



# The Uppingham Newsletter

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## A DAY IN THE LIFE ...

of **S.C. Winkley,**  
Headmaster

The diary for Thursday is typical. At 8.00 a.m. I see two Housemasters about a disciplinary problem which they and I have been pondering overnight. At 8.15 I see my three Senior Prefects - 2 boys and a girl. Several boys come to see me before assembly to get commended for pieces of work. I teach three lessons and see two sets of prospective parents.

In the afternoon I chair a discussion of a working party on a major building project, see another set of parents, and in the evening preside over a staff meeting. In a day we've covered the whole range: the little pastoral issues, which, as an ex-Housemaster, I still en-



joy; the sense of forward movement (there are three big projects currently under review which will, in their various ways, make us a better school), the routine maintenance, and the vital business of selling the school to prospective customers. Not that I sell it, of course: the school sells itself, by the friendliness of the natives and the atmosphere of dutiful but informal responsiveness we find wherever we go.

The Lodge development will make a major change to the lives of members of the Upper 6th. Not only will there be some accommodation there - about 40 bedsitters - but there will be working and socialising areas for all the year groups, library space, seminar rooms, common room, and a bar. The new central dining area, too, is not difficult to be enthusiastic about. Not only will it provide better food and better choice, especially in the evenings, but it will also bring together the school - and I don't just mean the boys and girls - in a productive way. And my eagerness to get all our Art, Design, and Technology under one roof is not reduced by my knowing how well the Thring Centre operates at present.

Bringing up children, our core business, isn't always easy for parents, but between us we get it right most of the time. Being a Headmaster isn't easy either, but there can't be many better jobs and the challenge of effecting change and enabling young people to grow is a constant inspiration.

### NEW PROSPECTUS AND VIDEO

As some of you may already have heard, we are producing a new School Video and Prospectus which will be available from mid-January 1993.

The video and Prospectus will form a combined "package" and will offer a completely up-to-date view of the School and its developing facilities: through the eyes of a 4th form boy and L6th girl.

Copies are freely available from the School Admissions Office.

### THE 4th FORMER'S VIEW

In the meantime, to whet your appetite, here are a few thoughts on Uppingham and what it has to offer from perhaps the most important group of all: current 4th formers.

**Christopher Peach (B)**

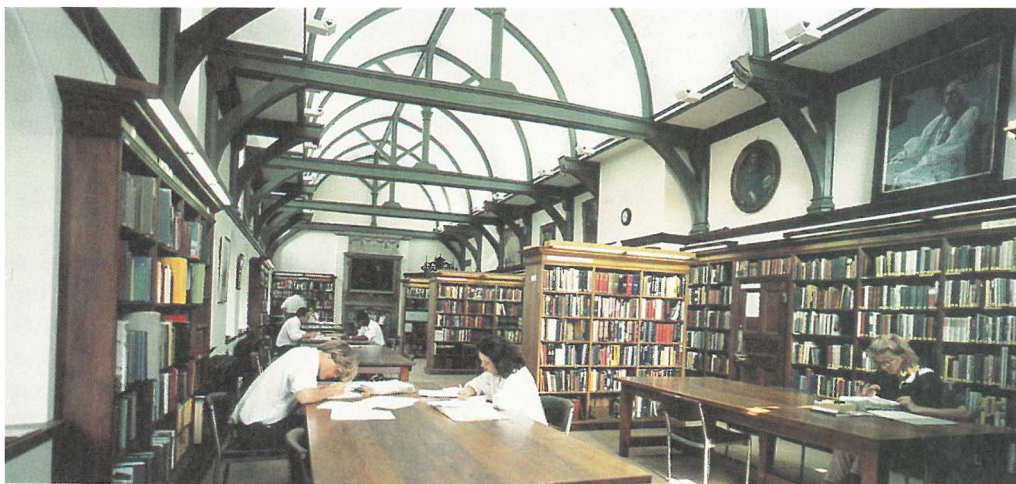
- "There are so many opportunities at Uppingham. It just must be visited."

**Findlay Shakespeare (M)**

- "This School cannot just be glimpsed through a leaflet. To get all of its attractiveness ..... you have to come and visit the School to see for yourself."

**Nicholas Wall (Fgh)**

- "Whether you choose a central house or a hill house, once in the House the atmosphere is amazing, wherever you are."



"A study in splendour."



Rob Andrew puts the Uppingham Colts through their paces in Toulouse. See page 11 for details. Photo: A.G. Hancock.

## A user-friendly guide to Uppingham and the League Tables.

by P.D. Gaine

The publication of various League Tables of A level performance in the Broadsheet press has led to a good deal of fluttering in the dovecotes, as friends of Uppingham and other Schools apparently relegated to the lower reaches of the Beazer Homes League, have pondered over the malaise which must clearly have struck the old Alma Mater. I hope that the following observations will help set a few minds at rest.

A word on the Tables themselves: all except the Guardian based the tables on raw results, without regard to the nature of the Schools intake, or, even more important, to the Schools' policy on A level and who takes what. Does the School allow those who have failed Mock Exams to take the real thing in the summer? Do all the School's sixth formers take A levels, or do the weaker ones follow a less academic and more vocational course? What proportion of the School's GCSE candidates stay on for A level? Does the School pursue a policy of academic selectiveness in recruiting sixth

formers - how, for example, do Schools like ours select their girls - on all round ability and potential contribution to the life of the School, or on academic criteria alone?

Then it is pertinent to ask on what criteria the placings in the tables are done. One has also to point out that last year some Schools, who provided their own statistics, were subtle enough to give their percentages as percentages of subjects passed, not subjects taken - making, with an A level pass rate of 90-odd percent, a difference of about 5%, or some 50 places, in the table! At least one School, to my knowledge, omitted all those results it was proposing to challenge, on the grounds that they were not 'firm' results!

So to our results: The School remains faithful to the tradition of its foundation: it is not a School for an elite, though as you will see, there are plenty of clever boys and girls.

Friends of the School might find the following figures helpful.

AB grades, as a percentage of the total number of subjects attempted 44.2%

16 Boys and Girls gained three A grades or more.

William Vessey gained the highest

mark in the country in A level Biology.

22 Boys and Girls were offered places at Oxford or Cambridge.

3 Uppinghamians gained Choral Scholarships to King's College Cambridge.

Those who entered as Scholars of the School, or gained 70% in Common Entrance scored 88% AB grades at A level.

Those who attempted a Scholarship Examination unsuccessfully, or who gained 60% in C.E., scored 59% AB grades at A level.

This AB percentage, assuming that about 60% at C.E. would be the cut-off point for entry into one of the highly selective academic School, would have placed us 42nd in the Daily Telegraph League table;

And finally, in the only one of the Newspaper surveys to take into account 'Value Added', that is to say what a school might be expected to do on the basis of the purely academic quality of its sixth form intake, Uppingham was in the top group of the 400 schools surveyed on its GCSE performance, and in the top 20 of that top group for its 'value added' performance at A level. So somebody loves us!

## EDITOR'S NOTES

**GCSE 1992:** 98% of Uppinghamians achieved 5 or more GCSE's this Summer (A-C grade). This would have placed us easily top of the Leicestershire results table - had we been asked to participate.

**William Vessey (Hf)** achieved top marks in the Summer 1992 Biology A-level. William scored the best mark of any candidate sitting the Oxford and Cambridge board paper.

**Higher Physics:** The Physics department has gone north of the border to find a high quality further examination to stretch the most able pupils in the Upper Fifth beyond GCSE. A select group of pupils are taught on Friday evenings by Steve Allen. The department is now on its third group of pupils and so far the results have been good.

**Uppingham 1st XI** had a double reason for celebrating the win over Rugby at Cricket in June 1992: two Uppingham batsmen, **Simon Smith** and **Charlie Ferry**, scored unbeaten centuries in the same innings!

**Stephen Fry (OU)** returned to Uppingham in May 1992 to give a talk on "The Arts" to a packed and appreciative audience. Not a spare seat was to be had in the Theatre!

**Young Enterprise.** The 1992 Company, "Total Retail", sold over 600

Baseball caps to Uppingham pupils and friends - and, in the process, raised £150 for the Pilkington Appeal.

**Thring Centre.** On 7th June 1992, The Thring Centre celebrated 25 years of Art, Design and Technology at Uppingham. Among the many distinguished OU's who returned was **Piers Gough**, the architect. Uppingham was the first Independent School in Britain to offer Design A-level.

**Shooting.** On May 30th 1992, the Uppingham team, captained by **James Watson (L)** won the Clayton Challenge Trophy at Bisley.

**Good School!** Uppingham has been very positively recommended in "The Good Schools' Guide" (1991), The Independent's "Parents' Choice" (July 1992) and "The Daily Telegraph School Guide" (September 1992).

**Guy Green (SH)** won the £250 first prize in the 1992 national Bowater Design Competition: with his ingenious design for a lady's shoe box.

**Cricket.** Within the space of a week in May, Uppingham 1st XI convincingly beat both their big local rivals: Oundle and Oakham. **J. Beaumont (WD)** notched up 115 in the Oakham match.

**James Matthews (M)** came fourth in the "Formula Renault" British Karting

Championships in 1992 - and 14th, out of a field of 65, in the World Championships, held in Italy in September.

James has also just won a Renault Scholarship Award for young motor racing drivers. The next Nigel Mansell???

**Giles Harrison (WD)** illustrated and wrote his own "Mr Men" story - in German! It was published in "Juma": a German magazine which is distributed worldwide to schools.

**Music.** In the National Chamber Music Competition for schools, Uppingham were joint winners (with North London Collegiate) of the Founders' Trophy - for the school with the largest number of ensembles in the finalists concert.

In addition, no less than 11 Choral Awards were won in 1992: **Nicholas Todd (F)**, **Tristan Head (Hf)**, **David Stout (Hf)** to *Kings, Cambridge*; **Andrea Cockerton (J)**, **Elizabeth Atherton (Fd)**, **Ian Aitkenhead (F)**, **Alex McCallum (H)**, **Adam Green (L)** to *Trinity, Cambridge*; **Matthew Walker (SH)** to *Queens, Oxford*; **Rupert Hutchings (Hf)** to *Tewkesbury Abbey*; **Ian Aitkenhead (again!)** to *Wells Cathedral*.

**Mont Blanc Walk.** **Ed Starkie**, **William Payne**, **Anthony Gent** (all Con-stables) and **Chris Nicholson (H)** won a Cadbury Travel Grant for their Summer

## The Locomotive That Never Was!

A rare 1920's photograph of the Uppingham "Schools Class" Southern locomotive. The then Uppingham Head, Dr. Owen, objected to the School's name being used, on the grounds of vulgar publicity - so the "Uppingham" locomotive never saw light at the end of the tunnel. But at least the original plate is on view today in the School's Kendall Room.



(Photo: "National Railway Museum, York")

## EDITOR'S NOTES (continued).

1992 Mont Blanc Walk - and have already raised over £3,000 for Stoke Mandeville Hospital in the process.

**Linguist hits the presses!** Head of Modern Languages **Paul Stocker** has just had his fourth book published. Called 'Wort fur Wort' ('Word for Word') it's a book of German vocabulary organised by topics for 'A' and 'AS' level pupils.

**Neil Waddell**, Head of English, was prominently featured in "The Sunday Times" in September, 1992 - for his successful experiment in using two GCSE English Exam Boards: winning almost three times as many 'A' grades in one than the other. It all helped to add to this Summer's national GCSE controversy!

**Hockey.** The Uppingham XI was unbeaten against any other school during the 1992 season. Overall, the side won 12 games and drew 3 - with a goal tally of 52 for, 25 against. Credit to **Ian Rolison** in his first season in charge.

Uppingham also had the rare distinction of reaching the National Finals of the Hockey Association Youth Cup in May 1992 : qualifying for the finals as Midland Region Champions, with fine wins over Bridgnorth H.C., Corby H.C. and West Warwickshire H.C.

**It's a girl's game!** Johnson's over-powered Fairfield in the charity rugby match in November by three tries and two conversions to nil. All proceeds went to Stoke Mandeville Hospital.



The unbeaten Hockey 1st XI

## Uppingham V.C.'s

On Sunday, 16th May, there will be a grand ceremony to commemorate the School's 5 V.C.'s. We plan to instal a plaque in the Chapel in memory of their gallantry. If anyone has any information about the Uppingham V.C.'s or wishes to support this major project in any way, please get in touch with **Malcolm Bussey** at the School.

The five V.C.'s are: **GEORGE ALLEN MALING** (WB). V.C. Nov 1915, Captain RAMC, died July, 1929. **THOMAS HAROLD BROADBENT MAUFE** (WD). V.C. 1917, Captain RGA. Accidentally killed on home guard duty: March, 1942. **ARTHUR MOORE LASCELLES** (M). V.C. December, 1917. Captain: Durham Light Infantry. **JOHN STANHOPE COLLINGS WELLS** (F). V.C. March, 1918. Lt. Col. Beds. Regiment. **CONGREVE ALEXANDER WILLWARD SANDYS-CLARKE** (M). V.C. April, 1943. Lt. Loyal Regiment.

## A MUSICAL TREBLE

Uppingham continues to go from musical strength to strength. Photographed here are most of the 38 ex-Cathedral and Collegiate Choristers currently studying at Uppingham as music scholars.

The choir schools are increasingly selecting Uppingham as the school to send their top musicians onto at the age of 13. Top of the list comes the choir of St John's College Cambridge, with 7 ex-choristers at Uppingham.

And a record three musical Uppinghamians have just gained choral awards to St John's College Cambridge - **Ian Aitkenhead** (alto), **Alexander McCallum** (tenor) and **Adam Green** (bass).



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## Founder's Day Service in Remembrance of T.B. Belk (WB '13)

## An Address by C.T.S. Belk (WB '51)

When, 40 years ago, I used to sing over there, I did not imagine I would ever find myself up here. But here I am, and I am grateful and privileged to be here to encourage you all to give thanks for the life of Thomas Brian Belk.

Most of you who knew him called him Toby Belk. In fact, for the obvious Shakespearean reason, most Belks get called Toby a lot of the time, though we're still waiting for the knight-hood.

Brian would have been 93 next Thursday but his mind and his attitude to life were as good as ever until his death in February. He was someone about whom everyone who knew him has their own little affectionate story. He stayed living in Uppingham after he had ceased to hold any office in the School, but he remained an active lay reader in the Church, and he would sit either in his upper window or on the wall outside his house in Leicester Road enjoying Uppingham life. He would also visit the Masters' Common Room and do his crossword - when faced with a difficult clue I understand he would say "is there anyone intelligent here?", and after looking round give a disappointing grunt and do it himself.

Fundamentally, Brian was someone who was secure. People who are secure have the freedom to have fun : because they are not frightened of what people will think of them, they can dare to be unconventional.

Brian had a lot of fun, and I have never heard of people reacting otherwise than with affection.

He cultivated the unconventional with great success. He won a scholarship to King's College, Cambridge (whose undergraduates at least in my day were invariably unconventional). He loved cooking, and had an amazing array of cookery books and guides to the best restaurants in France. He knitted his own socks to while away the time spent taking detention. His academic gown was always worn in a deliberately negligent, off the shoulder position. He dared to approve of the brothers in Farleigh, when he was Housemaster, who burned their mother's Speech Day hat. Perhaps the best known story is him handing a boy his father's essay written on the same subject 30 years before. He was a great actor, particularly in comic parts, and is still renowned for his appearances in the regular Uppingham Gilbert and Sullivan per-

formances.

But it would be wrong to think of him as a clown. His wide reading and travel, love of the excellent, and love of humour, made him a great friend and a great teacher (though in the short time he taught me we were never quite sure how to handle each other).

Brian was a highly-educated and highly-civilised person - his house is stacked with books representing the best, including the best humour and the best detective stories as well as the best classics. But the ones which lived permanently on the windowsill where he sat were the Bible, the Prayer Book, and whatever was his current book on prayer or other Christian experience. His security was in his knowledge of God. That is the best security anyone can have, and so the best foundation for having fun. He was able to take life not too seriously because he was willing to take God seriously, and to realise the truth that God wants to be part of us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and through giving us his Holy Spirit.

## AN OU OCCASION

On Saturday, 3rd October, the Uppingham Association invited present OU parents and OUs who entered the School between 1965 and 1975 to a special event in Uppingham with a programme specifically designed for OUs. Many Housemasters from the 1965-1980 era attended and archival material from that period was on display.

Some 160 OUs and their spouses attended a reception followed by lunch in the Memorial Hall. The Headmaster gave an entertaining speech and outlined the School's plans for the future. During the afternoon OUs either watched the 1st XV draw with Haileybury, listened to a Concert in the Old School Room or went on guided tours of the School. OUs then went for tea in their old Houses.

Despite inclement weather the day was a great success, the turnout of OUs was most encouraging and it was generally felt that the occasion or one similar to it should be repeated in the not too distant future.

## OU NEWS

**C.W.D. Sutcliffe** (B) '50 has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.

**W.R.L. Moore** (Fgh '68) is this year's High Sheriff for County Londonderry and is the 4th generation of Moores to serve as High Sheriff of that County.

**R. McI THWAITES** (WB '61) has been appointed Regional Director of PLAN International Operations in Eastern and Southern

Africa. In Great Britain, PLAN International is known as World Family.

**JOANNA HANNON - nee MacDOWELL** (Fd '84) is a member of the Britten Pears Chamber Choir and also of the singing quartet "Iceni", based at Snape Maltings and Aldeburgh.

**Lieutenant Colonel J.D.V. WOOLLEY** (LH'56) was created OBE for his work during the Gulf War.

**R.E. LEE** (WB '57) has been appointed Regional General Manager for British Airways of Africa/Middle East/India.

**R.D. THOROGOOD** (F '85), **K.J. BREATHWICK** (J '88), and **C.A.R. HARTILL** (WB '85) appeared in Earth, Wind and Lemsip at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge in May. These OUs, presently at Cambridge University, represented three-quarters of the total cast in that highly entertaining production.

**PETER J.E. BINNS** (L '30) drove a Mark I Ford Cortina GT and humiliated some of the world's finest historic road/race cars when it won the regularity class in the 5-day Tour de France Automobile, which started in Paris on the 2nd April and finished in Nice on the 26th April.

**D.E.H. MADDEN** Ph.D, FRSE (WD '49) has been awarded a Doctor of Science degree by Glasgow University.

**E. MacKANESS** (Hf '78) since 1991 has been serving with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkha Rifles and is stationed in Cassino Lines, Hong Kong, BFPO 1. In January 1992 he became Adjutant.

## NORTH AND WEST YORKSHIRE DINNER

by **D.N. Godfrey** (WD '57)

Another highly successful dinner was held on Friday, 9th October 1992 in the splendid surroundings of Ridding House, a regency mansion just outside Harrogate. Aply organised and chaired by Anthony Cumming (WD '55), the dinner was attended by 55 OUs, predominantly but not exclusively from North and West Yorkshire and ranging from W.W. Powell (M '24) to Miss V.J. Cumming (Fd & J '85).

Guests from the School included the Headmaster, the Senior Master and Secretary of the Association, one former Housemaster and two current Housemasters. The toastmaster, flamboyantly tartan waistcoated A.T. A. Dallas (WD '69) introduced some amusing speeches from the top table (pro-Yorkshire humour prevailing by 2 to 1) and kept guests regularly updated on the latest score in the

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Leeds - Stuttgart match. The food and ambience were outstanding and it is hoped that this most convivial occasion can be repeated at the same venue next year.

## OU'S ON MERSEYSIDE

There has long been a strong connection between Uppingham and Merseyside. **Edward Selwyn** was Headmaster of Liverpool College before taking up his appointment at Uppingham. **Sir Douglas Crawford** (C '17) was the first Lord Lieutenant of the new County of Merseyside. The connection today is as strong as ever:

**Alan Waterworth** (WD '45) is Vice Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Merseyside.

**John Billington** (B '48) is Chairman of the Mersey Partnership, a consortium of organisations in Merseyside.

**John Entwistle** (F '54) is Chairman of the Merseyside Chamber of Commerce.

**Richard Bark-Jones** (WB '57) is President of the Liverpool Law Society.

## BACK IN HARNESS

**J.P. Agnew** (L '73) the BBC's Cricket Correspondent, was brought out of retirement to replace injured bowlers and played for Leicestershire against Essex in the Semi-final of the Nat West Trophy. His one wicket for 31 runs in 12 overs, along with the 46 runs scored by **J.J. Whitaker** (L '76) helped Leicestershire through to a final against Northamptonshire.

In the final Agnew did not play but Whitaker's 84 was the higher score for the beaten finalists at Lords.

## THE OLD UPPINGHAMIAN SAILING ASSOCIATION

On the weekend of October 3/4th the Association competed in the Old Boys' Match Racing series at Cowes. After achieving moderate results on the Saturday, Sunday brought success with a win in the Fleet race. **D.S. Craven** (Fgh '55), the Commodore, was extremely pleased and thinks that his augurs well for the future. After the series **P.M.N. Jennings** (L '59) was elected Vice Commodore.

## ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

**Michael Day** (L '60) is the Managing Director of the Huge Cheese Company, supplying to some of London and the South's foremost hotels and restaurants. Four years ago, **Austin Reed** were looking for real people to profile in their advertising. The "fee" was

£1,000 worth of clothes. **Michael's** stepson and two friends were auditioning and, despite merciless ribbing, **Michael** decided to have a go, too. Neither his stepson nor friends made the grade.

But **Michael** did. A model agency saw the result and he's never looked back. To the layman's eye, **Michael Day** appears the epitome of the debonair man-about-town or raffish sportsman. But in the advertising world looks are clearly only skin-deep and he's more likely to be cast against type as a petrol pump attendant. Isn't this rather galling? "Not at all. In a perverted way, the further removed from the real me the greater the challenge. I'm cast because I'm middle aged, middle class and middle range. I just love the challenge of being up against hardened professionals."

## LVO FOR L.J. STEVENS (HF '25)

The man known affectionately as "Uncle John" to so many in the horse world has received a personal award from The Queen. **John Stevens** has been given the LVO - Lieutenant of the Victorian Order.

His contribution to all parts of the horse world except polo has been long, loyal and great: from his major roles as Director of both the Horse of the Year show and the Royal International, to his minor role in later years as the unmistakable voice speaking the moving tribute to the horse at Wembley.

## UVRC - 1992 REPORT

by **Stephen Knox** (L '44)

1992 will, without doubt, be remembered as **Antony Ringer's** Year. He began his remarkable season by finishing second in the New Zealand Queen's Prize, beating all members of the official Great Britain Team. In July he became the first OU to win the Queen's Prize, **Bisley's** foremost competition. Soon after, as a member of the Great Britain Team, he won the Canadian Grand Aggregate and finally, in the United States, he won the Palma Aggregate and was top scorer in the Palma Match, the target rifle World Championship, won by Great Britain. Uppingham contributed three other members to the GB Squad - **Simon Belither**, **Nick Hinchliffe** and **Nick Crawshaw** - an unrivalled representation.

Other results at **Bisley** saw the UVRC A Team placed 5th; the B 1st and the C 13th in their respective divisions, the three coming 5th in the Aggregate. **Ringer**, **Hinchliffe**, **Belither**, **Crawshaw** and **Simon Osmond** were in the top one hundred in the Grand Aggre-

gate and **Ringer**, **John Webster**, **Osmond** and **Belither** in the St. George's.

Another outstanding achievement was the selection of **Simon Belither** to shoot for Great Britain in the Kolapore for an unprecedented 11th consecutive year. He also shot for England in the National and, with **Antony Ringer**, for England in the Mackinnon, the long range match.

## OU HOCKEY

On Sunday 7th March School teams will play against OUs. Please write to **P.R. Colville**, The Common Room, Uppingham School, Uppingham, LE15 9QE if you would like to play in any of the OU teams. Last year there were five OU teams including one Ladies eleven. Please note that involvement is not by invitation and those who wish to play should write in before the end of February.

## THE UPPINGHAM SCHOOL SOCIETY

The Uppingham School Society, a branch of the Association, is responsible for financial grants issued to members involved with charity work. School leavers helping Mother Teresa, Vietnam Boat People, or associated with Operation Raleigh etc. would come into this category. Applications should be made to **M W Hargreaves**, Dean Orchard, Little Berkhamsted, Near Hertford.

## THE OLD UPPINGHAMIAN MASONIC LODGE

**David Sinclair** (Hf 1960) would be glad to hear from any OUs who might be interested in joining the Old Uppinghamian Lodge. It meets three times a year in London and once in Uppingham, thereby maintaining its links with the School. **David Sinclair's** address is 17 Kenneth Crescent, London, NW2 4PS.

## DEATHS

13.7.92	Col. J.D.W. Renison, DSO,TD	F 22
14.7.92	O.G.N. Burne	Hf 40
22.7.92	I.G.H. Maclean	C 19
24.7.92	A.V.M. Gossage	Hf 33
24.7.92	A.B. Johnston	R 25
Aug. 92	Professor H.D. Westlake	WB 19
11.8.92	C.R. Whittington, MC	WB 22
12.8.92	F.H. Adie	F 25
17.8.92	P.G. Hose	LH 34
22.8.92	D. Inman	WD 62
31.8.92	R.N. Haygarth	LH 45
2.9.92	J.G. Arnott	F 27

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10.9.92	R.C. Vickers, MC	WD 27
10.9.92	R.F. Gardner	WD 35
13.9.92	Dr. G.A. Miller	L 22
8.10.92	J.L. Clifford	SH 36
12.10.92	P.R. Austin	Hf 71
30.10.92	G.F. Batho	B 20
1991	R.A. Herbert	C 32
Jan 91	A.N.B. Richards	Fgh 30
1992	C. Greenwood	SH 41
Jan 92	L. Handley-Derry	B 23
16.1.92	G.H. Smith, OBE	F 22
6.2.92	D.S.B. Armitage	L 26
26.2.92	W.A.T. Fairbairn	R 22
8.3.92	G.H. Robinson	LH 19
3.4.92	T.R. Padmore	M 20
14.4.92	J.R. Bergne-Coupland, JP	F 20
17.4.92	M.R. Douglas	SH 63
20.4.92	H.C. Williamson, MBE,JP	M 12
30.4.92	R.N. Dixon	B 21
3.5.92	S.N. Jones	LH 21
8.5.92	The Revd. Canon A.F. Mylne	SH 13
27.5.92	Air Vice-Marshal Roger Mortimer, CBE	R 28
22.6.92	H.A.C. Bourne	F 22
26.6.92	Sir Richard Francis, KCMG	F 47

## OBITUARIES

### Sir Richard Francis

Sir Richard Francis, who died aged 58, was Director-General of the British Council for the last four years, but better known as a leading figure in British broadcasting.

Francis worked in both BBC television and radio, and was Managing Director of BBC Radio when he was ousted in one of the coups so beloved of the Corporation.

**Richard Trevor Langford Francis** was educated at Uppingham and University College, Oxford. He joined television straight from Oxford; his first production job was for afternoon programmes, but his career took off when he joined **Panorama** in 1963. His coolness under pressure and his skill in commanding a production-control room made him popular both on the studio floor and with those in senior positions.

When satellite television became a reality, Francis was much in demand in London and New York alike. It was he who brought to BBC screens the early American space misadventures.

Francis was in charge when the Americans landed on the moon, and he was also responsible for the coverage of the American conventions and presidential elections from 1964 to 1972. In the US election of 1972, when **Richard Nixon** was re-elected, Francis directed the coverage for the whole of Europe.

In 1973, he was sent to Belfast as Controller, Northern Ireland, where he kept a cool head in a dangerous atmosphere.

On his return to London, Francis became Director of News and Current Affairs.

There was one more move for Francis within the BBC. In 1982 he became the Managing Director of BBC Radio. His enthusiasm and professionalism ensured that radio was given a fresh profile.

Francis was appointed KCMG in 1989. A popular figure both at the Reform and at the Garrick, he maintained his friendships in the broadcasting industry. He married first, in 1958, **Beate Ohlhagen**, (dissolved); they had two sons. He married secondly, in 1974, **Elizabeth Crone**; they also had two sons.

### Ralph Vickers

**Ralph Cecil Vickers, MC**, died on September 10th aged 78. **Ralph Vickers** was a stockbroker of a now past breed, whose business was conducted on the basis of mutual trust. He lived through an era of change; by his retirement in 1981, to his sadness the old values of the City were fast going.

**Vickers** was born into a stockbroking family, his father having founded **Vickers, da Costa** in 1917. He was educated at Uppingham and relished his undistinguished years at Trinity College, Cambridge. Thereafter his prime interest was racing at Brooklands. Nevertheless he joined **Vickers, da Costa** and became a member of the London Stock Exchange in 1938. Just before the war he joined the Supplementary Reserve, and then served in the First Regiment RHA and later as a Major in the Royal Devon Yeomanry Artillery. He was badly wounded in the leg, but was fit enough to return to war, where he won the Military Cross for an action in Italy in 1943.

Following his father's death in 1944, **Vickers** returned to the Stock Exchange. He became senior partner in 1961 and chairman in 1972 when **Vickers, da Costa** became a company. He greatly expanded his father's investment trust, **General Funds** (founded in 1962), and in 1959 he founded **Investing In Success**.

He possessed a good sense of humour, which at times became mischievous. A fisherman on his stretch of the River Avon in Wiltshire complained that he had not caught any fish. **Vickers** paused for a moment and then enraged him by saying: "Well, of course, you are pitching your wits against the fishes...."

### Air Vice-Marshal Roger Mortimer

**Air Vice-Marshal Roger Mortimer, CBE** died on May 27th aged 77. **Roger Mortimer** began to specialise in pathology after the 2nd World War and rose to become Commanding

Officer of the RAF Institute of Pathology and Tropical Medicine and Consultant Advisor on both disciplines within the Service. The achievement in which he took most personal pride was his selection as one of the main editors of the official RAF Medical History of the War - a project that gave him an enormous workload in the mid-1940's

His most significant professional accolade, however, was probably his appointment in 1975 as the RAF's first Dean of Air Force Medicine. The job gave him overall responsibility for post-graduate education in the Service.

Born in India, the son of a tea planter whose forebears had served in the Indian Army, he came over to this country as a boy to board at Uppingham. From there, he went to St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, and then almost immediately found himself in uniform.

He served as Medical Officer to both numbers 23 and 85 Squadrons during 1942-44, after which he became involved in the multi-volume medical history. He converted to a regular commission after the war. He served in Aden as a young doctor from 1948 to 1951, and then went to Australasia, attached to the team that carried out Britain's first atomic bomb test, in 1952 - tests that have provoked controversy in recent years because of alleged after effects on personnel.

**Mortimer** served in RAF Germany from 1964 to 1968, as a pathologist at **Wegberg Hospital**, near Rheindhlen.

He became a founder member and fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists and was associate editor and a council member of the British division of the International Academy of pathology from 1967 to 1973. He wrote widely on his subject, including papers on disinfection and blood transfusions. Liver disease was among his particular concerns.

**Mortimer's** administrative role at the Institute involved him in the formative years of aviation pathology, the specialised branch of pathology established in the early 1950s to help to determine the cause of air accidents. He was appointed CBE in 1972 and was made an Honorary Surgeon to the Queen in the following year.

He retired from the RAF in 1976 and devoted his time to caring for his invalid wife, **Agnes Emily Balfour** who died seven years ago. **Roger Mortimer** is survived by two daughters.

### Professor Henry Westlake

As Professor of Greek in the University of Manchester from 1947 to 1972, **Henry Westlake** had the very difficult task of succeeding the most charismatic classical scholar

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of his era, Professor T.B.L. Webster. Educated at Uppingham and St. John's College, Cambridge where he was a scholar and fellow from 1932 to 1935, Henry Westlake had already had a wide range of university teaching, and was reader in Greek in the University of Durham from 1946 to 1949.

Although his teaching covered the whole range of his subject, his main research interest was in Greek History and he was published widely in this field. His first book was Thessaly in the 4th Century BC, followed by Timoleon and his Relations with Tyrants (1952). But his favourite author was Thucydides and his study of the Peloponnesian War led in 1968 to the publication of his book *Individuals in Thucydides, A Perceptive Work*.

He became an important administrator in the University and was Dean of the faculty of Arts in 1960 and 1961 and more than once held office as Dean of the faculty of Music. For three years from July 1965 he was appointed to the increasingly important post of pro-vice Chancellor which he held with distinction.

A courteous, gentle and patient man, possessed of a lively wit and good humour, he will long be remembered with great affection by all who knew him.

## Nigel Haygarth

Nigel Haygarth died of cancer on 31st August 1992 at the age of 60. An entrance scholar to Uppingham, Nigel went on to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and obtained a degree in History. After National Service as an RAF Officer, he served with Shell-Mex and BP Group (and later BP Oil), for 30 years and held many senior posts, mostly in the UK but also in Australia.

After retirement, he became Appeals Director for the charity Motability. From 1983-1992, he was also Chairman of the Cricket Society, an influential body with worldwide connections.

On Nigel's death, Christopher Martin Jenkins, Chief Cricket Correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, wrote that he was "a modest, erudite and courteous man, who will be greatly missed." Hubert Daggart, in The Cricketer said that Nigel was "English to the core, both in his interests and in his kindness, courtesy, commitment and integrity." A thanksgiving service organised by The Cricket Society was held at St. John's Wood Church, London W8 on Saturday, 7 November.

## Henry Cecil (Bill) Williamson

Henry Williamson, who died aged 93, was a lifelong servant of the people of Harpenden. When he left Uppingham in 1917 he trained

as a gunner and was commissioned to the Royal Regiment of Artillery in October that year. He joined A Battery of the 77th Army Brigade which was in action at Cambrai. In 1918 he was wounded by a shell which killed the Corporal to whom he was speaking at the time. Williamson never forgot that experience and on the anniversary of that day in March he would go to St. Nicholas Church, Harpenden to pray that God would look after Corporal Morrison.

Returning from the war, Henry joined the family firm of Williamson's Bakers. Henry was elected to Harpenden Urban District Council where he served 30 years becoming its Chairman and was later elected Alderman of St. Albans City Council after local government reorganisation. He was a member of the St. Albans Diocesan Board of Finance and was made MBE for his local work. Dear to him was sport; he was a committee member of the Harpenden Lawn Tennis Club for over 50 years, treasurer for 24 years, then Chairman and finally President. He had two ambitions: one to buy the freehold of the land and two to build a decent pavilion. Both were fulfilled when he opened the new building in 1972. In 1922 he married Helen Lang and they had a son and a daughter. Helen died in 1966 and later that year he married Dorothy Eastwood who survives him.

## R.J. Fawcus PD

The death of Bobbie Fawcus was announced in the last OU leaflet. He was one of the very few cricketers to have been elected to the Uppingham Rovers without ever having played in the School 1st XI. He was immensely popular in the world of club cricket and represented the Army, Warwickshire and Worcestershire at hockey. In 1987, he was elected President of the Cryptics Cricket Club, following in the footsteps of his father, J.G. Fawcus, also an OU, who was the Founder of the Club.

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## LONDON OU DINNER

For details of the February 4th Dinner at the Law Society see back page.

## Computer Training

One-day training courses for Microsoft Windows software during April at Uppingham School

£90 + VAT

Windows for Beginners

Advanced Windows

Excel 4.0

Word for Windows 2.0

All courses held in the Uppingham School Computer Room in groups of 4-8. Call Gary Cooke on 0572-821146 for courses, dates and information pack.

## THE TIES THEY ARE A-CHANGING!

Uppingham attracted massive press interest at the start of September 1992, with the ceremonial change-over of School Ties.

The story of the major public school finally abandoning the black tie and coming out of mourning for Queen Victoria, generated a great deal of public interest - the story being prominently featured not only in the local press, but in "The Times", "The Daily Telegraph", BBC TV, Anglia TV, LBC Radio, Radio Leicester - and even the "Daily Mirror" and "Sun".

The new Prussian blue-and-white



(Photo: Simon Walker: "The Times")

striped tie was designed by Stephen Winkley. And since its appearance, separate House ties have started to make a comeback: a smart Highfield House tie - based on the original 1952 design - having found fashionable favour with

Highfield boys from November 1992.

This picture of the "Great Tie Change-over Ceremony", at start of term assembly, first appeared on Page 3 of "The Times" on 8th September 1992. Further House ties are expected shortly!

## Chapel Choir/Swing Band Tour to South East Asia

by N.J.W. Page

At the end of the Summer Term, 56 Uppinghamians accompanied by 8 members of staff, mustered at St George's School, Windsor Castle for final rehearsals and briefing prior to setting out for Heathrow and the 15-hour flight to Kuala Lumpur at the start of a three-week concert tour of West Malaysia, Singapore and Sarawak.

The first leg of our tour was hosted by the magnificent Kolej Tuanku J'afar at Seremban, about one hour's drive south of KL. Here, thanks to the generous hospitality of their headmaster, Mr Stuart Morris and his staff and pupils, we had two days in which to relax, swim, rehearse and become acclimatised to the severe heat and humidity of the area prior to the Swing Band's first engagement - a jazz evening by the swimming pool of the KL Hilton. This set us up well for

the first major leg of the trip, 8 days in Singapore, hosted by the pupils and parents of St Patrick's High School. This was a busy week with sung services in Singapore Cathedral and the Pentecostal Methodist Church and two concerts at the recently restored Raffles Hotel.

It was just a 90 minute flight across the South China Sea to the Capital of Sarawak, Kuching, where the Cathedral generously gave us the whole of their private guest house for 4 days. With concerts and services in the Cathedral as well as two jazz evenings and a childrens' concert at the Kuching Hilton, we were kept busy but also warmly entertained by our kindly and ever-thoughtful hosts. Through the generosity of the Cathedral authorities we were then able to spend three days and nights at the stunningly beautiful Holiday Inn Hotel at Damai Beach, about 20 miles from Kuching.

With a mixture of sadness and anticipation we set out on the final leg of our trip - by express boat up the Rejang River to the inland logging town of Sibul. While the Li Hua Hotel, on the waterfront of this most Chinese of towns, was hardly Sarawak's answer to Raffles, the excitement and enthusiasm of our hosts and audiences was wonderful. Our final concert in the Zing Ming Kinema attracted

an audience of over 1500.

Our final day included the undoubted climax of the whole trip - a boat journey further up river to the small hamlet of Kanowit and a visit to an Iban Longhouse (descendants of recent head-hunters) where we sang a selection of folksongs - they in return entertained us with traditional dances and over-generous helpings of Tuak (a particularly raw and virulent form of rice wine capable of dramatic after effects .....)

Three wonderful weeks (and only one hospital case) for which our thanks go especially to our numerous hosts, the Music Department Administrator, Mary Hamilton, and the generous co-operation of Malaysia Airlines.

## The Best In Leicst. !

Overheard at the recent ISIS Exhibition in Leicester: a man in front of the Uppingham stand puts an arm around the shoulders of his small son and says:

"My son, you are looking at the most famous school in Leicestershire."

**MARTINEAU SET TO STAGE HIS OWN MUSICAL**

William Organ, OBE, Bursar of Uppingham School, presents Brian Martineau with a £1,000 cheque from the Trustees of Uppingham to help cover the cost of staging his own musical.

Brian, a 6th Former from School House, wrote "VALADIMO'S TALE" in his spare time. Now the musical has been given the go-ahead, and will be staged at Uppingham Theatre from March 11th - 14th, 1993.

Brian commented: "It's a big venture and will, I hope, be a spectacular performance - and it's all in a good cause."

"Valadimo's Tale" is dedicated to the memory of Brian's uncle, who died from brain cancer two years ago. The first night performance, on Thursday, March 11th, will be held entirely in aid of

the charity CANCER RESEARCH.

It tells the story of Valadimo, a Russian farmer, who is engaged to a woman who is seriously crippled. Before she will consent to marry him, he has to set off on a quest to find the elixir of eternal healing.

The musical is scored for a full orchestra - to be conducted by James Rowley (WB), another Uppingham Sixth Former - 10 solo singers, and a chorus of 25, no less!

At present, Brian is keen to raise any form of sponsorship for this exciting and original project - particularly as, the more sponsorship funding he obtains, the more "Cancer Research" will benefit.

All support is welcome! Contact the Editor c/o School House for details.



Photo courtesy of "Rutiana Tin.es"

**SCHOOL TO HOST JAMES WHITAKER'S SUMMER BALL**

James Whitaker (OU) has been awarded a Testimonial in 1993 by Leicestershire County Cricket Club.

James (L 76) joined Leicestershire in 1981. He represented England in three one-day internationals and in one full Test on the 86/7 Winter Tour to Australia.

To tie in with the Testimonial, the School is hosting a Summer Ball on 29th May, 1993 (Founders' Day.) A donation will be made from proceeds to the James Whitaker Benefit Fund. The Ball is being organised by Simon Lupini, who so successfully ran the recent Leavers' Balls.

**National London ISIS Exhibition**

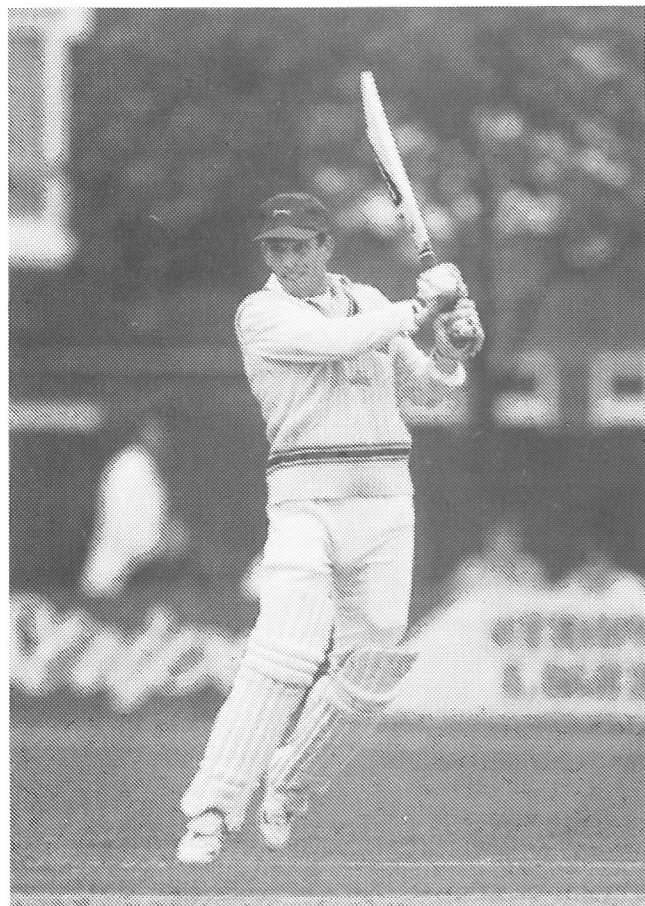
The School had a fruitful three days at the National London ISIS Exhibition in Islington in October. David Gaine was interviewed by The Daily Telegraph; in addition, Stephen Winkley will be one of the main speakers at the next exhibition.

**School has latest technology.**

As a result of a partnership with Essex-based Akhter Computers, Ltd. the Schools' computer technology is now among the best in the country.

The Ball is not exclusive to OUs - but, falling as it does on Founder's Day, we hope for a strong OU presence.

For tickets/further information, contact: Sylvia Michael, 1 Park Hill Avenue, Leicester. Tel: 0533-831727



(Photo : David Munden)

**Colts XV Benefit From Top-Class Coaching!**

This season's exceptional Colts Rugby XV have received some top class coaching.

One of the highlights of their 8-day tour of Toulouse, France over half-term was a long session with England fly-half Rob Andrew, at Toulouse Rugby Club.

Phil Ward, in charge of Colts Rugby at Uppingham, said of the Andrew connection: "Rob Andrew has been great in helping us with the tour. Not only is he taking a session with us, but he has also invited us to go along and watch Toulouse train."

In addition, to help preparation for the demands of playing high level French club opposition, the Colts had October training sessions with Barrie Corless (Director of Coaching at Northampton RFC) and England Students coach - and former England player - Les Cusworth. (Indeed, on their return from Toulouse, Barrie Corless invited the entire squad over to Northampton RFC to train with senior Northampton players!)

To cap it all, no fewer than 9



(Photo: "Leicester Mercury")

Uppingham Colts were selected to play for Leicestershire Under 16's - a record for the School: Marcus Briggs, Henry Debenham, Nnambi Ezulike, Charles Haslam, James Howard-Vyse, Joe Hunter, Simon Romer-Lee, Robin Tetley and Robin Sutermeister (who was "Man of the Tour" in Toulouse).

"We have had four or five players in the squad before, but never nine", Phil Ward said. "They are all very talented boys and one or two of them could go a long way."

STOP PRESS- A final coaching session took place in early December with Dick Best - the England and British Lions coach.

**WEST SIDE SUCCESS STORY!**

Uppingham's big budget production of "West Side Story", staged in the Theatre from 18th to 22nd November,

proved an exciting and invigorating interpretation of this famous musical - and played to packed and appreciative Houses.

A cast of 45 Uppingham pupils sang, danced and acted to the accompaniment of a 25 piece band. Starring roles

were taken by Elliot Cowan (M), Andrew Hewitt (Hf), Olly Johnston (WD) and Caroline Page (Fd), who played Maria.

Neil Fisher (who has choreographed performances by the National Youth Music Theatre) put the dancers through their paces, whilst Neil Page held the baton.

The lavish and impressive set was designed and built by Christopher Richardson (making another return to Uppingham) and Ali Biggs. The show was directed by David Edwards, Uppingham's Head of Drama.

This first big musical since the hugely popular "Guys and Dolls" (1989) certainly proved a resounding success. Next stop, America.....?



Tony's just met a girl called Maria. (Photo: James Moy)

If you have any comments or suggestions for improving this new format newsletter, please contact the Editor, Andrew Cunningham, at School House, Uppingham. Constructive suggestions will be welcome - as will, of course, any Uppingham-related information or material.

## "Girls Make Their Mark In Elite School Cadets!"

..... Thus ran the headline in a whole page colour feature in the "Leicester Mercury" on October 2nd, 1992.

The article referred, of course, to the 18 Lower Sixth girls from Johnson's and Fairfield, who made Uppingham history last term by becoming the first girls to sign up with the CCF.

Bobby Thomson, of Johnson's said:

"We showed the boys up at drilling - I think we might be more co-ordinated."

Philippa Adey, also from Johnson's, added:

"It was unfair that the boys had the choice and we didn't. We will be treated exactly the same as the boys."

The girls spent the Autumn Term acquiring their basic training.

James Watson, Captain of Corps, welcomed the change:

"We don't look on them as males or females - just as cadets," he said.

## Fifth Former Wins National Photo Competition!

James Moy (SH), has won first prize in a prestigious photographic competition.

His colour photo, "Architecture at Kew" (picture below), won the 1992 Kew Gardens/Agfa national competition. In November, James revisited the Royal Botanic Gardens to collect his award, at a reception for prizewinners.



"Eyes Right!"

(Photo: "Leicester Mercury")

## THE LONDON DINNER

The Annual London Dinner will be held at the Law Society Hall, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2 at 6.45 p.m. for 7.30 pm on Thursday 4th February, 1993.

S.J. Dorrell (M 65) M.P. and Financial Secretary to the Treasury, will be in the chair.

In deference to this year's chairman, the price of tickets will be £25.00 exclusive of wine. There will be a maximum of 50 tickets at the reduced price of £21.00 for OUs aged 25 or under on 31st January 1993. OUs are again encouraged to subscribe to the Dinner Fund to make this reduced price possible.

The organiser C.W.H. Warrack (Fgh 63) requests that applications for tickets be made in good time in order to ensure a place at this popular event. Tickets can be obtained from: William Warrack, Beresford Manor, Sheen,

Hartington, Derbyshire, SK17 OHN. Tel: 0298 84808

N.K. Brook, c/o European Grain and Shipping Ltd., P.O. Box 360, 88 Borough High Street, London SE1 1LP. Tel: 071 228 9305

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J.W.E. Liggins (Hf 67) will be arranging a "Property" Table and those interested should apply for tickets to him c/o Oliver Liggins, 30 St George Street, London W1R 9FA. Tel: 071 499 3162