



# NEWS FROM HAMPTON

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## Autumn 2004

Welcome to another edition of News from Hampton, which aims to provide parents, pupils and friends of the School with information about recent achievements and events and future highlights. For further details of events or for more detailed programmes of specific activities, please contact us directly.

### Summer Examinations: A Record Harvest

A number of records tumbled when the summer examination results came in: the highest ever percentage of grades A\* at GCSE; the highest ever percentage of GCSE grades at A\* and A – a positively vertiginous 75%; and the highest ever proportion of grades A and B at A Level. The school was placed 12th nationally in the A Level table published by the *Independent*.

Pride of place might go to five pupils – **Iain Alexander**, **Jonathan Dewhurst**, **Raghav Ghai** (pictured below with congratulatory letter), **Nicholas Jeary** and **Thomas Little**, who, along with 63,509 other candidates across Britain, took the AQA German GCSE - and proceeded to secure one of the top five marks in the country.



### Form Charity

When Winnie the Pooh sits down in the History classroom next to Noddy, and Harry Potter joins the Three Musketeers for a Science practical, then it can only be **Character Day** (pictured). And that can only mean Form Charity.



Charity, perhaps, begins at school: last year under Mr Alex Frazer, Form Charity raised a record £19,848.97: a remarkable figure (once one does the Maths) for a school of 1100 pupils. Four-figure donations were made to seven charities, among

them the Princess Alice Hospice and the NSPCC.

Highlight of the year? Surely the staff version of *Stars in their Eyes* – the brainchild of Miss Catherine Goddard, who this year picks up the baton from Mr Frazer with a war chest of new ideas for channelling the enthusiasm of our ever-generous students.

### School Production

The school play, a joint production with L.E.H., was *West Side Story* – a production lit up by some brilliant performances: **Thomas Campbell**, **Sam Van Essen**, **James Derrick** and **James Heller** among them. And above all, as the doomed lovers, Tony and Maria, two wonderfully convincing performances from **Sam Marks** and **Ellie Casterton** (pictured right).

But other stars of this show were to be found off-stage: a brilliant orchestra, directed by our Director of Music Mr Iain Donald, a seamless production by Head of Drama Mr Mike Franzkowiak, and above all some memorable choreography, orchestrated by Miss Catherine Goddard. An unforgettable production.



## School Inspection

The school geared up for its statutory inspection in the summer. The result? “One of the most positive and complimentary inspection reports I have ever seen,” says Head Master Barry Martin. The Inspectors examined the school on 97 aspects of its life – the “regulatory requirements” now imposed on independent schools: all were passed.

More pleasing even than this clean bill of health, perhaps, was the informal feedback from the Inspectors: an overwhelmingly positive response from parents, and an atmosphere of happy endeavour from a student body proud of the school. A feeling which, it need hardly be said, is mutual.

## Kiira College

Relations with our link school Kiira College in Uganda continued to deepen over the spring and summer, with the visit of Mr Jim Fred Gandi, Kiira’s newly-appointed Deputy Head. Mr Gandi is pictured teaching at Hampton during his visit.



Among his other onerous duties here: to take collection of a batch of computers donated by Hampton School, soon to be housed in Kiira College’s beautifully-appointed library (pictured).

The New Year sees the visit of four recent Old Hamptonians – *Mssrs Akers, Rose, Wallace and Wass* – completing gap years at the College as junior members of staff.



## Talk!

Over the year, the school’s Talk! Programme continued with deafening success. Among many distinguished guests, we welcomed the Prime Minister’s latest biographer Dr Anthony Seldon, Financial Times writer Simon Kuper (pictured above) and Polar explorer Oliver Shepard (pictured below)



Forthcoming attractions include Professor Colin Pillinger (leader of the Mars-bound Beagle project), the First Sea Lord Sir Alan West, and Old Hamptonian Barry Sheerman M.P. A distinct lurch from *politics* to *sport*, however, may characterise our guests over the next few months, as Mr Worrallo takes over the programme from the departed Mr Wild.



## Edinburgh Festival

The Edinburgh Fringe was graced for discerning Thespians by two Hampton productions performed by the About Turn Theatre Company: “The Best Minds of My Generation,” produced by Mr Mike Franzkowiak, and “Dark Angels,” written by Mr Dan Hyde and starring (among others) the theatrically ubiquitous **Sam Marks** and **James Heller**.

An “exceptionally strong cast,” commented the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* in its review of “Dark Angels” – and a fitting send-off for Mr Hyde, as he leaves Hampton for a new post at the Royal Masonic School for Girls.

## Chess

Hampton chess players continue to check-mate opponents with mesmerising regularity. Team highlight of the season so far was the week in which St Paul’s School, Charterhouse and George Abbot, Guildford, were all soundly beaten. Individuals continue to shine: **Graham Hantman**, **Noah Schlessinger** and **Rahil Davda** followed up their summer successes with excellent performances in the Ampleforth Junior Masters over half-term.



## Cricket

The 1st XI had another distinguished season under the experienced guidance of Mr Ed Wesson. Stumps were pitched last Easter in the unfamiliar surroundings of Cape Town, South Africa (*pictured*), where the 1st XI were on a ten-day tour: of the four games played, three were won.

Back in more familiar surroundings, the 1st XI introduced plenty of new blood to the team, and still won nine of the ten matches that went to a result. Star performers **Akbar Ansari** (*op. cit.*) and **Toby Roland-Jones** played cricket at county junior level later in the summer.

But Hampton cricket is best measured by strength in depth: our Under 15 A and B teams won 13 out of 16 matches to reach a conclusion; our Under 14s won 16 out of 18, and the Under 13s won 11 out of 17. Pride of place to the Under 12 A team, however: played 11, won 11, with **Bilal Chohan**, **Henry Lee** and **Tim Walker** leading the charge.

## Sailing / Windsurfing

Following wind continues to buoy the fortunes of Sailing at Hampton: this year the prestigious Queen Mary Open Youth Regatta fell to Hampton pair **Chris Smith** and **John Mather** – who also led the team to first place in the team event.

In Windsurfing, **Joe O'Callaghan** continued to compete at National and International level, and took first place in the Freestyle Under 16 Nationals at Poole. "A wonderful achievement," says coach Mr. Jonathon Rugg.



## Tennis

The future of tennis at Hampton is in excellent hands – if results from this year's Independent Schools Tennis Association Championships are a guide. Under the expert coaching of Mr Simon Bramwell (*pictured, with winning teams*), the U15 pairs carried off both the Thomas Bowl and the Phillips Cup – the first time a single school has won both main and plate tournaments.



Top pair **Robert Blythe** and **Adam Hunt** won the Under 15 national title from a field of 75 pairs, overcoming top seeds Millfield 7-6, 6-3 in the final.

Meanwhile in the Plate competition – for first-round losers – Hampton again swept the board when **Jon Fisher** and **Nick Moon** beat Bradford Grammar School's second pair over three sets.

## Soccer Sixes

Saturday in September transformed Hampton School's games fields into a smaller version of Hackney Marshes, as 300 young footballers from local schools arrived for the fifth annual Hampton School Soccer Sixes.

Victories for Stanley County School, Teddington, and St Ignatius School, Sunbury (*pictured*), crowned a special day for school and community, with over 1,000 spectators present to watch the silverware handed over by Cllr Geoffrey Samuel, Richmond Borough's Cabinet Member for Schools.



## A Children's Book for Christmas

Charlie's Astonishing Party is a classic story of animals who live and work in a world famous children's hospital. Enjoy many magical moments, great feasts, the crocodile dance and the grand procession headed by the lion drum major. An inexpensive ideal present for children, written by Bill Gates (OH) with proceeds donated to the School. Copies at £5.50 available from the Bursary.

## Distinguished Sportsmen

**N**ick Joyce represented Great Britain in the European Trampoline Championships in Sophia, Bulgaria, in the summer, and collected a team Silver Medal. And building on the success of our Tennis teams (see elsewhere), our Golf team reached the Finals of the Independent Schools' Golf Competition for the first time.

Meanwhile, our athletes were breasting the tape in record times at the prestigious Achilles Relays at Oxford in May: four school records were re-written, most notably the 1 min. 35.6 seconds it took the 4 x 200 m team of **Jonathan White, Luke Wheeler, Courtney Glasgow** and **Vikram Nayar** to collect the prized Bevil Rudd trophy.

Standards of chess at Hampton are soaring: among many distinguished performers, a word of congratulations to **Matthew Rees**, Middlesex Champion at Under 12 level, and **Graham Hantman**, the Champion at Under 14.

More on rowing elsewhere in this issue .... Just time to mention here the Coxed IV who joined the 2nd VIII on the Winners' Podium at the National Schools' Regatta in Nottingham, and the 1st VIII who won the Junior 8s at the Reading Amateur Regatta.

Meanwhile, the GB Junior Final Trials this summer were graced by five Hampton rowers – **Deane McCloy, Matt Owen, Tim Chalk, Nick Metcalfe** and **Charlie Linacre** – and our presence at the summer Olympics in Athens was underlined by the appearance of five Hamptonians either rowing or coaching.

Finally, cricketer **Akbar Ansari** was invited to join the Surrey Academy side on tour in Perth, Australia. Later in the season, after a couple of centuries for the school 1st XI, Akbar joined up with Surrey U16 to score a number-crunching (or mind-boggling) 179 against Essex.

## Rowing

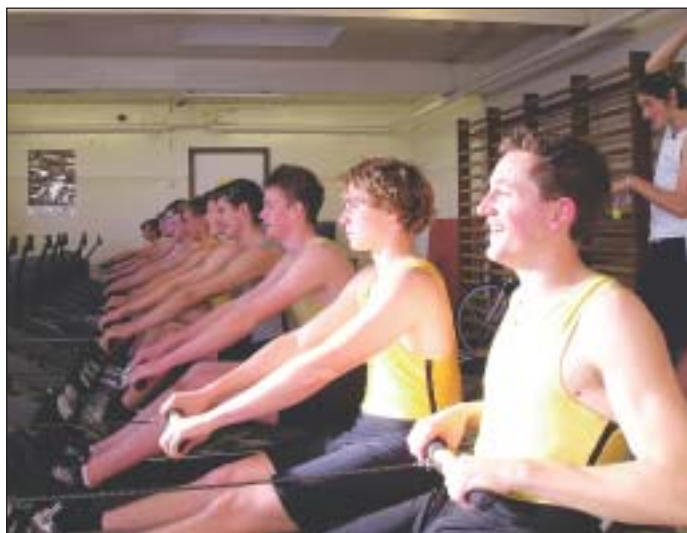
**A**nother exceptional season began in the spring with a clean sweep at the Schools' Head of the River Race, London, where the 1st VIII, 2nd VIII and 3rd VIII all triumphed in their respective categories.

Later, in July, the 1st VIII went through to the Friday of the Henley Royal Regatta, being beaten only by the eventual finalists.

Finally in the prestigious Armada Cup, in Bern, Switzerland, in October, Hampton rowers gained two silvers and a bronze in their age categories.

Among many inspiring individual achievements, outstanding were **Tim Chalk** and **Dean McCloy**, who rowed for the Great Britain Junior Team in the Junior World Championships in Banjoles, Spain.

International caps also went to **Stuart Fearn** and **Peter Randolph**, who represented England in the Home Internationals in the Coxless Fours, and to **Jack Grothier** and **Stewart Whyte**, who rowed in the coxless pairs.



## Ave atque Vale

**O**ld Hamptonians have been taking over the Common Room! Joining Mr Angus MacDonald, O.H., on the teaching staff, Mr Simon Croucher, O.H., and Mr Ravi Kothakota, O.H., have arrived (or returned) to teach Games and Drama respectively. They join a number of other new teaching staff, to whom the school extends its familiar welcome.

Sadly the Common Room will be losing our longest-standing O.H. when Mr Richard Boulton stands down from running the Boat Club and the 1st VIII. Richard oversaw the move to the new Millennium Boat House, and led the club to great success over his seven years at the helm. He leaves for a prominent role in international rowing.

Finally, a welcome return to the school for a colleague for whom 2004 has been a remarkable year: twelve months ago, as a serving Territorial Army Officer, Mr David Fisher was called up to join the peace-keeping forces of the British Army in Southern Iraq.

A year on, Mr Fisher returns to resume his teaching duties at Hampton School: one imagines that the prospect of Fourth Form Double Chemistry on a Tuesday afternoon will no longer seem quite the insurmountable challenge it might once have done ....

## OLD HAMPTONIANS' NEWS

Chairman: **John Carpenter** (1955-63) • OH Secretary: **Maria Jafrato**: oha@hampton.richmond.sch.uk

For the latest OH news, please visit: [www.ohdb.co.uk](http://www.ohdb.co.uk)

### Looking back...

#### Annual OH Dinner : 22 October

Many thanks to **John Carpenter** and **Ian Schofield** for arranging a very enjoyable OH Dinner at the School on Friday 22 October 2004. The guest speaker was **His Honour Judge Stephen Kramer QC** who entertained over 80 OH and invited guests.



Maria Jafrato, Ken Rice, Ed Wesson and Fred Hall attended with the Headmaster, Chairman of Governors, Bursar and Development Director. Please visit the School's website for a full set of photographs.

### Looking ahead...

If you would like to organise a reunion event for your year group, either at School or in a central London or other venue, please contact the Development Office on 020 8979 5526 or 020 8979 0476. We will be pleased to assist.

#### 450th Anniversary Year

The Governors and Headmaster are planning an interesting programme for this special year in Hampton's history. We are considering a range of OH, School, Community, HSPA and PR events, starting in September 2006. We look forward to announcing more details in future publications and will keep the School Community fully informed of plans.

#### Services Society

The School held their third CCF Services Society Reception in September at the MOD Main Building in Whitehall. Major General **Malcolm Wood** CBE (64-71) kindly acted as our host for the night and arranged a wonderful buffet in the spectacular surroundings of the Henry VIII Wine Cellar. Over 50 attended with current Hampton and LEH cadets meeting OH who are currently in the Services or were CCF members during their School



days. A great occasion when cadets were able to discuss career options with serving Officers.

The night was such a success that we have been asked to consider other career forum receptions for boys wishing to follow careers in medicine, law, accountancy teaching plus media subjects. More news of these forums in the future editions.



#### School History Book

The book is now in the final stages of production with the School assembling photographs and anecdotes to accompany the script. We are keen to enhance our stock of photographs by borrowing any photographs from parents or OH which could be considered for inclusion. To reserve your copy, please call 020 8979 0476 or email [devdir@hampton.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:devdir@hampton.richmond.sch.uk)

**And Finally** The next edition of *News from Hampton* will be published in the New Year and sent out to parents and mailed to all OH and friends of the School. Please email any news for publication to [devdir@hampton.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:devdir@hampton.richmond.sch.uk)

## CCF Contingent Dinner

The CCF Cadets will be holding their Annual Dinner on 13 May 2005 at School when their Guest of Honour will be Lt General Rob Fry, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Commitments. Any OH with a CCF interest is more than welcome to attend. Tickets are £25 and can be reserved by contacting the School Office.

## New Buildings

The new academic year introduced new classrooms to the life of the school - as the English Department de-camped to futuristic new facilities, and Design Technology moved into its expanded refurbished suite of five laboratories downstairs.

A new I.T. laboratory also opened its doors over the summer, bringing to five the School's hand of general I.T., with another to appear soon. In addition to Art, Science and Music I.T. laboratories. The appearance of interactive white-boards and other I.T. wizardry in the classroom continues apace.

This building project sees the completed rationalisation of the academic side of the School, with each department now enjoying its own localised and dedicated facilities.



## News of other Old Hamptonians

**Bill Gates** (30-34) launched his new book "Charlie's Astonishing Party" earlier this year. The book is based upon Bill's experiences as a volunteer helper at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and is selling very well. Copies @ £5.50 are available via the Bursary. The book contains excellent illustrations from three current Hampton pupils, **John Hughes, Oliver Humphrys** and **Patrick Davis**.

Our young hopeful **Noah Schlesinger** (3A) continues to play for the England Team in chess under the watchful eye of **Dr. Richard Harris**, Master in Charge of Chess.

Air cadet **Duncan Bailey** (98-04) from last year's CCF contingent, has been awarded the Geoffrey de Havilland Foundation Medal for devotion to the Air Force cadets over the recent months.

**Matt Smith** (92-99) and **Phil Fellows** (94-99) successfully finished their 4,000 mile coast to coast bike ride across North America to raise funds for an international charity Amref.

One of our parents **Mick Riley** (father of Stuart) of Cognition Solutions has generously sponsored a new playing strip for the 1st XV rugby team.

Hampton Old Boys Under 21's **Rugby Team** won the Cronk-Cunis Festival Cup at Richmond RFC beating off Millfield 15-10 in a thrilling final.

The **OH Rugby Club** are holding a Social Christmas disco on Saturday 11 December 2004 at the Clubhouse. Tickets are available from the OH Clubhouse.

Congratulations to **Paul Casey** (88-93) on his success in the Ryder Cup this year and for achieving his place within the top ten ranking in the European Volvo Order of Merit. Also many congratulations to **Jed Moore** who won the individual Stroke Play Gold Medal at the recent British Universities Golf Championships.

The **OH Football Club** will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday 9 April 2005 at the Richmond Hill Hotel. Three course meal and after dinner speakers will help to make this a memorable occasion in honour of all those who have represented the Club over the past 100 yrs. More details from Neil Sainsbury (Home 0207 627 1130: Mob 07900 492502 or [sainsbury.n@mellon.com](mailto:sainsbury.n@mellon.com).)

**Tom Kelly** was the Guest Soloist at a concert in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle in October. Tom played the cello in Glazunov's Chant du Menestrel Op 71 for cello and orchestra along with the Berkshire Young Musicians Trust Scholars orchestra.

**Simon Emeny** (77-84) gave an entertaining Talk ! lecture in September to a full house of boys, parents, pupils and guests. Simon is the Retail Director of Fuller Smith and Turner, famous for Fullers London Pride beers but sensibly decided not to bring any free samples with him on the day.

Congratulations to **Andrew Dakers** (92-97) who has recently been selected as the Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Brentford. We wish him well for the future.