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## CHRISTMAS DRINKS

## War Exhibition



Thursday 6th November saw a private view for the Emanuel School at War Exhibition. It marked a five-day commemoration of the lives of Old Emanuels who served in two world wars. The actor and director Nicky Henson officially opened the event recalling memories of his father OE Leslie Henson's experiences entertaining troops in both wars. Four OE Second World War veterans attended the evening with their families, some of whom had not been back to Emanuel for over 50 years. The private view included the launch of the new history of Emanuel School at War. The 639 page book is available to buy from the school at £30, just [click here](#) for the order form. It was well received by all who attended the



Come and join us and your fellow OEs for a festive drink in **the Roundhouse on the 5th December at 6pm.**

All welcome. Any questions just email [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk)

## Send us YOUR NEWS

We want to hear from you! The online edition of the Rose & Portcullis will be coming to you three times a year. The deadline for the spring edition is **FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY**. Get in touch with your updates or if you would be interested in being featured. Any questions just email [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk)

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Exhibition including war veterans and their families. In a tribute, after 100 years, the Emanuel rugby 1st XV of 1912–13 was brought back home when the team was projected onto the front of the school building. Eight members of the team lost their lives in the First World War, [click here](#) to view a short video of the projection. On Sunday there was a special remembrance evensong in the school chapel. The chapel was completely full and the headmaster read the list of Emanuel's fallen from the First World War followed by the second chaplain's reading of Emanuel's Second World War fallen. Five new memorial boards commemorating those OEs who lost their lives in both wars but who were not originally commemorated can now be seen in the chapel. The Emanuel School at War project is now part of the BBC's World War One at Home Series and Daniel Kirmatzis was on Robert Elms's BBC Radio London show on Tuesday 11 November discussing the war project. Senior school librarian and archivist Tony Jones and OE historian Daniel Kirmatzis would like to thank everyone who attended and all the support staff who contributed to the smooth running of the exhibition.

## Rowing Triumph



We are very pleased that one of our most recent OEs, Chetan Chauhan-Sims made Emanuel Rowing history this year. Chetan traveled to Hamburg as part of the lead sweep boat, a coxed four, at the World Rowing Junior Championships. It is 20 years since Emanuel had a pupil representing Great Britain at the Championships but the silver medal is the first for the school. On returning home a fine set of A2 results enabled Chetan to take up his place at Durham University where he will continue his rowing career.

## Meet the OE



In each edition we will be profiling one OE and first in the hot seat is author **Emma Healey** who attended Emanuel from 1996 to 2001 before going off to complete her first degree in bookbinding, becoming the third generation of women in her family to go to art college. She then worked for two libraries, two bookshops, two art galleries and two universities. In 2008, after the death of

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## Old Emanuel Golf Society Update

The Autumn Guest Meeting of the Society was held this year at Ferndown Golf Club, just outside Bournemouth, on 17 October, 2014. Read the [full report here](#). Should you be interested in joining the Old Emanuel Golf Society please get in touch with Clive Galyer: [clive.galyer@gmail.com](mailto:clive.galyer@gmail.com)

## Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Update

The Club continues to be a happy one in the 2014-15 season with the 1st XV as yet unbeaten. Membership of the Touch Rugby team both male and female (over 17) now exceeds one hundred players. Please visit the website for contact details if you are interested in getting involved and to read

one grandmother and the decline of the other, she began to explore the idea of dementia in fiction, and she moved to Norwich in 2010 to study for the MA in Creative Writing at UEA. Her first novel, ***Elizabeth is Missing***, was published to critical acclaim in June 2014 and became a Sunday Times bestseller.

**Did you always want to be a writer?** Always, but it wasn't something I talked about much when I was at school. I read constantly and wrote short stories, but it wasn't much of a career plan and admitting I wanted to be a writer seemed as unrealistic as 'pop star' or 'astronaut'. So I mostly wrote in secret and I still feel slightly disconcerted when someone calls me a 'writer', as if I've been exposed. [Click here](#) to read the rest of the interview.

## Dr Rowan Williams



Students were treated to a talk by former parent Dr Rowan Williams master of Magdalene College Cambridge and former Archbishop of Canterbury. Lord Williams' topic was "The Lion's World" – a look at the writings of CS Lewis and, in particular, an examination of the Christian symbolism in the seven books in the Narnia series. This was a talk based on Dr Williams' own book with the same title which was published in 2012. The Library was packed for this talk and from the questions afterwards, and the discussion over tea and coffee in the Marquand Room, many of those present were inspired to read or re-read the work of this great writer.

## Getting the Inside Track



OE **Ben Spurrier**, who left school in 1996, is now head of design at the iconic Condor Bikes. He addressed design and technology students in the School Library. From his early days learning design processes in our own Exeter Building and as a shop boy at Evans Bicycles in Wandsworth, he was inspired to follow a career which encompasses both his passions. During Wednesday afternoon sports sessions he was given permission to ride his bike in Richmond Park, which led to more competitive experiences on two wheels. After leaving Emanuel he pursued an art foundation course at Wimbledon Art

the [full report](#) including news for the Rugby Vets and the Emanuel Lions

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## Old Emanuel Luncheon Club Update

The Luncheon Club is now available for all former pupils of Emanuel School. The Christmas lunch will be held under the watchful eye of this year's chair, Cedric Hooren, at Brasserie Blanc, Southbank, on **Monday 8 December**.

Should you be free on that day and are tempted to come along contact Stuart Cameron-Waller (Hon Sec) at [stuart@cwt2001.com](mailto:stuart@cwt2001.com) or on 01323894270. Read more details on the [website](#).

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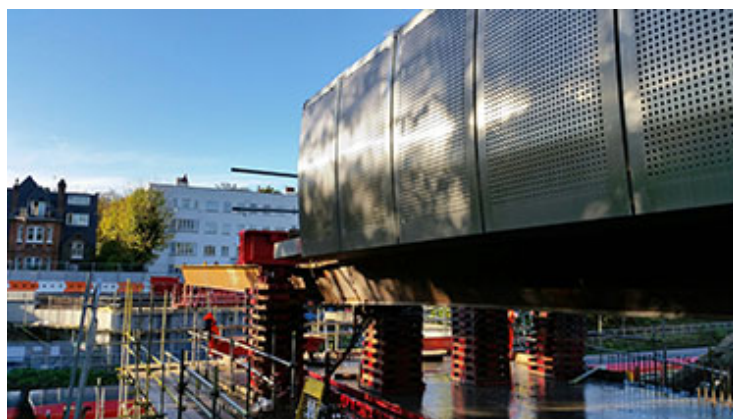
## ESBC Centenary Dinner

Photos from the Emanuel School Boat

college from where he moved on to studying 3D design at Manchester Metropolitan university. Returning to Evans Cycles as a graduate he designed their own branded bikes but quickly moved on to Condor. He talked us through visits to huge bicycle factories in the Far East and explained the reasons why Condor choose to use Italian frame makers. Inspiration for new bikes often comes from diverse media and both Lotus and Jaguar cars featured as muses. One of the benefits at Condor is that the bikes are tested by professional riders who give the machines work outs which no mere mortal commuter ever could. This leads to Ben and Condor producing bikes for every budget, body and demanding design conscious soul that might stumble across the shop. The talk was inspirational and enjoyed by everyone who attended. If you think you could give a talk to current students about your career please do get in touch: [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk)

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## Bridge update



If you have been in the area recently or just passed the school on the train then you will have noticed that the bridge has reached an advanced stage and was pushed across the railway line at around 2.00am on Friday 21st November. Work will now commence on the surfacing and footpaths and should be "open for business" in February 2015 (albeit still with some temporary fixtures until final completion in July).

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## The Curzon Club



On the 12th September the 96th annual Curzon Club Luncheon was held at the historic pub Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese. The running of the club has been

taken over by Dominic Murphy (OE 2008) and Symone-Alissa McEachron after many years of hard work by Colin Hall (OE 1953) and his wife Pam. Without their dedication undoubtedly the club would not have survived. The Curzon Club was formed in 1918 by Housemaster W.H Lovel and

Club Dinner can now be viewed on the [website](#).  
A most enjoyable evening was had by all, bringing together different generations of Emanuel rowers.

## Emanuel at War



The Exhibition may be over but you can still order a copy of the accompanying book "[Emanuel School at War](#)".

## Emanuel School Staff

A while ago we posted this picture on Facebook to see how many former staff you could name and much to our surprise your knowledge of former Emanuel School staff is excellent. See how many you can name!



## OE Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill

a group of Emanuel Sixth Formers of Howe House, anxious to support Viscount Curzon in his desire to become Conservative MP. Since its inception, every year distinguished Howe school leavers have been elected to become members of the club.

## OE Music Corner



**Barnaby Maddick** (OE 2002) is one of the founding members of the London troupe **Messenger**. Messenger played at Sonisphere this year.



**Dom Whalley** (OE 2008) is a member of **Jungle** and you can now buy the band's debut album. Congratulations too for the Mercury prize nomination this year and for playing at Glastonbury.

## Obituaries

We are very sorry to have to announce the death of a number of OEs. Gordon Townsend (1936), Michael Jeffery (1940), Captain Peck (1940), Martin Graham (1942), Frank Orford (1943), Fred Outram (1954), Graham Povey (1974) and Cllr Alan Kendall (former staff). You can read obituaries for some of these OEs on the [website](#).

## OE Touch Rugby Success

Congratulations to Dom Tripp (OE 2012) who is currently at Bath University for playing Touch Rugby for England this year and winning the European Championship. Will Serecold (OE 2013) was a reserve for the Championships. Both Dom and Will have been selected for the 2015 team!

## Archive Matters

In 2013 the School decided it was going to digitise its most important old records, beginning with the oldest issues of The Portcullis magazine which date from 1893. The project would then expand into other areas such as prize lists, drama, music programmes and sport results. Although the digital scanning is in its infancy we have already completed (or are having it done at the moment) much of the pre-Second World War Portcullis magazines. As it currently stands we already have over 2000 pages in our system and it has created a very powerful research tool. For example, only recently a relative was looking for information on R W Skepelhorn, and by putting this name into the search index we received twenty hits from the Portcullis 1910-1917 period. Previously, the only way this information could have been located would have been by

out the OE Survey and we are pleased to announce that the winner of the voucher is Paul Stewart (OE 1975)

The survey is still live on the [website](#) if you have a spare five minutes.

## Congratulations

### Mr Layng

Assistant Head: co-curricular Mr Layng has been awarded a medal of honour by British Rowing for his outstanding contribution to the British Junior Team. A statement from British Rowing said: "The team spirit in our Junior World's team is in a very large part due to the way that you treat and communicate with the junior athletes and your meticulous planning which is always outstanding...you are a worthy recipient of this honour."

## Careers Help

Could you offer advice to current pupils or attend our annual careers convention? Email [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk) to find out more.

## Join the OEA

If you are interested in joining the OEA simply

reading the magazines page by page. I'm sure Old Emanuels will become more interested in the project once we begin to digitise more current documents, but since the majority of our research enquiries date from the early part of the Twentieth Century we are starting with the oldest records. We have one of the UK's leading digital document management companies managing the project and all monies raised from the Emanuel School at War book sales will be reinvested in this project. All this information will be available through the school website at some point in 2015 and we will be allowing OEs to have their first look at the system on Dacre Day 2015.

## Michael Gove visits Emanuel



We were very pleased to welcome Rt Hon Michael Gove MP to a capacity audience at Emanuel. Mr Gove spoke about his current role as chief whip comparing it to being an "air traffic controller" whereas being in charge of a government department was more akin to being a surgeon who went in and "fixed problems". He said he had enjoyed his time as secretary of state of education but that it was time for a change – he held the longest tenure since Keith Joseph in the 1980s. Asked what he considered to be his greatest achievement as secretary of state he said it was probably the setting up of many more free schools and academies, allowing schools to run themselves; involving serving teachers in Ofsted was also cited as an important shift in the approach to inspections. There were some searching questions from pupils about how candidates with special needs should be examined, and whether he was right to demand a wider range of books on the English GCSE syllabus. On the latter point, he was unapologetic about "raising the bar of aspiration" for teachers and their pupils. Mr Gove explained that we live in a fast – changing world where expectations from the electorate are high but resources increasingly sparse.

## School Sport Update - Autumn Term



Emanuel School netball continues to thrive and our reputation on the schools circuit is increasing. At the Surrey Tournament the Senior 1st VII worked extremely hard to gain second place earning themselves a spot in the next round and the U14A team also dominated in the tournament taking first place. The U12 and U13 squads look forward to showing

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everything they have learnt in their tournament in January. Some of the U14 and U15 players learnt valuable lessons on their tour to Barbados and bringing back some of the Bajan style of Netball to Emanuel. Most recently the Senior 1st VII and U14A played in the Surrey Round of the National Tournament for the very first time. The 1st VII had some great games, holding their own against large all girl schools in some very close matches. The U14A team had some very tough opposition throughout the day, but worked really well as a team and came second gaining themselves a spot in the Regional Round of the Nationals in January. (*Carly Yeomans*)

As I write this article at the end of November, the **Emanuel rugby** teams have already played over 100 matches already this term. Teams across the age groups have had a mix of results. The 1st XV won 50% of their games, the most noticeable win being against Sutton Valence School, retaining the Abbott Cup, a fixture in place as part of our United Westminster Schools Foundation. The 2nd XV have won 71% of their matches. The U15A team have a 64% win rate and are through to the 4th Round of the National Natwest Cup Vase Competition, where they face Howard of Effingham School. The U14A are playing an exciting brand of rugby this season but have only managed two wins so far this term. The U13A and U13B teams have had an impressive run of wins with a win percentage of 73% and 80% respectively. The U12A team have also made a successful start to their Emanuel School rugby careers with an 80% win rate. (*Duncan Traynor*)

**Emanuel School rowing.** The autumn term started well with the yr 11 boys heading up to Boston to take part in the Boston marathon- a gruelling 31 mile race that crews from Emanuel have avoided for many years. Their hard work in training paid off with new course records set in both the J16 eights and novice coxed quads. We only have a small sixth form boys squad racing at the moment, but they have had a number of good results, the highlights finishing in the top third at the Pairs Head and the squad losing by only a few seconds in both doubles and quads at Bedford. At Hampton, where the competition is always tough, Jude had another excellent race, finishing 6th out of 56 scullers. For the 6th form girls, congratulations go to Paula, who is the first female Emanuel rower to meet the standard required to gain an invite to GB trials. The yr 11 girls four have continued to race excellently. They are unbeaten in J16 this year, with wins at Bedford and Teddington (where they were the fastest women's coxed four). They also raced J18 in the Fours Head, finishing an excellent 5th out of 13. Jess and Darcy have also shown promising speed in singles, finishing 7th and 8th out of 68 at Hampton. The yr 10 girls raced at Star Head, where their first quad won their event. This was also the first race for the yr 9s, who showed great potential by coming second and missing out by just one second. There is certainly a positive feeling in the Boat Club at the moment

though much hard work to be done to turn that into success!. (*Ali Elliott*)

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