

# OLD ORWELLIAN NEWS



Autumn 2015

## OLD ORWELLIAN DAY 2015



OLD ORWELLIAN TEAM

# HEADMASTER



Last year was a vintage year for scholarships to senior schools; 22 awards in a Year 8 group of 34 represented a record for the school. Once again we achieved 100% Common Entrance pass and several pupils achieved CE prizes to top senior schools.

The school was a very busy place over the summer holidays, with the repainting of all windows on the south face of the mansion, the construction of two new classrooms in the Pre-Prep and the relocation of the main school library in the main corridor of the mansion.

We also said farewell last summer to Vicki Hunt, daughter of former Headmaster, Brian Belle, after 30 years of dedicated service to the school, though she has since returned to help with the Norway trip and to talk to Year 4 about the history of Orwell Park!

**Adrian Brown**  
Headmaster

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## Staff News



In July we said goodbye to Vicki Hunt. Vicki's association with Orwell Park goes back a long way. As daughter of Brian Belle she was a pupil at Orwell in the 60s. She had taught at the school for over 30 years and ended her time as Head of the Middle School. We wish her well in her retirement and welcome her to the Old Orwellian Society!

Vicki Hunt OO 1961-64

## OLD ORWELLIAN DAY 20 JUNE



We had a super day on the 20 June when we welcomed back to Orwell Park Old Orwellians both old and new. This is a popular event in the Old Orwellian calendar which has seen more and more OOs visit the school every year. In 2016 we will, for the first time, in addition to the Old Orwellian “Young v Slightly Older” cricket match, be holding a rounders match for the girls. Please do contact Alex Brunt ([alexbrunt@orwellpark.org](mailto:alexbrunt@orwellpark.org)) if you would like to play in either of these matches or indeed are able to muster a team! Old Orwellian Day 2016 will be held on 11 June.

## HALF CENTURY CLUB LUNCH



Over 30 Half Century Club members met for lunch at the Farmers Club on the 13 November. It was a great occasion, greeting familiar faces and welcoming those who were new to the club or attending for the first time. This is an increasingly popular event and we hope many Half Century Club members will be able to join us at the next lunch which is at Orwell Park on 11 November 2016. In his welcome the Headmaster thanked Peter Jackson OO 1936-40 (pictured left with the Headmaster, Adrian Brown) who hosted the drinks party before the lunch and who also arranged the venue at the Farmers Club.

# ALDEBURGH LODGE REUNION

On the 28 August we were delighted to host a lunch for former Aldeburgh Lodge (Old Aldeburghians) pupils at the Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh.

The Wentworth hotel is on the site of Aldeburgh Lodge and right next door to what was the school sanatorium, which is now a private house. It was a most enjoyable occasion; definitely an afternoon for reminiscing! From left to right :

Peter Jackson (1936-39), John Holmes (1934-38), Peter Chapman (1932-36), Headmaster Adrian Brown, Martin Crawshay (1936-40), Lord Jim Prior (1935-40), Sir Keith Skinner (1937-39).



Aldeburgh Lodge



## Edgar Aveling OO (1926-30)

Mr Aveling was unable to attend the lunch but sent this letter :

Dear Aldeburgh Lodge Boys

My name is Edgar Aveling. As I am 98 and live in Surrey, Aldeburgh is too far for me to travel though I still do drive. From my age you can work out when I was at Aldeburgh Lodge. Here are a few notes of what I remember of my days there.

“Spug” and “Moribundus” - Spurgeon and Wilkinson—were joint Headmasters. Sidney and Eardley were two of the teachers, one of whom was good at tennis and, young though I was, I partnered him in the annual Framlingham tennis Tournament. There was another elderly teacher—I have forgotten his name—who lived near the entrance to the school who loved collecting carnelians, agates and amber found on the shingle. He taught Latin I think.

Moribundus suffered from a stammer which, however, vanished when he was singing. He used to delight us singing two humorous songs: “The Baby on the Shore” and “Listen to my Tale of Woe” and I have the sheet music of both these songs purchased by my mother for me in October 1928 when I was 11 years old.

Both Headmasters were very hardy and used to go swimming in the cold North Sea early each year. As for us boys we had to start swimming on Empire Day, whenever that was!. We undressed on the shingly beach and, because the shingle descended in “steps”, one was suddenly out of one’s depth, so a rowing boat used to come along the shoreline and position itself in the sea where we bathed as a security measure.

In those days we had decent cold winters and one year it froze for some time and we were all taken to the Mere at Thorpness for skating, all round its several islands.

On Sunday evenings Mrs Wilkinson used to gather some of us into her sitting room to read to us. On the Sunday mornings we were all marched across the playing fields to the path that led to Aldeburgh's Church for a traditional Matins service. Lunchtime on Sundays was always cold meat and beetroot. I hated beetroot and tried to push it to one side but was often made to eat it by Matron. To this day I hate it and will not eat it.

I was taken ill soon after going there and remember being looked after in an upstairs room in a house on the sea-front in the town. A year or so later while I was still at the school a splendid Sanatorium was built just inside the entrance gate and when the school got some infectious disease like chicken pox we had lots of fun in it.

Some kind and wealthy father gave the school a squash court which was built on the edge of the main playing field. There was also a long timber building used as a gym and other things, including a 25 yard air rifle range. I became quite skilled at shooting which served me well when I went to Marlborough College.

When the fishing boats caught sprats the school used to buy lots for our lunch—great occasion—and we ate as many as we could.

This is not much of a memo but some of you may perhaps recall those days.

Edgar Aveling



**Edgar Aveling OO (1926-30)**

## OLD ORWELLIAN GOLF DAY 10 MAY

The rain held off, the sun came out and the golfers managed two rounds of the 9 hole course. Lunch in the school dining room with the boarders, enjoyed by all, prompted memories of meals in the past!

Martin Loose (OO 1976-81) was the winner of the 2015 tournament. He has assured us that he will be back next year to defend his title! The 2016 golf day will be held on 8 May.



# HRH SIR ISMAIL, SULTAN OF JOHOR (OO 1904-1910)



Coronation of HH Tunku Ismail

H.H. Tunku (Prince) Ismail was born on 28 October 1894 at Istana (Palace) Semayam in Johor Bahru, Johor. Johor is a Malaysian state located in the southern part of Peninsular Malaysia.

Tunku Ismail was the eldest son of Sultan Sir Ibrahim G.C.M.G., K.C.M.G., G.B.E., K.B.E. etc. and Tunku Ampuan Maimunah. He was made the Tunku Mahkota (Crown Prince) when his father was installed as Sultan of Johor after the death of his grandfather Sultan Sir Abu Bakar in 1895 when he was 1 year old. Tunku Ismail received his early education at the Malay School in Johor Bahru and studied English with an English nanny.

In 1904, Tunku Ismail was sent to England along with his brothers (Tunku Abu Bakar and Tunku Ahmad). He went to study at Aldeburgh Lodge School in Suffolk until his return to Johor in 1910. Then he was enrolled to the Malay College Kuala Kangsar (MCKK) in Perak. In 1913, Tunku Ismail revisited England to further his studies for 7 years.

Upon his return to Johor in 1920, Tunku Ismail got married to his second cousin Ungku Aminah binti Ungku Ahmad. He was blessed with 2 sons (Tunku Mahmood Iskandar and Tunku Abdul Rahman) and a daughter (Tunku Maimunah). His eldest son, Tunku Mahmood Iskandar (1932-2010) became the Sultan of Johor (1981-2010) and the 8<sup>th</sup> Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia (1984-1989).

In 1926, Tunku Ismail received his Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G) while his Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (K.B.E.) was conferred in 1937.

Tunku Ismail became the Sultan of Johor when his father Sultan Sir Ibrahim died on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1959. He was styled as His Royal Highness Sultan Sir Ismail, Sultan of Johor and had his coronation on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1960. In 1977, after the death of Ungku Aminah, Sultan Sir Ismail married a Kelantanese Princess, Tengku Nora binti Tengku Ahmad (now styled as H.H. Tunku Puan Nora Ismail).

Sultan Sir Ismail who was an animal enthusiast and a sportsman died on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1981. He was then succeeded by his son the late Sultan Iskandar (1981-2010) and now by his grandson H.R.H. Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, Sultan of Johor (2010 - ).

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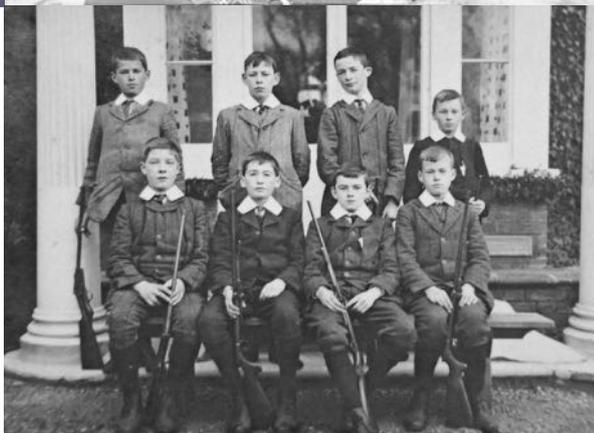
HH Tunku Ismail 1909 Aldeburgh Lodge football team

## OO DAVID RANSOME 1938-1943



David Ransome's family association with the school goes back a long way with Gerard and Robert Ransome, David's father and uncle, both joining the school in 1906 at Aldeburgh Lodge. David joined Orwell Park in 1938 one year after the move from Aldeburgh. David joined us on Old Orwellian day bringing with him photos of his father and uncle in their sports teams.

David's father is pictured in 1911 holding the football as Team Captain.



## OO DAVID HUTTON 1996-2000

At both Orwell and Oundle David Hutton often found himself in the Design Technology department; it was therefore no surprise that he went on to read mechanical engineering at the University of Bath. Whilst there he started to design the flexipump. Upon graduating in 2010, David travelled to Zambia to extensively field test the flexipump with many different farmers.

The flexipump is a very simple irrigation pump which gives subsistence farmers the opportunity to help themselves out of poverty.

Sir James Dyson described the flexipump as 'ingeniously simple'.

A farmer with a flexipump can easily reduce the time taken to irrigate by 80% (compared with using buckets)! This means that they can grow more food, on a larger area, both to eat and to sell, generating a greater (much needed) income.

David is in the process of moving to South Africa to be closer to his core customers.

David has just launched a crowd funding campaign to help get flexipumps into the hands of farmers; you can find out more here [www.postapump.com](http://www.postapump.com).



# NEW OLD ORWELLIANS 2015

Poppy Allen	Astrid Fauret	Clemmie Rampton
Tilly Beveridge	Jose Galofre	Joseph Reed
James Britton	Oliver Green	Max Richardson
Martha Carey	William Halfhide	Ben Robinson
Xavier Casado	Isabella Hibbard	Sebastian Ruge-Price
Rosie Church	Janna Holtby	Rayan Semnani
Claudia Clay	Oliver Jervois	Kiya Smith
Alexander Cumming	Giles Mallinson	Bertie Tweed
Alice Dobell	Gonzalo Mingot	India Uthwatt-Bouverie
William Dutton	Frederick Morrissey	Lily von Möll
George Erith	Guy Parker	Flora Walters
Charlies Fairs	Molly Paul	Henry Wilson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sorry to write of the following deaths of which we have been notified since the last issue of the newsletter:

James Howlett (1959-54) 5th June 2015

Michael Marwood (1942-47) 26th September 2015

## HISTORY OF ORWELL PARK

The Foundation of Orwell Park School is producing a history of Orwell Park School. This hard backed coffee table sized publication will cover the years from Eton House, Crespigny House, Aldeburgh Lodge and the war years all the way through to the move to Orwell Park and to the present day.

We would be very grateful if anyone has any memorabilia or archive material that they could, in the first instance, get in touch with Sarah Kirby-Smith at the school. We would love to hear memories of your time at the school.

There will be sponsorship opportunities which will secure a mention in the book. For more information please contact Sarah.

## FUTURE EVENTS

- **8 May 2015**  
**OO Golf Day**
- **11 June 2016**  
**Old Orwellian Day**
- **11 November 2016**  
**Half Century Club Lunch**  
**Orwell Park School**

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