

Tiffinian Association Limited

Honours, Successes, Appointments and other News

Atula Abeysekera (TAL Trustee) is to be granted the Freedom of the City of London. Atula Abeysekera is a trustee of the Tiffinian Association and a member of its Membership and Development Committee. His son Kushala left Tiffin School in 2005 and is currently studying at Imperial College to become a doctor. Kushala set up the Tiffin Medics Society and recently organised mock interviews for potential doctors and dentists at the school. "Atula Abeysekera has 25 years experience in the financial services industry and is a Chartered Accountant with a career in senior positions in internal audit and risk management at KPMG, Morgan Stanley, Fidelity Investments, Lazard and Cazenove Capital. He has extensive experience in setting up and running internal audit and enterprise risk management functions." Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment

Ralph Allwood (1968) has been given an MBE in 2012 New Years' Honours for services to choral music. He has been a champion of young singers for the last forty years and recently left Eton College, where he had been Precentor and Director of Music for twenty six years in order to pursue his freelance activities.



These include conducting the orchestra of St Paul's Girls' School and the founding of Inner Voices, a choir for forty young people from ten Inner London state schools. In a speech to the Girls' Schools Association meeting in Bristol in November, he stated that if girls daydream about stardom, they will miss out on doing music for the fun of it. He said music was as important to children's education as more traditionally academic subjects. He is currently temporarily replacing a member of the music staff at Tiffin School. Later in the year, he appeared as a judge in the BBC 2 Gareth Malone series The Choir: Sing while you work.

Gethin Anthony (2002) is currently playing Grigory Otrepiev, one of the main characters in the Royal Shakespeare's production of Boris Godunov by Alexander Pushkin at the Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon.



David Baron (1955) may be winning his long-standing battle to reduce the concentration of aircraft over Hever and Edenbridge. There have been proposals to

stagger the distances at which aircraft start their descent towards Gatwick, spreading the noise problem over a wider area.

Douglas Belcher (1903) won the Victoria Cross during the First World War. His story is amongst those recounted in a new book, "Ten Brave Men and True" by Richard Snow. Although his story has been included in many books, they are usually very brief. For the first time there is here a detailed account of his whole life including several detailed references to Tiffin School. The action outside Ypres where he won the VC in May 1915 is covered in depth as well as a description of him returning to the old school to be greeted by Charles Grist, staff and boys.

Tom Bloxham MBE (1982) took part during the Christmas period in one of the BBC's special editions of "University Challenge". He joined the team from Manchester University. Later in the year, he was featured in The Times, the article describing his company Urban Splash, and how they have turned "vast relics into chic apartments".



James Brett (1992) has just landed the job of composing the score for the new Pixar movie 'Planes'. He has recently finished a film for Stephen Frears called Lay The Favourite about betting scams in Las Vegas and a European drama called L'Histoire De Nos Petites Morts (The Tale Of Our Little Deaths) about a husband and wife's sexual fantasies. This Christmas sees the release of his animated musical called Saving Santa, starring Martin Freeman.

Sam Carter (2005) is now part of a Korean Boy Band, Lunafly, whose debut album has just been released. He featured on Korean MBC's 'Star Audition' (their equivalent of The X Factor).



Richard Cooke (Director of Choral Music at Tiffin from 1974 to 1980) has been Musical Director of The Royal Choral Society since 1995. This year they celebrate their 140th anniversary and Richard was interviewed by the Independent for a podcast about the society.



Daniel D'Souza (2009) sang "The Three Kings" on TV as part of Carols from King's at Christmas and was terrific!

Frank Dobson (1952) spent time in the 1948 London Olympic athletes' camp, when he helped his parents print the photographs taken by the athletes, through their business Kingston Photographic. Mr Dobson recalled his experiences working in the Olympic Village in Richmond Park, a converted military camp for more than 1,500 athletes. "There was a real buzz around it because everything was just after the war and it was something the country needed. We did quite well at the Games and Kingston was very excited." The austere camp had a make do and mend feel to it, unsurprising given the entire Games only had a budget of £600,000, and even air raid shelters were converted into food stores. Some teams left in dismay, unhappy with the conditions, but Mr Dobson said they were sparse, but acceptable, although admitted modern-day athletes would not put up with the same conditions now. Only one of the huts still survives, as the Malden Rifle and Pistol Club bought it to use as a clubhouse in 1965. The only other trace left of the camp is a flight of concrete steps near Dann's Pond. The Malden Club was also where Mr Dobson himself trained in later years for his role in the 1960 Rome Olympics, when he competed in the 50m free pistol category with two other former Tiffin students.

Nick Edwards (2008) was quoted in the Sunday Times in an article examining why state school students often struggle to get into Maths courses at the country's top universities.

Roger Garfitt (1962) has written a book, *The Horseman's Word*. In a memoir as vivid and unpredictable as any novel, Roger Garfitt takes us into his confidence as he tries on different selves, from stable boy to jazz dancer, from Oxford dandy to Sixties drop-out. We see him on horseback with the Riding Master to the Kings of Portugal and in a beatnik pad with Redmond O'Hanlon. We watch as he is introduced to David Bowie and realises that the wrong one has come as the rock star. We follow him back to the Norfolk village where as a small child he had glimpsed the world through his grandfather's eyes. And we are inside his head as he gradually cuts loose from the real world, eventually being committed to a locked ward in a mental hospital. Written with a poet's gift for language, *The Horseman's Word* is an account of what it is like to feel the world too acutely, to love too obsessively, to go right to the very edge and, miraculously, to survive. Roger Garfitt's compelling journey takes in an intensely remembered childhood, the feverish disconnects and forced logic of a 'fine madness' during young manhood, and an eventual domestic calm that has, nonetheless, its own sense of risk. The writing is hauntingly evocative. No one, having picked up this book, could willingly put it down. (David Harsent)

Alan Grainger (1940) has just published 'Blood On The Stones' a family saga/spy thriller in e-book format. So far it is only available on Amazon's Kindle bookshelf but it will be going into all related formats soon and hence available to e-book readers other than Kindle. Several fictitious characters in the book attend Tiffin School at one point in the story, and the whole of a chapter relates to an incident arising out of verbal bullying in the school grounds. The school itself is not maligned in any way, indeed it is quite incidental to the plot. Two young men who'd been raised together when they were children, fall out over a girl when they are in their twenties, and cut all ties with each other. For years after they part they never see each other but then one day, during an attempted royal assassination, they find themselves face to face again.

Mike Hickman (Tiffin Groundsman) was presented this painting of the Harper Pavilion at Grist's on his retirement this Summer. It was painted by Pippa Weller, ICT Assistant at Tiffin School.



Tom Jackson (staff 1980-1999) has moved from Salisbury to the Isle of Wight. He is always pleased to hear from former colleagues or pupils. He may be contacted through the Tiffin Friends website.

Bert Jenkins (1937) was able to join us at the Tiffin School Remembrance Day Service this year.



David Kenworthy (1966) was appointed as Chair of UK Anti-Doping in July 2009. David is a former Chief Constable for North Yorkshire and served 35 years in law enforcement. David was a member of the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) Project Board that helped shape plans and establish UK Anti-Doping.

Dr Bernard Lamb (1960) is Reader in Genetics in the Biology Department, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine. His books cater for all tastes, including *The Applied Genetics of Humans, Animals, Plants and Fungi* (Imperial College Press, 2007), *Judging Wine and Beer* (National Guild of Wine and Beer Judges, 1990) and *The Queen's English and How to Use It* (Michael O'Mara Books, 2010, e-book 2011, and Italian version in 2012!)



Andrew Lawrence (1998) is a regular on Channel 4 comedy programme "Stand up for the Week". He is also doing a new stand-up tour starting at the Edinburgh Fringe and then continuing throughout the UK.



Daljit Makan (1983) was one of many who attended the Association's Centenary Dinner in November. He is currently European Regional IT Manager with DHL Technically. His HQ is in Bonn, but he works mostly from his home in Oadby, Leicestershire.

Tim McCann (staff) wrote a letter to the Telegraph (published 5/3/12) entitled "Offer Gooch to the Aussies". It read: "Since England batting guru Graham Gooch announced he would make Ian Bell (2011 Test average 118, career Test average almost 50, world ranking second-equal) the best in the world, the player has managed just 51 runs, average 8.50, in an entire series. Could Gooch be persuaded to apply for a job as batting coach to Australia before we play them again?"

Jonny Lee Miller (1987) is starring as Holmes in 'Elementary', a series for the CBS network, based loosely on the Sherlock Holmes series of books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. His assistant is Dr Joan Watson played by actress Lucy Liu. Jonny plays a Londoner with a drug fuelled past who works for the New York Police Department.



Stephen Mitchell (1996) who still holds a few school athletics records, has moved from playing Lacrosse to triathlon and he is building up to Iron Man Distance. In competitions so far he has been well up the field finishing within the top dozen. He gets married later this summer.

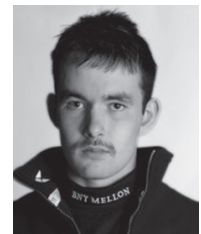
Dr John Moore-Gillon (1970) is now Junior Warden of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London.

Andrew Mulligan (1981) won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize this year for his second children's book. He writes: "I would never have contemplated writing had it not been for some inspirational teaching in the seventies! If there's anyone at the school now, or old members, who'd like to know more you can email me, of course - and there's info on my website, andymulliganbooks.co.uk - I feel a considerable bond with the school, even though I haven't set foot inside it since I left as a sixth-former." *Return to Ribblestrop* is the second novel in a projected trilogy. The books were conceived as three separate school-terms, in which a well-meaning but hapless headmaster fails to control the increasingly bizarre activities of pupils and staff. It's a magical place but it's not Hogwarts - any elf would be stamped on and barbecued very quickly. It's magical because the children are self-sufficient, and in the absence of imposed disciplines, create their own.

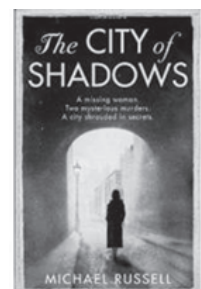
Clement Power (1996) featured in a recent interview with the Telegraph. Ivan Hewett wrote: "Clement Power is making waves as a brilliantly incisive and persuasive conductor". He has an impressive array of forthcoming engagements including concerts at the Avanti Festival in Finland, a visit to the Lucerne Festival to conduct Manuel de Falla's puppet opera *El retablo de maese Pedro*, and invitations back to the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Rupert Price (2009) won the Lightweight Boat Race rowing for Cambridge University at the 2012 Henley Boat Races. Hannah Morgan (of Tiffin Girls) was also in the Cambridge women's lightweight boat.

Eddie Rolls (2010) has made the TSBC proud by making the 2013 squad for Oxford blue boat selection.



Michael Russel (1971) who was involved with the writing of a number of high-profile TV dramas, including the final episodes of 'A Touch of Frost', has now written his first book, historical detective fiction entitled 'The City of Shadows'. He is now working on a second book about the same detective, set in Ireland and New York in 1939.



Daisuke Sakaguchi (1999) has designed one of the London eggs in the 2012 Big Egg Hunt.

Robin Shaw (teacher) gained 3 bronzes in the Surrey Masters Track & Field Championships, including shot hammer and discus.

Andrew Smith (1972) is a Professor of Plant Sciences at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Magdalen College. Two of his former students from Magdalen went on to teach at Tiffin School - Ian Cooksey, Head of Dr Challoner's High School in Amersham and William Dixon, Head of Biology at Nonsuch School. The link continues, as two of THEIR pupils (Jim Fouracre (2004) and Victor Jones (2007)) went on to get degrees at Oxford and are now studying for DPhils in Andrew's Department of Plant Sciences! Andrew is now coming to the end of nine years' service as a Governor of Magdalen College School, a joint foundation with Magdalen College back in the 15th century.

Ian Sygrave (ex-Tiffin teacher) continues to keep very busy with his voluntary work in the London Borough of Haringey. He helped to organise the second Green Lanes Festival in September which attracted some 20,000 visitors on the day. He is currently (Nov.) working with local traders to ensure a Christmas Festival Event in the same area. All those years of experience with the Tiffin Fair must be paying off! Ian was recently the recipient of a Team London Award (for volunteering) by the Mayor, Boris Johnson.

Nick Thorpe (1988) travel writer and journalist visited the School to talk to year 8 about his adventure sailing in a reed boat from Chile to the Easter Islands and tutor individual 6th formers. His memories of Tiffin School include acting in 'Oliver Twist' with Jonny Lee Miller, with Jonny taking the leading role and Nick being the '5th workhouse boy from the left.'



Frank Whately (ex-Tiffin teacher) who worked in the Tiffin Drama Department 1973 - 2001 was recently dubbed an Honorary Fellow of Kingston University. Frank Whately, who created Kingston's industry-respected drama degree course, has been made the first ever Honorary Fellow of the University in recognition of his lifelong commitment to drama education. The course has been the launch pad for many young actors including Disney's Chronicles of Narnia star Ben Barnes.

Tiffinian Association Annual Report 2012

Following the resignation of Ian Redington in the Spring, the Board elected **Tony Millard (1973)** as its new Chairman. He writes:

On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank the outgoing Chairman, Ian Redington for his service over the past few years. Ian took on the role at a difficult time when TAL was still in its infancy, and Howard Mallinson, who had been the driving force behind many of the changes, became ill. We wish Ian well as he be-

comes Captain of Surbiton Golf Club, and we are delighted that he will remain a Trustee of TAL.

As many of you will be aware, I was involved with the Association even before I left Tiffin in 1973. I was an active member of the Old Boys' Cricket and Rugby clubs. Latter I served as Chairman, before taking on the roles of *OTA Chairman* and *Chairman of the Sports Ground Company* for a number of years.

So, "why again?" those slightly longer in the tooth may ask. Well, I feel there is something new and exciting happening with TAL and, as I have the time, I was pleased to be able to offer my services for the next 2-3 years (after which time, it is anticipated that one of our younger generation of Trustees will be in a position to take the reins). I am looking forward to working with these dedicated and highly motivated young guys, as well as those other members of the Board whose support and experience is invaluable. I also look forward to working closely with Hilda Clark who has a strong vision for our combined future, and brings exciting ideas to the table.

Following my election at the Trustees meeting I laid out what I see to be the issues and challenges facing the Association along with my goals for the coming years.

1) TAL's finances must be strengthened. Outgoings are high relative to our current income and we need to address this in order that we can fulfil our charitable outreach objectives. We have identified a number of reasons for this, and work is already underway to address these.

2) The *Membership and Development Committee* has done a great job building up our database of Tiffin Friends. However, if we are to reach our Alumni objectives, we need to take another large step forward. One way everyone reading this can help is by signing up yourself at www.tiffinfriends.org. Furthermore, if you are in contact with other Tiffinians who you believe may not be signed up, please forward this edition to them and encourage them to do so.

3) Grists - the situation with regards to its management, funding, development and the upgrading of facilities, has to be addressed and resolved for the better of all concerned over the next 12 - 24 months.

4) The TAL Board of Trustees needs to be further strengthened with, I believe, at least two new members. Whilst I would be more than pleased to hear from anybody interested in helping with our continued development, we are currently particularly lacking in people in their late 30s or early 40s (possibly with a Grists sporting background).

I very much believe in the vision of a strong Alumni working in conjunction with the School and its associated organisations for the greater benefit of all involved - past, present and future.

Tony Millard, Chairman

OT Football Club

Old Tiffinian Football Club (OTFC) plays Saturday afternoon league football in the Amateur Football Combination (AFC), one of the biggest football leagues in Europe, with around 100 clubs and 350 sides playing 'grassroots' Saturday afternoon football from September through to May. In the AFC the emphasis is not only on playing the game, but most importantly playing the game in the right way. Since 2005 the league has run its own 'Spirit of Football' initiative, promoting fair play and respect for all including being sociable and hospitable. The league also supports the FA's Respect campaign and in the 2011/12 season achieved National Respect Gold Award League status.

In 2011/12 OTFC entered three sides to play league football in the AFC and associated cup competitions offering our players the chance to play a competitive but sporting game, at a level suitable to their ability and fitness etc. Justin Smith returned to the helm as the 1st team Captain as Tom Wightwick was unable to play through injury, Paul Cotterell again took control of the seconds and Ralph Stadie was again third team captain. The 1st team again played in Inter South and the 2s again played in Division 5 South. Following restructuring the 3s found themselves playing a division higher than the previous season in Division 7 South.

Again it was pleasing to see an influx of a younger generation of Old Tiffs throughout the club but despite playing with great spirit and enthusiasm results of the various teams on the pitch were varied and for some hard to come by. The first team consolidated their position in their division by finishing a creditable 5th out of 11. However they were unable to repeat the glorious cup run of the previous season. The seconds struggled right from the start and fought a season long battle against relegation without success finishing bottom of the league with just 3 hard earned wins and a goal difference of -36 telling their own story. The 3s found playing in a league higher tough, but managed to consolidate their status in the league by achieving an 8th place out

of 11. An achievement made even more difficult given that their better players were being called up to help the 2s in their struggle.

OTFC also has a Vets team, who play friendly but competitive fixtures. In 2011/12 Tiffs Vets joined a Vets league but found the standard higher than they were accustomed to. Whilst very few victories were achieved in the league they had better fortune playing friendly fixtures against their old foes with more wins than defeats.

In common with all sports and social clubs, our success or otherwise relies heavily on those individuals who give of their time and effort to organise and administer the activities. Thanks go to all team captains and officers of the club for the unstinting efforts this year and in particular to Errol Walker (Club Secretary), John Dickens (Finance Secretary) and Colin Waters (Fixture Secretary).

The league has made significant changes for the 2012/13 season by introducing a one year 'pilot scheme' allowing all teams to play with 'roll on roll off' substitutes, something which had previously been practised only by Vets teams. Whether other teams have adopted better to this, or we are just playing stronger teams, we have not started the season well and each team has suffered some heavy defeats in both league and cup games.

If you are interested in playing Saturday afternoon football for the Club then please contact our Club Secretary, Errol Walker, (Mobile: 07984 473 074) in the first instance. We always need new players to come through and refresh the club and opportunities for new players to play for the club arise at any time of the season so if you are interested don't hesitate to contact us. As we are an open club you can also bring any friends along who want to play as well. We train on the astro turf pitch at Tiffin school on Monday nights at 8.00pm.

STEVE JOHNSON

Chairman

LEAGUE RESULTS FOR 2010/11 SEASON

1sts – AFC Division – Intermediate South. Captain – Justin Smith

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
20	10	3	7	35	33	2	34	5th out of 11

2nds – AFC Division – Five South. Captain – Paul Cotterell

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
22	3	4	15	34	70	-36	13	12th out of 12

3rds – AFC Division – Seven South. Captain – Ralph Stadie

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
20	6	1	13	21	55	-34	19	8th out of 11

Old Tiffinians Rugby Club

One penalty kick. That was all it came down to.

One penalty kick securing a solitary losing bonus point for our good neighbours Old Paulines, against the league leaders London Exiles.

It consigned Old Tiffs 1st XV to 3rd in Surrey 1, therefore missing out on promotion by the smallest of small margins.

Despite just missing out on the London leagues, Season 2011-12 was a fantastic one for the club as it continued to grow and improve.

The key indicator of this huge improvement was Old Tiffs 2nd team taking part in its first full merit league season and romping home as victors.

The season also ended with a 33-strong touring party to Madrid where a fantastic time was had by all and we were hosted magnificently by local side Quijote RC – the kindest and most generous of clubs with whom hopefully we can forge an on-going relationship through the club, and potentially the school.

To help us realise our ambitions, we need more and more people to join us – by playing or supporting – because everyone is welcome on and off the pitch.

If you're interested in either, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

James Fentiman
fentiman11@yahoo.co.uk
07947 546 390

