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Dacre Day 2017



Dacre Day

Saturday 1st July

12pm start

3pm tea with the Headmaster

Dacre Day this year is on Saturday 1st July. This will be your chance to say farewell to Mr Hanley-Browne, Mr Labinjo and Reverend Hunt amongst others, so we hope to see lots of you from 12pm onwards. We will also have a huge photo display in the Library. But what of the vintage picture we have used to publicise the event? This is the earliest photograph in our collection from 'Fete and Flannels', which was the original name for Dacre Day back in 1906. The snap was taken thirty years before the first Hampden Hall was built and the photographer must be positioned high up in the main building somewhere.

Meet the OE - Rob Waller



What do you remember of Emanuel?

It all started with feeling very small as I was in the first 10+ entry in 1984; Trudi Brunskill joined as our form teacher that year, and it was Peter Thompson's first year as Headmaster. I have fond recollections of a number of quite eccentric teachers (as I'm sure all OEs do), but perhaps a more poignant memory is the Clapham Train Crash. I'd been along that line in a train only two minutes before and arrived at the school just as the wounded were climbing up the embankment.

Can you tell us about your famous rowing career? Apparently, you

rejected the chance to represent GB to concentrate on your A-Levels?

There is some truth in that – I had pretty challenging grade targets to study medicine at Cambridge, and I also had a great year being House Captain (Well-ing-ton!) and playing some ball sports. I'd also been fortunate to represent GB the year before so had the luxury of a choice.

The rowing started more by accident than design. I wanted to row from the start of the third year but, being a 'W' in the alphabet, couldn't start till the summer so spent the term in a single scull on a fast flowing Thames. The fourth year was unremarkable, but in the fifth year we surprised ourselves and everyone else by winning the Schools Head (the national winter championships) and then the National Schools (summer championships) too. In the Lower 6th, as well as rowing in the 1st VIII, I trialled for the GB team and represented GB in the eight at the Junior World Rowing Championships – where we came 4th by 0.1 seconds!

I continued rowing at university and again rowed for GB at the World Student Games, where this time we won a gold in the coxless four by 0.1 seconds! I'd rowed for Goldie, the Cambridge reserve crew, that year too and in 1996 got into the main Blue Boat. And yes, we won... After that, I again had to make a choice to pay some

serious attention to my neglected medical degree, though I have picked up an oar a few times since.

How did you get into Psychiatry? What made you set up Mind and Soul?

At medical school, I was always more interested in the complexity of illnesses and how they affect people. I have endless patience for people who struggle with their mental health and am frustrated by the stigma that exists in much of society. I also like talking to people who are really psychotic!

The Mind and Soul Foundation (www.mindandsoulfoundation.org) is about how this can be improved in the church, where stigma is just as bad as the rest of society, and how churches can be more mental health friendly as they are great communities – offering connections that many lack to their cost.

In England the profile of mental health is being raised significantly by, among other celebrities, the Royal family. What are your views on this?

Over the last ten years, we've seen a real opening up about mental health issues – in celebrities, in parliament, in sport. The Mind and Soul Foundation has been part of this wave in the church, with support from the Archbishop of Canterbury and past Presidents of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Severe mental illnesses like schizophrenia are not becoming more common, but increasing life stresses are causing more anxiety and depression, and more is being disclosed too.

This openness, however, is only the beginning. We need to continue to argue for equality with physical illness – both in research and service delivery, where mental health lacks far behind diseases like cancer and heart disease, though just as many suffer. And there is no health without mental health.

What made you decide to move to New Zealand recently?

I moved to Auckland with my wife Susanna and two boys (James, 8 and David, 6) last year. Both of us had grown up overseas (Susanna in Jamaica and myself in Mauritius). We also wanted to have an adventure, to see a different culture and work in a health service similar to yet different from the NHS.

There are definite plusses, such as the Lions Tour coming over this year, but I expect we will be back in the UK in due course. Well, in Scotland anyway – if that still counts!

Telephone Campaign



FULLY FUNDED PLACES

First Telephone Campaign for Emanuel

We are delighted to announce that we will be conducting our very first telethon in support of the Fully Funded Places Campaign this summer. 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. The telethon will take place in the evenings and weekends between the 7th and 21st August. We will be contacting you over the coming months with more details so watch out for communications. We would love to speak with as many of you as possible during the campaign but due to time and resources we will not be able to contact everybody.

The Dacre Block Opens



We are pleased to announce that the new Dacre building has finally been handed over to us from the builders and classes are now being taught in the new spaces. The new building is now the home of the Arts and Humanities and has state of the art facilities including a dark room. The cobbled yard has also received a significant face lift. Many OEs will be surprised at how much it has changed.

There will be an official opening of the Dacre building on 12th October this year.

Boat Club Dinner



All current and past members of the Boat Club are invited to a dinner at Emanuel School.

Friday 29th September

Drinks reception: 7pm

Dinner: 7.30pm

Guest speaker to be announced and auction to be held after the dinner in aid of the Boat Club.

Tickets are priced at £40 per adult and £30 for a concession. Tables of 10 are priced at £380. All tickets can be purchased through the Old Emanuel website.

[Book Now](#)

OE plays for the Australia Rules Football GB Team



Here's a great sporting success story featuring an OE living 'Down Under'. We'd also be very, VERY surprised if it's not an OE sporting first..... **Seyonne**

Kidnapillai (OE 1996-2003) took up Australian Rules Football when he moved to Australia around five years ago and started playing for the Balmain Tigers in the Sydney Division One of the Australian Football League (AFL). For the past three years Seyonne's position has been 'forward pocket' and his recent run of good form has seen him named in the next 30 man squad to play for GB Bulldogs in the upcoming International 2017 AFL Cup. The Bulldogs are the British 18-a-side representative team, who compete in International matches and other competitions, so this is a real achievement for Seyonne to be selected for the GB national team.

Seyonne told us he reckoned that his

involvement in the sporting life of Emanuel School helped him pick up some tricks which have helped him excel in what is a super-tough and real hard-man sport which is incredibly popular in Australia. As a boy Seyonne was Head of Howe Clyde and was Captain of Football (in the final days when we played football seriously!) and also played for both the First and Second Rugby XV. This is what The Portcullis said of him as Football Captain: *"Seyonne always led the team by example, he covered the pitch constantly and was the foundation for most of the team's attacks through his fine tackling. He was the most consistent outfield player and kept his fiery temperament in check to fulfil a fine season as captain."* So it's great to hear that some fourteen years after leaving Emanuel Seyonne has diversified and succeeded in a new sporting challenge, and we're pretty sure that *"fiery temperament"* quoted in The Portcullis comes in really handy.

Well done from all at Emanuel!

Fight Night Success



Miguel's Gym Boxing and Fitness Gym in Brixton was packed out for Charity Fight Night on Friday 19 May. Old Emanuels squared up to their boxing opponents in hard-fought and sometimes gruelling rounds at the well-attended event. The night was kindly organised by OE Crawford Anderson (1993-2000) and all proceeds went to the Fully Funded Places Campaign, which aims to offer additional bursary places at Emanuel. In total, over £4,500 was raised on the

night. Crawford himself entered the ring and put up a very good fight. Emanuel staff supporters also enjoyed the rap performances in the ring during the interval. Our sincere thanks go to Crawford for his enthusiasm and hard work in putting on such a great event in support of the Fully Funded Places Campaign.

Congratulations to the Eastonettes



On Saturday 13 May, eight brave members of the Emanuel staff - Miss Blaikie, Dr Dancy, Miss Fitzgibbon, Mrs Hogan, Mr House, Mrs Williams-Ryan, Mrs Whipp, and Miss Yeomans - took part in the London Moonwalk alongside 17,000 others, all raising funds for the WalkTheWalk breast cancer charity. Calling themselves 'The Eastonettes' in honour of the wonderful Miss Easton, who we lost in September to this hideous disease, and sporting sunflowers (her favourite flower) they walked mile after mile, wearing decorated bras and big

smiles.

After no fewer than four warm-ups in the main tent, they were permitted to move to the start, where they waited for another ten minutes whilst being entertained by a commentator. Then they were off, slowly, with the streets crowded with people so that it was more of an amble than a walk, and in several places more like a queue than an amble. After the first few miles, however, there was more space to move, and we got to see what the PE Department are made of. Miss Fitzgibbon, in particular, was quick to spot gaps in the crowd of walkers in front, and to find a line between slower-moving participants.

This was the 20th incarnation of the London Moonwalk, and the route took the Emanuel fundraisers into central London via Battersea Park and Chelsea Bridge, along the Embankment and past a number of landmarks such as the London Eye, The Globe and St Paul's Cathedral. Miss Yeomans provided everyone with a snack bag whose contents (sweets, nuts and a protein bar) kept them going throughout the night but they were still pleased (relieved?) to get through the finish line at 5am.

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who sponsored the team and helped to make a tidy sum for the charity. You can still [donate here](#).

Join us for a Night at the Musicals



On Friday 30th June, a “Night at the Musicals” takes place in the Hampden Hall at 7pm. Much like the Summer Serenade, the audience will be seated round tables and this concert will feature songs from a broad range of musicals; some solo, some ensemble and some chorus, as well as a full live orchestra accompanying those who are singing. Although some refreshments will be provided, you are encouraged to bring your own snacks and drinks and enjoy the night.

Tickets can be purchased from Lucinda Stuart-Grant (LSG@emanuel.org.uk) in the Music Office at £8 per person (£5 concessions), or a table for £50.

Cockney Boy "Done Good"

We often read about the brilliant scholars and sportsmen (no girls in my time) that Emanuel produced over the years and I wondered if my Emanuel time as a middling student might touch the thoughts of many of us who didn't quite reach these dizzy heights.

I was born in the East End in 1935 before coming to Battersea and Honeywell Road and Belleville Road local schools. In 1946, I somehow stumbled into the Emanuel orbit via the 11plus and the dreaded Entrance Exam and entered a world previously unknown to me.

School uniforms from Harrods - how my parents coped I don't quite know. There I was in my three-piece herringbone suit, waistcoat and short trousers, bounding up the stairs to the top landing and into 1A. Over the next two years I became assimilated into the Emanuel culture with Stafford Hipkins attempting to reduce my cockney English into some semblance of English as “he would like it spoke”, with some success. I then entered my third year and found myself in 3 Modern and into the orbits of Colonel Hill and Mr Outrum, both experts in their own particular way in getting your attention either by the chalk board rubber or the slipper. During the next years I continued to be a middling student up to the new GCE examinations where I didn't set the world on fire.

In my third year, my parents moved out to Hertfordshire and I was given the choice of staying at Emanuel or transferring to a local school and I was glad I made the right choice. This meant that I had a journey of one and three quarter hours into Emanuel each day and back again and come to think of it I am sure that this is still a school record to this day, MY ONLY ONE.

Sports was again not my real forte, being quite small and slightly built (not like today). I loved the rough and tumble of rugby, running, tennis and cricket but the only progress I

made was in rowing and yes you've guessed it as a cox and I spent many happy hours on the Thames coxing my House from our boathouse at Putney.

On reflection, I did enjoy my years at Emanuel and found when I left that it gave me a certain cachet and a high reputation when I came to pursue a career in the commercial world. Through the Schools Advisory Service, I was then given the opportunity of joining Bovis, a major construction company. I became an indentured Trainee working from their West End office. This led to a career as a Quantity Surveyor with a variety of contracting companies. I moved into marketing and more latterly was a Construction Marketing Director working in the City and finally I formed my own Consultancy Company to retirement.

Throughout my adult life there have been four major strands, the first being my wife (now sadly lost) together with my family who were my whole priority, the second was my career, the third being in Politics and last but not least the wonderful world of Ballet.

I was never remotely interested in politics until 1979 when I asked to stand and became elected as a District Councillor for Three Rivers District Council, becoming their Mayor in 1984 (yes Big Brother was alive and well) as well as twice becoming spokesman for my political party on the Council. I have always felt that my years at Emanuel gave me the confidence to debate and argue the "hind leg off a donkey" at the drop of a hat which also stood me in good stead when I became a Hertfordshire County Councillor in 2000 but lost out to becoming County Chairman when fate overtook me and I lost my seat in 2008. In recognition of my long career in politics, I was then honoured by being appointed as Honorary Alderman for the County of Hertfordshire in 2009.

Who could ever think that a "raggedy a...d cockney boy" could ever become involved in the wonderful world of ballet, but my eldest daughter, who became a pupil at a local school, introduced me to the ballet world firstly as a parent. However, I then found myself, as a local dignitary, becoming more and more involved by attending various ballet performances and shows, giving out prizes and becoming ever more interested over a long period of time in this fantastic new world. In 1996, a completely new Russian Ballet Association was formed and I was asked to be their Chairman, a role I still perform today. We have grown from a very small number of schools to just under thirty throughout the UK and now include many ballet schools across the world, making us a truly International Association.

It shows that in the right environment it not always those who shone at Emanuel who prospered.

Roy Sydney Clements (1946-51)

New Website

We are delighted to announce that the new Old Emanuel website is now live. We hope that you have the chance to take a look and tell us what you think.

We have made the site easier to navigate and it is simple and quick to book onto events. We have also included all the back copies of the Old Emanuel e-news and the Rose & Portcullis magazine.

Don't forget to check out the Archives online as well and see if you can find your own Emanuel history in the amazing range of fully searchable documents.

If you have not had a chance yet to make use of this fantastic resource simply [click here](#).

The password remains unchanged:

Username: genguest

Password: genguest

Obituaries

We are sorry to announce the death of Nick Fieller (1966) and Ronald Young (1951). You can read the obituary for Dr Fieller [here](#).

Receive the School Newsletter

If your termly fix of all things Emanuel is not enough for you then you are welcome to receive the weekly School Newsletter. This is aimed at current parents but all alumni, former staff and former parents are welcome to sign up to the mailing list.

Just let us know by emailing: oe@emanuel.org.uk

Don't forget that our fantastic Archivist and Senior Librarian updates the alumni [Facebook page](#) every day, so make sure to like us if you really want to keep up to date!

OERFC Update



Director of Rugby, Fergus McCarthy, Head Coach Paul Wilson and OE Conan Hicks made a presentation to Emanuel School 6th form leavers in May for both rugby and cricket. The rugby club offers FREE strength and conditioning courses on Tuesday evenings until the end of June to all adults, male and female, from 7-8pm and more intense training from 8-9pm. This is run outdoors and led by our in-house cross-fit instructors who are ex-military.

The club also offers Touch Rugby on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm for males and females.

At the end of June, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30pm, pre-season rugby training starts. All are welcome, especially those on a Gap Year or preparing for university.

OERFC were one of two clubs invited to Twickenham Stadium for a tour of the facility and changing rooms and to play on the pitch. We took a cross-section of the

club, mini, youth, Touch and players from 1sts, 2nds and 3rds. We played some games of Touch Rugby and were joined by Ugo Monye and Andy Goode, both full of stories from club, England and British & Irish Lions games. They also treated us to a pitch-side BBQ.

The club is part of the Natwest Rugby Force scheme which tidies, paints and mends clubhouse facilities each year. The next event is Saturday 24 June to coincide with the British & Irish Lions test match in New Zealand. The large work party will enjoy the match at breakfast, then get all the work done, and enjoy a social afterwards. All are welcome.

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

A full round-up for the year will be appearing in the next alumni magazine.

Director of Rugby, Fergus McCarthy

Open House London



All OEs are warmly invited to join us for Open House Day on **Saturday 16th September**.

The Emanuel School Archivist will take you on a 75 minute tour of the buildings, interiors and grounds which will whisk you back to the days of when it was a boarding school and orphanage. The School Archive will also be open and there will be a pop-up exhibition of display boards featuring key moments and photographs from Emanuel School

history. The permanent School Archive will also be open. If you haven't been to the School for a while this is a great opportunity to catch up on some of the many changes in the buildings and a chance to see the New Dacre building. It is always nice to have a few OEs on these tours as the Archivist is able to bounce his jokes off them!

Tour 1: 2.30pm

Tour 2: 4pm

Prefects will also be conducting shorter tours should you find yourself pressed for time. However, the full tour is recommended for those of you who have time.

The attached photograph is a nostalgic look at the old Dacre Building from a previous 2014 Tour.

Travelling Overseas?

Don't forget the OEA branches round the world:

Peter Lewis in Australia: 90 Glover Street, Mosman, NSW 2088, Australia.

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Alec Parley in Canada: 3, Firstbrooke Road, Toronto, Ontario M4E 2L2.

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Tatler Article

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Schools Guide 2017

We are pleased to have been given a lovely write up in this year's Tatler Schools Guide.

"Emanuel is 'a fabulous all-rounder that has come of age', decrees our mole. Welcome to 12 lush green acres, excellent facilities, inspiring teachers and smiling children. The registration list is closed when it hits 600 - it's filling up earlier each year, so get your skates on if you want a piece of this Wandsworth beauty. One way in is opting for Year 6 entry, when there are a mere four applicants per place, bypassing the 11+, when there are eight. Head Mark Hanley-Browne is a scientist who combines old-school charm with innovative educational ideas. He believes 'happiness makes you successful', (we like that) and is keen to entice 'can-do, interested and interesting' students to join his flock. Results were a sturdy 70 per cent A*-B at A-level last year and, as well as bursaries, there are bountiful amounts of scholarships (186!), which offer 10 to 25 per cent off fees. Thanks to Clapham Junction being nearby, pupils come from further and further afield, although the majority still live within three miles of the school. Drama is taken particularly seriously, with annual trips to the Edinburgh Fringe - and many children have agents. It's one of the few day schools to offer Eton Fives (the U13 were national champs last year) and first-rate on-site facilities include two rugby pitches, a swimming pool and a sports hall. A new arts and humanities centre opens in summer 2017, and pupils tell us the beautiful, airy library is a homework haven and favourite lunchtime spot."

OEA Golf Society

Upcoming dates for your diary:

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. 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, 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.

Update your details



This is your very last chance to let us know if your postal address details have changed before we post out the third issue of The Rose & Portcullis Magazine.

Update on the [website](#)

Email: oe@emanuel.org.uk

Call: 0208 875 6978

Emanuel Sport



Rowing

We are delighted to report that our girls' crews managed to win four medals at the National Schools Rowing Championships held at Eton Dorney lake over half term: one gold, two silver and a bronze. This follows on from the girls winning four medals and the boys one medal last year. To put this in perspective, over the 10 years from 2005 to 2015, our girls and boys crews usually managed to win

one medal every two years on average. This shows the huge improvement in Emanuel School rowing since 2015. In particular we would like to highlight the success of Darcy and Mariella in winning a silver medal in the Championship girls pairs. To reach the final they had to row the 2000m course twice on the same day, as they needed to qualify from the timed trials and then qualify via the semi-finals before rowing the course for a third time to take the silver medal in the finals. It is rare for Emanuel crews to win medals in full Championship events. So this was a

truly exceptional performance by Darcy and Mariella. Small wonder that Darcy has been offered a full rowing scholarship to study at the University of Minnesota in the USA in October (all tuition paid). Darcy and Mariella are two of the best rowers this school has seen for many years. Well done, girls.



Cricket

The Cricket season is in full swing and the 1st XI have some big matches coming up against the MCC, Dulwich College and also Ignatius Park College from Queensland Australia. We are pleased to announce that the U12As have reached the finals day of the London Cup on July 3rd.

Girls' cricket continues to flourish at Emanuel with the U12 girls recently finishing 3rd at the Emanuel tournament. A total of 8 schools competed. We have 3 girls currently in

the boys' teams: Nancy is playing in the 1st XI, Scarlett in the U14B side and Emily in the U12A.

Tom Gwynne, Director of Cricket

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