

The Sternian Year 2011

JANUARY

The LWC micro climate was much in evidence for the annual hockey tournament, ie it was brilliantly sunny but absolutely freezing. Not that that put anyone off, they are all used to it. The Ladies were on first and set about demolishing the College 1st XI. All of the Sternian girls were former 1st team players and three former captains of hockey and it showed as they won comfortably 3-0. Our thanks to Kate Lloyd (Capt 2006 Haygate), Danni Bidos (2006 Gosden), Phoebe Raley (2009 Gosden), Ellie Mann (2012 Haygate), Annie Whittet (2007 Haygate), Hetty Abbott (2009 Park), Chloe Bidos (2010 Gosden), Emma Ranger (2010 Park), Emma Goater (2006 Park), Emma Smith (2010 Gosden), Rachel Smith (2007 Gosden) and Siena Hatton-Brown (2010 Gosden).

The Men's team were not quite so lucky. Despite a formidable team led by last year's 1sts captain, Ross Holmes, they did not quite manage to get into their stride against a fresh and talented 1st team. They lost 0-2. Our thanks and commiserations to Ross Holmes (capt) 2010 Sutton, Tom Grimes 2009 Hazelveare, George Emery 2010 Sutton, Tim Salmon 2010 Hazelveare, Will O'Meara 2012 School, Oli Leach 2010 Hazelveare, Jamie Dunkley 2009 Sutton, Jack Clay 2009 Summerfield, Oli Mason 2010 Hazelveare, Rhys Thomas 2009 Summerfield, Ed Philip 1999 Sutton, Mr J Philip (Ed Philip's dad!)

FEBRUARY

For the first time in its history, two very talented musicians jointly shared the Cotterill Cup this year, Alice Gunn (2011 Haygate) for her wonderful singing and Sam Pering (2011 School) for his virtuoso saxophone playing. Our thanks to Brian Cotterill (1985 Summerfield) for again giving up his time and enthusiasm to come and help judge and present the cup. Below is the view from a member of the audience:

"The Cotterill Cup concert is quite different from the other music concerts held in the College. It is the culmination of a musical competition from throughout the College that has gone on all day. Students are divided into three groups; the beginners' section, the intermediate and the advanced. Three finalists chosen from these three groups then compete with students from the 'open' section for the prestigious Cotterill Cup. I find it quite illuminating that the results of the judges' deliberations do not always agree with my own choice. But, in this concert, musical prowess is being judged by the experts, I am a mere listener in the audience.

This year in each of the sections there were vocalists and instrumentalists. Winning the beginner's section with a song was Yasmin Ramada – and very good she was too – but I thought Kiera Brown on the piano also acquitted herself well and deserves a mention. In the intermediate section Harry Badger was the undoubted winner playing his alto-sax. He is very accomplished, popping up in many concerts. However, once again for the listener in the audience, Jack Flower singing 'Master of the House' from Les Miserables really hit the spot. Whether or not he was technically good I do not know, but as he took on and gradually became the character, he made me laugh – I believed him. I was still chuckling at my memory of him after the concert ended.

It does show that there can often be a considerable difference between technical excellence and entertainment value. Although maybe the differences are not all that great and this is where the judges come into their own.

Emily Barham, as always, showed us her remarkable talent for taking on the mantle of the character required when she sings. That she won the advanced section was no surprise. She never lets us down in the quality of her performance; settling down into her character before she starts to sing. Always great entertainment as well as technical excellence. As a listener one knows instinctively when something has been done well.

Once the 'open section' begins one can detect that the 'big guns' have arrived. These competitors tend to be more experienced students from the upper school. Alice Gunn, 2011 Haygate, is worth listening to whether she playing the flute or singing. She elected to do both on this occasion and I liked all of it. With her flute playing she was up against the very accomplished Jason Chan, 2011 Hazelveare, on violin. Sam Pering 2011 School, on sax was the other instrumentalist to join battle. The piece that he played was a bit above my head but clearly pleased the adjudicators. Luckily for Alice her singing also struck a chord with the judges because both Sam and Alice were joint winners of the Cup, the first time it has been shared.

I enjoyed the concert as a whole because it demonstrated clearly the depth of musical expertise amongst the College students, but not being a musician myself, I sometimes found that I was being left behind in appreciating the quality." *Anon*

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MARCH

Regional reunions used to play a big part in keeping Sternians in touch with each other but gradually petered out. We do appreciate, however, that it is not easy for some to get to reunions held outside their area. So, with this in mind, we thought we would see if we could revive them and started this year with the South West. On a balmy spring day in late March, 25 Sternians met for lunch in the Compass Inn at Tormarton just off the M4 in Gloucestershire. We spent a very convivial couple of hours swapping stories and anecdotes and will definitely hold one again in the near future. Those who attended included Geoff 0544 and Susie Bayliss, Gerald Bryant 0325, Colin Bullock 0720, George 0567 and Doris Clatworthy, Dai 0894 and Anita Davies, Philip 0928 and Pamela Flowerdew, Alan Forster 0916, Julian A587 and Rebecca Hibberd, David Hicks 0545, Steve Jones B607, Harold 0583 and Marina Needs, Joe 0348 and Phyllis Panes, David Ragbourne 0695, Brian Robertson 0424, Chris Walters A437, Paul Whittle 0887 and former members of staff, Jim and Pat Boyd. Our next plan for 2012 is to go much further north so if anyone has any ideas for a venue which is convenient for many to get to, please let the Sternian Office know.

APRIL

The Sternian Mountaineering Club Spring Meet - Halford Hill, Llanberis, Gwynedd: 8-12 April 2011

The Party: Hugh Podger 0565, Peter A163 and Liz Everall, Tony Barry, A142, David Minnikin 0910, Marion Turner, Charles A022 and Gill Lawrence, Fary Afshar A102, Malcolm Ruddock A721

In Saturday's fine weather, ascents of Snowdon were achieved by two separate routes. Peter, Tony, David and Marion took the bus from Llanberis to Pen y Pass and the Pen-y-Gwryd (P.Y.G) path was followed to the Bwlch y Moch, when Peter and Marion departed for a traverse of Crib Goch. Tony and David followed the excellently renovated path, which was much improved from the latter's first ascent of Snowdon on a school camp in 1957! Peter and Marion savoured the delights and trials of the ridges of Crib Goch and Crib-y-Ddysgl, in company of a multi-national horde unsure about which

mountain they were climbing. The reunited party wandered down to Clogwyn Station and Tony, Marion and David enjoyed an accelerated descent by the last train. The alternative party of Hugh, Malcolm, Fary, Gill and Charles ascended from a southerly direction by the delightful and quiet Watkin path, only encountering substantial numbers on reaching the col between Snowdon and Llwyedd. Lunch was taken beneath the crowded summit and Hugh took his leave to descend directly to Llanberis. The remainder of the party took the entertaining southern ridge leading to the outlying pointed summit of Yr Aran. From Bwlch Cwm Llan, the stream was followed easterly to regain the Watkin path.

The party walked up through the town and found their way up through a disused slate quarry to the Bwlch-y-groes. An elongating procession brought the party to the summit of Moel Eilio for lunch with splendid all round views in the sunshine. The undulating ridge was taken over Foel Gron and Foel Goch and down to the Bwlch Maesgwn. The gentle incline of the bridle way from Nant y Betws to Llanberis was taken back to Halford Hill.

A grey Monday restricted walking activity to a circuit of Llyn Padarn by Peter, Malcolm and Tony. Marion and Hugh enjoyed a return journey from Caernarfon on the Welsh Highland line. Gill and Charles took themselves to Aberconwy House and Bodnant Gardens in the Conwy Valley.

Malcolm Ruddock - regrettably, this was the last participation by the late Malcolm Ruddock in a Sternians Meet. A full obituary is provided elsewhere in this volume, but fond memories will endure with members of the Mountaineering Club. Always, there was the anticipation of Malcolm's late arrival, usually due to his addiction to the vagaries of satellite navigation. His vehicles were most individual, including his recent highly modified Land Rover Defender and Mitsubishi "Tonka Toy"; loss of keys for the latter provided sustained entertainment at High House, Seathwaite. Camp diets were enriched by curries, conjured up in his portable tandoori oven and accompanied by his stimulating "dragon's nostril" chutney. Morning awakenings were aided by of shots of his fabled "cannabis" espresso coffee. Malcolm's strong plum-based wine, purveyed in traditional earthenware jars, assumed the title "paint stripper" after it removed the varnish from a table at Coppermines Youth Hostel. Several camps were enlivened by the presence of the odd parrot and his musical contributions on the melodeon (see photo) were highlights on many occasions. The experience of participating in SMC meets will be greatly diminished by the absence of Malcolm Ruddock, who was a positive force in everything he did.



Malcolm and melodeon

David Minnikin 0910 (1959 Sutton)

Bournemouth Reunion

A lively crowd descended on the Toby Carvery to enjoy reminiscing and Peter Booth's last stint as Sternian Liaison. The Headmaster and Kate Chernyshov also attended to update everyone on what had been happening at LWC. It was great to see some new faces and we encourage anyone who lives in the area to come along to what is always a good value reunion. Partners and family members are very welcome too.

MAY

A very successful and well attended **London Drinks** was held at the Royal Festival Hall Bar. Lots of Sternians popped by to say farewell and good luck to Peter Booth on his impending retirement.

Despite teaching IT, Eduard Coetzer, the Houseparent at Sutton, is a real history buff. Since taking over at Sutton in 2010, he has spent a great deal of time familiarising himself with the history of the boarding house and has returned many of the house photos to prominence in the hall. It is now possible to see most Suttoners from 1944 to the present day, though some have changed a little. Ed is very keen for any Sternian Suttoner to feel welcome at the house and to return as often as they can. To this end, he held a lunch party for as many of the original Suttoners from the years of 1944-55 as we could find. This very special reunion took place on Saturday 21st May and involved Bob Hunt 0608, Colin Terry 0764, Colin Bullock 0720, Ron Burlingham 0630, David Cheston 0658, Mike Skinner 0625, Gordon Pitt 0611, Les Cullen 0767, John Dudley 0707 and Wally Sanders 0790, along with their guests. The Headmaster and previous Sutton housemasters Peter Booth, Graham Mobbs and Chris Radmann came along too and senior prefects showed their predecessors round while many a story was swapped. It does our current pupils no harm to realise that many an excuse for not handing in that vital piece of prep and various other misdemeanours has been made before!

JUNE

We knew it was not going to be easy and nor was it – saying farewell to Peter Booth after such a long association with the College and the Sternians was necessarily poignant, sad, funny and full of laughter. Many of the great and good returned to say goodbye and mull over old times, even Jonny Wilkinson sent a photo and good wishes to his old housemaster. The class of 76 turned out in strength and varying degrees of wellbeing, having celebrated their 35th anniversary in some style the night before. Most of the Sternian chairmen who had served with Peter also came and former staff included Charles Hallows, John Matson, Tony Whibley, Peter Watson, Bernard Newman, Tony Woolstone, Roger Davies and Mike Featherstone. The class of 86 also turned up during the afternoon .

“This was the second reunion of the class of 86. After the great success of our 20th anniversary reunion, Si Heath kindly organised our Silver Jubilee! Many of the old faces reappeared boosted by some wonderful new additions, including Pete Dunham, Richard Maraviglia, Neil Sandys and Caspar Curdt Christiansen. The quality of the conversation was such that we only managed to catch the back end of the Sternian's bash up at the School. We were rewarded however with the mighty presence of RTD (get well soon), Mr Watson and Mr Newman and a few guys from the year above. What a blast from the past! Again thanks to LWC for helping us to track down some of the guys and for generally being so accommodating. We will definitely do it again and swell our numbers even more. If you're from the Class of '86 please don't be reticent about attending a Class of 86 reunion because I can reassure you that time has a wonderful way of making people nicer than they were! Please

note also that whilst the photo appears to show a bunch of old, fat, bald people it is in fact just bad light on the photo (and yes that is a wig)!"

Reuben Gates (1986 Summerfield)

We also played the Sternian tennis tournament and this is Richard Kimber's report:

1st VI vs STERNIAN VII

Saturday 18th June 2011 dawned like a scene from The Perfect Storm. The weather claimed cricket and athletics and once again it was the hardy members of the Racquets Club, present and past, left flying the flag. Thank you also to the biggest crowd of the season for weathering the storm. I can honestly say that at one point there were at least 30 of you! Sternians are a bit like buses. Just when I thought we were to be one short, we ended up with one too many! Largely because James and Adam Blatchford were fortuitously back from the States for a week. James from DC, where he now works and Adam from Philadelphia where he is studying for his Masters.

The College team this year is unique in that all of the boys will still be at LWC next year. This is a great prospect of things to come, and on the back of a 50:50 season the battle lines were drawn with the old boys. In the first round Manley-Cooper/Mallaby went down 4-6 to J Blatchford and Jones, and Davies/Lowndes couldn't contain Traynor /Holden (3-6). Rogerson/Allum weren't a match for J Lowndes /A Blatchford eventually losing 2-6. This gave a worrying 3-0 lead to the Sternians. The second round saw a rain delay as the heavens opened. The 15 minute break was about 14 minutes too long for A Blatchford/J Lowndes as they saw their 3-1 lead turn to 3-6 defeat at the hands of Manley-Cooper/Mallaby. Both the other results stayed on course during the delay and saw Rogerson/Allum finish the job (6-3) against Traynor/Holden and Lowndes/Davies do the same against J Blatchford/Moore. This last set was a nail-biter, firstly going all the way to the tie-breaker, then seeing the school's 6-1 lead whittled down to 6-5 before eventual victory. Honours even and all to play for after two rounds. The final round saw two College wins, 6-0, 6-0 and a defeat involving Jack Lowndes beating his younger brother Tom 6-1. Overall result: College 5, Sternians 4. As always the fixture was played in great spirits and James 'Blatch' Blatchford, our finest tennis export to date, even had time to give some words of advice to the current pupils between rounds.

Sternians VII: Ian Moore 1957 (Sutton), Brad Traynor 2002 (School), James Blatchford 2003 (Hazelveare), Adam Blatchford 2005 (Hazelveare), Ben Holden 2009 (Hazelveare), Jack Lowndes 2010 (Summerfield) and Chris Jones (the current Catering Manager).

College 1st VI: Henry Manley-Cooper, Eddie Mallaby, Tom Lowndes, Peter Davies, Chris Allum and Jamie Rogerson.

Anyone reading this and wondering if they could have saved Sternian blushes (or even just fancy playing next year!) should get in touch (kimberr@lordwandsworth.org).

Richard Kimber

The last Sunday of the month saw the Twenty/20 cricket fixture which has become a fitting finale to the end of the season. Four teams play each other over the day and the Sternian trophy is keenly fought over by the 1st XI and the Sternian team. This year, two touring teams from South Africa and Australia joined us. The Australian side, from Melbourne's Trinity School, had actually only landed that morning and were fresh from Heathrow! Despite this, they played with gusto but the Sternians managed a comfortable win. Flushed with success, the Sternian team strode out confidently after lunch. The College XI however, having been beaten by the very strong South African team from

Waterkloof, were up for a battle and retained the trophy for the second year running. Our thanks to Jamie Dunkley (2009 Sutton), Tim Dixon (2009 Summerfield), Alex Richards (2009 Sutton), Christo Arundel (2010 Sutton), Simon Taylor (2009 Sutton), Tom Grimes (2009 Hazelveare), Mike Salmon (2008 Summerfield), kneeling Matt Thompson (2006 Hazelveare), Marc-Antony Eysele (capt) (2006 Sutton), Mark Feeney (2005 School), Mark Buckley (2004 Hazelveare) and John Hodgson (2010 Sutton). Our thanks too to Sternian mum Jackie Dixon, who scored both Sternian matches.

JULY

Striped blazers, posh frocks and big hats were the order of the day when a party of Sternians, current parents, pupils and their families enjoyed a fabulous day at Henley Royal Regatta on 3rd July. This exclusive event took place in a private marquee opposite Temple Island, hosted by Sternian Tom Copas (1957 Sutton) who owns much of the land alongside the river at Henley and also runs a prestigious turkey farming business. The day involved a river cruise to travel the length of the course, a delicious four course lunch and, for those who could manage it, afternoon tea. Sternian Julian Eckersley (1980 School) also wowed the crowd with his classic 1920s Bugatti. Profits from the event were given to the Lord Wandsworth Foundation and The Headmaster gave a moving speech about its work and importance to the College.

July also saw the unveiling of the Sutton House Honours Board. Ed Coetzer has liaised with the Sternians office to get all the names right and organise funding, donations still welcome! The boards are up and look fantastic alongside all the House photos. We just need to work on all the other houses now to follow suit.

AUGUST

Exam results or ‘fresh Sternians day’ – this year, the rain came down in torrents which made our bacon buttie marquee a magnet for those picking up their results. (Note to self - have to use that rain dance again next year!)

The U21 Cronk Cunis rugby tournament took place again in Richmond and this is still the biggest one day 15-a-side adult rugby event in the country. The lads played well but it was not to be our year and we lost against Hampton. Our thanks to: back row Mike Salmon (2008 Summerfield), Ben Holden (2009 Hazelveare), Mark Godfrey (2011 Sutton), James Lovell (2010 Sutton), Jack O’Connor (2010 Summerfield, front row Akin Solanke-Caulke (2008 Sutton), Richard Kiddle (2009 Summerfield), Tim Salmon (2010 Hazelveare), Jamie Dunkley (2009 Sutton), George Dyer (2010 Sutton), Harry Burt (2009 Hazelveare).

SEPTEMBER

Spectacular Sevens and Nifty Netball – this event is now in its 4th year and as popular as ever. The weather was not quite so kind but it did not matter. There was a fantastic turnout from the girls with five teams turning out for the challenge, The Old Girls from the year of 1999, Seven Deadly Sins from 2006, Young Ducklings from the year of 2011, the LWC 1st VII and the Staff team. After a thrilling tournament it was congratulations to the girls of 2006, **The 7 Deadly Sins**, who won - Chloe Bidos (2010 Gosden), Kate Lloyd (2006 Haygate), Emma Goater (2006 Park), Emma Thurston (2006 Park), Danielle Bidos (2006 Gosden, captain), Georgina Smith (2006 Haygate), Beth Champion (2006 Park) and Jess McIntosh (2006 Park).

The rugby involved fresh Sternians from 2011, the CRY Crusaders team, the Salmon team from 2009/10 and of course the ever reliable Zimmers staff team. Congratulations to the **Cry Crusaders**

who won the Sternian Sevens Tournament against stiff competition from Tim Salmon's team. The winners, who regularly play in tournaments to raise awareness of CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) in support of Sebastian English who died in 2004, included Sternians left to right standing - Mark Feeney (2005 School), Matt Thompson (2006 Hazelveare), non Sternian, Mike Salmon (2008 Summerfield), Steve Parker (2007 Sutton), kneeling non Sternian, Chas Penn (2007 Hazelveare), Toby Comley (2006 Summerfield), Nick Priggen (2006 Hazelveare, captain)

Tim Salmon's team, left to right standing – Tim Salmon (2010 Hazelveare), Jack O'Connor (2010 Summerfield), Christo Arundel (2010 Sutton), Mark Buckley (2011 Sutton), Jamie Dunkley (2009 Sutton), Tim Dixon (2009 Summerfield), kneeling Matt Arnold (2010 Hazelveare), Alex Patrick (2010 Summerfield)

1912 Legacy Club trip

A real Indian summer's day dawned for this year's 1912 Legacy Club outing which this time was a trip on the Watercress Line between Alresford and Alton. Our steam train puffed gently between the two, through glorious Hampshire countryside while we enjoyed cream teas and caught up on all the news. Our thanks to Steve (1963 Sutton) and Teresa Pennington, Colin Bullock (1953 Sutton) and his daughter Caroline, Geoff (1948) and Susie Bayliss, Wally (1953 Sutton) and Margaret Sanders, Randolph (1964 Sutton) and Liz Jenkin, Brian Reeve (1959 School) and Sue Jones, Graham Barnes (1963 Sutton), Alan (1952 School) and Pauline Dennison, Cliff (1953 School) and Lynn Hilditch) and Michael (1968 Hazelveare) and Julia Hanrott for coming along.

The Prideaux Building was opened on 15th September by our President, Sir Humphrey, in front of an invited audience which included many Sternians. All marvelled at the new addition to the LWC buildings – see separate article.

1991 Reunion – the year of 1991 held a reunion at LWC this month. See 'So should have been headboy!'

Julian Sands (1976 School) has been touring in the UK this summer with his very successful monologue on Pinter's Poems which debuted to huge acclaim at the Edinburgh Fringe. Kate Chernyshov, our Development Director, took some 6th formers to see the performance at the Yvonne Arnaud in Guildford, where they bumped into Roger Davies (RTD) and John O'Gorman (1974 Summerfield). Many other Sternians have been to see the production as it toured round the country. Julian has also directed a play, 'The Standard Bearer', which played in London and Kate, Edward Walker and Gudrun Livingstone all went up to see it, where they bumped into...Roger Davies and John o'Gorman. Julian was very interested to speak to the students and here what they were doing. We wish him every success with his ventures.

OCTOBER

Sternian Mountaineering Club Autumn Meet - Ghyll Bank, Staveley; 30 September – 4 October 2011

The Party: Hugh Podger 0565, Gordon Pitt 0611, Peter A163 and Liz Everall, Tom and Alex Reynolds, Charles A022 and Gill Lawrence, Mike 0840 and M Beckley, Marion Turner, David 0910 and Peter Minnikin, Helen Spring. Patrick and Harriet Sharkey (+ partner Rob) on a day visit.

In brightening very warm Saturday weather, all except Liz and Gill walked down to Hall Lane and proceeded up the road to Park House and on up the track to Cocklaw Fell. After lunch, the party split, with Harriet, Patrick, Rob, Hugh, David, Gordon, Mike, Tom and Alex dropping down to

Longsleddale. The green track was followed down the west side of the valley to Docker Nook, when the broad track was taken over the hill to Brunt Knott Farm and Ghyll Bank. Peters E and M, Helen, Marion, M and Charles made a rapid ascent of Shipman Knotts. After descending towards Longsleddale, the outgoing bridle path was followed back over Cocklaw Fell to Ghyll Bank.

Sunday was not such a good day, with actual outbursts of rain. An optimistic party of Gordon, Charles, M, David, Alex and Tom and Peters E and M walked down to Scroggs Bridge to cross the river Kent. The lane to Browfoot was followed and the riverside path taken to Kentmere Hall. Lunch was being taken at Kentmere Church, when Helen passed us on her Adventure Challenge cycling/running competition. From Kentmere, a path was taken upwards to Green Quarter Houses and then an excellent path contoured around the southern edge of the Green Quarter. On reaching the boundary wall, a well-used track led us round the edge of Birk Rigg to the familiar path leading to Ghyll Bank.

A dull, dreary Monday morning dictated low level activities. Gill and Charles took themselves to Ambleside and then to Near Sawrey and Hill Top House before visiting the Beatrix Potter Gallery in Hawkshead. Gordon, Hugh, M, Marion, Peter E and Mike walked down the Dales Way from Staveley to Burneside and back, with Hugh and Mike availing themselves of the train.

In 2012, meets have been arranged at Neuaddlas Country House, Tregaron, Dyfed (3 nights from Friday 13th April) and East Barn, Malham (3 nights from Friday 28th September).



Back: Mike & 'M' Beckley, Charles Lawrence, Gordon Pitt. **Middle:** Hugh Podger, Peter Minnikin, Helen Spring, Patrick & Harriet Sharkey (+ partner Rob). **Front:** Marion Turner, David Minnikin, Tom & Alex Reynolds, Liz & Peter Everall, Gill Lawrence.

Taken at Ghyll Bank, Staveley

David Minnikin 0910 (1959 Sutton)

Off to the Festival Hall for London Drinks where the years of 1983/84 had a bit of a reunion and some did not make it home until the wee small hours.. This is a great event to drop in on if you want to go on somewhere in town, so do put it into your diaries.

NOVEMBER

This year's President's Drinks event was held in the new Prideaux Building and the Sternians were joined by the new staff to admire the building and artwork exhibition. This event is so useful for new staff to discuss their roles and the way LWC works with Sternian old hands who have seen it all before.

Remembrance – Our Sternian Vice Chairman Bill Preece, fresh from deployment in Afghanistan, laid the wreath at this year's moving services. The Chaplain showed some photographs taken in Afghanistan which served to bring home some of the pressures and ordeals our servicemen face.

1983 Reunion – the year of 1983 came back in strength for their reunion and spent the afternoon at LWC going round old haunts. A fantastic effort by Tim Hunt, see

DECEMBER

Jonny Wilkinson announced his retirement from International rugby. Those of us who were at LWC in 2003 will never forget the atmosphere at 'Lord Wilkinson College' on 22nd November that year. Every pupil and every teacher held their breath as Jonny kicked that drop goal and then the whole place erupted. Jonny will always be our hero and we wish him well at Toulon.

Can it be Christmas again already, carols ring out around the campus. 2012 sees the centenary of the death of Sydney Stern, Lord Wandsworth and his bequest to create the Foundation and the College. Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all at the celebrations on 26th May 2012.