th) and Cambridge (5th) in the global top ten, UCL (7th) and Imperial (8th) were, last year, Lancing's two most popular final destinations for undergraduate study. In a world where UK universities vie with the US colleges, dominating the list of the best universities in the world, Lancing's most popular universities tend to be the very best ones. Below we give a flavour of some of the outstanding offers that have already been received:

Medicine is a field that demands, quite rightly, a complex range of interviews and screening tests as well as aptitude tests. We have 12 students applying for Medicine through UCAS this year, one of the College's largest cohorts in recent years; while we wait for further results we are delighted to see the first offers coming from Sheffield and Manchester.

Our aspiring nurses are, equally, a source of great pride, with impressive offers for Nursing from Birmingham and Nottingham. Biomedical Sciences remains a particularly popular route into some excellent universities, allowing the prospect of studying on a three-year BSc track and then going on either to work toward a PhD with a mind to medical research or to progress to postgraduate medical training. Offers have been received at King's College, London and Durham University.

Biochemistry is also proving a popular choice with offers from UCL, King's College and Bristol, whilst our outstanding Upper Sixth chemists have been made offers at Imperial College, among others.

It is another strong year for Engineering, with our two Cambridge engineers a source of great pride, and with other offers including Exeter, Nottingham and Southampton. Other outstanding Mechanical Engineering courses are on offer at Sheffield, Loughborough and Warwick, whilst Architecture also remains a particular source of success with offers from Nottingham, Bath and Edinburgh.

Dr John Herbert, Deputy Head

Art News

Janet Curley Cannon Sculpture Workshop

Art workshops ... Normally one would think: 'ah, yes, sounds like a fun day but this is never going to have any relevance to me in my project'. But that's where you're wrong. Sculptor Janet Curley Cannon spent a day at the College with us in November to talk about many fascinating things, from new techniques to quirky ideas. She is an artist with a very heavy focus on decay, using materials that create an archaic atmosphere. As my project is based on old traditional buildings, her mentoring was ideal for me as she shared her knowledge of how to age materials. The workshop has influenced the way I now look at sculpture and the piece I created on the day has become part of my project. Janet's workshop has been a massive game-changer.

Kristina Moody, Fifth Form



Kristina's GCSE coursework piece was inspired by Janet Curley Cannon's workshop

Last Gallery Visit for Upper Sixth Artists

With both excitement and a tinge of sadness, the Art Department took the Upper Sixth Art students on their final A Level trip to the Tate Modern. The aim of the visit was to gather ideas and evidence to inform their exam projects, and the Tate Modern proved to be the perfect venue for this. The students had the opportunity to see for themselves how artists have made creative decisions by looking at the great wealth of examples, both contemporary and historical.

The sheer pleasure of the 'ooh', 'ah', 'wow, and 'what!?' moments when seeing iconic works of art in person cannot be explained, and I hope that many of these moments have happened for our Upper Sixth Art students during the many trips with the Art Department.

We will miss you, class of 2019!

Kay Blundell, Head of Art



Fourth Form Artists visit the Tate Britain

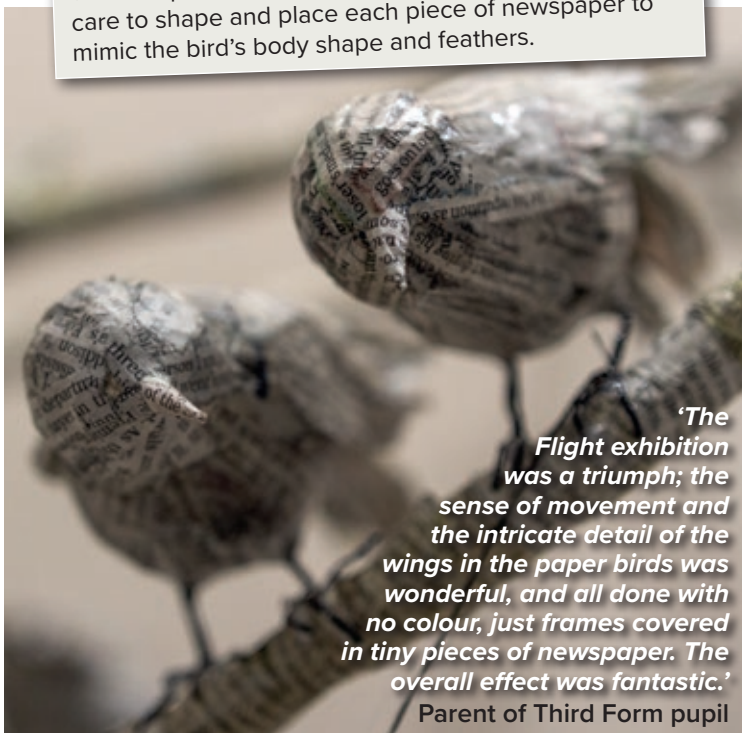
During the trip to the Tate Britain, the Art Photography students were taken through the stages and progression at the 'Walk through British Art' exhibition.

We discussed the various portraits and explored the different types of art styles. We looked at how simplistic some of the photographs were in the early periods compared to how they are presented today. We discussed different images, from collages such as *Beatles* by Richard Hamilton to a set of images inspired by the slave trade and *Go West Young Man* by Keith Piper, which were presented in multiple frames. We then analysed and critiqued a specific photo that caught our eye while looking deeper into the piece.

Jaime Jepson, Fourth Form



Working from photographs of birds in a number of different positions, moving and still, students took great care to shape and place each piece of newspaper to mimic the bird's body shape and feathers.



'The Flight exhibition was a triumph; the sense of movement and the intricate detail of the wings in the paper birds was wonderful, and all done with no colour, just frames covered in tiny pieces of newspaper. The overall effect was fantastic.'

Parent of Third Form pupil

Flight Exhibition

The Third Form Art Exhibition opened on 1 March in our Reception gallery space, with a private view for parents, students and staff. Now in its second year, the two-month exhibition showcased a number of fabulous pieces of work inspired by the theme 'Flight'. The work included 'little birds' perched on a tree, all made with newspaper and wire; collagraph prints inspired by tonal and line drawings of birds; wire sculptures informed by experimental drawings of birds; and kites decorated with designs based on digitised bird observations.



Students have designed pieces of art for a decorative kite, inspired by their investigations into figurative, semi abstract art. The designs are based upon observations of birds and have been digitised; some pupils have experimented with digital processes as part of their designs.

Using the tonal and line drawings of birds created at the beginning of Third Form, students designed an A4 collagraph that encouraged them to explore texture, depth, line, surface and composition through collage. The process of printing made them think about sensitivity and combinations of colour. As an extension, some of the students transformed photocopies of their collagraph pictures into decorative paper aeroplanes.



Kay Blundell, Head of Art



Students created observational drawings of the birds we have here on the College Farm and around the site. Focusing specifically on chickens, geese, turkeys and common garden birds, the students then moved into more experimental drawing techniques concentrating on using continuous line. The students then translated their experimental drawings into wire sculptures.

Music News

The Lent Concert

Friday 29 March was a perfect spring day. The sun was shining in the Quads and the final rehearsals were underway for one of the highlights of Lancing's musical calendar: the Lent Concert. At 7.30pm Great School was packed to capacity with our loyal following of parents, pupils, staff and local music enthusiasts.

The evening commenced with the Big Band under the baton of David Whitson. This was an uplifting start to the programme with a rendition of Meacham's *The American Patrol*, closely followed by Garland's *In the Mood* and finally *It Don't Mean a Thing* by Ellington & Mills.

Led by Eira Owen, the Brass Ensemble gave us a delightful trio of pieces from Handel's *The Water Music*.

Next the 45-piece Concert Band under the direction of Steve Dummer promised to play 'loud enough to drown out the sound of wine bottles being uncorked' for the interval drinks! This performance of Gorb's *Yiddish Dances (Khosidl and Freylachs)* was so much more than that; the joy of the dance was expertly portrayed, and the performance was full of delight and suspense. It was a logistical difficulty to fit all the musicians on stage, but the power of their performance appeared effortless. Sixth Former Ivan Leggett, E♭ clarinetist, came forward to take a well-deserved bow at the end.

Then came an opportunity for the Chapel Choir to showcase their excellence under the direction of the supremely talented Hamish Dustagheer. Our piece, *Stars* by Eriks Ešēvalds, allowed us to demonstrate our 'glass' playing prowess,

using glasses filled with water to create a shimmering accompaniment. Voices and glasses rang out in perfect harmony, and a beautiful solo from Benjamin Irvine-Capel brought this piece, and the first half of the concert, to an end.

The second half began with a stylish and accomplished performance of Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4*. The String Chamber Orchestra, directed by Roland Roberts, featured soloists Cecily Moorsom and Polly Maltby, both of whom should be commended on their outstanding performances.

The grand finale of the evening belonged to the Symphony Orchestra, again under the baton of Roland Roberts and expertly led by first violinist Cecily Moorsom. Almost 60 performers (violins, violas, cellos, double basses, flutes, piccolo, oboes, clarinets, bassoons and contrabassoon, trumpets, horns, trombones, and timpani) performed all four movements of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*. This dramatic piece started with its iconic 'Dum dum dum dum ...' and the audience knew they were in for a wild ride and dramatic close to the evening. A special mention should go to Lancing Prep Worthing's Year 7 violinist extraordinaire, Grace S, who was more than comfortable amongst this collection of fine musicians.

As the symphony drew to a close, rapturous applause erupted from the well-satisfied audience. It was a thoroughly entertaining evening, and another mark of musical excellence in Lancing history.

Kitty Casey, Upper Sixth



Pupils perform in Flute Concert

Thursday 21 March marked one of the last concerts in the Lent Term, and the Afternoon Tea Flute Concert certainly rounded off the term in fine style. A dozen students performed a range of different flute pieces in ensembles, duets and as solos. We prepared for this concert during our weekly individual sessions; most of us are also part of different orchestral groups, and there is in addition a flute ensemble with five members on a Wednesday morning. For some of the youngest pupils in the Third Form the concert was the very first experience of performing in front of a paying audience. For the more experienced players it was a useful preparation for their upcoming music exams and an additional opportunity to practise their pieces.

It was lovely to have families and friends there to support the musicians, but also to see so many members of the local community attending. The delicious cakes and tea provided made the event even more enjoyable.

I hope all who came to watch enjoyed the concert just as much as we enjoyed performing!

Polly Maltby, Lower Sixth

Drama News

Well done to Fifth Former Tara Bozickovic, the winner of this year's Donald Bancroft One Act Play competition. Tara wrote and directed the play *All About Kira*, while Lower Sixth Former Avery Ko's *Face Yourself* was the runner-up.



Nicholas Beeby, Director of Drama and Dance, commented: 'I was delighted to inherit the Donald Bancroft One Act Playwriting competition when I came to Lancing College in 2017. It kindles an interest among students for writing for the theatre – an interest I am trying to fan the flames of in my scriptwriting class, where a group that is becoming a real family meet weekly to support each other's creativity.'

I am very proud of this year's Bancroft competition; Tara has now got the bug badly, and is already talking of writing and directing a sequel! The job of managing peers when so young oneself is daunting and rewarding in equal measure. For Avery, with not much theatrical experience, to have had her play brought to the stage by such a dedicated team, was a truly remarkable experience. I am also thrilled that Ros Rees, daughter of Donald Bancroft, and her son Alex Rees OL (pictured, right) are such staunch supporters and attend the performances every year. Long may it continue.'

Runner-up Avery commented: 'This was, in many ways, a very personal play; there were various issues within the subject matter that were, and are, extremely pertinent to my life. While it is true that the world is much more open-minded and accepting, there are still places where it is illegal to be LGBT+. There are millions of people who are still struggling, subjected to conversion therapy, disowned, kill themselves or have been killed because of who they were, or whom they loved. You can



never know what someone else is going through, therefore, if you were to take anything away from this play, I implore you: be kind to others, be careful with your words, but most importantly, please be kind to yourself.

Finally, to the student who thanked me because the play helped them figure things out: thank you, you have no idea how much that means to me. This play is for you. And, to younger me who wished for representation and resolved that you were going to be the one who was going to make it happen – hey, you made it. I'm proud of you.'



Coming up in the Summer Term ...

- The Junior Play: *East End Tales* by Fin Kennedy
- The Founder's Day Play in the Open Air Theatre
- Fourth Form Touring Play: *Goodnight Mister Tom* adapted by David Wood from the novel by Michelle Magorian
- Third Form Shakespeare Festival

LEGALLY BLONDE

A strong cast of over 40 pupils took the very popular *Legally Blonde The Musical* to the stage of the Lancing College Theatre this term.

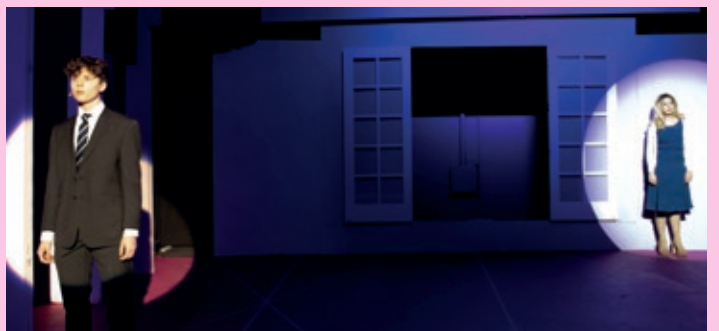
The Musical

What a joy to direct *Legally Blonde* as my first musical at Lancing College. I have seldom come across such dedication in a company. The musical, while appearing to be a piece of confection, has a strong moral core – if you have been given a chance, grasp it with both hands and work as hard as you can to realise your dreams. What a positive message for young people nowadays.

There are other issues too – the importance of friendship and the perils of those who appear to have your best interests at heart but in reality are only concerned for their own wellbeing or ambition. I was so gratified to receive feedback from audiences celebrating the energy of the performances – one of the hardest things to achieve. And what a joy to work with Chris Langworthy as musical director – a huge talent and a pleasure to work with. Here's to work with. Here's to more!

Nicholas Beeby, Director of Drama and Dance





A Week in the Life ... the cast of *Legally Blonde*

Sarah Gurtler

Legally Blonde has been my favourite musical since I was 11, so it was such a great opportunity to audition for it. For the audition I prepared the song *Popular* from the musical *Wicked* as I thought it best displayed my singing and acting abilities. I was cast in the role of Margot which I was super excited about!

We started rehearsal in October for a total of around 13 weeks. The rehearsals for my role varied a lot, with a mix of dancing, singing and acting. In the opening number *Omigod You Guys*, we started off by standing round the piano and singing; then, with Mr Beeby's direction, we all came up with ideas for the choreography. We also had a professional choreographer working with us for the most dance-heavy numbers.

On performance days we had no rehearsals, meeting in the dressing room at around 6.30 to get hair, make-up, microphones and costumes ready.

It wasn't easy to balance the show with all my other school commitments but I found it manageable. It's my A Level year and it has been stressful at times, but my teachers were really understanding and I was allowed extra time to complete the work.

I have been involved in ten shows since joining Lancing, but this was no doubt the best show I've ever been a part of! I think I enjoyed it so much not only because it's my favourite musical, but also thanks to the fantastic cast and the amazing directing of Mr Beeby and Mr Langworthy. The whole experience was so fun! I would have never usually run down the stage screaming and 'snapping', but I could this time, as that's what my character would do!



Polly Maltby

When I auditioned for *Legally Blonde* I wasn't thinking about a particular role but I trusted Mr Beeby and Mr Langworthy to pick the part that would suit me the most. I was thrilled to be cast as Vivienne. I prepared the audition by choosing a song that I loved and that I thought fitted the style of the musical suitably.

During the early rehearsals it was usually Mr Beeby in his creative element trying to get his vision of the show. In other sessions we would experiment with ideas and I really liked how we were allowed to do our own interpretation of our characters.

A very funny moment was when in rehearsal we talked about having Elle Woods coming in on a 'truck' in the opening number. A 'truck' is a theatrical term for something with wheels that moves the set onstage. Ella (who played Elle) wasn't aware of this and got very excited, telling Mr Beeby an elaborate story about the toy truck she had when she was younger. It was very pink and sparkly and, according to Ella, definitely needed to be included in the show! Mr Beeby was much too polite (and rather confused) to tell her that this was not what he meant by 'truck'. However he did compliment her on the lovely little car ...

I loved how all the students in the cast were committed to the show. Productions like this really bring people from all Houses and year groups together, and we were all keen to learn from each other. We didn't mind the challenges brought by difficult choreography or line learning, instead it was lovely to see everyone get together to work hard and improve day after day.

Ella Heryet

As theatre is something I have always wanted to go into I was counting down the days till I could audition again. I started rehearsals in October and practised almost every day until the performance. Rehearsals at first were quite a slow process – it's such a bitty musical that almost everything needs to be choreographed and most of the script is sung. I also got very sick over Christmas and completely lost my voice for weeks, which made the preparation very difficult to the point where I was unsure if I would be able to do the show, as Elle is such a vocally challenging part. The days leading up to the performance were very hectic and it was very important to get as much rest as possible. When the show was on I didn't have time to go backstage and chill out as I was always on stage, and when I wasn't on stage I was having to get changed at a crazy speed! My remedies were to drink as much water as possible and eat honey by the pot! Most importantly I was sleeping a lot ... One day I took a nap at 12pm and didn't wake up until 6pm!

Erin Whittaker

I was really excited to be cast as Kate as she plays a large role within the Delta Nu sorority. Although the process was at times exhausting, it was an amazing experience, both for the positive reaction we received every night and also for the way it brought the cast together. People from different year groups now share a long-lasting and close friendship. There are so many benefits of taking part in productions at Lancing, for example the building of self-confidence and the ability to express ourselves on stage. It's a total adrenaline rush; the effort of weeks of rehearsal condensed into just a few hours of the performance.



DofE News

The College is proud to be offering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award as part of its co-curricular programme. Currently over 100 pupils attend the weekly sessions, activities and termly expeditions to work towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

Fourth Former Ruth Banfield writes: 'I started taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the beginning of this academic year with a large group of Fourth Formers, working on our volunteering, skills and physical sections and planning for the expedition.

We had different options to choose from for each of the three sections, which must be completed across a period of 3, 6 or 12 months. For example, for the volunteering section some of us have been teaching in a language club, working at a local shop or helping out at the College Farm. I volunteer at my local church helping out with the readings or prayers in the services.

For the skill section, I look after my friend's guinea pigs, while others are learning to cook, developing new art or music skills, or learning a language.



The physical section usually ties in with the sports we practise at the school, for example Netball or Hockey. I am in the Climbing Club and I log my climbs on the DofE website.

We also work in small groups and attend a variety of talks about what we need for our expedition, for example campcraft, nutrition, first aid and map skills. I really enjoy these sessions because they are incredibly informative and helpful, and not only for our expedition; for example the first aid sessions will certainly be useful throughout our lives.

Recently we have been route-planning in our small groups. We were given start and end points and a minimum time for the walk. We chose checkpoints on a map, working out the height climbed, distance walked and time taken for each leg of the route. It took a few weeks to plot the route onto an online map and type up the route card, making sure all the timings were correct.

We also just completed a training expedition around the College and had an amazing time, as everyone in the different groups learnt a lot about being a part of a team; we were also able to put our camp skills into practice.

All in all, DofE has been so far a great experience, and I look forward to our Silver practice expedition in April.'

Two new DofE Ambassadors appointed

We are delighted to welcome Tash Cook and Loren Pepper as new DofE Ambassadors within our Gold Award. Tash and Loren have received their training at BHASVIC with the support of the regional DofE manager; they are now looking forward to starting their new role at the College.

What was the Ambassadors' training like?

We had a full day of training where we were taught more about the role. An important part of it is to be able to help and encourage our peers, so we went through different scenarios on how to support others in order to achieve their awards. At the end of the day we gave a presentation to the group, a role play where we introduced DofE to a group of Third Form students for the first time. Now that the training is completed, our duties will be raising the DofE profile within the school by promoting it through the VLE (the College Intranet), noticeboards and social media.

Why did you want to become a DofE Ambassador?

We really value the experiences that have been offered to us so far in the DofE journey, and knew that we wanted to share that. Being able to encourage other people to take these opportunities and turn them into a series of incredible memories is amazing. Also, becoming DofE Ambassadors was for us a way to show everyone how much we love the Award, and to encourage more people to take part.

Why did you choose DofE as a co-curricular activity?

(Tash) I had completed both the Bronze and Silver awards before joining Lancing in the Sixth Form and knew that I wanted to complete Gold as well, especially as it is so highly regarded by employers and universities.



We really like the fact that the nature of the Award encourages people to go outside their comfort zone, and within that learning to trust oneself. During an expedition we step back from modern life and spend a few days without technology, surrounded only by nature. This also really helps create long-lasting bonds with the people around us. Furthermore, employers are interested in the broad range of skills developed with DofE, and we know it will help make our CV stand out when applying for jobs.

What are your DofE plans for the future?

We are both working towards our Gold Award and focusing on several sections: shooting, volunteering in the College Library, climbing, National Citizen Service Youth Board, netball and Peer Support. We will also be taking part in the NCS summer programme to complete the Gold residential section.

Tash Cook & Loren Pepper, Lower Sixth

Trips & Visits

STEM Mathematics & Money in New York

During the February Half Term, 27 students had the chance to enjoy sun and snow in New York, whilst experiencing a variety of real life Maths applications.

A busy and fun-filled itinerary allowed the students to cover all levels of the city, from the top of the Empire State Building, to a Statue of Liberty cruise on the Hudson River, to below the streets in the New York Transit Museum.

Several master classes took place at the Museum of Mathematics, which involved looking at unknotting numbers, graph theory and probability. A guided walking tour of Wall Street through the New York Stock Exchange included a thrilling 3-minute trading game to replicate the stresses of the trading floor. A highlight of the trip was the Liberty Science Centre, where we investigated aviation physics and enjoyed a planetarium showcase. At the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum we had the chance to take a close look at the Lockheed A-12 airplane and a Space Shuttle.

Everyone enjoyed the snow that fell in the middle of the week on a walking tour of Brooklyn and across the beautiful Brooklyn Bridge, with scenic views from the Empire State Building, a stroll through Central Park, and watching the world go by in the hectic Times Square.

It was a memorable trip with fantastic sightseeing and the added bonus of observing Maths applied in the real world.

Katherine Allan, Teacher of Mathematics



Christopher Walker OL Memorial Lecture

Early on in the Lent Term Lancing's Lower Sixth historians were very fortunate to be invited by the Armenian Institute to King's College London for a lecture in honour of Christopher Walker OL (Sanderson's 1955–1961), the influential Lancing historian of Armenia and tireless advocate for the recognition of the Armenian genocide. In the lecture *After Christopher Walker: New Approaches to Modern Armenian History and the Genocide* Dr Rebecca Jinks, a historian of comparative genocide and humanitarianism from Royal Holloway, paid tribute to Christopher Walker's groundbreaking work *Armenia: The Survival of a Nation* and the influence it continues to exert on contemporary writing on Armenia. She also honoured Lancing for helping foster his gifts as a historian and scholarly storyteller, as well as for encouraging his intense political commitment to the cause of the oppressed in Armenia. Above all, her lecture inspiringly outlined, for a new generation of Lancing pupils, historical approaches to the study of the Armenian genocide and other genocides of the 20th century which might allow for a more comprehensive and multi-layered understanding. In particular, she argued for the need to privilege survivor testimonies, including photography and other visual sources, and to read them in the light of gender and childhood during the genocide.

The impact of her talk was deeply felt by the Lancing students, and the intellectual and socially committed example of Christopher Walker is set to burn afresh as a new, highly gifted group of young historians moves through the Sixth Form.

Dr Damian Kerney

Lower Sixth Scholars visit Oxford

On 20 March a group of 19 Lower Sixth students, accompanied by Dr Kerney and Mrs Mole, travelled to Oxford to visit the university, find out more about the admissions processes, and for a tour of the Ashmolean Museum. First we visited the most modern of the colleges, St Catherine's, renowned for its Sixties style, and listened to a presentation by the Admissions Adviser. We also met a current student who gave us key insights into what studying at Oxford is really like, including a few tips on the nightlife there. During a short tour we were able to see St Catherine's open and modern design, as well as a few perfectly timed appearances by the local wildlife in the College's water features! We then had a delicious lunch in the dining hall, and visited the rich collections of the Museum. We were also given a tour of the much older New College by William Rowland OL, who is currently a Choral Scholar and studying Music there.

We felt very privileged to have been able to see the contrasting styles of the Colleges and get a crucial insight into the reality of studying at Oxford.

Maddy Willis, Lower Sixth

2019 Cricket Tour to South Africa

During the February Half Term, 12 Lancing cricketers ventured to South Africa for the College's fifth biennial Cricket tour.



On our arrival in Cape Town, after a quick lunch we made our way to Rondebosch Boys' High School for our first fixture. Lancing lost the toss and were put into bat; despite a slow start we finished on a good score of 150 runs after 20 overs. Barney Hall was the pick of the batsmen with 40 runs off just 18 balls. Despite our strong batting performance, Rondebosch rounded up the game after 15 overs with some excellent batting.

On the second day the team enjoyed a well-deserved break with a visit to the markets at Hout Bay followed by the highly anticipated trip to Boulders beach to swim with penguins. The experience was unique, with African penguins walking and swimming around the edge of the beach just metres away from the team.

Wynberg Boys' High School were next on the agenda with a long 40 over game on day three. Lancing won the toss and chose to bowl first. The intensity in the field was excellent as loud chat and high quality fielding restricted Wynberg to 196 runs for 8 wickets after 40 overs, with

the wickets being shared between the bowlers. Lancing started their innings well with a 50 run opening stand. However a rush of wickets saw Lancing struggle to regain the early momentum and we were bowled out 40 runs short of the target. Despite this the team performed well on the whole with only a few errors in judgement leading to the defeat.

The third game was a T20 against Bishops School. We got off to a flyer with 5 wickets being taken in the first 5 overs. Bishops recovered well to post a respectable 137 runs at the close of their 20 overs. Despite a slow start with the bat, Alice Capsey and Ted Eismark batted well in the middle overs, before Matt Lee provided the fireworks with just balls to spare. Unfortunately the total was not quite attainable with 17 runs still required at the end of the innings.

The second leg of the tour started with a short excursion along the coast to Hermanus, followed by the match against Curro High School (New School). Lancing was exceptional in the field and with the ball to get Curro all out

for just 43 runs. Conor Lloyd was the pick of the bowlers with 5 wickets for 9 runs, and was backed up well by Oscar Sheffield who also took 2 wickets. The 43 runs were easily achievable with Lancing clearing them up with 8 overs still remaining, winning by 9 wickets: the team's first victory on tour.

The final day began with a visit to Panthera Africa, a big cat sanctuary just 20 minutes from Hermanus, where the team had the opportunity to observe lions and tigers from just a few metres away. The fifth and final game of the tour was another T20 match against Hermanus High School. The game went right to the wire with 10 runs (Alice top scoring with 29) required by Lancing off the final over. Despite some excellent shots by Matt we couldn't quite bring home the victory, losing by a solitary run.

The trip was an unforgettable experience and a considerable improvement was noted – on and off the field – as the tour progressed, with both individuals and the team as a whole reaching new levels.

Raj Maru, Director of Cricket



Travel Awards

Several Travel Awards are offered each year in the Sixth Form, encouraging students to undertake projects around the world, which will contribute to their personal development or extend their existing interests.

Building a House in Kenya (The Peter Beattie Prize)

I travelled to Kenya to join a team of 12 people working with the charity *Habitat of Humanity*. The charity has worked with more than 10,000 families in 250 communities across the country, providing affordable housing and hope. The person we were helping in this project, Penina, is a widow who is taking care of a son, a granddaughter and two orphans. Her old house was in really bad condition: the mud on the wall would be washed out every time it rained, and the roof was always leaking so her family had to sleep outside sometimes.

Seeing where the villagers lived made me feel very privileged, I was nervous and hesitant at first because I wasn't sure about how I would fit into the community. However, their welcome ceremony erased my anxiety. The ladies were singing in their best voices, wearing beautiful dresses and, as soon as we got out of the car, the villagers came to us to shake our hands.

The practical works improved my understanding of the construction of a building. I experienced how sand, cement, water and stones work together to become a house. More importantly, I experienced how a community is connected to a building. As the house got higher and higher, it felt like hope was growing. During the final celebration ceremony, the leader of village said that we built a 'skyscraper' in the village. I believe we brought a hope, a miracle for them. This matched

my belief that a house can be a lot more than just a building. The house cheered the community up and will change Penina's and her family's life for the better.

This was such an amazing experience for me. Local people showed me different ways to interact with each other, I learnt from them to stay open to others and be courageous. The project showed me that I am actually able to help many people, and I look forward to continuing supporting *Habitat for Humanity*.

Haoming Zheng, Upper Sixth



Haoming was awarded The Peter Beattie Prize, worth £500. Peter Beattie OL was in Olds House and was Captain of School in 1961. He died in 1965 and the prize was given in his memory, with the particular intention that it be awarded to a project involving service to the underprivileged.

Climbing in the Wye Valley (The David Barwell Award)

We had been training seriously during the summer in preparation for our trip to the Wye Valley. We were climbing up to four times a week and practising our rope work and technical skills utilising the trees in Alex's garden.

Day 1: After a very scenic but long train journey we arrived in Chepstow ready to climb. We located a 'moderate' difficulty route down the far end of Wintour's Leap as an easy starting point. We topped out at around 5pm from an enjoyable two hours of familiarising ourselves with multi-pitch leading.

Day 2: On the previous day we had met some seasoned climbers from Wales and Germany who directed us towards some of the best routes in the area. We decided to try their top recommendation named 'Zelda' – safe to say this was our favourite climb of the trip, followed by 'Bottle Buttress'. As Alex racked up to take the lead, we heard a clap of thunder in the distance, a climber's worst fear. We instantly set up an abseil, lowering ourselves off the wall as quickly as possible and headed into Chepstow for the night.

Day 3: We continued climbing 'Bottle Buttress', the longest route we attempted on the trip. Four pitches and just over three hours of climbing later, we had climbed the 120m of slightly damp limestone and were treated by a glimpse of sunlight and a great view of high tide on the river Wye. We spent the afternoon refining our skills and speed on an easy route on 'Fly Wall'.

Day 4: Due to bad weather this was a rest day focused on re-racking our gear and exploring the surrounding area.

Day 5: We visited Woodcroft Quarry aiming for a full day of great climbing. A now derelict site, it was quarried for many years, as was much of the surrounding landscape. Our plan for the day was to achieve our personal highest grade climbing on trad and really push ourselves to our limits. We headed off after a long and tiring day, with over 11 hours of climbing under our belt.

Day 6: With a sky finally full of sun, we concentrated on more routes on Fly Wall and then a trip back to Woodcroft Quarry where we met other climbers. We climbed as much as we could and the great atmosphere with all our fellow climbers really made it a fantastic day.

Day 7: We woke to abysmal scenes with torrential rain and extremely high winds: the climbing was clearly off for the day, even if we made it to the crag.

Leaving was sad in many ways, however while on the train ride home a family was very interested in the bikes and huge bags we had, so we explained what we had been doing. Their young son was very interested, so I showed him all the kit and how it worked, and told him about climbing. He couldn't stop asking to go and climb when they got home so who knows, maybe we managed to inspire the next world champion.

Harry Fisher and Alex Edge, Upper Sixth

Qui diligit Deum

The last article I wrote for this magazine began by talking about the Evening of Seasonal Readings in the Crypt in December, and how this made me think of all that goes on at the College that is about our Christian faith and yet is not directly expressed in worship. So this time I thought I would mention *Legally Blonde* and say how very, very much I enjoyed it ... But then realised that I couldn't think of any spiritual or moral issue context or message other than 'don't judge a book by its cover' and 'if at first you don't succeed, try and try again'. However, it does show what very talented people we have here and how it is good to celebrate that, as Saint Irenaeus would say, 'The glory of God is a human being fully alive'. Which neatly brings me to the Choir. We miss Mr Cox, of course, but we are undoubtedly lucky to have Mr Dustagheer for these two terms, a Choir Director who knows how to cherish, stimulate and enliven an already committed group of people to continue to lead our worship to the very highest of standards. It has been a great pleasure to plan every School Eucharist with him and our visiting preachers have again commented on the quality of our music and our worship.

Which neatly brings me to the preachers for this term. We rejoiced to have our own Diocesan Bishop, Dr Martin Warner, to celebrate on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul and we had our nearest parish priest Canon Ann Waizeneker from St Mary de Haura the week before. Our Senior Provost, Canon Clover, was with us on 30 January as we celebrated Candlemass, with all the usual ceremonies; Fr Jack Noble from St Marylebone Church and School preached on our 'tertiary patron saint', S John Bosco, on 6 February; and Jamie Cutting from the Holland Road Baptist Church, by invitation of Mortimer Steele, preached on 13 February. Fr John Joyce, our regular assistant priest at the altar, gave the homily on Ash Wednesday, to be followed in quick succession by the Revd. Grant Campbell and then his wife Mrs Emma Campbell (Housemistress of Sankey's) and then Paul Sanderson from the Littlehampton Academy, who brought with him three students from the Bible College he visits in Denmark. And I preached on the Sunday at the beginning of term, on the Epiphany, and delivered my Lent Sermon on the Sunday after Half Term – suggesting that one way to look at sin (and so the reason for Lent), was to use the famous phrase of Eric Morecombe who, when accused by Andre Previn ('Mr Preview'), insisted that he was 'playing all the right notes but not necessarily in the right order...'. I think that, of all the sermons I have preached, this was the most appreciated by our Chairman, Dr Harry Brünjes, who is a regular and most welcome regular attender of our Sunday Eucharists together with his wife Jacquie.

Assisting with all this has been our ever meticulous Head Sacristan, Owen Mordecai, supported by his deputy Will Honychurch: I am grateful to them both, as I always am also to all the sacristans, the Choir and the Verger. I end with a reflection brought about by my stay with the Wicks family (great Lancing College supporters) in Durham over Half Term, when I devoured the novel *The Song of Hild* by Vibeke Vasbo.

When King Edwin of Northumbria was considering converting to Christianity in 627, he took council with his men, and one of them told him: *'O king, it seems to me that this present life of man on earth, in comparison to that time which is unknown to us, is as if you were sitting at table in the winter with your ealdormen and thegns, and a fire was kindled and the hall warmed, while it rained and snowed and stormed outside. A sparrow came in, and swiftly flew through the hall; it came in at one door, and went out at the other. Now during the time when he is inside, he is not touched by the winter's storms; but that is the twinkling of an eye and the briefest of moments, and at once he comes again from winter into winter. In such a way the life of man appears for a brief moment; what comes before, and what will follow after, we do not know. Therefore if this doctrine [Christianity] offers anything more certain or more fitting, it is right that we follow it.'*

Amen to that.

Fr Richard

Sports News

‘Sport is massively important in life; it teaches skills such as teamwork, co-operation, resilience and leadership. Everything taught either in training sessions or competitive matches will be of great benefit to the pupils here.’

Chris Crowe, Director of Sport

NETBALL SUCCESS

The 1st VII Netball Team made history in March by winning the Fastnet Tournament at Seaford College for the first time.

A 11-6 victory against Seaford 2nd team was the start of a very successful afternoon. The girls worked tirelessly in a set of exhausting matches to beat Worth and Burgess Hill, with special mention to Tash Cook who was injured but kept playing. The final match in the group was against Portsmouth Grammar School, who were unbeaten until Lancing took them on. A 15-0 victory followed with the highlight of the game being a goal from Lydia Brown from outside the circle in the final moments of the power play section, to give Lancing 6 points. The team placed first in the group, so took on Itchen Sixth Form College in the semis. A comfortable 10-5 win meant Lancing was in the final. In the final we took on Epsom, who had been unbeaten until that point, and a controversial 9-9 draw at full time led to a nail-biting extra time of two minutes.

Lancing kept a cool head to finish 10-9 and win the tournament! MVP for the tournament was Bella Molinaro for her incredible centre court play and interceptions.

Well done to the team for this fantastic achievement!



BOYS' HOCKEY

It has been a fantastic term for the Boys' teams, with some of the best results highlighted below.

At the County Tournament held at Ardingly the 1st XI lost the opening game 2-0 to Hurst but soon recovered against Chichester (who had the threat of an England player in their ranks) with a comfortable 3-0 win. Goals were scored by Elian Carniel and Ted Eismark. The third game of the day against hosts Ardingly proved to be a tight match. Unfortunately, the Lancing defence was broken from a penalty corner and, despite late pressure, the boys could not prevent a 1-0 loss. The final game was against a strong Seaford side; despite a last minute penalty corner, the boys could not force the victory. Third place in the group meant missing out on a semi-final place, but there were a lot of positives to be taken.

In the block against Worth the Hockey Club had fantastic results with three wins out of three games. The 1st XI were comfortable winners with Oliver Devaux, Max Lovis, Elian Carniel and Owen Mordecai securing a 7-0 win. The U15As played a tough match and after a nervy 0-0 first half the

boys turned up the intensity and managed to seal a 1-0 victory with great build-up play and a well finished goal from George Deverall-Bartlette. MVP goes to Thomas Bethell who dominated the midfield. The U14A team won a very close game 2-1 thanks to a last minute winner from LPW student Jack B. Joint MVPs were Henry Hazell and another of our prep pupils, Harry S.

Against old rivals Bede's, Lancing made the breakthrough after a hard cross into the D from Owen Mordecai allowed an advancing Max Lovis to smash first time past the keeper. In a frantic second half there were some chances for Lancing to put the game to bed but they couldn't find that second goal. However some solid defence from all players, and important saves (including a 1-on-1) from Matt Lee in goal meant that the team held on for a fantastic win away from home.

There were also some remarkable results against Eastbourne: the U15A team carried on its excellent recent form with a 5-4 victory with goals from Louis Jones-Quartey, Thomas Bethell (2) and a brace from MVP George Deverall-Bartlette.



FENCING

Fencing is a long-standing co-curricular sport choice for pupils at Lancing. Often referred to as the 'physical chess' of sport, the game demands focus, strategy and tactical execution. Physical attributes such as power, flexibility and speed allow players to particularly excel.

With the help of their dedicated coach Ronald Hale, pupils train for 1–2 hours per week at the College, and also attend training sessions at the Sussex Scorpions Fencing Club in Brighton.

The Club has achieved great success so far this academic year. In the Sussex County Épée Competition, Kenneth Kwong was placed tenth, whilst Manol Manolov secured eighth place overall in the Open Men's Épée. Manol's position was the highest of any U18 épéeists in the county; his achievement included a victory over the current veteran world silver medalist. Third Former Samuel Whale won all seven of his qualifying bouts to reach the final to for the title. After the allotted time both Samuel and his opponent were equal at



four hits each, but in the last attack Samuel scored the winning point. Well done to Samuel for becoming the Sussex U14 champion.

At the start of the Lent term, Fourth Former Leo Smith won the silver medal at the Sussex County U16 tournament, only losing out on gold to a competitor ranked in the top 10 in the UK. Having achieved success last term at the Sussex County Épée Competition, Sixth Former Manol is preparing to compete in the qualifiers for the National Championships. The achievements of our Lancing fencers so far mean that we have County U14 Épée Champion, U18 Épée Champions and Silver in U16 foil.

The Fencing Club also competed in the qualifying matches for the Men's regionals this term. Leo, aged 15, was the youngest participant, competing against three England fencers including a player who came fifth in last year's World Veterans Championship. Leo beat him 5-4, a true cause for celebration!



SQUASH



This term we congratulate Third Former Jonah Bryant for capturing his fourth national title at the Dunlop English Junior Championships 2019. In the Boys' U15 final, Jonah claimed the title following a straight games victory over the British Junior Open U13 champion. This is an outstanding achievement which resulted in Jonah being crowned U15 National Champion a year young, as an U14 player.

The Lancing College Squash Club has had a few new faces this term. The Girls' 1st team and the Boys' 1st and 2nd teams played a round robin fixture against Epsom and Sevenoaks. Unfortunately it wasn't to be for the girls, with Lancing losing out 4-1 in both matches, despite Alice Capsey being formidable as ever winning both of her games.

The Boys' 1st team faced strong Epsom and Sevenoaks sides. There were a few close matches against both opponents, but the challenge was too big and Lancing lost both matches. A notable mention goes to Isaac Pafitis who made his debut for the 1st team and won his match against Sevenoaks.

It's great to see all players improving game by game and gaining great experience.

STOP PRESS – CRICKET NEWS

We are delighted to hear that Fourth Former Alice Capsey has been selected for the England Academy Women's squad to tour India for three weeks over the Easter holiday. Alice is the youngest representative on this elite tour and we wish her the very best of luck.

EQUESTRIAN

This term our Equestrian Centre welcomed Robert Pickles, a Fellow of the British Horse Society, for a coaching session with a small group of riders from the College. Robert has experienced a long and successful career as a rider, trainer, coach, BHS examiner, NVQ Assessor, and judge. He has successfully competed in most disciplines and on a wide variety of different breeds and types.

Lancing pupils Ludovico Lasagna, Sara Haeckel Alonso, Julia Staiger and Alina Maltseva experienced Robert's expertise in a session which covered flat work and jumping, improving both their own riding techniques whilst nurturing the unique style of their horse. Following a great first session, we are looking forward to welcoming Robert back on a regular basis to work with both staff and pupils.

Commenting on the session with Robert Pickles, Sara said: 'The coaching session with Mr Pickles was a great opportunity to improve our riding skills and to learn more about the horse and what happens to them when we ride them. The event was well organised and informative. It was a nice change to the normal riding sessions and we all enjoyed it a lot.'

Ludovico adds: 'It is such a positive thing to be taught by different instructors as you are given new perspectives on your riding technique. It was a real pleasure to be taught by Mr Pickles and a great opportunity to strengthen my relationship with the horse and the Equestrian Centre.'



Congratulations to Fifth Former Julia Staiger, who placed fourth in her class for Pop Up Dressage in the NSEA National Schools League last January.



This Term's Most Improved Rider

Lower Sixth Former Ludovico Lasagna has continued his horse riding at the Equestrian Centre through the Lent Term and has shown a real determination to get the best out of whichever horse he is riding, for example Arthur. Ludo has worked with Arthur in many weekly group and private lessons in both flatwork and jumping sessions, developing great consistency in his technique and showing excellent improvement. We feel that Ludo has significantly improved and worked well with Arthur, which is why we have awarded him with the Most Improved Rider trophy. He should be very proud of what they have achieved together.

What have you enjoyed most about riding this term?

I have enjoyed learning within a new team and meeting new people to ride alongside. Bonding with Arthur was a really pleasant experience. Riding different horses is always a positive thing as every horse is different and you learn something new with each one. Overall my experience at the Equestrian Centre has been positive and I hope to continue improving and meeting the goals I set myself at the beginning of the school year.

What advice would you give to other pupils wanting to improve their horse riding?

The most important thing for me is consistency. Listen carefully to what your instructors tell you, and gradually your riding will improve. I also think it is important to do extra activities alongside riding that will improve your technique, for example I go running which helps with my posture.

Do you take part in any other co-curricular activities?

I play tennis once a week and also enjoy going to the gym.



SWIMMING

Bath Cup

This term our team of nine swimmers qualified for four out of four possible finals at the National Bath Cup swimming competition, held at the London Aquatic Centre. This is an amazing achievement considering we were up against over 100 other schools from all over the country, with our team consisting of mostly Third and Fourth Formers competing against mostly Sixth Formers.

Rosie Holt, Grace Byford, Grace Sainsbury and Girls' Captain Hannah Eastbury swam for the girls. It was Hannah's last Bath Cup and she rallied the team to a sixth place finish in the freestyle final and an eighth place overall finish in the medley final.

James Renshaw, Archie Ng, George Chapman and Boys' Captain Damian Tang swam the 4 x 50m medley race, whilst sprinter Charlie Bethell swam the freestyle leg with George, James and Damian completing the team. They finished tenth place in the final.

We are incredibly excited and look forward to next year's Bath Cup, as swimming at Lancing continues to develop.

2019 County Championship Success

At the recent County Swimming Championships, five of Lancing's swimmers collected 34 age group medals plus six junior Championship medals between them. Swimmers were Damian Tang, Grace Sainsbury, Hannah Eastbury, George Chapman, James Renshaw, Ben Bolton and Archie Ng. George, James and Archie achieved an exciting gold, silver and bronze in the 100m freestyle final. They also achieved first, second and third in the Boys' 14 years age group 'top swimmer award', with George collecting 7,438 championship points, James 7,209 and Archie 6,203. George won ten gold, eight silver and two bronze, and broke the boys 800m county record. James picked up 10 silver, four bronze and won gold in the last final of the championships. Lancing Girls' Captain Hannah Eastbury secured gold in the women's 1500m freestyle and silver in the 800m freestyle, both remarkable achievements considering that Hannah is not only training hard but also studying diligently for her A Levels, having been offered a place to study at Cambridge later this year. Ben Bolton performed brilliantly to place fourth in arguably the toughest event, the 200m butterfly. Grace gained a bronze in the Girls' 14 years 1,500m and despite sustaining an injury, displayed real courage storming through to take bronze in her final event, the 100m butterfly. Grace finished sixth overall in a very competitive age group.

George, James and Hannah are now highly ranked nationally, and are looking to achieve British Championship and National qualifying times over the next few weeks, with Archie and Grace getting closer to competing at Nationals all the time.

Charlotte Woolliscroft, Swimming Coach



GOLF: DESERT SPRINGS GOLFING COMPETITION

During Half Term Fifth Former Charlie Gilgenkrantz travelled to Almeria in Spain for an inter-schools golfing competition held at the Desert Springs resort. Accompanying him were Lancing Prep Hove pupils George G and Thady W.

We spoke to Charlie about the experience: 'The first day was a four ball better ball stableford, where we had two pairings in which Thady and I posted a good score of 40 points, putting us in a good position. George and his partner battled through the tough conditions around the course, unfortunately entering the clubhouse with 32 points.

Day two took the same format as day one, but the weather conditions began to worsen with a strong headwind on some holes, making it challenging for the shorter hitters. Thady and I finished with 36 points, and George and his partner finished with 31 points. Overall we finished tenth in the team event.

On the final day we played individually, starting via a shotgun start. Handicaps of 4.5 and lower had to play off the tees, and I began striking the ball well but the score wasn't exceptional, and ended with a level handicap of 36 points.

We thoroughly enjoyed the time in Desert Springs, it was a great golfing experience.'



Lancing Prep Hove

Another term has flown by at Lancing Prep Hove, filled with all the usual lessons and activities, alongside a fair few slightly more unusual additions to the school day. This term, I have been greeted by a Tudor gentleman whose visit to the school inspired budding historians; I've watched the entire school perform a Flamenco dance; I've seen drama sketches written and performed by Year 5; I've seen dinosaur eggs in Reception (and, yes, they hatched); and we even enjoyed a visit from the circus. All of this, and so much more, is part of the normal routine at LPH. It is noisy, busy and filled with laughter – and the Summer Term promises even more.

For our Year 8 scholars, it has been a time for focusing on CAS examinations. This year's crop of awards to Lancing College comprise four Academic Awards, a Music Scholarship, an Art Scholarship, four Ken Shearwood All-rounder Awards and a Sports Scholarship. Our young people have worked hard for these and we are proud of their success.

Away from matters academic, our sports teams have enjoyed a pleasing degree of success. In particular, our U11 girls' football team has got off to a sparkling start, winning a tournament and school fixtures. The U9 girl footballers also won matches on their first outings and our U9 boys' IV won the Bede's Sussex Tennis Tournament. Outside school, Frankie in Year 8 has again been selected for the girls' Sussex Hockey Squad and our Year 7 swimming star, Bethany, is U12 Sussex County Champion in 100m and 200m Butterfly and finished second overall in her age group with an impressive haul of gold, silver and bronze medals. She has qualified for three events in the SE regionals in May. Our runners have also excelled: Miles in Year 8 has been crowned U13 Sussex Cross Country Champion and Max in Year 6 competed post season in the U13 race at the

National Cross Country Championships after helping his club, Belgrave Harriers, to third place in League One of the Southern League. All ones to watch for the future!

Education for Social Responsibility has been a major theme this term. The children have been exploring topics relating to ethical living and sustainable futures aimed at developing a social understanding and a social conscience. This culminated in a *Make a Difference* day (known by the aptly coined acronym MAD) which included themes of fair trade, animal conservation and the recycling of plastic in classroom activities. Reception baked chocolate and banana muffins for their parents, using fair trade ingredients, whilst Year 7 designed packaging to promote fair trade products. Years 5 and 6 were captivated by a talk delivered by the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society considering the impact of plastic pollution on marine conservation. Year 4 created clothing from recyclable materials for their Trashion Show with huge energy and enthusiasm. Local community members were invited to a Gratitude Tea Party by Year 1 who wanted to show appreciation of those people who help them in their everyday lives. Year 2 delivered their own handmade cakes and sang to residents in a local care home. Year 8 were a huge support to Year 3 who worked tirelessly on an art installation inspired by the Martlets Hospice Snailway. They are busy creating a 'penguin trail' to raise awareness of endangered animals and the consequences of global warming.

The conversations continue beyond MAD Day itself and a group of children have already headed off to Rottingdean to carry out a beach clean-up, amassing more than 10kg of detritus in just one hour. We are so proud of the creative thinking of our pupils as they seek to effect change in our local community and beyond.

Learning outside the classroom continues apace, whatever the weather. We are so fortunate to have plenty of room on our campus for outdoor activities during the school day. Our wonderful PTA is working hard to raise funds to enhance our outdoor learning facilities and recently hosted a Pop Up Circus on the lower field which was a fabulous event for our families. The proceeds will be put towards the new science garden project which will provide opportunities for pupils from all year groups to experience natural science hands-on in a safe environment. On the last day of term the children were bursting with energy outside on the field, as the Prep pupils undertook a highly entertaining marshmallow throwing challenge, testing out the devices they had earlier assembled using lollipops, spoons and elastic bands and the Pre-Prep children squealed with excitement as they hunted around the grounds for Easter eggs distributed by a visiting Easter Bunny.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kirsty Keep'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'K'.

Kirsty Keep
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Beach clean up at Rottingdean



Year 1 Gratitude Tea



Year 4 Trashion Show



U11 Girls' Football Team



Year 8 Scholars



Reception baking Fair trade biscuits



Year 2 visited a local Nursing Home



The Pre-Prep were thrilled to be visited by the Easter Bunny on the last day of term

Lancing Prep Worthing

It is now five years since the school became part of the Lancing College family and it's been a time of incredible change for Lancing Prep Worthing. With a growing reputation in the local area, school numbers now 70 per cent higher than in 2014, a full Reception class this year and waiting lists in some older year groups, more and more families are coming to find out about what we have to offer.

It has been yet another busy Spring Term at LPW and the days have flown past. We have enjoyed celebrating success for so many of our children who have excelled in many different ways. At the top end of the school, the 15 Year 8 children have been working incredibly hard, some towards the CE examinations in May and others have already taken their scholarship examinations to go on to Lancing College. This year, between them, they have collected three Academic Awards including the top Scholarship to Lancing College, two Sports Scholarships, the Peter Robinson Cricket Scholarship, a Drama Scholarship, a Ken Shearwood Award and two Head Master's Awards. In addition a Year 6 pupil earned a Sports Scholarship to Christ's Hospital, with which his family have a long-standing connection.

Drama and public speaking continue to be very strong at LPW and a record 43 pupils from across the year groups took part in the annual Worthing Arts Festival Speech and Drama competition. The children enjoyed many successes and three girls made it through to the finals. We were delighted for a Year 6 girl who won the prestigious Constance Scott Memorial Trophy for Highest Verse Mark in the 10–16 year category. This was all the more remarkable an achievement as she is very much at the lower end of that age range. Back at school, rehearsals continue apace for *Annie*, our musical offering this year, which is already

promising to be fantastic. Our pupils are very excited to be performing this in the Lancing College Theatre in the summer.

Sport is also on the up at LPW, this term with a particular strength in football and increasingly hockey, and we have been successful in many fixtures against considerably larger schools. Will T has enjoyed wonderful success at tennis. Ranked 7th in the country in 2018 in his year group, he recently won a Grade 3 tournament in Bromley against advanced players across the south of England and also competed for the victorious Lancing College 1st IV in the first round of the Glanville Cup. Our girls' teams are steadily improving as our number of girls rises, and their determination to succeed is exemplary. Our equestrian specialist Pippa S rode Zazu for LPW in the 75cm class at Meristwood in Guildford. It was remarkable that they were placed 7th, as Pippa had been focusing on scholarship exams and they had not competed for three months. They now qualify for NSEA Championship Plate competition in November. Our junior Chess team have made encouraging progress in the Sussex Championships and we are currently waiting to hear if they will make it through to the next round of the competition.

Our school ethos is made up of three strands that weave together everything that we do at school: to love learning, to be kind and to go out into the world and do good. A group of particularly thoughtful Year 7 girls (with help from two older girls in Year 8) have done just that. They have made it their mission to tackle the ever-increasing problem of the damage to our environment by single-use plastics. They have given school assemblies, written to Lancing College Governor, Baroness Cumberlege, their local MP and supermarkets to raise their concerns. They wrote to parents with five ways to begin to reduce the use of single-

use plastic items, including their quest to reduce the number of plastic water bottles brought into school. They have set out to achieve this by resourcing and promoting a specially branded Lancing College Chilly bottle. These bottles have sold like hot cakes and promote the Refill charity which runs schemes nationally to sign up hotels, cafés and restaurants who will refill the bottles with water free of charge. It has been wonderful to see these young people put into action solutions to an issue they feel so strongly about.

We are incredibly proud of everything our pupils achieve, whether academically, performing, sporting or in their desire to bring about change in the world around them. We are looking forward to what the next five years will bring for the school and its talented pupils.



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Some of our Year 8 Scholars



Will T (right) and George N (left - a former LPW pupil) in the College 1st IV Tennis Team



Year 7 (and 8) Change4Good Team with the Chilly Bottles



Worthing Arts Festival winners



The LPW Junior Chess Team



Pippa S and Zazu



Boys' Hockey

Foundation Office & Lancing Society

Dear OLs,

Lancing's connections with the Far East go back over 130 years when an OL, Charles Corfe, Head's 1852–1854 became the first bishop of the Anglican cathedral in Korea. It is 56 years ago, in 1963 that the first pupil, Dennis Lee, Field's 1963–1964, came to Lancing (via a six-week journey on a cargo boat!) from the Far East. Dennis was undoubtedly a pioneer in this respect and led the way for future generations to experience a Lancing education. Today our Lancing chapter in the Far East has over 500 members and, not surprisingly, is our largest community overseas. Our visit this March reinforced the strength of that relationship and highlighted the diversity and talent that our international OLs, parents and pupils bring to the College.

The Lent Term has been busy for the Foundation Office and you can see why from this edition of *The Quad*.

Please do take a moment to read about Lancing life in 2019, the achievements and progress of the Foundationers Campaign, our targets for this year, the far-reaching impact of the 1848 Legacy Society, the growth of *Lancing Connected* and the exciting events that have made the headlines in the past few months.

The fast pace continues in the Summer Term with some old favourites and some new selections. The Evelyn Waugh Lecture on 25 April with William Boyd, author and screenwriter, promises much with the intriguing title, *Evelyn Waugh: A Self Divided* and the gathering for our Oldest OLs on 15 June is always a special day in the Lancing calendar. I look forward to seeing many of you here at the College in the coming months.

My warmest wishes, as always
Catherine



Catherine Reeve
Foundation Director

Lancing Connected Upgrade

If you haven't visited *Lancing Connected* before, it is a vibrant online community which provides a way to stay in touch with old school friends, staff and Lancing updates.

The range of networking opportunities for OLs, staff and parents is invaluable: users can expand their professional network, search for job opportunities and engage in discussion forums. OLs can easily contact or reconnect with members of the Lancing community throughout the world.

Lancing Connected currently has 716 active users (98% are alumni), with new people joining each week. 77% of users have indicated that they are 'willing to help' others, by providing advice on CVs, mentoring, offering career guidance and industry insight. Graduway, the company that hosts *Lancing Connected*, said: 'Lancing has 44% more directory page views, 17% more homepage views, and 9% more user profile views than average, showing that *Lancing Connected* is very active with users regularly accessing and viewing the platform.'

The site is constantly updated with College news and events, so that users can keep up-to-date with developments. Furthermore, *Lancing Connected* has recently been upgraded so that users can experience a more bespoke platform with customisable features in the sleek and intuitive design.

The 800th user to sign up to *Lancing Connected* will win a £50 Amazon voucher! www.lancingconnected.com

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Leverage your professional network to get introduced to people you should

Re-connect with old classmates
Lancing Connected allows you to both re-connect with old classmates as well as enabling you to utilise the trusted Lancing College environment to expand your professional network.

Your Lancing College Community
By fully integrating with social networks, and cultivating a culture of helping and giving back, you will be amazed how vibrant your Lancing College community is!

Foundations Campaign Update

Our aim is for a Lancing education to inspire and enrich young minds to make a real difference in the world

We seek to support **25** vulnerable young people from disadvantaged backgrounds

We need to raise **£3million** by **2022** to enable this to happen

A further **FIVE** Foundationers will join them in September 2019

We have **SEVEN** Foundationers in the school this year

In our first year we raised over **£2million** of our **£3m target** in **DONATIONS and PLEDGES**

The positive impact of the experience is clearly visible in our Foundationers both within the school and after they have left

Our aim is to encourage more of the Lancing community to help us raise the **next £1m**

Please consider making a gift and becoming part of something **life-changing**

‘The opportunity to go to Lancing College is one that I will cherish and never forget. I hope one day to give someone like me a chance to change the blueprint of their life forever.’

Paige Taylor, Foundationer, Handford 2015–2017

Foodie Fundraising for Foundationers

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first Foundationers fundraising evening with *MasterChef* Champion 2018 Kenny Tutt. It was a great success, and raised over £14,000 for Lancing Foundationers – Bursaries that change lives.



MasterChef Kenny, a Lancing Prep parent, kindly offered to support our bursary campaign with his culinary expertise. He worked with the brigade of chefs at the College and cooked a fantastic four-course meal, including two of his *MasterChef*-winning dishes, which were a real treat for the guests. Parents, OLs, staff, local residents and Governors enjoyed the foodie atmosphere, expertly compèred by Chairman of the Governing Body, Dr Harry Brünjes. Guests took part in a silent auction and snapped up the main auction prize (a four-course dining menu for eight people, to be cooked in the winner's home by Kenny himself!).

Paige Taylor (Handford 2015–2017) – one of our Foundationers and an ambassador for the campaign and now studying Law at the University of Leeds – spoke movingly about how a Lancing education has had such an impact

on her life and fuelled her ambitions for the future. Paige was accompanied by fellow ambassadors Eunice Adeoyo (Handford 2016–2018) and Georgie Carpenter (Sankey's 2009–2014), who chatted to guests about their own experience and how the opportunity of a Lancing education influenced their lives. We want donors to the campaign to see for themselves how they really have helped to transform lives, and that is why these occasions are so important.

Head Master Dominic Oliver said: 'In fundraising for the Foundationers we were really pleased with the support from parents, OLs and friends of Lancing. Everyone who attended had a fabulous and memorable evening and left feeling that they were part of something really important. I hope that we will be able to bring further exciting events like this to the Lancing community.'





The Lancing Community in Hong Kong

This March we welcomed another record-breaking number of OLs and parents to the China Club, an exclusive, elegant venue that originally housed the Bank of China's executives and staff.

The Club dazzles its guests with a selection of contemporary Chinese art, a well-stocked library, superb Cantonese food and a Shanghai tea house atmosphere. It provided the perfect setting for a Lancing reception; bringing together old friends, new acquaintances and an assurance (if desired!) of a lifelong association with the College.

Our thanks to all of you who made our visit so memorable and to those who assisted us so kindly: OLs James Barrington (Gibbs' 1973–1978), Vince Chan (Gibbs' 2011–2016),

Angus Forsyth (Olds 1958–1963), Keith Goodman (Head's 1979–1984), Raymond Kwok (Sanderson's 1968–1972), Andrew Law (Sanderson's 1980–1985), Robert Pe (Sanderson's 1982–1987), Peter Stigant (Second's 1979–1984), Sabrina Tsui (Manor 2005–2010), Dawson Woo (Sanderson's 1977–1982) and Patricia Yip (Manor 2011–2016).

Thanks also to parents Mark and Susan Anstiss, Amy Chun, Reynold and Louise Soloway Chan, Dr Seok Kim and Mrs Flora Yoon, Sam and Magi Lin, Murine Lo and Richard Wong.



New Patron for 1848 Legacy Society

The 1848 Legacy Society was created in 2006, in recognition of our Founder's vision and foresight and to allow us to thank all those who have made provision for the College in their Will.

The Society's first Patron was Ken Shearwood DSC who held the post for 12 years and encouraged so many OLs to 'acknowledge the influences that had shaped their lives and give something back to benefit future generations'.

Charles Anson CVO, Olds 1957–1961 (below) has graciously agreed to be our next Patron and we are delighted to have his support and endorsement.

Today the Society has 88 members and has so far provided over £2m to the Lancing Foundation and has another £4m pledged. These are extraordinary figures and demonstrate how powerful a legacy can be for the College and the difference it can make to its future.

We invite anyone within the Lancing community to become a member of the 1848 Society when they make a commitment to leaving a legacy to Lancing. On receipt of a legacy, the legator's name is inscribed on a board in Great School to

reflect the College's gratitude. The honours board hangs amongst all the portraits of Lancing's previous Head Masters and is a lasting tribute to our benefactors.

Our latest legacy – received in January 2019 – came from Dennis Day, a man who will be known to so many OLs and to the wider Lancing community. Dennis left £100,000 to the Foundation and another £100,000 to the Friends of Lancing Chapel; incredible generosity on his part for a school he devoted 40 years of his life to, between 1955 and 1995. This was his second gift to the Foundation; 10 years ago he gave £50,000 and – as he did this time – another £50,000 to the Friends. It is not surprising that the plaque on his tombstone outside the Chapel reads: 'Dennis Day 1932–2018, Mathematician, Housemaster, Benefactor'. The words are simple but they portray absolutely the character of a Lancing man.



Charles Anson



'Legacies can be a game changer, by building our bursary scheme and making the reality of a Lancing education available to young people who would not otherwise even dream of this opportunity.

If you would like to help future generations of students to benefit from the Lancing experience, then please consider making a legacy or a contribution in some other way.

Any help you can give will be hugely appreciated by the whole of the Lancing community.'

Charles Anson,
Patron of the 1848 Legacy Society

St Nicolas Association

Over 100 guests enjoyed the St Nic's Burns Night Supper in January, which featured the traditional *Piping of the Haggis* and bonnie Scottish dancing.



The St Nic's Committee with the Piper

This now-annual celebration is always enjoyable and brings together Lancing parents, staff and friends. The Dining Hall was transformed with plenty of tartan and candlelight to enhance the atmosphere of the whole occasion.

Parents were also treated to an evening of laughter with the Comedy Night at the end of March. A huge thank you to the Committee who put so much time and energy into organising these events for parents to enjoy.



Why Lancing Chapel needs Friends

The Chapel is the most distinctive and famous thing about Lancing College. Not only is it a powerful visual image providing an instantly recognisable brand or logo, but also it is a symbol of the essence and ethos of the school.

It stands for the principles which give Lancing its character and quality. Although this is originally and still predominately a Christian message, the Chapel speaks to the spirits of all who attend or work at the school, regardless of their personal creed. It inspires love and loyalty in a wide range of pupils, whether they be practising Christians, sacristans, prefects, choristers, musicians, artists or just those who find themselves in there at least once a week throughout their time at Lancing.

The Chapel is a focus for much sentiment and nostalgia as well as memories of friendship, self-discovery, prayer and laughter. That is why it has always attracted astonishingly generous gifts and legacies and has been so richly and beautifully built and adorned. It explains why the Society of the Friends of Lancing Chapel has, over the past 72 years, been able to recruit members who have raised the money to build the west wall and rose window and to make a spectacular contribution to many other aspects of the structure and conservation of the building.

Our illustrations show some of the important features which the Friends have given to the Chapel since 1978 as well as contributing nearly £2million towards repairs, maintenance, the organs, stained glass and furnishings.

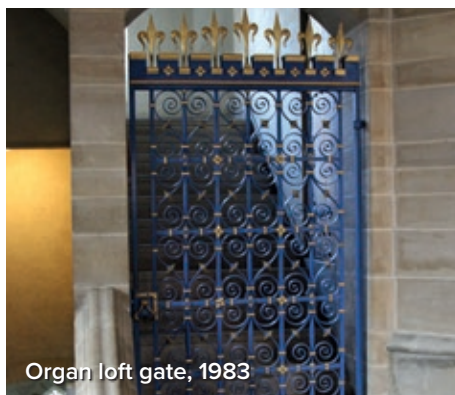
Now that a final effort is being made to resolve the problem of the unfinished west end, there is an urgent need to recruit more Friends. New members do keep signing up, but far more are needed. The generation which built the rose window is almost gone and those who have joined since then have kept the flame alive for the past forty years. Anyone for whom the Chapel is an important landmark in their life or their landscape should become a Friend. A number of local people, architectural and historical enthusiasts and supporters of the Woodard schools are Friends, but the natural constituency is the present and former pupils and staff of the school and their families. The distinctiveness which the Chapel gives to the College comes at a price. Lancing is the only school of its kind which has a 'cathedral' to sustain. The cost is considerable, but the Friends contribute over £20,000 per year and there is a long-term maintenance plan. It remains, however, a constant reproach to all concerned that this truly astonishing building is unfinished and has a west entrance which does no justice to the splendour within.

That is why the Chapel needs you as a Friend. You can become a valued supporter of the building which makes 'your' school so special and truly unique.

Jeremy Tomlinson, Steward of the Chapel



Crypt north aisle completion, 1980s



Organ loft gate, 1983



South door, 1998



Handford memorial porch, 1993

If you care about Lancing Chapel, please email FriendsOfLancingChapel@lancing.org.uk, call 01273 465 985 or contact the Honorary Secretary, Friends of Lancing Chapel, FREEPOST, Lancing BN15 8BR to become a Friend.

Find us online: lancingcollege.co.uk/chapel

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The Old Lancing Club Review

Message from the Chairman

I welcome all OLs to this edition of *The Quad*. May I start by congratulating Lancing on a number of successes which you will see covered in this edition? Numbers at Lancing are at record levels and still rising. We are proud to see the gathering momentum in so many fields of activity.

As for The OL Club, in the Advent Term message, I told you that as we attempt to renew our *Proposition to OLs*, we are examining the schedule of OL events which we support. We have started by analysing how many OLs remain in touch with Lancing. The percentage is high for OLs in their twenties (c90%) and erodes gently to about 56% above 75 years of age. Perhaps not surprising?

More interesting is when we ask how many OLs actively engage with Lancing (eg by attending an event). The answer can be seen in the graph below, showing event attendance by age range.

It's probably no surprise that OLs drift away in their 30s, 40s and 50s, and then return when time permits. We all have lives to lead, jobs to perform, and families to bring up. I personally followed exactly this trajectory. The Committee, in tandem with the Foundation Office, wants to know whether we are doing everything possible to minimise the drift, and also to encourage OLs to return when their life circumstances allow.

I have heard many OLs talk of their delight at meeting long-lost friends at an event they attended after many years away. And that is what The OL Club is here to encourage.

So which events work best? The Young OLs (18–30) Drinks Reception in September is a runaway success, with record numbers (over 100 last September). The Carol Concert in December attracted over 200 guests – another record. The Over 60s Lunches and the Oldest OLs events are perennial successes at the other end of our OL age group. So, along with Catherine Reeve's team, we now want to improve our turnouts in the 30–50 age groups. The data indicates that House reunions (eg the Second's 170th Anniversary) and School Year Group reunions (eg the 1988 Leavers' reunion) are the right way to go. But maybe we are missing some other ideas? Please let us know if you have any suggestions:

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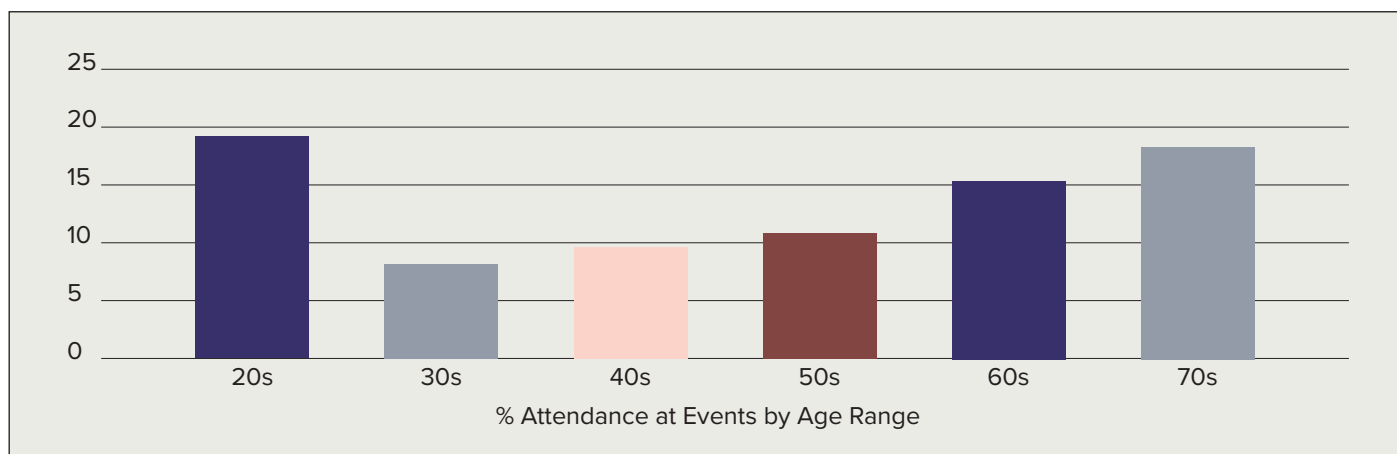
In the meantime, please try attending an event. It's nice to pre-arrange it with a friend, but not necessary. I promise you will be welcome. And I am certain you will enjoy meeting old and new friends.

The next event you might wish to sample is the Summer Party, which is conveniently positioned right after the AGM, to give you an opportunity to have a say in what The OL Club is up to. Please see the next page for a taster of this.

Finally, may I appeal for volunteers to come forward and work on the Committee? At the AGM in May, we will elect new members, and we could certainly benefit from help in the areas of Communications and Events, as we work through our programme to renew our *Proposition to OLs*.



Martin Todd
Chairman
The Old Lancing Club



Come to the Summer Party!

ALL OLs and their guests are welcome

We are hosting the party this year at the beautiful National Liberal Club on Thursday 23 May 2019. In my view this is Lancing's spiritual home in London, because of its historical connections with the Gladstone family, and also because of the ineradicable liberalism in Lancing's DNA.

Details are available on the website lancingcollege.co.uk/events or you can email oldlancingclub@lancing.org.uk to register your attendance.

Proceedings start at 6pm with the AGM, followed by the Party from 6.45pm.

- At the AGM, as usual, we will elect new and renewed officers, so please put forward your name now!
With Christopher Doidge's withdrawal as our staff member, we will both offer our thanks to him for his excellent service to The OL Club, and also seek a replacement staff member.
- We normally approve the Club's Accounts but because of an extremely challenging transition from one Treasurer to another, we may have to present preliminary numbers. OL Club members will find copies of the 2017 accounts enclosed with *The Quad*, and once the final 2018 accounts are available, they will be sent out by email.
- You will hear my report on The OL Club's year. This will include some of the challenges which a Club like ours faces (depending on volunteers), in a society demanding increasing professionalism.
- We also propose to seek members' approval for a proposal to part-fund the upgrades to the College Pavilion: this is intended to carve out a more convenient place of welcome for returning OLs at Lancing: to improve on the presentation of Lancing's and OLs' sporting achievements (team photos etc), and to memorialise Ken Shearwood's contributions to Lancing, in what we hope will be renamed as the Ken Shearwood Pavilion.

Martin Todd

Chairman, The Old Lancing Club



Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the AGM held at The Royal Aeronautical Society, London, on 14 June 2018.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. To receive the Chairman's annual report of The Old Lancing Club.
5. To approve the Accounts of The Club for the year ending 31 December 2018.
6. To elect Officers of The Club; according to the Rules, Officers shall retire at the AGM but may be re-elected to their former or any other office. *The President, the Chairman and the Secretary shall retire, but have expressed their willingness to stand again in their current roles. Christine Loosley resigned as Treasurer during the course of the year.*
7. To elect a new Treasurer.
8. To elect a new Communications Co-ordinator; Anthony Phillips is retiring from this role.
9. To elect two new members of the Committee. The 3-year terms of Anthony Phillips and Christopher Doidge have expired according to the Rules.
10. Pavilion refurbishment funding proposal.
11. Any other business.

Nominations for the posts of Treasurer, Communications Co-ordinator and the Committee, together with the names of the proposer and seconder, must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days before the meeting by post or email.

Tim Poole

Secretary, The Old Lancing Club

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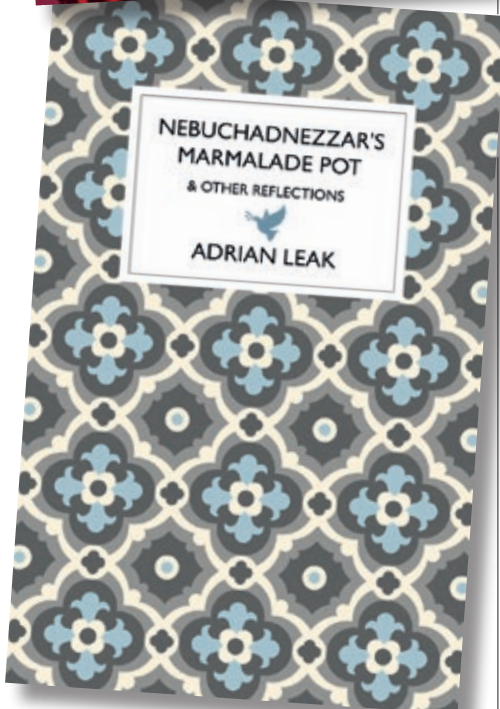
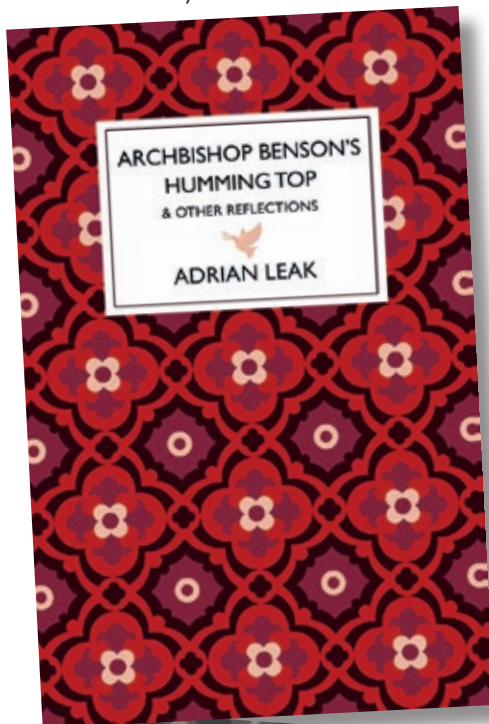
News from OLs

Adrian Leak

Following the success of Adrian Leak's (Second's 1951–1956) first collection, *Nebuchadnezzar's Marmalade Pot*, his new book, *Archbishop Benson's Humming Top* comprises 60 brief essays adapted from articles, some previously published in the *Church Times*.

'Adrian Leak has created a box of delights: quirky and thoughtful, with plenty of still centres, to be dipped into and savoured: nourishment for the soul, with no damage to the waistline'.

Caroline Chartres (Features Editor, *Church Times*).



Christopher Maycock *Summoned by the Hon. Mrs John Betjeman*

Christopher Maycock (Sanderson's, 1950–1955) has recently published a new novel detailing a journey he took from London to India in 1963 in a Volkswagen Dormobile. As a recently qualified doctor in 1963, Christopher embarked upon this adventure along with two other friends. The journey was made even more exciting as one of the guests who insisted on joining them was Penelope Betjeman, the wife of Sir John Betjeman.

This was an extraordinary trip and one that would be impossible to make today. At one point the van had to hitch tow-rides with lorries for more than 250 miles through former-communist Yugoslavia.

At the time Christopher wrote a daily diary of this 20,000 mile trip which much of this book is based on. Christopher is a retired medical practitioner and has written previously on the 18th century Cumbrian poet Susanna Blamire.



John Hall



Congratulations to John Hall (Olds 1960–1963) who didn't let bad weather stop his fundraising endeavour. John writes: 'The Marsden March takes place each year in support of the Royal Marsden Hospital. The course runs over 15 miles between the two hospitals in London and Sutton. Fundraising at the Marsden brings in around £8m to support its pioneering fight against cancer.'

The 2019 March was scheduled to take place on 10 March but was cancelled at the last minute due to bad weather.

Having trained and raised around £1,500, much of it from OLs, in memory of my late brother Peter (Olds 1963–1967) and our mother, Anne, I was determined to go ahead anyway. On arrival at the start, I was obliged to sign a disclaimer acknowledging that there was no official event being run on the day and set off, using the map from last year. People en route were so supportive in stopping to talk, which proved both moving and motivating, and included a cancer nurse, wanting to take our photo for colleagues.

I arrived at the Marsden in Sutton in four and a half hours, 30 minutes ahead of my schedule. My feet were so painful I could hardly drive the car back to Worthing!

A couple of days later, I received notification from the charity that, due to public support and disappointment, the March would be rescheduled. So, I shall get to do it again!

News from Young OLs

We have recently heard from a number of our younger OLs about their first few years post-Lancing. As you can see from the stories below, OLs are spread around the world, doing a huge variety of exciting things.

James Ballamy (Head's 2006–2011) writes: 'Within a month of leaving Lancing in 2011, I embarked for the rural, south-western corner of Virginia. I spent two years in Virginia studying Kinesiology and playing "soccer".

Despite individual success over the two years the team struggled, which culminated in my move to Huntsville, Alabama. I had a predilection for the weather in the southern states, apart from when I was playing, as you'd struggle to breathe and sweat would pour into your eyes due to the extreme humidity. My playing career ended abruptly as I suffered a severe knee injury for the second time; however, it hasn't completely stopped me from making my annual appearance(s) for the LOBFC!

I'd always intended to come back home after completing my undergraduate degree and work in education. Fortuitously, I was given the chance to move into coaching at the collegiate level here in the US, for the University of Alabama in Huntsville. To coach at my alma mater has been a great experience, but not without its challenges, as I've worked with both the Men's and Women's programmes. For the foreseeable future, I do have the aspiration of finding a job as the Head Coach of a programme; beyond that I'm not sure where life will take me. I do hope to have the opportunity to come back and continue to represent both the LOBFC and the Rovers as time will allow!



Edward Eustace (Second's 2006–2011) was an Art and Academic scholar and gained three A*s and one A at A Level.

He went to Jesus College, Cambridge achieving a first class degree in History of Art. As an undergraduate he was president of the Marlowe Society and creative director of the inaugural John Hughes Arts Festival. He completed a further MA in Fine Art at Chelsea College of Arts where he hosted a symposium with Grayson Perry. He has just achieved a CELTA qualification and finds teaching English to refugees in London rewarding.

In the art world he co-established the gallery *Harbingers* which has staged a series of exhibitions for emerging artists in the capital. His artwork continues to gain commissions from private collectors, Sedgwick Park House, Byline and the Art Car Boot Fair. As an actor he has performed in *King Lear* at Chichester Festival Theatre, and *The Inheritance* at the Noël Coward Theatre. Several film projects are in development including writing scripts for a series of iconic war-time characters.



Tilly Dichmont (Sankey's 2011–2016)

writes: 'I am currently in my third year studying Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge, where I am also lucky enough to be a choral scholar. I have chosen to specialise in Chemistry, and have loved every minute of the course and the place. This year, having thought about it for a long time, I decided to apply for Graduate Medicine and was absolutely thrilled to receive offers from both Cambridge and Oxford. It's been a very tricky decision to make but I have finally decided to go with Oxford, and I am very excited to start at Magdalen College in October. I will be really sad to leave Trinity and its fantastic music and choir, but I am keen to do as much music at Magdalen as the inevitably intense schedule of the four year Graduate Medicine course allows!'



Congratulations to Freddie Nuttall (Gibbs' 2006–2011) who married Gabriela Darblade on 1 September 2018

OL Sports News

Cricket

As always, for all things Rovers please visit our website: www.lancingrovers.co.uk. Here you will find in-depth match reports, photos and much, much more! In addition, please join our Facebook Group *Lancing Rovers Cricket Club* if you fancy playing in 2019!

We are looking forward to a packed fixture list for the 2019 season, including:

- Lancing College 1st XI (H) - Saturday 25 May
- Free Foresters CC (H) - Sunday 2 June
- Clifford Chance CC (H) - Sunday 9 June
- Old Westminster (H) - Sunday 16 June (Cricketer Trophy Round of 16)
- Cricketer Trophy Quarter Final (A) - Sunday 30 June
- Cricketer Trophy Semi-Final (H) - Sunday 14 July
- Cricketer Trophy Final (Gerrards Cross CC) - Sunday 4 August

And also the always-exciting Rovers Week at the College, including matches against:

- Sussex Martlets CC - Monday 8 July
- Uppingham Rovers CC - Tuesday 9 July
- Steyning CC - Wednesday 10 July
- Oundle Rovers CC - Thursday 11 July
- The Ivy CC - Friday 12 July

George Holman

Golf

The OL Golf Society is looking forward to an exciting number of fixtures over the next few months, full details of these can be found on The OL Club website:

lancingcollege.co.uk/lancing-society-ol-club/ol-club/ol-sports/golf

This year the Halford Hewitt is taking place on Friday 12 April (Practice Round on Thursday 11) at Royal Cinque Ports, with the First Round against Berkhamstead and Ross Gilbert (Head's 1996–1999) as Captain. The OLGs Spring Meeting is taking place on Thursday 9 May at Worplesdon and towards the end of the season the OLGs Autumn Meeting is taking place on Thursday 5 September at West Sussex.

OLs are always welcome to join the Golf Society. Please email Charlie Mackendrick for full details: charlie@mackendrick.plus.com.

Charlie Mackendrick

LOBFC

As the 2018–19 season draws to a close, both the sides have exciting finishes in store. The 1st XI need to win the last match against Old Aldenhamians to stand a chance of bouncing back to the Arthurian Premier League at the first time of asking. It's been a season of two halves: with only 1 point in the opening six matches, the team has since lost only one in 11 games. The 2nd XI (below) find themselves within touching distance of Division 2 survival after recent wins versus KCS Wimbledon Old Boys and Old Merchant Taylors. With two games remaining, a minimum of three points is required, starting with a 'winner takes all' 8th v 9th humdinger, away to Old Merchant Taylors.

As ever we are always on the look-out for the next generation of LOBFC players and anyone interested in playing next season (September–March) please do get in touch – email mrlobfc@gmail.com.

We look forward to celebrating with all the OL Sports Clubs and Societies on Friday 5 July at the Royal Over-Seas League, in what is sure to be a memorable night. Full details, including how to book tickets, will be released very soon.

Tom Phillips and Wilfred Aylett



OL Squash

The OL Squash club has had another good run in the Londonderry Cup this year, but sadly couldn't defend the title in the cup competition that dates back to 1934, and has been won by Lancing more times than any other club.

We had a tight semi-final match against the Old Wykehamists (Winchester), losing 2-3 in a match that could easily have gone the other way, with one marathon five-setter! In the last four years Lancing have been in two finals (2016 & 2018 – winners), and two semi-finals (2017 & 2019).

Thanks to all those who came to support, it was great to see so many OLs including multiple past Londonderry Cup champions!

In other news, we are working with the College to reinstate the Founder's Day College v OLs squash match. Lancing has a long tradition of bringing on and turning out great squash players. Long may this continue and we look forward to introducing both new leavers and any keen players to the OL Squash Club. Anyone interested in getting involved please do contact me.

Tom Maberly maberlytom@gmail.com



OLs v the College

The Lancing Sports Department was delighted to welcome back a group of returning OLs to take on the 1st VII netball team, and 1st XI girls' and boys' hockey teams.

This year it was decided to mix things up a bit and play both hockey and netball on the same day. This was partly due to not being able to find a date that suited all and it helped ensure that we had enough players for both games. We had a strong set of OLs this year and were unlucky to lose both games. The netball was a tough game with a very close score in the end, with some outstanding play from all the team, a particular mention must go to Liv Thomas (Field's 2008–2013) for some amazing shooting. After the netball we had a quick turnaround for the hockey; with some of the team not having played since leaving Lancing, it was more a game of fun than anything else. A special mention to Miss Watkins – honorary OL – for some spectacular play on the pitch. I think I can speak on behalf of all the team that we had a great day and if you weren't one of the Dream Team members then you need to be next year, so please come along!

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to come and for the staff for helping to organise it.

Captain Flo Margaroli

Later in the day, the boys' OL hockey team stepped up to the playing field aiming for glory. This year, the squad had a great mix of recent leavers and more experienced heads. In a highly competitive first half, the OLs took the lead, but soon found themselves under great pressure from the school. The OLs held on until half time after some resolute defending. The second half became a far more open affair, with the school deservedly grabbing an early equaliser. But soon, the OLs found themselves 2 goals up, before the school hit back again. As the match progressed and opened up even further, the OLs were able to capitalise, running in another 3 goals. The final score of 6-2 flattered the OLs somewhat. A massive thank you to Mr Naughalty, the pupils and the College as always for hosting and playing us.

Captain Hector Loughton



OL Fives

Plenty of OL fives is being played in London and at Lancing.

Lancing has had some mixed success in the Barber Cup this year. We successfully made it through the first round against the Old Citizens but unfortunately lost out to a very strong Old Westminster's team as we were unable to field a team as strong as we have in the past. A notable milestone was achieved when Ashley Lumbard (Manor 2002–2007) played first pair with George Campbell (Gibbs' 1992–1997) against the Old Citizens and won. The opposition included one of the former greats of the game, John Reynolds. Ashley is the first woman to have played in this exalted position and to have won.

Despite the relatively early exit there were green shoots being seen in the Fives Club with three new faces representing the OLs during this year's competition, Alex Abrahams, Ed Habershon and Matt Davies, all of whom left Lancing in the last few years.

A fantastic evening of competitive fives was enjoyed at Charterhouse with Alex Abrahams (Head's 2011–2014, left) winning the Brigands Silver Salver. The final match saw an exciting battle between Alex Knight and Stuart Clarke against Alex Abrahams and Simon Woolfries, with the latter just squeaking through to win 13-11.

****Hold the date!****

Lancing Fives Weekend (2018 event pictured, bottom left) is set for Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September, with a fantastic Gala Dinner on the Saturday night. Book your places now by emailing Matthew Beard (Sanderson's 1976–1980): matthew.beard@clarionhg.com or phoning on 07976 009 549.

****Lancing Tuesday Night Fives Club - Players wanted****

Most Tuesday nights fives is played at the College by an enthusiastic group of OLs. More players are needed; although previous playing experience is desirable, it is not essential, as coaching from beginner level can be readily accommodated. The session runs from 8–10pm and is available to all students, College staff and parents.

All we ask is that you tell us you intend to come along by contacting Matthew Beard.



'Eton Fives – probably the best court game in the world'

We remember the following OLs

Anthony (Tony) Thomas Dunkerley Brewster (Sanderson's 1949–1954)



Tony's career began when he joined the Navy as an air cadet in 1959, signing with the Fleet Air Arm for a five year commission but he eventually stayed for 16 years! Frontline service was in helicopters although he was involved in only two operations. Firstly when Iraq was about to invade Kuwait in 1951 and secondly the Indonesian confrontation of 1963–1966. After several flights over Indonesian waters in the Malacca Straights, Tony and his crew found and intercepted an invasion fleet, taking the soldiers prisoner on Christmas Eve. He was mentioned in despatches for his role in preventing the Indonesian colonisation of Malaya.

From 1978–1981 Tony worked for Shell Brunei in Borneo, followed by a move back to Aberdeen in 1981 flying for Bristows. Towards the end of his career in 1993 he carried out the Braer rescue – for which he received an award in Los Angeles. In November of the same year, the Lunokhods Russian factory ship was sinking in very rough seas and a force 10 gale, Tony flew helicopter 'Oscar Charlie' to rescue the whole crew of 156! This time he received an award in Washington DC.

Tony retired in 1995 and moved to Devon where he joined the Exe Sailing club and enjoyed his retirement years racing Comet Trios.

Tony was much loved and leaves behind a son, daughter and two granddaughters.

His daughter was with him when he passed away peacefully at home after a five year battle with cancer.

Nigel Anderson (Head's 1950–1955)

Nigel, born on 11 October 1936, spent much of his early childhood in Lucknow and Hyderabad States in India, where his father was Chief of Police. After the Second World War, Nigel returned to England. Going first to Pilgrim's Prep School before joining Lancing College in 1950, where he excelled at Cricket and Athletics.

After leaving Lancing Nigel completed his National Service in the Royal Artillery being based mostly in Oldenburg West Germany and seeing action in the Suez Crisis. He then joined the tobacco company Gallaher as a management trainee, rising through the ranks via various positions in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, to become Managing Director of the cigar subsidiary J R Freeman's in Cardiff, before transferring to London to become Gallaher Group Finance Director.

He still managed to find time for his love of cricket, playing regularly for Cowbridge and the South Wales Hunt Cricket Clubs, before taking up golf at Cottrell Park. After retiring from Gallaher he took up an interest in horse racing, owning and running horses both on the flat and point to point.

Nigel married Anne in 1961 and they had three children Judith, Stephen (Head's 1976–1981) and Carolyn. Nigel and Anne celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2011 and have spent almost 50 years being based in Cowbridge, South Wales.

Nigel died peacefully on 23 February 2019. He is survived by his wife Anne and his children Judith, Stephen and Carolyn, as well as grandchildren, Rosie (Handford 2009–2011), Michael, James, Edward, and James Louis.

Stephen Anderson (Head's 1976-1981)



Geoffrey 'Colin' Herbert (Olds 1953–1957)



OL Golf lost one of its greatest supporters with Colin's death on 30 June 2018. Colin was born in 1939 in Sussex and joined the Olds House of Arthur Cooper in 1953. Colin played 1st XI soccer and cricket and became an NCO in the Cadet Force. On one memorable occasion Colin was taken aside by Ken Shearwood just before a match against Aldenham, who asked him to pay particular attention to a very skilful and quick left winger. Only minutes into the game, this player found himself in the second row of the small concrete stand alongside the Aldenham pitch, courtesy of Colin's attention!

Colin's career involved six years at Lloyds of London before, in 1975, he purchased Colmil Scaffolding. The success of the company enabled him to sell it in 1995 to enjoy a retirement largely on the golf course or shooting on the family grouse moor.

In the 1950s Colin was already playing at West Hove and Brighton and Hove as a junior and it was no surprise that he was selected in 1958 for the Lancing Halford Hewitt team. Colin was a vital member of the Lancing team which reached the final in 1991. Colin also played for 16 years in the Mellin Salver and was in the winning team in 2000.

Colin, known to Hewitt golfers as 'Uncle', was made OL Golf's President and no-one had OL Golf at heart more than he. He will be much missed.

Chris Martin (Olds 1954–1959)

Helen Davis (Handford 1988–1990)

Helen Davis sadly died on New Year's Eve 2018 at the age of 46. She had suffered medical issues all her life, culminating in breast cancer in recent months. She attended Lancing for the Sixth Form, arriving in 1988 when her brother Peter also joined the Third Form. She left in 1990 before taking up a place the following year at Cambridge to read Economics, including a year's scholarship in Heidelberg.

When she was able, Helen worked in an actuarial role. Even when quite ill in later years she kept herself busy in her village community just outside Canterbury. She was President of the WI and an active Methodist preacher, spending the last two years studying at Cliff College, the theological college in the Derbyshire Peak District.

Helen was unmarried but enjoyed the company of a large circle of friends, especially over afternoon tea. She was a skilled cook, producing mountains of cakes and scones, while she outperformed all comers with her remarkable Lego building skills. Throughout her life she sang in choirs and could recite most of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas from memory. Despite her medical conditions, Helen was determined to live life to the full through her remarkable breadth of gifts and interests.

Peter Davis (Second's 1988–1993)



John Gascoigne Chapman (Olds 1945–1947)



John had a remarkable and unconventional life. After leaving Lancing in 1947, National Service in the Royal Veterinary Corp and agricultural college followed. At Lancing he loved sport, particularly diving (from a diving board) and cross-country running. He used to run to Hove to get a haircut, and when he didn't need a haircut, he ran there just for the pleasure of it. Although not an academic, he always said he gained a lot from being a Lancing boy. Good friends and sound principles that he would carry for the rest of his life.

He went to Malaya in 1952 to be a rubber planter. It was during the Emergency and he narrowly escaped being killed by bandits due to his small stature and bullets missing his head whilst he was driving a Land Rover. He married Rosie in Malacca in 1958 and Jennifer, his only daughter, arrived three years later. In 1968 he and his family returned to England and settled in Cornwall in a smallholding, keeping goats and making a living from boarding kennels. He retired in the early 90s and he and Rosie lived happily in the village of Widegates until he died of heart failure on 14 October 2016. Rosie died in November 2018. He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer; his sister Pat and his grand-daughter, Nicola.

The Reverend Michael Francis Sprent MA SSF Brother Giles of the Society of Saint Francis (Second's 1947–1952)

Brother Giles has died at the age of 84 after a lifetime of committed service to his community and the Church. After National Service in the RAF he studied at Oxford University and then went on to study Theology at Kelham with the S J Community there. On being ordained Deacon in 1961 and Priest in 1962 he became a postulant and was noviced into the Anglican Franciscan Community, working in East London. In 1964 he studied Tropical Horticulture in Cambridge, to be of use in his future work, as priest in Koke, Papua New Guinea, for four years and later from 1983 to 1997 in the Solomon Islands.

Throughout his professed (1963) and life professed (1967) ministry, for the Church and SSF, he travelled the world taking on many of its significant and spiritual administration duties.

Throughout his hard-working and long commitment to his faith and the rigours of Franciscan life, he gained experience living in other cultures and acquired the wisdom which the other brothers recognised, electing him to positions of authority and responsibility within SSF. In his retirement he reorganised and worked in the fruit and vegetable gardens, walked the full South West Coast Path and took local Church and Friary services. He was a true and faithful priest and brother, spiritual director and mentor, who has been a bright star in all our lives. Rest in peace.

Simon Sprent (Second's 1951–1955)



We remember the following OLS

Anthony Gifford Pearce (Field's 1955–1959)

Anthony was born 11 December 1941 in Whitminster, Gloucestershire, during the height of the Second World War, the second child of Kenneth and Olive.

He was educated at The Abbey Preparatory School in London and then in 1955 he moved to Lancing College. Anthony thrived on life at school where, in addition to his academic endeavours, he developed his love of all sports, in particular cricket. He joint-captained the 2nd XI at Lancing and also subsequently played for Hertford. He often recounted stories of his time at the school to his family and looked back with fondness on these formative years.

On leaving Lancing, Anthony trained as an accountant at a London firm. After 18 months, and on realising he was on the wrong career path, he enrolled at the National Bakery School for the following two years with the intention of joining the family business, GJ Pearce Ltd. After leaving the National Bakery School he went to Germany for six months to work for the continental bakery, Heinemann.

Eighteen months after his return from Germany, Anthony married Mary Mantle at Brompton Trinity Church behind the Brompton Oratory and he joined the family company. They initially set up home together in Ongar, Essex before, in 1972, moving to their eventual family home with their two sons in Anstey, Hertfordshire.

In the years that followed, the business was to flourish under his stewardship and at its peak the business consisted of 25 of its own retail outlets as well as supplying national supermarket chains.

He was fully invested in the baking industry and as well as the family business also held directorships of Associated Family Bakeries and The London Bakers Buying Association. He further gave his time as Director of the National Association of Master Bakers and held office for a year as the President of London Associations of Bakers. He was also a member of the Worshipful Company of Bakers.

Anthony retired in 2005 and focused on his family, on travelling the world with Mary, as well as pursuing his love of golf, and the passion he had for his garden, which remained his favourite pastime throughout his life.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Mary, his sons, Nicholas and Jeremy and grandchildren, Bethany, Imogen, Luke, Harry and Jamie.



Lancing 2nd XI cricket team, 1958



Jeremy Pearce

We also remember these OLS:

| Name | House & Years | Date of passing |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| John Forrester Lowe | Field's 1953–1958 | 1 January 2019 |
| Kenneth Stuart Nicklin | Olds 1950–1955 | 16 December 2018 |
| David John Netherclift | Head's 1946–1950 | 14 November 2018 |
| John Jeremy Wynne Scriven | Second's 1946–1948 | 1 November 2018 |
| Alan Frank Milman Little | Olds 1944–1946 | 23 October 2018 |
| James Courtenay Broom | Second's 1953–1959 | 22 July 2018 |
| Barry Seville Harvey | Sanderson's 1946–1950 | 17 May 2018 |
| Eric George Willmott | Olds 1944–1945 | 3 April 2018 |
| John Lewis Norden | Field's 1940–1945 | 9 March 2018 |
| Timothy Forbes Horan | Teme 1957–1962 | February 2018 |

Wherever possible, full obituaries are available on the OL Club website www.oldlancingclub.com, or they will be published in the next edition of *The Quad*.

The Future of OL Sports

A very positive meeting was held in London between three OL Club representatives and nine members of seven different OL Sports Clubs. The aim of the meeting was to help identify how The OL Club could provide support to each Club and also the OLs who take part, to ensure OL Sport continues to grow and flourish. Representatives from Cricket, Football, Squash, Golf, Shooting, Fives and Hockey were all present and delivered a report on their current situation. It was felt that most – if not all – Clubs could attract more OLs to support and watch key fixtures, with a better system for sharing the information in advance. Whilst no Club is facing a financial crisis, some sports faced difficulties in keeping higher costs within affordable limits for their younger members. The OL Club is now working on the outcome of the meeting and further details will be published later in the year. Full details for all the OL Sports Clubs can be found on the website: lancingcollege.co.uk/lancing-society/ol-club/ol-sports or if you are interested in getting involved in OL Sports please email oldlancingclub@lancing.org.uk.



Forthcoming Events for OLs & Parents

| Event | Venue | Date |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Evelyn Waugh Lecture and Annual Foundation Dinner: Guest Speaker – William Boyd | Lancing College | 25 April |
| Over 60s Spring Lunch: Guest Speaker – Dr Harry Brünjes | The Reform Club | 2 May |
| OL Club AGM and Summer Party | National Liberal Club, London | 23 May |
| Founder's Day | Lancing College | 25 May |
| Farm Reunion | Lancing College | 2 June |
| Associations' Dinner | Lancing College | 4 June |
| Lancing Business Network – Law Group | London | 6 June |
| Oldest OLs Day | Lancing College | 15 June |
| 2019 Leavers' Ball | Lancing College | 28 June |
| Annual Sport Dinner hosted by the LOBFC | Royal Over-Seas League, London | 5 July |
| Over 60s Autumn Lunch | London | 26 September |
| San Francisco Reunion | San Francisco | 8 October |
| New York Reunion | New York | 10 October |
| The OL Club Carol Service and Christmas Party | Chelsea Old Church, London | 16 December |

For more information about any of these events, please contact Alexandra Nagy: anagy@lancing.org.uk

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