



The Rose & Portcullis

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## Dacre Day - Saturday 29 June

You are warmly invited to join us on **Saturday 29 June from 1pm - 4pm** to celebrate Dacre Day.

There will be a variety of activities organised by staff, pupils and the Emanuel Parents' Association, as well as a comprehensive archive display. A delicious afternoon tea will be served from 2.30pm and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

Places can be booked for free on the link below.

[Book here](#)



## A change of Head from 2025

As you may have already heard, we have some important news about the leadership of our school. At the end of August 2025, **Rob Milne** will be leaving us to take up the headship of Dulwich College.

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## Hard courts and cricket nets open

Three new hard courts for netball and tennis have recently been completed at our off site sports ground, Blagdons, at Raynes Park. Three hybrid cricket pitches have also been laid in readiness for the summer term. They mean that boys and girls of all ages and abilities can play cricket at our off site grounds during the summer, a real benefit in terms of participation and team spirit.



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## OEA Lecture

At the end of May, Emanuel School was lucky to host an esteemed member of the OE community, **Professor Ed Nice (OE1960-64)**, an analytical biochemist who has worked in cancer biology for over 50 years. Ed spoke to a group of students thinking of medicine as a career path. His talk detailed his career and outstanding research. A high point for Ed was recalling the wonderful feeling of being the first person in the world to know something, in reference to his groundbreaking research. We thank Ed for taking the time to come in and share his knowledge and experience.

## Emanuel Eco Week

Eco Week in May featured a wide variety of engaging activities focused on sustainability and environmental awareness. From a recycling workshop and paper-making session to a repair clothing workshop and gardening club, students learned valuable skills and information on how to reduce waste and live more eco-friendly lives.



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## OE reunion 2024

On Saturday 15 June, the Development team hosted an OE reunion event at school to mark some milestone years since the alumni left Emanuel. There was a comprehensive archive display curated by our Librarian and archivist, Tony Jones, tours of the school

and a delicious lunch which enabled our former pupils to both catch up and reminisce in equal measure.

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## Remembering D-Day and Private Robert Edwin Fielder (OE1935-41)

Thursday 6 June, 2024, marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day. On that day in 1944, tens of Old Emanuels (OEs) took part in the largest amphibious invasion in history to free Western Europe from Nazi domination in a massive military event now referred to as D-Day. Eighty years later we remember the bravery of the only OE to lose his life on that world-changing June day, **Private Robert Edwin Fielder (OE1935-41)**.

Robert was only nineteen years old when he was killed on D-Day. He is remembered on the Second World War memorial in the school chapel and his name is read out every year in our Remembrance Day service.



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## **Emanuel School takes part in Wandsworth Heritage Fortnight**

For the last decade Emanuel School has participated in the annual Wandsworth Heritage Fortnight, which takes place in May and June. This year, our historically themed walk of the buildings and grounds was a sell out.

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## OE and Assistant librarian Gary Dibden receives rugby honour

The England Rugby Football School's Union (ERFSU) has nominated **Gary Dibden (OE1974-81) (Staff1990-present)** for the prestigious *Services to Schools' Rugby Award*. This is in recognition of his "outstanding commitment and distinguished work on behalf of the Union and in particular, for [his] work in [his] School and for Surrey CSU. This is one of the highest Awards available to our volunteers and [he is] fully deserving of it." Gary will attend the Schools' Union's Annual Awards Lunch to receive his award later this month, followed by a great afternoon of rugby at the stadium. We offer Gary huge congratulations for such a wonderful award in recognition of his hard work.

## Edward Rose (OE1952-59) and the *Geology of the D-Day Landings in Normandy, 1944 (second edition)*

We are always delighted to receive new items for our ever-growing Old Emanuel book collection stored in the permanent School Archive. *Geology of the D-Day Landings in Normandy, 1944* was gratefully received from co-author **Edward (Ted) Rose (OE1952-59)**.

Many thanks to Ted for kindly inscribing the book to the school. Please get in touch with us if you have any interesting publications we might not have in school:  
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## Mike Lewis (OE1953-58): CCF days at Emanuel

"I joined the Combined Cadet Force in 1954 and all students started in the Army section. I recall several night exercises in places like Wimbledon Common and Banstead Heath and also silent marching in the Quad.

Eventually, I joined the Naval section, with Derek Drury as the Commanding Officer and improved my Able Seaman rank to Petty Officer."

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## Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

Monday 3 June 2024 was an eventful day for the Old Emanuel Luncheon Club. It is that time of the year when the Club meets away from London and once again The Hove Club was our venue. 33 OEs, friends and family were expected for what was to be the last of these events organised by Stuart Cameron-Waller who has held office since 2010.

Despite the early morning presence of 'trespassers on the railway near Victoria Station' and the consequent wholesale disruption to train schedules all but 4 eventually made it all the way to Hove. A great time was had by all who made it, several of whom found ingenious routes to overcome the chaos. It was also clear that there was no lack of effort on the part of those that didn't make it but they simply ran out of time.

Special thanks to Alex Noble who at the last minute stepped in to chair the event in the absence of Andy Robertson, who was unfortunately one of 'the 4'. At the conclusion of the meal John Sturgeon thanked Stuart for his efforts over the years as Hon Sec to the Luncheon Club and presented his wife Gill with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. We are grateful, as ever, to John who hosted the event at The Hove Club and also to the staff of the club for putting on a splendid meal and for their understanding and patience in what for a few hours was a difficult and developing 'situation' on the trains.

The next (September 2024) event will be organised by Alex Noble who has kindly agreed to take over as Hon Sec. We all wish Alex well. Details of the September lunch will be published as soon as they become available. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Alex on [alexnoble@talktalk.net](mailto:alexnoble@talktalk.net)

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## Old Emanuel Golf Society - Spring Meeting

At last the sun decided to shine meaning finally we could discard our waterproofs and play golf in our short shirt sleeved tops and shorts! Cuddington Golf Club was in magnificent condition with plenty of grass, especially off the fairway, where it was very lush and rather difficult to play.

17 members played and as always, the scores were competitive. Even the one nearest the pin was settled with some precise laser technology measurements to award the prize to David Coates by 6 inches. A magnificent effort down the 18th won Steve Walder the longest drive.

We play for two cups: the Handicap Prize and the Scratch Prize. The Handicap Prize was won by Steve King for the third year running. He played 4 under his handicap, which he assured us is genuine, with 3 in a tie, 7 shots behind. After a count back over the back 9 and then over the back 6, Graham Smith crept into 2nd place.

The Scratch Prize, however, was a close-run thing. Once again, we had to count back over the last 9 holes and it was between Steve King and Tony Batt. In the end Tony just pipped Steve by one, and got his name on the trophy for the first time. Well played, Tony!

Thanks to everyone who played, and a reminder that we have an Autumn Meeting where guests are welcome. We will be at Kingswood Golf Club where Chris Honeywill was last year's Captain and will be welcoming us this year. It is on Thursday 19 September and I hope to see as many there as possible.

Next year's Spring Meeting is planned for Thursday 8 May, so a date for your diaries.

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## Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following members of the Emanuel community.

Maureen Collison (Staff 1987-2003) - obituary [here](#)

John A Cozens (OE1957-62) - obituary to follow

Paul Dillsworth (OE1990-96) - obituary to follow

Howard Dobson (OE1967-74) - obituary to follow

Professor David Marquand (OE1945-52) - obituary [here](#)

Connor McDermott (pictured) (OE1960-67) (Staff 1974-85) - obituary [here](#)

Paul Richmond (OE1954-62) - obituary [here](#)

Derek Saunders (OE1948-56) - obituary [here](#)



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