



British climbers Rufus Duits and Alistair Gurney (2001) have pulled off a coveted first ascent of the southwest face of Colque Cruz I, at 6102 meters the highest of the Colque Cruz Massif in the eastern sector of Peru's Cordillera Vilcanota. On July 31, the pair made an arduous two-day approach from base camp over immense moraine and crevassed glacier, then completed a rather less complicated ascent of the 650-meter face in around eleven hours at TD+: M4 AI 4 60 degrees, rappelling the route from Abalakovs. However, their climb was the least eventful part of the trip: Gurney's equipment was robbed at gunpoint on arrival in Lima; Duits suffered from mountain sickness after first arriving at base camp, forcing the pair to retreat to Cuzco; Gurney sustained frostbite during the climb and later needed hospital treatment, while on the descent to base Duits fell nearly fifty feet into a crevasse and was fortunate to escape without injury.



Three students at Cambridge University sent a camera to the edge of space using a helium balloon for less than £1,000. Carl Morland, Henry Hallam and Robert Fryers (2005) attached a tiny camera to the balloon, which flew to 32.2km (20 miles) above sea level before bursting and descending by parachute. They hope that Project Nova will show commercial research companies that it is possible to send small rockets into space at minimal cost.

## School Bursary Fund

Several people have asked if we are running a fund or some form of tribute in memory of Malcolm McFarlane. It has been decided that any donations given in memory of Malcolm should go towards the School's Bursary Fund. If you would like to donate, please contact Roly Owers, Development Director – [development@perse.co.uk](mailto:development@perse.co.uk) / 01223 403835.



Richard Allen (2002) – photo courtesy of the Cambridge Evening News.

## Missing OPs

The last newsletter was returned to us for the following Old Perseans:

James Creek (1940)  
Gerald S Jacobs (1949)  
Raymond Vincent (1952)  
Patrick Bapty (1977)  
Dominic Glazebrook (1981)  
Oliver Elkhoury (1986)  
Duncan Mallord (1991)  
Erica Brittan (nee Prince) (1997)

If you can help with any addresses/information, please contact Jennie Wallis on [jwallis@perse.co.uk](mailto:jwallis@perse.co.uk) or 01223 403850

## Deaths

David Bond (1950)  
Hasan Tyabji (1952) died September 2004  
Alastair F Stewart (1955)  
Roger Buck (1975)

## OP Open Day – Wednesday 9 May 2007

Please make a note in your diary – it's a chance to see the working school day; come along and have lunch, meet up with old friends, sit in on lessons and take the time to see what goes on nowadays. It's also the perfect chance to take a look at the plans for the new buildings and to see what progress is being made. Further details will appear in the Spring issue of this newsletter.



J David Harris (1943) paid a visit to The Pelican School in June to talk to the children about his war experiences. David was at Hillel House whilst at The Perse.



OP Dinner – September 2006

## OP Dinner

Friday 28 September 2007: full details will appear in the Summer issue of this newsletter, but in the meantime make a note of it in your diary and if you need help in contacting OPs to organise a group of you, please contact Jennie at the school.

**There will be an OP Dinner in London in March 2007, please contact Duncan Parish or Giles Broom if you are interested in attending –** [Duncan.Parish@hm-treasury.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Duncan.Parish@hm-treasury.x.gsi.gov.uk) or [gilesbroom@hotmail.com](mailto:gilesbroom@hotmail.com)

## Dates for your Diary 2006

Thursday 16 November	School Concert in the Hall	7.30pm
Friday 24 November	Arkwright Technology Lecture in the Lecture Theatre	1.15pm
Tuesday 28 November	Piano and Chamber Concert in the Music Department	7.00pm
Friday 1 December and Saturday 2 December	Lower Sixth Form play in the Theatre	
Thursday 7 December	Wind Bands performing at Addenbrookes' Concourse in aid of charity	12.00–2.00pm
Thursday 14 December	Carol Service in St John's College Chapel	7.30pm

## 2007

Monday 12 March	West Road concert	7.30pm
Tuesday 20 March	Caius College Chapel – Dr Perse Evensong	6.30pm

OPs are very welcome to attend any of the above, but please contact Jennie to let her know if you intend to be there as, in some cases, entry is by ticket only.



Athletics photo 1938 courtesy of Fred Taylor (1940).



Making light work of it all (Young Enterprise) – OPs Julian Revell (1984), Mark Wilkinson (1984), James Perrett (1984 who tragically died in the same year), Catherine Roberts (Perse Girls) and Mark Williams (1984).

# OLD PERSEAN NEWS

Winter Newsletter 2006



## A Message from The President

I'm afraid the School's very successful cricket XI rather saw off our OB's side in the last school match of the year. However some impressive performances were put in by the OBs at the lunch and tea tables and I feel they were not helped either by some ill judged comments about matters largely irrelevant to the cricket from the travelling barmy army of supporters.



We gathered at Gonville and Caius on 29th Sept for our Annual Cambridge Dinner. We were fewer in numbers than the previous year but the usual good time was had by all. The reminiscences of your own peers and other generations never fail to make the evening fly by. It was particularly great to see so many from the 2000 era!

I was given a large map of the world for my last birthday. The idea was that I should stick pins in it to show where my past triumphs on trekking and climbing holidays had taken place. There are quite a few pins but they do look a bit lonely. I'm sure you past Venture Scouts haven't stopped disappearing into the far niches of the planet since leaving school. What about e-mailing me on [ashleyedgar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ashleyedgar@tiscali.co.uk) with brief details of treks and particularly heights achieved around the world? Let's see if we can cover the globe. I imagine I'll have to get a separate map of GB. Is anyone (other than Hugh Vodden) ticking off the Munros?

Ashley Edgar



## Beryl Barry (nee Boothroyd)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Beryl Barry (nee Boothroyd) on Wednesday 4 October 2006. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Keith and their son Christopher at this very sad time. The post-cremation Thanksgiving Service was held in Wesley Methodist Church on Friday October 13th.

In the spring issue of the newsletter we aim to produce a section in celebration of Beryl's life and time at The Perse; please send your memories and recollections to Jennie at the school or via email on [jwallis@perse.co.uk](mailto:jwallis@perse.co.uk)

## Degree Results – Congratulations !

Richard Bowden (2001) was awarded an MEng honours degree in Engineering from Durham.

Eddie Copeland (2002) was awarded a 1st from Bristol for his politics and philosophy degree and was awarded the politics prize for best overall performance in the Department.

Simon Domone (2002) gained a 2:1 from Oxford in engineering.

Philip Dunn (2002) gained a 1st at Bristol and is going on to do his PhD.

Giles Mallindine (2003) graduated from Bristol with a 2:1.

Edward Stone (2001) gained a 2:1 from Cambridge in Part III (Chemistry) of the Natural Sciences Physical Tripos, despite breaking his leg during the course of the year.

Roger Winter (2001) has received a 1st from Cambridge and came top of his group doing 'Civil Engineering with Management' and fourth overall including all the civil engineering degrees.

Hakim Yadi (2001) gained a 1st from Bath in Biology.

## Ted Glover (1956)

I attended the Upper School for one year only (1955/56) at the age of 12/13. My classmates included Graeme Finbow, Chris Emery, John Sills, Stewart Stearn, David Driver, David Scudamore and David Bishop. My father, a British citizen and native of Cambridge, was on sabbatical leave from the University of Manitoba, in Canada. At the end of the year we returned to Canada, where I completed my education (eventually earning an honours degree at Queen's University – an institution where my paternal grandfather had once taught).

Upon graduation, I pursued a career in business, spent mainly with four major American multinationals (Procter and Gamble, Pepsico, RJR Nabisco and the Campbell Soup Company). I started out

as a marketing trainee, in Toronto, and progressed to general management and group general management. At various times I lived and worked in Canada, the U.S., South America and Europe. I am now fully retired, and divide my time between London (where I have lived continuously since 1988) and Florida (where I now spend the winters).

I am an avid golfer (14 handicap) and duplicate bridge enthusiast. Other interests include the stock market, international politics and religious history. I have two children and one grandchild. My son lives in Los Angeles, where he hosts a reality TV show and has appeared in three movies. My daughter teaches high school level history, politics and economics, at a private school in Florida.

## Matt Harris (2002)

I have now completed my four year undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Cambridge and have been awarded a first. I now intend to take a graduate-entry, four year medicine conversion course. Next year I will take a gap year, during which I will apply to the various institutions and also take part in three overseas voluntary service placements with a gap year organisation called i-to-i. The first is care work with orphans in the Dominican Republic, the second is humanitarian aid work in Africa and the third is conservation work in China. I would also like to undertake some independent travel, but this really depends on whether I can raise enough cash, not just to cover the gap year expenses, but also to support myself through the medical degree. Hopefully I will commence the medical degree in September 2007.

## Jerry English (1972)

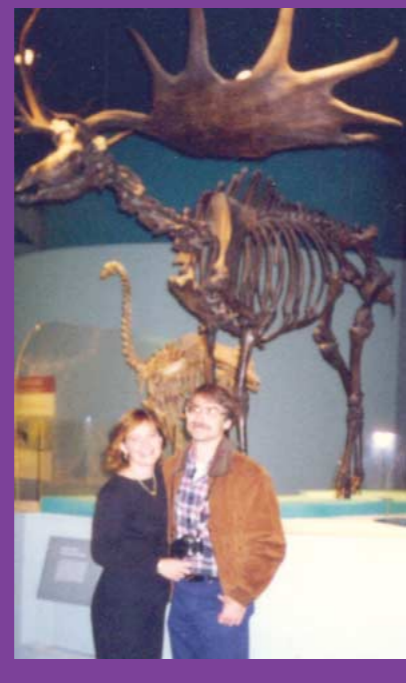
I have stopped working overseas for a while and am now Head of Operations for FB Heliservices, based in exotic Basingstoke. I look after 60 helicopters and 70 pilots and crewmen on a variety of contracts including all the training for Army, Navy and Air Force helicopter pilots in the UK and operations in Belize, Cyprus and Brunei. FBH are currently bidding for the UK Search and Rescue contract due in 2012. Grand-daughter Phoebe lives close by in Wiltshire and has started playschool (I'm far too young for all this, I avow). [www.fbheliservices.com/](http://www.fbheliservices.com/)

## Alex Pillai (1981)

After being introduced to drama via the mummery, and after directing the annual Lower Sixth play, I went on to become a student at the National Film and Television School. Since graduating in 1992, I have been a director of television film dramas and commercials. A fairly complete CV can be found on [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). I am currently about to start shooting a thriller by Lynda LaPlante for ITV. I am married with a daughter, and have recently moved out of London for the leafier environs of Hertfordshire.

## Allen Debus (1967)

I only attended the Perse for one year so probably few if anyone will remember me. After returning to the USA I later graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (BA 1976) with a major in Chemistry and I've been employed with the Environmental Protection Agency for the past quarter century. I'm married with two college-age daughters and I've had some avocational success at writing books concerning 'dinorsauology' with titles such as "Paleoimagery: The Evolution of Dinosaurs in Art" (McFarland Publishers 2002) and Dinosaurs in Fantastic Fiction: A Thematic Survey" (McFarland Publishers Autumn 2006). <http://www.indyrad.iupui.edu/public/jrafert/hellcrek.htm>



## Timothy Deer (2001)

After leaving school I spent a year working in the UK and France as my gap year. In 2002 I started an MA (Hons) European Management Studies at the University of Aberdeen. I graduated in 2006 with a 2.1 and am now employed as a Market Research Executive within the medical and pharmaceutical industries.

## Claire Pallister (1997)

I have been living in Hong Kong for 2 years now and love it out here. I am working for ABN Amro and take part in many activities in my spare time. I am currently running the ABN Amro Oxfam Trailwalker team, a 100 km hike or trail run depending on how insane you are over the hills of HK. I am also a keen dragon boater and will shortly start training for the Action Asia challenge in Macau.



## Peter Kilmister (1963)

I left the Perse in 1963 at the age of 13. I went to school in Birmingham and then started work with IBM in 1967. I worked in various positions with IBM until 1993 when I took voluntary redundancy to start my own business running Personal Skills training courses.

It is great fun and enormously rewarding to help people to learn different skills. I have worked with prestigious companies including Lloyd's of London, BT, and Royal Bank of Scotland. My wife has recently joined me in the business to offer Sales Account Management advice to clients. My wife is always bemused by

my knowledge of all sorts of trivia. She asks me how on earth I know such things and I tell her I learnt it all at the Perse.

We live in a thatched cottage in the tiny Hampshire village of Tichborne and have a chalet in the French Alps. Maybe it was spending the winter of 1962/63 in Cambridgeshire that gave me my love of snow?

I should love to hear from anyone that was a contemporary at the Perse. Send an e-mail to [peter@peakpartners.co.uk](mailto:peter@peakpartners.co.uk) or phone me on 01962-733590.



## Simon Edmundson (1997)

Simon Edmundson (1997) and friends Mike Dann and Tim Tottenham, were winners of the 2006 Sony Polar Challenge: the team, sponsored by GKN, arrived at the 1996 Magnetic North Pole at approximately 1600 on the 28th April and subsequently crossed the finish line to win the 2006 Polar Challenge at 03:15, on the 29th April in a time of 11 days 15 hours and 5 minutes, over 15 hours ahead of the next team! They have now raised over £10,400 for the Laura Crane Trust who research treatments for cancer in teenagers and young adults. [www.northpole2006.org.uk/](http://www.northpole2006.org.uk/)

## Chris Weissberg (1998)

After completing my MEng (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering at Bristol Uni in 2003 I have just completed my 3 year training contract with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Bristol and have qualified as a Chartered Accountant (ACA). I am presently continuing to work as an Executive within Assurance & Business Advisory Services in the Government & Public Sector and Financial Services departments.

## Holly Race (2003)

After leaving Oxford, Holly has been working in London mainly: as an assistant director on several shows, and at the Arcola. In Cambridge working with Menagerie on the Hotbed Festival and as a script reader, and directing workshops with people with learning difficulties, which has proved challenging but very rewarding. Now back in Cambridge, Holly is specialising in devised theatre, new writing, Shakespearean staging and film-making.

## Dennis Low (1996)

Another OP in print. Dennis has had his PhD on Coleridge's daughter, Sara and her contemporaries, turned into print *The Literary Protégées of the Lake Poets* – take a look if you can – <https://www.ashgate.com/shopping/title.asp?key1=&key2=&orig=results&isbn=0%207546%205595%204>

## Claire Harwood (1997)

Having joined Barclays PLC's graduate training scheme I ended up specialising in their Leveraged Finance. I have recently left to join Societe Generale's International Leveraged Finance Team where I am currently based.

## Andy Barber (1971)

I left the Perse school in 1971 entering the brave new world of third level education, or in my case 'life' education. It's where I grew up, mostly. The fact that I had made it at all came as a great surprise not only to my parents, but also to the then Headmaster who told me that I was not University material. Anyway, London beckoned where I trained to become a pharmacist (yes, that means I can work in Boots!). Chelsea was the college, but Arsenal the team. These days it's part of Kings College, but not the one my Headmaster probably had in mind when he, in our very first and only (non-disciplinary) meeting, clearly had me 'sorted'.

I graduated from school with three 'honours'. I shall be eternally grateful to my teachers for their continuous encouragement in these disciplines, passionately so in their vocational calling for hopeless cases. They were my love for science, cricket (didn't make the first XI mind you, took up basket ball instead)

and for chess. I am still involved in all three.

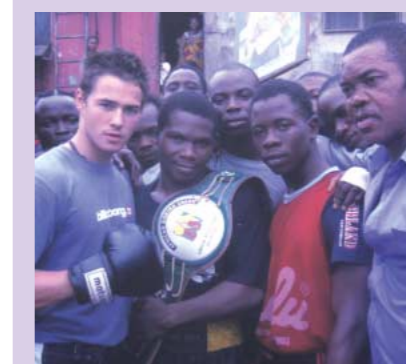
I 'practice' science through my chosen vocation, hospital pharmacy. Entering the third and final phase of my career I have the good fortune to be responsible for a very busy pharmacy department in a large teaching hospital in the West of Ireland. The Addenbrookes of Connaught. Previous to that I had worked in London's Charring Cross hospital (after training initially in Boots – well someone had to), Colchester and Harlow.

As for cricket, I was required to turn out this summer for County Galway Cricket Club (truly, there is cricket in Connaught) and I still play chess via the internet. I have three young children (started late), the oldest boy practices to be a teenager without the full quota of testosterone and the youngest competes with her mother in the shopping stakes. As for the middle guy, he is just pure Gaelic.

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## Jamie Goode (2003)

Jamie had a highly interesting GAP year in Mali, including teaching villagers about the workings of democracy! He also went to Lagos, Nigeria, to make a documentary for Channel 5 which is due to be aired in 2007. He is now at Bath but will be spending his third year of the four year course working for the Foreign Office.



Jamie with the African & Nigerian Welterweight champion – Lagos August 2005



## Simon Akam (2003)

Simon Akam (2003) – featured, as editor of The Oxford Student, in an article *Hold the front page! The students have a story in The Guardian* (20 June 2006). Simon was quoted as saying he wished he could interest the nationals in his heavyweight stories, but unfortunately they seemed to be more interested in scandal, trivia and gossip when it came to Oxford.

## Nick Martin (1965)

Nick Martin (1965) – recently retired as Economic Development Officer for St Edmundsbury Borough Council, and has now taken on the town centre manager's role in Haverhill.



Benjamin Webb (1997), now Director of Intelligent PR in London, presented David Gilmour (1962) with an Old Persean Tie by way of thanks for inviting him to the former Pink Floyd singer's Venice gig in August 2006.

David Potter (1998) – just thought you might like to know that 3 OP's, myself, Anton Fries (1997) and Richard Reed (1993) make up 3 of the 7 Commando Doctors being deployed to Afghanistan in Autumn 2006. I work with the Commando Logistic Regiment, Anton with 42 Commando and Rich with 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery. We are all going to the Helmand Province in Southern Afghan for approx 6 months. All that CCF paid off, though I think Rich was CCF Navy, and is now an Army Commando, Anton was Army CCF and is now a Navy Commando and I was RAF CCF and am a Navy Commando.

Joining David, Anton and Richard in Afghanistan, from the Army are Alex Fries (1998) and Tom Hogan (1998).

Robert Dunn (1999) – gained a Cambridge half blue in archery in May.

Charlotte Mallindine (2001) qualified as a pharmacist and has taken up a post at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead.