

## “HERE & THERE” (Overseas Bag)

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It has been tough editing all the correspondence with the much-reduced space available in the Yearbook. But all is not lost, as all correspondence is published in full on the “People” section of the website ([www.oldframlinghamian.com](http://www.oldframlinghamian.com)).

Although I do send out email reminders of the editorial deadlines, I know that not all of you have email or internet (if you do have email, then please register on the website as it assists communication enormously). A quick check of numbers shows a total of 380 overseas OFs (and I suspect that the real total might exceed 400 if we could count all those overseas but without contact addresses, such as recent Hong Kong leavers); but only 230 of you have email addresses, and only 120 of those have registered on the website. For those of you overseas but without email, I am still very keen to hear your news – by mail, friend’s email, fax, phone or whatever. Please remember that my editorial deadlines are end of May for the Yearbook and end of November for the Newsletter – but we can publish anytime on the website. For those of you with internet access, the website is now carrying more and more communication, news and information that never appears in the hard-print magazines, partly due to space and partly due to technology (the website has carried sound recordings and will soon show video clips). Do send your news, especially photographs.

## AUSTRALIA

A Brisbane Gathering took place on 27th May 2005 in the United Services Club with (see photo – l to r): **Neville Marsh (S53-61)**, **John Gates (S44-48)**, **Peter Simpson (K32-40)**, **Peter Bailey (K34-38)** and accompanied by their wives.



The original gathering had planned to include Captain Nick Carlton (G63-70) but due to a change in his work schedule, he was unable to attend.

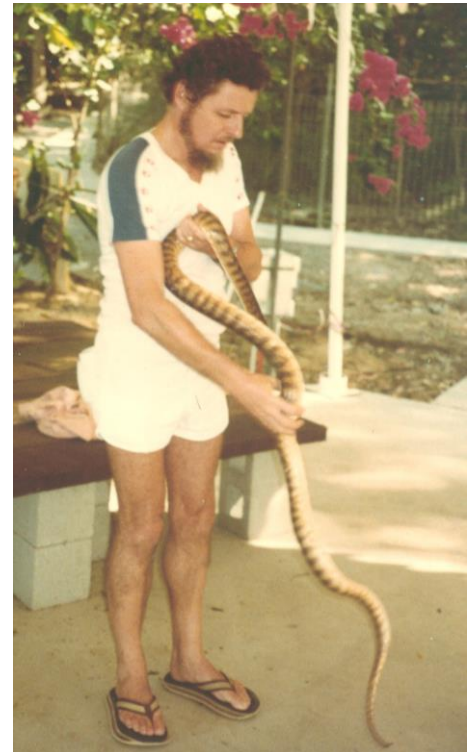
Nick captains the P&O Cruise liner ss Pacific Sky; and as a result has started an unofficial “OF Cruise Club” of OFs who have been on one of his cruises. The “club” now includes **Bryan Pearson (S45-47)**, Peter Simpson and John Gates – all of whom have spoken very favourably of their time on board.

**Neville Marsh** reports that he has been busy writing a brief history of the “Fram Flyer” to go into **Clive Hedley's** compilation of Suffolk stories. In the process I came across **Canon David Pitcher (R44-51)** who has written a much longer history "All Change for Framlingham". We hope to reproduce **Tony Hoolahan's** great photograph of Fram boys on the steam engine which appeared in the Sept 1992 Mag.

**Captain Nick Carlton (G63-70)** made contact by email from the P&O Cruise liner ss Pacific Sky. I work for P&O/Princess cruises and have done since leaving Fram in 1970. At the moment, I am cruising out of Brisbane to the Pacific Isles but my travels take me all over the world. This time last year, I was cruising out of Port Everglades, Florida on the Grand Princess. I expect to be back in Brisbane for a 3 week dry-dock period in late May 2005. I met **Bryan Pearson, Peter Simpson & John Gates** on recent cruises and we talked of getting together for an OF Dinner.

I married an Australian girl, Raquel in 2003 and we had a little boy, James. My address in Australia is: 33 San Javier Circle, Secret Harbour, WA 6173; tel: (08) 9524 8071

**Chris Shaw (K50-56)** sent in a couple of photos from a “few” years ago in which he seems to be trying to prove that he was the original “Crocodile Hunter”. Chris did try to



explain that the original objective was for him to take a swab from the crocodile’s mouth. In the photo, Chris is the furthest from the croc, with his back to the camera, hanging onto the rope. He did eventually get the swab but the lab tests proved inconclusive! The second photo shows Chris hoping that he has correctly identified a tame black-headed python rather than one of Australia’s many highly venomous snakes. Apparently the snake did try to get over-friendly and threw a couple of “love squeezes” around Chris’ neck before assistants rescued him from the amorous embrace. Chris says he still visits Zookeeper friends, so gets to go “behind the scenes” to handle snakes and crocodiles.

Chris says he is in regular contact with **Peter Hughes (G52-56)** who also lives in the Cairns area. Both of them recently reluctantly retired from the UK Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists, but continue to do Locum work around the Cairns area, occasionally in tandem! Peter has also set up a distribution business, a branch of a parent company in North Wales, with goods allied to his Pharmacy career. Peter, always an actor, also appears regularly in Cairns Little Theatre

productions at the Rondo Theatre, which produce 'little gems' with considerable expertise and professionalism.

The photo on the website of the '65 Hancock try brought memory of a group at Fram, including **Andy Hancock (S52-57)**, **'Ern' Ashon (G52-56)** and **Dave Summers (G48-56)**, who at one time frantically tried to 'bulk-up' their musculature by following a Charles Atlas programme! Andy was the only one to succeed.

Chris wishes to send regards to **Paul Williman (K51-57)**, **Clive Simpson (K49-53)**, **Mike Craven (S50-56)**, **Peter Smallpeice (K49-57)**, and **Roger Stearn (K53-57)** and his sisters. My condolences go to **Peter Jay (K49-56)** for the passing of his lovely Mum, whose beauty and charm Chris well remembers on our trips to and from Felixstowe in their car.

**Jonathan Amos (S67-71)** sent news from Perth of his double fantastic year in 2004. On 1st January 2004, he married Kayoko at the town hall in Funabashi, Japan. Then on 12th March 2004, they had a traditional wedding ceremony at the Funabashi shrine with both of them wearing traditional wedding kimonos. They returned to Perth on 1st April where Jonathan works as a MYOB Consultant with J Amos Consultancy Services ([www.jonathanamos.com.au](http://www.jonathanamos.com.au)). And then on 19th November, Kayoko gave birth to their daughter, Sakura Kate Amos.



## CHINA



**Chris Hall (G62-69)** sent in an article from "Look Magazine", October 2004. The article concerns an exhibition of antique Chinese silk textiles in Sydney, Australia where more than



half the exhibits belong to Chris. Most of Chris' collection is on loan to the Asian Civilisations Museum in Singapore but he does keep a few pieces at home in Hong Kong. Chris has been collecting for years and readily admits that it has

become such an addiction that is the main reason for him not retiring from his Accountancy work. Chris jokes that his collection only contains second hand clothes and faded curtains; but in reality, he has many beautiful antique pieces in vivid colours of both historical and artistic importance.

## FRANCE

David McMillan (K54-58) has been appointed as the next Chief Executive of the International Hotel & Restaurant Association (IH&RA - [www.ih-ra.com](http://www.ih-ra.com)), effective from 3 January 2005. The new job means a relocation from Canada to Paris. David says he hopes to be able to "connect" with more OFs while in Europe. Brian Rosen (S40-46) has already added his support for an OF France Dinner.



The press-release says that British-born McMillan has had many years of international hotel and resort management & development experience with Hilton Hotels Corp & Hilton International, Hyatt International, Commonwealth Hospitality, Holiday Inn Hotels, Four Seasons Hotels and several independent properties including the Hotel Meurice in Paris, the Waldorf Astoria in New York and most recently with Cirque du Soleil.

As President of Axis Hospitality ([www.axishospitalityinternational.com](http://www.axishospitalityinternational.com)), a Canadian-based hotel & resort consultant group, David has led the development, acquisition, disposition, repositioning, launch and operation of many international projects in China, Malaysia, India, Israel, the Ukraine, St Kitts, Vieques, Cuba, the UK, Canada and the USA.

**Brian Rosen (S40-46)** sent message to say that 2004 had been a busy but important year, particularly with it being the 60th anniversary of so many wartime events with many ceremonies commemorating battles, air crashes or liberation of towns etc. With the deaths of both our President and Secretary in 2004, I have unexpectedly become Chairman of the Royal British Legion Lyons Branch – a job I am proud to do but has meant much cutting back on other activities. In France there is immense appreciation of the part played by the Allies during the war. I was very privileged to carry the Union Flag at several ceremonies; and at its appearance, we were treated with a great deal of respect and gratitude for those



who had fought and many who died for the liberation of this country. Perhaps the most moving ceremony was the family reunion in a small Alpine village cemetery where the bodies of Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory, his wife and the crew of the York aircraft, which crashed on the journey to Ceylon, are buried. Among the relatives I met was John Mallory, 84-year-old nephew of Leigh and son of George, the great British climber who died on Everest in 1924.

The attached photo on May 7th 2005 near the summit of a mountain near Annecy where we had just witnessed a parachute drop from a Dakota of 16 ex-soldiers using authentic parachutes and kit used during the war. (Except that they had reserve parachutes that we didn't in the early 50's.) The photo was taken after a ceremony attended by many VIP's including the British and American Consul Generals. I was carrying our flag which was much more strenuous than dropping out of a Dakota - which I hadn't done for about 50 years!

Unfortunately, I don't have a photo of the OFs that attended my 75th birthday in September 2004 in Suffolk. These included my two brothers **Michael (S40-46)** and **Anthony (S40-48)**, sons **Simon (S64-75)** and **Timothy (S66-76)** and daughter **Sarah (BH 88-93)**, cousin **George Payne (S43-50)** and contemporaries **Michael Dobson (R 34-42)** and **Gerald Carter (K 41-44)** plus honorary members **Shirley Williams** and **Bob Williams**. A good party!

What an excellent book **John Waddell** has produced describing the wartime years at the College. It brought back many memories and it seems incredible now to realise that we did manage to carry on relatively normal lives and that our major battles were the inter house rugby matches. Few of us did not lose members of our own family and the losses of Old Boys, particularly those we knew well were impossible for us to assimilate. Perhaps the remarks by **Chris Seddon** waiting to see his Dad towards the end of the war ....'I was about eight and a half and had not seen him for four years so I was afraid that I would not recognise him' ..... were those I found most moving.

## GREECE

**Ivor Webb (K37-42)** and **Richard Rowe (S65-74)** met in January 2005 at a beach-front restaurant just outside Thessaloniki, Greece, for what might have been the first SOF Greece Dinner. Ivor is originally from the Framlingham area and is brother to Mrs Barbara Hall, the former post-mistress at the Framlingham Post Office and mother of **Martin Hall (K67-75)**. Richard was in Greece on business between traveling to Macedonia and Istanbul.

Ivor was at Fram during the time of the evacuation to Repton; but being a day-boy, he stayed behind in Fram and effectively lost a year of schooling. Reminiscences about Fram included **Alfred Molson**



(K38-43), **Andrew Currie (R38-43)** and the Bloomfield family. Ivor remembers **Sydney Bloomfield (G41-45)** who used to live Cretingham Lodge. Having been in the Police Force, Ivor was interested to know that **Stephen Bloomfield (K71-78)** is now Borough Commander of Haringey Police in London. Ivor also had good memories of Sgt Twite at Framlingham Town Police Station. Sgt Twite died about 35 years ago and was father to **David Twite (R50-57)** and grandfather to **Mark Twite (R79-87)** and **Andy Twite (R84-92)**. Ivor was proudly wearing his Interpol badge on his blazer at the dinner.

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

**Tim Lewis (K53-59)** sent in a message of congratulations for the new Yearbook.

I was at Brandeston first and then the College over the period 1952 to 1958. Although my name was Thomas Lewis I was known as Tim as my father had the same name.

My father took the golden handshake from the army in 1957. Soon after, we left for Southern Rhodesia on The Edinburgh Castle; and drove from Beira to Salisbury in a series of 2 short wheel Landrovers. Here we were sent to a Tobacco farm where we stayed for 18 months. The family then journeyed to The Mkushi Block in Northern Rhodesia where we were allocated a 1700-acre farm. It had 10 acres cleared and a borehole with road access. We built a pole and dagga house with an antheap floor. We made clay bricks and burnt them in our own kiln; and we built Tobacco Barns and handling facilities.

I bought myself an old greener shotgun and went hunting as there were no shops at all to buy food. To go shopping meant a journey down the great north road to Broken Hill - some 320 kms of dirt road. In those days you could find 300 Hartebeest in one herd. They are all gone now. From my Greener, I progressed to a hunting rifle and became a friend of the local hunting fraternity.

My father decided I needed further education (not my strong forte) so he sent to Gwebi Agricultural College. This I enjoyed and left with a Diploma. After that, I volunteered for national service; this I also really enjoyed. After this I became farmer in Southern Rhodesia.

Having kept my contacts with the hunting fraternity, I regularly joined them on crocodile poaching trips. These old men taught me all the tricks of survival and illegal movement in Central Africa; borders were no barrier.

When Ian Smith declared , my father contacted me and told me to get out - but I decided to stay. Eventually the trouble started and I joined, as a volunteer, The Combat Tracker Group. From this it was only a matter of time before I went for selection for The Selous Scouts where I stayed until 1980.

After this I worked in many countries in Africa as an Agricultural Consultant, working for such personalities as Tiny Rowlands - Great man and great fun.

I am resident in Kwazulu Natal South Africa in a country town called Empangeni. We are close to the game reserves of Umfolozi and Mkhuze. I run a security company here called Control Risks Group with 240 employees. Should any of our OF's or other school members be in this area it would be my pleasure to sort out accommodation and possibly transport.

I have been told that I may have to retire "soon" – but I find this idea difficult. I recently did some work for The Crown Agents in Mozambique on cross border smuggling - all the old routes are still open and flourishing. Again good fun.

I have kept this short as obviously some things must remain unsaid.

I can be contacted by this means or by landline RSA code + 357922467 or by cellphone 0825577126. I will be visiting England mid 2005 and will contact you to see if there are any functions going on that I could attend".

**James Campbell (M74-82)** sent in a photograph of a recent visit to London where he met up with his brother, **Jonathan (M74-84)**, for dinner at the Royal Air Force Club.



James, on the right of the photo, still works for De Beers where he has just moved from co-ordinating the group-wide IT strategy to a general manager position in Group (diamond) Exploration. The new job has provided much excitement with trips to Canada, India, Brazil, Australia and the Congo and he says there is never a dull minute in exploration! He also continues as a Lay Minister in the local Anglican Church, is on the board for Common Purpose SA and is a Trustee and on the Marketing Committee of The South African Ballet Theatre Trust.

Jonathan is partner with Holman Fenwick & Willan specializing in shipping in London; having practiced for many years in Athens. He is married to a Greek American lady, Tasia. He recently saw **Jules Arthur (K75-84)** in California.