



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Brigid and I would like to take this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to Lockers whenever you are in the area or passing through. All of you I am sure will have moved on to bigger and better things but our hope is that this school contains many happy memories for you, ones you might like to share with us over a cup of coffee or as you take a trip down memory lane wandering around our grounds.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming months and years.

David Farquharson

HENRY WICKHAM

An Appreciation

Henry Wickham leaves Lockers Park at the end of a highly successful third and final year. His tenure has been relatively short but extremely busy and, at times, demanding. In particular, the balance between tradition and innovation has been brilliantly maintained. His fairness, openness, integrity and vision has guided the community through three eventful years.

During his headmastership, there has been improvement to the fabric, to the marketing and to the internal management of the School. We are fully ready for any School Inspector, you name it and we have a policy on it! Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, all is in place! We also have as detailed a Long Term Plan as it is possible to have, covering every aspect of the School. Communication with parents has reached a new high with the weekly email, and communication with boys enhanced with the introduction of the School Council. However, it is the founding of the Chestnuts which has been, and is going to be, so influential to the development of Lockers Park, guaranteeing, as it does, a steady supply of seven year olds for the Main School.

His enthusiasm and input into the Music Department and the Chapel has been immense. The C's Choir were a star turn in the Summer Concert, reflecting Henry's energy and sense of fun.

He has skilfully guided Lockers Park through a challenging period and now moves back to Wimbledon where he will be Principal of Elmhurst, a boys' school in Croydon. As a leaving present, he presented the Music Department with five magnificent hand carved music stands for which we are extremely grateful. Lockers Park has enjoyed Henry and Maddy's company, along with Freddy, Hugo, Oscar and, most recently, Rex and all of us join in saying a huge thank you for an exceptional chapter in the School's history. Our very best wishes go with them all.

NEW LOCKERS PARK WEBSITE - <http://www.lockerspark.herts.sch.uk>

Have you seen our new website? It is regularly updated with news and pictures of life at Lockers and definitely worth a look.

CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding fever has hit Lockers Park. Charles Phillips and Sue were the first to 'tie the knot' in July 2010, followed by an announcement that Tim Dawes and Cathleen were to follow suit.

In the New Year, popping the question became 'de rigueur'. Further congratulations then to Charles Moubray and Rosie, who are gracing St John's Church in Boxmoor straight after the end of term, to Gavin Taylor and Nicola and to Cathy McGregor and Terry. We wish them many happy years of marriage.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to all Lockers Park Award winners in 2011

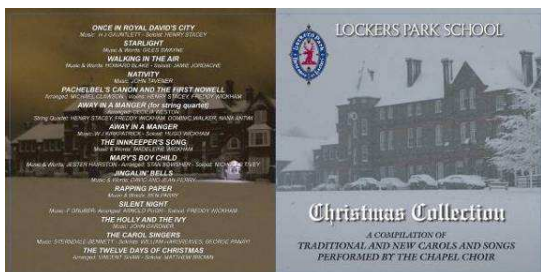
James Hughes	Academic Scholarship to Bedford
Jamie Jordache	Outstanding Talent Award to Harrow
Angus McCrorie-Shand	Music Exhibition to Stowe
George Panayi	Music Exhibition and All Rounder Award to Shrewsbury
Freddie Walters	Academic Scholarship to St. Albans

Congratulations also to Ben Harrison who has been awarded an Oppidan Scholarship at Eton and Jordan Reed who has been appointed Head of School at Harrow.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Old Boys' Dinner – Saturday 24th September 2011

LOCKERS PARK CHRISTMAS CD



Recorded in sunny May, the Lockers Park CD "Christmas Collection" is available to purchase. It contains favourite Christmas items by the Chapel Choir.

If you would like to buy a copy, please send us a note of your name and address, together with a cheque for £10 per CD (made payable to Lockers Park School). **VGS**

WILDLIFE LECTURE – JAMES HONEYBORNE

February 2011

Listening to James prior to his talk, as we set up, I got the impression that, whilst at Lockers, James was nothing special – few Gs in the effort grades

and just about managing to avoid the slipper that was an occupational hazard at that time. Colin Parkin, his science teacher, put me right. "A brilliant student – always very modest".

James got into wildlife photography when he was on holiday in Africa with an uncle and a BBC crew turned up to do some filming. In the BBC archive is an old reel of film marked "Unusable – tourist interference!" – his first experience with filming. Anyone who attended his talk on Friday was given an insight into wildlife filming in a most illuminating way. He showed us clips of documentaries and photos that he had taken. The fathers, I felt, were particularly interested in Tanya Streeter, a free diver who featured in several photos and clips.

James stressed that wildlife in Africa was in more danger now than ever before – rhinos being hunted by helicopter and 33,000 elephants being slaughtered every year. He also spoke about the dangers of filming – dust devils, disease, land mines, being arrested as spies etc. My everlasting memory is of how to deter a tiger shark – you quite simply take some plumbers plastic piping with you when diving. When the shark starts to get friendly (attacks you) you dig the pipe into the sand and let it hit that rather than you. Simple! Rather James than me!!! **SG**



CHILDREN'S TRUST CONCERT

On the 6th of February, the Chapel Choir gave up their whole Sunday to sing for the Children's Trust Charity at St John's, Smith Square, London. This was certainly not the first time that Lockers Park has been part of this excellent event and as ever they did the school proud. There were eight schools in total taking part and there was quite a variety of performance.

The programme we chose was an ideal way to finish off the concert. First, Luke Campbell sang the opening lines of Britten's Old Abram Brown, a haunting refrain that grew into a stunning four part canon. After this came the funky 'Street Seller', short and to the point! To finish off the whole event, the choir didn't sing a note. Before you scratch your heads, this was because the piece 'Double Talk' is entirely spoken – well, spoken, spluttered, hummed, stuttered and all manner of exotic noises that form a most entertaining piece to round off a splendid event. It must be said that the boys conducted themselves extremely well, listening sensitively to the other schools' performances, before their own performance lifted the roof. Congratulations to the Chapel Choir, Mr Shaw and the conductor Mr Phillips. **VGS**

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET TOUR



On the morning of February 16th, thirteen excited and fortunate boys landed in Cape Town and travelled the relatively short distance to our Guest House in Kleinmond near Hermanus where we were warmly greeted by Dion and Ingrid who, as in 2007, were to be our hosts for the first stage of our tour. After four practice sessions in the U.K. and two in South Africa, we were well ready for action and went on to win all of our matches but not without several exciting finishes. Chasing 128 against Hermanus, we were 124 for 8 at which point James Clark brought the game to an abrupt end with a mighty six over mid-wicket.

In our second match, George Panayi (88) and Jamie Jordache (80) took us to an impressive 207 off our thirty overs. However, Pinehurst came back strongly and, in a tense finish, the winning margin was only 11 runs.

Set 95 to win against Boston, it was the turn of James Sutherland and Jamie Attenborough to score the runs. Our final match, a day/nighter under floodlights against Kirstenhof, was a fitting climax to the tour. George Panayi starred again with a powerful century containing 14 fours and 5 sixes, and James Harvey (44) took his chance to shine. With 211 on the board, most of the team had a bowl and some enterprising batting by the opposition brought them ever nearer to the target. In a thrilling finish, Lockers Park triumphed by two runs in the final over!

For the second half of the tour, we had transferred to the City Lodge Hotel in the Grand West complex and we were able to enjoy the Cape to the full with visits to Robben Island, Table Mountain and the V&A Waterfront. But the highlight was our all day trip to Cape Point via Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak, finishing on a lovely beach near Simon's Town, which was further enhanced by a colony of highly entertaining penguins!

We received amazing hospitality everywhere we went. Smartly dressed in their tour kit, the boys were a credit to the School in every way and I am sure they will remember the experience for the rest of their lives. **CRS**



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

QUADRANGULAR ATHLETICS – July 2010

The annual quadrangular athletics competition once again took place at Jarman Park. In the junior competition Lockers dominated in both the track and field events to establish a strong lead. Some excellent performances from all 15 boys in

the team ensured that Lockers could not be caught and they finished comfortable winners.

1 st	Lockers Park	238 pts
2 nd	Edge Grove	203 pts
3 rd	Heath Mount	185 pts
4 th	Westbrook Hay	180 pts

The senior competition turned into a hard fought battle between Edge Grove and Lockers Park. With both schools having some exceptional athletes in their teams there were some fantastic performances. The strength and depth of the Lockers team began to show and after the rotation of 6 events Lockers held a narrow lead going into the relay. The 'A' team rounded off an excellent afternoon by breaking the 4 x 100m relay school record and completed a narrow victory.

1 st	Lockers Park	308 pts
2 nd	Edge Grove	294 pts
3 rd	Westbrook Hay	185 pts
4 th	Heath Mount	76 pts

ESSKIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS October 2010



Following their fine performance at the regional championships the Lockers Park senior team travelled to Manchester for the National finals. Competing against much bigger schools and older skiers, the young Lockers team performed really well. A

tough slalom course caused plenty of problems on the opening run as many skiers struggled with the tight turns on the artificial surface. Justin Reid (27th) proved to be the team's most consistent skier with times of 23.45 & 23.13. Nick Sheaf

(46th) improved by five seconds on his 2nd run to record 24.19. Robert Arthur and Jonty Reid both had trouble during their first run but recorded times of 29.85 and 23.54 at the second attempt. **SJG**

RUGBY

The Lockers Park games fields have been blessed with some fine displays of rugby and this has meant both our 1st XV and 2nd XV team have gone the whole season without losing a game. The 1st XV played 10 scoring 253 points and only conceded 89. The 2nd XV won all of their 8 games. In a season like this it is very difficult to highlight individual players as they worked so well as a team. Top try scorer was Ben Ramsay with 8 tries and top points score Charlie Lupton with 51 points.



1st XV

The success of Rugby doesn't stop there as our Colts A team had a remarkable season only losing 1 very close game. George Garrett scoring 130 of their 240 points, surely a record. Even our younger boys are getting used to victory with the Under 9 team winning the Edge Grove festival for the 2nd consecutive year. **GT**



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CRICKET 2011

A quite extraordinary season where records were broken and the quality of cricket played at times was beyond belief.

The side won all games on tour and continued their unbeaten streak throughout the domestic season with ten straight wins.

George Panayi scored a record 1075 runs with an average of 134.3 including 6 hundreds, and Jamie Jordache an impressive 590 at 73.7 with back to back hundreds against Westbrook and Edge Grove. Leading wicket taker was Clay Ostrer with 26 wickets. The side were competitive but at the same time balanced and a joy to coach. **DD**



PETER ANTHONY ASHTON DUDGEON

16th March 1947 – 20th September 2010

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Peter Dudgeon. A service of thanksgiving was held in October 2010 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Aldeburgh, where Lockers Park was well represented.

A full appreciation of Peter appeared in the 2007 Newsletter. He served the School loyally for 32 years. Every inch a schoolmaster, he provided continuity in an ever changing educational environment. He worked tirelessly as Head of Geography and I.T., 1st XV rugby, Colts A cricket and doing a multitude of tasks as Director of Studies. For several years, he acted as head groundsman.

He retired in the summer of 2007 and deserved a much longer retirement sailing and playing golf in Aldeburgh. Our sympathy and best wishes go to Pam, his wife, and Sarah and Anthony, now both happily married. We are also pleased to announce the birth of Zachary Dudgeon a few weeks ago, a son for Anthony and grandson for Pam. **CRS**

AMBROSE CONGREVE

1907 – 2011

Ambrose Congreve, our oldest Lockers Park Old Boy, has died aged 104. Born on April 4th 1907, after Lockers Park, Eton and Cambridge he joined Unilever working from 1927 – 1936 in England and China. During the 2nd World War, he was in Bomber Command and the Ministry of Supply. After the war, he returned to the helm of Humphreys & Glasgou, retiring in 1983.

Apart from his successful business ventures, he had a great love of his gardens in Co Waterford, some 110 acres employing 70 people. At Mount Congreve, he developed an amazing collection of magnolias (300 varieties), camellias (600 varieties), rhododendrons (3,000 varieties) and azaleas, Japanese cherries and much else besides.

At his centenary lunch celebration he quoted what he described as an old proverb, "To be happy for an hour, have a glass of wine. To be happy for a day, read a book. To be happy for a week, take a wife. To be happy for ever, make a garden."

Lockers Park boys presented him with a huge home-made birthday card on the occasion of his 101st birthday to which he responded by inviting everybody to his St James's home in London for a silver service lunch. In the end, 12 lucky boys experienced a magnificent luncheon and had the surprise of their lives when they opened the envelope that was in front of them each containing £100!

He was awarded the CBE in 1965, also the Veitch Memorial Medal and, in 2001, a Gold Medal for 'a Great Garden of the World' by the Botanic Gardens in Boston, Massachusetts. **CRS**

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