

The Quad

LANCING COLLEGE REVIEW

Summer Term
2015



Founder's Day

Shock! Labour wins Election

A Summer of Sport

Off with the Heads!

Welcome...

The weeks since Easter have raced by at a breathtaking pace and whether in those final energetic preparations for public examinations, or the vigorous pursuit of our rich extra-curricular life, there is now time to pause and enjoy a chance to reflect on a term chock-full of hard work and that ever-invigorating exuberance of the best school summers.

There have been all sorts of memories to treasure over the term. As predicted, the Lancing election delivered quirks and surprises aplenty, though those hoping for a sight of the Monster Raving Loony Party's much-vaunted unicorn will be disappointed I'm afraid.

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Our oldest OLs reminisced almost fondly of their freezing dorms, there were countless smiles on the Founder's Day Big Wheel, and there was that ever-sublime music, provocative and poignant drama, the fantastic teamwork, grit and skill of our sportsmen and women (their endeavours make up a central part of this edition of *The Quad*) and all of this - and so much more - taking place alongside a consistently demanding academic core.

What holds everything together is a sense that in all the ebbs and flows of school life Lancing is a supremely

optimistic and celebratory community. That is absolutely fitting: this is a place where life dances with ambition, creativity, and young people inspired, encouraged and determined to give of their best in every arena. Nothing could be more fitting than an end to the year marked by the joyful whizzes, bangs, oohs and aahs of Leavers' Ball fireworks.

It is a very great privilege and pleasure to be Head Master of Lancing College. Roll on next year and the fizz and crackle to come!



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Oliver'.

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SHORT STORIES

Summer Term News

MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM

Tilly Dichmont and Josh House write: At the very end of the Lent Term all the members of the Lower Sixth studying Further Maths A Level travelled to Roedean for a Maths Problem Drive organised by the Sussex Mathematics Association. Using an intricate algorithm that would measure player performance we were allocated tables and a number. In our tables of four we tackled some fairly challenging, intriguing problems which were divided into five timed rounds. After each round we all moved around so that the teams changed, thus causing the algorithm to get to work. We had the opportunity to work with students from a range of different schools and it was nice to stretch ourselves and try to solve problems that were, for a change, not on the A Level syllabus; we were required to use not only maths but some common sense too. After all the hard work we enjoyed a muffin and a drink while we waited in anticipation for the results. Much to our delight, Lu Lu did brilliantly in coming third overall, earning herself a bar of chocolate, a round of applause and a pole position for the College! It was an enriching and enjoyable experience for all.



DANCE BY DESIGN 2015

The College's annual dance showcase and choreography competition, Dance by Design, took place in the Theatre on 29 April. A capacity audience squeezed into every possible seat to enjoy a diverse mix of dances from soloists, duos and groups. The adjudicator, local dance teacher Jacquie Gabbard, said it was an evening full of entertainment with a great standard of dance. She explained that choreographing is a difficult skill to master, and she congratulated every dancer involved in the competition; she had particularly enjoyed their music choices.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

- Best Choreography for Duets and Solos: Dasha Mazhaeva
- Best Choreography for Groups: Rowan Kitchen
- Runner-Up - Best Choreography: Lauren Chan and Florence Hardy
- Best Individual Performer: Tasha Dahya



STAFF NEWS ...

Farewell to Angela Gold, the College's all-important Salaries Administrator, who retired at the end of March, and also to Teresa Walker, who has been instrumental in transforming the Medical Centre into a bright and welcoming Health Centre, and who leaves us at the end of the Summer Term. We also say goodbye to Sarah Christoforou, our HR Manager, and Andrew Howat who has been the Verger at Lancing for the last five years.

Very best wishes to the members of the Common Room leaving at the end of this academic year. Maths teachers, Brian O'Riordan and Matthew Loxton, and Modern Foreign Languages teacher and Assistant 'Housemaster' of Gibbs', Jennifer Hargrave, are all off to pastures new. Physics teacher Laura Thorn is transferring to Lancing Prep Hove but we hope she will come back to visit with her younger charges from time to time.

Wendy Swarbrick retires after nine years teaching Physics and Chemistry. Wendy has been Assistant Housemistress in Sankey's since 2008 and Head of Teaching and Learning since 2010 and her contribution to the wider life of the College has been extraordinary.

Head of Business Studies, Jan Hayward-Voss, leaves us after ten years in the role. During her time at Lancing she has been a Tutor in Field's and Sankey's and she will be sorely missed on the tennis courts where she has very successfully coached as Head of Tennis for a number of years.

Stephen Cornford came to Lancing in 1989, initially on a one year contract to teach English. His contributions to College life have been immense and his roles and responsibilities have been numerous and varied: Tutor in three different Houses; Head of English; Head of Fifth Form; Head of Sixth Form; Director of Studies; and Assistant Head, Academic. He has run the Film Society and the Elizabethans (English Society), taken pupils on visits to Oxford and Cambridge, arranged cultural trips to a host of European cities, and overseen with great vision the Gwynne Library project. We bid him a fond farewell.

Congratulations to Biology teacher Becky Webber and her husband Eamonn who tied the knot in Brighton at Easter and had a wedding blessing in the Chapel at Half Term. As *The Quad* goes to press, we also send congratulations to Alistair Coakes and his wife, Katie, on the birth of their second baby, Maisie.



DIAMOND LIGHTS

At the end of the Lent Term, a group of Lower Sixth Chemists visited Diamond Light Source at the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus in Oxfordshire. This is the UK's only national synchrotron science facility and uses high energy X-rays to examine the structure of substances to the molecular and atomic level. The Diamond Light Source facility is used by over 3,000 academic and industrial researchers across a wide range of disciplines including structural biology, engineering, nanoscience and environmental sciences.



EASTER HOLIDAY TRIPS

The Easter holidays were, once again, busy with school trips: there was CCF Adventurous Training in Snowdonia and, also in Wales, a small group of pupils prepared for their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award; there was rifle shooting in Bisley and the choir went 'on tour' and sang at Gloucester Cathedral and St David's. A group of Geographers ventured to Iceland and our tennis players got a head start for the Summer Term by training in Croatia. The latter two are reported below.

During the Easter holidays, ten students made the trip to Croatia for five days of intensive tennis at the Umag Tennis Academy. With an 8:00pm arrival we found just enough time to refuel and get onto the outdoor covered courts for a pre-training knockabout. We also took this opportunity to meet our travelling companions, Harrow School for Boys, and suss out the competition! The following morning we were able to appreciate properly the amazing facilities and stunning setting that would be our base - 25 sizzling clay courts surrounded by beautiful clear sea. Each day consisted of six hours of training, during which the Lancing crew members were pushed to their limits by a team of professional coaches. The court sessions looked at every aspect of their games individually - serving, volleying, forehands and backhands as well as their agility and movement around the court. Each player was targeted specifically and given certain hints and

tips to be looking at while practising. After two days of intense hard work, the pupils had the chance to play on the courts at the ATP centre and experience what it's like to play the professional game. The final day consisted entirely of match play - a separate tournament against some of the finest Croats in their age group followed by an in-house tournament between all the Lancing and Harrow pupils, in which Louis Shaw managed to retain his title as Singles Champion!

At the presentation on the final evening the following accolades were awarded: Most Improved - Eugene Wong; Fitness Award - Ben Pugh; Singles Final Winner - Louis Shaw; Singles Final Runner Up - Alex Hinchcliffe; Best Umpire - Tom Owen; Most Stylish - Michael Southall. **KVE**

At the start of the Easter break, 26 Sixth Form Geography students arrived in Iceland in sub-zero temperatures and heavy snow. The highlights of the week included tube caving among 10,000 year old lava fields, walking behind beautiful waterfalls, witnessing the sights and smells of the famous hot springs and fumaroles, and seeing the Northern Lights. A complete white-out meant we were unable to take the glacier walk we had planned and so instead we visited the geothermal park at Hveragerdi. On our final day we drove along stunning coastal landforms in south-west Iceland and covered ourselves in mud at Blue Lagoon, a geothermally heated outdoor pool. **AWT**



Break of play: Tennis in Croatia



Wet and windy in Wales: CCF Adventurous Training



Iceland: In front of Stokkur



SPANISH EXCHANGE

At the end of April, we were once again very pleased to host a group of exchange students from Colegio Dominicas in Oviedo.

FUNNY BUSINESS

The St Nicolas Association celebrated the end of the Lent Term by holding their inaugural Comedy Night in the College Theatre on 27 March, with all profits going to Comic Relief.

They were fortunate in being able to call on comedy agent Claire Stephens (a parent at Lancing Prep Hove) who drew together an exciting and varied line-up of rising comedy stars: Laura Lexx, Colin Houlst, Fraser Geesin, Kate Lucas and headliner Damian Clark. The MC for the evening was Fin Taylor, who had fun targeting members of staff in the audience to great comedic effect.

It was a lively and entertaining evening which was very well-supported by staff and parents alike, and plans are afoot to hold another such evening in the forthcoming academic year.

MUSICIANS PLAY AWAY

Fourth Former, Seung-Youn Han spent eight days of his Easter holiday playing violin with the National Children's Chamber Orchestra. This is his second year with the ensemble. On 31 March, Zac Hayward played horn in the Strauss *Alpine Symphony* at the Royal Festival Hall. At the same venue on Palm Sunday, three members of the Lancing choir took part in the Bach Choir performance of the *St Matthew Passion* before a capacity audience. Rowan Kitchen, Tilly Dichmont and Rosanna Wicks sang in the ripieno choir section, with a professional orchestra and soloists under the renowned conductor David Hill. A fourth member of the choir, Will Rowland, was invited by singing teacher John Hancorn to take part in a performance of Handel's *Samson* that he was directing for the East Sussex Bach Choir and The Baroque Collective in Lewes on 25 April. Will sang in the chorus and had a minor solo role.

OUTREACH SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Sixth Formers Cullum Ball, Edmund Ip and Beth Richardson who have all achieved their Outreach Silver Award for the work they have been doing with the Hillside School project. This award marks 60 sessions or 90 hours of service.



SWIMMING PBs

As well as being a stalwart of the swimming team, Third Former Hannah Eastbury has achieved a number of personal bests recently. In the Sussex County Winter Championships she was placed first in the 200m freestyle and third in the 100m freestyle and 200m individual medley. At the Sussex County Long Course Championships she won the 800m and 400m freestyle and was placed third in the 200m and 100m freestyle. This term Hannah was selected for the Regional Championships at which she swam the 200m and 400m freestyle and was placed 16th and 11th respectively. She has also been accepted for a number of open water races taking place later in the season.

SCIENCE SUCCESSES

In early March, 21 Fifth and Sixth Form Chemists took part in the annual International Chemistry Olympiad, now in its 48th year. Pupils sat a two and a half hour paper in which they answered questions ranging from the synthesis of the performance enhancing drug Ritalin, the detection of organic molecules in space and the chemistry of iPad touchscreens. Our pupils really enjoyed tackling these challenging questions and pitting their wits against over 6,000 of the best chemistry students in the country. Emily House, Joseph Robinson,

Volodymyr Prokopyuk, Matthew Davis, Valentine Olds and Belinda Chan each earned a Bronze Award, with Tilly Dichmont, Jack McMinn and Johnson Lee achieving Silver Awards. Special congratulations go to Kevin Zhang (Lower Sixth Form) for achieving a Gold Award and in doing so finishing in the top 6% of entrants to this year's competition. Well done to the other 11 pupils who were awarded with a Participation Certificate.

Also in March, a group of Lancing Physicists took part in the British Physics Olympiad Physics Challenge Competition.

Congratulations to Katie Laney and Alexandra Strupinskaya who each earned a Bronze Award; Volodymyr Prokopyuk, Louis Shaw, Matthew Davis, Kevin Zhang and Amily Qian who achieved Silver Awards. Special congratulations go to James Chan, who gained a Gold Award in the AS Challenge, and who recently attended a presentation at the Royal Institution for being one of the top five in the country. A celebration calls for a few bottles of the fizzy stuff ... but why have champagne, when you can have an explosive combination of diet cola and soft mints?



Celebrating science successes with a bang ...

AN EVENING OF LIGHT MUSIC

An Evening of Light Music is always an eclectic joy, and this was no different. The evening began with the Percussion Ensemble (featuring guest performer Richard Clarke OL) playing *Oriental Mambo*, an Asian and South American inspired, tribal feeling piece, which I enjoyed thoroughly. Special mentions must go to James Branch (who will be leaving at the end of June) on the xylophone and Jack Redman on the marimba, performing their solo parts with aplomb.

Next came the Concert Band, who treated us to three programmed (and one impromptu!) pieces. The vibrant *Hootenanny* (featuring such folk tunes as *Down By the Riverside*) was followed by the better known and well-loved main theme from *The Great Escape*. A Salute to Abba featured all the best tunes from the Abba Gold album (ie the album that shaped my childhood), and was followed by *The Stripper*, which was greatly enjoyed by Bishop Lindsay!

The Exploding Zombie Saxophone Quartet (Maria McCallion, Jack McMinn, James Chan and Rowan Kitchen) performed *Crossing the Metro* and *In The Mood*, both jazzy and up-beat pieces. The Brass Ensemble then played, and it was a delight to see brass players of all ages and abilities coming together to form such a good group. Next the Swing Band treated us to six pieces, from all varieties of jazz music. Special mention must go to Hattie Freeman and Stephen Laurent for their trumpet solos, James Gillespie for his trombone solo, and Charlie Bennett and Rowan Kitchen (me!) for singing *I Wanna Be Like You* and *Sway* respectively.

Next, Piers Ellison and Eve de Haan individually played guitar and sang, then together performed their own arrangement of *Billie Jean*. This was followed by the all-female barbershop group Dollysonics (Rosanna Wicks, Matilda Dichmont, Sophie Williams and Rowan Kitchen) who sang two well known pieces - *Over The Rainbow* and *Tonight* - arranged in close-harmony. This beautifully foreshadows the return of the (new, improved) Polysonics, which for the first time will feature boys and girls - I'm sure we all look forward to hearing them in the Advent Concert in November. In the meantime, however, we were delighted to hear new group Euphony, led by Graduate Assistant Chris Langworthy, who sang Dr Morgan-Williams' challenging arrangement of *The Wind Beneath My Wings*.

Finally, the Symphony Orchestra had their last hurrah with the usual selection of well-known tunes. This year came the main theme of *The Big Country*, followed by *Seventy-Six Trombones*, which featured Gene Wu, James Gillespie, Samuel Banfield and Lydia Brown doing what they do best - being loud. Finally, the orchestra played *Barwick Green* which many people will know better as the theme tune of *The Archers*. During its rousing encore the audience was invited to join in with the words printed on the programme: dum dee dum dee dum dee dum, dum dee dum dee dum dum, etc!

Throughout my time at Lancing, music has been an enormous part of my life. Nowhere is there such a wide variety of opportunity to sing and play on so many instruments and in so many styles. I came to Lancing able to play the flute and baritone saxophone, as well as (sort of) the cello and piano. I leave able to play four flutes, four saxophones, and the recorder and penny whistle have been added to the list of instruments I can (sort of) play! All this has been down to Dr Morgan-Williams and the teachers (and Mrs Allen!) within the music school, and I owe my happy time at Lancing to them. It's been a delight. Goodbye! **Rowan Kitchen, Upper Sixth**



Rowan Kitchen in full song



TAGLINE

Many congratulations to Chris Langworthy, Graduate Assistant in the Music Department, whose barbershop quartet, Tagline, was the winner of the British Association of Barbershop Singers 2015 National Quartet Gold Medal.

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

Four of Lancing's keen creative writers (Charlie Cooper, Lauren Gardner, Elinor Haskew and Patrick Palmer) have taken part in the Theatre Royal Brighton Young Writers scheme, in association with New Writing South. They have been meeting at the theatre on Saturday mornings since September 2014 for writing workshops, and have been supported by professional writer Dinos Aristidou. On Sunday 3 May, three of the four had their final pieces of work performed by professional actors at the Theatre Royal. *The End of the Beginning* comprised two performances, each featuring five of ten short playlets by the young writers. The action took place in unusual locations such as the orchestra pit, giving the audience the chance to explore parts of the theatre to which they would never normally venture. The College has been supporting this initiative since its inception in 2013, giving a fantastic opportunity to young people from a number of different schools in the Brighton area to develop their creative talents. Lauren Gardner writes: It was an amazing and inspiring experience to have the opportunity to write my play sitting alone in a silent auditorium in the Theatre Royal. It was very strange to hear the words which I had written being interpreted by the actors and the director but I was very proud of the final outcome of everyone's pieces and I have learned a great deal about the process of writing a play!

MUSIC SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following pupils who were successful in their music examinations in the Lent Term:

Trombone

- Samuel Banfield

Violin

- James Branch
- Sebastian Brooks
- Katie Laney

Singing

- Belinda Chan
- Lauren Chan
- James Edgeler
- India Froud
- Matthew Hares
- Maria McCallion
- Huw Morgan

Clarinet

- Harry Dichmont
- Sophie Millward-Sadler
- Tara Slade

Organ

- Reuben Hoyte

Trumpet

- Nicholas Williams

Viola

- Sophie Williams

Piano

- Elliott Johns
- Laura Partridge
- Sophie Williams

Harp

- Megan Johns

SPECTROSCOPY

Tilly Dichmont writes: Eleven Lower Sixth chemists recently spent an exciting afternoon using the analytical technique of spectroscopy to identify a variety of unknown substances. It was amazing to have the opportunity to use an Infra-Red spectrometer to run samples (provided by the University of Sussex), and this hands on element made the process so much more enjoyable and enabled us to achieve a much greater understanding of how this type of spectroscopy works. Having studied this as part of the AS syllabus we all had a basic knowledge of the principles behind interpreting spectrums but this 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase' afternoon allowed us to build on this and begin to consider some more challenging problems.



PREP SCHOOLS' SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Giles Preston, Head of Science, writes: The annual Lancing College Prep Schools' Science Challenge was a busy event this year with a dozen schools all bringing large teams of very enthusiastic budding scientists. The variety of challenging Biology, Chemistry and Physics activities prompted great communication and some really good teams were formed. The three subject winners contained representatives from almost every school that attended.

After the activities, we all enjoyed a talk in Great School from Jack Carlyle, a PhD Student of Solar Physics working at the Mullard Space Science Laboratory and the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research. His lecture about the sun's weather kept us all captivated and led to some very deep questions at the end.

Finally, after tallying the scores from each school, the competition winners were announced. Congratulations to the 12 Year 6 students from Sompting Abbots who took first place and won the Challenge Shield and also to West Hill Park who took second place and to Dorset House who were third. A vote of thanks should go to all those who took part - there was a real buzz this year.

As well as the Science Challenge there have been a number of other events for feeder prep schools this term: the hugely successful Chorister Day and three sporting tournaments - rounders (see below), cricket and tennis.



Jack Carlyle's captivating lecture on the sun's weather



PREP SCHOOLS' U11 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

Six schools met at Lancing for the annual U11 Rounders Tournament on 10 June. Teams from Highfield, Burgess Hill School for Girls, Windlesham House, Lancing Prep Hove, Handcross Park and Ryde School - all the way from the Isle of Wight - gathered together in the glorious sunshine for some highly competitive rounders. Congratulations on the excellent sportsmanship shown by all the teams, and especially to Windlesham House, Handcross Park and Highfield who came first, second and third respectively.

FIGHT CLUB

Fourth Former Archie Deme writes: The Stage Combat Workshop with Stunt Action Specialists was extremely enjoyable, engaging and inspirational. The three hour workshop consisted of demonstrations, practising the different techniques for ourselves and creating a fight scene in pairs. As the afternoon progressed the moves developed from blocks to kicks and head slams. After learning the basics we started putting the different moves together into short intense fight sequences. The experts were incredible and their demonstrations had everyone gasping and wincing; whether they were duelling at lightning speed across the theatre, or scissor-kicking each other's heads, it was an experience not to be forgotten. The workshop finished with a demonstration of the use of guns on stage and blanks from both a revolver and semi-automatic pistol were fired. The workshop was a great experience and everyone really improved their stage combat skills.



Kapow!

ORGAN RECITALS

There were two organ recitals held in Chapel in the Summer Term, the first by James Orford, organ scholar of Truro Cathedral. This featured music by Bach, Mozart, Elgar and Howells, and the young organist proved himself a master of the instrument. A few weeks later Charles Harrison, the new Organist and Master of the Choristers at Chichester played a virtuosic recital of music by four composers, Bach, Parry, Joseph Bonnet and Olivier Messiaen. Both performers were delighted to have the opportunity to play on the two magnificent instruments we have here in Lancing Chapel.

MORTAL LESSONS

Angel Chen, Fifth Form, writes: On 16 May, a group of 13 Lancing pupils, led by Biology teacher Mrs Webber, went to the Charleston Festival for a talk entitled *Mortal Lessons* by Henry Marsh, a renowned neurosurgeon in the UK.

On the journey to the venue, Henry Marsh's best-selling memoir, *Do No Harm*, which offers immense insight into the life and experiences of his career as a neurosurgeon, was passed amongst us. Having only had time to read the first two pages, I was already deeply intrigued by the content and made a mental note to purchase the book at a later time. Upon arriving, we enjoyed cream teas and refreshing drinks that had been generously arranged for us and we then settled inside the marquee to listen to the talk.

In his discourse, Henry Marsh spoke with honesty and benevolence about his life as a neurosurgeon and how he had journeyed into the world of medicine. He compared performing brain surgery to that of bomb disposal, as mistakes could potentially lead to catastrophic consequences, but also how it is "dangerous but terribly exciting" all at the same time. Something that Henry Marsh repeatedly spoke about and tried to convey to us was the importance of having a "balance between detachment and compassion" in medical practice, especially if you are a neurosurgeon. He spoke of how he had learned throughout the years to dismiss anxiety and to make the right decisions at the most critical times. He said that doctors try their very best to help but mistakes are inevitable; his statement: "All doctors make mistakes because we're humans," is incredibly simple yet honest, showing his modesty as well as his attitude towards failure, which I found extremely compelling.

Henry Marsh also shared with us some of his experiences with patients, which gave us fascinating insight into the situations surgeons have to deal with on a daily basis including giving families bad news regarding a new found tumour for example, and how the best use of the 'framing effect' (which is the way you present information) is absolutely imperative to his role as a doctor. Another particularly interesting and impressive note about Henry Marsh is that he specialises in operating on the brain under local anaesthetic. His patients have often been awake during the process of the operation in order to find out which part of the brain was damaged by stimulating different areas of the brain using an electrode, whilst asking the patient to perform simple tasks simultaneously. To think that he is in a sense operating and cutting into matter that makes up thoughts and memories itself is astonishing, and it allows us see how the advances in technologies have enabled such operations to be possible, helping innumerable cases of patients with varying brain abnormalities and saving countless lives.

After the talk there was an opportunity to purchase *Do No Harm* and I was honoured to have my copy signed by Henry Marsh. I found his talk exceptionally captivating, hopefully provoking further interest in science and medicine in everyone who attended; it inspired those of us who hope to pursue a future career in this area to keep reaching to achieve our very best.



HOGG RUNS THE BRIGHTON MARATHON

On what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year so far, Kelly Edwards (Head of Girls' Games, or HOGG to her friends) ran her first Brighton Marathon and raised almost £1000 for the NSPCC. With a finishing time of 4:06:05 she came in hot on the heels of Maths teacher Brian O'Riordan who finished in 3:47:25. Many congratulations to them both.

The College was also well represented on the staff front in the Worthing 10K, with runners from the College and Lancing Prep Worthing (pictured, below). Particular mention should go to Sixth Formers Grace Hanna and Emma Pappenheim who, out of the 580 ladies running, came in 15th and 62nd respectively.



Some of the College and LPW staff at the Worthing 10K

YOUNG ENTERPRISE 2015

Lauren Lemke, Lower Sixth Former and Lapis Managing Director writes: This year Lancing College participated in Young Enterprise, which gives students the chance to set and up and run their own business. Our company, Lapis, provided a gift and confectionary service to students and parents of the school. Our main activities involved selling Christmas candy canes and chocolate coins to students, providing refreshments at sports matches to parents and also selling bath bombs to students, which were given as Mother's Day gifts. Overall the company learnt the important skills needed to run a business and also the difficulties of teamwork. We recently attended the South Downs area presentation evening, where we presented our business to a panel of judges and the Mayor of Worthing, and won the award for Best Company Report and £50 to invest in developing our business.



CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to everyone who was confirmed by Bishop Lindsay Urwin in the Chapel on 10 May.



BRITTEN AND PEARS LECTURE

We were delighted to welcome back John Mosesson, Vice-President of the Aldeburgh Festival, to give an insightful lecture about Sir Peter Pears OL and Benjamin Britten at the beginning of May. His wealth of knowledge about the men and their music made for an interesting evening, as Lower Sixth Former Jack Redman commented: "I knew next to nothing about these two men and Mr Mosesson offered a deep and interesting analysis of their personal lives which I found fascinating."



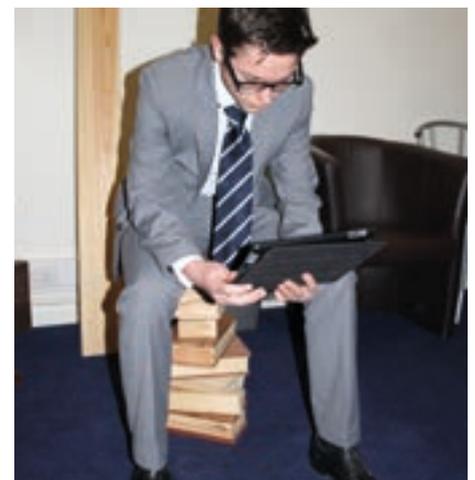
GRAND PRIX

This term saw Lancing broaden its horizons into motorsport with the inaugural Go-karting Grand Prix race. Seven students and seven staff members battled it out at the Albourne race circuit where there were thrills and spills, spins and wins, with Dr Preston even managing to lose a wheel! In the student race the chequered flag was taken by Mark Perekrestov, with Alex Sukhov in second and Grigory Vilinov a close third. The staff race was comfortably won by the supreme Mr Marchi, with Mr Mole and Mr Lawrence in second and third places respectively.



SUBVERSIVE STOOLS

Lower Sixth Design & Technology pupils faced the entertaining challenge of designing and making a stool with a subversive message this year. The exciting final stage of the project involved inviting a selection of staff members to offer their opinions and test the stools – the ones that could be sat upon, that is! Father Richard approved of the stool shaped as a cross; Gordon Drummond studied pensively the broken heart stool but felt that sitting on it probably wasn't wise; Huw Morgan viewed the proceedings from the safety of his 'stack of books' stool design (see photos below).



GERMAN EXCHANGE

It was that time of year again! Fourteen excited German students from our partner school Gymnasium Leopoldinum in Detmold, North Rhein-Westphalia, accompanied by their teachers Frau Merbitz and Frau Hetzel, were warmly welcomed by their Lancing exchange partners on 1 June. Coming from a day grammar school Lancing seemed like a place straight out of the *Harry Potter* books and the students were fascinated by the uniqueness of the school.

The Sussex highlights of Brighton, with the guided tour of the Royal Pavilion, and a sunny pebble beach, as well as a day trip to Arundel with its magnificent castle, and Bignor Roman Villa were enjoyed by all. Lessons did not present a huge linguistic challenge and provided shelter from the wall of rain - a truly English summer experience!



TRINITY BALL

The Parents' Associations of the College and the two prep schools organised their first joint formal social occasion in May. Some 170 guests enjoyed a splendid meal, followed by live music, and celebrated the links between the three schools.

MADE IN BRUNEL

On 18 June the Design & Technology Department took 12 of their Lower Sixth students to London to visit the Brunel University end of year 'Fresh Perspectives' exhibition at the OXO Bargehouse exhibition space. There they were inspired by several hundred innovative design and engineering focussed projects; just what they need before commencing on their own A2 major projects. The day rounded off with a walk to the Design Museum for a workshop session and further opportunity for research.



SETTING SAIL

On 13 June the Lancing Sailing team competed in the South East Schools Dinghy Championships at Spinnaker Sailing Club in Hampshire. There were eighteen teams participating and nearly a hundred races were sailed over the course of the day, in ideal sailing conditions. It was a mixed day for Lancing's sailors but they finished as winners of the Bronze Fleet.



COLLEGE COLOURS

Congratulations to Lauren Chan, Dominic Clark, Bryony Morison, Rachael Nash, Alberta Perez-Vilarino and Kevin Tse, who are all awarded College Colours. This award seeks to reward those Upper Sixth Formers whose qualities and commitment have hitherto not been recognised by existing awards, appointments or high profile opportunities.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Chris Langworthy, our Music Graduate Assistant writes: On 12 June, our Lower Sixth musicians took part in an improvisation workshop led by Neil Valentine, a professional violist who organises educational workshops across the country. The improvisation was based upon a new work by the composer Anthony Gilbert (who was our own Dr Morgan-Williams' composition tutor!) called Haven of Mysteries. Neil demonstrated how to extend a musical idea from a simple motif, and how to build and develop an effective texture across a range of instruments. The final performance was recorded, and can be heard on the Lancing College website

The following Sunday, we attended the premiere of Haven of Mysteries at Wigmore Hall, and were fortunate enough to meet Anthony Gilbert himself. The concert, featuring the Carducci Quartet with Guy Johnston, was superb – and the free ice-creams also went down extremely well!



Neil Valentine's improvisation workshop

STRAWBERRY TEA

Felia Inglis, Lower Sixth, writes: On 17 June, a group of Lancing College students spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon socialising with, and serving tea and cake to, the elderly individuals (as well as their carers) whom the pupils have met this year as part of their weekly Outreach activity.

This grand event represented the true Lancing College sense of community, bringing together the two very different generations of people over delicious servings of strawberries and cream in the Megarry Room. The occasion was enhanced by some of our current pupils' musical performances led by Dr Morgan-Williams, which received great applause from the audience. The event was great success due to the energy and warmth of all those who took part and the overall organisation by Mr Williamson, who oversees the College Outreach programme.



HOSPICE HYMNATHON

On Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September the Friends of Sussex Hospices will be holding a 30 hour hymn singing marathon in the Chapel. Choirs from all over the county will be coming together at Lancing to sing in half hour slots to raise funds for the 12 hospice care providers that serve the adults and children of Sussex. There is an open invitation to participate at different times across the weekend, perhaps with the Messiah choruses or Christmas carols, and a Blackberry Tea will be served before the finale on the Sunday. For details, see www.friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk

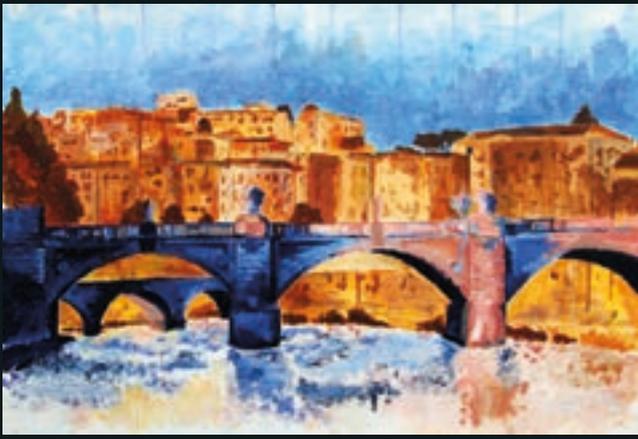
REFURB CONTINUES ...

The Bursar, Mark Milling, writes: With thanks to Estates Bursar, Gavin Merryweather, great progress has been made on the multi-million pound boarding refurbishment project since we last wrote. Manor, Handford and Second's have been completely refurbished and are looking fresh and invigorated. All of Gibbs' Victorian parts have been tastefully refurbished; the Third, Fourth and Fifth Form rooms in Field's, along with their common room, have been transformed and look beautiful. The remaining Victorian areas of the House will be completed next term. School House Third and Fourth Form areas are currently getting the make-over treatment and the Lower Sixth area will be completed over the Advent Term. The remainder will be completed next year. Teme House is due for a complete refurbishment over the summer holidays. These are exciting times here at Lancing and we look forward to the next few years with optimism and vigour!

DIS-CERN-ING PHYSICISTS

Squeezed into the last week of the term, the Physics Department organised a visit to CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research in Geneva and home to some of the greatest physicists alive today.

An eye-opening presentation about the physics of the Large Hadron Collider, the largest particle accelerator in the world, described how the particles at their top speed perform 11,000 laps of the collider every second. There was also a private tour of CERN's first particle accelerator, the Synchrocyclotron, on which the 'D' shaped electrodes and alternating magnetic fields could accelerate particles to 80 percent of the speed of light. The visit concluded with a tour of the cryogenic testing facility for new piping and components for the LHC. It was an enlightening experience, demonstrating at first hand particle physics and the search for answers to the Universe's mysteries.



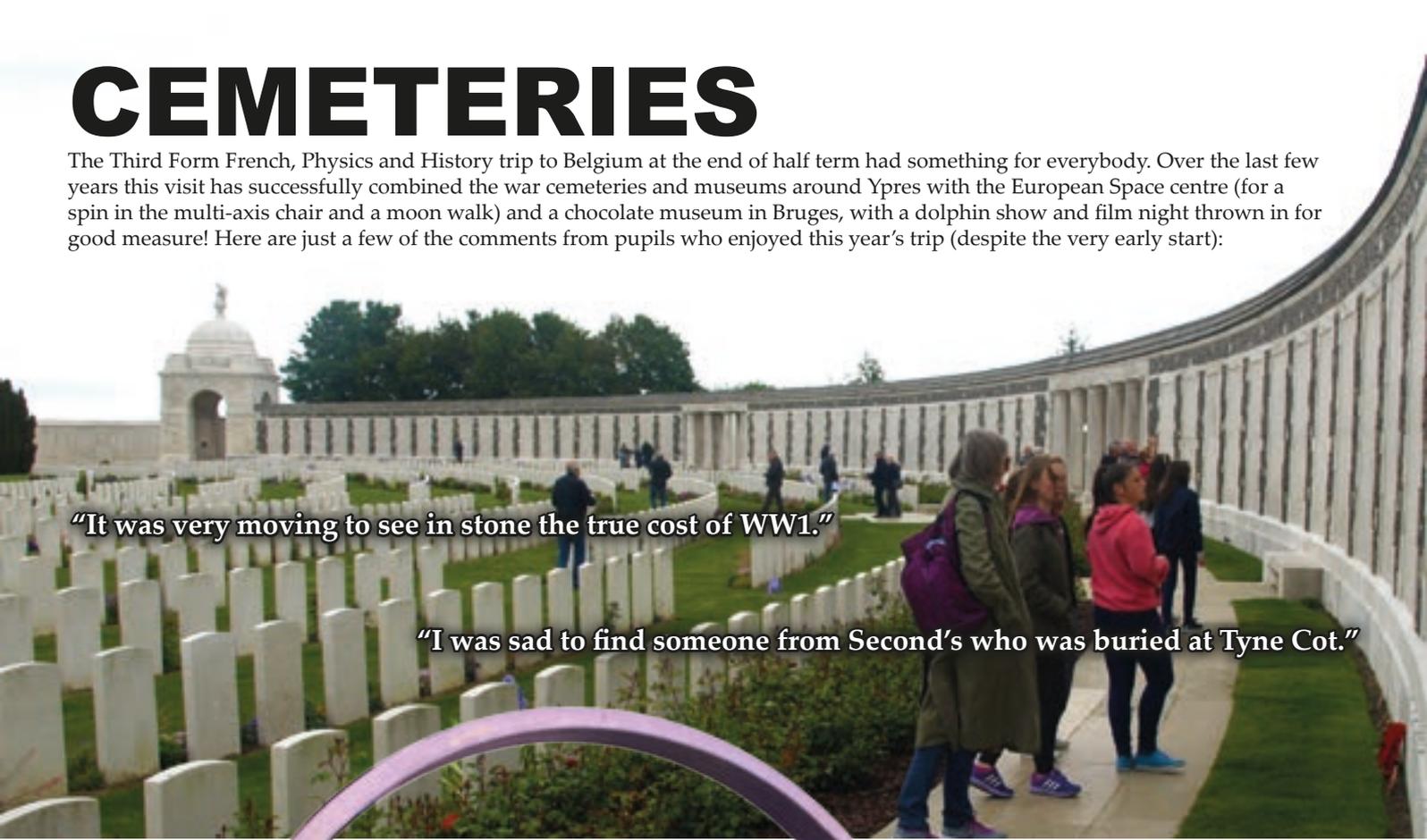
art

A selection of the work shown in our recent GCSE, AS and A2 Art Exhibition.



CEMETERIES

The Third Form French, Physics and History trip to Belgium at the end of half term had something for everybody. Over the last few years this visit has successfully combined the war cemeteries and museums around Ypres with the European Space centre (for a spin in the multi-axis chair and a moon walk) and a chocolate museum in Bruges, with a dolphin show and film night thrown in for good measure! Here are just a few of the comments from pupils who enjoyed this year's trip (despite the very early start):



"It was very moving to see in stone the true cost of WW1."

"I was sad to find someone from Second's who was buried at Tyne Cot."

SPACE CENTRE



"The multi-axis chair was amazing! While you're spinning someone gives you maths sums which you try to type into a calculator. This was very hard to do while spinning in so many directions."

"Both the 3D goggles and taking away 4/5ths of your weight made a really believable space walk."



"I was surprised how difficult it is to make chocolate!"

"The chocolate workshop was great fun and everyone loved it, especially as we could take what we made home."

...and CHOCOLATE

"The trip was a great experience all round. With such a small group I really got to know everyone."

FUNDRAISING FOR NEPAL

Following the terrible news of the earthquakes in Nepal, the College community rallied together and raised significant amounts for two charities helping with the emergency response and aftermath: The Cairn Trust and Global Action Nepal (set up by Chris Sowton OL - see page 34). The fundraising began with a home clothes day, with a request that these be the colours of the Nepalese flag - red, white and blue - and collections were taken at the Confirmation service and following the Founder's Day Play.

Sixth Former Louis Shaw organised a charity tennis doubles tournament pairing, for the first time on the courts at Lancing, students with their parents or members of staff:

On 14 June, sixteen pairs enjoyed a beautiful day of weather and tennis and raised over £400 for the charities working in Nepal. There was some excellent play including a showdown between Ms Edwards and Miss Watkins, a tussle between the Armstrongs and the Owens, and a brilliant run by Mr Austin and Felia Inglis, who decisively won the plate competition. In the final of the main draw Mr Auty and Harry Smith proved just too strong and clinched the win, leaving Ms Haywood-Voss and Alex Hinchcliffe runners-up.

On the same day, Housemaster of Teme Simon Norris organised a charity event with a difference - an Everest climb up the Lancing College drive - but on bicycles. With Mount Everest standing at 8848m the cyclists would need to climb the drive 250 times to achieve a total ascent of 9000m. In a little over two and a half hours, around 40 staff members, students and parents completed the ascent from the Coombes Road to the Bursary, a combined total of 258 times, either cycling or running.



Nepal Fundraiser: tennis finalists



'Everesting' the drive: riders and runners

MERCHANT OF VENICE

A large Fourth Form group descended on London's South Bank at the end of May to visit the Globe Theatre for a production of *The Merchant of Venice*. Philip Hartfield and Russell Woodger give their views of the play below, illustrated by Nick Tang's marvellous sketches done in real-time as he watched the performance.

Philip: An exploration of friendship, youth-hood and love, yet with a cruel and oppressive backdrop of anti-Semitism, this production lived up to the hype, managing to be both comic and tragic. The jaunty and ever-merry Lancelot gave us much reason to laugh as we relished the performance, standing in the pit for one and a half hours at a time. But the ambivalent Shylock, perfectly portrayed by actor Jonathon Pryce, confronted us with a much more serious theme, one of racial hatred and injustice.

However, there can be no doubt that Jonathan Munby outdid himself in this well-played and well-paced, seamless performance. The Globe at its best!

Russell: Set in 16th century Italy, in a town divided into different religious groups, the play concentrates on a deal formed between a Christian merchant and a Jewish money lender who is cruelly treated by the former. Due to the racist and anti-Semitic views and demeanours of some of the populace at the time, this develops into an ever increasingly difficult situation, thus deeply examining the themes of love, friendship and trust. Things take a turn for the worse as both 'sides' in the deal begin to feel the wrath of the other...

We all enjoyed our trip to the Globe. It gave a great insight into real Shakespearian literature and stagecraft, in a theatre built where it all began, over four hundred years ago.



LANCING COLLEGE ESTATE PRODUCE

Lancing College Estate Produce is going from strength to strength. The emphasis is on quality, with everything slow-reared, including seven different types of sheep all producing different textures of meat. Pork is also available from two rare breeds producing a flavoursome, gently textured meat and a white cross that has the rare breed flavour but less fat. New this year are rare breed turkeys, geese and quail that will be ready for Christmas. All of the animals have a healthy, happy life and with their welfare to the fore we intend to produce a good quality, tasty product. Aside from meat there are plenty of logs and we are hoping to introduce charcoal this summer. The aim of the farm is to do all of this while ensuring that students are fully involved with the development of the livestock and the land; our goods really are 'College' produced.

We welcome the chance to provide produce to trade and the public and of course staff and parents. Retail prices are roughly £8.00 a kilo which compares healthily with the current price charged by other local producers. Logs are also competitively priced at around £65 a tonne. All products come from conservation-managed land and the wider estate is run with much more than consideration for just the livestock; the tenant farmer and College Farm Manager now work in unison and the arable land is being overgrazed between crops with the College stock.

For further information please contact the Farm Manager, Jon Hutcheon by email: jhutcheon@lancing.org.uk



Lancing College
**ESTATE
PRODUCE**

A Tea Break with...

Tim Mansfield

The first day at a new job is always nerve-wracking, but for Tim Mansfield, Lancing's Biology Technician, it was day he would never forget.

"I was sent by Jane Swan, founder and Mistress in Charge of the College Farm Project, to the Ladywell Valley to count the sheep. I imagine this was a little test of reliability that she set me on my first day. I came across a badly injured ewe, suspended in the branches of a hawthorn tree. I rushed back to report what I had seen and Jane must have thought I was mad! With a team of grounds staff with various bits of farm equipment we managed to get the ewe out and promptly christened her Peg-leg. I fabricated a splint for her and was delighted to see her produce a fantastic lamb a few weeks later."

It was this encounter that sparked Tim's passion for the farm, which grew for many years, leading him to train at Plumpton Agricultural College in advanced lambing, sheep shearing, tractor operation and pig rearing.

Before Lancing Tim worked as a laboratory technician at a city hospital and found the change to the rural landscape at Lancing rejuvenating.

"I've always appreciated working in such a beautiful rural setting. You look out of any window and there's a stunning view. I must say that I have been very lucky to have known two excellent Heads of Department – Philip Dale and Phillippa Faulkner - quite different in their styles of running the Biology Department, but each offering great individual strengths, expertise of teaching Biology and devotion to their team."

Tim's commitment to the College led him to take on more and more initiatives.

"The greenhouse was rebuilt after the '87 gale which allowed me an opportunity to grow plants – something I have always taken pleasure from. I saw an opportunity to generate some additional funds by growing bedding plants and hanging baskets for sale on Founder's Day. This became a very popular spot for parents to visit after the play in the amphitheatre. The plant sale ran for many years and proceeds were used to purchase additional equipment for the labs and the farm – in fact I recall that our Tamworth pig, Gladys, was bought with a geranium generated wad of cash!"

Tim's involvement in the College has been extraordinary. As an excellent fly fisherman, Tim cleared the Ladywell stream, stocked it with trout and created a small syndicate which allowed the pupils to learn the art of fly fishing at no cost. Tim's love of shooting has meant that many have improved their clay shooting under his guidance. Many will remember, if somewhat fuzzily, Tim's 'Taste of Game' dinners which became the high point of Lancing's social calendar!

And what of the pupils?

"They are invariably entertaining and engaging youngsters who always show deep resourcefulness and contribute spectacularly to the vibrant atmosphere of the College. If, in some small way, I have been a part of their personal development and accomplishment at Lancing then all I can say is that it has been a total pleasure and privilege."





The Head Master congratulates Lancing College's new Prime Minister, Louis Shaw

With polling day fast approaching, Lancing's party leaders arrived back after the Easter break fully refreshed and ready to do battle. After the grand revealing of their manifestos, the parties' Home Secretaries gathered in the Theatre on 23 April for an evening of slander, sympathy and surprises. The debate centred on the hot topic of Saturday school, with UKIP and the Tories offering an in/out referendum. Other subjects covered were uniform, piercings, Evening School and a move for the School Councillor.

Manifesto highlights:

Labour

- Evening School to finish earlier for the Third and Fourth Forms
- Dress down Saturdays

Conservative

- Referendum on Saturday school
- Home clothes on Saturdays
- A change in Evening School for the Sixth Form

Liberal Democrat

- Devolution of power from staff and prefects to be diffused across all year groups
- Students having their voices heard and being treated as adults

UKIP

- A vending machine in every House
- An in/out referendum on Saturday school
- A tougher stance on bullying

Green

- A message of tolerance involving more PSHE to teach about politics, LGBTQ issues, rape, consent and sexism

Monster Raving Loony

- A unicorn for the school farm

The Leaders' Debate on 5 May was chaired by the Head Master, who chose questions raised by the whole school community. A packed audience of over 70 pupils, including party leaders from Lancing Prep at Hove, listened to a passionate debate about national and College policies.

Clear consensus was achieved (something the national parties could learn from) from Ollie Potts (Lib Dem),

Kishore Thiagarajan (Conservative) and Louis Shaw (Labour) who were open about the need for a change of venue for the school counsellor (a policy, which they openly admitted, they had absorbed from UKIP (led by Charlie Cooper)). There was also a defence of Saturday school, albeit approached in a more 'relaxed' way, with a clear majority in favour of a 'dress down' focus.

The Head Master informed the audience that those who achieved a mandate to form a government would meet with him to discuss a way forward on the issues raised. It was less clear, however, if Louis Booth (Monster Raving Loony Party) would be able to influence the Head Master on the purchase of a unicorn for the school farm!



The Leaders' Debate gets underway



Mr Ward (left) chairs the Home Secretaries' Debate

The speakers were well informed on the national issues and an impassioned defence of green issues from Hermione Shaw (Green Party) was particularly clear on the way the College could improve its track record in this crucial area.

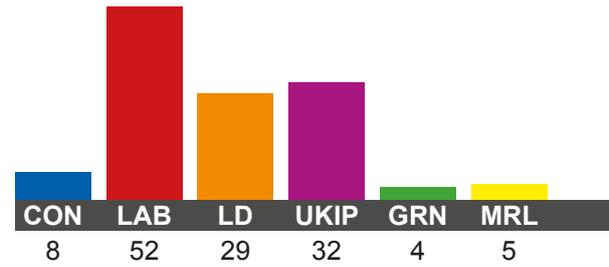
On polling day, voting began at morning break, with queues forming at all three polling stations. By the Head Master's Assembly the following morning, the wait was over, and in a complete reversal of the national results, a Labour victory was declared at the College.



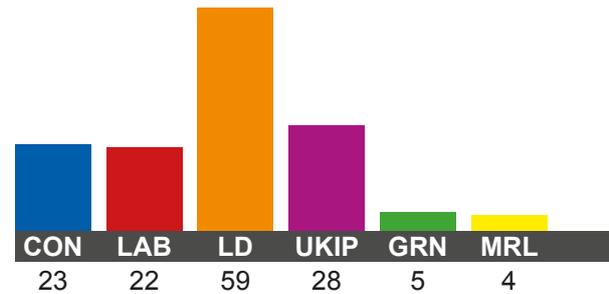
The first parliamentary meeting with the Head Master, Prime Minister and representation from each of the three Lancing constituencies

First Past the Post ... Voting by Constituency

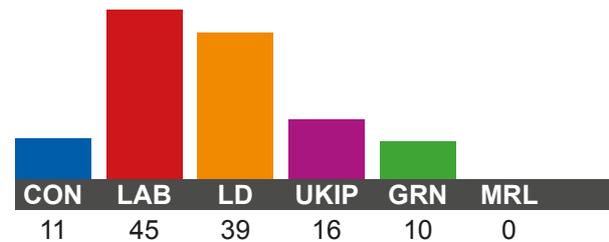
Lower Lancing (Teme, Head's, Second's)



Middle Lancing (School, Field's, Gibbs')



Upper Lancing (Manor, Handford, Sankey's)



Disproportionate Representation?

Lancing operates a first-past-the-post system, with the College campus split into three constituencies: Lower Lancing (made up of Teme, Head's and Second's Houses); Middle Lancing (School, Field's and Gibbs'); and Upper Lancing (Manor, Handford and Sankey's). Despite Labour's outright win through taking two of the three seats, proportional representation would have seen a different result, with the Liberal Democrats having the highest individual vote count.

Liberal Democrat - 127 votes (32%)
 Labour - 119 votes (30%)
 UKIP - 76 votes (19%)
 Conservative - 42 votes (11%)
 Green - 19 votes (5%)
 Monster Raving Loony - 9 votes (2%)

With the overall turnout at 72% (topped by Sankey's House with an amazing 87%), the mock election at Lancing was perhaps the perfect illustration of how our current democratic system works, and the potential alternatives to it.

Every term is a busy one on the pitches and courts at Lancing but our glorious campus really comes into its own during the summer months when there are opportunities for our pupils to enjoy the grass tennis courts, play into the evening on the cricket square and make full use of the boathouse on the river.

There have been some excellent sporting highlights this term and our sportsmen and women were honoured at the annual Sports Dinner. The Team of the Year award went to the Girls' U14A Netball team for its outstanding record in block fixtures and historic placing in SISNA. School Caps,

for pupils holding full colours in three or more sports, were awarded to Tasha Dahya, Connie Habershon, Ben Mendoza-Sharman and Rachael Nash. Ben and Rachael were also honoured with the Tony Miller Cup and Taylor Salver respectively, for their outstanding contribution to sport this year. Ben is leaving Lancing to take up a sports scholarship at the University of Rio Grande in Ohio. We look forward to beginning again in September, when a number of our Sixth Formers will be beginning a new qualification at Lancing – the Sport BTec.

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ATHLETICS

Thirty-two Lancing pupils represented the College at the District Athletics Championships in Worthing in May, and came away with four wins and 11 places secured in the Sussex Championships in June. Lily Margaroli won the Inter Girls Long Jump with a College record and Leo Li repeated last year's success in the Triple Jump with an astonishing 12m effort. Track winners were Bella Molinaro in the 800m (after a second in the 1500m) in which she took 30 seconds off the College record, and Bupi Mwangulube who won the Blue Ribbon 100m in a new College record of 12.4s.

It was at the County Championships in Crawley, however, that our athletes really excelled, creating five new College records and claiming eight

medals. Bupi Mwangulube began the proceedings with a silver in the Blue Ribbon Junior Girls' 100m event which she backed up with a bronze in the relay. Grace Hanna took the silver in the 3000m in a record 11m39s, while Ben Mendoza-Sharman ran a College best 55.6s in the 400m final to finish just outside the major places. Tommy Blanden was disappointed to finish fourth in the 1500m but still ran a College best 4m36s beating Hugh John's record from 2006! Flo Margaroli waited around all day to run a College best 64.4s in the 400m and gain a bronze medal, and Jasmine Hutton won a bronze in the Inter-Girls relay. Other notable performers on the day were Bella Molinaro (800m), Emecka Ilukwe (100m), and Lily Margaroli (long jump). The performer of the day was Leo Li

who won gold in the combined Fourth and Fifth Form Triple Jump with a 12.19m jump that broke his own record set at the District Championships. This is 15cm short of England standard! He then went on to win with the Inter-Boys 4x100m relay team, in the outstanding time of 44 seconds.

The winners of the House Athletics this year were Gibbs' for the Third and Fourth Form boys and Field's for the Third and Fourth Form girls. This was mirrored in the Senior competition with Gibbs' taking first place for the boys and Field's for the girls.

Congratulations to Flo Margaroli who, at the very end of last term, competed in the British Schools Modern Biathlon at the London Aquatic Centre, coming 11th in the country!



SPORTS LEADERS

The latest group of Sixth Form students to undertake the sports leaders course have just qualified for their awards. This year 30 students have undertaken the weekly challenge that has included training in first aid, group and activity management and sports specific coaching practice. The leaders then gained experience working with the Third Form in their PE lessons, leading sporting teams from the prep schools in Hove and Worthing at various locations, and helping run major events and tournaments on all three sites. They have been a tremendous help for PE and sports staff by running warm-up and skills sessions, preparing students for fixtures and helping with scoring and umpiring where possible. The students qualifying with distinction will have dedicated over 40 hours of their time to the award whilst being fantastic ambassadors for the College.

RETURN OF A TRUE SPORTING LEADER

We were delighted to welcome Steve Brown, GB Wheelchair Rugby athlete, back to Lancing on 11 May. Steve ran an inspirational leadership and team-building workshop for the 1st XI football team.



HOUSE ROUNDERS

With over 50 girls at the rounders pitches and glorious 21 degree heat, the afternoon of 4 June was set up nicely for the fierce House Rounders competition. All teams got off to flying starts, with some huge hits landing on the other pitches and some spectacular fielding. On the Senior pitch it was Field's who clinched the win, with Sankey's a close second and Manor third. The Junior match was just as close, with Sankey's winning by only half a rounder, from Manor in second place and Field's in third.

FENCING

Lancing's fencers have excelled at competitions in Sussex and on an international level in Dieppe this term. The most significant result was for Matt Bonini who finished third in the county U18 epee competition, winning a bronze medal.

ROUND UP



SWIM WINS

The annual Sussex Cup, a four-way competition between Ardingly, Eastbourne, Hurst and Lancing was held at Ardingly at the end of April. There were some excellent individual swims and great teamwork in the medleys resulting in Lancing taking first place in both the Senior Boys' and Senior Girls' titles and coming a close second to Eastbourne in the Junior Boys.



ENGLAND BECKONS

This summer we say farewell to one of Lancing's most successful cricketers. Mason Crane, who has honed his skills at leg-spin bowling on the College pitches, has played for the Sussex U10-13s; Hampshire U15-17s; Hampshire Academy; Hampshire 2nd XI; England Development Programme U17s; South West U15-17s; and the English Schools Cricket Association. During the Easter holidays, Mason had the opportunity to tour with the England U19s: "Going to Australia with the England U19s was a huge honour. I will never forget being awarded my cap and representing



my country. It was a great experience testing myself against the best, day in, day out, in training but also against the Australians in new, challenging conditions. It's moved my game forwards massively."

Mason is hoping for a cricket contract later this year and we wish him all the very best for the future. Perhaps Third Former Sophie Millward-Sadler will replace him at the crease? Sophie, who plays for Findon Cricket Club, made her debut for the College Junior B team on 12 May, taking six wickets for only 17 runs!



Junior Manor Cup winners:
Olivia Longhurst and Henry Pettit

JUNIOR MANOR CUP

The Junior Manor Cup took place on Founder's Day with 14 pairs eager to take to the courts. The tradition for dressing up was kept up again this year, with outfits aplenty; Temisan Ilukwe and Connor Shin-Winter entertained the crowds by raiding Mrs Faulkner's son's dressing up box for their outfits! With match play kept to a strict seven minute innings things moved very swiftly. The competition was run as a round robin and all pairs played almost two hours of competitive and enjoyable tennis. After a nail-biting final round the winners were Olivia Longhurst and Henry Pettit and Georgina Wheeler and Joe Rustom runners up. This year's Best Dressed award went to Imogen Shaw and Noah Ridgway-Brown.

SENIOR MANOR CUP

A record number of 21 pairs entered the 2015 Senior Manor Cup held on the penultimate day of term. The competitive final between Lauren Gardner and Harry Smith, and Dasha Mazhaeva and Louis Shaw couldn't have been closer, with Dasha and Louis taking the title in a 4-3 win.

FOUNDER'S DAY

The College has long celebrated the life of the Founder, the Revd Nathaniel Woodard, with an annual gathering of pupils, staff and parents. It's an opportunity to formally mark the achievements and talents of our pupils with prize-giving, and for the governors and Head Master to thank the College community for its ongoing support and commitment.

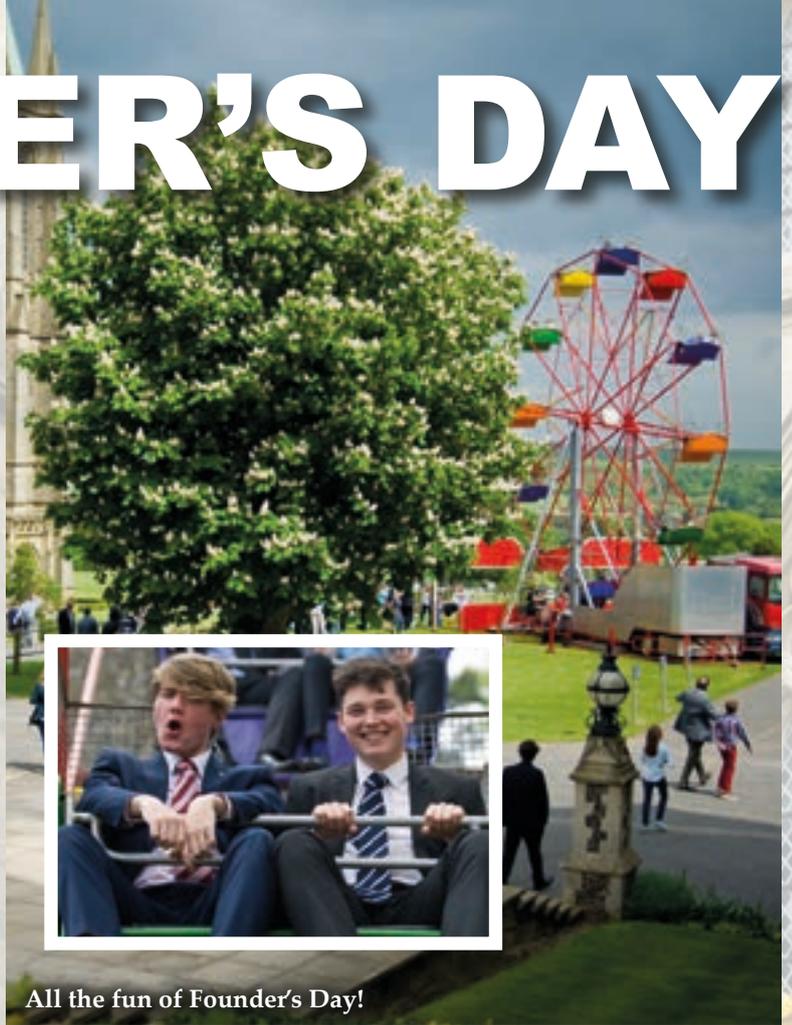
The day began with the customary chapel service, and this year's preacher was the Right Reverend Robert Ladds SSC, the Assistant Bishop of London.

The prizes were presented by the author, William Fiennes, who spoke eloquently about encouraging young people to find their voice.

The Founder's Day Play, *Dogg's Hamlet* by Tom Stoppard, entertained a capacity audience in the open-air theatre.

This big surprise for everyone this year was the addition of a splendid carousel on the chapel lawn, and a big wheel outside Teme House, which proved very popular with children both large and small!

The weather was kind to us, and the whole afternoon had a wonderful garden party atmosphere: there was picnicking in the Quads and on the terraces, Pimm's and beer at the pavilion, exhibitions in the Art, Photography and D&T departments, a CCF section attack on Sankey's Hill, music in the marquee, fun on the farm, and a variety of sport from cricket to crazy golf across the campus.



All the fun of Founder's Day!



Guest Speaker William Fiennes addresses a packed marquee



CCF Section Attack on Sankey's Hill



Founder's Day Play: *Dogg's Hamlet*



Our 2015 Founder's Day Prize Winners

THE JENNY CAWS PRIZE

This year saw the inaugural presentation of the Jenny Caws Prize for Chamber Music, given by Carol and Hugh O'Neal in her memory. Jenny, who taught oboe and wind chamber music at Lancing for ten years, inspired their son Richard, who was a music scholar here between 2009-2014.

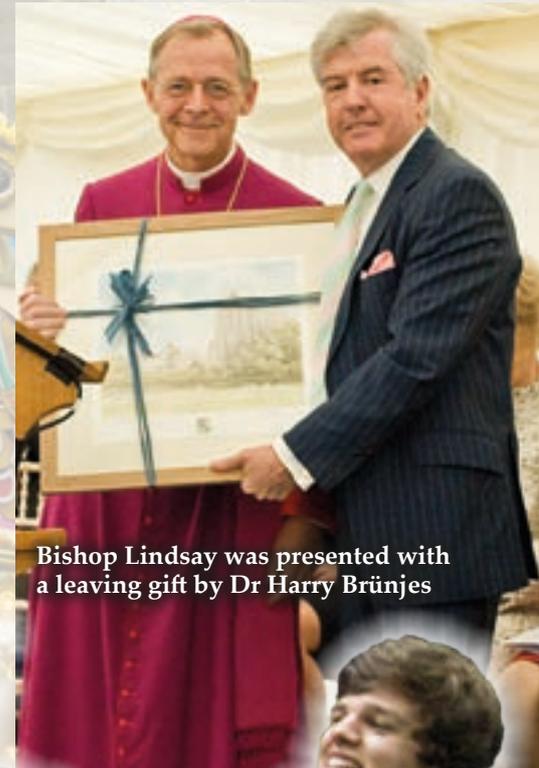
We were delighted to welcome Patrick and Chris Garvey, two of Jenny's sons, to Founder's Day this year, to see the award being given jointly to Maria McCallion, Rowan Kitchen, Jack McMinn and James Chan (left to right, below).



Patrick and Chris Garvey, either side of the winners of the Jenny Caws Prize for Chamber Music

FAREWELL TO THE PROVOST

Father Richard writes: Bishop Lindsay Urwin OGS has been involved in the life of Lancing College since at least 1993, and quite possibly for longer. It was in 1993 that he became the Bishop of Horsham and from 2006 he has also been our Provost, combining that firstly with being our Area Bishop and then from 2009 with being Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. In all that time he has been a great friend and supporter of the place, as a much beloved preacher and a wise counsellor to the whole community and at least three College Chaplains. Of course as Provost he has also been a member of the Governing Body. There are literally hundreds of pupils whom he will have confirmed here over that time and he has also played host to almost that many on our regular annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham! He returns to his native Australia, where he will be working in the Diocese of Melbourne, continuing to encourage the young to be found by the love of God in Christ. "A good and faithful servant." (Matthew Chapter 24, verse 21)



Bishop Lindsay was presented with a leaving gift by Dr Harry Brünjes



RIVER RELAY

The 2015 River Relay took place at the end of May on a lovely sunny afternoon with a good breeze.

As usual, success depends on a captain who drills and organises his or her team most efficiently so that, out of the apparent chaos, they emerge as winners in the safest possible manner. The ability to build a stable raft that completes the course in one piece is also essential!

This year, the girls' race was won by Field's, with Sankey's coming a close second and in the boys' race, Head's were first, with Teme second. The only unknown was "where were the staff?"



MOBILE PHONE SHOW

This year's Junior Play offered something a little different; rather than Shakespeare, we had a more modern production. Whilst I have thoroughly enjoyed the exceptional recent productions of *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* it was nice to see an ensemble taken largely from the Third Form performing a play written specifically for young people. *Mobile Phone Show* by Jim Cartwright was originally commissioned for the National Theatre's Connections youth programme.

This was a play bristling with energy. The large cast dominated the stage for the whole play and it was impressive that they were not a static presence, but moved fluidly from busy group scenes to dialogues. Naturally, the cast brandished, clutched and cherished their mobiles throughout the performance and again, this was done to excellent visual effect: lit under people's faces, doubling as guns in a Clint Eastwood-style duel and heralded as a social saviour. This really made the phones part of the play, not a clunky prop weighing the actors down. The play was particularly successful in giving a real sense not only of how important phones are to people, but capturing the more ridiculous side of people's obsessions in a light-hearted way.

The bustling opening, accompanied by booming funk was immediately vivacious and set us up well for what was to follow; cacophonies of 'text-speak' emanated from the stage before individual voices and actors came out from the crowd. Again, the slick stage management was evident in the

fluent movements of the ensemble. There were some great set pieces; a particular highlight was an unusually booming India Froud in full drill-sergeant mode lining up quaking rows of 'texting types' for inspection in a scene that culminated in a texting duel between Max Royle and Hannah Eastbury. There was a lesson in Haikus from Eve Bailey, picked up sharply by Jacquelyn Hide and a recurring comic group of Ivan Leggett, Sarah Gurtler and Roo Slater, with Max Lovis chiming in with histrionic panache. Archie Deme and the trio of Freddie Williams, Abigail Carpenter and Serena Birch-Reynardson punctuated the riotous comedic scenes with moments of touching pathos, bringing out a more poignant side to the piece. However, the play lurched back, full-pelt into comedy for the end, which contained a hilarious monologue by Chris Harper, in panegyric form extolling the vital importance of the mobile to modern life, aided with puck-like playfulness by Gabriel Bellamy Plaice. The play was fantastically directed and produced by the trio of Mr Smith, Ms Edwards and Ms McKane, to whom the cast – and audience – pass on their warmest thanks. NLP



OFF WITH



As our Heads of School prepare to depart for life beyond Lancing's gothic spires we ask them what they've gained in their five years at the College and what they'd pass on to those about to enter its portal ... Oliver Hancock, who came to Lancing from Cumnor House, is leaving to study Theatre Production at Guildford School of Acting and Dulcie Pearson, who was formerly at Brambletye, is taking a gap year before her History degree.

What do you feel are the strengths of Lancing?

Oli: Lancing is a school which still holds the original aims of Nathaniel Woodard's vision clearly and manages, in my view, to fulfil these aims and the ethos of Lancing every day - inside and outside of the classroom. I think the overriding strength of Lancing is the very definite sense of community and camaraderie which you can't help but feel when you spend time at the school. This, along with the excellent teaching, makes it a brilliant place for people to find their way, discover new abilities and to become an individual ready to head out into the world.

What was the experience of boarding like?

Oli: I am very happy that I chose to board when I came to Lancing. Boarding has allowed me to make very close friends within my House but also with members of other Houses because the extra time in the evening allows time to socialise and get to know people better. This is not to say, however, that as a day pupil you don't get the most out of Lancing - far from it. The ethos and community at Lancing allows each and every person to find their place, in which they are the most comfortable.

Dulcie: Being a boarder in Field's House has been an absolute joy from start to finish. I found boarding to be really important in encouraging me to be independent, and being a boarder has given me a whole additional

experience to school life. It has helped my friendships to flourish - both within my house and other houses - friendships which I am confident will continue for a long time.

How has Lancing helped you in terms of what you'll go on to do next?

Oli: Lancing allows the individual to flourish in his/her own field of interest. In my case, Lancing has been the most important factor in my decision to study Theatrical Production at university as I have been given amazing opportunities to explore, learn and build up my skills in a field that really interests me and will certainly have a large effect on my career path. My offer to Guildford School of Acting has come through contacts I have made whilst working on productions at Lancing, something I know you would be hard pushed to find at other schools. Looking back on it, I'm glad I chose Lancing (even though it was my second choice) and I know I would not be in the position I am now if I had not come to Lancing.

Dulcie: Lancing has given me an invaluable foundation upon which to build my future, by encouraging me both as an academic and an individual. Regardless of the results I anticipate in August, Lancing has given me a sterling education and has really instilled within me a passion for learning and for life. This has particularly been the case for History, which I will go on to read at university. The History Department at Lancing is absolutely outstanding, and has really nurtured my interest in the subject. Lancing has also encouraged my desire to go into the legal world, where I hope to pursue a career after obtaining my degree. What I have found inspiring is to see how Lancing has supported and helped each person preparing for the next step in their lives, down which ever path they have chosen, and I know that this support doesn't come to an end when we leave.



THE HEADS

What has the experience and extra responsibility of being Head Boy/Girl been like?

Oli: I have enjoyed being Head Boy greatly. The chance to represent my fellow pupils is a position which I have been honoured to fill. I have experienced a lot, learnt a lot and have found it fun to work alongside the prefects, all of whom have worked together brilliantly in leading the student body.

Dulcie: Having arrived at Lancing as a young Third Former, it has honestly been such a privilege at the end of my time here to represent my school and to take on the responsibility of being Head Girl. It has been so enjoyable working alongside the Head Boy and the other prefects in our final year together. Oli and I were particularly fortunate to be working with Mr Oliver in his first year here, and it is clear that Lancing will flourish under his leadership. Lancing has given me so much, and it has been a real honour to have been given the chance to give something back.

What do you feel you gained from Lancing that you might not have got at another school?

Oli: I think, as well as learning in academic, sporting and personal interest fields, I've learnt a lot of incredibly valuable life skills at Lancing - ones which will certainly stay with me for a long time. The chance to become fully involved in so many interesting and diverse fields without feeling pressured to do things you think you may not enjoy and instead being encouraged to explore different options suited to you, is something Lancing does very well. You definitely feel your Lancing career is your own to build whilst being supported in every way by the staff.

Dulcie: For me, the staff at Lancing have been absolutely exemplary, and I believe that their overwhelming support both inside and outside the

classroom is something which is truly unique to Lancing. Particularly as a boarder, I have found Lancing to be my second home, and the staff have, in effect, become an extended family to me. They have guided me through my time here and have helped me not only academically but in innumerable ways, always going above and beyond the call of duty. It is this which ensures that Lancing is not just a school, but a community, which has provided for me an all-round education which I know I could never have found to an equal extent elsewhere. The Chapel is also of course such a central part of College life, and has for me played a far more important and lasting role than I would ever have anticipated, as has being a part of Lancing's outstanding Chapel choir. This has all been so fundamental to the Lancing ethos, which is what I believe gives the school such integrity as a community.

What piece(s) of advice would you give to new pupils just joining the College?

Oli: Not to be afraid to step out of their comfort zone and to try out new experiences. Don't write something off just because you've never done it before - you may be surprised and find you're actually really good at it. Go into your life at Lancing with an open mind, ready to learn and excel: something you will not regret when you look back.

Dulcie: One of Lancing's real strengths is that it provides an infinite variety of opportunities over the course of your time here, and it is up to you to make the most of them. I have always tried to grab every opportunity Lancing has given me with both hands, and I am so glad to have done so. Don't ever be afraid to try new things or just stand in the wings. You will meet people, experience things, learn things, and generally be so much better a person for throwing yourself into all that Lancing life has to offer.



Lancing Prep Hove



I think that I can honestly say that this has been an EXCELLENT year. My claim is of course backed up by the ISI report that gave Lancing Prep at Hove top grades in all aspects. We simply couldn't have done any better and I am enormously proud of the staff, pupils and parents who work so hard to make us the community that we are. Not only were we graded as excellent in terms of achievements and teaching and learning but the inspection team recognised the high levels of pastoral care and the strong Christian ethos of the school. To say we are delighted is something of an understatement but at the same time we realise that excellent does not mean perfect and we intend to

continue the hard work in the hope that we can become even better.

Key achievements since the last edition on top of the ISI report would include the four musicians who performed at St John's, Smith Square in the Woodard Music Finals; the Under 13 boys' Tennis team who won the East Sussex County Championships (with help from Callum at LPW); and of course the Year 8 pupils who were so successful in their Common Entrance exams.

Trips away to Wales, the New Forest, London and Portsmouth have enhanced the work in the classroom and a full list of sporting and performance based activities has kept us all very busy.

At the time of writing we are preparing for our end of term production of *Lancing on Broadway* which will be a spectacular review show to be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd in July. So at the end of an EXCELLENT year, I wish you all an EXCELLENT holiday from an EXCELLENT school!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Laurent'.

Alan Laurent
Head Master

SKI TRIP

Thirty-eight pupils and four members of staff enjoyed a magnificent skiing trip to the Italian resort of Passo Tonale during the first week of the Easter holiday. There were exceptional spring conditions that allowed the group to ski for most of the week in good snow and under blue skies. The progress of the beginners in particular was remarkable, and many are already planning their next ski trips; advanced skiers successfully negotiated a trip to the challenging black runs of nearby Ponte di Legno.

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CHILDREN'S PARADE

Lancing College Prep at Hove once again joined in with the annual Brighton Festival Children's Parade. This year's theme was flying and the children chose to base their creations on Da Vinci's flying machines.



U13 TENNIS CHAMPS!

Congratulations to our U13 tennis players who have become County Champions once again after playing Sion at home on Friday 12 June! The national rounds will begin in September.



YOUNG SHAKESPEARE

We were bowled over on 22 April by our visit from the Young Shakespeare Company! Pupils from Years 6, 7 and 8 were enthralled with this company's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. "The acting was so inspiring; the modern setting really worked" said Quentin in Year 7. "I didn't expect them to be that good; we were hooked" said Keira in Year 6. A high energy performance, combined with humour, music and dance really brought this iconic text to life - it was a privilege for our youngsters to have access to such a thought-provoking, entertaining and insightful exploration of Shakespeare in performance.

Lancing Prep Worthing

As I write, the sun is shining into my office and the older children are enjoying cricket and rounders outside. Their enthusiasm for the summer sports is palpable, but at the end of the Lent Term, on a slightly grey day, some rather different activities were taking place.

On 24 March we took every child in the school to the College for a day at Hogwarts, as reported in the words and pictures seen on these pages.

The awe on the faces of the children was heartwarming and for some of them, the experience of holding a large barn owl may stay with them forever. Dr Norris donned a gown (and wig) to show the children some remarkable and 'magical' chemistry, Farmer Jon showed them a white ferret which was Malfoy, the Pre-Prep went on a Treasure Trail to find Golden Galleons and the day ended with the final of the Quidditch Tournament on the Lower Quad.

This was an enriching learning experience and one which a Year 5

pupil said was the best day of his life. I am extremely grateful to the College staff who helped us to make this such a special occasion.

We need to provide memorable experiences for our children and I hope that this was one they will want to tell their grandchildren about in the future, but we work hard here to ensure that every lesson is memorable for the learning that takes place and that the learning is always positive and enriching. As I walk around the school and see the children in their classrooms I am impressed by the quality of teaching, learning and achievement. Whether in the Nursery, where our smallest children engage with absolutely everything, in Reception where all our children are reading, writing and using numbers with increasing confidence, or in Years 7 and 8, where they are learning to grapple with big ideas and concepts, they are flourishing. This school is a happy and vibrant place to learn and grow.

By the end of this term, all the children in the school will have performed *Oh Rats!*, a musical version of the *Pied Piper of Hamelin*, written by Mike Carter. They have worked hard and we're sure it will be a show to remember.



Heather Beeby

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A VISIT TO HOGWARTS

Tuesday 24 March turned out to be a surprising day for everyone at Lancing Prep Worthing: a visit to the College (renamed 'Hogwarts') had been arranged where they were to experience a special *Harry Potter* themed day.

The pupils' Houses were also renamed for the occasion and the pre prep children were allocated Houses for the day: Britons became Hufflepuff, Celts became Ravenclaw, Normans became Slytherin and Saxons became Gryffindor. Each child was given a badge for their *Harry Potter* themed House, to cover their Lancing Prep badges.

First stop was the vaulted Dining Hall where the children received letters from their parents, embellished with special *Harry Potter* stamps and 'delivered' by owls. Ben and his owls, from Owls about Town, gave a special demonstration, amazing the children with stealth-like flight.

The prep children took part in potions master classes with

Chemistry teacher, Dr Norris, who was dressed as Professor Snape's brother, 'Norris Snape'; had a tour of the Chapel by Father Richard, and discovered some of the hidden animal carvings as well as hearing a virtuoso organ performance by Director of Chapel Music, Neil Cox; and enjoyed drama workshops reading scenes from a *Harry Potter* script which they then performed for everyone. There was even a Quidditch championship, with a final which took place on the Lower Quad at the end of the day.

The pre prep children were introduced to some of the animals at the Lancing College Farm by Hagrid's brother (aka Farm Manager, Jon Hutcheon) and went on a Golden Galleons Treasure Trail which they loved.

Parents were also invited to enjoy afternoon tea and to watch the Quidditch Final before taking their tired but happy children home from an inspirational day.



William Simpson, Year 7, writes:

On 24 March 2015 all pupils of Lancing Prep School at Worthing travelled up to Lancing College (Hogwarts). We spent the whole day engaged in amazing activities and having fun exploring Hogwarts!

We began in the Chapel, and were greeted by two kind gentlemen known as Father Richard and Mr Cox. Father Richard told us about the Chapel first, and then Mr Cox gave some examples of the organ's wonderful sounds.

After that we voyaged to the Great Hall. We all had unexpected letters from our relatives, hoping our days were going well. These were sent by Mugglepost Owl Service and a fascinating demonstration of the owls flying around from glove to glove followed our letters.

We all split off and went our separate ways to do our next activity, for us seniors being Potions Master Class. A great display of majestic potions was shown to us by Severus

Snape's brother, Norris. All were fantastic, but the final potion, the Summoning Snake potion, was arguably the best. Master Snape summoned a snake with three liquids, although its head was unfortunately stuck on the ceiling!

We had a lovely lunch, and afterwards acted out some drama from *Harry Potter*. After all this we moved onto the last and most looked-forward-to part of the day – Quidditch.

My house was Slytherin and we played Gryffindor first. We were 70-40 ahead, but Gryffindor caught the snitch, equalling the score. In sudden death, I mucked up big time, allowing Gryffindor to advance to the final. We played Hufflepuff in the third place play-off, thrashing them 120-10! Ravenclaw beat Gryffindor in the final, winning Senior Quidditch.

The day was fantastic and was thoroughly enjoyed by all LPW pupils.

FOUNDATION OFFICE

OL News and Events from Home and Abroad

The Summer Term is always frantic for pupils approaching exams and more so for those in the Upper Sixth who are reflecting on their final days at Lancing as well. I know from speaking to many of them that the life experiences they have learnt here will stay with them forever, alongside the friendships that have been forged in pits, in the classroom, in the Chapel choir and on the playing fields. Our pupils become OLs graciously and we recognise their immense contribution to the distinctive character of Lancing. This year the Upper Sixth have decided to mark their departure with a generous gift to the next generation in the form of a contribution towards a Founder's Bursary for September 2015. Our grateful thanks go to all of them.

You will see from the following pages that the Foundation Office has been busy in raising funds for the Foundation and organising different events for its OLs and parents, a total of ten this term alone. Do read more about the Lancing Business Network on page 33 as there is a clear benefit to everybody connected with Lancing being involved.

Thanks to the incredible support of the whole Lancing family, the Foundation has raised £3m since it started, and its role in changing lives through education is finally becoming a reality. None of this would be possible without all of you, our pupils, OLs, parents and friends. The College is privileged to have such a valuable source of energy behind it.

Warmest regards as always from the Foundation Office.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Catherine Reeve'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Catherine Reeve
Foundation Director

THE 2015 EVELYN WAUGH LECTURE

The College welcomed Charles Moore and its supporters of the Lancing Foundation to the annual Evelyn Waugh Lecture and Foundation Dinner on 23 April 2015. Charles Moore is the former editor of the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and the Spectator, and latterly Margaret Thatcher's official biographer, the first volume of which has been met with universal acclaim.

In a fascinating talk attended by a packed audience of pupils, parents, OLs and staff, Mr Moore talked about the challenges of writing a biography of the most iconic political leader since Churchill. Commenting on the dearth of personal information (something he saw as essential in his biography) Mr Moore asked Mrs Thatcher why so little was available, to which she replied "I just didn't think I was going to be important."

The lecture was followed by a wonderful dinner in the Dining Hall and concluded with a toast to the College and its loyal supporters from Sir Tim Rice, Chairman of the Foundation Council.

Next year's dinner will be on Thursday 21 April, and the guest speaker will be the writer and journalist Selina Hastings, the author of four literary biographies including that of Evelyn Waugh (which won the Marsh Biography Prize).



Dominic Oliver and Charles Moore





Colin Underwood (oldest OL in attendance) with Connie Flack



Andrew Garrett and Paddy Fraser



David FitzWilliam-Lay, John Poole and Nigel Ventham



Shirley and Mike Hughes, Alexis Marescaux and Jacquie Phillips

OLDEST OLs DAY 2015

Our most senior OLs joined us in force for another splendid Oldest OLs Day on 13 June. Even those attending couldn't believe how many had turned up; and we received 130 responses from others who wanted to be with us but for various reasons couldn't make it on the day. The photos speak for themselves and demonstrate far more than the written word about the blooming longevity of OLs and their extraordinary affection for the College.

The day started with a Chapel service to remember **Sir Robert (Ted) Megarry, Field's 1924-1929**. The address was given by **Jeremy Tomlinson**, Steward of Lancing Chapel, and this is available to hear on the

Chapel 'Listen Again' page on the College website.

Jeremy described Ted Megarry as "a formidable, influential public figure who achieved great things but as a person he was very shy, reticent and self-effacing." He also talked about Ted's love of Lancing: "He rose to be a fellow of the British Academy, a Privy Counsellor and Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court. On top of all this he also found time to be Chairman of the Friends of Lancing Chapel for 48 years as well as being President of the Lancing Club. He saw the club as a way to repay something to his old school and help it to continue to nourish extraordinary talents in unexpected

places." Lancing is privileged to be able to number Ted Megarry as one of its OLs and to acknowledge and remember his kindness and generosity towards his old school.

After the service the large gathering assembled in the War Memorial Cloister and gardens for Pimms, photos and conversation. Lunch was served in the Dining Hall amidst much humorous reminiscing. **Colin Underwood, Gibbs' 1932-1936** took the accolade of being our oldest OL in attendance at the age of 96. It's amazing to think that he has been photographed for the magazine of his former school almost 80 years after he left!



OVER 60s SPRING LUNCH 2015

The Over 60s Spring Lunch was held on 29 April at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London. **Jo Rice, Second's 1960-1964**, took the helm and regaled the audience with his recollection of various house duties and his first attempt at running in the Five Mile. Judging by the roars of laughter, Jo's reflections clearly triggered many happy memories for other OLs as well.

Paul Jarvis, Head's 1962-1966, summed up the atmosphere at these occasions: "When I turned 60 I started attending the Over 60s Lunches which I found an inspiration. I was delighted to meet old friends and find a family of contacts that all seem to share the same values. Far from being in God's waiting room, the mature OLs seem to have a dynamic energy and zest for life which is very contagious. The lunches are enjoyed by all and the opportunity to meet the (often even older) retired staff is also a great joy."

We are all looking forward to the next lunch on 17 September at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, at which the guest speaker will be **Nigel Wheeler, Olds 1963-1968**.



Jo Rice and Henry Speer



Nick Bengel and Tony Perry



Peter Spall, Tim Fiducia, John Garrett, Nigel Wheeler and Neil Grainger



Peter Kemp and John Hone

ASSOCIATIONS' DINNER

Every year the College holds a dinner to thank all of its groups of voluntary helpers who sit on the six committees of the different associations: St Nicolas Association; Lancing Association; the two Prep School Parents' Associations; the Old Lancing Club; and the Friends of Lancing Chapel. This year saw a record number of guests attending a drinks reception in the Narthex of the Chapel followed by dinner in the Megarry Room. We are, as ever, extremely grateful to every individual for their hard work on behalf of the College.



Valerie Rice, Andrew Farquharson, David Rice, Helena Lewis and Anthony Phillips



Davina Sams, Sally Harman and Carole Naunton



Ruth Mansfield, Caroline Collier and Alison Knapp



St Nics & Co

LEGACY LUNCH MAY 2015

Every year we hold a lunch to recognise the special commitment made by the members of Lancing's 1848 Legacy Society to the College. In the last six months we are extremely grateful to have received legacies from **Michael Hughes, Second's 1945–1949; Peter Joce, Second's 1934–1939; and Christopher Crawford, Sanderson's 1946–1951**. Between them these loyal Lancing men have gifted their old school the grand sum of £1.23m which is an astonishing recognition of the contribution they felt the College made to their own lives. These gifts will really help us change and transform lives for future Lancing generations. We hope that others who care about Lancing will want to follow in their footsteps. The contribution that philanthropy has made in the school's

history, and will increasingly be required to make in the future, cannot be underestimated.

This year our guests were treated to a private recital by some of Lancing's music scholars in the Sanderson Room; the pupils gave some outstanding performances on the violin, in a vocal ensemble and Katie Jiang's playing of the guzheng (a Chinese plucked zither) received rapturous applause. Afterwards the company assembled in Great School to view the legacy board and the new names inscribed on it. We were very pleased to have **Rupert Hughes, Second's 1948–1953**, and his partner, Priscilla Campbell Allen, join us in recognition of his brother's legacy.



Bruce Hawkins and Irene Campbell



Rupert Hughes



Jasper Bell and Robert Wilson



Richard Rawlings and David Wurtzel



John Wilson and David Lloyd

LANCING FOUNDATION BUSINESS NETWORK

The Foundation Office has been running a number of Professional Groups for OLs since 2007. The whole purpose of these events is for OLs to find and network with fellow OLs in their industry and for younger OLs to be able to connect with older and more experienced OLs. Furthermore, those changing careers mid-life or at any time will have access to a wide range of OL help, advice and support. We are keen now to broaden the network with our parents so that they will be able to make business connections within the OL network, and see at first hand this valuable resource which will be available to students for the rest of their lives.

We currently have seven Lancing Professional Groups:

- Law
- Insurance
- Finance and Property
- Medicine
- Arts and Media
- Agriculture
- Science, Technology and Engineering

We have an Insurance Group event at the beginning of July at the offices of Ernst and Young and a Lawyers Group planned for the autumn which will be in the offices of Charles Russell Speechlys LLP. If you would like to join us for either of these events please do let us know and advise us of the name of your business and your position in the company so that we can add you to the guest list. Before the event you will then receive a guest list with attendees' business details so that you know in advance who will be represented.

Alternatively, if you would like to join the Lancing Business Network and register your interest in any of the other groups, please do let us know or sign up to join our **Lancing Foundation Business Network LinkedIn** group. We are very keen for everyone in the Lancing extended family to get involved by attending or indeed providing a venue to host a drinks reception as we feel these events are hugely important for current students, young OLs and the College's future reputation.

As **Henry Gane, Second's 2001-2006**, explains, the Business Network can be invaluable: "As part of my Spanish Degree at the University of Nottingham I undertook a year abroad with a plan to move to Barcelona and find a job - easier said than done! However after calling the Foundation Office and being put in touch with the Business Network, I was contacted by **Rafael Escanez, Olds 1989-1993**. It was an amazing piece of luck, as Rafa had just set up a business working in the Private Label sector dealing with clients all across Europe. Twelve months later and I'd had the most incredible year both in and out of the office. I learnt a huge amount from Rafa and his business partner Fernando about business, especially the FMCG world, and I'd spent as much time on the beach as in the office! Without this experience there is no way I would have joined the great world in which I'm now working at Nestlé, so a big thank you to the OL network for that!"

A number of members of the Common Room were surprised to see **Charlotte Dennis, Field's 2009-2012**, ask a question at the beginning of the BBC Election Debate. We contacted Charlotte to find out more:

Half an hour before the debate began I was rushed into the microphone room to be tested, as I had just found out that the question panel had changed their minds last minute and decided to put my question (about whether it was fair to propose more government spending when future generations will be left to pay the debt) first. Nervous doesn't even begin to suggest how I was feeling!

About three weeks earlier I had emailed the BBC with a number of questions that I was keen to ask at the first Leaders' Debate. I've always had a great interest in politics and debating, which started when I was at Lancing; I am seriously considering a career in this field, and I hope one day to become an MP.

Overall the debate for me was as expected. Many of those on the panel avoided the main topic of my question, especially Natalie Bennett. Although the debate may have been stated a success from watching on a screen, sitting in the audience I felt otherwise. I was particularly impressed with Nicola Sturgeon (not her politics!), not only in her excellent debating skills but also as a woman. There should be more people like her in politics around the world.

There was a fair amount of backlash from the debate for me. In a Sky interview, that I did shortly after the debate, I was called the "Darling of the Election" and in a *Times* article on the main political page I was called the "interrogator". The experience, overall, was pretty surreal.

I've spent the last year on my gap year training as both a ski and surf instructor, whilst also travelling in South America and Africa. I'm currently living in London working as a Marketing PR and in September I will be studying PPE in Oxford.



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?



After Lancing, **Oli Leslie, Second's 2004-2009**, went straight to Hartpury College to study Sports Coaching. Throughout his time at university and then with a full time job, he continued to promote himself as a DJ.

Oli soon realised there was a genuine chance he could make it as a DJ and took the gamble to pursue his aspirations. Because of the high levels of competition in the UK, he applied initially to work in Greece. During the summer of 2013, after starting out as a warm-up act, he became a big hit on the island of Zante, playing alongside Radio 1 DJs and various musicians and artists, giving him the confidence to try his luck back in England.

Throughout 2014, Oli played in some of the biggest and best venues in the south of England, in Bath, Birmingham, Brighton, Camden, Covent Garden, Crawley, Gloucester, Guildford, Horsham, Portsmouth and Woking. He also had the opportunity to play in Cancun over New Year and is always looking for further ways to expand his repertoire. He has a residency at Anjelique in Crawley, the bar that gave him his first major break in England, and also a popular slot on Southstar Radio on Wednesday evenings.

Most recently Oli has joined a new venue in the heart of Guildford called Thirteen and is spending the summer playing in Serbia and Greece. We hope to invite him back to Lancing very soon!

Chris Sowton, Head's 1990-1995, is founder of Global Action Nepal (GAN) which he set up in 1996 as a charity which funds education and social welfare projects in often remote areas of the country. As a result of the recent terrible earthquakes, Chris launched an appeal 'Rebuild Nepal' to help the devastated country and its people. The focus of this campaign is not on immediate humanitarian assistance but on what happens once the big aid agencies leave Nepal, the emergency is over and the difficult task of reconstruction begins.

Chris' interest in charity work started with the school trip to Malawi and developed further during a gap year in Nepal. It was after this experience that he was motivated to set up GAN which now has an excellent track record in developing the education system and implementing social change.

During the summer term Lancing has raised considerable sums in aid of the appeal by organising a number of different events and activities (see page 14). GAN is playing a fundraising cricket match at Lancing on Sunday 5 July against the Harry Baldwin's XI; this has been an annual fixture for about ten years.

Chris remains in regular touch with the College and says: "Even prior to the two earthquakes, Nepal suffered from terrible poverty and very low educational standards. Now the challenge is even greater. Whilst the immediate support that GAN and other charities have received has been extremely generous, rebuilding Nepal will take a generation. GAN has been there for 20 years, and it will be there for at least 20 more to see this job through."

For more information or to give support visit www.nepalaction.global



SUIT YOU, SIR ...



Nicholas Clinch, Sanderson's 1973-1978, has two businesses; the main company is www.workrestandstay.com which is a corporate and sporting event serviced apartment provider. Nicholas was inspired to create his second business, Tom Clinch, by knowing what he wanted to wear but very rarely being able to find it in one place.

According to their website, the company aims to supply the "best quality, British made clothing with considered detail to gentlemen wanting that certain difference but not on show." Their slogan 'Hung like a hero' is taken from *The Ballad of Clever Tom Clinch* by Jonathan Swift.

Check out the boxer shorts online at www.tomclinch.com



Nicholas Clinch (right) discussing fabric choices

Having trained under the guidance of a Savile Row tailor, **Hon Lam, Teme 1999-2004**, has spent the last few years consulting and honing his skills with some of the most prestigious and exciting tailoring companies in London. And now Hon has thrown his hat into the ring with the creation of made to measure menswear brand Hon Sartor which has opened the doors to its first store in Godalming, Surrey. The idea is to bring bespoke garments to the forefront, doing away with ill fitting ready to wear clothes.

Hon told us: "I was fed up with my suits always being too big or baggy or long in the sleeve. Everything always needed altering! The great thing about what we do is that the customer chooses everything, from fabric to buttons to the number and type of pockets, then we make sure it's made to fit."

Whilst made to measure clothing is in no way a new concept, Hon Sartor makes it incredibly accessible with starting prices of £329 for suits and £55 for shirts and with no hidden charges for customisations. This is a far cry from the four figure starting prices of many of the traditional establishments. Hon says that he has been warmly received in Godalming. He has been delighted to see a few OLS through the door already and extends a cordial invitation to anybody affiliated with Lancing to visit him.



Oscar Elliston, Second's 2007-2012, has co-founded Windridge & Young, a new company creating bespoke silk ties of the highest quality, hand-crafted in England. After leaving PR company Gong Muse in 2013, Oscar was approached by his business partner to help with what they thought would be a one-off project. The brief was to design and produce a bespoke tie that could be used to represent a government organisation and be used as an official gift. The remit was that it should be symbolic of the heritage of the agency, fashionable, and of a quality that reflected well upon the giver. "They wanted a tie of the same quality as you could get in Savile Row, but without breaking the bank."

Having found a silk weaver in Suffolk who is regarded as one of the best in the world, and who provides woven silk for leading clothiers and fashion houses, the first tie was created. The distinctive look and quality caught the attention of other establishments and quite quickly they were being asked to create, or in some circumstances, recreate old school, regimental and sports club ties. "The demand led us to think whether there was a larger opportunity here. My business partner brought in his friend, COO and CFO of Liberty in London, to discuss the idea and with advice from him and others it became quite clear that we should pursue it further," said Oscar.

And so Windridge and Young was born, with the inspiration for the name coming from their own families. Although establishing the company took a lot longer than Oscar anticipated they are now fully operational and working on a host of exciting projects and they have a growing client base including public schools, foreign governments and London members' clubs, as well as sports clubs from Switzerland to Hong Kong. One of the most interesting areas of business has been providing a female alternative to the traditional club tie in the form of a hand-rolled silk scarf. "We have not set ourselves limits, we will go where our clients and the market takes us. For us, success is when someone takes pleasure in wearing one of our products, not only because it is fashionable and of a high quality, but because it symbolises an organisation they are proud to be part of." Further information can be found on the website www.windridgeandyoung.com



Photo: Marie de Ronde-Oudemans

Many congratulations to **Hugh Scott-Barrett, Gibbs' 1972-1976**, whose team won gold in the FEI World Cup Driving Final in Bordeaux in February 2015. Hugh's driver was Boyd Exell, the groom was Michelle Kenny and Hugh was in the hot spot as the backstepper.

LOBFC ANNUAL DINNER

On Friday 5 June the Lancing Old Boys Football Club met for their annual dinner in the new surroundings of Stamford Bridge Stadium, the home of Chelsea FC. The dinner was a huge success, with a very large turnout. Guests were entertained by speaker Alan Mullery, the former England Captain and Spurs player. Planning is already underway for the 2016 dinner and we look forward to seeing many of you there!



SCHOOL HOUSE OL HOCKEY

We were delighted to welcome back the School House 2013 leavers for a friendly hockey match with current pupils at the end of March. We are not sure about the tie-dye competition shirts though!

The autumn is going to be a productive time for **Sir David Hare, Field's 1960-1964**. On 8 October he will be back at Lancing in conjunction with the Shoreham Wordfest to talk about his beguiling memoir, *Blue Touch Paper*. David's work can be seen on stage at Chichester Festival Theatre in their Young Chekhov season running from 5 October to 14 November, for which he has adapted *Platonov*, *Ivanov* and *The Seagull*. His new play, *The Moderate Soprano*, is being produced at the Hampstead Theatre from 23 October to 28 November. It tells the story of John Christie's ambitious plans to construct an opera house on his Sussex estate at Glyndebourne, a desire fuelled by his passionate love affair with the Canadian soprano, Audrey Mildmay.

Many congratulations from everyone at Lancing to one of our most distinguished OLs, **Professor Sir Roy Calne, Second's 1944-1947**, who was awarded the lifetime achievement Pride of Britain Award. Sir Roy was honoured at the Pride of Britain Awards 2014 for his life's work in changing organ transplants from impossible procedures into standard medical practice.

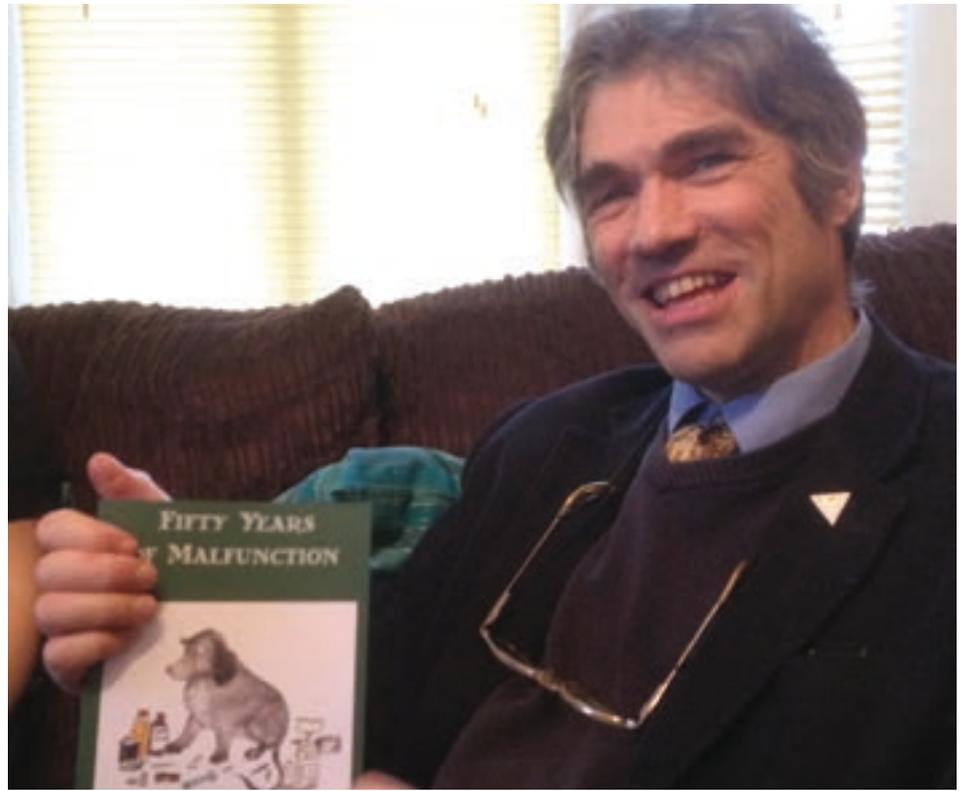
STRANGE BUT TRUE!

Joseph Wicks, Gibbs' 2007-2012, happened to be in Singapore on a choir trip with St John's College, Cambridge when Lee Kuan Yew (the first Prime Minister of Singapore) died in March. Joseph's choir offered to sing at the Lying in State at Parliament House of Lee Kuan Yew, who studied Law at Cambridge in the late 1940s. The choir performed *Home*, which was written in 1998 for the Singapore National Day Parade, and although Joseph hadn't heard of the song until that morning he arranged it for the choir in three hours from a YouTube music video and sang the solo himself. Singapore's current Prime Minister and Lee Kuan Yew's son, Lee Hsien Loong, was very moved by their performance and has uploaded a video of the event to his official Facebook page where it has, to date, received over 1500 views.



OL AUTHORS

Grant Vicat, Teme 1972–1977, has now published his book about living with diabetes, *50 Years of Malfunction*. Although the prime purpose of writing was to help newly diagnosed diabetics and their families, Grant has avoided a dry medical guide. Instead, he has given detailed accounts of the different problems associated with an all-encompassing malfunction, relying heavily on examples which are humorous, startling or even ridiculous. There are examples of being arrested in Milan for carrying drugs, experiencing total memory loss (not through alcohol) and even being presented with a tray of coffee and biscuits while seated on a hospital loo. Lancing especially is mentioned through various vignettes of staff. Reviews so far have been very promising: “Really absorbing, elucidating and entertaining.” The book costs £10 and anyone wishing to purchase a copy should contact Grant by email: rgvicat@gmail.com



Chris Mountfield, Field's 1948-1951, published his first book, *The Battle for Australia* written under the pen-name John Ifield, in October last year. It is a political thriller telling of the overthrow of the Australian Government by a terrorist group. Chris says he thought it a far-fetched idea when he began writing; now he's not so sure.



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Many congratulations to **Ed Eustace, Second's 2006–2011** who has just graduated with a double first in History of Art from Jesus College, Cambridge and to **Taylor Carey, Head's 2009–2011** who has graduated with a double first in History and International Relations from St Andrew's.

CELEBRATING WITH A FEW BEERS ...

It was lovely to welcome Ian and Angela Beer back to Lancing recently for a nostalgic tour of the College with their three children, Martin, Phillip and Caroline



BUMS ON SEATS

The Lancing Foundation has helped to improve the whole dining experience by providing new chairs for the Dining Hall this term.



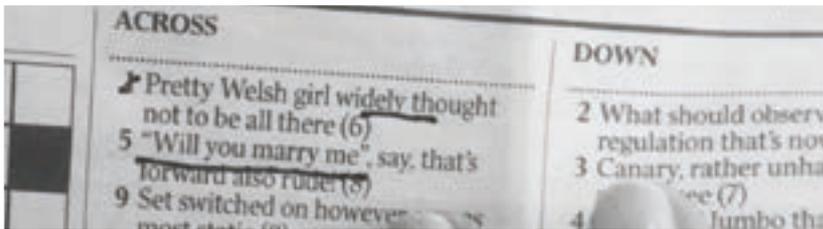
Vanessa Shearwood and Judith Parsons

JUDITH PARSONS

It has been over 50 years since friends Judith Parsons and Vanessa Shearwood (daughters of Donald Parsons and Ken Shearwood) used to play in the grounds of Lancing. They were friends up to the age of six as, unusually for girls then, they both lived in the College when their fathers were Housemasters in the late 1950s. They lost touch when, in 1961, Donald left for another job; Ken of course spent the rest of his working life at Lancing and Vanessa grew up in the College, and nearby in Shoreham. Judith and Vanessa had a surprise meeting at Lancing in April this year shortly after Donald died. They recalled having the freedom as small children to play wherever they liked, and once even fell in the fish ponds (see right) whilst trying to balance on the central division. Their mothers, Amanda and Biddy, were shocked to find their girls dripping wet on the doorstep and Judith remembers they were both put straight into a bath and their freedom curtailed for a while.

NEVER A CROSS WORD ...

Congratulations to **Matthew Dick, Teme 1990-1995**, who proposed to his fiancée Delyth Hughes by persuading *The Times* cryptic crossword setter to feature the proposal in the crossword clues. Matthew was quite surprised when this story became headline news at the beginning of June.



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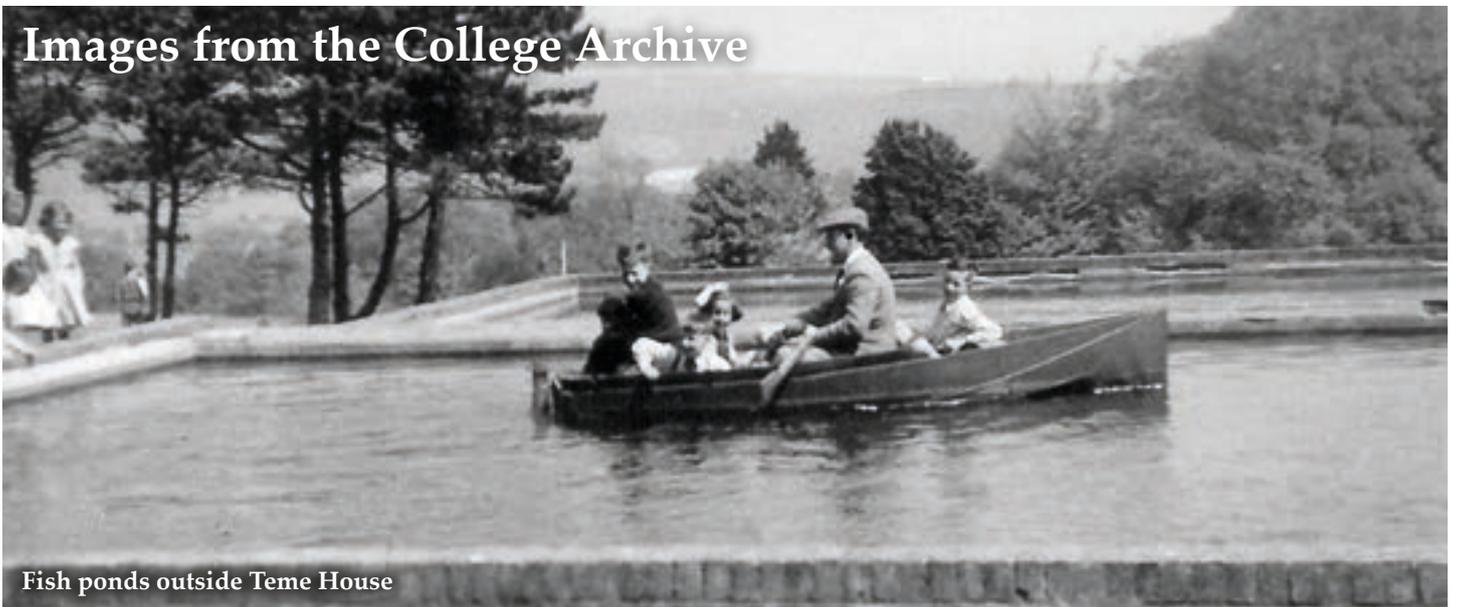
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FROM LANCING WITH LOVE

Congratulations from all of us at Lancing to **Henry Gane, Second's 2001-2006**, and **Kat Ellinger, Field's 2001-2006**, on their marriage here in the Chapel on 18 April.



Images from the College Archive



Fish ponds outside Teme House

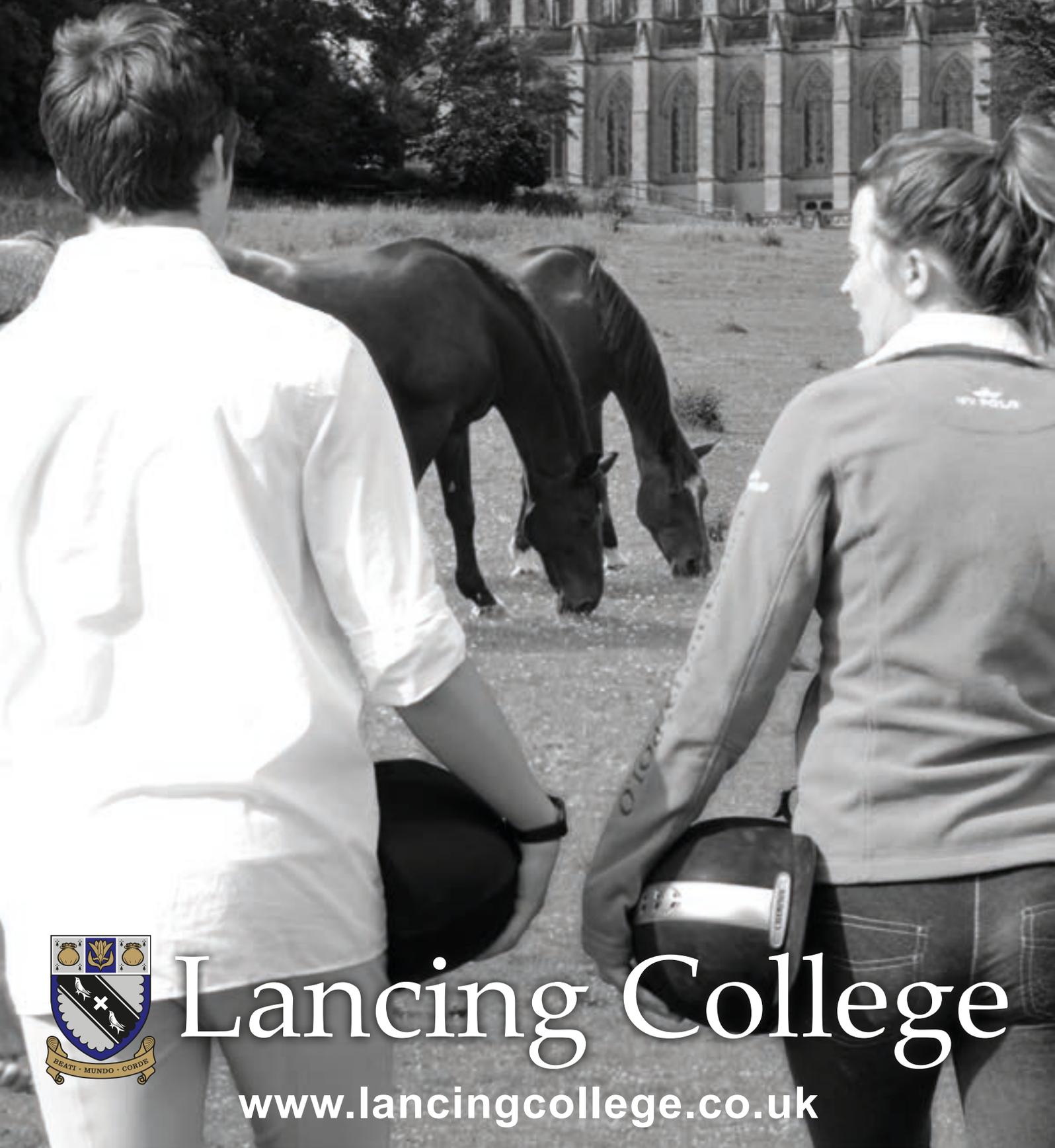


If you can identify any of these Second's House boys, sitting with House Master, Donald Parsons, please do get in touch with Anna Norman in the Foundation Office: anorman@lancing.org.uk

Forthcoming Events for OLs and Parents 2015/16

Event	Venue	Date
The Lancing Club YOL Drinks Reception	Topolski Gallery and Bar, London	10 September
Lawyers' Group Drinks	Charles Russell Speechlys, London	Autumn, TBC
LOBFC and OL Girls' Hockey vs. Lancing College	Lancing College	12 September
St Nicolas Association Hog Roast	Lancing College	13 September
Over 60s Autumn Lunch: Guest Speaker - Nigel Wheeler OL	Royal Thames Yacht Club, London	17 September
Old Dirty Brasstards Cabaret Night	Lancing College	9 October
Reunion for Sanderson's and Olds Houses	Lancing College	10 October
The Old Lancing Club Annual Dinner	East India Club, London	6 November
Agriculture Group Drinks	The Farmers Club, London	18 November
St Nicolas Association Quiz Night	Lancing College	20 November
East Africa OLs Lunch	Lancing College	28 November
The Old Lancing Club Carol Service and Christmas Party	Chelsea Old Church & Petyt Hall, London	14 December
The Evelyn Waugh Lecture and Foundation Dinner: Guest Speaker - Selina Hastings	Lancing College	21 April 2016

Equestrian Centre coming in 2016



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