

SOUTH EAST SUPPER

Fifteen OFs and 14 partners and guests sat down to supper at the Piltdown Golf Club on Saturday 25 October 2014 arranged by club member Andrew Wright supported on the administration side by James Ruddock-Broyd and not a little input by the President in his spare time. The Headmaster had sent apologies for College staff with the date falling at half term but the Supper was honoured to have the recent elected Hon Member as guest speaker – Neil Flowerdew, great nephew of Lt Gordon Flowerdew who posthumously was awarded the VC in France in a battle on 30 March 1918 which was described as decisive in thwarting the enemy's last push of the war.

The usual superb beef bourguignon was the choice course for most diners followed by a wide selection of 'naughty' desserts and several cheeses; the 'outside' guests of Andrew and Richard were amazed the price was only £26 including a glass of wine. James started the formal proceedings by asking for a moments silence to remember five OFs on his mailing list who had passed away in the last three years. In proposing the toast to the Society James thanked Richard for helping to circulate 220 OFs but was sad responses numbered only 46.

Andrew proposed the toast to the College by giving an eloquent report of the recent unveiling by Richard of the new Sixth Form Centre, Cafe and four classrooms to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the College which was partly funded by generous donations from many OFs and the Society.

Richard introduced Neil who spoke in graphic detail on the researches he had made on Gordon's life from leaving Fram to go to Canada and enlisting in Lord Strathcona's Horse as a key member under Major Seely in the Canadian Cavalry Brigade to leading his last 'It's a charge Boys' at Moreuil Wood in the last year of that ghastly war. Of particular interest to the "Suffolk Boys" is that thousands of tons of feed were shipped from the county to France to feed the million army horses there. Although heard before by six of the party who were on the Three Heroes Tour in April, the telling of the material amassed by Neil was not lost for one moment.

Neil then proposed the Toast to "Those Who Gave Their Lives" and the President presented him with his OF tie upon recent election to membership of the Society.

Those present were: Richard Sayer S56-61 (President), Richard Albright G55-61 and Claudia, John Barrett R42-46 and Anne, Robin Beckwith R50-54 and Avril, Nigel Cullen G58-62 and Carol, Neil Flowerdew (Hon), Bruce Henderson S46-50, Bill McEwen K70-80 and Kathryn, Roger Marriott S50-55 and Jill, David Mitchell R50-57 and Sue, John Newson S52-60, Roger Pearce S51-55 and Madeline, John Rankin K47-56, Peter Ross (guest) and Juliet, James Ruddock-Broyd G46-52 and Christine, Anthony Sharp (guest) and Jill and Andrew Wright R48-57 and Margaret.





Standing L to R: Nigel Cullen G58-62, John Barrett R42-46, Peter Ross (guest), Kathryn McEwen, Bill McEwen K70-80, Richard Albright G55-61, David Mitchell R50-57, Bruce Henderson S46-50, John Newson S52-60, Roger Pearce S51-55, Andrew Wright R48-57, Neil Flowerdew (Hon), John Rankin K47-56, Roger Marriott S50-55, Anthony Sharp (guest) Jill Sharp, Richard Sayer S56-61 (President) and Robin Beckwith R50-54.

Seated L to R: Madeline Pearce, Juliet Ross, Claudia Albright, Anne Barrett, Margaret Wright, Sue Mitchell, Carol Cullen, Christine Ruddock-Broyd, Jill Marriott, James Ruddock-Broyd G46-52 and Avril Beckwith.