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Welcome from the Headmaster

Dear OE,

Welcome to issue 5 of the Rose and Portcullis. I hope you enjoy catching up on the news about current Emanuel students and OEs.

If you haven't been back to the school for some years, I hope you will join us for Dacre Day on 4th July. There will be lots happening in the school and you are very welcome to bring along your family. You will be entering by a new route, however, because the entrance from Battersea Rise is currently closed while Network Rail's contractors, BAM, rebuild the embankment. So the entrance to the school is now via a new road bridge from Spencer Park. Please park outside (if you are not coming here by public transport) and walk over the new bridge. Inside you will find food and drink, an Exhibition from the School Archives in the Library (where the dining hall used to be) and a free tea for you and your family in the marquee on the front lawn. There will be a concert in the Hampden Hall from 3.15pm. Dacre Day starts at 1pm and finishes about 4pm and I hope you can make it.

I am delighted to tell you that our girls have just won two silver medals at this year's National Schools Rowing Championships. It is the first time for at least 20 years that Emanuel has won two national medals in rowing in one year. One of our girls is also well on her way to GB

Dates for your Diary



The Emanuel School Boat Club Supporters present
The Snowflake Fair

Date: Sunday 22nd November

Time: 11am-3pm

Location: Hampden Hall

Christmas Drinks for the last 5 years of Leavers

Date: tbc

Location: Emanuel School

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representation. The boys too rowed well, with the J16 eight crew just missing out on the bronze medal in their final by a quarter of a length.

The U13 boys also had a great run of results this year at the Eton Fives Championships, held at Eton College, and I am pleased to report that they are this year's national champions. You can read more about this within these pages.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Mark Hanley-Browne, Headmaster

Dacre Day 2015



All OEs, friends and family are cordially invited back to school for Dacre Day, the annual Celebration of school life. There will be tea for all at 3pm with the Headmaster in the marquee and the Library will be open as usual with an archive display.

Date: Saturday 4th July

Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm

RSVP: oe@emanuel.org.uk

The Old Emanuel Association has again been granted sole use of the Buttery (facing the field between the Hampden Hall and the Refectory) to hold our annual "meet and greet reception" and we hope that all members - and potential members - will, at some time during the day, come to say hello.

Last Call for Your Address

Don't forget that The Rose & Portcullis is going into print. Make sure you receive **YOUR** copy by sending us your up to date postal address. Simply email oe@emanuel.org.uk

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Travelling Overseas?

In addition to 'the parent' body in the UK, the OEA has two well-established and thriving 'branch' organisations whose members meet regularly. One, which is based in Sydney and takes in Australia and her 'neighbouring' Countries, while the other, the North American branch, has made Toronto its hub, but has contact with OEs in Canada and USA.

If you live in, or are planning to travel to or through either of these areas, then get in touch with either of the OEA Branch Secretaries who will be very pleased to hear from you. So please do contact them at:

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Old Emanuel Golf Society

The Spring Meeting of the

Archive Matters



The Wilson Chalice

Until quite recently there was a fairly nondescript communion cup sitting in a cupboard in the School Chapel which the Reverend Hunt used sparingly. However, after an English Heritage expert I had been helping with research discovered a reference to this particular chalice in a 1903 Portcullis he became

particularly animated as it referenced Henry Wilson, a silversmith from the early 20th Century, whose work is both collectable and very valuable. The researcher was so excited he shortly returned with a silversmith expert, who indicated it was exceptionally valuable (I'm not going to say how much it is worth!) and that very similar Henry Wilson works were in the Victoria and Albert Museum, and other such high profile establishments. So we quickly moved the chalice from the chapel to the school safe.

So why is it so valuable you may ask? The answer is simple; it's an exceptionally rare silver chalice commissioned by Emanuel School in 1903. The school paid silversmith Henry Wilson the pricey sum of £35 to design and complete the work. It was probably used as a communion wine chalice for much of the 20th Century, without anyone realising its true value. Without this reference in the Portcullis 1931 it may have continued to exist in anonymity... The cup itself is quite plain, and is slightly gilt inside, to give an effect of greater richness and colour... Its price is also noted in the school accounts as £35.00 payable to Wilson. [Click here to read more.](#)

OE hits the right notes

OE Robert Hervais-Adelman performed as part of the exciting electro-classical fusion ensemble Stomp's Playground. Former staff will remember how his precocious drumming skills were often the saving grace of talent shows in the Hampden Hall.

He left Emanuel to study percussion full time and now finds himself in a cutting edge musical venture that is starting to make waves. In the large

Society was held this year at Cuddington Golf Club in Banstead, Surrey and over 18 holes were played in the afternoon of Thursday 14th May.

Sadly, this was a shockingly wet afternoon, one of the very few the Society has encountered over the last 25 years, either at our Spring or Autumn Meetings. Despite the weather, though, some very good scores were achieved, particularly by the winner of both the Scratch and the Stableford cups, Roger Gillett, playing off a handicap of 9. This was a really outstanding round in the conditions.

The full results were as follows:

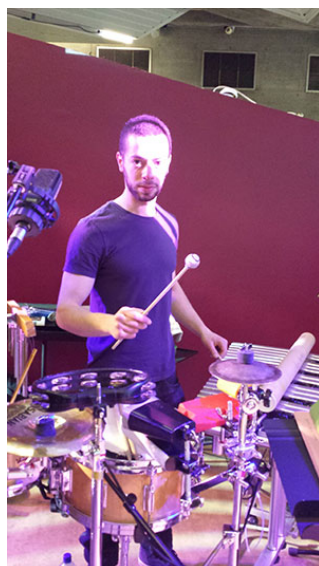
Stableford - 1st Roger Gillett - 39pts 2nd Simon Muskett - 35pts 3. Graham Heath - 34pts

Scratch - 1st Roger Gillett - Gross 76 2nd Matt Ellis - 86

Longest Drive - Matt Ellis

Nearest the Pin - Graham Smith

The venue for the Autumn 2015 Guest Day is Tyrrell's Wood GC on 16th October. The booking was made by Tyrrell's member OE Simon Park, the winner of both the Spring Meeting Cups last year. Sadly, I have to report that Simon recently passed away finally losing a long battle with cancer. Suffice to say, he



foyer of the Southbank we were treated to R&B, drum and bass, breakbeats and House rearranged for strings, harp, brass and piano in all kinds of imaginative combinations. The 11 piece collective is underpinned with Rob's driving beats and the large audience were soon dancing, nodding and foot tapping their way into the weekend.

Historic Win



Before Easter the Emanuel Under-13 first pair of Dylan and Thomas played Berkhamsted's first pair in the Final of the National Schools' Championships in what would turn out to be

one of the finest and most nail-biting games of the season and indeed the Championships. The first set in this best-of-five match saw the boys off to a strong start, with Dylan and Tom working hard to produce good set-pieces and rally play, and they were able to take the game comfortably 12-6. After a quick pep-talk, the lads were back on for the second set, in which the Berkhamsted pair showed renewed strength and determination, and despite the Emanuel boys being just one point away from winning the game at one time, the Berkhamsted pair managed to clinch the game 11-13. What then followed was an astonishing turnaround from Berkhamsted, as they proceeded to take the third set 12-0, significantly raising their level while Tom and Dylan were unable to keep up. The boys dug deep and regrouped however, turning things around to win the next game 12-10, taking the match to 2-2, and they pushed hard to win the deciding game 12-10.

These final two games were some of the best Fives recently seen at this level, and the turnaround from 2-1 down is testament to the character of these two talented players. The Championships take place over nine days of competition, involving over one thousand boys and girls across the various categories. This is an historic achievement; it is the first time that an Emanuel pair has ever won the National Championships at any level. Many congratulations to Dylan and Tom. Their tenacity, skill and commitment to the game is to be greatly applauded!

achieved great results at our meetings over the past few years despite fighting the condition. He will be greatly missed by all OEs, and certainly by the Golf Society.

For the OE Spring Meeting in 2016, we will be returning to Cuddington Golf Club, with 18 holes booked for the afternoon of **Thursday 12th May**. In addition this year, we will enter a team in the Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf Competition (now styled 'Surrey Schools Golf Societies Festival') which is to be held at Clandon Regis Golf Club on **19th June 2015**.

For further details on any of the Golf Society's events, please contact the Secretary, Clive Galyer preferably by email at clive.galyer@gmail.com. or 'phone on 020 8643 1834 or 07859 821 542. We really would welcome both old and new golfing friends from the OE ranks at the Spring and Autumn meetings - especially any lady OEs, many of whom, I hope, may be aspiring golfers.

Old Emanuel Cricket Club

The belated AGM in early April recorded the re-election of Dave Debidin as President and Chairman, Jon Watt as Secretary and Treasurer, Conan Hicks as Club Captain and 2nd XI skipper, and a new first

40 Years On...



A little over 40 years after they left Emanuel, **Richard Coleman** and **Steven Pirintji** met up again in February 2015 at

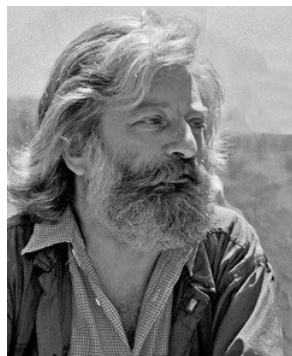
an OEA luncheon in Sydney. Steven now lives in Sydney and Richard was over in Australia visiting his daughter who was working there during her gap year.

Both OEs attended Emanuel from 1967 until 1974, where their school careers were closely intertwined; they were taught "A" level Russian by "Joe" Craddock and, away from the classroom, Steve was inside centre to Richard's fly half in the School 1st XV.

OE Careers Network

A call to all OEs who are graduating this year. If you are not sure what your next step should be then do not hesitate to get in touch. We have lots of alumni who have volunteered their support to fellow former students of the school.

Obituaries



We are very sorry to have to announce the death of a number of OEs. Richard Scott (1954) photograph opposite, Gerald Burnage (1942) John Halligan (1937), Simon Park (1983), Philip Broadbridge (1945) and Hugh Davy (1948). You can read obituaries for some of these OEs on the [website](#).

Recent Visitors



Keith Sansom (OE1941-45) visited the School in 2014 and in the subsequent months made some lovely donations to the School archive. Keith was evacuated to Petersfield during the war and after the return to Wandsworth he was involved in designing the new Raglan House tie. Raglan House was the Prep House for the younger boys, and their teacher Miss

Bedford felt that they should have their own tie, so that when they joined the senior school the tie made it clear that they had graduated from Raglan. The Headmaster

team Captain Zubair Ahmad. Sean Perry takes on the 3rd Team role. These gentlemen deserve your practical and moral support. The Club would appreciate all offers of help, both physical as well as financial. Your assistance in relation to the apparently mundane, but necessarily important, duties of umpiring and scoring would be particularly helpful.

All three teams registered wins in the first round of league matches and the second team repeated the feat in their second game. A win over Sinjuns in the T20 first round sees us drawn against old local rivals Spencer on 4 June. The LMS (Last Man Stands) competition is now in full swing (apologies) (sic) every Wednesday – for details of all of these and more, please visit: www.oldmanuel@play-cricket.com

Please make a note of and try to attend the Past Players reunion lunch at Blagdons on Sunday 31 May (noon for 12.30pm) when our opponents in the Fullers Sunday league game will be Old Rutlishians. (It is not too late to book your place with Roger Hinxman on 01428 727740)

Worthy of mention and, of course, our congratulations, is the award to Dave Debidin of two representative caps in Test matches for England over 60s against Barbados

gave Keith permission to negotiate with Harrods on the design and then sell the tie. We have no idea how many of these items are still in existence, but thanks to Keith we now have one on permanent display. Keith also donated a nice collection of school badges and through a family friend a fantastic collection of photographs dating back to the end of the First World War. It's always worth double-checking with us whether you have any photographs which we don't have in our school collection.



We also welcomed back to School OE **Irfan Latif** (1981-88) who as we reported in a previous issue is now Headmaster of Sexey's School in Somerset.

Book Launch

Chris Labinjo has been teaching biology at Emanuel for twenty-six years. He recently completed his debut novel, *The Living Dolls – Origin*. The book is an adult fiction sci-fi thriller that explores the relationship between business and science in creating the world's first mixed species humans on an industrial scale. The theme of transhumanism is a hot topic, as advances in science mean that new opportunities are being presented to us. The moral and ethical questions raised by the blossoming technology are yet to be debated or even considered.

The official launch of the book will take place in the **Emanuel School library on Wednesday 30th September at 6pm**. You are warmly welcomed to attend this free event. However, tickets will be required for entry. To reserve your place please send the names of guests to oe@emanuel.org.uk. As this is likely to be a popular event, early application is advised.

The Living Dolls – Origin can be purchased on the night for £9.99. The pre-order price of £6.99 is available on purchases made before Friday 28th August. Full payment is required to benefit from this discount. Postage and packaging will cost an additional £1.80; the book will be sent to you after the book launch. There is no charge if you are able to collect the book on the night of the book launch. Cheques should be sent to Mr C. Labinjo, Emanuel School, Battersea Rise, London SW11 1HS (cheques made payable to Mr C. Labinjo).

Synopsis - Louise, fuelled by a promise to her brother and desiring to see the end of genetic disease, is offered a dream job at IBC-Korea, a leading biotech company. She heads the Living Doll Project – a scientific programme aimed at developing the techniques that will allow genes from other species to be spliced into the

during March – he is the first OE to gain international honours at cricket (at any level !) -in this connection we have yet to be informed of the date of publication of his first book.

Lions Tour



The Emanuel Rugby Club under 13s went on its first rugby festival tour to Camber Sands on the bank holiday weekend in early May to a vast and well organised event and played seven matches at 'A' grade.

What a fantastic tour ! They were pitched against some very big teams from all over southern England. Our boys played with courage and tenacity winning one match and losing the other six - but by small margins. As a first tour and being a 'B' grade side they held their own and were praised by the organisers and officials for being so well behaved and full of spirit. As a result this team have been invited to play in Holland next season.

The members of this fledgling team were a great example to the Emanuel Rugby Club and the Old Emanuel Association that they represent. There were a few bruises from the tour of which the players were very proud. Just to

human genome. As the project moves forward, things become personal: the first chimera twins (Jack and Jill) are no longer just an experiment. It is slowly dawning on Louise that that her dream may be turning into a nightmare. .

OEA News

Old Emanuel Association Annual General Meeting

The 105th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Blagdons on Saturday 18th April, 2015. The meeting unanimously elected Geoff Thorne as President, and Vic Dodds as Chairman for the coming year.

The Annual Dinner of the Association

You will be aware that the 'official' OEA Dinner is now held every other year and we are pleased to report that the Headmaster has again kindly agreed to allow us to hold this year's event in the Refectory at School on **Friday 9th October.**

Those members who are intending to attend this social highlight in the Association's calendar are urged, even at this relatively early stage, to contact the Hon. Social Secretary to register that intention at mikemarkland@uwclub.net.

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Meet the OE



OE Nigel Hollington (1967-74) talks about his experiences volunteering and teaching.

I'm 'writing' this from a grubby little restaurant in a nondescript little town beside a muddy

river on the north western coast of Borneo, overlooking the South China Sea; perhaps it's the steamy heat and sluggish minutes that have reminded me to take up pen, or keyboard, to respond to the latest plea from the editor! I hopped aboard the North Borneo Railway (established by the British in 1898 and which still operates a twice weekly steam pulled service with colonial rolling stock and suitably clad attendants) to take a trip down the line this afternoon to nowhere in particular, and, now that I've got here, my thoughts have turned again to Emanuel, and that nagging plea from the editor.....

complete the weekend they spent an afternoon Paintballing - and added yet more bruises!

A quote from an under 13 coach: *"The highlight for me was the fantastic way the lads bonded for the whole weekend. No cliques. Everyone just got on with the games with humour and spirit."* IH

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However, it is not Borneo that bothers me; it is Beirut. After school and Durham, I spent four years teaching (although I'm inclined to think that my role as Library prefect, Chapel prefect and, later, sub prefect at Emanuel provided me with far better training for the day to day challenges of the classroom than my teacher training lectures ever did!) Following a couple of summers volunteering with TEAR Fund in India and the Middle East I took up the chance to volunteer in a children's home in Beirut, Lebanon, from '81-'84. I found myself in the middle of a vicious war; often referred to as the Lebanese Civil War. Remembering the old adage of 'Keep Calm and Carry On' I took my skiing gear.... yes, even during the war there were times when we could ski, it being too cold to fight!

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Working towards the workplace



Congratulations to Upper Sixth students Ella, George, Laurie and Jenny who, having successfully negotiated several rounds of interviews and tests, have now secured valuable internship opportunities for summer 2015. Ella is the recipient of this year's Emanuel Hinduja scholarship and will spend a month during the summer working at the London headquarters of the Hinduja Foundation at New Zealand House.

George, Laurie and Jenny have been offered paid

internships with city wealth management companies: London Wall Partners and Investment Quorum. The importance of previous work experience and internship placements is enormous in today's graduate recruitment market, and this will be a great experience for all three students who are already building impressive CVs in preparation for entry into the rapidly changing and highly competitive world of work.

If you or your company are in a position to offer interships or placements to current Emanuel students the careers department would be delighted to hear from you. Just email oe@emanuel.org.uk

Old Emanuel RFC

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Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club have celebrated an extremely successful season with the 1st XV gaining promotion to Surrey 1 with a home win against Old Blues in the penultimate game of the season. Jamie Clarke as Captain with Harry Bowden, his vice-Captain, led a strong group throughout the year. Both of these stalwarts are to remain in those positions for 2015-16.

The 1st XV also took an interest in the Under 16s and Thursday nights will now see them train together. The Under 16s were invited to the Old Blues game so that the success and photo opportunity could be shared. CONGRATULATIONS ! The successful OERFC 1st XV will return next season to Surrey Division 1. They deserve to receive plaudits from all connected with Emanuel.

The 2nd XV finished in the top half of Surrey Reserve Premiership League while the 3rd XV finished mid table in their league. In all a very good season. At the Annual Awards Dinner a surprise announcement was made that Surrey RFU have again bestowed the award on Old Emanuel RFC as Development Club of the Year 2015. The presentation is to be held at Twickenham at the end of May.

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Simon Park (Marlborough 1976-83)

A superb player while at School and later for Old Emanuel, Simon lost his battle with stomach and lung cancer in May. He also played for The Combined London Old Boys before suffering a knee injury which rendered it unable to withstand direct contact. However, he was still able to take up the whistle and refereed to a high standard in the National Leagues where he was known to be a firm and fair ref. He was also a great tourist with, and keenly participated in, the many tours that Old Emanuel RFC made to Europe. Usually, he served on the Tour Committees, where his dry sense of humour continued to raise many smiles. Simon was a Vice-President of Old Emanuel Rugby Club.

Our thoughts are with his wife Helen and family to whom we, together with The Old Emanuel Association, offer our sincere condolences.

More Memories from Petersfield

Petersfield Remembered by Richard Plant, Clyde, 1938 - 1945

Every September 1st, I think "Evacuation Day"- I was eleven then, and I'm eighty-six now; but some things you never forget. We'd practised this the day before; but this day, a Friday in 1939, we all turned up at school with suitcases and little square boxes containing gasmasks, and formed up in small groups with a senior boy in

charge of eight of us. At some point, we went off in a long "crocodile" to Clapham Junction Station, and got on a train, which was there ready for us, and started off into the (to us) unknown - the smaller boys, at any rate, found it all very exciting. We stopped at Petersfield, which most of us had never heard of before, and got off the train, forming up in our little groups. We had a lady billeting officer with us now - my mind goes blank at this point, until we got to "Sussex Road" - I presume having disposed of quite a few of us on the way. My memory wakes up here, and our lady knocks at number 4. Mrs Berriman comes out, and says, "I'll take two little-uns". Myself and Derek Watkins were chosen, and we'd found our new home which we lived in very happily until we came back to London in 1945.

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School Sport Update



Cricket - The first half of the summer term has been one of excellence for Emanuel's cricketing A-teams! The top performing team is our 1st XI, who, despite a reduced fixture list due to exams, are still unbeaten winning all 5 of their matches. Captain Archie is leading the way with the bat and Sam's left arm spin is doing the damage with the ball in hand. Further down the school our A teams have

played 27 and won 20 games, with Billy, Ben, Sinan and Robbie leading the way to some impressive performances. Our opening Saturday and midweek fixtures against Latymer Upper School and St Dunstan's College were nearly clean sweeps across all age groups, including our B teams! Tiffin School proved stiffer opposition as we won only 4 out of 9 games, our U13 squad improved on their 1 run victory last year to win by 6 runs this year. We also enjoyed success against local rivals Alleyn's and John Fisher, Purley. We have also played Dulwich College, King's College, Wimbledon and Wallington County Grammar Schools this term with mixed results.

Arguably our biggest news of this term's cricket is the introduction of **girls' cricket** to Emanuel School. Our U12-14 girls have been training regularly before school on a Thursday morning, which has obviously been time well spent. In our first 8 a-side tournament, hosted by Colfe's with 12 teams from across SE London and Kent, we progressed through the group matches and quarter finals, and reached the semi-finals before being knocked out by a well drilled team from Kent College. The second

half of the summer term will see us take on a further 4 other schools and enter one more tournament.



Good news to report from **The Boat Club**. Two silver medals at National Schools Regatta!

We were busy during the Easter holidays with training camps at Ardingly

(Sussex) for yr9/10 and Lake Varese (Italy) for yr 10 and the seniors. The effort put in by rowers and coaches has really paid off with 8 regatta wins early in the season: Yr 9 girls (Chiswick and 2 at Putney Town), Yr 10 girls (Borne), Senior girls (2 at Chiswick and Borne) and Senior Boys (Marlow Spring), so the collection of pots for this year is looking very promising.

There were high hopes for the trip to National Schools, and for the most part these were justified. There were some near misses and disappointments: the senior boys coxed four missed the semi finals by a couple of seconds, the J15 boys 8 missed the final by a couple of seconds, the J16 boys missed the bronze medal by a couple of seconds, and one of the J14 boys quads missed the final by half a second - but all were very respectable results. For the girls, the headline news was much better, with Silver medals in not one but two events! On Friday the J14 A Octo raced amazingly maturely through all three races to top expectations and pushed Latymer hard in the final, beating Headington to take the silver in a very close and exciting race. On Sunday the senior girls top crew, in J16 coxed fours, avenged their two fourth places from last year by turning the tables on Bedford and Haberdashers and took Silver, coming in just two seconds behind LEH who took the gold. For this crew Henley Women's beckons, to be followed by trials for the GB-France match. Good luck! and lets hope they can overturn that defeat by LEH.

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