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England Call-up

OS Jack Carney has been selected for the U19s World Cup in South Africa after a successful tour with



England U19s to India and Bangladesh. A former student with an impressive IBDP score, Jack is also a key player for Lancashire 2nd XI. Jack is pictured with

Headmaster Guy

Emmett, and with fellow OS Cian Dickinson, who also plays for Lancashire 2nd XI.



Chairman's Comments

We hope that you had a good Christmas and wish you a happy 2024. Last term was so busy for everyone and we have been delighted to hear of the successes at college. Numbers continue to grow with the School reaching 575, with boarding being over 140. This has necessitated hiring a boarding block at the former North Riding College, now the home of Scarborough Tec. In 2019 numbers stood at 420.

We were all delighted that the School had been accepted to become a member of the prestigious Heads' Conference (HMC)

Academically the College continues to do well and the advantages of the IB are seen in how well prepared the students are for entry to university where the skills developed are soon put to good use in their undergraduate studies.

Sporting success has been witnessed in many areas - the 1st XI girls hockey are regional indoor champions for the first time. They are ranked amongst the top 8 teams in the country U15 boys hope to add a county rugby trophy to add to their cricket & hockey trophies. At 1st team level the College has beaten Pocklington, Yarm & Hymers.

The term ended with an excellent production of Matilda which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences. We also said farewell to Zoe Harrison who has been a superb supporter of the OSA for many years and brings to an end an association with the College which started in 1978!

As a local group we continue to meet monthly and are preparing for the May Reunion, a few clues have been posted on social media re the theme and this is developed in this Newsletter. We are also delighted to report that we have donated sums totalling in the region of £40,000 to various areas of the school and individuals over the past 6 years

John Rowlands (Chair)

Prize Giving

Guests of Honour at this year's Prize Giving were Old Scardeburgians Robert Hastie & Ben Taylor.

Robert Hastie is an award-winning theatre director of plays and musicals, and is Artistic Director of The Sheffield Crucible. Rob spent seven years at Scarborough College, leaving in 1995. He spent a year travelling with Ben and



working at the Stephen Joseph Theatre, and then



went to Cambridge University to study English. He then trained as an actor at RADA, and spent eight years performing in theatres around the country, including the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre. In 2011 he started directing, working first as an assistant on *Much Ado About Nothing* with David Tennant and Catherine Tate. He

went on to be nominated for Best Newcomer by the London Evening Standard, and became Associate Director of the Donmar Warehouse in 2014, where he worked with actors including Jonathan Bailey, Tom Hiddleston and Mark Gatiss. In 2016 he was appointed Artistic Director of Sheffield Theatres, running the Crucible, Lyceum and Playhouse, where recent productions have included *Life of Pi*, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Miss Saigon*. Sheffield was awarded UK Theatre of the Year by *The Stage* in 2017 and 2020, and Rob named Best Director at the UK Theatre Awards. Next year he will have two shows running in London's West End, 'Operation Mincemeat' and the Olivier Award-winning 'Standing at the Sky's Edge'.

Ben Taylor is an internationally-acclaimed TV and film director. He lives in London with his wife and two young sons and is delighted to be invited back to his old school. The son of former Lisvane headmaster Ian Taylor, Ben's Scarborough College career took him from Reception (1982) all the way through to Sixth Form where he served as a Prefect in his final year (1995). Following a travel & adventure-filled gap year with Rob, Ben began a degree in Film & TV Studies at Staffordshire University, graduating in 1999 with a First. After moving to London, he worked his way up from runner to director in the world of music videos, producing work for the likes of Girls Aloud & McFly. Ben caught his break in TV comedy with the BAFTA-nominated sketch show 'Cardinal Burns' and set up and directed all episodes of Series 1-3 of BAFTA-winning sitcom 'Catastrophe' – both for Channel 4. More recently he was Director and Executive Producer of the Netflix global hit 'Sex Education' Series 1-3,



earning him an International Emmy. This year he has directed the 18th century Disney adventure series 'Renegade Nell', written by Sally Wainwright. Ben has just completed filming on his debut feature film, JOY, written by Jack Thorne, starring Bill Nighy, James Norton and Thomasin Mckenzie.



The photos from Prize Giving can be viewed, downloaded, and shared from the Flickr account via the links below. Many thanks to photographer Richard Ponter for capturing the two special events. We hope you enjoy looking through and sharing with family and friends

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OSA Ball

Some 200 OSA members, parents, staff and friends enjoyed an excellent evening at the Spa. A fire alarm, just before the first course had been served, necessitating an evacuation into the rain for some 20 minutes whilst the fire brigade checked the venue did not dampen spirits.



At the start of the event, president Miles Cartwright provided an overview of how the OSA has helped the school and students over the past 6 years. Some £40,000 has been allocated to worthy causes, students and projects, the latest being a contribution to the purchase of hurdles for the Bramcote Running Track.

Past President Revd Tim Jones paid tribute to Zoe Harrison who has recently stepped down from her role as Marketing Manager to spend more time on the family farming business. She has been



associated with the College for over 40 years in a variety of roles. Both Zoe and Tim started as boarders at Lisvane in 1978!



Following the meal and raffle we enjoyed music from the Wave and the opportunity to catch up.

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Zoe Harrison - the end of an era

At the 2023 OSA Ball, former OSA President Revd Tim Jones (78-86) gave a fitting tribute to Zoë Harrison (Hibberd) who retired in October from her role as Marketing Manager at the College after 11 years .



Tim and Zoë both started their time at our school in 1978 when they joined Lisvane, the Prep school of Scarborough College. Tim aged 11 and Zoë aged 8 were both boarders and continued their education all the way through the College till they left at 18.

He highlighted

the many roles that Zoë has undertaken during her 45 year connection and involvement with the College and the significant contributions she has made during this time.



Zoë moved up to the College from Lisvane at the end of the now Year 8 (aged 13)- the traditional Independent school age of transfer. She was a boarder in College House - located where the present Business Studies suite, Music School, Learning Support unit and Accounts offices are located. She threw herself into many areas of school life - focussing on sport where she became Captain of Hockey and Vice-Captain of Netball, in addition to being a School Prefect and Head of House.

Following her A levels in Geography & Economics she worked in banking and

financial services. She married Patrick, a local farmer and raised her son Henry, who attended the College from 2002-2013 and retrained as A Garden Landscape designer during this time. Since leaving the College in 1988, she has been heavily involved in the OSA where she was a very energetic President of the Association from 2005-2011 and as such at the time was on the Governing Body for 14 years and involved as a parent on the Parents' Association/Friends of Scarborough College.

Her effort and involvement in the OSA was hugely significant in keeping the association alive, operating and relevant for a changing alumni and school. She was subsequently a key figure in keeping the OSA active and inspiring others to get involved and introducing new initiatives and opportunities for members such as The 300 Club, the OSA Alumni Award and the OSA Travel Scholarship.



Zoë has made significant contributions beyond her role as Marketing Manager for the school and has been hugely important in the OSA reaching out to former students who need many different ways over the years. For recruitment, for advice, fundraising, networking, careers and educational support and most importantly social activities and events.

Her retirement from the College, to allow her more time for herself and be more involved in the family farm, will leave a huge gap amongst the OSA and SC community. However, we are delighted that you have finally 'graduated' and are finally able to 'leave' Scarborough College and be able to enjoy the OSA in the same way as so many of us do.

Many thanks for everything you have done over the 45 years of service you have given to the College.

OSA Support for the School & individuals

As outlined above, at the recent OSA Ball, president Miles Cartwright provided an overview of how the OSA has helped the school and students over the past 6 years, disrupted by Covid. Some £40,000 has been allocated to worthy causes, students and projects. We would like to take this opportunity to develop what Miles outlined.

Our contributions fall into a number of categories, individual support via the Travel Scholarship, Support for individuals who have contacted the Local Support Group and have been interviewed. Support for HMC scholars and the JHAA Award. The 300 Club raises funds to support a local student and most recently we have agreed to help students who are undertaking the exchange to Mt Whangangui School in New Zealand. Finally we provide financial support for items for the school departments.

Over the past six years we have enabled students to undertake conservation work on the Belize Barrier Reef and charity work in South Africa. Individual support has been given to students who are achieving in golf, triathlon, squash and for the gold DoE fees for an HMC scholar. We have committed to pay the IB exam fees for HMC students from Eastern Europe. The 300 Club funds have helped a local student who has joined the school for the IB together with support for their university interviews etc. John Alderson had an association with the College spanning six decades - a pupil, teacher, Deputy Head and Governor. He left a legacy to be used for an academic award, the conditions attached are: to be awarded to the best student - gaining 7 points (the maximum score possible at IB) in either History or Economics who intends to study either subject area at university. The award is a cash sum of £500 plus a Trophy would be presented at the annual Prize Giving.

Donations have been made to a number of charities, including Brain Research UK where Ellen Wilson ran the Paris Marathon. Ellen is the daughter of Phil Wilson - a well-respected OS and member of staff who had suffered a brain haemorrhage at school.



In terms of items for school, we have contributed to a projector for the Prep School, radio mics for the Performing Arts and a keyboard for use with choirs etc performing away from school. The Association contributed to the purchase of hurdles for the Bramcote Athletics track in addition to the Mike & Mollie bench, the Ypres plaque and repairs to the portrait of Percy Armstrong - the first head of



Scarborough College.



IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret that we report OSs have passed away recently and we provide details below.

Steve Earnshaw

Steve taught Games/PE, Physics & Biology and was Lodge Housemaster. He was at College 1965-77. He passed away 3rd January, in Freemantle after a long battle with Parkinsons. Steve played Rugby for Scarborough .

From the school magazine summer 76

"We are shortly also to loose Steve Earnshaw who came to the College in 1965. His enthusiasm for games and his common sense and wisdom have been great assets to the school over the last decade. We wish his wife and him the very best for their new life in South Africa." RWW

The President, Miles Cartwright recalls being slippered by SE for talking too much at Lisvane during the quiet hour after lunch 6 of the best with either a slipper or gymshoe.



Steve Earnshaw back row third from the left, next to fellow College teacher Paul Hornsey (2nd from left)

Matthew Train

Matthew attended both Lisvane & College from 1984-91. He was in Pegg house. Matthew passed away from organ failure whilst in York hospital. Our thoughts are with his wife and children

300 Club

At the last meeting of the year for the Local Group of the OSA Committee, the Xmas draw for the 300 Club took place. Headmaster Guy Emmett and OSA President Miles Cartwright are pictured showing the winning number – 63,

allocated to Bernard Fletcher.

The 300 Club raises funds which are targeted to support a local student, new to the Sixth Form whose personal circumstances require some financial support to help them through the IB Years. Membership of the 300 Club costs £10 a quarter – equivalent to 11p a day. If you are willing to support this worthy cause you can access the application form from the OSA website:

[Home](#)

Alternatively contact the OSA on osa@scarboroughcollegeosa.co.uk for further information.



Musicals of Bill Scott – Reunion 2024

Join us on May 18th for an evening at the musicals with Bill Scott.

If any one or group of OSs would like to relive their performance(s) in a musical – alone or with others who also took part – do let us know (musical & song) . We shall pass the information on to Bill.

All information re the weekend

OSA REUNION 2024

Saturday 18 May

OSA Annual General Meeting – 12.00 p.m.

School Tours – 1.00 p.m. – these need to be booked with the OSA – see below

Evening Reunion – 6.30 p.m.

'A Night at the Musicals' with Bill Scott. Saturday 18th May

Venue: Scarborough College – Lisvane Hall

Dress code: Smart Casual

Tickets £15, to include buffet dinner

Sunday 19 May

**Cricket Fixture, OSA
vs
Scarborough College
11.00 a.m.**

To book your tickets to the evening event, please go to

[Box Office and Events](#)

If you would like to attend the events (AGM, Tour etc), please state this when you are booking, or email

osa@scarboroughcollegeosa.co.uk



The times they are a changing

Generations of OSs will be saddened to hear the news that the Cask is to be sold. Star Pubs & Bars - the owners of The Cask Inn property - have decided to put the building up for sale, most likely for redevelopment as housing.

A petition has been set up and it is hoped that the Cask will be granted Asset of Community Value status.

The Value of Experience

Knowledge is learned but experience is something we continually learn throughout the varying stages of our life.

As we go through our school life we learn many things that are focussed on helping us achieve not just the knowledge but the ability to use that knowledge to start us on a career path. We also experience many emotions as we go through our education that are easily dismissed and put to the back of our minds as being simply, part of school life and as we enter a different era, we maybe forgiven for forgetting those experiences and dismissing them as childhood responses to situations both good and not so enjoyable.

As we progress through adulthood and our responsibilities increase, we perhaps become less aware of our childhood experiences that actually have had a great influence on not just who we are, but what we achieve and what we become. The growth of social media means that keeping in touch with friends we made at school much easier but we still focus on the here and now and rarely think back to our school days beyond a brief reminiscence of something that happened sparked by a conversation or occurrence at the time.

The pressures in life today understandably mean we focus on the present in the belief, the future will take care of itself and past has gone. Perhaps we forget, the work and enjoyment we derive from our life today is built on foundations we learned from our School years.

It is only as we get older the experiences of life become more commonplace and naturally lose the vividness of our earlier experiences. Consequently we reach a point in middle age when we look back and remember our teens and in comparison those memories positively glow. Fascinated, we feel drawn to revisit our technicolour past, meet the long lost friends who shared our formative experiences.

All too often those experience lie deep within us in the belief others would not be interested or they are so distant and unimportant in time based on our beliefs the present is more important than the past.

Historians have recorded, for our benefit, the events of the past. Some have shaped our future and our Nation's future. Whilst it is easy to believe, as an individual, your life is not important to others outside your family and circle of friends, your experiences are important and should not be dismissed as such. To do so, means they are lost forever. But through the OSA the opportunity exists because others have gone before you and built an association through which you can revisit your former glories, reunite with good friends and through the archive of photographs and actual artefacts memories of school days are reignited.

But to have that privilege of time travel you have to lay down the memories today while they are still fresh which is why we are appealing for ex-pupils with vision who can see that their experiences at school and later in their working and family life are worth recording.

If you want to see an example of how well this works visit the OSA archive site and look at the work that has been carried out by alumni of the 1960s and consider their last reunion in 2020 when hundreds gathered to party in the closing hours before lockdown. Will you have anything in the archive for your years at the College in 50 years time? Not if you don't write it now and ask us to put it there for many others to enjoy.

The time for action is not, next week or next month or some distant date. Do not let your memories go unrecorded – the time to act is NOW.

John Isles (archivist)