In 2009, Sir John Scarlett (H-S/C 1961-66) KCMG OBE, retired following 38 years of service in the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), the oldest continuously active intelligence service in the world. He served as Chief from 2004 to 2009 and prior to that, as Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) in the Cabinet Office. Sir John comments, “I am proud to have held some of the most rewarding jobs in government service.”

As is often the case, retirement represents a time to explore new opportunities and Sir John, with his considerable expertise, is no exception. He explains, “After 38 years I identified wholly with one organisation and in a sense was completely institutionalised. While in post it was impossible for me to think about life after MI6.” Even though his retirement had been well planned, he had given little thought or had little knowledge of the opportunities that lay outside government service. He comments further, “Unlike the US where people move in and out of government, there is relatively little movement between the British Civil Service and the private sector. By giving myself time, I have been able to create a stimulating second career comprised of a combination of paid employment, advisory and pro-bono work.”

As a senior advisor, Sir John is well placed to comment on international affairs, as they relate to financial risk for investors, companies and banks. No longer interested in leading an organisation, he has taken up advisory roles, all of which had to be approved by the Cabinet Office; at Morgan Stanley, Statoil (the Norwegian petroleum company, where he chairs the Advisory Board), Swiss Re and PwC UK. He is a Director of Times Newspapers. Sir John comments, “MI6, like many businesses, is a global enterprise and to this extent is very similar to the private sector.”

Sir John, an Epsom College Governor and board member of the Royal Medical Foundation, cites his Chairmanship of Bletchley Park as a key post-retirement interest. Bletchley Park, which celebrates the extraordinary achievements of code breakers during WW2, is a natural area of interest for this former head of MI6. Sir John comments, “It is more than a museum. It celebrates perhaps the greatest intelligence success in history – breaking Enigma and, later, German machine-encrypted communications. This shortened the war by 18 to 24 months and may have saved hundreds of thousands of lives, not to mention the impact on the future of Europe. I want to make a difference in the restoration and regeneration of this inspiring place.”

Sir John married Gwenda in 1970 and comments, “It’s been a joint operation. Everything we’ve achieved, we’ve achieved together.” They have four children and six grandchildren. They live in London and have a house in north Norfolk. After leaving Epsom, Sir John read Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford. He graduated in 1970 with First Class Honours.
events

LUNCH IN DORSET 19th APRIL

LEGAL SOCIETY DINNER 27th APRIL

DAY IN DORSET

LEGAL SOCIETY DINNER

19TH APRIL

27TH APRIL

SCOUTING REUNION 27th JUNE

HOUSE OF COMMONS TOUR & RECEPTION 3rd JULY

DAY IN BIRMINGHAM 23rd MAY

DORCHESTER ABBEY 7th JUNE

DAY OUT AT LORD’S CRICKET GROUND 21st JUNE

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Forthcoming events

OEs are invited to a number of social occasions in the coming months.

**DIARY DATES 2012-2013**

For costs and booking details please see the enclosed application form.

**10 YEAR REUNION CYCLE**

A 10 year reunion cycle has been introduced that gives everyone lots of time to plan ahead. In 2020, leavers from 1990, 2000, and 2010 can anticipate their year group reunions. Please see the back page calendar for this year’s reunion dates for the 1982, 1992 and 2002 leavers.

**OE LUNCH CLUB**

LUNCHES WITH ‘OLD MASTERS’

See the calendar on the back page and reply form for forthcoming dates.

**2ND OCTOBER**

1ST XV RUGBY AT HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

All members of the College community are invited to watch the 1st team play Stowe School on this historic pitch in the heart of the City. Kick-off is at 4.30, followed by a drinks reception in the Long Room.

**OE ANNUAL DINNER**

OE Club President, Patricia Foong (Wh 1980-82) looks forward to welcoming all generations of OEs to the Club’s Annual Black Tie Dinner.

**CHAPEL CHOIR PERFORMS EVENSONG**

All members of the College community are invited to attend Evensong at Chichester Cathedral on 7th November and at St Paul’s on 14th January. Plans for an afternoon activity and/or tea will be announced in due course.

**13TH NOVEMBER**

VISIT BLETCHLEY PARK

Sir John Scarlett KCMG OBE (H-S/C 1961-66) will welcome guests to Bletchley Park, the historic site of secret British code breaking activities during WW2 and birthplace of the modern computer.

**17TH NOVEMBER**

EPSON COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE DINNER

Derek Wight (H-S/P 1951-57) will serve as Honorary Secretary of the 2012 Dinner, which will be held at St John’s College. All members of the College community who have an association with Cambridge University are warmly encouraged to attend.

**2ND FEBRUARY 2013**

LEGAL SOCIETY DINNER & PERFORMANCE

Nigel Pascoe QC (Holman 1954-59) will perform his original work, To Encourage The Others – the Court Martial and Example of Admiral Byng at a black tie dinner in Big School. All members of the College with an interest in law and theatre are welcome.

**31ST MARCH 2013**

OE MEDICAL SOCIETY DINNER

Recently appointed OE Medical Society President, Tony Narula (Holman 1968-72), will host the Society’s annual black tie dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons.

**17TH MARCH 2013**

NEIL LAING FUND RUN

There’s an option to run 5k or 10k in the fourth annual Fund Run in aid of the Neil Laing Bursary Fund. All ages are welcome, so consider bringing the family along to support this great cause.

**8TH JUNE 2013**

GRANVILLE HOUSE REUNION

Still in its original location, Granville House welcomes back its former occupants, along with Housemasters and Tutors. Lunch will be served in Big School and other details will be announced in due course.

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In July, a team of nine recent leavers spoke to approximately 500 OEs during a two week telephone campaign. This year’s campaign was an opportunity to thank donors for their generous support and to update others on the latest news from the College, not to fundraise. It is part of the Education Trust’s on-going efforts to strengthen the College’s relationship with members of the OE community.

Many of those OEs called were interested to learn more about the new Headmaster, Jay Piggot and his previous experience as Headmaster of Campbell College and as Housemaster at Eton. Many reflected on their own time at the College. A member of the call team, Kara Heggs (Crawfurd 2006-2011) comments, “I really enjoyed this campaign. It was so interesting to speak to people who had a similar background as me and find out what they have done with their education, and how they found their time at the College.”

In July 2013, a fundraising campaign will be held. Veteran caller Chris Harper (Propert 2005-10) comments, “Working on this campaign and the 2011 fundraising campaign has been an enlightening experience. It was a delight to be given the opportunity to continue my work from last year and thank those who have so generously supported the College through coming to events and financial contributions. It is rewarding knowing I have been able to aid the College, while at the same time hearing great tales and gaining connections with many OEs. I only wish I could have spoken to more!” The callers were not able to reach everyone who received notification that they might receive a call.

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Dr Harpreet Sood (Forest 1999-2004), who has just completed his Foundation Year 2 at King’s College London, will spend this academic year at Harvard, where he will pursue a Masters in Public Health Policy (MPH). Harpreet, whose long term aim is to combine his clinical career with health service delivery and public policy explains, “I am interested in learning more about the ways politics and lobbying impact healthcare policy that affect so many people.” In the future he plans to apply for further training in cardiology, a critical area where public policy and preventative medicine intersect. Harpreet looks forward to meeting Winston Hide (Granville 1975-79), who is a professor at Harvard’s MPH programme.

Funding his year abroad has been a challenge. A proportion of the tuition fees have been covered by scholarship and charitable support through a donor to the Education Trust. Rebecca Holmes, Education Trust Director comments, “We are delighted to have a donor who is committed to promoting medical careers within our community. It’s very gratifying to support an OE, particularly in medicine, which is so central to the College’s identity.”
A recent bursary recipient, who will be heading to university this autumn, plans to approach her musical interests with the same rigour and enthusiasm she is sure to apply to her academics. She comments, “At Epsom I had huge opportunities to develop my all-round musical skills. I got the support that made it possible for me to become a choir member and take part in the orchestra and other musical groups. My skills are of a standard that will make it possible for me to join a choir and orchestra at university.”

This pupil would not have been able to come to Epsom College without significant financial support. When asked to comment on this support she replied, “I was aware that my family was receiving financial assistance, which I felt very grateful and lucky to have. It motivated me to work that much harder to get the most out of my education. I always try my hardest but knowing this may have made me work that much harder. I think the College gives so much more than many other schools. It’s more than a school; it’s a whole environment with activities and academics. You get the feeling that there’s a huge network of support.”

**Facts about bursaries**

During the 2012-13 academic year, £572,000 will be allocated to 40 students (5% of the student body) a portion of which comes from donations received by the Education Trust. The long term aim of the Education Trust is to create a £30m endowment that would generate enough annual income to provide 10% of pupils with significantly larger bursaries in perpetuity. The Epsom College endowment, currently valued at £2.8m, is relatively small when compared to other schools. Rebecca Holmes, Director of the Education Trust, comments, “When you break it down, creating a £30m endowment doesn’t seem insurmountable. If 1,000 donors made legacy gifts of £30,000 each we’d have an endowment that would transform people’s lives.”

**OE PROVIDES ESSAY PRIZE TO PROMOTE READING**

George Pincus (H-S/Forest 1955-61) believes in the power and importance of reading, which is the inspiration behind his second annual English Essay Prize. This was awarded to M4 pupils, who were encouraged to submit a written piece on any form of writing that had inspired them. Nearly 90% of all M4s entered the competition. When George presented prizes for the best submissions at the M4 assembly, he commented, “I enjoyed reading all the essays and learning more about the types of books young people are reading. It’s inspired me to read The Hunger Games, a book I would not have otherwise read.”

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**2011-12 ANNUAL FUND PROJECTS COMPLETED**

During the 2011-12 academic year, approximately £20,000 was raised to complete three Annual Fund projects, which included full-sized rugby posts for the 1st XV, a pair of dugouts on an astro pitch and a climbing wall for the exterior of the Sports Centre. These are important resources for pupils that the College would not have otherwise been able to fund. Due to changes in government policy, plans will not proceed with the solar panel initiative, which had been an Annual Fund project. Headmaster, Jay Piggot, comments, “We thank OEs and parents for their generous support and look forward to announcing new Annual Fund projects during the Michaelmas Term.”
FIFTH ANNUAL HOUSE REUNION
CRAWFURD TAKES ITS TURN

Over 170 Old Crawfurdians and guests attended the annual House reunion in June, which has become an important fixture on the OE events calendar since it was first introduced in 2008. The day began on a poignant note with a Chapel service, where founding member Ray Reynolds (Rosebery/Crawfurd 1934-39) read a written recollection from E. M. Hazelton, the first Housemaster. Following lunch in Main Hall guests enjoyed pupil performances and speeches. Governor Hywel Bowen-Perkins (Crawfurd/Robinson 1966-70) encouraged guests to support the College in any way they can, especially in the effort to increase bursary support through the Education Trust.

Later in the day, guests had an opportunity to attend a talk by College Archivist, Alan Scadding, entitled Crawfurd: The Man, The House, The War. When Sir Raymond Crawfurd took over as Chairman of Council in 1923, the College was in a dire state, which he would later describe as ‘having fallen from the prominent and privileged position that at one time it has occupied.’ Sir Raymond put things right by hiring Headmaster Powell, a partnership that would prove to be one of the most productive ones in the history of the College. Riding the tide of economic prosperity in the region, driven by the electronics and aviation industries, they increased fees, raised a loan to finance improvements and strove to create an arts curriculum that would equal the sciences. Mr Scadding concluded, “Together they established the importance of an all-round education that remains so central to Epsom College today.”

The day ended with a visit to Crawfurd House and tea on the lawn where Headmaster, Stephen Borthwick thanked guests and concluded, “This has been a memorable occasion filled with a strong sense of fellowship towards each other and the College.”

OE JOINS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr Suzannah Lipscomb Lawhead (White House 1995-97), Senior Lecturer and Convenor for History at New College of the Humanities, has been appointed as a Governor of Epsom College. She comments, “It is an immense honour and a delight to have joined the Board of Governors. I think Epsom is a fantastic and unique school and, as it was certainly key to whatever success I’ve had in life so far, I am eager to help ensure that it continues to be so. I look forward to getting to know the school as it is now and working with staff, students, the other governors and the new Headmaster.”

Suzannah is the author of A Visitor’s Companion to Tudor England (2012) and 1536: The Year that changed Henry VIII (2009). The Board of Governors, comprised of 17 members, represents a wide cross-section of skills, interests and perspectives and is chaired by Dr Andrew Vallance-Owen (Fayrer 1965-70).
In May a regional gathering was held at Rex Goddard’s local in Plush, Dorset. The enthusiasm for this particular event has resulted in a new initiative: Lunch with ‘Old Masters’, which is to say retired members of staff, rather than notable works of art! We think these gatherings will be of interest to those who know the ‘Old Master’ as well as those living in the area. Thus far gatherings have been scheduled with Murray Young and Mike Squibbs in central London, Chris Trewella in Suffolk and John Davidson-Kelly in Edinburgh.

Martin Haslam (1958-62) and Richard Pascoe (1957-61) organised a hugely successful Holman Reunion for their contemporaries in June. Festivities began in Martin’s garden in West Sussex on Saturday afternoon and ended at Epsom College with a tour and lunch on Monday. Guest, John McLennahan (1958-62) comments, “For 50 years, everyone has been making their own way in life and it was by no means certain that we would share that same camaraderie we had all that time ago. The reunion was filled with laughter and tales of experiences long-since forgotten. We share a sincere fondness for the College and exchanged stories of our successes in life, which in no small measure are due to our ‘training’ at the College.”

The OE Club played a part in helping to facilitate this reunion. If you’d like help organising a reunion for your year group, please see the reply form for details.

Stephen Borthwick, the twelfth Headmaster of Epsom College, stepped down from his post, his portrait was put up in Main Hall alongside five 20th century headmasters. Epsom College Governors, Andrew Vallance-Owen and George Pincus, wanted to create a relaxed and informal portrait and chose Hampshire-based artist, Jason Sullivan, to carry out the work.

Mr Sullivan recalls his first meeting with the Headmaster, “We literally went all over the site taking photos. Stephen had a preference for Chapel but it was too formal and the lighting was less than ideal. He looked the most comfortable in his Study.” The challenge of transporting a large canvas to and from Hampshire meant he needed to begin with a smaller canvas. Mr Sullivan explains, “It is easier to transpose the brush strokes from a smaller to a larger painting.” In the sittings he focused on the hands and face. The other elements such as the bookcase and the curtains were completed through photographs.

Mr Sullivan concludes, “Stephen’s Study was a poignant setting. During our four sittings I was interested to hear him talk about his time at the College. His enjoyment was palpable and he was very relaxed and smiling a lot, which was easily conveyed in the portrait.”

A lawyer or chartered accountant is sought, with expertise in the areas of investments, book-keeping, trust accounts or charity law to serve as a co-trustee for the OE Trust Fund. This Fund, established by the OE Club in 1932, provides bursary support for the children of OEs at Epsom College. In the last 22 years, approximately £100,000 has been awarded in bursaries to the sons and daughters of OEs. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please indicate your interest on the enclosed reply form.
In an effort to strengthen connections in North America, representatives from the Education Trust, Rebecca Holmes and Rob Worrall, hosted a series of gatherings in Vancouver, Toronto, New York and Boston. Many OEs took part in the four city tour that was funded through the financial support of a donor who is committed to promoting a strong community of support for Epsom College.

A diverse series of gatherings held in each city was aimed to appeal to those living locally as well as those coming from further afield. The offerings ranged from an outdoor performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* in Vanier Park, Vancouver to a classic New England summer dinner at the home of Martin Gillieson (Holman 1958-63) in Massachusetts.

Overseas chapters are an important part of the OE network. Burl Crone (Wilson 1989-90) who took part in the Toronto visit commented, “I hope some day, once my student loans are paid, to write some cheques to the College for educational services rendered. Seeing Rob again was just like old times, which was frankly just what I expected. Good people remain good people.”

Rob Worrall, whose travel log from the journey can be read on the College website, comments, “We were delighted to receive such a warm reception and enthusiastic interest in the College. We will strive to maintain the momentum these memorable visits have created.” To view all the photos and complete captions, visit the College website.

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**2012-2013 CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER**
- Saturday 22nd
  - 20 Year Reunion for 1992 Leavers
- Thursday 27th
  - OE Lunch Club (inter-house choral competition from 2pm)
- Saturday 29th
  - 10 Year Reunion for 2002 Leavers

**OCTOBER**
- Tuesday 2nd
  - Epsom 1st XV v Stowe at the Honourable Artillery Company
- Saturday 13th
  - OE Annual Dinner & 30 Year Reunion for 1982 Leavers
- Thursday 18th
  - OE Lunch Club (Epsom v Eton Rugby Match from 2pm)

**NOVEMBER**
- Wednesday 7th
  - Evensong at Chichester Cathedral
- Tuesday 13th
  - Bletchley Park with Sir John Scarlett KCMG OBE
- Saturday 17th
  - Epsom College Cambridge Dinner, St John’s College
- Tuesday 20th
  - OE Lunch Club
- Tuesday 27th
  - Old Masters Lunch (Michael Squibbs in central London)

**DECEMBER**
- Fri 14th
  - Carol Service & OE Lunch Club (places limited)

**JANUARY 2013**
- Monday 14th
  - Evensong at St Paul’s Cathedral
- Monday 21st
  - OE Lunch Club
- Saturday 26th
  - 10 Year Reunion for 2003 Leavers

**FEBRUARY 2013**
- Saturday 2nd
  - Legal Society Dinner & Performance by Nigel Pascoe QC in Big School
- Friday 8th
  - Old Masters Lunch (Chris Trehella in Suffolk)
- Tuesday 26th
  - OE Lunch Club

**MARCH 2013**
- Friday 1st
  - OE Medical Society Dinner, Royal College of Surgeons
- Saturday 2nd
  - A Celebration of the Sport of Shooting: Dinner in Main Hall
- Sunday 17th
  - Neil Laing Fund Run
- Monday 18th
  - Downs Singers Concert at Central Hall Westminster
- Tuesday 19th
  - OE Lunch Club

**APRIL 2013**
- Thursday 18th
  - Old Masters Lunch (John Davidson-Kelly in Edinburgh)
- Wednesday 24th
  - OE Lunch Club (in the Cricket Pavilion)

**MAY 2013**
- Monday 20th
  - OE Lunch Club

**JUNE 2013**
- Friday 7th
  - Work the Room Reception, 7pm
- Saturday 8th
  - Annual House Reunion: Granville
- Wednesday 12th
  - OE Lunch Club (in the Cricket Pavilion)