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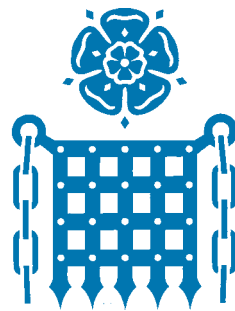
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# Welcome to our third issue

Dear OE

As I come to the end of my thirteen years at Emanuel, it is interesting to look back and see what has changed over that time.

But first of all I would like to record what hasn't changed. Emanuel was a happy place, when I arrived, and I hope that Emanuel is a still a very happy place. We had excellent teachers then - and we still have excellent teachers now. We had some amazing children then - and we have some amazing children now. The caring, supportive ethos was one of the defining characteristics of Emanuel then - and it still is now.

On the co-curricular side of things, Emanuel had a great tradition in sport and in rugby, rowing and cricket in particular. And I hope that it still has a great reputation for rugby, rowing and cricket (the latter two sports for girls now, as well as for the boys). The Music department was exceptional, led by Jonathan Holmes. The Art department was amazing too, led by Sophie MacMillan. Both departments are still very highly regarded and are still amazing.

*So there was much here to admire.*

However it is fair to say that, in terms of the need to improve the physical facilities of the School, and in terms of boosting the academic results, there was a lot to do. We were also down on pupil numbers: the school roll stood at only 654 pupils when I arrived here in 2004, whereas we had 750 students just 6 years before. So there was the need for a strong recruitment drive. Also the ratio of girls to boys at that time was 30:70, which was a long way off the 50:50 ratio which our Founder had intended.

*There was clearly work to be done.*

By the way, that sentence about "a girl to boy ratio of 30:70" in 2004 (184 girls, 470 boys) might surprise some older OEs, because they will remember Emanuel as a boys only school. However the historians amongst you will know that Lady Dacre intended Emanuel to be a co-educational institution when she wrote

her Will in 1594, making provision for the education of 10 boys and 10 girls and for 10 men and 10 women as pensioners. So in fact Emanuel didn't become boys only until 1873. At that point the Emanuel girls moved over to join our sister school in Victoria, the Grey Coat Hospital, and the GCH boys came over to us. Therefore in retrospect it was a natural move for the governors to re-introduce coeducation at Emanuel, which they did in 1996.

I am pleased to say that the recruitment drive worked: thirteen years later we have 890 pupils, with 408 girls and 482 boys (54% boys to 46% girls) and in September 2017 there will be 920 students: 430 girls and 490 boys. That isn't 50:50, as our Founder intended. But it isn't far off that figure.

*That's a big change.*

Academically, results have also shot upwards. In 2004 the percentage of A and A\* grades at GCSE was 30%. Last year this figure was 62%. In 2004 only a quarter of our intake into Year 7 were in the top half of the ability range when compared to other independent schools. Last year over 80% of our intake into Year 7 were in the top half of the ability range. 25 students have gone to either Oxford or Cambridge in the past few years. So things are on the up academically - and this is scarcely surprising, because in 2004 I only had 280 applicants for 80 places in Year 7. Next year we will have over 1,000 applicants for the 90 places in Year 7. There is now a LOT of interest in coming to Emanuel School!

*So that's another big change.*

The governors and I have been really busy with building projects too, and I hope that you will like what you see if you haven't visited Emanuel for the past 10 years or more. Do come and see us! For a start, you will now enter the School from Spencer Park, across a new road bridge (please have a look at the film clips on our website if you haven't seen the new entrance). You will then find a wonderful Library in the heart of the School, where the Dining Hall used to be. You will find a new Theatre in the space where the Library used to be. The dining facilities have moved



over to where the old gym used to be, and we now have extensive outside (covered) dining overlooking the playing fields, as well as dining in the Refectory and Buttery (located in the ground floor of the Pavilion). Around the back of the Main Building you will find a new £10 million Arts and Humanities Centre: the new Dacre Building.

*More big changes...*

But, as I said at the start, it is really important to note what hasn't changed. And the fact that Emanuel is still a very happy place is what really matters. The fact that this is still a caring, supportive environment where children can grow and thrive is the key to all that we do here. It is also so important for Emanuel to have excellent teachers and talented children (and we still do). Moreover - these things must never change.

It has been a privilege for me to be Headmaster of Emanuel School for the past thirteen years. I wish my successor, Robert Milne, the very best of luck when he takes over from me in August.

Thank you all for your support over the time I have been here.

And do come back to visit us!

*Mark Hanley-Browne*

**Mark Hanley-Browne**







# Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the third hard-copy edition of the Rose & Portcullis magazine which is free for all former pupils of the School. As you can see, lots has been happening in the Development department and we are very pleased to be welcoming more and more alumni back to School. If you have an idea for an event, would like help organising a reunion or are interested in getting back in touch with your cohort please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope you are all enjoying the revamped website: [www.emanuelalumni.org.uk](http://www.emanuelalumni.org.uk). We have recently added new features including all the back copies of the e-news and alumni magazine and lists of lost alumni. Please do go and have a look and if you are in contact with any of the OEs named, please encourage them to get in touch with their details.

The Fully Funded Places Campaign has got off to a fantastic start with a hundred thousand pounds raised in the first year. We will also be conducting our first telephone campaign this summer so watch out for communications about this.

Thanks must go to my colleagues Anna Van Es and Tony Jones for all their work on this publication as well as to proof reader Jenny Kiaer and Kiran Grimm from Printalicious for another excellent design job.

Please do write to us if you have any thoughts or comments about the magazine.

With my very best wishes,

Emily Symmons  
Development Manager

## Upcoming Events

### School Open Day

Saturday 16th September, 2017  
9.30am – 12.30pm  
Location: Emanuel School

### Open House London

Saturday 16th September, 2017  
2pm – 5pm  
Location: Emanuel School

### Boat Club Dinner

Friday 29th September, 2017  
7pm - 11pm  
Location: Hampden Hall

### Official Opening of the Dacre Building

Thursday 12th October, 2017  
Location: Emanuel School

### St Cecilia's Concert

Friday 24th November, 2017  
7pm – 9pm  
Location: Hampden Hall

### The Snowflake Fair

Sunday 26th November, 2017  
11am – 3pm  
Location: Hampden Hall

### Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December, 2017  
7.30pm – 9pm  
Location: Emanuel School Chapel

### School Musical

Thursday 15th March – Saturday 17th March, 2018  
7pm – 10pm  
Location: Hampden Hall

### School Open Afternoon

Tuesday 1st May, 2018  
2.30pm – 4.30pm  
Location: Emanuel School

### 1960s Decade Reunion

Spring, 2018  
Location: Emanuel School

### Dacre Day

Saturday 7th July, 2018  
Location: Emanuel School



## THEN



Preparing for demolition



The work begins



Not far to go...



September 2015 and the last walls have gone

## THE DACRE BUILDING

Some OEs may never have seen the famous old Dacre Building which was officially opened in 1970 by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Ian Frank Bowater. The building stood for 45 years and five months before the last wall was knocked down on 17th September 2015 to make way for the new Dacre Building. In 1970 the Dacre block was the first major new building on the school site since the Fives Courts were constructed in 1963. It was originally envisaged that the new building would only house 230 Emanuel Sixth Formers. However, this pledge did not last long.... many legendary staff taught in those classrooms over the years. The new Dacre Building will be the home for Art and Humanities and will be officially opened later this year.



The foundations of the new building are laid



The framework takes shape



Windows and doors are fitted

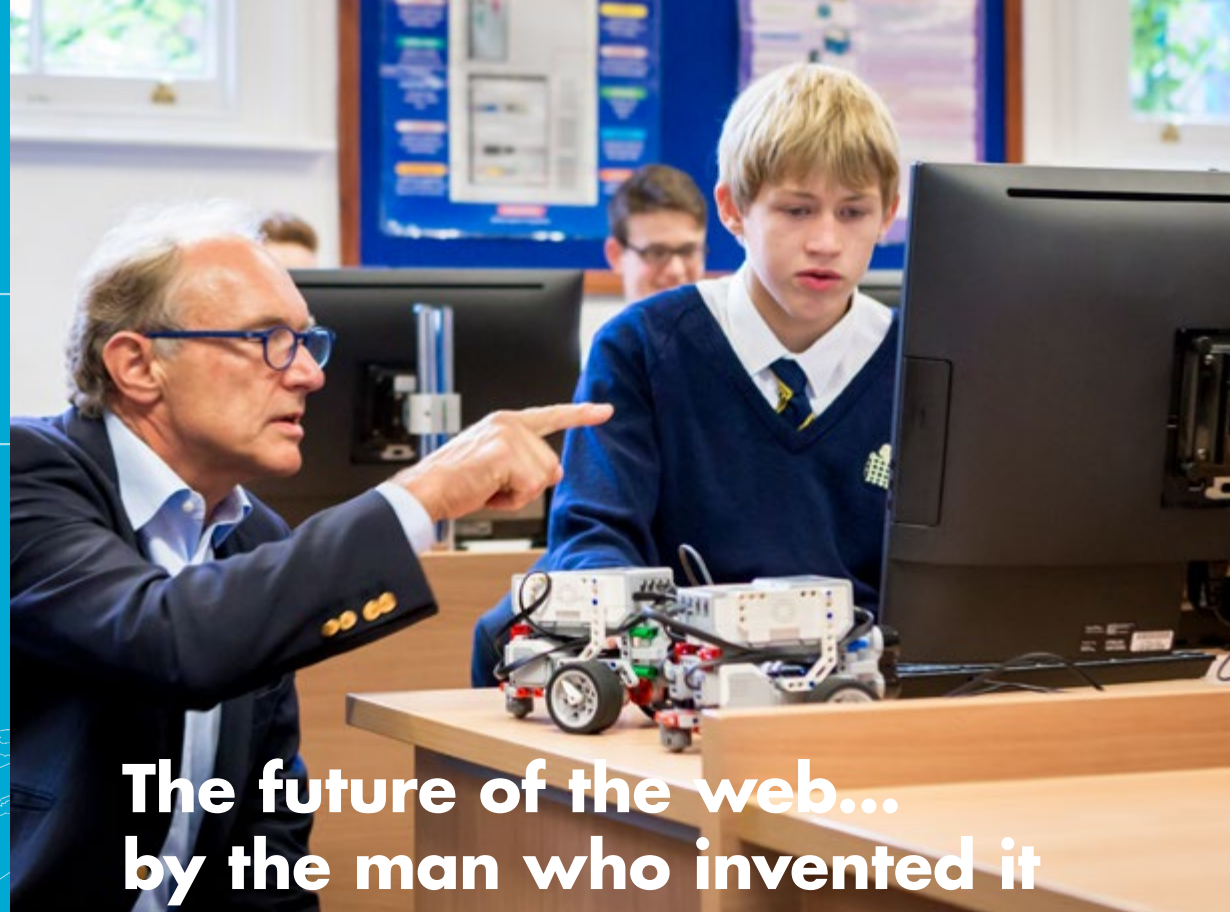


Almost completed...

## NOW







**The future of the web...  
by the man who invented it**

## Tim Berners-Lee visits Emanuel

**IT** was a real privilege to welcome OE Sir Tim Berners-Lee back to Emanuel last summer. Inventor of the World Wide Web, Sir Tim's achievements have transformed the way we access and share information. He has received countless accolades and titles, including being knighted in 2004 for services to the global development of the internet and receiving the first Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering in 2013. He featured in the Opening Ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics and live tweeted, 'This is for everyone', referring both to the web and the Olympics.



**I**n talks with pupils in the Hampden Hall, Tim fondly remembered Emanuel teachers Francis Grundy (Maths) and Derek Pennell (Chemistry) who inspired him to pursue a career in Science. At Emanuel, Tim had extra lessons to enable him to study Chemistry as well as Maths, Double Maths and Physics at A Level before going on to study Physics at Oxford University. He found the Boat Club a welcome escape from his studies but admitted that he was 'really bad' at cricket and rugby at school.

Whilst working as a software engineer at CERN in 1989, frustration with all the different systems being used led Tim to devise a new way for scientists to easily share data from their experiments and documents with one another in a virtual system. In 1990, the earliest version of this system, which was to become the World Wide Web, was operational and available to CERN employees. Sir Tim explained that take-up was initially low but when the CERN telephone directory was put on and employees had to use it to look up information, they started to realise what else they could do with the new technology.

From the beginning, Tim wanted his technology to be freely used by all so he persuaded CERN to make it openly available. On 6th August 1991, Sir Tim put the instructions and code in the public domain so that anybody could create a website.



Without this, there would have been a number of competing webs owned and controlled by different organisations.

The spread of the internet has been phenomenal. The first billion users milestone was reached in 2005, the second billion in 2010 and the third billion in 2014. In June, 2016, 50.1% of the world's population was online according to Internet World Stats.

However, Tim is still concerned that many are unable to use the internet due to cost. He would like access to be more open and affordable. Amongst many other roles, he is Director of the World Wide Web Consortium, which seeks to establish access to the web as a basic human right. Sir Tim largely eschews the limelight and trappings of fame and now focuses his energies on developing an accessible, unmonitored and democratic web. He believes that the freedom of the web is under considerable threat from commercial organisations and government surveillance agencies, giving rise to issues of privacy and control over personal data. In the Question and Answer session at Emanuel, Sir Tim discussed the aims of his initiative called 'Web We Want', which intends to build a better web for everyone by supporting the free flow of information and ideas all over the world. In our modern world of online threats, not everyone advocates such freedom.



Emanuel students were heartened to hear that Sir Tim thinks pupils should have access to the internet during exams as we do not work without it in the real world.

The School is very proud to count such an internet luminary in our OE ranks and the Sir Tim Berners-Lee Computing Suites are named after him. When a statue of Sir Tim was unveiled in 2015 at the National Portrait Gallery in London to mark his 60th birthday, Tim's contemporaries in the Class of 1973 thought it was a fitting place to meet for a reunion and to repay Sir Tim for all the shameless name dropping they have indulged in over the years!





# A New Broom

## A look at the life and career of Headmaster Cyril Broom (1928-1953)



**W**ith our current Headmaster, Mark Hanley-Browne (2004-2017), taking up a new position this summer, we take a look at the longest-serving Emanuel Headmaster, Cyril Broom, who expertly led Emanuel for twenty-five years with his 'firm yet kindly hand' and exacting standards. His quarter century tenure saw the reputation of the School soar and academic success flourish.

Cyril Broom joined Emanuel from Colfe's Grammar School in the summer of 1928. He was intent on improving academic achievement. He broadened the curriculum by introducing Spanish, Russian and Economics and recruited exceptional, highly-educated staff including Tom Graham, Stanley Inward, Aaron Rogers, Wilfrid Claude Neath and Paul Craddock. Broom also had very loyal senior management support in the form of long-serving teachers such as Charles Hill and Stafford Hipkins, both of whom taught at Emanuel for over thirty years.

Testimony to the improvement in academic achievement during Broom's headship was the eighty-five open scholarships to Oxford, Cambridge and London which were won. Broom encouraged boys to consider university education by urging the Governors to award more leaving exhibitions. There are countless examples in the Headmaster's Reports that Broom went out of his way to give scholarships to poor, local boys and many OEs who received such scholarships went on to have stellar careers, such as German expert, Dr Ronald Gray, and the Galsworthy brothers, Arthur and John, who became Ambassadors to Ireland and Mexico respectively and who both received knighthoods.

*Cyril Broom was not simply ambitious for Emanuel but every boy who attended it.*

Claude Scott (OE 1945-55)

Broom insisted on self-discipline, a strict moral code and community spirit from the boys. His morning assemblies regularly returned to three familiar themes – 'not to drop litter; not to eat in the street (those who did were referred to as 'members of the Lolly Lickers' League'); and to comply unswervingly with the requirements of the school uniform, which in those days could only be obtained at Harrods..... He was scornful of those who would not accept responsibility, frequently using the phrase 't'aint my job', in assembly, to excoriate their attitude' remarks Claude Scott (OE 1945-55).

Carlo Bongarzone (OE 1946-53) recalls that Broom 'commanded respect – from staff, pupils and whoever but he also gained grudging warmth of feeling as we all got to know him. His wrath could be witheringly sarcastic but his recognition of achievement for the School, for teams or for individuals evoked pride in us all.' Classics Master Claude 'Taffy' Neath remembered Broom as a man with a 'razor-sharp mind' and a knowledge of every boy in the school. OEs also comment on Broom's 'clipped, nasal tone and his pronunciation of 'boys' as 'bize'.

*Mr Broom 'welded us into a community whose ethos was shaped by very high standards of behaviour, loyalty, achievement and service to the School, to each other, to those less fortunate, to our families, to our country and in the end to life itself and how we lived it.'*

Carlo Bongarzone (OE 1946-53)

Broom, or 'The Beak' as he was known to many boys, was ever-present around Emanuel and at school events, not least because he lived on the school grounds. Carlo Bongarzone notes, 'He could be seen daily swiftly moving through our dark corridors, at lunch, etc and he would often stop and say something to a boy or group – all of whose names he would always know. The speed with which he walked made the tails of his gown flock out to the rear.'



One of Broom's most significant achievements was conveying unity and stability on Emanuel during the difficult war years and afterwards. On 1 September, 1939, two days before war was declared, Emanuel evacuated to Petersfield. A special train carrying 444 boys left Clapham Junction and the School was established at Churcher's College and various other locations in Petersfield. It was a tremendous feat of organisation to keep Emanuel lessons, sporting endeavours and OTC running smoothly during evacuation. The Portcullis 1939 commented that 'lessons are carried on under amusing and sometimes embarrassing conditions. To see about thirty boys trooping into an ancient hostelry named 'The Blue Anchor' might give certain people serious qualms.'

Broom placed a high value on the history and traditions of Emanuel. He introduced a



standard uniform in 1931 and supported old School traditions such as the 'Beating of the Bounds' which was a popular aspect of Founders Day for many years. In 1933, he was invited to join the Headmasters' Conference, which conferred public status on Emanuel, and he also established the Parents' Association. The Parents' Shield, which pupils still contest annually, was presented to Broom and the School by the Parents' Association in the 1930s. In 1951, to mark the 350th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to Emanuel Hospital, Broom welcomed Her Majesty the Queen to Emanuel and she planted a magnolia tree in the South Courtyard to commemorate the occasion.

*Broom was 'an endearing, popular and perfect example of the owl-like academic with a twinkle in the eye'.*

Michael Aspel (OE 1944-49)

Broom's care for the boys' welfare was demonstrated by his interest in careers and in placing OEs in suitable jobs after Sixth Form as well as his regular attendance at Old Emanuel dinners and reunions. He also went to great lengths to write detailed references when boys left Emanuel. David J Warren treasured his reference, written on 24 December 1937, and passed it down to his son. It now resides in the School Archive. Broom had such a tremendous impact on so many OEs that the Old Emanuel Association (OEA) campaigned to raise money for a portrait of him to be commissioned to honour his legacy. The portrait was unveiled in 2013 by his son, Michael, and is hung in the Hampden Hall.

*He had a very clever sense of humour, very dry and nuanced.*

Carlo Bongarzone (OE 1946-53)



When he retired in 1953, Broom left behind a respected school with a high reputation. As OE Claude Scott remarked, his 'leadership and contribution to the success of Emanuel and its pupils would be seen as exemplary, even in normal times. But these were not normal times, with the evacuation of the School to Petersfield for the duration of the war, the implementation of the 1944 Butler Education Act and the detrimental effects of post-war austerity. To have achieved what he did in that context made him a truly outstanding Headmaster.'





# Young artists to watch

## Rosalind Adams OE (2005-11)



**R**oz completed a degree course entitled 'Artist Designer: Maker' at Cardiff School of Art and Design, where she learnt to work with a variety of materials including ceramics, plasters, plastics and metals, specialising in metal in her final year. She is currently working towards building her own workshop equipment using open source platforms and forums. She has already built her own 3D printer and metal furnace and is working on designs to construct her own custom polishing wheel. Roz's work is inspired by the process by which things are created and she endeavours to show the complex making processes she uses in the finished artefact.

Roz won the Pewter Live Open Competition in 2015 and was selected for a residency at Courtyard Arts Centre in Hertford, where she spent a month making and installing her most recent work 'Corporeal Cluster'. Her work can be viewed at [www.rozadamsstudio.com](http://www.rozadamsstudio.com)

Roz says that her time at Emanuel enabled her to experiment with materials and to develop creativity whilst furthering her knowledge of art theory in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



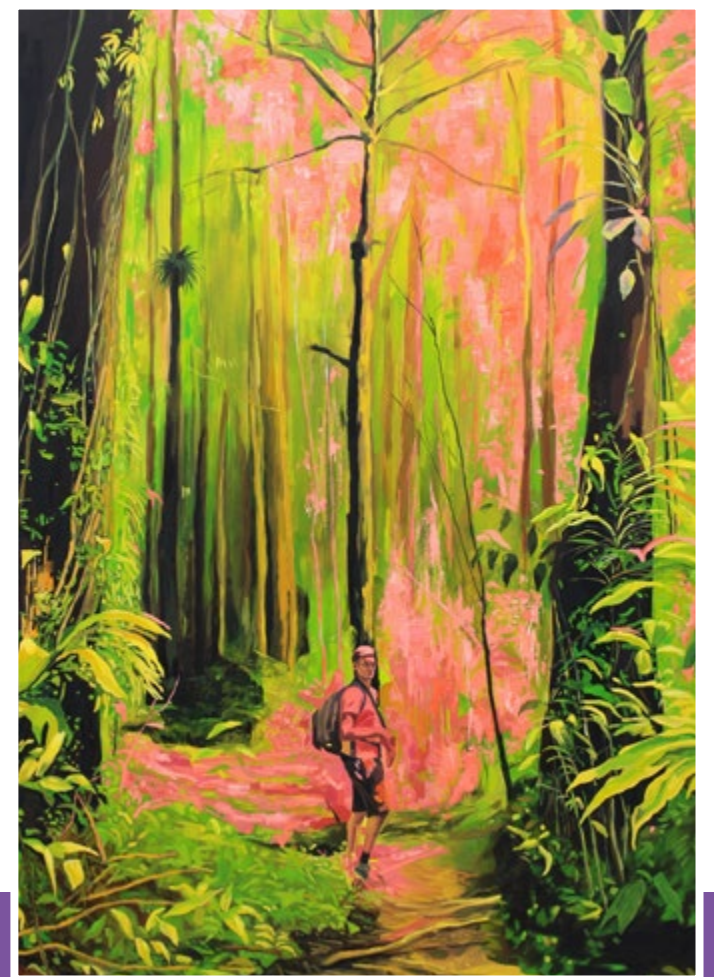
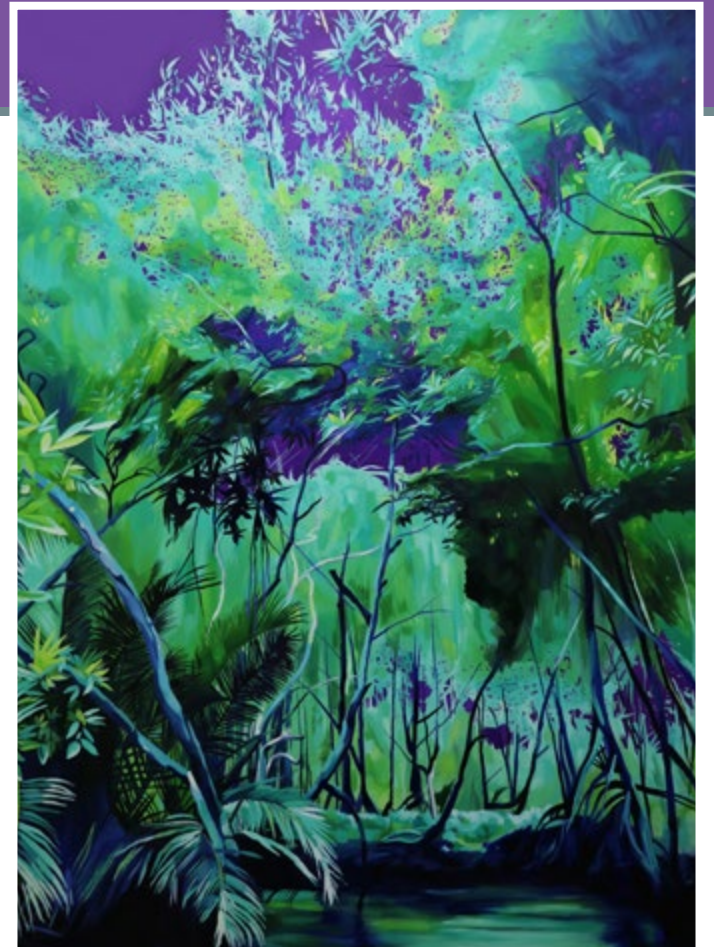
## Jake Grewal OE (2005-12)



**A**fter leaving Emanuel, Jake gained a BTEC Foundation Diploma from Kingston University and a First Class (Hons) from the University of Brighton. He soon went on to win the Woon Foundation Prize and the Cass Award at the National Open Art Competition. He also created a huge mural for the Affordable Arts Fair Recent Graduates Exhibition, which sold within the first half hour.

Jake draws his influence from the notion that nothing is really natural any more as man has touched every aspect of the landscape. He was heavily inspired by a trip to Borneo where he saw first-hand the effect of deforestation in favour of palm oil plantations. Jake builds on the historical legacy of the landscape painting and reinterprets it for the modern day.

Jake found the Art department at Emanuel very supportive and encouraging: 'They were constantly supplying scholars and students with inspiring artists' talks and field trips. It wasn't until I had left that I realised how rich my artistic education had been and how lucky I was to have experienced that.'





# Everything is made of something

## An interview with Mark Miodownik



**Mark Miodownik (OE 1982-87) is a materials scientist and Professor of Materials and Society at UCL, where he teaches and runs a research group. He is an engineer, broadcaster and writer who has popularised science and engineering. He was included in The Times 2010 list of the top 100 most influential people in science and has won numerous prestigious awards. Mark supports research that links the arts and humanities to materials science, medicine and engineering.**

### What are your most vivid memories of the School?

I haven't been back since I left but I do remember walking down the drive to School every day. You had the feeling of leaving London and your other life behind. You had to develop a thick skin to survive and protect yourself.

It is an amazingly beautiful place and has got that incredible setting which seems timeless. I remember it really well, the size, getting the hang of the layout, afternoons at 3 o'clock looking out of the window and those strange moments when you daydream in a lesson.

I remember the house system and having that sense of identity with your house. Also report cards are a really strong memory.

### Do you remember any teachers?

I think Mr Pennell was our Chemistry teacher and Mr Ellis was our Physics teacher. Dr Foot was my Form teacher.

They were all good teachers. I now see in retrospect that they were waiting for students to wake up and ask them interesting questions, which for me was only really in the Sixth Form. I remember Mr Ellis sending me home with equipment for Physics because he thought I would be interested in doing experiments at home on my own - and he was right.

### Was this when you got interested in Materials?

I remember mapping my whole house out in terms of the materials in it and working out why the heating bills were so high and all that sort of thing. At the time I was just obsessed and doing it for the fun of it. It is very, very geeky - I realise that now - and in those days that was not a good thing.

### What challenges does materials development need to address in the next decade?

Weaning ourselves off fossil fuels is going to take the next 50 years. I think it is one of our biggest challenges. Renewable energy is essentially a big materials question. Can we make cities harvest our energy through the buildings and the roofs, can we get wind turbines to do more and can we get nuclear power stations to work in the way we want to? Will we be making biofuels or will electric cars be the future? I think electric cars are the future because we already have an electricity network. Batteries and energy storage are going to be a big, big deal.

The other challenge is health. Our health service can do amazing things like give you a titanium hip replacement so you can have mobility for an extra 20 years. In the labs that we work in we are actually replacing body parts - livers, kidneys, hearts, potentially even parts of the nervous system. All this is on the cards in the next 20/30 years and it will change health outcomes quite radically and change society.

You might think that you need to go into medicine to work on these sorts of developments but actually materials science is probably the best place to be.

### Are you optimistic that we will find a sustainable alternative to plastic?

No, it won't happen soon and in fact we need plastic in our lives. A lot of what makes us modern humans is to do with plastics but we can't just keep pumping oil out of the ground and making materials from it. We are going to have to make plastics from other food stocks but more than that we are going to have to work out how to recycle plastics.

### Where do you think that change needs to come?

We need to move towards an economic model where we don't produce waste anymore, where you design something like a shoe or a phone or a chair or even a car so that when it reaches the end of its life you know exactly how all of those ingredients are going to go back into the manufacturing cycle. It's called the circular economy. The world's resources are finite and we should be designing things to last longer. Washing machines, for example, used to last 15 years. They now last on average eight years. Why are we creating things to last less time?

It is often cheaper to buy a new product than to replace the part that is faulty. This is madness from an environmental point of view because of the waste, both in terms of material waste but also the energy waste and the cost of transportation. Will we change voluntarily or will we be forced into it? That I can't predict! I imagine it will take us 50 years to get there but we need to get there. We will get there.

### You have previously said that you think we should replace A-levels with the International Baccalaureate?

I think if you agree that education is meant to prepare you for many different futures and that you probably won't have one career in your life, it feels to me obvious that choosing a small subset of subjects at age 15 or 16 is not going to prepare you for that. Unless you know for a fact that you are never going to want to use a computer or maths, why would you give them up at age 15? You are going to have to use them so you shouldn't give them up. We are one of the few countries in the world that makes you choose to be so specialised, so early. I am not saying that it has to be the Baccalaureate but we have to broaden our current system.

I would go further and get rid of GCSEs. At the time that people cram for exams, their brains and bodies are changing and they have enough stress. They don't also need to face public exams where they are going to be deemed failures or successes at age 15. Most degrees at university should be broad degrees; you are better off specialising at the Masters level. If you do a History or a Physics degree at university you are not getting a proper education, you are being too selectively trained.



### What route did you take to get where you are now?

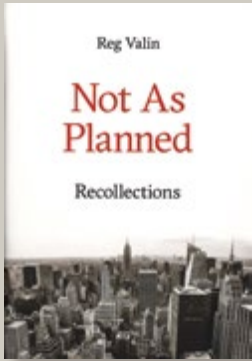
I worked for a year in an Engineering firm first and then I did a degree at Oxford and later a PhD. I also went to America and Ireland to work for a bit. It was only when I came back to London and got a job at King's College London that I realised that what I am good at is doing research and teaching. It took me a long time to work it out. I was always dabbling in lots of things but couldn't quite choose.

### What advice would you give to any pupils reading this article?

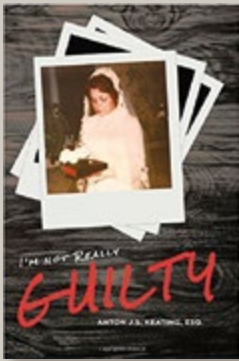
Make things, connect the Physics and Chemistry to the Art and Design and History and Culture, it is all connected through making and it is deeply pleasurable. It opens a door to lots of things in the world. Don't feel you just have to be academic.



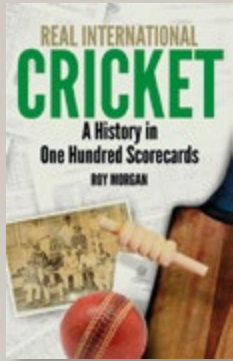




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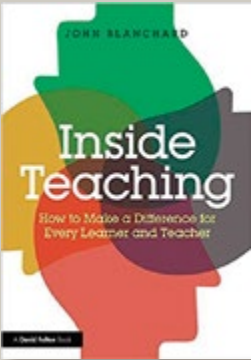
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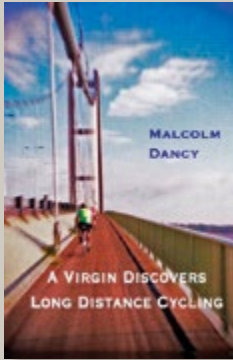
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## Jason Wallace

AWARD-WINNING WRITER



In 2010 I published my first novel, **Out of Shadows**, which tells the story of a boy not just in a new school, but 5,000 miles from everything he knows. While very much fictional, it bases itself around my own experiences of being wrenched out of Emanuel and put into a tough boarding school in an African country that was just three years out of a savage war for independence.

The book was critically acclaimed and won three national awards, including the Costa Award, but with success comes difficulty.

At the time, I imagined all I had to do was mark a page with a blot of ink to get published again, but this couldn't have been further from the truth. While writing is hugely rewarding emotionally, it doesn't pay nearly so well in money, so I had to keep the day job while I struggled to find a second book. The ideas came, but sadly the two novels I ended up with were (to put it bluntly) rubbish.

Cue sound of frustrated author going back to the drawing board, wondering: What is it people want to read?

If I'd found an answer to that I would now be a phenomenally rich man, but what I did start thinking about were four key things, at least one of which every human on the planet obsesses about, every single day of their lives.

Death. Love. The existence of intelligent life beyond our little planet. And football.

If I could write about at least one of those, surely I'd get it right...?

That's when I remembered this story about something that actually happened just an hour's drive from where I used to live in Zimbabwe. The result? A book called

*Encounters*. And for me – despite having once thought that I'd never do better than *Out of Shadows* – it is the best thing I've ever written.

### About Encounters

*"The aliens came just after the children had gone to the playground for their breaktime..."*

*A team of investigators has travelled to southern Africa to look into what appear to be implausible reports of an extraterrestrial encounter: over fifty kids from a quiet, suburban school claim to have witnessed a spaceship land beyond the edge of the playground.*

*Sure, it's probably nothing more than a case of mass hysteria, but there's something about these reports that's impossible to ignore: the children all tell the same story, over and over.*

*And the pictures they draw are identical, right down to the creature with the big eyes emerging through the trees.*

*How could that many kids lie so convincingly? For so long? They clearly saw something that day, but what?*

Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated to the Fully Funded Places Campaign, which aims to provide twenty fully free places at Emanuel in line with Lady Dacre's founding bequest.

We are delighted with the progress of the campaign so far. Your donations allowed us to offer an additional three bursaries in September 2016 and we have raised enough to secure these again for September 2017. However, with demand for bursaries ever increasing, the challenge now is to ensure we continue to fund these bursaries and provide further places to deserving pupils.

With this in mind, we will be conducting our very first telethon in support of the Fully Funded Places Campaign in August 2017. A team of current 6th form students and recent leavers will be calling alumni and parents to share news and memories of the School and to ask for vital

support with the Fully Funded Places Campaign. We hope to speak with as many of you as possible during the telethon but unfortunately we will not be able to contact everybody.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the Fully Funded Places Campaign in the termly alumni newsletter. We look forward to speaking to many of you over the summer.

The below is a list of donors who have supported the Fully Funded Places Campaign and the Annual Fund. If you are a former pupil, your listed year group refers to the year you would have left the Upper Sixth, even if you left earlier.

The following donors made a gift between 6 April 2016 and 5 April 2017. A further thirteen donors wished to remain anonymous.

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# School & Department News

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES



The **Art** department is excited to be moving to the new Dacre Building for Arts and Humanities with purpose-built facilities including a specialist ceramics room with a larger kiln and glazing area, a dark room and an acid etch studio as well as a beautifully lit painting studio and fully equipped sculpture studio. The department has been incredibly busy this year with three exhibitions and numerous trips to art galleries.



The **Design and Technology** department has benefitted from a facelift, with a new foyer, large conference table, new computer suite in the laser room, smartened workshops and access to cordless power tools. With great new surroundings, exam groups have designed and manufactured some outstanding pieces of work.



We were delighted to welcome Daveena Patel as Head of **Biology**. Biology Week saw Lower School students taking part in activities including a Bio-Bake Off, Fossil Hunt, Public Dissection, Quiz and Autumn themed photography competition. A Level Biologists participated in the Biology Olympiad with some very impressive results. Upper Sixth Biology students attended a lecture by leading molecular biologist Dr Esther Bell from King's College in which they were introduced to technology in the field of neuronal induction and vertebrate anterior patterning.

The first cohort of Year 11 **Computer Science** students have completed the new iGCSE course this summer and got to grips with topics like Python programming and hexadecimal numbers. Drone Club and the Lego Robot Competition have proved to be popular in ICT.

Sarah Leslie joined the **Learning Support** department in September as Assistant SENDCo, with responsibility for overseeing support for students in Years 10 to 13 while Paul Blum will concentrate on the Lower School.

**Business Studies and Economics** students have been taking part in the 'Shares for Schools' competition. The team raised £1500 of their own money to put into real stocks and shares to compete with other schools. Students have also enjoyed talks from visiting speakers including Dr Steve Davies and Prof Len Shackleton from the Institute of Economic Affairs and Mark Agrasut, from Melcro Crown, who gave a great talk about the casino industry in Macao.



The **Drama** department goes from strength to strength both on and off-stage. Last year, Emanuel was awarded the Gold Award by the Good Schools' Guide for the best girls' GCSE results in Drama. Productions this year included a sell-out run of Jacqueline Wilson's The Suitcase Kid at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the Lower School play, Alice, which was handled with great maturity, focus and determination. Year 11 GCSE candidates performed their final plays to an exceptionally high standard, Year 10 iGCSE Drama students have performed a range of monologues as part of their course and Year 7 produced Tales from the Brothers Grimm, transforming the theatre into a magical forbidden forest.



**Classics** students in Years 11, 12 and 13 were treated to splendid performances of two Greek plays, the tragic Antigone and comedic Lysistrata in Cambridge. James Renshaw, author of a key text book for GCSE Classical Civilisation gave students in Years 10 and 11 a talk on Herculeanum and Ben Kane, author of historical novels, brought ancient Rome to life for Year 9s. Classics Masterclasses are also thriving with talks by staff and pupils covering wide-ranging topics including 'Top 10 Classical Deaths' and 'The Perversion of Epic'.

The **Politics** Society has provided quality speakers, promoted debate and engaged the wider school community in the big issues of the day. Two major debates were held - on whether Britain should remain in the European Union and a presidential debate pitting Hillary's camp against Trump's. Emanuel entered and hosted the South London regional Debating Matters competition in October, coming second. The highlight was a visit by OE Peter Hain who gave a talk on 'The future of Socialism' (see p16-17).



Mr Fazaluddin stepped down as Head of **Mathematics** after 12 years. Mrs Brennan returned to Emanuel to take up the position. It has been a challenging time for Year 11 students and their teachers thanks to the uncertainty caused by significant changes to the GCSE syllabus. Maths students have been treated to a number of lectures including Hannah Fry's on the algorithms around Wikipedia and the eye-opening Maths in Action day which looked at topics as diverse as data science and the Enigma code through to the most efficient way to catch a serial killer.



As usual, **Geography** pupils have been on many trips and fieldwork exercises including trips to Sicily to explore the volcanic landscape, Barcelona to study urban regeneration and Brighton to research honeypot sites. Pupils in Year 9 have enjoyed exploring different biomes and ecosystems around the world using our brand new Google Cardboard headsets.

The **Chemistry** department welcomed Rebecca Brown as the new Head of Department. The Lower Sixth Chemistry Book Club has read and discussed many books including Periodic Tales, Uncle Tungsten and Napoleon's Buttons. Emanuel's 'first 15' Chemists enjoyed a trip to London to hear world-class scientists talk about their fields of expertise. Theoretical Physicist Professor Jim Al-Khalili spoke about time travel, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock spoke about space travel and Professor Robert Winston spoke about IVF, the early life of a foetus, cell death and genetic modification.



The School and Department wish Paul Hunt, Senior Chaplain, all the very best for his retirement after over 12 years at Emanuel. Year 9 **Religious Studies** students welcomed the Bishop of Kingston, Richard Cheetham, to the School.

With many of our Year 13 students opting to continue their study of **Psychology** at university next year, students were encouraged to design, conduct and analyse their own research. Topics investigated included police brutality, whether there are gender differences in the severity and types of fears exhibited by males and females and whether attractive offenders are likely to be given more lenient prison sentences.

The **Physics** Book Club meets every term and has debated Carlo Rovelli's extraordinary Seven Brief Lessons on Physics and Steven Hawking's bestseller A Brief History of Time. A number of Year 11 students were successful in the British Physics Olympiad GCSE competition this year.



Highlights for the **English** department this year include speakers Dr Daniel Swift and Professor Michael Alexander justifying the longevity of Shakespeare, OE poet Nadia Saward reciting some of her moving poems, a trip by Sixth Form students to see King Lear at the Barbican, a residential trip to Stratford-upon-Avon and Poetry Slam, a celebration of performance poetry.

Emanuel welcomed new Head of **Modern Foreign Languages**, John Barber. He has continued the strong tradition of running appropriate trips and cultural visits, so Year 8 Spanish students visited Gredos and Year 10s went to Cádiz. In French, pupils from Year 7 put their French to the test with a festive visit to the Christmas markets in Lille as well as a trip to Boulogne. Sports journalist Chris Dennis came in to talk about his successful career in languages and journalism. He regularly interviews the world's top sports stars and is able to do so in their mother tongue.



Emanuel **Sport** has enjoyed a very exciting, successful and busy sporting year. Our four major sports of Rugby, Netball, Cricket and Rowing continue to thrive at all levels. The Rugby 1st XV retained the Abbott Cup and went on an undefeated tour to Venice, Italy. Two U16 boys have been selected in the Middlesex County Squad. Rowing has seen 19 Regatta wins in 2016 and four medals at the 2016 National Schools Regatta. In cricket, the U14A team won the London Cup and progressed through to represent Surrey in the National Cup. It's been a successful year for Netball with the 1st VII winning the Ibstock Place tournament and progressing through to the National Plate Semi Final as well as numerous wins at all age levels. A year 11 pupil has also won her third national Canoeing title to become U16 National Champion.





## An Interview with Lord Hain

**about MP for Neath between 1991 and 2015, Peter Hain (OE 1966-68) was a Senior Minister for twelve years in Tony Blair and Gordon Brown's governments. A leader of the Anti-Apartheid Movement and the Anti-Nazi League in Britain during the 1970s and 1980s, Peter has been in politics for nearly 50 years and has written and edited twenty-one books and numerous articles as well as making countless media appearances.**

### Were your early years in South Africa very formative for you?

Yes indeed. I was woken up as a ten year old with police in my bedroom searching through my motor racing files for incriminating evidence against my parents.

My parents were the Chair and Secretary of the Pretoria branch of the Liberal Party which was the only non-racial party in South Africa at the time. Nelson Mandela's ANC and most of the opposition had been banned. My second strongest memory was of being woken up in the middle of the night aged 11 to be told my parents had been put in jail and I had to tell my younger brother and two sisters. They were put in prison for two weeks without trial but the authorities couldn't actually get any evidence against them,

partly because my mother had chewed up a leaflet when she was arrested and spat it out. If she hadn't managed to do that, there would have been incriminating evidence. They had been supporting a campaign led by Nelson Mandela calling on black workers not to go to work, so they were in black townships distributing this leaflet and they had a draft of it with them to show their activist colleagues when they were spotted and arrested.

### Your parents were not usual among your social circle in South Africa.

They were unique. In fact, my mother's elder brother - she was one of seven - completely cut us off as a family because he was involved in business and he felt it would compromise his work if he was associated with his notorious younger sister. None of the parents of my school friends were involved but they were not hostile to us. I think we were quite fortunate in that. I went to a very good school called Pretoria Boys' High School before I came to Emanuel.

It was an enormous culture shock coming to what seemed to me like grey, wet London having come from sunny South Africa.

### Do you have any strong memories of your time at Emanuel?

I did double Maths and Physics and Aaron Rogers was my Maths teacher and he was excellent.

To be honest, I did not know until I arrived that Emanuel was a grammar school and if I had had a choice I would have chosen to go to a comprehensive. I still believe strongly in the comprehensive system.

My parents did not know anything about the educational system here and ironically it was a member of the Communist Party who allowed us to use his very large house in Putney to stay in. It's probably worth £3 million now. We stayed on the top floor and then rented a flat when my dad started working as an architect.

We were forced into exile against our will so I came from an unusual background but I wasn't politically active at Emanuel. I started to get very involved in politics at the end of 1967/1968 when I was finishing off my A-levels. I formed the Putney Young Liberal Branch with a couple of friends. We appointed ourselves Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, not that we really knew what we were doing.

I have happy memories academically, though Charles Kuper did denounce me in the School assembly after I had left. After we had stopped the 1970 cricket tour and I led the rugby demonstrations in 69/70 at the age of 19, he denounced me as being the type of former Emanuel student the School did not want to be associated with.

I don't think he would ever have expected and neither would I that I would have ended up in the Cabinet let alone in the House of Lords but there we are.

### What did you go on to do after Emanuel?

I accepted a place at Imperial College to do Mechanical Engineering having done a year with Lucas as a student



apprentice. I also got very involved in radical politics and the Anti-Apartheid Movement. I didn't really enjoy the Mechanical Engineering degree so I switched to Political Science and Economics at Queen Mary College. I also did a post graduate degree in Politics at Sussex University.

### Did you struggle to go back to South Africa in later years?

My parents were prevented from going back; they came out on one way exit permits and when the Stop the Tour Campaign started I got a letter within weeks saying I would never be allowed back myself. I didn't go back until Nelson Mandela came out of prison and then ironically I was an MP and went as a parliamentary observer for the 1994 election, the first democratic one. It was exhilarating.

### Can you tell us a bit about your early activist days?

I led the sports apartheid protest and was prominent in the wider Anti-Apartheid Movement.

I was always mad on sport, particularly rugby, football and cricket. White South Africa was sport mad so it made a difference to them. The tours were a great moral boost to the white community where apartheid was shunned by the rest of the world. Teams could go to SA easily because it was very difficult to stop them, as Emanuel did in 1976, but we stopped any South African teams coming here.

I was the leader of the Anti-Nazi League. The National Front were a fascist racist Nazi organisation and in the 1970s they were polling very highly. We decided to launch the Anti-Nazi League because they had barely concealed Nazi affiliations; I mean they wore Nazi uniforms. We documented all of that and had a huge campaign - Kids Against the Nazis, Skateboarders Against the Nazis, Miners Against the Nazis, Teachers Against the Nazis. We actually stopped them in their tracks. We also confronted them wherever they marched. We had huge Rock Against



Racism concerts in Victoria Park, East London and in Brixton as well. The bands included The Clash, Tom Robinson, Elvis Costello, UB40 and so on. They were very important in reaching the parts of society that politics doesn't normally reach.

### Can you explain how you ended up getting into mainstream Politics?

I joined the Labour Party in 1977 and to compress it all down, I was asked to stand for Labour in Putney, which I never expected to do. I never thought I would be an MP. This was the height of Thatcherism and Labour wasn't quite as unpopular then as we are now but still pretty unpopular so standing was a lost cause I'm afraid but it didn't feel like it. It felt very exciting at the time. Then

I was asked to apply for the Labour seat of Neath, which is a former coal mining area in South Wales, and I was one of 30 people and a complete outsider. I eventually won that selection quite comfortably and moved there for a quarter of a century until Ed Miliband asked me to come into the House of Lords which was a bit of a shock since I never thought I would end up there either.

Of all the appointments I held, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland was the one I was most proud of. I knew Martin McGuinness well and Ian Paisley. You've got to get close to everybody when you are negotiating with them; you try to bring enemies together. You've got to form relationships based on a reasonable amount of trust and respect. You don't have to like a person, you don't have to agree with them but you have to understand where they are coming from in order to construct a solution which I did but it was hard work.

I got into politics because I wanted to make a difference. Someone once said to me, 'I am an all or something person not an all or nothing person' and I identify with that philosophy.



### Can you describe what Nelson Mandela was like as a person?

I am not one for heroes but Mandela was in a class of his own. He was always a people person. Many celebrities retreat into themselves due to all the intrusion in to their lives but he was always open, amusing and self-deprecating.

When I got married we invited him, not expecting him to come, and he wrote back to say, 'Sorry I can't come but I'll be there next time.' That was very Mandela.

He was our guest at the Labour Brighton Conference in 2000 and as Minister for Africa I was escorting him to see the Prime Minister when he asked me how my family was. On hearing that my mother was in hospital, he insisted on ringing her up. 'Hello Mrs Hain, this is Mandela. Do you remember me?' he asked.





# Archivematters

**E**manuel School Archive has a wonderful range of documents, old records, trophies, photographs and artefacts. All the artefacts featured on these pages are currently on display in the Archive.

## Stuart Surridge Caricature Glass

This quaint caricature glass featuring the legendary Surrey cricketer Stuart Surridge (OE1927-35) was kindly donated to the Archive some years ago by the Old Emanuel Association, having received it from the Surridge family some years earlier. Stuart is amongst the most successful sportsman ever to attend Emanuel School and captained Surrey County Cricket Club to five successive championships in the 1950s. He was also a great friend of the School and often attended OE functions, even at the height of his fame. On some occasions, other cricket celebrities tagged along! "Stew" was known to be a fantastic leader and the OE cricket world must have whooped with delight when he returned to play for his old School towards the end of his career. He even returned to play against the School for the famous MCC. Of course, he wasn't just a bowler; he could score very heavily with the bat and we bet claiming the wicket off Surridge would have been worth celebrating with a few drinks! It's worth noting that when Surridge captained Surrey to their third triumph, Surrey Rugby Football Club were captained by Bruce Neale, (OE1934-41) an exceptionally rare double.



## John Meeus' OTC medals



These Officer Training Corps (OTC) medals were kindly donated to the School by John Meeus (OE1942-51) who was an outstanding marksman. John was a member of the 1st Shooting VIII between 1948 and 1951 and was also awarded the Donegal Badge in 1951. One of the medals he received was for scoring a huge 74/75 in a shooting competition versus the parents on their equivalent of Dacre Day in 1951. The second medal was for being a member of the 'Cadet Hundred' in the Ashburton Shield Competition at Bisley in 1951, an annual event Emanuel often entered and usually did very well in. Throughout the decades, Emanuel's OTC had a superb reputation. John's name is also inscribed twice on one of the bugles we have on display in the Archive. Whilst at School, John also rowed in the 1st VIII and was both a member of the Drama Society and the Dominican Club.

## Blue Peter Award

On December 12th 1988, three trains collided just after 8am very close to the grounds of the School. 36 people were killed and hundreds were injured in what became known as the Clapham Rail Disaster. Emanuel pupils and staff were amongst the first to reach the wreckage and waiting areas for survivors trying to contact families. This was a slow process as in the pre-mobile phone days Emanuel's three outside telephone lines struggled to cope with demand and survivors formed long lines to use the available telephones. The Roundhouse pub was also used as a hub in the subsequent recovery efforts. The School was highly commended by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for its swift response to the disaster and several boys and staff received public service awards and collectively the School received this 'Blue Peter Award for Outstanding Endeavour', an annual award given out by the popular TV show, which was celebrating its 31st birthday at the time.



## Bill Taylor's Diary



Mr William 'Bill' Taylor (OE1929-35) served throughout the Second World War in the King's Own Royal Regiment, in various locations including Malta and North Africa before being captured on the island of Leros. Of this period he kept a very detailed account in his 'Log Book for British Prisoners' which was given to all POWs after their capture. To relieve the boredom of life as a POW, Bill recorded many of the events leading up to the war, periods in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and Malta, both in his personal life and army. It is brimming with incredible stories and anecdotes including an amusing tale of how a fellow POW turned a broom handle into an improvised radio! This insightful account of Bill's difficult seventeen months as a POW is a unique testament of a period in history which will soon pass out of living memory. Originally in POW camp Stalag-VII, Bill was soon moved to Oflag-VIII F, near Prague, and then his third and final camp was Oflag-79 in Brunswick. Amazingly, after the camp was liberated by the Americans Bill was back in the UK for VE Day and celebrated with his wife Grace, dancing in central London! After the war Bill returned to office work and accountancy, working in various London businesses and lived in Ruislip from the 1940s until his death. The Log Book was very generously bequeathed to the School Archive.

## The Clinton Cup



During the First World War, Leslie Clinton (OE1906-12) was the first OE to win a military medal, the Military Cross. When Leslie later returned to School after receiving the award, excited pupils greeted the returning hero on the drive, hoisted him onto their shoulders and carried him around the field. A few short years earlier The Portcullis rugby critique noted that Leslie was 'A promising player with plenty of pluck, but requires more experience'. In 1915 Leslie presented the School with this lovely rugby trophy which has been contested for many of its subsequent 100 year history. Between 1945 and 1955, The Clinton Cup was awarded to the victors of the Middle School KO Rugby competition and from 1956 to 1995 for the Senior House Rugby League. Hopefully this beautiful and historically significant cup will be awarded again in the near future as it currently is not awarded. It bears this inscription: 'Presented by Lt. LESLIE CLINTON, MILITARY CROSS, 23rd Bn. County of London Regiment, T. F., as a Perpetual Challenge Cup for House Football, December, 1915.' Above the inscription are the School Arms and the badge of the London Regiment in which this famous OE served. Leslie died in 1974 after working in the Nigerian Police Force for many years.

## SAG Harvey's Prayer Book

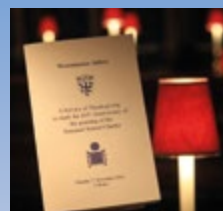


'Let us remember before God Stanley Arthur George Harvey who loved this School and spared himself nothing in her service' is on the opening page of this 1919 Emanuel School prayer book. A number of different OEs who lost their lives in the First World War have these brief memorials featured in the prayer books. 'SAG' Harvey served with the Royal Berkshire Regiment during the German Spring Offensive and was killed on 21st March 1918. In his day he was a very popular OE and frequently wrote to the School whilst he was serving in France and had witty and good humoured letters published in The Portcullis. He referred to his old School as 'Dear Old Emanuel, what a treasure house of happy memories!'. Not long before he was killed he got engaged. Tragically, SAG was published so frequently in The Portcullis a reader could trace his journey from the excitement of joining up to his obituary. After his death, the Emanuel School Historian and contemporary of SAG wrote a poem about him which included these lines: 'Weep for a fallen friend: dead, and forever dead; mourn for him'.



# Events Roundup

## Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey



On Monday 7 November, we were privileged to hold our Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey to commemorate 415 years since the signing of the Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth 1 in 1601. Over 1,800 pupils, staff, parents, OEs and friends of Emanuel assembled in the historic Abbey for the Service. It was a truly momentous occasion enjoyed by all present.



## Charity Fight Night

A number of staff and OEs made their way down to Miguel's Gym in Brixton for a charity fight night organised by OE Crawford Anderson. There was a great atmosphere and much to our surprise we were even regaled with some rap music at the half time. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to put on this event in aid of the Fully Funded Places Campaign.



## Derek Drury Memorial

A celebration was held in May at Leander Club to commemorate the life and achievements of Derek Drury (Master 1955-1966). Derek was the architect of Emanuel's rowing reputation in that era when his successes through systematic training revolutionised British rowing. Thus, it was fitting that the Emanuel contingent, with representatives from all Derek's Henley crews 1962-1966, was the largest group present.



## Dacre Day 2016

It was a typical English summer's day of sunshine and showers for the annual Dacre Day celebrations. The school field was bustling with pupils, parents, OEs, teachers and family enjoying the entertainment and refreshments on offer. As usual, the marquee serving delicious afternoon tea was a very popular spot.



## Benefactors' Society Reception

It was wonderful to welcome alumni and parent benefactors to School for a reception which included an exclusive look at the new Dacre building. Despite the torrential rain the evening was much enjoyed by all and it was fantastic to hear the progress of the Fully Funded Places Campaign.



## 1966 50th Anniversary Row-Past

On 3 July 2016, the hugely successful 1966 1st VIII crew reunited for a 50th anniversary row-past at Henley to commemorate their historic victory in the final of the Princess Elizabeth Cup on 2 July, 1966 against Halycon Boat Club. The 1st VIII of 1966 was an outstanding team, clocking up many impressive wins under coach Derek Drury, including the Schools' Head of the River (in which Emanuel B also finished fourth) followed by coming sixth in the Open Head a few days later and culminating in winning the prestigious Princess Elizabeth Cup. The British Rowing Almanack of 1967 praises the 1966 team for their 'formidable achievements, probably unequalled by any other school in modern times'. Sixth former Claudia coxed the row-past.



## Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch

Nearly fifty OEA members and their partners came together at the Plough to celebrate the festive season. They were also joined by Emily Symmons and Tony Jones as representatives from the School. The wine flowed and the delicious three course Christmas lunch was much enjoyed by all.



## 1970s Decade Reunion

We were delighted to welcome over a hundred OEs and former staff from the 1970s back to School in April. This was the best attended Saturday reunion we have run and the atmosphere was truly special. As one OE commented, 'I particularly wanted you all to know that the response from the many OEs I spoke to was immensely positive: appreciative, nostalgic, and - in a word - joyous.'



## 1976 Reunion

Dacre Day was the perfect opportunity for 1976 leavers to get together to celebrate 40 years since they left Emanuel. OEs looked around the School and archive exhibits in the Library, reminisced over drinks and enjoyed afternoon tea in the marquee.



## 2000-2004 Reunion

2000-2004 leavers returned to Emanuel for a tour of the School, a nostalgic look at photos from the archive, lunch and photos. One OE commented that they had enjoyed 'a fantastic time at the Alumni event. Loads of laughs and memories I had forgotten.'



## OEA Summer Lunch

Sadly, the bi-annual OEA dinner at the School had to be cancelled in the autumn of 2015 due to lack of support so an alternative lunch with cricket was proposed which seemed a popular option. Over fifty members of the Association enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Phyllis and her team and the School even managed to screen the all-important England vs Australia test match. The cricket had to be cancelled due to previous bad weather but England triumphing more than made up for this.





Leaving Emanuel after 29 years is both a daunting and exciting prospect. My time at the School has been challenging, hilarious, tiring and life-changing.

Since I walked down the drive as an anxious 24 year old, Emanuel has experienced a change in outlook, direction and focus. It has now become one of the most popular schools in South London, with each successful applicant facing competition from 11 other candidates.

The Assisted Places Scheme in the '80s and '90s allowed many students from poorer backgrounds access to private education. This certainly contributed to the ethnic diversity of the School and raised the academic standard as many of these students were motivated and joined Emanuel with high aspirations. When meeting these students as OEs, it is apparent that they remain grateful for the opportunities they were given.

During my time at the School, I have worked with amazing people who have inspired and encouraged me over the years. Their support has been unflinching; when I have needed help, it has been generously given, and the wisdom of colleagues has enriched my life.

Peter Thomson, the Headmaster in 1988, appointed me and took a personal interest in me. Even after leaving the School, he remained in touch; his death was a great loss to Emanuel. He displayed the father heart of a leader, knowing students by name and spending time caring for individuals, something that must not be lost in the modern way of education. The outgoing Head, Mark Hanley-Browne, has continued this caring approach.

Teaching is always about relationships. If you connect with people, it makes all the difference in the classroom. Students need to feel cared for, believed in and allowed to become their true selves. Making mistakes is part of that process, being able to give room for this takes away fear and allows risks to be taken. Being invited to a fortieth birthday party and being introduced

as the celebrant's teacher was strange. When I joined Emanuel this particular student would have been in Year 7!

Whilst at Emanuel, I was involved in 'Just Looking', an informal group that allowed students to take a non-confrontational approach towards the Christian faith. The talks, outdoor events, debates, films and honest connections will stay with me for many years. I have also enjoyed being part of the Computer Club, especially the robot competitions.

I have been a Head of Year for 18 years. I believe I am the only teacher to have been Head of Year from Hill Form to Year 13. I have spent the last decade working with Sixth Formers. Going to university is a big decision; the added financial cost means that guidance is essential. It has been a real delight to support and direct young lives and play a small part in the important process. This has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of the job, something I will miss. To see students flourish and grow is heart-warming. My aim has always been to help students become better people.

I have learned so much from my experience at Emanuel and grown as a person. Encouragement from students became catalytic in writing my first novel which has now become a television screenplay; and I hope to spend more time being creative. The characters I have met over the years will be my inspiration for decades to come.

I will be leaving with many happy memories. Farewell to the 60-hour week, hello to part-time work and more creativity as well as leisure time, including catching up with lost friends, voluntary projects, and involvement in the community. The energy I have invested in school will be invested in other projects. I am so grateful for the opportunities Emanuel has given to me. Thank you to all the people who have been part of my life since 1988.



## Farewell - Neil Mullen

### Did you always want to go into teaching?

At first, I wanted to be a dustman (a.k.a. refuse collector) and an astronaut. Then a surveyor, an architect and a doctor. Then I started learning Latin and Ancient Greek.... the rest is (ancient) history.

### Do you remember your first day at Emanuel?

I remember coming to be interviewed, and particularly I remember the amazing impression that room 26A (M109) made on me – the space, the light, the view (all a consequence of that lovely bay window) and the bookcases full of books. I remember my then three-year-old son taking the call from Peter Thomson offering me the job. And I remember meeting my first class as an Emanuel form teacher (3A, in year 9) and particularly, strangely, the two who were absent from the first registration.

### Were you surprised when both your children went into teaching?

Not really. I admire what primary school teachers do. Helping children to learn to read and write, opening such big doors into life! Latin is exciting, life-broadening, but not so fundamental (unless you are a Roman).

### Did you know your Sixth Formers called you 'The Wizard of Classics'? Can you think of a cooler nickname?

Wizard - is that a Harry Potter reference? Or Gandalf in Lord of the Rings? What was his famous saying to the Balrog? 'You shall not pass!' Not a great motto for a teacher. 'Yoda' from Star Wars is another nickname I had. And, to prove it, I have a lightsaber, given to me by earlier Sixth Formers [but I never used it in class].

### Your current Sixth Formers also mentioned your 'frequent off-subject rants.' What have been your recent favourites?

The leaf-blowing machines were a popular recent topic. I always had a section of my lesson plan reserved for them, and they were always

'outstanding'. I tried to make sure the rants kept up with the latest technology. I guess that earlier they must have been about the noise and smell of the diesels passing on the Waterloo to Exeter route, or the problem of getting chalk dust in the seams of my tweed jackets. But I think I've blanked those particular nightmares ...

### Now that you've retired, who will be the new 'King of Tweed Jackets'?

Mr Leadbetter? If anyone wants to aspire, you can get some really nice ones on eBay! One of my favourites from that source still had an oily bolt from a tractor in the pocket. Sartorial archaeology.

### We've heard from your pupils that you frequently 'sneakily added puns' into everyday teaching. Is this true? Did it make the school day go faster?

Puns are part of how languages work. The accidental or subliminal coincidence of sound or form linked to the incongruity of the meanings. I think that explains it and, like all jokes, much funnier for being explained. Teaching and learning languages makes you think about how to take them apart and put them back together again better, (or funnier?). Did it make the day go faster? Tempus fungit, as the Romans said. Tempus means 'time' and fungit means 'there is not mushroom in the day'. QED.

### What will you miss most and least?

Most: talking about Classics regularly, especially with the students I taught. Least: the tyranny of the clock's second hand - I often felt so short of time, and it used to annoy me (tempus fungit as the Romans said).

### What are your plans for the future?

Learning Ancient Hebrew, growing chillies. I'm well underway with both.



## News of Old Emanuels

A selection of news sent to us by former pupils and written by the Development Office

## 2010s

### Sonor Sereeter (2015)

Sonor is currently a ROTC scholarship cadet looking to become a US Army Officer when he graduates.

### Tilly Edgcumbe (2014)



Tilly graduates from the Guildford School of Acting at the University of Surrey this year. She was chosen to represent GSA at the Sam Wanamaker Festival at Shakespeare's Globe in April. The annual Sam Wanamaker Festival is a springboard for fresh acting talent where special performances of scenes by Shakespeare and his contemporaries are presented by students from leading drama schools. Tilly (whose stage name is Tilly Monro) played

Rosalind in a scene from As You Like It. Tilly's most recent production at GSA was Blood Wedding in which she played The Wife.

### James Wilson (2013)

James is doing a BMus in Musical Performance and Production at London College of Creative Media. He is also the guitarist and singer for the Countertypes and is Entertainment Editor for the Inner Circle Games Network. Last summer, James took part in the National Youth Music Theatre's performance of Spring Awakening at the Leicester Curve.

### Charles Barty-King (2011)

After Emanuel, Charles went to the University of Sussex and spent four years attaining a Masters in Chemistry with an industrial placement year, whereupon he graduated with a First degree. His year in industry (3rd year) was spent on a 12-month placement in Utrecht where he worked for a world leader in fabric care and cleaning solutions. On returning to Sussex for his 4th year Masters project, Charles studied Astrochemistry for nine months. After graduating, he took a year out of study.

In Autumn 2016, Charles started at the University of Cambridge in the Centre for Doctoral Training in Ultra Precision Engineering. This four-year course has a '1+3' structure where the first year is spent on a 12-month intensive training course and is accredited with a Masters of Research (MRes) degree at the end providing all the constituent assessments have been passed. Charles will then have the option to automatically enrol onto a PhD at the University of Cambridge should he choose to.

### Jack Delaney (2012)

Jack is in his second year at Goldsmiths studying Politics.

### Rebecca Martin (2012)

Rebecca is about to graduate as a doctor and is hoping to begin a career in Paediatrics.

### Isabel Hunter (2012)

Isabel is graduating this year from Newcastle.

### Helen Hobson (2011)



Helen has been living in Bali since April 2016. She began her travels abroad in November 2015 and settled in Canggu, Bali. Here Helen is able to work entirely online whilst living a gorgeous island lifestyle. Helen has recently been visited by a number of fellow OEs, and also recently met with Mr Benn in Seminyak.

### Amy Maclean (2011)

Amy has been living in Vietnam for the past two years teaching English following her BA(Hons) degree. Amy is starting her PGCE at the University of York in September 2017, specialising in secondary Modern Foreign Languages (French with German).

### Bethan Morris (2010)

Bethan graduated from King's College London with a Distinction in MSc Mental Health Studies 2015-2016. Bethan is pursuing a career in Clinical Psychology.

### Matthew Smith (2010)

Matthew is currently in his third year of a PhD in Astrophysics at the Institute of Astronomy and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

### Calum Rogers (2010)

Calum began a new role at Costain Ltd in October 2016 reporting directly to the company Communications Director. He also ended up in the company's recent results video, which earned him a few grins and elbows across the firm. Calum has recently got back into rowing with Marlow Rowing Club, training to row a Marathon (indoor) on April Fool's Day.

## 2000s

### Angus Carter (2008)

Angus is an Art department freelancer based in South London. After graduating from Royal Holloway and Chelsea College of Art and Design, he went on to gain experience on BBC TV comedies, before working as a Trainee/Dresser/Decorator for features and shorts. This led him to his more recent work as Standby Props and Assistant on a number of features.

Angus also works as an Art Director/Production Designer for short films, music videos, promos and events. This work is informed by his background in Sculpture and Illustration.

### Tom Ottley (2007)



Tom says that it took him a few years after leaving Emanuel to figure out what he wanted to do. Having worked in the backstage team at Emanuel productions, Tom decided to study Music Technology at college and then went on to Ravensbourne University to study Sound Design for film and TV. He worked for the London 2012 Olympics Broadcast Service during the London Olympics, gained a first in his

dissertation at university and undertook freelance projects for major TV channels as well as several filming projects.

Tom recently joined Ericsson working at ITV Leeds as a transmission controller. He looks after the live outgoing programming for ITV Encore, ITV3 and CITV which reach over three million people in the UK.

Tom is happily married and lives with his wife in Leeds.

### Andrew Wright (2007)

Andrew recently moved to King's College London and took up a new position as Head of Employer & Alumni Engagement, leading on all global employer and business development, and acting as the institution's senior lead on graduate attributes, apprenticeships and global employability.

### Laurence Owen (2007)

Laurence has been a self-employed composer since leaving the Emanuel Music department and his repertoire has been growing nicely. Laurence has won several awards for composing work in both film and theatre, and made music for O2, Stella Artois, Toyota and Multiplex among others. You could have recently heard his music in a V&A video exhibit, and he has recently had original pieces commissioned by BBC Radio 3 and Radio 4.



### Omar Khamboo (2006)

Omar is now an Islamic Studies teacher and remembers teachers John Benn and Chris Labinjo who inspired him over the years at Emanuel.

### Samantha Lewis-Purkis

Samantha spent 10 years working in education in various London primary schools, gained an BSc in Sport and moved to New Zealand with her partner.

### Hollie Oppe (2006)



Hollie worked as a nursery school teacher before starting a degree in Child Psychology with Counselling. When she qualifies, Hollie hopes to work with youth offenders in prisons and with adolescents with mental health issues to help them transition back into society.

Hollie has also been a key member of the Battersea Dogs Home foster team for seven years, fostering over 40 dogs. She has been on ITV news, BBC radio and featured in the Guardian newspaper trying to make people aware of positive dog ownership with specific bull breeds as well as the illegal backstreet breeding taking place over the UK.

Holly was lucky enough to meet The Queen last year at the opening of Battersea's new kennels.

### Andrei Rybalko (2006)

After leaving Emanuel school, Andrei studied at Esher College before spending seven successful years in the Army Parachute Regiment. After leaving the Army, he joined the residence management and household recruitment business he had previously set up with his mother located in the heart of Mayfair and now has plans for international expansion.

Andrei also worked as an interpreter for the World Anti-Doping Agency investigating the Russian athletics doping scandal.

### Zara Pittman (2005)



Zara has visited Emanuel to speak to pupils about her work with disadvantaged teenagers across London. Whilst studying Dance and Psychology at university, Zara volunteered with disaffected young people as a dance teacher and mentor, leading her on to her role as a Behaviour Specialist for at-risk youth and young offenders.

Zara then utilized Yoga as a holistic form of intervention to work with her young people. This led to becoming the Outreach manager at the House of Yoga, where she set up the Outreach programme

using Yoga to provide accessibility and break down barriers within communities, whilst continuing and connecting her work with young people and offenders.

Zara believes in the importance of getting to the root of the issues that exist within our society and that by encouraging a greater sense of community, equality and acceptance, there is more potential for change.

### Charlie Johnson (2005)

Charlie studied Classical Studies at Liverpool (following on from Classical Civilisation with Mr Mullen!) then did his MSc in Classical Art and Archaeology at Edinburgh. Charlie worked in documentary and ad production for a while before starting his current job at Environmental Justice Foundation, a London-based human rights and environmental NGO. His focus is on human trafficking and modern slavery in the fishing industry, particularly in South East Asia.

### Mona Kermani (2004)

Mona is a qualified solicitor now living in Texas and defending individuals facing the death penalty. She started her Masters in Law this year and aims to become a qualified Attorney in Texas.

She jokes that she has now found a way to channel her oppositional nature and attitude problem into a career in which she actually gets paid to argue!

### Justin Moll (2004)

Justin is working freelance on the Sunday Times sports desk. He started there in late 2014 and is now leading a digital production team in making the weekend newspaper palatable for online, tablet and smartphone. During the week, he works in communications and media relations for a mental health charity.

### Varunesh Firoos-Khan (2004)



Varunesh has worked in digital content for Victoria Beckham for the past four years as well as freelance content consulting for luxury fashion brands. He has worked on Victoria Beckham collaborations with Estee Lauder beauty, American Express and World AIDS Day awareness, which the business is a patron of.

Coming to the UK in 1992 as a refugee from the civil conflict in Sri Lanka, his homeland, Varunesh and his family accepted British Citizenship in 2004. He now lives in West London and is hoping to live his life in between the UK and Sri Lanka in the future.

### Adam Nelson (2004)



Adam went to Magdalen College, Oxford, after leaving Emanuel. Adam began his working life as a Brand Strategist on the Jaguar Cars advertising account. After five years in Advertising in London and briefly Dubai, he joined Flamingo, a global Insight and Market Research consultancy, at the end of 2011. He moved to their Singapore office in 2015, where he is now a Director working mostly with alcohol and tech clients. In his spare time, Adam enjoys racing his road bike with an amateur team in South East Asia and beyond.

### Liz Adelanwa (2003)

After leaving Emanuel, Liz went on to achieve First Class Honours BSc in Medical Biochemistry at King's College London. She has enjoyed a career in healthcare communications, interning at Ketchum PR before securing an entry level position at global agency Weber Shandwick where she progressed to become an Account Manager. In 2014, Liz moved to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence where she is now a Digital Media Manager. In 2016 Liz was enlisted onto the Government Communication Service's Early Talent Programme.

### Will Houstoun (2003)

After completing an Engineering Degree at Nottingham University, Will has focused his energies on magic. He is the youngest ever European Champion of Close-up Magic, was named Close-up Magician of the Year by The Magic Circle, London, and received a Literary Fellowship from The Magic Castle, Los Angeles.

Will uses his magic to help organisations like The Wellcome Trust, KPMG, The V&A and The Royal Shakespeare Company. He has written two books on conjuring, edits three magic magazines and works regularly with disabled children, using magic as a therapeutic tool. He consulted on the Golden Globe winning series Wolf Hall and the Academy Award winning film Hugo, directed by Martin Scorsese. He also performed on ITV's The Next Great Magician late last year.

In his spare time Will picks up the cards he drops whilst practising.

### Chin Wong (2002)

Chin completed a BEng at King's College London and pursued a career in the technology sector - kicking off with a web development start-up as a programmer before moving to Accenture where he spent five years as a technology consultant working on business transformation in the utilities industry. He subsequently moved to EY where, after 28 years in London, he has recently transferred and moved to Singapore.

### Sujanthan Shanmuganathan (2002)

Sujanthan joined a healthcare recruitment company as a compliance administrator in 2005 and is now working for the same company in a much more senior position. Sujanthan valued all the education and manners that he learnt from Emanuel school.

### Seivar Shafiq Al-Firqa (2002)

After graduating from UCL with a degree in Pharmacology, Seivar worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over five years specialising in forecasting on drug and disease areas. He went on to complete a Masters in Healthcare Management at City University. He is now a Healthcare Manager at Bupa, heading up the development of insight-driven analytics offerings. Seivar has launched two products to the healthcare industry which identify targeted opportunities that allow people to lead longer, healthier and happier lives. This work has meant Seivar has been nominated in 2017 for an industry-wide healthcare award in Health Innovation.

Seivar also volunteers with a Mental Health charity on a weekly basis and greatly supports the need for resilience through mindfulness and meditation.

## 1990s

### Omar Ismail (1996)

In addition to the publication of his novel 'Feral's Descent', Omar has written, produced and directed a feature film called 'A Reasonably Good Bloke', a dark comedy thriller, about a paralegal in a criminal law firm who loses his job and is gradually pulled into the South London criminal underworld.

### Tom Sullam (1992)

Tom is currently living in Tanzania and would be happy to hear from any OEs living in Dar Es Salaam.

### James Handley (1992)

James is going to be ordained in the Church of England in July this year.

### Elliot Reed (1990)



Elliott got married last year. If you wish to read The Times article about it, Google 'Elliot Reed wedding The Times'.

Elliott's son started school at Belmont and played for the Bs at Rugby. His Belmont team were beaten by the Emanuel Bs.

## 1980s

### Tim Stranack (1988)

After leaving Emanuel, Tim attained a Masters in Business Administration from the Open University.

### John Carey (1984)



John graduated in Accounting and Finance from Loughborough University in 1991 and worked in accountancy, banking and finance for fifteen years. He also did teacher training and returned to Emanuel to do his teaching practice in 1997. He was surprised to see some of his old teachers still here! In 2006, he set up his own nutrition company, specialising in marketing his brand of cherry concentrate called CherryActive. John enjoys the TV limelight and was a contestant on Blind Date and Total Wipeout. John attended the recent 1980s reunion and was interested to see his old school record card!

### Kenton Sanmogan (1982)

Kenton is currently working in Muscat, Oman.

## 1970s

### Grant Upton (1977)

Grant recently took up sculling again after 35 years (since coaching at ESBC 1980-2) at the only water sports centre in Bangkok with rowing boats, at the annual membership rate equivalent of only about 90 pence per year. He is hoping to get enough rowers together to form a rowing crew and then he can cox again after at least 40 years (since coxing the successful 1st Vllls at ESBC 1972-6). Any ex-ESBC members are welcome to contact him to join in a short scull or maybe row there (in average 30 Celsius heat!).

### David Element (1974)

David spent 31 years as a specialist in haemoglobinopathy screening working in a teaching hospital in a high-prevalence area of London. A lifelong naturalist, David is now a freelance natural history photographer and film-maker. He is also the author of a number of wildlife and transport books and an occasional scraperboard artist and clay sculptor. David has contributed photographs to over 40 books as well as to field guides and wildlife periodicals.

### Jeffery Dent (1974)

Having left Emanuel under something of a cloud in 1974 without an O level to his name (Jeffery was shown the door before the exams!), Jeffery joined what was then London Transport Railways (The Underground) as a Railway Operating Apprentice in July of that year. His career with them lasted 37 years (and one week!) during which time he rose steadily through the ranks to a senior management position, ultimately taking responsibility for the management of all the stations on the Bakerloo and Victoria Lines.

Jeffery was able to take early retirement in July 2011, which freed him up to undertake voluntary roles which include being a Lock Keeper at the Hanwell flight of locks on the Grand Union canal, visiting primary schools to do talks about the canals on behalf of the Canal & River Trust (formerly BWB) and working on rolling stock engineering exhibits at the London Transport Museum Depot with a small group of former senior managers from the company. Jeffery never gained any O or A levels nor did a formal first degree. He did, however, undertake 2 post graduate diplomas (Transport and Education) on a part time basis while working. Of his many similar aged friends, most of whom are graduates, he is the only one who has managed to enjoy an early retirement which maybe goes to show that the current thinking that a university degree is the only sensible way to go is possibly somewhat flawed. He sincerely hopes that Emanuel highlights both routes to the current pupils.



### Andrew Pearce (1974)

Andrew took early retirement in 2011 from his position as Head of Security and Anti-Corruption at the Home Office Border Agency. Since then Andrew has been working part time as a guide at Arundel Castle and as an Immigration Officer at Gatwick Airport.

### Richard Guy (1973)

Richard was awarded a DSc from Oxford University in 2016.

### Keef Hellinger (1973)



Immediately after leaving school, Keef and some Emanuel friends went to the Lake District where they spent four weeks camping. They did a lot of sunbathing, contemplating navels, reading, listening to music, walking, swimming, cooking on open fires, eating and of course drinking. A pint of Guinness and a pickled egg was all you needed to survive in 1973. They all met up again in 2016 after 43 years to reminisce. Many great school friendships still exist now Keef and his friends are in their 60s.

Keef went on to a career in Technology. He witnessed the changes from the early days of computers the size of a whole building and tape drives over 1.5 feet wide to Cloud storage, from programming in machine code, Assembler and COBOL to tablet Apps and everything in between. Even the language has changed. One thing that hasn't changed is Keef's interest in gadgets.



After a very enjoyable and challenging IT career stretching more than 35 years, Keef took early retirement and has travelled extensively with his wife.

Keef has two lovely granddaughters, one in Singapore and one in Loughborough. He is a manic collector of vinyl LPs, CDs, stamps and friends! Keef and his 1970s contemporaries enjoy an annual reunion and it was great to welcome

them back to Emanuel for a tour in September last year – followed, of course, by a trip to The Roundhouse.

### John Sansbury (1972)

John has been running his own company successfully for six years after starting at the age of 56.

### Chris Stanley (1972)

After 34 years' service as a Royal Naval Warfare Officer, Chris became a MOD Civil Servant and spent a further nine years at the Defence Science & Technology Laboratory, firstly as the Surface Warfare Weapons Team Leader and then as the Group Leader for Naval Above Water Warfare Systems Group. Chris is now on his third 'career' as a Parish Councillor with the Rowlands Castle PC (currently as Chairman) and just as busy as when he was in paid employment.

### Michael Harvey (1970)



Michael very much enjoyed the Emanuel 1970s Reunion – 'such a happy and memorable occasion'. One of the happiest moments for him was meeting the other members of his former Blues Band: Ray Davis, Dave Bernez and Tim Douglas. It was made even more special in that Ray Davis had come from Australia for the event. Michael particularly missed

seeing the old glider in its shed – although with hindsight, he finds it interesting that a glider was launched from a field between two busy main railway lines!

### Andy Bryce (1970)

Andy has recently retired from a long and enjoyable career in marketing and business planning. After his training period, Andy worked for

twenty-five years in the drinks industry, building top notch brands such as Courvoisier, Martell, Three Barrels, Jim Beam and Angostura. His career gave him some amazing experiences; one employer in particular hosted an OERFC rugby tour to Cognac which is still mentioned in despatches!

For the last eleven years, Andy has worked on the management team at COOK, the frozen food company, and has found it exhilarating to help a young company to grow from humble beginnings.

### Richard Dennis-Smith (1970)

Richard has been practicing as a chartered surveyor based in Central London since qualifying. His firm merged with a niche practice in 2015 to become part of the growing Canadian practice, Avison Young. They now face the fun and challenge of being part of a growing privately owned advisory business.

### Alex Forster (1970)

Alex recently retired in 2016 after spending the majority of his working life self-employed and the last ten years working in local government in the New Forest.

## 1960s

### Colin Payne (1969)

Colin has been married to his Finnish wife for 41 years and lives in Norwich. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. Colin spent his entire working life as a Maths teacher, including 13 years as Head of Department (inspired by Aaron Rogers and Frank Grundy). He retired in 2007 after a bone-marrow transplant. Colin has also published a collection of stories and poems through Kindle entitled 'Death and Birth and In Between' and recorded an album of his own songs entitled 'Someone I used to be', available on SoundCloud.

### Anthony Dyer (1967)

After 20 years progressing through construction to the senior position of site management, Anthony changed career and became the Technical Support and Complaints contact for a major medical equipment company at the age of 48. Anthony has been able to apply skills learnt in his former industry to his new-found occupation, so he says that the moral is look to the wider field and don't get stuck with tunnel vision.

### Graham Knoll (1967)

On leaving Emanuel, Graham worked for 32 years in banking followed by 15 years in education as a secondary school Caretaker, a complete career change. Graham is now fully retired and has been for a little under three years.

### Ian Herd (1965)

After 30 very interesting and rewarding years in the Metropolitan Police, Ian retired as Chief Superintendent to take up a position as a bursar at Gonville and Caius College where he stayed for 13 years. Ian then moved away from East Anglia to be nearer his family who had settled in Wiltshire. Ian is now enjoying full retirement.

### Brian Morgan (1965)

Brian has retired three times now. He is currently contracted as a consultant by the Vermont Agency of Education to visit independent schools and recommend state approval.

### Nigel Ware (1965)

Nigel's family has a long-established connection to Emanuel as his father and uncle both attended the School in the 1920s. His mother, a drama teacher, also produced several plays for the Portcullis Players in the early 1960s.

After leaving Emanuel, Nigel qualified as a Chartered Accountant and was a Partner in an accountancy practice for 32 years. Nigel is now a part-time consultant to his old firm. He has also taken on a number of voluntary roles, being a treasurer of two charities, a member of two audit committees and a governor of the only women's residential college of further education in the UK.

Nigel is married to Catherine and has twin daughters. He continues to enjoy sailing and can frequently be seen cycling round the parks and towpaths of South West London.

### Michael Stone (1964)

Michael has just become a grandparent for the fifth time. They now have two granddaughters and three grandsons.

### Basil Taylor (1964)



Basil recently met up with James Davis who had been living within 10 miles of him for the last 11 years and who he last saw in 1968! Through James, he has also met Martin Trent who was at the same prep school as Basil as well Emanuel and who he hadn't seen since leaving Emanuel.

### Peter Beresford (1963)

Peter is a sociologist with a primary interest in democratisation, a lively field in these difficult days, and has worked as an academic, writer and activist. He is currently Professor of Citizen Participation at the University of Essex and is to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Edge Hill University this summer. He is still in touch with a number of his Emanuel contemporaries. His partner, Suzy, worked with Michael Aldred (OE1956-63), ex-presenter of Ready Steady Go, before he died. Peter will always think of Michael as a blaze of life in the class. Peter visited Emanuel in December and enjoyed a tour of the School and a historical update from archivist Tony Jones.

### Gilbert Pant (1962)

Gilbert recently became a Freeman of the City of London and a Liveryman with the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists in The City. Gilbert is still working hard as an IT entrepreneur having become the first person he knows who gave up golf when he retired, to devote more time to his professional life.

### John Ainsworth (1961)



John has recently retired at the age of 73 after working for 51 years as a lawyer, the last 25 as a Judge. John attributes his long career and fitness to the education he received and the sport he took part in at Emanuel. During his time at Emanuel, John was School Prefect, 1st XV Rugby Captain, Captain of Boxing, Junior Victor Ludorum, Captain of Lyons and played 1st VI Tennis. He went on to represent Southampton University at rugby, tennis and table tennis.

John was delighted to attend the Westminster Abbey Service of Thanksgiving last November and even more delighted to sit next to John Impey, a contemporary who he had not seen since leaving school in 1961.

Since leaving school, John has joined the OEA and the OE Rugby Club and played for them on occasions in the early years. More recently, he has joined the OE Golf Society and the OE Luncheon Club. These organisations have given him the opportunity to meet up with Old Emanuels of all ages. John says he thoroughly recommends Emanuel leavers join an OE organisation, even if it means only occasional usage. Through these organisations, John retains many friendships from his Emanuel school days.

### Ray Allen (1960)

Ray has been teaching in Primary education since 1965. Since retiring in 2010 he still teaches one full day on a voluntary basis at Maybury Primary, Woking.

### Robin Mitchell (1960)

Robin studied English at Keble College, Oxford and then Law, qualifying as a Solicitor in 1967, the same year in which he married Jean. During Robin's 46-year legal career, he became a Partner in an Oxford solicitors' firm and then Deputy District Judge in Birmingham and Thames Valley county court civil circuits from 1983-2013. He lives in Eynsham near Oxford, where he is clerk to various village charities and a dancer and musician with Eynsham Morris, a traditional morris dancing side.

Robin has a daughter, Lucy, and two grandchildren. He and Jean will be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary in August this year.

## 1950s

### Christopher Saunders (1959)

Christopher met his future wife at a school dance in December 1958. She was sitting under the serving hatch in the dining hall. They are still dancing.

### Laurence John Simmons (1957)

John is still happily working in the real estate consulting, brokerage, negotiation and arbitration field. In his spare time, he enjoys playing snooker and pool competitively as he is no longer able to engage in downhill skiing.

### David Wallace (1956)

David studied Electronic Engineering after leaving Emanuel and spent his career working in the electronic engineering field but had to retire early as he had developed MS. He is now a Clerk in Holy Orders in the Anglican Church. David is an organ enthusiast and has built a couple of small pipe organs as a hobby. He now lives near Thame, Oxfordshire and welcomes contact from any OEs.

### Maurice Buckley (1955)

Maurice is married with two children and five grandchildren. Maurice and his wife owned the local pharmacy but retired in 1998. Maurice is currently treasurer of Ashtead Probus Club, pianist to various singing groups, member of a music ensemble and Leatherhead orchestra and church organist.

### Colin Sutherland (1953)

Colin and his wife met whilst he was at Emanuel and have just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Colin still chairs a BSI Technical committee but otherwise is very involved locally in education and community affairs. In 2013, Colin collected an MBE which he puts down to the start in life and values he picked up at Emanuel.

### John Hipkin (1953)

John resides with his partner who attended Putney High School. They met as a result of John being there for extra mural ballroom dancing lessons.

### John Meeus (1952)

John has been married for 50 years and retired for the last thirteen. He has been an active member of the Rotary Club for 30 years and was consul to the Belgian Ambassador for seventeen years.

### Roy Clements (1951)

Following a long career in Politics, Roy was appointed Alderman for the County of Hertfordshire. Roy is now Chairman and Treasurer of the Association of Russian Ballet and Theatre Arts ARBTA, a National and International Organisation.

## TELL US YOUR NEWS

Thanks to the OEs who have sent us their news  
Continue to keep us posted! Email: [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk)



Dear OEA

By now, I'm sure that all involved had expected the answer to the question of an extension to the Blagdons Lease to be resolved but, sadly, I cannot report that it has. However, purely from an observer's viewpoint, the good news is that it would seem that we are far nearer reaching an equitable solution to the problem than we were a few months ago, thanks to both parties recognising the need for 'give and take'. It is to be hoped that this attitude will continue so that each party will be amenable to the result. Unsatisfactory as this may appear to the outsider, there is still an amount of work to be completed.

On a lighter note, the day to day good news is that the 'rank and file' continue to enjoy membership of the Sports Clubs, and in particular the success this year - and a certain amount of fame - that the 1st XV of the O.E.R.F.C. brought to the OEA and, of course, in turn to the School when they topped the Surrey League I and gained promotion to the more senior London Leagues.

For those non or semi sporting readers of this piece, perhaps I should stress that this was a truly great achievement and a great and undoubted advertisement for the Club and for Emanuel School. It is the continued hope of the OEA that in future we can attract more players from School to join us in order that we might go from strength to strength.

Whatever your standard of play in either Cricket or Rugby, you can be sure of a friendly welcome from the OEs at Blagdons from those who recently left School to those who, over many years, have represented the Clubs in both sports and now have become a 'part of the furniture'. At this point, I must also mention that it is the Old Girls section of the School that the Association wishes to establish. Currently, though, you will understand that it is difficult to arrange sporting fixtures for them without any members - a situation possibly paralleled by the chicken and egg question.

This brings me seamlessly on to the question of subscriptions. Yes, we need subscriptions to help keep us financially viable - BUT, I should remind you that NO SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE REQUIRED until you reach the ripe old AGE of 25!

All you have to do to become a member of The Old Emanuel Association is to complete an application form obtainable by emailing me at mikemarkland@uwclub.net. Should you have any questions please address them to me there or, should you prefer to phone, my numbers are 020 8651 5759 or 07752 703 008.

I look forward to hearing from you on your first step to becoming a member of the OEA.

Mike Markland

OEA Executive Committee



Our AGM in March saw the re-election of Dave Debidin as President and Chairman, and Jon Watt as Secretary and Treasurer. Michael Stranks takes on the role of Club Captain. The Saturday sides all have new Captains who all harbour high hopes for a promotion spot by the season's end.

Recruitment has gone well over the winter, and we are back in the fortunate position of being able to field 3 full elevens each Saturday. At the time of writing, the Club has enjoyed a reasonable start to the season. After the first 5 league games, the first team has registered 2 wins and a winning draw, the second team 3 wins and the 3rd team 2 wins. Our Sunday XI has recorded 3 wins from 4 outings.

We are currently looking forward to our 'Barbados Day' on 2 July and The President's XI game against the Club XI, combined with the Vice-President's Lunch, on 16 July.

Blagdons is the natural home for all school leavers aspiring to high quality league cricket in the Surrey Championship - all are guaranteed a warm welcome. Please ring Secretary Jon Watt on 07957 407147, or Conan Hicks on 0707957 625560 for more information. Our programme of fixtures can be found at: [www.oldmanuel.play-cricket.com](http://www.oldmanuel.play-cricket.com).

Elsewhere, Dave Debidin has been re-elected Captain of the Surrey County Board 60s First XI and Steve King as Captain of the 50s Second XI.



'Back in the day' The Plough in St John's Hill was the watering hole where players would gather on a Saturday before setting off for OE away rugby matches throughout London and the Home Counties. Few of the players had their own cars in those times but nevertheless an impressive array of vehicles, including a 'retired' black taxi cab of what the faded memory suggests were stretch limo proportions, would transport us to our various venues. Fitting then that The Old Emanuel Luncheon Club returned to The (rebuilt) Plough for our Christmas Lunch in December 2016. This proved a popular choice and 60 revellers turned out for a hugely enjoyable meal at which Michael Stewart was elected as our Chair for 2017. So successful was the event that we also met there for our Spring 2017 lunch when we were equally well received.

The next meeting of the Luncheon Club will be on Monday 11 September 2017 when we will gather at the Riverstation Restaurant in Bristol. Please note this date in your diary. Full details of the event will be available in due course.

The Old Emanuel Luncheon Club is for ALL OEs of any age. We love to see new faces and assure you of a warm welcome. What binds us is our pride in and gratitude to the school we attended and the enduring friendships we made there. If you do not routinely receive invitations to the lunches but would like more information please contact the Hon Sec, Stuart Cameron-Waller on:

01323 894270/ [stuart@cwt2001.com](mailto:stuart@cwt2001.com).



The Spring Meeting of the Society was held again this year at Cuddington Golf Club in Banstead, Surrey, over 18 holes played in the afternoon of Thursday 18th May.

Sadly, it was a wet afternoon this year, but there was a relatively good turnout. The weather inevitably restricted the scores achieved, with the writer, perhaps typically of the whole field, losing the will to go on with any enthusiasm. Shame, because the course was clearly in good order.

The full results were as follows:

Stableford . . . . .	1. James Chignell - 33 points
	2. Roger Gillett - 33 points (losing on countback)
	3. Peter Sawyer - 32 points
Scratch . . . . .	1. Roger Gillett - Gross 81 2. Tony Batt - 87
Longest Drive . . . . .	Les Kent
Nearest the Pin . . . .	Clive Galyer (Before despair gripped!)

The venue for the Autumn 2017 Guest Day will again be Tyrrells Wood GC on 13th October, following our successful meetings there for the last 2 years.

For the OE Spring Meeting in 2018, we will be returning to Cuddington Golf Club, with 18 holes booked for the afternoon of Thursday 10th May. We are attempting to raise a team for the Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf Competition (now styled Surrey Schools Golf Societies Festival) at Bramley Golf Club on 30th June 2017, but an unfriendly scheduling is likely to derail this. Hopefully, we will return to this event next year (date to be advised), but the mid-morning shotgun start is likely to remain. The venue for the Autumn Meeting in 2018 is still under consideration, with Knole Park, Sevenoaks, where Roger Gillett is due to be captain next year, a real possibility. Please contact the Secretary, Clive Galyer on 020 8643 1834 or 07859 8215 42, or preferably via [clive.galyer@gmail.com](mailto:clive.galyer@gmail.com), for further details on any of the Golf Society events. We would really like to see old friends and new from the OE ranks (including ladies - and there must now likely be many golfers!) at the Spring and Autumn meetings.

We have now started accepting recommended friends/past guests of OE golfers into the Society.



## Season 2016-2017 – a season of highs and lows

The low point of the season was Saturday 4 March 2017 when popular player, and prop in 2nd XV, Shawnton De Four, collapsed and died on the pitch at the home ground, Blagdons. The 1st XV was playing on the next pitch and all games stopped to attend to him. Our thanks go to Rosslyn Park Nomads and Old Wellingtonians for all their help. The club's defibrillation machine was used, and the paramedics were there quickly. Shawnton got married two years ago and left behind 14 month old twins. The rugby community has been magnificent in raising funds to go into trust and so far approximately £70,000 has been raised. The Justgiving site has closed, but Jason Leonard has kindly organised a charity site to help, as donations continue: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/oerfcshawntonfund/431644>

Over 400 people attended the funeral, and the next day saw one of the highs of the season as top of league Old Emanuel side travelled to 2nd place Old Whitgiftians and won 52-7 to secure the Champions Surrey 1. The last home game of the season vs Purley John Fisher had a large celebratory crowd enjoying running rugby and a 68-5 win.

Director of Rugby Fergus McCarthy, Head Coach Paul Wilson, Captain Jamie Clarke and VC Harry Bowden are proud of the success and all the hard work put in by the team. They are looking forward to London Leagues next season.

GRM 7s took place for the 13th year at Easter at Blagdons. It has for the last two seasons been part of RFU National 7s known as 24/7. Last season, the GRM7s winners, the Seventy-7s, went

on to win the regional and national 7s. This year, three of the National 7s semi-finalists entered GRM7s, but the Seventy-7s won through again. Many of them went to Emanuel School where they caught the number 77 bus to and from School, hence the name for their team.

O2 Touch Rugby Centre at Blagdons has grown by 15% this year at sessions on Thursday evenings and many tournaments around London & Surrey.



OE Lions Under 15s had an unbeaten season and a bonus point in all their league games. They joined two other youth teams in Cup Finals at the end of the season. Old Emanuel Minis and Juniors (OE Lions) was started 13 years ago and it is wonderful to see many of the 5 year olds from back then are now entering senior rugby.

The club adapted two unused squash courts into an Old Emanuel In-Touch Cross-Fit gym, offering fitness to all members of the club and attracting their family members. The instructors have taken the players on an 8-week strength and conditioning course outside, with sessions on Tuesday 7-8pm and 8-9pm in May and June. It has been described as 'brutal, but good' by some.

Natwest Rugby Force invited OERFC as one of only two clubs for a day out at Twickenham Stadium on Sunday 4 June 2017, to tour the facility, have a training session, play a short game on the pitch, as well as enjoy a pitch side BBQ.

The club also welcomes new players of all ages and sexes to play rugby, tag-rugby, touch rugby, cross-fit, or just to socialise.

Director of Rugby, Fergus McCarthy  
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#### Charlotte Easton (Staff 2010-16)



We are deeply saddened to share the news that our much loved colleague, friend and teacher, Miss Charlotte Easton (Staff 2010-2016), died in September, 2016 in King's College Hospital after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. Words cannot begin to describe what an amazing individual and teacher Emanuel School has lost.

Although Charlie, as she was known to her friends, lived under the shadow of a life-threatening illness, such was her resilience and strength that most of the time you would never know it. Her incredible spirit always burned bright and she showed the pupils and OEs she taught what true strength was. She never gave up and even though she went through numerous very difficult and exhausting treatments, she was rarely absent from school for long periods. When the cancer returned, she shared the depressing news with humour, good grace and upbeat messages. Her gratitude to the hospitals and specialists who treated her was unwavering.

Charlie was an inspirational teacher and a fantastic Head of Classics who was loved by her pupils and those in her various form groups. Even during her illness she continued to run her Classics Breakfast Club, staged dramatic productions, arranged regular trips abroad for her pupils and attended the School book club when she was able.

Charlie was also involved in cancer charity work and returned to her bike to raise money, as cycling was a sport she truly loved and excelled at. With this in mind the students here, over the coming year, will be supporting charities which are related to the care of cancer patients and those which are supporting medical research.

Emanuel School would like to express our condolences to Charlie's husband Sam and her family and parents. We will be dedicating a plaque in the school grounds in her memory. Charlie was only 36.

TRJ

#### Gordon Murray (1929-37)



OE Gordon Murray, who died in June at the age of 95, was a British television producer and innovative puppeteer. Gordon created and wrote some of Britain's most popular children's television programmes, Camberwick Green, Trumpton and Chigley, which were shown weekly by the BBC from 1966 for 20 years and later repeated by Channel 4 and then Nickelodeon Junior. Camberwick Green, which was made using stop-motion animation, was the first children's show to be aired in colour on the BBC in 1966.

Gordon was born in London on 3 May 1921. Two generations of Gordon's family attended Emanuel, including his elder brothers in the 1920s and his nephews. Whilst at School, Gordon was involved in the Dramatic Society as well as being a member of the OTC and a regular competitor in house cricket and rugby.

After leaving Emanuel in 1937, Gordon worked as a journalist and in 1939 was enlisted in the London Scottish Regiment, taking part in the Normandy landings during the war. After the war, he worked as an actor in repertory theatre where he met his wife, ballet dancer Enid Martin. In the 1950s, Murray set up his own puppet company and was scouted by a BBC producer while touring theatres in the UK. At the BBC, Murray produced Sketch Club and Captain Pugwash. He later started his own production company which launched the Trumptonshire trilogy.

#### Fred Knowles (1935-40)



Fred Knowles passed away on the 9th August 2016, aged 92. Fred won a Foundation Scholarship to attend Emanuel and was evacuated to Petersfield during the war.

After leaving Emanuel, Fred attended the Officers' Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) and entered the airborne division. He spent most of the war in Palestine. Fred married Betty in 1945 in Southwark, London and went on to have David in 1950 and Judith in 1953.

After the war, Fred qualified as a Structural Engineer and worked in private industry for many years whilst living in Croydon. He later worked at Croydon Technical College as a lecturer on the subject.

During the latter part of his working life, Fred and Betty moved to Godmanstone where Fred worked for Dorset County Council designing and overseeing the construction of many of the roads and bridges in the Dorset area. He also became heavily involved with many local committees and became Chairman of the Parochial Church Council.

When Betty was diagnosed with cancer, Fred decided to take early retirement to be with her as much as possible and they set up an antique business.

After Betty passed away, Fred became involved with many committees and clubs locally and in later years he spent his days making construction models, recording his life on the computer, going out on his mobility scooter and spending time with all his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren who gave him so much pleasure. He is greatly missed by all the family.

#### William (Bill) Attfield (1936-41)

Bill died in mid-September 2016, aged 91 after a short battle with cancer. Bill was amongst a group of Second World War veterans we interviewed who provided both support and inspiration for the 'Emanuel School at War' project.

During his time at Emanuel, Bill was in Howe House, played cricket for the 2nd XI and was evacuated briefly to Petersfield.

Bill was initially called up to serve in 1943 and after basic infantry training moved to the Royal Corps of Signals where he was a wireless and line operator. When serving in the Far East he had spells in India, Burma, Saigon and Malaya, travelling widely in the region installing and maintaining telephone exchanges and internal lines. Bill witnessed

the Japanese surrender in Saigon and was eventually demobbed in 1947.

After returning to working life, Bill joined the accounts department of one of the major train networks and remained there for the duration of his working life. He joked that in his long retirement he benefited from having free First Class travel on most British train networks and certainly made the most of it!

TRJ

#### John Raymond Crabtree (1936-43)

John Raymond (Ray) Crabtree was born in Stockton-On-Tees on 1st May 1925. At Emanuel, he was Head of the School and Captain of Rugby Football. When the School was evacuated to Petersfield, he became a lifelong friend of the people with whom he was billeted.

Ray was awarded an entrance exhibition to Christ's College, Cambridge, in 1943 to read Engineering and was later awarded a scholarship. After graduating in 1945, he served in the RNVR as an Engineering Officer. After his discharge in 1947, he joined Rendel, Palmer and Tritton where he gained his civil engineering professional qualifications, principally designing bridges. This included working in Persia and Iraq. In 1952 he was awarded a Goodwin travelling fellowship from Christ's and spent 14 months in the U.S.A. and Canada looking at the latest civil engineering practice.

He joined P.A. Management Consultants in 1955. When he retired in 1984, he had spent the last seven years as a main board Director. After leaving P.A., he held various non-executive roles.

Ray married Mary Benstead in 1959, and in 1960 they made their home in Tanworth-in-Arden. They had three children, John, Janet, and Sue.

Ray was a kind and gentle man and often of few words. He cherished the things which he had worked for and several friendships of 50 years or more duration. His interests included rugby, sailing, walking, travelling in the Mediterranean, bridge, gardening, antiques and furniture restoration, as well as the stock market. He was also a member of the village church. He died peacefully at home on 10th March 2016, after a short illness.

MC

#### Dennis John Dellow (1939-44)



Dennis Dellow was born in August 1928. Following his early days spent at Belleville School, it was ideal when he was awarded a special scholarship to Emanuel. With War having broken out, though, he spent most, if not all, of his Emanuel time at Petersfield, in Hampshire, where the School was evacuated until hostilities ceased.

There was also a London girls' school evacuated to Petersfield. Derek got on well with one of the pupils, Marcella, and their friendship grew. Following his National Service stint with the Royal Armoured Corps, they married in 1951. Meanwhile, Dennis returned to his career in publishing, joined the OEA and became a regular at Blagdons again playing rugby, cricket, tennis and squash.

His career then took him into advertising which he spent mainly in the Agency world. Originally, he joined John Haddon as a Junior Account Executive and, while studying and completing the recognised and rigorous industry examinations, he moved to one of the top London agencies, Young and Rubicam, where he became responsible for handling many very well-known brands.

By this time his family had grown to four with the addition of two daughters, Caroline and Helen, and had relocated to Bromley, but a further move awaited as, after five years with Young & Rubicam, the opportunity arose for Dennis to go to Germany where the company had opened a new office in Frankfurt. The family joined him in a small town in the Taunus Mountains where the girls spent the next ten years at a nearby international school.

Sadly, time was short before Marcella suffered from cancer and, in September 1987, passed away.

In December 2003, Dennis wrote, 'Life, I found, had a strange way where doors close and although we don't perhaps expect

it, another door opens. So it was for me. Marcella and I had met a friend, Susan, a lawyer originally from Yorkshire, and had moved to Norwich to work. After a period of time she and I met again, and from then a friendship developed to the extent that we decided to spend our life together, or at least give it a try. Nearly sixteen years have passed and we still enjoy being together. Susan had moved from London to Norwich so it was sensible for me to join her. We have seen much of the world together'. He continued, 'I have had quite a varied life, not all so enjoyable, I guess it wasn't meant to be all too easy, but I am wonderfully happy and long may it continue'.

MM

#### Peter Pinkham (1943-46)

Peter passed away suddenly in hospital on Friday, July 29, 2016 at the age of 86 years. Peter moved to Canada in 1954 and met his partner, Carol, in 1958. Peter retired from Manulife Financial in May 1995. Peter was in touch with Emanuel in recent years and passed on his detailed memories of School and the evacuation to Petersfield.

CM

#### John Richard Ivey (1938-47)

Having dealt stoically with a long illness with the fortitude and the stubbornness of character so reminiscent of the way he played both cricket and, perhaps even more determinedly, squash for Old Emanuel, John Ivey passed peacefully away in August 2016. In life, as in sport, John Ivey was a keen and well-respected competitor.

He left School in 1948 from the Upper Science Sixth having been with Emanuel when it evacuated to Petersfield during the Second World War and, on returning to London, he continued to play a full part in School life. He was House Prefect of Nelson; Captain of Cricket, 1st XI 1945-47, Full Colours 1946-47; First XV 1945-46, Half Colours 1946; Corporal J.T.C.; War Office Certificate 'A'; and London General Schools Certificate (Matriculation Exemption).

On leaving Emanuel he spent the greater part of his National Service on Gibraltar while serving with the Royal Engineers. He then trained as a surveyor with Trollope and Coles, but was soon persuaded to convert his natural enthusiasm into selling cars. He later worked with his brother Alan as a director in the family building company of H G Ivey. John married Dee in April 1953.

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For many years John, a keen sportsman, was a regular member of the 1st XI and a solid and ever-present member of the OE Squash 1st V. He enjoyed a full and wonderful life - a good innings, in fact. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a good friend to all.

John Ivey will be missed by many and, to his wife Dee, his four sons and all in their families, The Old Emanuel Association offers its most sincere condolences.

NI/MM

#### Gwilym Beechey (1949-56)

I am sorry to announce the death in 2016 of Dr Gwilym Beechey, an OE with more qualifications following his name than, I think, any other. In the words of his son, Chirstopher, ‘he rather collected them like confetti’.

Gwilym was a music scholar, organist, pianist, harpsichordist, lecturer, editor and composer. After Emanuel (where he gained his FRCO at the age of just 16) he was educated at Magdalene College Cambridge.

After a time as a Schoolmaster Gwilym became a university lecturer in Glasgow and then was for many years Professor of Organ at Hull University. He also was a prolific composer and had a great deal of organ and choral music published.

JT

#### Les Stocker, MBE (1954-59)



We are sad to announce that Les Stocker died suddenly earlier this year aged 73. Les, whose early career was in accounting, had a life-long commitment to animal welfare and became one of the world’s leading authorities on British wildlife.

Les’ tireless dedication also helped change the way professionals approached animal rehabilitation. Les and his wife Sue started rescuing injured wildlife in the late 1970s, initially housing them in their garden shed. By 1983, they had expanded greatly and registered their now famous Tiggywinkles wild animal hospital as a charity.

Their operation in Buckinghamshire grew to become the biggest wildlife hospital in the world and was regularly on TV, became a tourist attraction and was frequently in the media. Tiggywinkles receives no funding from the government or other conservation groups and continues to exist purely through donations and for many years Les led the fundraising efforts. Several hundred thousand animals have been helped since the hospital opened, ranging from deer, badgers, foxes, birds, otters and even the occasional seal!

Les and his wife, Sue, visited Emanuel some years ago and he donated one of his fabulous nature photographs, which still hangs proudly in the Library. An Old Boy of Howe House, Les had great memories of his time at Emanuel.

Les was awarded the MBE in 1991 for his outstanding services to animal welfare and also wrote lots of books on the subject for children. Les is survived by his wife Sue, children and grandchildren.

TRJ

#### Nick Fieller (1959-66)



Nick was born on 12th February 1947 to Edgar, a pioneer in the field of statistics, and Joan, always called Jim, who trained as a teacher.

Nick attended Emanuel and then Latymer School, both of which were a long commute

from his home in Teddington, giving him a lasting dislike of London transport systems.

Nick studied Maths at King’s College, Cambridge, where his father, uncle and brother had also studied. He then went on to gain an MSc at Birmingham University and a PhD at Hull University. It was whilst in Hull that he met Hilary Welch and the couple got married in 1973. Their son, Daniel, was born in 1978.

Nick lectured at Edinburgh University and then at Sheffield University from 1974 until 2012, first as a lecturer in Statistics and later as a Senior Lecturer. He focused on multivariate analysis, outliers and archaeo-statistics (especially Egyptian). He was a president of the British Classification Society, edited one of the journals of the Royal Statistical Society, and in his retirement wrote Basics of Matrix Algebra for Statistics with R (2015). Perhaps the most enjoyable part of his work was teaching and working with his many students all over the world; he worked at Dortmund University and Melbourne University as well as being a guest lecturer at Tampere University in Finland for almost 20 years.

Cooking, puzzles, marginalia and the number 137 added to his far-reaching interests and anarchic take on things. Nick went on exciting holidays with good friends, whether to cottages throughout the UK, or on one of his SKling - Squandering the Kid’s Inheritance – holidays in far flung and sun kissed destinations.

Nick and Hilary divorced in 1992. Nick died of congestive heart failure on 8 March 2017. He will be greatly missed by his family and all those who worked, lived, and studied closely with him.

#### Jim Oakley (1983-86)

The Portcullis Magazine noted that Jim’s team had won the junior rugby league, ‘largely due to the talents of Oakley and his shocking fair hair. Oakley is Alan Wells, Steve Ovet and David Trick all rolled into one, and he has been outstanding whether in scoring tries or in keeping one pace ahead of our infamous neighbours from Spencer Park on the cross-country course’. Jim was also the winner of the Junior Cross Country and has his name engraved on the trophy displayed in the School Archive. After leaving Emanuel Jim took Leisure Studies at Richmond Upon Thames College.

#### Derek Drury (Former Staff 1956-66)



It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Emanuel rowing legend Derek Drury, who passed away earlier this year. As well as being Emanuel’s most successful ever coach, he taught History and was Commander of the Naval Section of the C.C.F. in the 1950s and 1960s.

Daniel Kirmatzis (OE1994-01) a former Captain of Boats and author of ‘The History of Emanuel School Boat Club’ delivers his own personal tribute: ‘Derek was a gentleman and a scholar. It was his vision that saw the boat club built. Derek came to Emanuel in 1955 from Chiswick School and within ten years he turned Emanuel into Britain’s premier rowing institution. His achievements as a rowing coach are legendary – from Emanuel’s first entry in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup in 1962 to winners of that coveted trophy in 1966. He began a run of 11 outright Schools’ Head wins for Emanuel and in 1966 his first eight finished 6th in the Men’s Head of the River Race – a position no other School crew has achieved to date. He built a team of dedicated coaches including Peter Jones and John Cork (Boatman) to name but two, who kept Emanuel at the forefront of British rowing throughout the 1960s and 1970s.

Derek’s coaching methods were revolutionary at the time and were further developed after a year spent in the USA.

Aside from rowing, Derek’s other passions were history and sailing. Derek was educated at Whitgift and got a place at New College Oxford before starting naval training in the summer of 1944. In the next year he trained at HMS Ganges and in HMS Dauntless. From here he moved to King Alfred at Hove where he passed out – receiving his commission as a midshipman. At this time, he volunteered for special operations and having signed the Official Secrets Act, he started training on the Welfreighters which

were midget submarines developed by the Special Operations Executive. After the war, Derek spent time on mine sweepers based at Cuxhaven from where he went out on sweeps into the North Sea. It was during this time that he learnt how to sail, a skill which he put to good use when he took Emanuel naval cadets on Baltic cruises in the late 1950s.

On leaving Emanuel Derek moved to Shiplake College and ended his teaching career at Canford School. He continued to coach Canford crews into his late eighties. In the late 1960s he coached both Oxford and Cambridge crews in the Boat Race and was pivotal in the development of Youth Rowing in the UK – preparing crews for the FISA Junior Championships. At Henley Royal Regatta in July 2016 Derek was in attendance to see his 1966 Emanuel crew complete their 50th anniversary row past.

Aside from his many passions Derek’s first love was his family. His wife Dagmar predeceased him and in this brief tribute much of what he achieved is also owed to her support. Derek was extremely proud of his sons and his grandchildren and my deepest condolences go to them in this difficult time. Derek was an inspiration to those he coached and to those who knew him. He was simply a wonderful man who gave so much to so many.’

DK

#### John Murrell, MBE (Former Staff 1958-65)



John Murrell was born in Rugby in 1933. He did his National Service as a pilot in the Royal Air Force and then trained as a teacher at the College of St. Mark and St. John, which granted him an honorary degree in 2013 for his outstanding contribution to education.

John married Anne in 1960 and they had two children, Rick and Laura. Whilst teaching Mathematics full-time in a variety

of secondary schools, including Emanuel, he also studied in the evenings for a degree in Psychology at Birkbeck College, London.

In September 1968, John joined the Education Department at Homerton College, Cambridge, where he taught psychology and research methods, progressing to Principal Lecturer in 1975, and in 1976 the Director of Postgraduate Studies, with responsibility for the training programmes of both secondary and primary postgraduate students.

He was the Educational Consultant to the Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas’ Hospital, London, a Training Advisor to the General Medical Board for three years and chaired the Nurse Education Committee of Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge for a decade. In 1992 he was appointed the first ever George Peabody Professor of Education and Human Development at Homerton College and from 1992 to 2003, he was a member of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Regional Council.

In the Honours List of 2004 he was awarded an MBE for services to higher education. In 2010 he was elected to an Emeritus Fellowship of Homerton.

John remained active and sociable after retirement and maintained his close contact with Homerton. He was a warm, clever, funny and sociable man who loved people from all walks of life, and had a wonderful way of developing and maintaining friendships. He also loved to travel, fly fish, watch the birds from his conservatory, and to spend time with family and friends.

#### Anthony Cain (1937-42)

#### Kenneth Bouch (1936-43)

#### Ronald Young (1944-51)

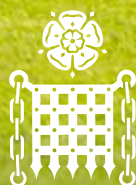
#### Robert Frank Phillips (1947-52)

#### Philip Leacock (1955-62)

#### Bernard Otway (1958-62)

#### Richard Venmore (1982-88)





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