

# Abingdon

## News

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## Building the New Boathouse



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The international workforce of professional timber framers from America, Canada, The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Scotland, Wales and England plus the parent and boy volunteers at the site of the new boathouse

Abingdon School has a new boathouse: the largest timber-framed building to be built in the UK within living memory. It was inspired by the 1st VIII's 2002 winning season and driven by the enthusiasm and dedication of the Friends of Abingdon School Boat Club. In less than two weeks, working in the car park beside Lower Field, they transformed 40 tons of German oak

For day-by-day record - [www.abingdon.org.uk/boathouse](http://www.abingdon.org.uk/boathouse)

into the purlins, rafters, banisters, floors, balcony and stairs of the new boathouse and transported them to Wilsham Road. Four of the ten cross frames were constructed at the School, the others were built by the Timber Frame Company and brought from Somerset. The whole exercise is a credit to the spirit of the Boat Club and does justice to Abingdon's long rowing tradition.



## Wind in the Willows

'The show must go on', even if the Amey Hall becomes unexpectedly unavailable due to building work, as it did at the beginning of last Summer term. Thus, the Lower School play was moved to Lains Barn near Wantage where 'The Wind in the Willows' was performed to packed houses on 23 and 24 June. Patrick Appleton, Mark Heffernan, Juan Pablo Martin and Tom Metcalf, four members of the 2nd Year, gave impressive performances in the leading roles. We look forward to them treading the boards in the new Arts Centre in the years to come.



The New Arts Centre will be opened by the Rt. Hon. Francis Maude PC MP, at 12.30pm on Open Day, Saturday 11 October. All are welcome.

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# 10 Days in July 4-13 July 2003

**THOSE 10 DAYS IN JULY** will go down in the annals of the School and people will ask, 'Where were you when the boathouse was built?' Those who took part, that 'band of brothers' – and sisters – will long remember the deeds they did 'that day'. Hyperbole? You should have been there!



**1.** In the beginning... there were 40 tons of wood delivered from Germany to the Lower Field car park...

**2.** which were transformed into joists, purlins, rafters etc. by an army of timber framers...



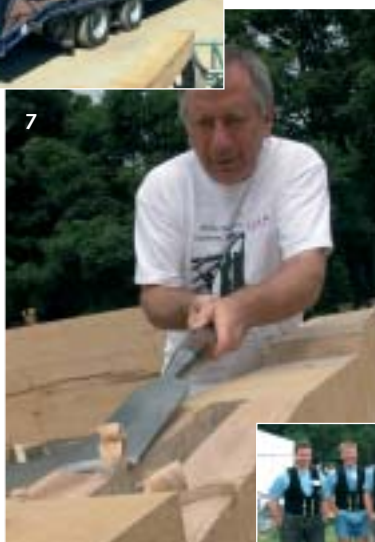
**3.** who created four out of the necessary ten cross frames...

**4.** which were loaded onto transporters...



**5.** and driven to Wilsham Road...

**6.** where, using a gin pole, 3 of the cross frames were raised on Sunday 13 July.



**7.** This amazing project was the brain child of parent Norman Guiver who also managed the whole project...

**8.** ably assisted by his wife, Beryl (L), who managed the planning application, and by Celia Kingham (R), parent, whose responsibility it was to see that the entire workforce was housed, fed, watered and entertained during the whole of their stay.

**9.** The responsibility for raising £50,000 of the money necessary was Moira Brodie's (R), seen here discussing with wood carver Norah Rogers the carving of sponsors' names onto the beams. By the end of the week the total was nearing £60,000. All donations will still be gratefully received and will be spent on equipment.



**10.** Professional help came in the form of international members of the Timber Framers Guild and the Carpenters Fellowship, like these Zimmermen from Germany, seen here wearing their traditional waistcoats.



**11.** The Boathouse on 16 August



Mathew Pinsent CBE will open the new Boathouse at Wilsham Road on Wednesday 22 October at 6.00 pm. All are welcome.

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## 1st and 2nd Year Adventure Trips

A party of fifty 1st Years enjoyed an adventure week in the Isle of Wight over the Easter holidays which included abseiling, climbing, work on the high ropes and beach games designed to encourage both team building and problem solving.

A week later thirty-six 2nd Years went to the Rhyd-y-Creau Field Study Centre near Betwys-y-Coed in Snowdonia. The camp extended the skills some of them had learnt on their 1st Year trip, and introduced them to orienteering, mountain biking, gorge walking and canoeing.



## CCF Recruit Camp

Twenty-four new recruits and twelve members of the Advanced Training Cadre were amongst those who attended the annual week-long recruit camp on Salisbury Plain under their contingent commander, Major David Carson. The recruits were introduced into the ways of the army by the bugle sounding reveille at 6.30 – the bugle being played by recruit Philip Hatzis. Their work during the week included an orienteering competition and a



New recruits camouflaged in the trees



Advanced Cadre after their 48-hour exercise

twenty-four hour exercise. The Advanced Infantry Cadre, whose exercise was forty-eight hours long, benefited from some training by the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment in operations in built-up areas, which necessitated travelling in Saxon Armoured Personnel Carriers. A visit from Captain John Bushell of the Army Air Corps gave cadets the opportunity to conduct some aerial reconnaissance.

## Arts Centre Appeal



Last term it was the boys' turn to raise money for The Arts Centre Appeal.

The idea of a May Fair was revived – the last one having been held seven years ago – and on 5 May Upper Field became the location for a traditional English garden fête with stalls, side shows, a raffle, beer tent and musical accompaniment. By participating in the simple pleasures of coconut-shying, pillow-fighting on gym horses, wrestling in a ring and other such old-fashioned pursuits a grand total of over £6,000 was raised.



## News

### Abingdon Schools choose St Helen's Author for Carnegie Medal



The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for children. The winner is chosen by a team of judges but every year schools 'shadow the Carnegie'; pupils read the short-listed books and decide which in their view should win the prize. Six Abingdon schools partake jointly in the shadowing and this year chose 'Across the Nightingale Floor' by Lian Hearn. Lian Hearn is the pseudonym of Gillian Rubenstein, a well-known Australian author who was educated at The School of St Helen and St Katharine.



Discussion time for pupils from St. Helen's, John Mason and Abingdon

### Fifty to Tea

A tea party for fifty guests was hosted by a group of boys from the 3rd, 4th and L6th years in the Dining Hall on 24 June. The guests came from Nicholson House, Old Station House, Fountain Court and Lady Eleanor Court in Abingdon. Pip's 3rd Year Tea Party Committee organised the entertainments. These included a quiz compiled by Alan Beaumont and Graham



Forrest that tested the guests' knowledge of everything from the Coronation to East Enders, and a treasure hunt devised by Francis Haydon. A 3rd Year trio, David Ridley, Edmund Caird and Arjun Kingdon, performed Handel's Air on a G String and the whole event was presided over by 6th former George Potter as Master of Ceremonies.



### Fringe

A sixth-form cast from Abingdon and The School of St Helen and St Katharine took their production of 'Ines de Castro', by John Clifford, to the Edinburgh Fringe in August, performing at the Roxy Art House. An examination of love in time of war, it follows the true story of a Portuguese prince and his Spanish mistress who find themselves on opposing sides.



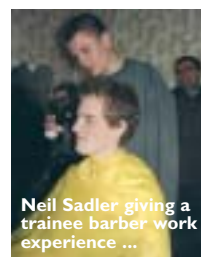
### Moldova

A small group of boys and masters together with one OA visited Moldova, now considered the poorest country in Europe, during the Easter holidays.

Abingdon School, through the charity Breadline, has been supporting No.4 School in Ialoveni for three years and the trip was designed to increase the bond between the two schools. Visits were also made to a residential disabled school, an orphanage and a sheltered accommodation where groups of eight orphans learn how to live on their own once they have left the orphanage. The group will never forget the stunning reality of life in such a poor country nor the warmth of the reception that they received there.



Meeting the mayor of Ialoveni who has been recently re-elected



Neil Sadler giving a trainee barber work experience ...



... and attending a French class

# Inter-House Athletics at Tilsey Park



The 3rd year winners were Aitken's House, the 4th year Spencer's, the 5th year the boarders and the 6th year Spencer's. However, the overall winners were Drummond-Hay's House in Mr Drummond-Hay's last term as house-master and as a master at the School.



## Gold for Great Britain

Two members of last year's 1st VIII, Jamie Anderson and Nick Brodie, won gold medals as members of the Junior Men's GB VIII at the World Rowing Championships held in Schinias, Greece, during August. Appalling weather conditions, more akin to the open sea than a rowing lake, caused both the British and US crews to sink during the heats. However, both were re-instated and in the final Great Britain beat the US by 3/4 length.



Jamie Anderson at No. 7



Cox, Nick Brodie

**Henley:** The 1st VIII were beaten in the Quarter Finals of the Princess Elizabeth Cup by Pangbourne who went on to win the trophy. The J16 qualified for The Temple Challenge Cup where they were knocked out by Glasgow University.

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## First XI Cricket

Abingdon School versus -

Eton	.....lost	...5 wickets
Oratory	.....lost	...5 wickets
Stowe	.....draw	
St Edward's	...lost	...40 runs
Pangbourne	...won	...68 runs
Berkshire	.....won	...4 wickets
Gentlemen		
RGS	.....lost	...104 runs
High Wycombe		

Abingdon won the Holmwood six-a-side tournament at Hampton School with a team consisting of Jonathon Watkins, Gregory and Patrick Stern, Simon Holland, James Mugnaioni and Alistair McKenzie.



## 1st VI Tennis

Abingdon School versus -

Shiplake	.....won	.....9-0
MCS	.....won	.....6-3
Bloxham	.....won	.....8-2
St Edward's	...won	.....8-2
Stowe	.....lost	...7.5-1.5

Abingdon beat Radley, Magdalen College School and St Edward's to win the Oxfordshire Independent Schools' Championship. A total of 288 games were played of which Abingdon won 197.



**Matthew Watkins played for Great Britain in the Summer Cup, which took place in France and Spain during June and July. Matthew is now ranked amongst the top ten players in his age group in Great Britain.**

Full details of all results can be found on [www.abingdon.org.uk](http://www.abingdon.org.uk)

## From the Archives

# For King and Country



Flight Sub-Lieutenant AG Shepherd

In May 1919 the headmaster, WM Grundy, wrote to the next-of-kin asking if they would send him photographs and a brief service record of these men. Thirty of these photographs and records survive in the school archives.

One of the first of these recorded casualties was Arthur Gelston Shepherd whose photograph, showing him looking magnificent in the uniform of the Royal Naval Air Service, seems to belie the fact that he was only twenty-one when he met his death in a flying accident whilst undergoing flying training at Hendon. His parents lived on Foxcombe Hill and he is buried in the churchyard in Wootton.

Geoffrey Tinegate was one of the youngest casualties. He left school in March 1914, joined up in September and served in Gallipoli, as a signaller with the 9<sup>th</sup> Worcesters, where he was killed on 10 August 1915 at Chunuck Bahr – 'Last seen unconscious with telephone instrument in his hand.' He was eighteen.



Lance-Sergeant WE Staniland

Waste Court was bought by the School in 1928 and dedicated to the memory of seventy-one members of the School who died in the service of their country 1914 - 1919. Seventy-five years later, on 21 June 2003, three boards were unveiled in Waste Court Library to commemorate these men together with the forty-nine who lost their lives during the Second World War, 1939-1945.

Walter Edwin Staniland epitomises the fate of many of the first Kitchener volunteers. A qualified engineer, working for Messrs. Singer of Coventry, he enlisted on the outbreak of war, was drafted into the 10<sup>th</sup> Gloucesters, went to France in September 1915 and was killed a few days later at the Battle of Loos on 25 September 1915. He was thirty-one.

Edward Fleetwood Berry was a regular officer. He left school in 1906 and passed into Sandhurst. In 1907 he was commissioned into the Wiltshire Regiment. In 1909 he joined the Indian Army becoming attached to the Burma Rifles in 1914. He was awarded the Military Cross for showing 'brilliant dash and leadership' at Neuve Chapelle on 10 March 1915. He died of wounds received in Mesopotamia, modern Iraq, on 17 April 1916.

The Battle of the Somme claimed the lives of nine Abingdonians. One of the nine was Cyril Edward Cook, Head of School when he left in 1912 for Pembroke College, Oxford. He served with the Royal Sussex Regiment and, on 8 July 1916, died of wounds received on 1 July, the first day of the battle.



Captain EF Berry MC



Captain EH Harvey MC and Bar



Private GH Tinegate



Lieutenant CE Cook

Bernard Marshall MC, RFC was reported missing in the July 1917 edition of The Abingdonian. His family later learnt that on 7 June, seven days after he had taken up his first RFC posting in France,



Bernard Marshall

an anti-aircraft shell had exploded over his plane hitting him in the head. The plane crashed and sank into a canal near Lille and Marshall's body was not recovered.

Two men died in Palestine: Arthur Anthony Brown, from heart failure on 4 March 1918, and Richard Tuckey Hewer who was killed on 21 November 1917 in the battle for Jerusalem.



Captain A A Brown MC



Lieutenant R Willis



2nd Lieutenant RT Hewer

Three members of Abingdon staff were killed in the war. Richard Willis and John William Hood had only taught at the School for a term, but Sydney Harold Baker had taken up his post as science master in 1905 and was the master in charge of rowing and editor of The Abingdonian. He joined up on the outbreak of war and being a fluent French and German speaker became an intelligence officer. Invalided home from Salonika in 1917, he was posted to France early in 1918 and was killed on the second day of the German Spring Offensive having held a redoubt for thirty-six hours.



Major SH Baker

Twenty Military Crosses were awarded to Abingdonians who served in the war; five of these recipients were killed. Eric Howard Harvey won his Military Cross in August 1916 for leading a bombing attack against an enemy trench. In 1918 he was awarded another for leading a

successful attack under heavy fire on an enemy position and for averting a disastrous incident by his 'promptitude and disregard of danger'.

The memory of those who died in both wars is kept alive by two brass plaques in the school Chapel, the new memorial boards in Waste Court and by the faces recorded in these photographs and preserved in the School's archives.



Captain Harvey's grave in France

These three memorial boards commemorate one hundred and twenty Abingdonians who died in two world wars. The central inscription is taken from lines specially composed for war memorials by J Maxwell Edmunds in 1918.

*When you go home tell them of us and say  
For your tomorrow we gave our today.*

It has become famous as the dedication on the memorial at Kohima to the Second World War dead of the Burma Campaign. At the base of the third board is a verse from Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen', written in September 1914.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



The Memorial Boards in Waste Court Library

# The Abingdon School Society - TASS

## Gravitass

The Abingdon School Society is the parent body that supports the School's aim of educating boys in as full a sense as possible. All parents are automatically members of TASS and the committee includes parents, staff and a governor.

### Griffen Ball

Anyone who attended this year's Griffen Ball will know it did not quite go to plan. Problems started with the late change of marquee contractor. Prit Buttar, the Ball Committee Chairman, and Richard Webber had to find a replacement with the hours slipping by. Other suppliers were already pressed by the demands of the summer. But Prit and Richard found someone who could do the job.

It wasn't just the Griffen Ball committee that was anxious. The School used the marquee for Prize-Giving on the same day as the Ball and the Manor School used it for its own Ball two days earlier. To have cancelled would have been a disaster.

After Prize-Giving the marquee had to be dressed for the Ball. That's when it became clear the well-designed table plan was out of the window because the new marquee supplier brought along whatever tables it had spare. Some tables took fourteen people and some were only big enough for six.

Enough said, really. The logistic nightmare of refitting a ball for 460 people in a few hours was pretty dire. That it happened at all was amazing. Most people seem to have had a good time. The disco and the live band were good. The casino brought out beads of perspiration on overextended punters chancing anything up to a fiver. And the dodgems were busy for hours. Some people were less happy because, sadly, they received the worst of the calamities and to those people TASS apologises.

We hope that next year fortune smiles more kindly on what we all expect to be a wonderful event.

### TASS & Tappins Travel Awards

Each year TASS and Tappins Coaches award travel bursaries to sixth formers. Most go to boys about to leave the School with plans for gap years or summer travel before university. We look for plans that combine adventure with practical value such as teaching or environmental work. Boys make written submissions and are interviewed by a committee comprising the Headmaster, Paul Tappins of Tappins Coaches, Alun Watkins as Upper Master and two or three members of the TASS committee. This year's recipients are:

- Benedict Hayes, who received the Tappins Coaches Travel Award, plans to teach in Africa
- Matthew Burnard will teach at St Patrick's College in Vanuata
- Jack Cousins will be working on a farm on the Falkland Islands
- Roy Cox will be resident tutor at Canberra Grammar School, Australia
- Philip Craig will be a class assistant at the Uplands International School on Penang Island in Malaysia
- Harry Hunter will teach in Fiji
- Daniel Madden and Richard Webber will travel together to teach in schools in Sydney and Brisbane
- Adam Mould will study rock art in Lesotho
- Joseph Williams will teach English in Nepal.

### Burns Night Supper Friday 23 January 2004

Now in its fourth successful year, this is one event that you will need to book early for. The Burns Night Supper will be held at Lains Barn, Wantage, where the Ceilidh band will be Murdo MacCrae from Stornoway. Contact Moira Brodie on - clanbro@aol.com

### Trivia Quiz Night Saturday 11 October 7.00pm

This is what you do:

- Book your table with Mike Hallett
- Make up a team of six or eight (useful tip – include your son or daughter to answer those difficult questions about soaps, pop and whether it's still cool to say bling-bling)
- Choose a theme to go with your team's name
- Select a fancy dress (optional, but you might miss out on extra points)
- Plan a picnic supper to bring on the night that matches your theme
- Order wine from Mike
- Let Mike know if you can't put a team together – he can match make
- Train hard. This is serious.

As well as the Scholars' Prize for the winning team there will also be prizes for the Best Dressed Table, the Worst Score Ever and Food for Thought.

For tickets and more information, contact Mike Hallett on 01865 739077 or e-mail [mike.hallett@oracle.com](mailto:mike.hallett@oracle.com)

### SUS

The Second-hand Uniform Shop has moved from the top of the Greening Wing to its new location. To buy uniform, sports kit and other odds and ends, go to what long-serving parents will remember as the tuck shop. It's next to Hamilton's house-room, on the right as you approach Lacies Court.

Opening times for the new term will be posted soon.

Look us up under the Welcome tab on the Abingdon School web site [www.abingdon.org.uk](http://www.abingdon.org.uk)

# The Summer Term at Josca's



A more comprehensive report of individual achievement will appear in the school magazine, but mention should be made of Ben Read and Harrison Gray's magnificent tussle in the Year 6 400m - a truly memorable race. As is the case with all school events, they only run smoothly due to the organisation that goes on before hand so many thanks to Simon Weight and Trudi Alcock (ably assisted by Lucy Perry) for all their hard work.

Josca's annual sports day took place on Saturday, June 21, a sweltering, hot day. All boys took part in at least two events (and in most cases three) ranging from pre-prep fancy dress races to 800m and shot-putt for Years 7 and 8.

There were many fine individual performances, but most heartening of all perhaps was the sporting manner in which the events took place.



## Leavers' Trip to the Isle of Wight



The annual leavers' trip to the Isle of Wight took place in blistering hot weather. The boys enjoyed a whole range of physical activities involving climbing and leaping off tall structures and crawling through underground tunnels, challenging both their fears of heights and depths. They did not enjoy the challenge to their brains as much, which was supplied by the orienteering and wondered whether constantly squeezing their heads into helmets might have damaged their brainpower. Everybody agreed, however, that the best part of the trip was the time spent on the beach.



## Examination Excellence

The recent examination successes of Josca's Year 8 pupils, in which all boys were able to secure a place at their first choice of Senior School, suggests that the policy of introducing a class of new pupils for two years at the beginning of Year 7 will serve the school well over the years to come.

Results this year meant that pupils gained places at:

**St Edward's School (4), Cheltenham College (1), St Birinus (1) and Abingdon School (21).**

The twenty-one pupils who move on to Abingdon (75%) is the largest number ever from Josca's. These successes add to the scholarship awards already gained by Michael Coldwell, Tom Adams and Joseph Delo.

*Many congratulations to all boys.*



## Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The end of the school year 2002/2003 saw Josca's Year 8 boys bid the school farewell with a fantastic performance of the musical 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. Under the directorship of Music and Drama teacher Sue Glaisher, two sell out performances enthralled parents and friends. Tom Durrands delivered a marvellous and expressive performance as Joseph, backed by the comic (if somewhat wayward) brothers.

Although the performance was very much the Year 8 boys' farewell show, it involved many other members of the school. Staff joined in with great enthusiasm and our snake-hipped 'Elvis' Deputy Head will never be seen in the same light again! The school choir (Years 2 - 7) sang their hearts out, providing a fantastic chorus backing. It was a great performance and one of which we were all proud to have been a part.

# Out of the Past

## Roger Mortimer's Photograph Albums

Roger Mortimer was a member of Common Room from 1947 to 1986. His son Richard (OA 1983) has generously presented his photograph albums to the School. Roger's passion for rowing and drama and his involvement in the CCF are well illustrated in their pages.



CCF Camp Naval Contingent 1950

Marching to Church,  
Empire Youth  
Sunday 1950



The 1st IV 1948 – W.S.Ogden,  
J.T.Cullen, J.L.Wyatt, G.S.Strachan,  
Cox R.Hamer



Julius Caesar 1948. The first  
of many acclaimed  
productions by John Griffin



Journey's End, performed December 1949.  
Jeremy Cullen played Capt. Stanhope;  
Glen Strachan, Lieutenant Osborne and Alan  
Upton 2nd Lieutenant Raleigh.



Boys at work on the boathouse 1914

## Raising a Boathouse 1914 Style

In 1914 the Boat Club built a 15'x45' weather-boarded boathouse. Apart from the brick foundations, which were professionally laid, the rest of the work was done by the boys and masters themselves. The money was raised at a Boating Club Concert and thanks were particularly due to Mrs Hyde who not only contributed £10 but who also gave the School the use of a riverside plot.



Below: Royse's schoolroom  
63ft x 15ft, in the 1860s.



Above:  
Big School,  
now the  
Grundy  
Library, in  
1894.



## 13 September 2003 English Heritage Open Day

Over three hundred years separate the two schoolrooms but both are open to the general public on Saturday 13 September 2003. The original schoolroom, financed by John Royse, in the Old Grammar School, was built in 1563 when Royse was 63 to accommodate 63 pupils in a room 63' long by 15' wide. In 1870 the School moved to Albert Park and what is now the Grundy Library was originally the schoolroom of the New Grammar School. The opening of Royse's schoolroom is part of the opening of several of the Guild Hall rooms each of which will be accompanied by a small exhibition relating to their historic use.

What exciting times for the OA Club! We've had a most successful and enjoyable President's Dinner last May, as well as delightful afternoons spent during Lacies Court Reunion, the Chapel Centenary Service and Waste Court's LXXV Celebrations. Furthermore, our Rugby Club has had an excellent year – a fantastic contrast with last season's struggle at the base of the table after promotion. Read about it in the Griffen which accompanies this Newsletter. And let's not forget the Alligators Cricket Club – revived in July. The Club has also assisted five more OAs with awards towards their professional development and looks forward to hearing from others wishing to apply for 2004. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our 2003 leavers to the Club and wish them good luck with their future endeavours. Don't forget to keep in touch!

*Marilena Kaye, OA Club Administrator*

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## The President's Dinner

The President's early planning and hard work produced a larger attendance than for some years. Drinks in the Charles Maude Room on 24 May were followed by dinner in the Dining Hall and further drinks in the Pembroke Room. The Headmaster and the President spoke. The 41 OAs who attended were:

G B Peck (1937), J Norman (1952), G Round (1953), N A Carter (1955), A J Gardner and C S Woodruff (1956), W C Broad, R L Elliott, I J Glenny, N K Hammond, R Powell and G F Wastie (1957), W J Courage, B P Gardner and R J Trenaman (1958), R R Bailey, D R M Evans, A J Foden, P Kandiah, G M Morse, P P Wintle and S M Womar (1959), M J Neilan (1960), D M Goodwin and M D Nurton (1961), J M Bunce and A D Gardner (1962), T J King and B G Mackay (1964), N M R Crosse and M S Whipple (1972), D C Hares (1973), P F Thompson (1974), P M Evans (1975), D N Blomley (1976), M K Hasnip (1977), R J Binning, C J McGarry, A J V Parry, P W J Rutland and M R Smith (1996). Wives and guests, past and present members of Common Room and others who help the Club brought the number of diners to 74.



Rory Jackson, School Bursar, Paul Thompson (1974) President-Elect, and Mrs Philippa Thompson.



Hugh Randolph, Membership Secretary, and Walter Courage (1958), President.

## Open Day / OA Day Saturday 11 October

### Programme

- 10.30 am Open Day begins
- 11.00 am Annual General Meeting  
Christ's Hospital Room  
Mercers' Court
- 11.30 am Kick-Off-Waste Court Field  
Old Abingdonian Rugby  
Football Club v Abingdon  
Town Football Club  
Referee Commander  
Martin Holloway (1966)
- 1.30 pm Buffet Lunch (Dining Hall)

Tickets for the buffet lunch (including wine) are £13 each (£5 for children). Please send cheques payable to Abingdon School to the Club Office (details below).

The AGM of the Old Abingdonian Club will be held from 11.00 - 11.20 am in the Christ's Hospital Room. Coffee will be served from 10.30 am. As it is the School's Open Day, there will be lots to see for the entire family.

### City Lunch

Another City Lunch is being planned in November. Details will be posted on the website nearer the time. Please contact Peter Rutland directly at: [prutland@uk.adventinternational.com](mailto:prutland@uk.adventinternational.com) if you are interested in receiving details as soon as they become available or if you wish to be on the City Lunch mailing list. Alternatively, give the office a ring.

### Lost Members

We would welcome help in tracing the following, whose mail has been returned to us: F J Bell (1986), R P Clayden (1990), I J Cockburn (1959), S P Kennedy (1996), A C Marshall (1953), T C Moodey (1957), I J Newbold (1964), T J Newcombe (1996), C S Wakefield (1992), R J Wheeler (1987), and E P M Wright (1976).

## Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Professional Development Awards:

Tim Myatt (1998), Philip Bareham (1998), Felix Greaves (1997), Richard Green (1995) and Florian Ederer (1997).

These Awards are given out annually and are designed to further an individual's development at any stage of his career. (Gap year projects are not supported.) For more details, visit the Club's website or contact the Office. The deadline for 2004 awards will be Friday 26 March 2004.

## Alligators v Headmaster's XI

Alligators reunited! On Saturday 5 July (War Memorial Field), the Alligators scored 165 for 9 declared and were beaten in the last over of the match by 4 wickets. The Alligators expect to have four or five strong fixtures next season, most games being in the week following the end of school term. Please could all OA cricketers who wish to play for the Alligators register their name, address, telephone and email with: John Bunce, Mulberry House, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4RY; phone: 01869 340919, [jbunce@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:jbunce@globalnet.co.uk)



### Important Dates for 2003:

- Sept 13-Recent Leavers Reception
- Oct 11-OA Day / AGM
- Nov 7-Early 1960's Reunion Dinner  
Manor House Hotel, Guildford
- Nov (Date to be arranged)-City Lunch

If you have any news, or would simply like to make contact, the OA Office details are:  
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# Old Abingdonians

## OAs on Both Sides of the House

**Francis Maude (OA 1971)**, who retires this October after ten years as Chairman of Governors, left Abingdon in 1971 for Corpus Christi, Cambridge and went from there to the Inner Temple. He was called to the Bar in 1977 and practised as a barrister until 1985. In 1983 he became Conservative MP for Warwickshire North losing his seat in May 1992; he was created a Privy Councillor in the Dissolution Honours. He spent from 1992 to 1997 working in merchant banking and in May 1997 was elected MP for Horsham. In June 1997 he was appointed Shadow Secretary for Culture Media and Sport, in June 1998 Shadow Chancellor and in February 2000 Shadow Foreign Secretary. He is currently a backbencher.



The Right Hon. Francis Maude PC MP

**Peter Bradley (OA 1970)** left Abingdon in 1970 and went to Sussex University and Occidental College L.A., after which he became a research director for the Centre for Contemporary Studies. Before entering Parliament he was Managing Director of Millbank Consultants. In May 1997 he was elected Labour MP for The Wrekin. He is currently Parliamentary Private Secretary to Alun Michael, Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.



Peter Bradley MP

## Formula One OAs



Ferrari



Renault



Mark Herd (R) with Allan McNish Renault test driver

Formula One motor racing currently employs two OAs within its ranks.

**Mark Herd (OA 1983)**, race engineer for Renault, left Abingdon in 1983 to read mechanical engineering at University College, London.

After graduating he went into research and development within the Formula One world. In 1997 he joined Benetton and remained with the company when Renault bought a controlling stake in it in 2002.

**James Allison (OA 1986)** read engineering at Cambridge after he left Abingdon in 1986. He specialised in mechanical engineering and on graduating was hired by Benetton as an aerodynamicist. He had several other jobs within the motor racing world before moving to Ferrari.

## News

**Radiohead** – the five OA members of Radiohead, Colin Greenwood, Jonathan Greenwood, Ed O'Brien, Phil Selway and Thom Yorke, saw their new album, Hail to the Thief, reach number one in the charts two weeks after it was released in June. Their tour of North America and Canada starts in Boston on 13 August and finishes at Maddison Square Gardens on 10 October.

### David Taylor

(OA 1966) – was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to rowing. David, who rowed in the 1<sup>st</sup> VIII whilst at Abingdon, was the manager of the successful Olympic Rowing Squad at the Sydney Olympics.

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