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Dacre Day

The Bridge is Open...



The memorial bridge (in memory of those who died in the Clapham Rail crash in 1988) opened for use on Monday 9th February to both cars and pedestrians. For the next few months this will be the only entrance into school as the contractors need to continue their work uninterrupted along the embankment. There is still a lot of work to do as the pillars, gates, lighting and other details are yet to be installed. The official opening will take place in October. The new entrance is necessary because the old entrance from Battersea Rise is now closed for 4 months while Network Rail's contractors work on the embankment.

Dacre Day will be held this year on Saturday 4th July. All OEs are welcome to attend the day: all we ask is that you let us know you are coming for catering purposes. Just email: oe@emanuel.org.uk.

If you wish to attend the OEA lunch this is at a cost of £25 per person. Please contact membership secretary Roger Udall to book your place: roger.udall@btinternet.com

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You can now connect with us and other alumni in a professional context. Just search for Emanuel School (Battersea) Alumni and ask to become a member of the group.

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You can now follow us on Twitter: [@OldEmanuel](https://twitter.com/OldEmanuel)

Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Update

1990s Reunion



Did you leave between 1990 and 1999? We are holding a reunion for all OEs who left during this decade on **Saturday 6th June**.

You can see details for the day on the Old

Emanuel Website: just [click here](#) to book your place. If you have any further questions about the day then please do not hesitate to contact us: oe@emanuel.org.uk. The photo shows Queen Elizabeth II visiting the school and inspecting the CCF in 1994.

Meet the OE



I recently interviewed **Philip Stack**, who attended Emanuel from 1970 to 1977 before going to Durham University, where he read geography. He then joined the Army in 1980, intending to stay for 3 years, but ended up staying until last year. His career has taken him all over the world, and for the last 4 years he was the British Defence Attache in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. He

commanded the 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers from 1998 to 2001, after an MPhil in International Relations at Cambridge. He was awarded the MBE in 1994 for his work on planning NATO's intervention in the Balkans. The latter part of his career was spent in a succession of international and diplomatic posts, which included 7 years in Belgium. He now works as a political risk consultant, advising multinational companies on political and conflict risks in the Middle East and North Africa.

Did you always intend to join the Army? Not at all! I think that I surprised myself. I was searching for something completely different after my degree, and there was a general drift towards the Army amongst many of my contemporaries at university. As I was a Londoner I gained a commission in the Fusiliers, which some may remember was the regiment associated with the Army section of the CCF at Emanuel. I intended staying for just a few years, but I then found myself stationed in Berlin and I decided to stay longer.

Were you an enthusiastic member of the CCF at Emanuel? I think that I was a fairly reluctant member of



Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club continues to forge ahead with the three teams playing well in the excellent Surrey Leagues, where every match is a tight competition.

Surrey Rugby is considered the strongest in the country. Emanuel Lions, minis and juniors, contribute to this with the 500 boys and girls playing and training on Sundays, with older boys now training during the week too. Fifty-five coaches also contribute to the Country decisions on the growth of the game in this World Cup year. OERFC was again presented with the RFU Accreditation in a ceremony at the Club by Surrey Chairman Nigel Heslop (see photo below). The RFU have recognised the hard work of Chris Viney, Vice Chairman of Old Emanuel Lions Youth, and the RFU President has invited him and his wife to lunch at Twickenham in March.

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Old Emanuel Golf Society

Since our input late 2014, unsurprisingly at this time of year, there is nothing new to report re-our golf activities.

the RAF section. About the only thing that I can recall is the school glider, which skimmed across the playing fields at great risk to the pilot, and a field day in an RAF glider at West Malling. Taffy Neath was the master in charge. In latter years I found out about his amazing war record in Bomber Command, but of course we weren't interested at the time and he didn't talk about it. [Click here to keep reading...](#)

Read all about it!



The Rose & Portcullis is going into print and we need you to help us write it. Please get in touch with your news to add to the News in Brief section which will list items by decade or if you are

interested in writing a feature. This can be about anything, not just your career, as long as you think other OEs will find it interesting. We are also looking for births, marriages and deaths. So if you don't want to write in just send a photo. **IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR UP TO DATE POSTAL ADDRESS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A COPY!** Make sure you check what address shows at the side bar of this email. If there is nothing there then get in touch! oe@emanuel.org.uk

OE Tom Davies takes on the world



Tom Davies (OE 2014) is attempting to become the youngest person to cycle around the world and raise money and awareness for Prostate Cancer UK, The Sohana Research Fund and Carney's Community. What does this entail? In short, lots of hours pedalling until Tom has done a very big cycle from London to London. He

hopes to complete the trip in around 200 days - which basically means 100 miles a day, with the odd day off for a bit of R&R (Tom is currently in India at the time of going to press). Why is he doing this? Tom explains: "Quite frankly I am yet to think of an answer to that question. But simply put: with a love of cycling and wanting to see the world, it seemed the obvious adventure. I also wanted to give myself a proper challenge, to see what I was capable of, before heading off to university. On a serious note, all three charities, whilst different, are extremely good causes and well worth our support." You can follow Tom's adventures on [his blog](#).

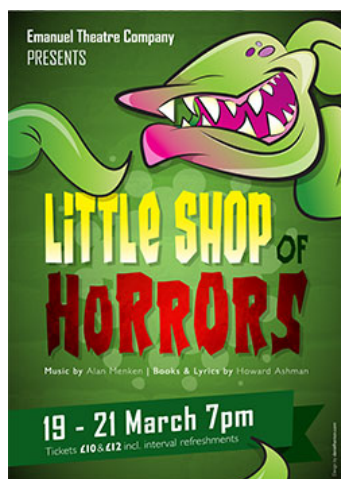
The venue for Autumn 2015 has not been selected, but several options are under consideration and the selection will be advised. For the OE Spring Meeting, we will be going to Cuddington Golf Club at Banstead, Surrey in 2015, with 18 holes booked for the afternoon of Thursday 14th May. In addition, we will enter a team in the Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf Competition at Clandon Regis Golf Club in June 2015. Consideration will also be given to an OE golfers event to decide the winner of the pairs of Greensome Stableford Cups. This will be discussed at our Spring Meeting, with the outcome reported later in the Spring/Summer 2015.

Please contact the Secretary, Clive Galyer on 020 8643 1834 or 07859 821542, or preferably via 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 – amongst whom there must now be many golfers!) at the Spring and Autumn meetings – and competing to be included in the OE team in June.

Old Emanuel Cricket Club

As the last OEA Newsletter was transmitted at a time

Little Shop of Horrors - Get your tickets now....



Tickets are now on sale for the school musical **Little Shop of Horrors**. Tickets are priced at £12 for adults and £10 for children and include a programme, drink and hot dog.

Simply email Head of Drama Beth Dawson on bmd@emanuel.org.uk to reserve your seats. All cheques should be made payable to Emanuel School. Performance dates and times

are as follows:

Thursday 19th March: 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Friday 20th March: 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Saturday 21st March: 7.00pm - 10.00pm

OE Careers Network

We would like to thank the hundreds of OEs who have agreed to help with our expanding Careers Network. Lots of you volunteered to assist fellow OEs with careers advice. Are you a recent graduate struggling to get your first position or maybe looking to change career but not sure how to go about it? Maybe we can help! We have volunteers from everything from Research to Advertising, Journalism to Law, Medicine to TV with whom we can put you in touch. Just email oe@emanuel.org.uk to find out more or if you are interested in becoming a Careers Volunteer.

OE on our screens



Max Fowler (OE 2009) appeared in the BBC's hit TV series "Wolf Hall" based on the best-selling Hilary Mantel novels. Max has also appeared in several well known UK shows such as "Holby City" and "Waterloo Road". He was also a leading character in the first series of the American version of "The Killing". He is next set to appear

in an American TV series "Powers" set in a world where humans and super heroes co-exist, and a homicide detective is tasked with investigating crimes involving superhuman powers.

when more than half the season remained it seemed more sensible to wait and provide an overall report in this edition.

For almost the first three months of the season, the first team enjoyed top-of-the-table status, and promised high hopes of promotion. That this did not materialise and with the side finishing only third was incredibly disappointing and resulted from a combination of circumstances that would fill two chapters of the Chairman's soon-to-be-published memoirs.

The hugely talented Kshitiz Sharma from Delhi provided a destructive and dominating top-order batsman (579 runs at 48.25) and regularly placed us in positions of strength, whether batting first or chasing. This gave our talented group of four spinners the platform to weave their magic and exert pressure. The ever reliable Arvind Maan (28 at 12.17) together with Zoaib Khan (28 at 16.78) led the attack with Shak Ahmad (22 at 20.9) and Sharma (19 at 21.26) giving excellent support. Their overall haul of 97 wickets showed the value of spin at this level, the remaining bowlers taking only 24 wickets between them.

[Click here to read the rest of the 2014 report.](#)

OE International

Obituaries



Training for School Sports, 1960

We are very sorry to have to announce the death of a number of OEs. Brian Wallace (1956), Kevin Tinker (1962), photograph opposite, and Nigel Smith (1980). You can read obituaries for these OEs on the [website](#). You can also

read a more extensive obituary for Gordon Townsend (1936)

Take it to the Bridge!



When **Nick Hubbard** (OE1985-92) was browsing the Emanuel School at War Exhibition last November his five year old son tapped him on the shoulder and dragged him away from the "boring" exhibition to

see the "train tracks" upstairs. Nick followed his son upstairs and got the shock of his life.... His beloved GCSE Technology project of a bridge was displayed in the permanent School Archive. His eagle eyed son even spotted his name on it!

When I spoke to Nick about his piece he confessed it was a huge surprise to see his bridge again. I explained that the Technology Department had a massive clear-out of old projects but had decided to pass his effort to the Archive as it was obviously topically related to the new bridge project which is in the final stages of completion. I also explained to Nick that we had used his project to convince many current pupils and Old Emanuels that it was a model plan of the 'real' new bridge (until we revealed it was over twenty years old and, unless Nick was an assistant to Doctor Who, it was simply a very odd coincidence!) TRJ

OEA News

Now that we are into the second year of online news from the OEA, I am inviting you to make any ideas or suggestions you may have as to how we may improve your enjoyment of these bulletins as well as any newsworthy subject you wish to raise. The reason in appealing to you directly is that, having switched from

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Our wishes to Dave Debidin for all success in his first International were not too long in being realised as we have just heard that keeping wicket in his first game he had a hand (or two) in dismissing three opposition batsmen by catching two and stumping one. He is seen here preparing to bat but, as yet - some two days later - nothing further has been heard. We can only assume that he is still batting and nearing his first 500 ! So make a note of the date: it may become a public holiday - but perhaps not in Barbados !"

Your Details:

These are the details we have for you. [Log in](#) to the OE Website and update them if they are out of date. If this section is blank then please get in touch with your address: oe@emanuel.org.uk

Careers Help

Could you offer advice to current pupils or attend our

"hard copy" to electronic transmission, we seem to have lost our passion for correspondence and, also, contributions of articles of general interest (save, of course, in this Issue for that from Peter Pinkham on his wartime memories of his time spent with Emanuel in Petersfield. Thank you, Peter).

When broken down, the OEA content of "Rose and Portcullis" seem mainly to be based on news from the Rugby and Cricket Clubs, notes from the Golf Society urging more members to join them on their visits to various courses (which, incidentally, in the main appear to go unanswered) and similar pleas from the Luncheon Club. I can vouch for the fact that all of these interests are alive and well, but would, nonetheless welcome newcomers.

Sadly, the only sector that never lets an editor down for news is Obituaries. But surely you, as members, can contribute more than the notice of your death - which, more likely, will have been written by somebody else, anyway. So, please, I ask that you give just a couple of hours to the OEA and its members by composing a publishable letter or article, preferably related to Emanuel, that others, perhaps your direct contemporaries, will enjoy reading. An incident at School that happened to you or one of your classmates - or even, perhaps, a Master - might be a good start.

A few years ago I made this similar appeal to members, "Please don't let your Obituary be the first time The Association hears from you." So please, before it's too late ... !

Should you wish to contact me on any matter, my land line is 020 8651 5759, my mobile 07752 703 008 and email mikemarkland@uwclub.net

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OEA Luncheon Club



Thirty-two of us met at "The George" in Borough High Street on Monday 2 March. The numbers would have been even higher but sadly seven withdrew late on with a combination of

medical and other appointments and self-inflicted injuries. We do hope that Mike Markland - who seems to have fallen over his dishwasher and into his washing machine while circuit training, thus damaging his only fully-functional and original lower limb - makes a full recovery soon.

annual Careers Convention?
Email oe@emanuel.org.uk
to find out more.

Join the OEA

If you are interested in joining the OEA simply message membership secretary Roger Udall or Hon Social Sec. Mike Markland. Just visit the [OEA pages](#) of the website for contact details.

Annual General Meeting of the OEA

This will be held at Blagdons at **12noon on Saturday 18 April, 2015** followed by a buffet lunch.

Currently, The Association finds itself in what could be described as a difficult period in its history regarding our lease at Blagdons, the School's planned construction of an all-weather Hockey pitch at Blagdons, the proposed demolition and rebuilding of our changing block and many other associated topics - not the least of which is the re-siting, after ninety years or so, of the Cricket square.

In consequence, it is the view of the OEA Executive Committee that, wherever possible, all members of The Association should make every effort to attend this AGM.

Annual Dinner of

Having led something of a nomadic existence since the days of Beoty's, there was a sense that The George has the potential to become a new 'home' for the Old Emanuel Luncheon Club. Within easy walking distance of London Bridge station, this National Trust - owned pub is advertised as the only surviving galleried London coaching inn. It is full of character, has a spacious private dining room on the 1st floor and a good range of beers in the bar downstairs. The first map of Southwark (Duchy of Lancaster ca1543) shows a pub there marked as 'Gorge'. Based on the recent performance of the OELC that would still be an appropriate name! The food was good, plentiful and well-presented and the staff were friendly and made us feel very welcome.

[Click here to keep reading](#) and to see more photos from the lunch.

Archive Matters



John Meeus blows his Bugle for the first time in 64 years!

At the November War Exhibition we were delighted to see John Meeus (OE1941-51) come down the School Drive again. John has

previously donated some very nice artefacts to the School Archive including the medal he was presented with for 'Excellent Shooting' on the 1951 Parents Day (now Dacre Day). As a pupil John was an invaluable member of the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) reaching the rank of L/Sergeant and competed for the First Shooting VIII between 1948-51. John was an outstanding School bugler and was holder of the 'Silver Bugle' between 1950-51 and was also awarded a further shooting prize, the Donegal Badge in 1951. At the Exhibition we were very pleased to reunite John with one of his previous pieces of CCF 'kit' which has his name inscribed on it as seen in the attached photos. John even gave the bugle a blow, his first attempt in many, many years!

OE Prizes

Several renowned OEs have had their names attached to prestigious prizes in the last few years. The **Clive Barnes** (OE 1948) Award was founded by his wife in 2009 to commemorate his life. Barnes was a well known Theatre Critic who wrote for the New York Times. The award provides recognition and money to two outstanding artists each year. Barnes was well known for a knack of discovering new talent and this award is meant to carry

the OEA

I'm pleased to tell you that The Headmaster has offered **Friday 9 October, 2015** as the date for The Association's Annual Dinner. It is a little early to have come up with a cost as yet, but this is an advanced warning for you to reserve the date in your diaries. As in past years the evening will commence with a reception held in the Library at 6.45pm and Dinner will be served in The Refectory at 7.30pm.

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on his legacy. Congratulations to the 2014 winners: Jonny Orsini for his role as Ned in "The Nance" and the dancer Lloyd Mayor who performed the role of Achilles in "The Show (Achilles Heels)."

Congratulations also must go to Ian Forsyth and Jane Pollard who won the **Douglas Hickox** (OE 1946) Best Debut Director Award for their film 20,000 Days of Night about the musician Nick Cave. The Award was presented at the BIFA ceremony on 7th December by Charles Dance and Jodie Whittaker.

Lyndum House Remembered

Lyndum House Remembered, Petersfield 1944 by Peter Pinkham, Nelson, 1943-1946

While attending Emanuel School in Petersfield, my brother and I stayed in several billets, one being the home of Miss Munday, a fortyish spinster with a haughty manner, who owned a cattle-feed business, and treated my brother and me with disdain. Two older boys lived there too. One was a school prefect who threatened to give me two hundred lines once for arguing with him. When I told Miss Munday she said he had a perfect right to call me over the coals. One day she decided she no longer wanted us living there and arranged for our removal to Lyndum House. We were glad to leave her, the sixth-formers, and her infernal grandfather clock.

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School Sport Update - Spring Term



Emanuel School

Rowing: We have been busy at the boathouse this term, building crews in preparation for The School's Head and The Junior Sculling Head - coming up on 16th and 17th March respectively.

The year 9 girls have had a headstart on the boys, and are starting to show some good speed. At Hampton Head, against the usual quality field there, the first octo finished in third place, winning well deserved medals, just 3 seconds behind the winners. The quad also finished a very impressive 5th out of 17. The date of Hammersmith Head clashed with the Surrey netball tournament, so a good number of the girls were missing, but we still fielded two octos who finished well in second and fourth place from 6 crews. We are looking forward to the Junior Sculling Head and seeing just how well we can do against the National field. *(Ali Elliott)*

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Emanuel School netball: The under 12 and 13 A teams had their Surrey Tournament in January. Both teams played well, but the U12A team in particular really excelled. The girls came together and worked hard for each other. They only lost one game all tournament which meant they go through to the next round. To have three teams through to the next round (under 12, under 14 and seniors), is a great achievement and is a credit to the the players and coaching team at Emanuel School.

The under 14A team also played in the Regional Round of the National School Competition. The girls had a lot of training and tough matches leading up to the tournament which really helped. The team played well against some very strong teams. (*Carly Yeomans*)

Emanuel School Rugby: Rugby for the 2014-2015 season is nearing its conclusion. The 1st XV finished with a 60% win percentage, winning 9 out of their 15 games. Elsewhere further down the school the Under 15A team enjoyed a win percentage of 75% and the U13A and U13B team impressive 73% and 83% win percentages, respectively. The successes of all the teams were recently celebrated with the inaugural Rugby Awards Evening, with guest speaker and Director of Rugby at Richmond Football Club, Steve Hill, handing out prizes. The night was a huge success with just over 370 pupils and parents attending. With the end of the season comes an abundance of sevens competitions. The senior sevens team kicked off the campaign in great style with victory in our own Dick Woodall Memorial Sevens competition, beating, City of London Freeman's School, Caterham and Colfes in the process. Hopefully more successes will follow as we move through the sevens season this half term. (*Duncan Traynor*)

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