

# OVERSEAS BAG – SPRING & AUTUMN 2015

## “HERE & THERE” (Overseas Bag)

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Firstly an apology. For the first time in 10 years I failed to publish on the website a Spring 2015 Overseas Bag and the newsletter only carried some news on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary events. This edition and the 2015 Yearbook therefore contain a bumper crop of articles from over 500 emails received/sent.

The highlight of the last year has clearly been the number of overseas events that have been organised to mark 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first boys entering the College in April 1865. A huge thank you to all the organisers who came forward to get these off the ground and to everyone who was able to attend. In chronological order they were : Florida - 28 February (John Neilson), Majorcan – 15 March (Ian Foster), Hong Kong – 25 March (Ian Howard), South Africa – 8 April (Mike Bullock), Dubai – 15 April (Ed Marr), Australia/NZ – 19 April (Chris & Rebecca Shaw & Mike Garnett), West Coast USA – 24-26 April (Jules & Nick Arthur), Toronto, Canada – 3 July (David McMillan), Uganda – 7 July (Martin Myers- Allen), Hamburg, Germany – 10 July 2015 (Kim Dickel & Jens Kippenburger) and last but not least Alaska – 8 August (Nick Carlton & Bryan Pearson). The website already contains full stories and pictures on each of these events so please read them there.

I hope these events will continue to be held on an annual or bi annual basis going forward, some on a more local basis like in Australia and Germany. I will still be trying to encourage new events in the likes of Belgium, Cayman Islands, Ireland, Kenya/Uganda, Nigeria, France, Spain, Thailand, east coast USA. **If you are interested in helping/attending then please get in touch.** As in the case of a number of events held in 2015 I will try and attend if possible.

There will be a separate write up about all the 150<sup>th</sup> events in the Yearbook, so this Overseas Bag only makes occasional passing reference to these wonderful events.

As always keep your messages and news flooding in, especially with your photos

## AUSTRALIA

**Brett Bailey (K58-65)** attended the events in the Hunter Valley and over a glass or two I found that Brett was an accomplished artist in Australia. I therefore suggested that he might like to lend one of his painting to the Creative Framlingham Exhibition at the College in July to mark 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a result Brett arranged for his painting titled “Mountain Lakes” to be shipped over to the UK. This photo shows Brett putting final touches to the painting.

**Phil Bower (G65-74)** as always has regularly been in touch and at Christmas 2014 he reported the following news *“Hmmm, hot and then very wet. Bone dry and then a monsoon for 3 weeks.*



*Bushfires in Victoria (but that's ok because they're south of the border in Mexico). We now have a 2kw solar panel array fixed to our roof – and in the heat of day has been observed delivering well over 2 kw of power.*

*I have serious arthritis in my hands & other joints, so playing music is increasing difficult at the moment. I go away next year for 5 months on another theatre tour round the country yet again.*

*Since my return in August I've managed to work on Katie Perry, Miley Cyrus the Indian Prime Minister (it's true, he was an event!) Rolling Stones (yawn), Robbie Williams, Queen, Lady Gaga. Next year not sure yet but allegedly we have Kylie, Niel Diamond, Rickie Martin (again) and some other stuff.*

*Had a 40mtr tree at the bottom of my drive cut down & my house now resembles a lumber yard... .. so long as it dries over summer enough to be burnt as fuel in winter I shall be pleasantly surprised!*

*Otherwise, life goes on balanced on the biggest wave, as I race towards an early grave (Roger Waters... .. DSOTM!!) Hope the Pommie winter isn't too unpleasant & that Santa delivers enough coal to assist in the thwarting of celestial dynamics and thus enables you to play a part in the destruction of the planet before the sun does the job in a couple of billion years!*

*All the best for a Festive Season!"*

Phil went on to say his arthritis was down to his genes “*Had you told me 5 years ago I wouldn't have believed you. But now there's no strength in my grip & the thumbs are just a permanent ache. Such is life – I've had a pretty good run of health while my sibs have had their respective issues so it's just the wheel turning round towards me for a while.*”

After meeting in the Hunter Valley, Phil sent details of his next lengthy tour around Australia, starting mid June in Adelaide, where he picks up his truck & set. During June and July he travels to Victoria, Darwin, then round to Perth via Port Hedland. At the start of August he drives across to Alice Springs, then on to Cairns (see later for meeting with Chris & Rebecca Shaw) before briefly returning home to Sydney. At the end of Augusts starts up east coast to Gold Coast, then during September comes back down to Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Victoria. Finally returns truck to Adelaide on 21 October. The following day does follow spot job for 3 Fleetwood Mac shows in Sydney!!

In August they visited Cairns and had a few day off. They did a reef trip and went on the Sky Rail and steam train, as well as visiting and staying with **Chris & Rebecca Shaw (K50-56)**. Phil described his hosts as mudcrab junkies, taxi drivers, cat rescuers, tour guides, deflated bed b&b concierges and wine & alcohol experts. “*If they weren't Kerrisonites, it'd be perfect!!*”

Finally heard from Phil shortly after England lost to the Aussies in the Rugby World Cup “*The best team won, but the other lot played well. Once again, the Poms set a sporting record & make sporting history - the first host nation to get knocked out in the group stages*”



**Nick Carlton (G63-70)** continues to captain Sapphire Princess. At the end of 2014 he reported that he had just had a couple of mini OF lunches on Sapphire Princess whilst docked in Hong Kong. They were with Chris Hall and himself on 16 October 2014 and 18 November 2014 – see picture taken on the bridge after one of these. Nick said *“It was great to see Chris again after a number of years and we had a lot to talk about. Life continues here on Sapphire Princess cruising in Asia ... currently running 17 day cruises between Tianjin (Beijing) and Singapore with calls in Korea, Japan, Viet Nam, Thailand and Hong Kong. Earlier in the year we were running short cruises out of Shanghai in the Chinese market. I'm here until 16th December when I'll return home to Western Australia and then back here on 1st February. Will be Singapore based then.*



You will read below that Nick met up with Hawaiian OF Bryan Pearson (S45-47) in 2015 for a great 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch in Alaskan waters.

**Julian Ellis (M72-76)** visited the College and had a tour in July 2015. He now lives in Sydney. I took the opportunity to tell him about the brilliant reunion we had had in the Hunter Valley in April 2015 and to ask him for an update. Julian was good enough to say that he remembered!

He provided the following update *“I came back to Fram because my mother (92) has moved back there, and I hadn't seen her for a couple of years. I must say the College is looking wonderful, especially in this weather, which is redolent of the year I left. It was so hot we stuck to our seats during A level exams. I fell in love with a Queenslander while travelling the world, and we've been married for 25 years. 2 children - a son (19) and daughter (15). I worked in the film industry for nearly 20 years. Now I teach English as a foreign language, which I love. I spend as much time in the bush as I can. When I'm not walking, I'm rock climbing, and have recently done some mountaineering in NZ. This probably all comes from a fear that sooner or later some part of me - mental or physical - is going to give out, so I'm making hay.*

*I've recently been on Friends Reunited and made contact with **James Denny (R71-76)** and **Nigel Benson (K72-77)**. Would like to have heard from **Pete Forrest (S72-76)** but no response. I often wonder what happened to **John G('Luigi') Lewis (R71-76)**. All nice guys.*

*I'm going to walk part of The Ridgeway with my sister next week, and then back to Oz on the 7th. I saw that you've been having a bit of weather down there. Hope it improves for you. I must say I find these gentle showers that we've had today rather a pleasant change from Australia where they don't seem to do things by halves. “*

**Hugo Eve (BH64-67)** considered coming to the Hunter Valley event but as he only attended Brandeston he wasn't sure if he was eligible. Chris Shaw assured that he would be most welcome to come and that there were a number of Old Brandestonians around in Australia.



**Mike Garnett (R53-55)** worked tirelessly with Chris Shaw to organise the Hunter Valley event. As many of you will know, this event not only marked 150th anniversary of the College but will also mark



100th anniversary of the ANZACs in Gallipoli. A number of OFs died in Gallipoli serving with the ANZACs. Mike was involved at the end of 2014 with the construction of a statue to the Light Horse in Kyneton in Victoria. Mike says *“The ceremony was on 31 October 2014, the day prior to the huge commemorations at Albany, Western Australia from which town the Light Horse departed in 1914. The picture shows me with the current (and former) C/O of the 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse, and their RSM, me with Rob Curtin (without whom this statue would never have been constructed).”*



At the dinner in Australia Mike and Chris Shaw made a personal presentation of a small statue to me to convey back to the College. It is of an Australian Light Horseman, who is unarmed and totally non-aggressive! The statue now resides in the Headmaster’s study and is often commented on by prospective new parents.



In February 2015 he met up in Melbourne with Margaret and **Andrew Wright (R48-57)** who were visiting from the UK and Rosie and **David Summers (G48-56)**.

**John Gates (S44-48)** attended the Hunter Valley and then headed off on a 42 day cruise. Here is his account *“We started off from Brisbane down to Sydney, then Airle Beach, to Darwin, Benoa Bali, then Kota Kinabalu Malaysia, Hong Kong, to Shanghai, however did not go into Shanghai due to SMOG, instead spent 2 days at Busan South Korea, then to Nagasaki, Osaka, Yokohama ( Tokyo ) then cruised around IWA JIMA island, the scene of a major Allied landing in WW11, then on to Guam, then to Rabaul, and finally back to Brisbane. Travelled 23,095.4 Kilometers. Our cruise Ship being the Sun Princess. A very nice pleasant cruise smooth seas & good warm weather in the main. Good food & wine, could not ask for more. Unfortunately I suffered 2 falls, firstly on my right knee-cut it, and then my left knee.*



Yesterday I went and saw **Peter Bailey (K34-38)**. He was 93 last March, but he is in good spirits, and sends his best wishes to all OF's.

*Ruth & I, are taking our daughter Sarah nearly 54, & her daughter Lauren who will be 21 next January on another Cruise around New Zealand on The Sea Princess only 14 days, however I am sure there will be more cruises in the future.*

*The OF reunion in the Hunter Valley was in our opinion a great success & both of us thank you for all the organising you undertook."*

**James Hurlock (R01-06)** had a good reason why he was unfortunately unable to meet up in April *"I'm delighted to say that my wife and I are expecting our first child on the 2nd May and so will not be able to attend. I daren't make the trip to the Hunter in case the baby comes early! I hope the dinner goes well though and all the best. Thoroughly enjoying the northern beaches of Sydney. Most likely the greatest place in the world to live although I know it would be fiercely debated. Coming back to England in June though for a month to see the family and my sisters wedding."*

**Kenneth Mackenzie (K45-53)** picked up the sad news of John Ives's death. He said *"Thank you for your message and I'm glad to note that such a prominent OF as yourself was in Kerrison, the only House!*

*I am not allowed to travel by air any more as the ppO2 even in a pressurised cabin is not high enough to keep me functioning properly so I have had to enter the 21st century and try to unravel the mysteries of cyber space. It is by this method that I have contacted a number of OFs amongst whom **Ian Foster (xx)** has slipped through the net. We shared many moments in School buses singing, out of tune and somewhat raucously, rather risqué songs, and the times I have been to Fram, although few, we have never seemed to have crossed.*

*I contacted **Brian Ivory (K48-52)** a few years ago but I have regularly been in touch with **Dudley Holland (R45-52)** playing golf and dining and meeting **John Gooderham (K44-53)**, **Norman Porter (K50-57)** which paring, NG Mayhew and I thrashed at golf at Woodbridge Very evocative for me as I had spent many hours trying to play the game there!*

*I met, to my surprise a Gentleman on the practise putting Green at my club, Lake Karrinyup, a few months ago but cannot recall his name. He said he had been a master in UK and then narrowed it down to Suffolk and I eventually prised it out of him that he had been the Music Master in the early eighties at Fram. Stranger than fiction!*

*Other than these reminiscences, I have had no direct contact in this outpost with other OFs.*

*I shall raise a glass in grateful memory to **John Ives (G42-50)** next month. I have only met him once in recent years, calling in to his shop in Woodbridge with Dudley. I reminded him of the comment in the school mag about the cricket team of 1950, where Winston commented that his bowling threatened little but his own feet! We all has a giggle at this typical Winstanley remark.*

*Dudley also put me in contact with Ken Mayhew after he had given up golf. He has always been a special OF in many ways and when he was playing a round v Old Ipswichians in Norwich I marvelled at his strength in not only walking round but carrying his own clubs. My best wishes to all OFs that I know."*

**Neville Marsh (S53-61)** asked me to present a copy of On an Eminence to his brother **Ian (S49-52)** at the London OF Supper in January 2015, which I was very happy to do. Ian commented afterwards "I

started reading the book in the train and missed my stop and finished up in Stanmore instead of Harrow! Carried on reading at home until 1.30am and finished it the following day. A jolly good read and very well produced.

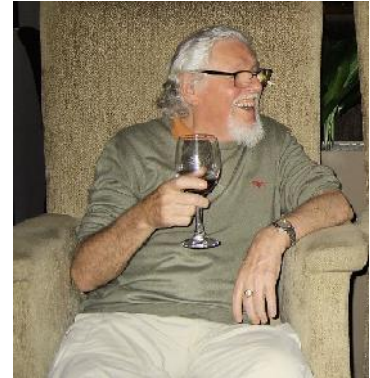
**Hugh Richardson (S43-48)** like my wife and I decided to stay at the hotel in the Hunter Valley while the storm raged on the day most left. We spent a lot of time together huddled around a lovely log fire to keep warm! In September 2015 Hugh and Julia took advantage of the Heritage Open Day to visit the College. Even when these schemes are not on, the College are always happy to give tours to OFs, but best to warn that you are coming.

**Chris Shaw (K50-56)** and his ever supportive Rebecca, have had an extremely busy past year, topped of course with the triumph of organising the reunion in the Hunter Valley. However that is not all they have been up to.

In January Chris wrote that his 2014 Yearbook had just arrived “as a single block”! Apparently the Postie delivered it during one of their tropical monsoon downpours and the waterproof plastic cover wasn't! The gloss finish acted as a glue when wet, so Chris says it now makes a very elegant door-stop. We arranged for another one to be sent.

Back in November 2014 they visited New Zealand and met up with **Katherine Jackson (P86-91)** on 25th November, **Geoff Bland (K49-56)** on 26th November, **David and Fran Newson (S54-63)** on 29th, and **Roy and Sandy Farman (K47-55)**, either 30th or 1st December.

You can read more below under “New Zealand” on these visits, except for Geoff Bland who is based in the UK. Geoff spent the following message and photos after he returned to the UK. *“Well, I am back in Cheltenham again after my trip. I am still battling with jetlag but, other than that, I am fit and well. Thankfully, I managed to shake off the bug which was afflicting me when we met in Auckland. I really felt dreadful that day and I was horrified when I saw the photo of myself - it looked as though I was at death's door! I only hope I did not pass on my germs to you.*



*Anyway, the holiday was fantastic and the weather was extremely kind to us - so our group managed to do everything that had been planned. The highlight was probably the last big item - a flight round Mount Cook in a Cessna "Grand Caravan" seating fourteen people. The sun was shining, the sky was blue and the view was breathtaking. However, there were so many other wonderful moments that I now have a vast amount stored away in the old memory banks.*

*At the moment I am editing the 400 or so photographs that I took over the course of the three weeks and one of the good ones is the picture that I took of you (right). Also attached is one of me (left).”*



Following the reunion in April, at which I gave Chris a nice bottle of



Aussie red as a small thank you, Chris got together with **Peter Hughes (G52-56)** to share the bottle. Pictured - two OF's indulging a life-long love of wine.

As you will have read earlier, August saw the visit of Phil and Dee Bower. Chris reports *“Phil overnighted with us on Sat/Sun. He’s coming back in a fortnight to ‘do’ the reef and the skyrail, then Dee is joining him on Sat and we will treat them to a mud crab and prawn extravaganza at home. We have a superior blow-up mattress for blow-in friends, but I left the ‘bung’ out and the thing deflated on him fairly soon after he went to bed. His Fram training kicked in and I would now add ‘stoic’ to his CV.”*

A couple of weeks later *“This is 2.30pm on Saturday afternoon. Phil and I picked up Dee from the airport at noon, and they have taken off in the Kluger to save driving around town in The Truck, in which he recently drove from Esperance in Western Australia. (At this point you might*



*like to consult Google maps or an Atlas and have a look at the distance - and the terrain!)*



*They are returning around 4pm and I shall cook a couple of mud crabs (2 x 1.2 Kg), and a kilo of large Endeavour prawns to my secret recipe, and we shall disport ourselves in true gourmet fashion (see pictures sent afterwards). Tomorrow they will travel the rail up to Kuranda and the Skyrail back, then drive to Townsville. We’ll give them a great time as we will any visiting OF. Phil insisted on paying for the crabs and prawns, so we shall await their tasting notes! Phil is still sporting his rainbow hair.”*

Finally in October 2015 Chris pointed out that this time of year was the climax of Aussie sport. *“My year starts, not on January 1st, but ‘Bathurst’ (west of Sydney), which is a 1000km, 161 lap motor car V8 race being held next weekend. An all day event that has to be followed lap by lap, so chores have to be completed and wives assuaged with gifts of chocolates or similar. This year we have the Rugby League and Australian Football League Grand finals this weekend; the former is an all Queensland affair, which really gets up the noses of NSW types as they think they own Rugby League in this country, and the AFL, in which nobody in Australia outside Melbourne takes any real interest. Then comes the Gold Coast V8 race, and we are in to the first Monday in November and the Melbourne Cup, a horse race that ‘stops a nation!’ Somewhere in the region of 50 million dollars changes hands via the bookies for just that race. Then we are in to the cricket season and test matches, ODI and T20; this year New Zealand and West Indies. This takes us through to April, when Australia puts in 5 month’s work until Bathurst and the Grand Finals come around again.*

*That sums up Australia in one paragraph!!”*

**Andrew Wright (R48-57)** with his wife Margaret visited a number of OFs in Australia during a trip there in early 2015. In the months leading up to the visit Andrew exchanged emails with a number of OFs in Australia and meetings were arranged. This is his report afterwards. *“Just a quick email to tell you that we had an excellent lunch in Melbourne today (27 February) with 2 Wrights, 2 Summers and Mike Garnett at Chloe's restaurant - the scene of Mike's meeting with Richard and Georgina Sayer last year.*

*Margaret and I had 2 nights and lots of catching up with **David and Rosie Summers (G48-56)** in Sydney at the start of the week and I had missed seeing Mike during his UK visits, so very good to see them both. They are both looking forward to your visit in April for the big celebration. We leave here on Monday for Singapore and then home on March 7-8.”*

Andrew and Margaret arrived in Sydney on Sunday 22 February. David Summers picked them up and they stayed at their house for a number of days before moving on to Melbourne where they all met up with Mike Garnett.

## **BELGIUM**

**James Powell (G92-94)** tried unsuccessfully to organise a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in Brussels. This was despite a number of attempts. If anyone would be interested in meeting up in Brussels please get in touch.

## **BERMUDA**

**Matt Living (S80-87)** moved back to the UK in January 2015. He will be starting a new job with HSBC after 12 years in Bermuda.

## **CANADA**

**Julian Bayley (S50-53)** attended the select gathering in Toronto in July organised by **David McMillan (K54-58)**. Afterwards he sent this note to David *“A quick note to thank you for all the work you put in to get an annual OF event underway. I know just how frustrating organizing something like this can be. Nevertheless, four of us managed to get to the dinner and frankly, I found it an enjoyable evening. I do not remember Patrick or Brian, but it was obvious we knew many of the same people from the days gone by. It is quite amazing how a short discussion prompts memories and many names I haven't even thought about for 50 years came up in our conversation. The dinner was great and I know none of us left hungry. A few more of us around the table would have added a lot to the occasion, but at least it was a good start.*

*Once again many thanks for your efforts – may be those name tags will come in useful for the next get together ! Good luck with your planned return to the cricket field, but remember none of us are as young as we were and I am sure the game has changed enormously since those days at Fram.”*



**Bruce Blacklock (S54-62)** wanted information on an OF living in Shelburne Nova Scotia as he was attending a wedding there the following Saturday afternoon. I put him touch with John Oswell (G61-65) who has previously featured in the Overseas Bag.

**David Barker (K66-71)** was very interest in the Toronto dinner and remembered me as a humble shack at the bottom of the table! David played hockey, cricket and rugby for the school and after leaving school he played for Wasps before moving to Canada, where he captained Toronto Scottish. He played his last game the day before his 60th. He remembers fellow Kerrisonites were the late Tony Knight, Noel Larwill and Phil Stenson. He still keeps in touch with **Julian Taylor (G67-71)** and **Richard Williams (S66-71)**.

**Frank Eyre (S46-53)** was interested to know if he was going to be the oldest at the Toronto dinner. He was not as that honour went to **Patrick Vincent (R47-51)**.

**Jim Kelsall (Z75-86)** appreciated the offer to attend a supper in Canada but had to decline. He works and resides in Calgary, Alberta and his recreation time was limited. His parents still live in Framlingham and if a visit coincided with an event he would consider attending.

**David Lebbell (K41-46)** was sorry that he couldn't organise an event in Vancouver but both he and Faith are 84 and he had a fall from a ladder last year. They hoped to be able to attend. He is the only OF on Vancouver Island and is the 2nd oldest OF in Canada. The oldest is **Kenneth Painter (K39-45)** who is 2 years older.

In answer to an enquiry from Brian Rosen, David remembers doing a cross-country to a crashed B17 plane during WW2 that was presumably heading for Parham. They were looking for wartime trophies, which they accumulated in their tuck boxes. There were dire consequences when the security authorities searched the school!

He went on to say *"It was 71 years ago so my memory is a bit thin. I can't remember where the B17 crashed but it was within an afternoon's hiking distance. There was an Emergency Landing Field at Woodbridge with a 3,000 yard runway, five times the usual width with medical and fire fighting facilities, so crippled planes were directed there and they tended to come our way.*

*In our tuck boxes we kept anything that would fascinate boys - landing lights, electrical and radio bits and pieces and electric motors - we had figured out that a B17 had about 80! We also extracted cordite (for fireworks!) from the .5 ammunition lying around. The Powers that Be became aware of what we were doing and the school was searched. We were made to empty our tuck boxes into the middle of the courtyard. It was said there was enough cordite to blow up the school. R.W. Kirkham was visibly shaken and we were all marched into the Assembly Hall for a severe dressing down.*

*I was also involved with another nefarious and dangerous activity. The B17s didn't always drop all their incendiary bombs over Germany and would sometimes release them into the Suffolk countryside prior to landing. I can't remember just where I did this, at Fram or elsewhere, but with the aid of wire coat hangers hooked around the fins of the bombs we were able to pull them out of the little round holes they had made in the field. They had detonated but not burned and we filed them down for the magnesium (more fireworks)."*

**Peter Macfarlane (Z73-81)**, our epic canoist, had no more journeys planned at this stage. He said *"This year's canoe overdose stemmed from a decision to commute to the summer camp where I work*

*one day a week ..... by water. I started out on the most local water to home at 7 am on the Sunday in order to reach Lake George by Monday morning, a distance of just over 50 miles. The trouble was that I had to go north on the rivers in order to reach Lake Champlain before then turning south to head for Lake George, and was at more or less the same latitude as home after 25 miles of paddling. That's not one that I feel compelled to repeat!"*



Finally he sent me a picture of the snow last winter. They'd had over 15 inches of some of the wettest, heaviest snow that he'd experienced. It had been far too heavy for the snow-blower, so they had to shovel it all by hand, including off the roof, an estimated 20+ tons so far.

**Ian Tucker (S94-99)** was in touch in March 2015 to say that he was now living in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

## CAYMAN ISLANDS

**Alex Freiburghaus (G02-04)** had significant news in August 2015 "Thanks for your email. It has been a very strange year so far. I managed to meet up with **Graham Peck (S74-78)** and we kept trying to organise something, but ultimately failed. I then had to move back to the UK permanently, as unfortunately my Mum was not well and my Aunt only just recently passed away so trying to look after the family and my cousins who lost both parents. "

## COSTA RICA

**David Allars (K47-55)** had a long and most enjoyable conversation with **Alfred Molson (K38-43)** in February 2015, while David was staying at his place in Florida. "*He preceded me at Fram (and Kerrison) by only a few years, so we had a number of Masters in common that we had a good time picking to bits! At 90 years young he has an incredible memory. He asked me about Costa Rica, and I promised to send him some informative material when I am back there at the end of April. Many thanks for giving me the opportunity to chat with Alfred. I shall be calling him again before we leave Miami.*

*My wife Maria and I are meeting John & Marta Nielsen and Richard Rowe at the Nielsons' in Coconut Creek, Florida for lunch at their home on Saturday."*

He was back in touch again after returning from a really splendid reunion. He said "We arrived an hour late due to traffic problems and getting lost after exiting the Turnpike, but they held up the super lunch that Marta put on until we got there! I cannot adequately express how pleasant it was to reminisce about Fram with John and Richard. I have not had the opportunity to do this for at least 30 years. I trust that you had an equally good time with the OFs at your get-together in Exeter, and I really appreciate your initiative and efforts to make possible our meeting in Coconut Creek.

The following month I happened to mention to James Ruddock-Broyd that David had met up with Richard and John in Florida. He recalled that David was great friends with **Bill Wade (K48-53)** at school and wanted me to let him know that sadly Bill had died on 28 September 2013 at a nursing

home in Sussex. David had lost touch with Bill, but was greatly saddened to learn that he had died. He also said he remembered James well and look forward to seeing him when he is next visiting the UK.

## CZECH

**Christina Johnston-Myachin (V01-06)** provided regular updates from Prague on her wonderful singing career, which have been added as news stories on the OF website. She and the Boni Pueri Boy's Choir had been asked by the President of Czech Republic to record a CD of the concert performance they gave to him last year at the Castle. She was also performing with them in Milan in May.

Her debut album was also recorded this year with The City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra who are best known for their recordings with well known artists around the world such as, Katherine Jenkins, Jonas Kauffman, Lesley Garret and many more and of course thousands of film scores. It will be released in late 2015.

She performed for one time on 18th April in Norwich, with Robert Goodrich and Wymondham Choral Society. She also sang in the film Aldabra, which had its premiere in May at The Cannes Film festival. She also planned to go on tour in South America in June after recording the CD. During the summer she was on stage in Prague singing in Don Giovanni.

At the end of March she was broadcast on BBC Radio 3 from Czech Republic for Jakub Ryba's Stabat Mater. She sang at a summit in Prague attended by health ministers and the Vice President of China. She has also recently performed on Czech TV

Then in September she provided the fooling update and pictures “*After a successful and busy summer of Don Giovanni in the opera house in Prague and my solo tour around Slovakia with Virtuosi di Praga Orchestra, myself and the famous Boni Pueri, Czech Boy's Choir were invited by the President of Czech Republic, Miloš Zeman and the Chinese government to sing in China for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II.*

*We sung for the Chinese Vice President and delegates from China a couple of months ago in Prague and they liked us so much they invited us to sing for their special celebrations. We were flown to China where we sung in two concerts for the Chinese Government and President of Czech Republic. I sung arias for soprano and choir and then performed the famous song composed for the Beijing Olympics, You and Me (originally sung by Sarah Brightman). It was a wonderful experience to perform to such an important audience and they want us to return next year for a tour around China!*

*The concert for the President and the Chinese government was broadcast on Chinese television and the next day was in the Chinese newspapers. It was to bring the Chinese and Czech governments closer into a business relationship. The President of China will be coming to Prague next year where we will also most likely be singing again. It was such an honour to be asked and to sing there! It was a great country to sing in and I loved every minute of it! Next my album will be coming out this*





*Christmas and I am looking forward to coming and singing on home turf!*

## **DUBAI**

**Ed Marr (G85-92)** organised a reunion in April and beforehand gave an update “I’ve moved on from Haymarket in HK and am now in Dubai working for the magazine division of Gulf News, the biggest newspaper in UAE. I got married on 17 March 2014 in Singapore to Junko Saito who is from Tokyo. We had a baby on 4 May 14 called Sophia Eugenia Luna Marr. We moved to Dubai in June!” A busy 2014 and it was great to meet them in April 2015.

**Guy Robinson (R81-91)** had hoped to attend the dinner in Dubai in April, but sadly he was out of the country at that time.

## **FRANCE**

**Bob Craig (R63-70)** was originally in touch about joining us for the dinner in Dubai. He currently consults for the Ministry of Higher Education in Oman and as you can read elsewhere he was eventually able to join Ed and I for breakfast in Dubai in April after his 30 minute flight was badly delayed the previous evening.

So why is Bob included under France? He went on to say *“I have a house in the South of France but presently work in the Middle East. I quit this August, hopefully to enjoy semi-retirement amongst the vineyards, and a bit of consultancy.”*

Subsequently he got in touch to say that he was going to Toronto and would like to get in touch with **Gordon Gibbons (R66-71)** who lives there. They were good mates at school and kept in touch / played tennis for a short while afterwards but had now lost touch. I put them in touch with each other.

**Terry Hurlock (R66-73)** was disappointed that his son James was able to make the Hunter Valley due to the imminent arrival of his first grandchild in May. He was looking forward to seeing them all in Norfolk for the wedding of his daughter Ruth on the 13th June. She is getting married in Holt, where they used to live. He went on to say *“James is then staying with us in Bordeaux for a couple of weeks before he heads to Newfoundland to stay with the in-laws. The wedding will be the first time we meet the new baby, so it will be a real family event. Have a great trip to Oz. We are across there for Christmas and New Year. Staying with James in Manly.”*

Terry then was in touch about a Pickard book he found in his local bookshop, which I referred to Bill Collard. He said *“I was recently browsing through a bookstall at a French equivalent of a car boot sale in Bordeaux near to where I now live. I came across a book titled “L’opération Jérico”. I thought that there was only one such operation that I was aware of and sure enough on looking inside I found a tribute to Group-Captain PC Pickard “In glorious memory of Group-Captain PC Pickard who on the 18th February 1944 died above Amiens Prison after having liberated by his audacious actions some dozens of his French brothers in arms.””*

**Brian Rosen (S40-46)** had a long phone chat with **Bill Cooper (G41-46)** who he hoped would come to the dinner at Pembroke College. I also sent Brian a list of his contemporaries we were still in contact with. He replied “The list of some of our contemporaries is most interesting and I feel that I know some of them very well; even those I haven’t seen for over 60 years. I shared a study with **William**

**Craske (K39-46)** and played in a rugby side with **Chris Thurgar (G41-46)** when he was stationed in the army near Brighton. He was a brave man – he travelled on the pillion of my BSA to get to matches. **John Barrett (R42-46)** parked his Rolls Royce in my paddock for the Sussex supper in 1976, etc.etc. Anyway thanks for putting me in touch with Bill Cooper and I hope that I will meet him again in Cambridge.”

During August Brian and I, together with a number of his contemporaries exchanged many emails reminiscing about war time at the College and in particular visits to the College by Percy Pickard. Remarkable memories from 70 years ago.

## GERMANY

**Kim Dickel (M97-98)** and **Jens Kippenberger (G91-92)** did a brilliant job organising German 150<sup>th</sup> event in Hamburg in July 2015, which they really hope will kick start more regional events in years to come.

**Alexandra Klotz (M00-01)** couldn't attend event in Hamburg but did get in touch with new contact details and wished everyone well.

**Christian Schütte (K07-09)** was really helpful in tracking down emails for a lot of the OFs living in Germany. Many thanks. He also said *“Unfortunately I probably won't be able to organise a “Stammtisch” in 2016 since I will be writing my master thesis until October and after that I am not really sure where in Germany I will find a job and settle down. So for 2016 I can't really give you any better news but for the years to come I am definitely looking forward to organising a German OF “Stammtisch” where ever I will be by then.”*

## HOLLAND

**Peter Barker (K65-68)** was contacted by me as a result of being in touch with his younger brother David about the dinner in Toronto. Peter provided the following update *“ I had not been back to Fram since I left in 1968, but when I visited my sister in Suffolk last October, I did return. In fact, a very nice lady, Jane Easey, kindly showed me around. You can appreciate, that after about 45 years, it was very interesting to see everything. It was really a lot to take in at once, after having such specific memories for so long.*

*It was a bit sad that some memorable things had gone. (Later I wondered, if the famous iron banisters of the staircases are the same and if the elephant tusks are still there), but I have only praise for everyone at Fram for the amazing transformation. It's now a truly marvellous place to study.*

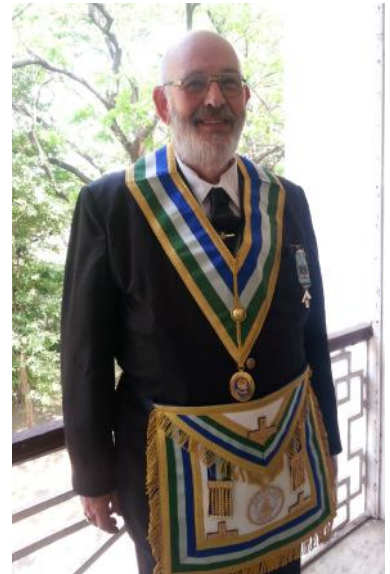
*Just like my brother, I still have regular contact with my best friends, who were at Fram with me. As you will appreciate, they are best friends for life.”*

## HONG KONG

**Tsz Wai Jacqueline LAM (V97-01)** much enjoyed the HK dinner and meeting Richard Rowe. She subsequently wrote that she really enjoyed it and it reminded her a lot of her old happy memories with Framlingham. She went on to say *“I would very much love to be updated with all Framlingham news and get involved in developing the OFs network in Hong Kong & China. Please let me know in what way I could help, I'm more than happy to help in some initiation and contacting work, or get in help in organizing events. Richard, let us know when you are in Hong Kong again, then we all got some good excuses to meetup again in the name of Richard's visit!”*

## INDIA

**Richard Gould (K66-71)** was very proud and pleased to inform us that at the recent 50 Year Golden Jubilee Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, as well as the same of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India, and the Annual Investiture Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, hosted this last weekend in Egmore, Chennai, he was awarded the Past Rank of Past Vice President Regional Grand Steward for the year 2015. He sent a photograph of himself in the said Office's Regalia.  
G. Richard Gould



## IRELAND

**Harriet Donnelly (V84-87)** tried really hard to organise an OF event in Ireland. Apart from **Andy Selby (Z83-93)** there sadly appeared to be little interest here, but I'm sure Harriett would be prepared to try again if sufficient interest was shown. I was looking forward to my first visit to Ireland since my 1<sup>st</sup> birthday!

## MALAYSIA

**Bob Holland (R57-65)** and I tried to meet up on our way back from Australia in May 2015 but it didn't prove possible.

## NEW ZEALAND

**Roy Farman (K47-55)** met up with Chris and Rebecca Shaw during their tour of the country in late 2014.

The photo shows Roy and Sandy Farman and Chris.

**Katherine Jackson (P86-91)** also met up with Chris and Rebecca. Chris writes *“We really enjoyed our visit and meeting Tobias - please give him our best and tell him he is a very rare individual, a boy with manners! All credit to you. Rebecca and I really enjoyed our conversation with you*





*and noted that we both felt we didn't fall in the usual OF category - whatever that may be. You are making a great life for yourself and Tobias in Auckland, and we wish you the best. Not easy, but then, what is that's worth doing. We'll keep in touch and wish you the best for Christmas. If you do get to Brisbane and have an opportunity to come to Cairns, we'd love to see you. "*

Katherine couldn't make the event in the Hunter Valley but Chris still made sure she received a copy. **Richard Warner (Z88-96)** contacted and said that he'll try and touch base with some of the OFs in Hamilton and Cambridge. He provided an updated address in Bader, Hamilton, NZ. He hoped to meet up with **Richard Bearne (K59-62)**. Did the meeting happen?

**Ian Channell QSM (42-45)** who many of you will know was officially appointed the first **Wizard of New Zealand** in October 1990 by the then Prime Minister of New Zealand The Right Honourable Mike Moore, made the big effort to represent south island NZ at the event in the Hunter Valley in April 2015. When we met he informed us that he had recently been promoted to Archwizard now that he has a few Wizards to boss around. He wore his full regalia of pointed black hat at the event.

## **NIGERIA**

**Baba Ikanade-Agba (G07-09)** tried hard to organise a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in Nigeria but without any success.

## **SINGAPORE**

**Sarah Jane Leighton (M00-02)** lives in Singapore but spends quite a bit of time in Kuala Lumpur. She therefore offer to try and meet up with my wife and I on our way back from Australia, but unfortunately this didn't come off. She went on to say "*In terms of OFs living in the area, **Sophie von Oertzen (now Williamson) (M00-02)** is moving to Singapore next month but she is not here yet. I have seen a couple of others on LinkedIn like **Will Buck (G91-95)** and Andy Ridley used to live here but I think he is back in Sydney, I read he went to Fram in the OF magazine. My uncles were all in Moreau which is why I was a Moreau girl, in fact my uncle Matthew was head of house whereas I was only deputy head (a fact he likes to occasionally remind me about!!!). My grandfather and great uncles were also all at Fram but I believe they were in Rendlesham.*" Sarah is a Tooley and her mother was the only one who didn't go to Fram as she was before they accepted girls.

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

**Mike Bullock (R55-59)** did a great job organising a 150<sup>th</sup> event in Johannesburg, despite not being in the best of health. Based on the book "On and Eminence" he had the following observations/memories "*The comment on the web about most of the book focusing on the last 50 years had me thinking and reminiscing. During our time maths incorporated logarithms and a slide rule (which I still have), drip dry shirts were just available but not allowed so "Hatchet" who controlled the linen room, went around confiscating them for which you had to pay a fine or worse for their recovery. We used to have to wear detachable collars and I still have some of the studs so drip dry shirts were a wonderful option. That must have changed over the years since the late 50s [finally ended in 1971].*

*Then there was the introduction of the transistor radio. My first experience as a House prefect was with David Hallgarten who listened to it during prep not disturbing anyone of course but it bothered me immensely. Kerrison for some reason was allowed a record player and played Hound Dog and Rock around the Clock, et al around the clock. Our "middle school" dorm was right above their "setroom". I suppose "shacks" have gone as well as "tanning or a log" option as punishment. The "log" was writing out page 2 of the log book. I never figured out why it was always P2; in idle times I used to write out one or 2 to have on hand!*

*So yes lots must have changed over the last 50 years, mostly for the good I have no doubt. I experienced some of that when my younger son joined me there on the open day before the 2010? Suffolk Dinner. However my education at Fram is what I am today and I am proud of it, although I emigrated in 1959 to Rhodesia with the family after O levels."*

## **SWITZERLAND**

**Annie Kempton (M97-01)** was originally contacted to see if she was interested in attending an OF event in Canada, as we had her address in Canada. Having got her new address I wondered whether she would like to pop over the border and come to the OF event being organised in Hamburg. Unfortunately this didn't prove possible.

## **THAILAND**

**John Birt (S59-63)** was not able to make the HK gathering in March as he was going to be in Kathmandu attending a Durbar celebrating 200 years of Gurkha Service to The Crown. He was looking forward to meeting up with many old friends of all ranks, many of whom he had not seen since he left the Army in 1977.

From Kathmandu he was planning to fly back to Bangkok, re-pack and fly on to Australia for 150<sup>th</sup> event in Hunter Valley (John tried really hard to get **Mark Creasy (G55-63)** to attend but without luck). There he was expecting to meet up with his brother **Andrew (S55-58)** and his wife.

Just a few weeks before the Hunter Valley events we were shocked to receive the following from John *"I am afraid that this e-mail is not good news as I have to cancel my visit to Australia for a couple of reasons. The first is that my brother Andrew is in hospital in Sydney following a car accident which resulted from a minor stroke which occurred while he was driving. Luckily he did not involve any other cars, although two of his grandchildren were in the car with him. He has now had a second stroke which has affected his eyesight. His wife Anne tells me that he is really quite lucky as his locomotion is unaffected but he has a hard time "accessing" the words he wishes to use. I did speak to him on the phone and one could sense his frustration at not "finding" the words he wanted to use. I gather that the Neurologist is now deciding whether to operate and Anne expects to know his opinion quite soon.*

*Which brings me to my own medical issues. I was hospitalised a month ago with a nasty attack of pneumonia which did my lungs no good at all. However, after a couple of weeks rest, my Doctors permitted me to fly to Nepal to attend the 200th anniversary celebrations of Gurkha service to The Crown. I probably should not have gone for, while it did me no real harm, it did not help things either as I continue to feel exhausted..... but it was such fun to see so many old faces!*

*So I am sure you will understand the need for Andrew and me to call things off. I am so sorry about this as I was really looking forward to seeing everybody on the 19th. I had left my decision to the last minute as I needed to hear from Anne but, as I feared, she confirms that she really has no clear idea about what the future holds for Andrew and will not know for a while yet. Please pass on our very best wishes to all attending and, notwithstanding our absence, have a wonderful evening.”*

In May I mentioned to John that I had met up with Ed Marr in Dubai and asked how he and Andrew were. He said *“Of course I remember Ed Marr well from the HK Supper. I also enjoyed reading up on the Pembroke College Dinner on the OF website and enjoyed seeing the very clear photo of Messrs Jenner and Stapleton clutching a champagne flute each!! Brother Andrew remains in hospital in Sydney. I spoke to Anne yesterday and he will probably undergo some arterial by-pass surgery fairly soon. I am sure all will be well but these are worrying times for his family right now. As for me I am doing well but get tired easily. I had no idea that pneumonia had such an effect on one. But then I was made to face reality when the young Thai lady doctor referred to me as an “elderly patient” which I thought was bit much!!”*

In October John said he was progressing well and consequently spent August and September in UK/France. *“I visited friends outside Long Melford and on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August we drove around the Suffolk countryside. It was a really perfect day and we had the roof of the car down to enjoy the agricultural smells caused by the odd “muck spreader”!! After coffee at The Crown in Framlingham, We visited The College and I gave my hosts a guided tour.....they were impressed with the VCs in The Chapel! The “Back” was covered in about 20 lawn tennis courts as some junior tennis fest was to take place. We had a wonderful fresh lobster lunch “al fresco” in the town square at Woodbridge before wending our way back to Long Melford. All in all a most enjoyable day.*

*Andrew is doing well ... as his first operation seemed to do the trick, they cancelled the second one which had been planned. Sadly his peripheral vision has been affected and needs to turn his head to see anything even slightly to the side. He still has some short term memory issues (which really irritates him) but remembers his past clearly! He is not allowed to drive any vehicle so he has taken to his bicycle to get about! He is celebrating the birth of yet another grandchild so life is busy indeed!*

*I am back in Thailand and just saw my specialists who are happy that all is stable ... so I am in my office pretending to work!!”*

## USA

**Dave Conett (K71-73)** wasn't able to get to the San Diego 150<sup>th</sup> event but sent the following “Good to hear from you. I'm in Oklahoma at the moment, but travel back to California quite often. I still have a house there and am part owner of a craft brewery ([www.braverybrewing.com](http://www.braverybrewing.com)).

**Arthur Cooke (K92-95)** also couldn't make San Diego. He observed that of all the houses I mentioned in a list of attendees that members of Kerrison outnumber those from all the other houses He put this small victory down to Kerrison's adventurous and pioneering spirit!! I wouldn't of course disagree!

**Jane Hendrix (nee Larter)(P77-82)** was in touch to say that whilst her brother Richard lives at Parham, Suffolk still, she now lives in Florida.



**Ivor Noel Hume (37-39)** was really appreciate of the help provided by **John Ellerby (G67-75)** for his latest book on Elizabethan times called *The Dark Closet*, a reference to the Jesuit hiding place in the Titchfield gatehouse. Ivor has now found an agent in London willing to read the 90,000 word manuscript and UVA has accepted the book, so it will emerge at the very least on the wrong side of the Atlantic. While waiting for something to happen with *The Dark Closet* he is working on another novel with the working title ‘The Williamsburg Murders & a Girl with Red Garters.’

**Bryan Ivory (K48-52)** contacted me at Christmas 2014. He provided the following update *“I am afraid that my poor old eyes remain a real hindrance to whatever I try to accomplish. However I will try and give you some quick notes to update the news from Lake Shallotte. Summer - hot and humid, with rather more rain than usual for this area. Butterflies - somewhat of a slow year after a very cold winter. I had to build a new rearing cage, as the old one is on its last legs after ten years or so. Have lately been purchasing some tropical species from overseas, which are dried and un-mounted. These I have to rehydrate and relax before they can be set. It is a little tricky, but gives me a lot of pleasure. Travel - a quick visit to London in the Spring to see a few relations and take in some museums. A blessed trip to Lancing, Sussex, to see my 92 year old sister. Alas, we lost her in the Autumn, so we were fortunate to have been able to spend some time with her.*

*A mid-summer trip to Colorado to see my youngest son and his family. The Grandchildren are now 16 and 14. Colton the youngest is a keen ice hockey player. MacKenzie a grown up young lady studying for college!*

*In November we two old folks took off for Costa Rica with "Senior Tours of Canada". Our party of about 30, stayed for a time in three locations, San Jose, up in the highlands, then on the NW coast. A very interesting country. Green and fertile but many poor areas, with great disparity between the "haves" and "have nots ."Altogether a worthwhile trip that made one appreciate lifes blessings.*

*General - here in Shallotte, we don't move too far afield these days due to my eyes. I am now limited to day time driving. Maintaining and upkeep of the gardens has taken real effort this year, so we elected to call in some Mexican lads to put us back in shape. They do it so much easier and better than we ever could! Should have done it years ago!*

*In answer to your question concerning the injections I receive for my eyes. I'm afraid they are only expected to maintain the status quo and not likely to improve my present vision. We just got the miniature painting and model boats built in time!”*

**Edgar McKean (G65-66)** from New Hampshire did get an invite to pop over the border and go to the 150<sup>th</sup> event in Toronto. Unfortunately family-party commitments meant he couldn't attend. He went on to say *“My year at Framlingham as the English Speaking Union exchange student for 1965-1966 was one of my most memorable, and valuable. I learned a lot, grew up a lot, and made solid friends. The College is a different place today with all the modernization which has occurred. Frankly, I relish thoughts of the primitive nature of things in the "old days." For not one moment was I homesick, principally due to the friendship and camaraderie extended me by the boys, and the teachers. Thanks for your invitation, and I sincerely hope that the celebration kindles good memories and great stories.”*

**Alfred Molson (K38-43)** has been in touch on a regular basis by phone and continues to be the source of amazing stories of his life.

In October 2014 we discussed that he landed on Sword about 8 weeks after D Day and then made his way over Pegasus Bridge to Rouen. He remembers listening to a speech by Monty saying that his company were "surplus" troops being reassigned as they had expected casualties to have been much higher on the beaches than they turned out to be. He built Bailey Bridges that could carry up to 500 tons and he knew both Sisman and Whittaker at school, who lost their lives. He had also enjoyed reading the biography I had sent him of Peter Bailey and said that like Peter he descended from farmers in East Anglia, but his migrated in 1700s to Canada!

In November 2014 he told me that he had spoken to Diane Abbott, widow of **Michael Abbott (K34-41)**. Michael had died about a year ago and Diane was getting back into life locally with church and other groups. Michael used to work for Qantas but had to return to UK because his parents were ill. When he was returning to Australia afterwards he stopped off in Vancouver, met Diane and never returned to Australia. Sadly Alfred's wife was now very weak and bedridden, leaving Alfred to do all the caring.

In January 2015 he rang to say that he had had a clean bill of health and was good for another 5 years. His wife Daphne is still weak. Then in February he said he had managed to find out that his contemporary **Luke Farrar Shackleton Bentley (41-43)** was still alive somewhere near Felixstowe but we couldn't find any contact details for him - the search continues! We also talked about his national service in Egypt/Palestine. He did 4 years instead of the normal 2.

In March 2015 we talked about my impending trip to Dubai, Australia and KL. He had been to Dubai in pre oil days when it didn't even have an airport! Lots of memories of meeting Emir and being given a Rolex watch which he still has to this day. He had spoken **Ken Mayhew (R29-34)** recently who had visited the widow of a contemporary of Alfred's **Guy Simpson (K39-41)**. I said I would be meeting a 1st cousin of his, Peter Simpson (K32-40) in Australia in April.

After a bit of a gap I heard from Alfred again in July 2015. His sad news was that his wife Daphne of 65 years had died last Thursday week at the age of 93. I knew she had not been well for the last year and for the last 3 months he had to give her constant care. His son who lives quite near him, is now regularly visiting. Alfred was sad to hear that **Robin Kiddle (K42-46)** had died who he remembered well in Kerrison.

**John Neilson (R68-72)** as reported earlier, John and his wife Marta entertained **David Allars (K47-55)**, **Richard Rowe (S65-74)**, David's wife Maria, and Richard's son Jack to a very enjoyable lunch. This took place at almost exactly the same time as OFs were meeting in Exeter for the inaugural Devon/Cornwall OF Supper.

John's report reads as follows "*I am glad to report that last Saturday's lunch was indeed an enjoyable and memorable event, with absolutely no lack of conversation nor laughter, despite the fact that we had never met before!*

*Reminiscing about Fram, we were able to cover diverse experiences such as Squash, Norman Borrett, sailing at Orford, grass hockey, and our mutual admiration for the serene beauty of the school, castle, village and surrounding*



*bucolic countryside.*

*We agreed to meet again when travel schedules permit – possibly even before David and Maria return to Costa Rica next month.*

*John's wife Marta was operating the camera, so from left to right – Richard's youngest son Jack between hockey tournament games, Richard Rowe, John Nielsen, Maria (David's wife) and David Allars."*

**Bryan Pearson (S45-47)** was sorry not to be able to get across from Hawaii to San Diego for the OF events there. In January he and Celestine headed to Tahiti to board the Pacific Princess for a 16 night cruise, visiting the usual spots, Moorea, Bora Bora etc then cruising back to Honolulu, visiting Maui, Kauai and the Big Island before heading to Los Angeles and then flying back to Honolulu.

At the end of May Bryan was in touch again to hope that we had a good trip to Australia. He much enjoyed the Newsletter, but was disappointed to find no Overseas Bag, although the reason made a lot sense. He was pleased to see that **Brian Rosen (S40-46)** is still around and attending meetings. *"I only knew him for about a year in Stradbroke, but of course Anthony and I were in contact fairly frequently until his untimely passing. He and I had a shared interest in motorcycles years ago."* He noted that Nick Carlton was heading to Alaska and hoped to sail with him again.

In June he and Celestine booked to join Nick on his next to last cruise up to Whittier, Alaska and back, leaving Vancouver 1 August and returning 15 August. They were also just back from a hectic 7 day trip to Scott AFB in Illinois to welcome their newest grandchild, Hannah Neal, to the family. That makes a total of eight!

In August he was back in touch with details of his meeting up with Nick and their special 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations on board. They are also booked on a 12 night cruise to Tahiti on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Laurence Pretty (S49-54)** wasn't able to make the San Diego weekend but he got involved in the email discussion on the oldest OF in North America. "I knew Julian Bayley well, not only at Framlingham but before that in Chichester where we both were students at Oakwood Prep School. As I remember it my mother and Julian's mother were friends and Julian's family lived in West Wittering, a very nice beach village. I seem to remember that Julian was also an actor in the last Fram School play held in Framlingham Castle, where he and I played the female leads. And I knew Frank very well since we were good friends and contemporaries in Stradbroke. Pat Vincent I remember as he was a friend of myself, Barry Weedon and Mike Newson, among others. Of course Julian, Frank, Pat and I are rather diffident about competing for the title of "Oldest Looking OF in North America".

**Richard Rowe (S65-74)** made extraordinary efforts to attend the Honk Kong Supper, in spite of many difficulties including being drenched in water by a faulty hose and waiting for his clothes to dry. Nevertheless he made it. *"The short story is that I travel light; so I was already wearing my OF dinner clothes when I turned up to my client in Shenzhen on that Wednesday morning. The client has to demonstrate its fire safety capability as part of the inspection; so I stood well back knowing that these tests can go badly wrong. At the last moment I noticed that the guy doing the test was about to do something really stupid, so I stepped forward to shut the test down, just as the fire hose burst and completely drenched me. Fortunately I had my suitcase with me as I had checked out of the hotel that morning. So I changed into jeans and t-shirt; while the client found a hair dryer and proceeded to dry my clothes!?"*

As you read earlier Richard also met up with John Nielsen and Richard Allars in February in Florida and then amazingly happened to be in Germany when the Hamburg weekend was held and managed to attend that.

**Caspar Zafer (S89-92)** in California and wanted to attend the San Diego weekend. He apologised for the late initial reply was due to him becoming a father at the end of 2014.