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Commentary

Many thanks to our Chairman, **Michael Baker** (c & W 1956-65) who retired this summer after leading the OG Club through a period of rapid change. His business sense has proved a vital ingredient in the developments in the Club.

Two long standing committee members **Dr Richard Maxwell** (OSH 1959-65) and **Richard Youngs** (c & W 1955-61) also retired from the OG Committee. Many congratulations to both of them for their loyal support, and all good wishes for a very happy retirement.

Many congratulations to our retiring President **John Cushing** (c & H 1949-57) who has produced and directed the Thursford Christmas Spectacular for the past 33 years. He was delighted and honoured that Prince William and his then fiancée Miss Catherine Middleton chose to attend the show in late December 2010 as their first public appearance together since the announcement of their engagement. At the end of the show they were presented to the entire Cast. The evening raised £35,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.



Here and There

A large audience heard Old Greshamian **Sir Harold Atcherley** (W 1932-35) speak to the History Society about his experiences as a Far East Prisoner of War.

An Intelligence Corps staff captain under General Percival at HQ 18 Division when Singapore fell to the Japanese in 1942, Sir Harold spent the rest of the war in Changi Jail, apart from a period of about nine months working as a slave labourer on the Burma-Siam "Death Railway".

In a powerful and moving address, Sir Harold described vividly the privations, maltreatment and disease that he and his fellow prisoners endured for three and a half years. Casual brutality, savage punishments, starvation, exhaustion and illness meant that out of the original 1,600 men of his group sent up-country, fewer than 200 survived until the end of the war. The talk was, it was generally agreed, an unforgettable experience for those who attended. Not the least remarkable aspect was Sir Harold's complete absence of any feelings of resentment or bitterness.

Common reactions by pupils, staff and visitors alike were: "spellbinding", "marvellous", "quite wonderful", "amazing", "the best talk ever", "humbling".

It was interesting to note that Sir Harold had known another O.G. in 18 Division, Lt. Col. (later Brigadier) **Sir Philip Toosey** (W 1917-22), who played a heroic role as a prisoner on the River Kwai. Sir Harold's experiences are recounted in his diary, War Diary: Singapore, Siam & Burma 1941-1945, illustrated by fellow prisoner Ronald Searle.

We were delighted to welcome to the Nicholson Gallery an exhibition dedicated to the photographs and paintings of eminent old Greshamian, **Humphrey Spender** (H 1924-29) younger brother of poet Sir Stephen Spender and third son of Harold Spender, Liberal journalist and writer and co-founder of the Boys' Club movement with Arnold Toynbee.

Working for Mass Observation, he was one of the pioneers of photo documentaries. The pictures he took in the 1930s in the North West of England document that place and time with extraordinary vividness. On display at Gresham's were stunning shots



from the Jarrow Hunger Marches, street scenes and Royal Navy vessels at sea in the Second World War.

After the war Humphrey largely gave up photography when *Picture Post* stopped doing black and white and became lecturer and tutor in textile design at the Royal College of Art. During his time he became most influential on Industrial Design. This is one of four exhibitions which have travelled from Suffolk and New York to Norfolk. It was curated by Humphrey's widow Rachel Hewitt who attended the opening.

It is often forgotten how enthusiastically the OGs support various charities: the four examples below are just a sample of what we do.

London Children's Camp

The charity is hoping that its planning application to revive a domestic dwelling on the Kessingland site will be successful during December. If so, the charity will conclude negotiations to sell the property and the other parcels of land making up the entire site. This will then enable us to firm up our intention to invest in some form of outward bound facility that will provide wide-ranging opportunities for deserving children and Gresham's students.

We were also delighted to hear that the OG Masonic Lodge is keen to support the rebirth of the London Children's Camp - we are in early discussions with them about a dinner in London in April 2011. Further details will be released soon.

Berlin Marathon

I participated in the 2009 London Marathon whilst in my last year of sixth form which I ran in memory of my House Master Peter Farmer-Wright and raised £3600 for Cancer Research UK flying way over my £2000 goal! I have succeeded in gaining a place in the Berlin Marathon on the 25th of September and now start the mammoth task once again of raising as much money for charity as possible while putting the miles in on the road. I plan to raise money for Help For Heroes and Cancer Research UK. Donations can be made online: www.justgiving.com/Willmore-CancerResearch-UK, or www.justgiving.com/Willmore-HelpForHeroes If you need any more information please contact me on robwillmore@hotmail.co.uk .

Robert Willmore (T 2004-07)

Mongol Rally

Two teams of OGs are preparing to take part in the world-famous Mongol Rally. This July they will be driving from Norfolk/Goodwood to the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar in a Suzuki Swift/Fiat Punto. In undertaking this feat of adventure they are hoping to raise money for charity. Follow the intrepid adventurers by joining their

facebook fan pages.

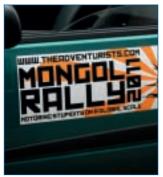
Gin-Soaked Old Ladies - Arabella Peaver (c & E 95-05), **Humphrey Glennie** (k & T 98-05), **Adam Stickler** (k & F 99-06)

Website: www.ginsoaked.weebly.com

Charity: Christina Nobel Children's Home in Ulaanbaatar

(www.cncf.org) and WaterAid.





The Dukes of Haphazard – Sam Sharples (k & W 95-02), Tim Armstrong (k & F 91-02), Rupert Lubbock (k & F 95-02) and Dan Kennedy (F 98-2002)

website:dukesofhaphazard.weebly.com / Charity: Christina Nobel Children's Home in Ulaanbaatar Just giving: www.justgiving.com/dukesofhaphazard

The Book Hive bookshop in Norwich was named as the best independent bookshop in the UK by The Telegraph's Best Small Shop Awards 2011 at a ceremony last night at Millbank Tower, London.



The Book Hive is a bookshop on Norwich's London Street, in The Lanes area of the city. It was founded in late 2009 by **Henry Layte** (k & T 1987-95), a Norfolk man who had returned to the city after 10 years away. It is staffed and run by him, with part time help from James Elliott, a recent graduate of the UEA creative writing course who lives in Wymondham.



This award lifts the profile of both the shop and Norwich onto the National platform, again. Over the last year The Book Hive has featured in four national BBC broadcasts and was recently the lead feature in an article about the city in The New York Times.



The Book Hive, 53 London Street, Norwich, NR2 1HL. (Courtesy of the EDP)

The School Organ

Nathan Waring (Head of Music at the Prep School) writes:

In October 2010, work to remove the unfortunately long defunct Conacher organ from the school chapel was started and in between two weddings on consecutive weekends, the organ was completely removed. The result of this action has given the school a much needed performance space at the West end of the Chapel and has revealed the memorial window which now casts a glorious light on the many chapel services and concerts that take place. Exposing the stone work on the floor has also improved the acoustic which has long been something of a struggle for certainly choirs of younger voices. Many of the pipes have been taken to be reused in organ restorations around the county but as a tribute to those school pupils who helped build the organ in the Chapel in the 1960s, 7 of the largest pipes were recently mounted on the outside wall of the Prep School's Music School. They were unveiled in a special ceremony on the day of the Royal Wedding (April 29th 2011) amidst a trumpet fanfare specially composed for the occasion by a Year 7 pupils.

Ben Youngs (T 1996-05) who plays for Leicester Tigers, gained his first England cap as scrum half in the Calcutta Cup match against Scotland, following in the footsteps of his father Nick who played for England in the same position. In June he scored the winning try for England against Australia. (See page 73)

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre last year staged Howard Brenton's latest play Anne Boleyn with **Miranda Raison** (E 1990-91) in the title role and the show clearly sold enough theatre tickets to warrant a return. Indeed thanks to its sell-out run in 2010

Festival Theatre.

Old Greshamian Magazine

it has been announced that the show is set to return to the Globe in 2011 with Miranda Raison returning to the lead role. Miranda is best known to audiences for hor role in the hit televicion series "Speeke" though she has also

her role in the hit television series "Spooks" though she has also appeared in a wealth of other television programmes over the years, including "Doctor Who", "Plus One", "Married Single Other" and the Woody Allen movie "Match Point". For the stage London theatre audiences may recognise her for credits like "Anne Boleyn" at Shakespeare's Globe in 2010, "Henry VIII", in the same role, at the Globe in 2010 and "The Man Who Came to Dinner" at the Chichester

The OG Club have generously donated to the school a splendid bust of Benjamin Britten. It is the work of the distinguished sculptor Graham High and will make a fine pair with the bust of Auden in the theatre. The bust was unveiled on Monday 27 September 6.30 in the Auden theatre. A large group of OGs and friends celebrated



Philip John, John Mainstone, Hugh Wright, and John Smart surround Graham High



the launch of Howson of Holt after the unveiling. (See review on page...)
On 18th June **Alan Ponder** organised an OG Cricket dinner in Dave's Diner attended by more than sixty guests who enjoyed a splendid and witty speech by the ex Kent captain Matthew Fleming

Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

Philip Kemp (H 1971-74), a senior airline captain in the USA, visited Norfolk in September to catch up with **Michael Coleridge** (H 1969-74), **Patrick Peal** (W 1967-71), **Ed Howard** (F 1967-72) and others. A highlight of his visit was a day at the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight accompanied by Patrick and Ed.

OG E-Newsletter

We have started e-mailing OGs an electronic newsletter at the end of the Michaelmas and Lent Terms. Thank you for the messages of support – it seems that you are keen to hear from us! If you have not received any previous issues then we probably do not have your e-mail address. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, or if you would like us to feature an article please get in touch at ogclub@greshams.com.

The Key

The school newspaper *The Key* is published electronically at the end of each term and is now available for all OG s to read on the school website (www.greshams.com). If you would like a copy mailed to you please contact The OG Club Office, 01263 714620

OG Data Form

In February we sent out an Information Form to all OGs. Thank you again to those who have returned their forms. We have received a 36% response to date which may seem rather low but it is much in line with that of other schools. However, if you still have that form nestling in your in-tray it would be an enormous help if you could find 10 minutes to go through it and send it back. The information will ensure that you receive the OG literature and invitations to relevant OG events. Once the website has been upgraded (early 2012) we hope to give you the facility to update your details online. If you meet Old Greshamians who have lost touch do please let us have details.

As promised, we entered all completed forms (1468 of them) into a prize draw for a magnum of champagne, which was kindly donated by **Michael Baker**. The lucky winner was **Ian Robins** MBE (k &F 1952-57). The presentation took place in the Wine

Department at Bakers & Larners of Holt on Friday 8 July. Ian was also treated to a tour of the impressive wine cellar!

For reasons of economy we have decided to send one copy only of the magazine per household.

If, however you would like further copies please email ogclub@greshams.com and we will send them to you. The OG Calendar seems no longer fit for purpose and we have discontinued it. All dates will be available on the OG website, or via Facebook. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the OG office 01263 714620. Please let the Editor know if you have strong feelings about these changes.



Many thanks to Richard Peaver who has, as usual, provided so much information about OGs within this issue. Thanks also to Mary Cokayne (Foundation/OG Administrator) for her help throughout the year, and to Joanna Womack for her photos of the Chapel.

John Smart (Editor) and Jo Thomas-Howard (Assistant Editor)

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Rolex. A very rare stainless steel auto centre seconds bracelet watch with rare 3-6-9 Explorer type dial. Sourced in Norfolk and sold in London in June 2011.

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Events and Reunions

SEPTEMBER

Lunch for 67-72 Leavers

Sat 17th Sept – Big School

OG London Dinner

Thu 22nd Sept – Farmers and Fletchers Hall Farfield Centenary Sat 24th Sept – Farfield

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

West Country Dinner

Thursday 20th Oct

Bath Golf Club
Organized by Roger Wain-Heapy

Lunch for 73 - 78 Leavers

Sat 5th Nov - Big School Dinner for 2001 Leavers Sat 19th Nov - Big School Organised by *Lucie Spooner*

APRIL (2012)

Lunch for 79 - 83 Leavers

Sat 28th Apr* - Big School

MAY(2012)

OSH Reunion Dinner

Sat 12 May* - OSH & Big School

JUNE (2012)

OG Summer Festival (including 20/20 cricket and swimming gala)

SEPTEMBER (2 0 1 2)

Lunch for 84 - 88 Leavers

Date to be confirmed - Big School

OCTOBER (2 0 1 2)

Lunch for 89 - 92 Leavers

Date to be confirmed - Big School

A grand reunion to celebrate **25 years of Edinburgh House** is also being planned for November 2012. More details later.

West Country Dinner

(Thursday 20 October 2011)

Roger Wain-Heapy (c & W 1955-62) has kindly offered to organise a dinner for OGs who live in the West Country.

The dinner will take place on Thursday, October 20th at Bath Golf Club, drinks at 6.15 pm, followed by dinner at 7.15 pm. The price will be £30 If you would like to attend please get in touch with Roger (e-mail: rwhbath@btinternet.com)

OSH Reunion

(Saturday 12 May 2012 date tbc)
This event is planned for 2012. The initial plans are: Drinks in Old School House, followed by a dinner in Big School. Partners are very welcome. We have already heard from some Old Boys who are actively getting tables together. If you would like a list of contact details for your year group, please get in touch with the OG Office.

OG Magazine

The OG Magazine has gone green.

From the time of George Howson Greshams has always enjoyed its close links with the rich Norfolk countryside, its flora and fauna. It has produced naturalists and broadcasters including David Lack, G Evelyn Simpson and Dick Bagnell-Oakeley, and contemporary artists sutch as Molly Garnier and Chris Wright.

It is important that we carry on this tradition of respecting our countryside and the larger environment.

Barnwell Print work hard with their suppliers to ensure that their own footprint is as green as possible. To this end we are pleased to announce that by carbon offsetting this magazine has not only offset 1178 kgs of carbon (the equivalent of 3455 car miles neutralised), but also saved 232 Sgm² of critically threatened tropical forests.



Arbor Day (1904)

OG Reunions



1949-54



Pre-1949



1961-66

Reunion Lunches

The OG Club has embarked upon a series of events for specific year groups, with the aim of bringing together past pupils of various vintages and providing an opportunity for them to see the various recent developments at the School, as well as to learn about future plans.

The occasions start with a short Chapel service at 12 noon, after which drinks and lunch are served in Big School. After the meal guests are given the opportunity to visit houses, explore the grounds and watch matches. Afternoon tea is then available from 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.

All former pupils are welcome.

The school archivist, Liz Larby, produces a display of old photographs of the period and visits to the archives (based in Howson's) are very popular.

In last year's OG Magazine we gave you details about the first of these reunions, which was arranged for former pupils who left between 1955-1960. Since then we have hosted another three of these events for the following year groups: Pre-49 leavers, 1949-1954 and 1961-1966. A full guest list for each event is available online www.ogclub.com

Fishmongers' Hall Drinks Party

One hundred guests attended a Drinks Party On 5 October 2010 a at Fishmongers' Hall for those who lived or worked in London and the Home Counties. The Headmaster, Philip John, talked about the School and its plans for the future, including a new Music School.



John Arkell, Philip John, Hugh Wright



Nicholas Dansie, Paul Godfrey & Jacqueline Blansom



Robin Barnes, James Blackburn, Hugh Christey



Jean Arkell, Sarah Reed, John Arkell, Jill & Hugh Wright



Duncan Cargill, Rachel & Ali

Cambridge Dinner

A dinner was held in February at Queens' College, Cambridge, for OGs living in Cambridgeshire. This was probably the first such event for nearly 30 years, and was attended by 36 people, including OGs, their partners and retired staff. Drinks were served beforehand in the Old Senior Common Room, while the meal itself was served in the impressive setting of the mediaeval Munro Room, which was filled to capacity. The evening was much enjoyed and OGs were still sitting and talking at 11.00 p m.

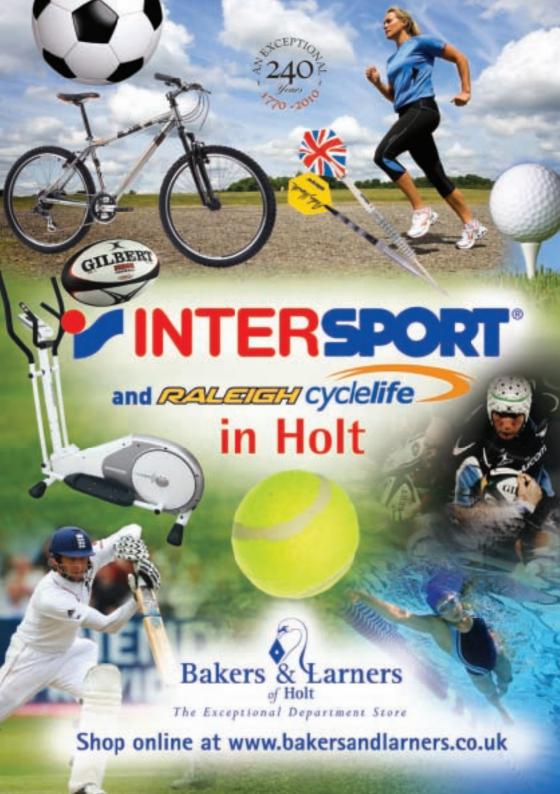
OG Summer Festival 2011

On Sunday 19 June we had the first OG Summer Festival, the brainchild of **Alex Bartlam** who, along with Jo Thomas Howard, had worked tirelessly on the project. Alex wrote:

The weather very much worked against us, but in spite of the constant rain, many of the sports tournaments went ahead, a few stall holders persevered and the BBQ was lit! The event concept was to combine OG sports tournaments with a family fun day. Hockey, football, cricket, swimming, tennis and netball were all organised. Amazingly, only the tennis was a complete wash out. In true Gresham's spirit, the rest played on (in one form or another!)



Alex Bartlam and friends



Several children's activities were planned. The face painter/balloon tying was a huge success, as was the arts and crafts area. Many a fathers' day card was created! However, sadly there were no children's races, no abseiling off the chapel and no rounders. There was a nearest the pin golf competition on offer as well, for adults and children, but the rain won that too! Evan Tuck supervised a splendid swimming gala. There were two stall holders willing to stand up to the weather conditions and two other companies sent along products that were displayed and given out. These stalls added a great dimension to event, but was not capitalised on this year. We would very much like to expand this idea next year. The BBQ and beer tent played their parts very well and were much appreciated by competitors and families alike. The event had no admission fee and everything on sale was offered at a discounted rate.

Overall it was a very successful day and those who braved the rain had a wonderful time. The OG Summer Festival will become an annual event, with next year's being in June (exact date tbc). More information can be found on the OG website or our facebook page – OG Club, Gresham's School.

Alexandra Bartlam (c & B 1990-97)



Planning your own reunion?

The following events were arranged by former pupils, with assistance from the OG Office. If you would like to organise a get-together for contemporaries and friends, either at the school or elsewhere, we would be pleased to help and provide contact information for your quest list.

1990 Leavers' Reunion

Andrew Nelstrop organised a gettogether for his year group (1990 leavers) on Saturday 24th July. Friends met on the Chapel lawn for drinks before going on to a local pub for dinner.



Andrew Nelstrop, Sarah Charlton (née Harrison), Catherine Harhalakis (née Rolfe), Caroline Richardson (née Bristeir)



Simon Lind, George Youngs, Heather Simpson (née Black), Iain Barnett, Ben Shrive

Forty years on... 1960s OGs meet again

An intrepid group of OGs revisited the school in August after one former pupil raised the challenge of finding his long-lost Farfield pal from the 1960s. The result was a small mix of OGs from Howson's, Woodlands and Farfield, many of whom had actually become friends after leaving Gresham's. Hil Baines travelled from his home of nearly 40 years in Rio de Janiero, Brazil to renew his friendship with Frank Rycroft, who had actually been informed of Baines' early demise! This was the impetus for others to meet up for a tour of the school with their wives and partners before a reunion party nearby. Also there was Peter Darbishire from Canada, Jeremy Falkus of Surrey, Tony Pringle of Suffolk and Laurence Vulliamy of Cambridgeshire. The group was provided with a tour of Farfield, Howson's and Woodlands, Big School, the Chapel and the many new facilities built since their departure from the school. Their friend Richard Mansfield, who is now deputy head of the prep school, was able to show them behind many locked doors, where memories were exchanged and tales embellished



Malena & Jerry Falkus, Frank & Celia Rycroft, Steve Benson, Richard Mansfield, Peter Darbishire with Irene Hertel, Fernanda & Hil Baines, Caitriona & Laurence Vulliamy. Peter Darbishire (K & H 59-67)

Girls' House Reunion

Former pioneering girls who attended Gresham's as members of The Girls' House up to July 1978, met in London for a long overdue reunion. The Luncheon gathering took place in the elegant surroundings of the Amphitheatre Restaurant, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Many of the girls who attended





Neredah (centre) surrounded by her girls

had not seen each other for more than 30 years. There was lively chatter of schooltimes and happy reminiscing aided by photographs. Toasts were proposed to "The Pioneers," and to Jo Lockhart (former Sports Teacher).

Neredah Baxter delivered messages from girls who are now living abroad and those who could not attend due to work or family commitments; two even arranged to telephone into the party! It was a most happy occasion, thoroughly enjoyed by all, and one which we hope will be repeated in the future.

OG Club Committee

Name

Patrick Peal James Morgan Duncan Baker Ali Cargill John Smart Philip John Michael Baker Mark Seldon Henry Alston Alex Bartlam Tim Brianall Robert Dale Chris Deane Nigel Flower Fiona Gathercole Charlotte Goff Hannah Jones Stephen Pask

Position

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A Word from the Chairman

Always look on the bright side even when events are against you. After an exceptional spring and subsequent hot weather the OG Summer Festival coincided with one of the few wet weekends. In spite of this **Alex Bartlam** (née Buch) and her team produced a highly successful inaugural Festival. It engaged many younger OG's and bodes well for the future. For the older OG's the 61-66 leavers reunion lunch in Big School was a huge success. It's amazing how people you have not seen for 50 years are still instantly recognisable.

The OG Club and school now operate as a team and have termly meetings with the Headmaster.

Your club is in excellent health and is more than willing to sponsor approved OG activities, contact Jo Thomas-Howard at The OG Club office for more information. Over the last three years the club has developed an up to date database, refreshed club merchandise, offered stronger links with the school and organized many more OG activities

Finally, a potential sale of the London Children's Camp paving the way for an outward bound facility in the Peak District; special thanks to **James Morgan** and **Michael Goff** for their efforts with this.

I have reached the end of my three year tenure and am happy to hand over the reins to **Patrick Peal.** I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the committee and Jo for their help.

Michael Baker Chairman OG Club 2008-11



Annual General Meeting

Sunday 26th June 2011 Library, Senior School

Attending:

Michael Baker (Chairman), Patrick Peal (Vice Chairman), Michael Goff (OG Governor), James Morgan (Treasurer), Ali Cargill (Honorary Secretary),

John Smart (OG Club Co-ordinator), Philip John (Headmaster), Duncan Baker, Robert Dale, Mark Seldon,

Jo Thomas-Howard, Henry Percy-Pole, Stephen Pask

Apologies:

Henry Alston, Alex Bartlam, Tim Brignall, John Cushing, Christopher Deane, Fiona Gathercole, Nigel Flower, Hannah Jones, John Lintott

Minutes from last meeting & matters arising:

Minutes of last meeting (20th June 2010) - were approved as a true record.

Honorary Members – the Committee recommended and unanimously agreed that the following staff: **Evan Tuck** (swimming coach 31 years) and **Maureen Dimsdale** (Howson's Matron 29 years), be invited to become Honorary members of the OG Club in recognition of their long and valued service to the school.

Election and re-election of officers

MB announced his retirement, and thanked the Club and added that so much had happened during this time as Chairman. MB proposed the current Vice Chairman PP be elected as the new Chairman. There were no other nominations. MB welcomed PP to this new position. PP thanked MB for the sterling work he has done especially building up stronger relationships with the School

The other officers were all proposed, seconded and elected as follows:

Vice-Chairman – James Morgan

Treasurer – Duncan Baker

Secretary – Ali Cargill

Co-ordinator – John Smart

The Committee thanked the outgoing Treasurer JM for the work he has done on behalf of the OG Club and LCC keeping the books in a healthy position which now leaves the Club in a position to do some real good.

The following members would like to continue for another term: Henry Alston, Alex Bartlam, Robert Dale, Chris Deane, Fiona Gathercole, Hannah Jones, Mark Seldon. New Committee Members – Charlotte Goff (O 96-01) and Stephen

Pask (F 56-61) were proposed and accepted. Concern was raised concerning the poor representation of female OGs on the Committee. PP gave his wholehearted support to actively encourage this as it would give the Committee more balance.

Appointment of OG Governor – PP thanked MG for his time as OG Governor, adding that he made an outstanding Governor, adding that it was tradition for the outgoing Chairman to take on this role. The committee unanimously agreed. MB thanked the committee for their nomination, and for the honour of representing the Club for the next three years.

OG Club Rules – updated OG Rules document was presented. JM confirmed that minor changes had been made to modernise the document. The new rules need 11 months' notice and will be ratified at the 2012 AGM. The Committee approved the changes.

Changes to the OG Subscription - The Governors have agreed to implement a new termly OG subscription. PP added that this will bring in significant extra funding which will change the financial structure of the Club. This new system will also increase club membership as all pupils will become members.

Chairman's Report – Michael Baker

The Club has changed from being a side issue or problem to the school to now being fully integrated. There is a long list of things we are now committed to. Various new events now take place. The 1961-66 reunion lunch shows that people enjoy coming back to school. The hard work of MG has resulted in a huge change in the OG Subscription. The work carried out by JM for the LCC camp has resulted in a major success The Club is positive. There are nowtermly meetings with the Headmaster, and the school is paying more attention to the Club and its members. We are in a strong position and moving forward.

Message from the new Chairman – Patrick Peal

Our aims are now clear. We must reach out to more OGs and widen the database which will help us arrange more far-reaching events. We are better at communicating with our members and we now send out regular newsletters. We must respect the larger income and manage our funding better, which is why we have decided to draft a 5-years business plan. We have enthusiastic members on the committee. Although we need to invite OGs to do more for the school, by improving our representation at the school careers event and help students find work experience. We need to encourage our members to dig deep and give generously.

Treasurer's Report - James Morgan

Full accounts were presented. The portfolio continues to do well, and looks positive for the year. The Committee unanimously accepted the accounts

OG Governor's Report - Michael Goff

This is a sad day for me; I have been on this committee for 30 years. I joined as a newly qualified accountant when the clubs income was very low, and the highlight was the annual OG v school rugby match. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this committee as well as a Governor. There are great plans ahead. Changing the OG subscription has been a long and tortuous route; the governors were initially sceptical but the change will make a massive difference to the Club as everyone who passes through Gresham's will now become an OG. The bond between the bodies is better than it has ever been and the new Chairman of Governors, Andrew Martin Smith, will be a good leader. The Club should always have a list of OGs who they believe are suitable candidates for other places on the Governing Body in case of a vacancy. Thank you for having me as my OG governor.

Club Co-ordinator's Report – John Smart

Many and various events have taken place, ranging from exhibitions, a book publication, sporting events and reunion lunches. The OG magazine is progressing well; Committee members / sporting groups need to send news and photos before the end of July deadline. The Howson Commemoration Lunch has been cancelled because of lack of support. Reunion lunches have replaced it, and, sadly, it may have run its course. The Committee agreed.

The Foundation Report – John Lintott (Foundation Director) – see pages 29-30

Activity Sub-Committees

PP confirmed that all sub committees / sporting clubs have the support of the OG Committee. To ensure they thrive and welcome new members they need to advertise their availability. With support from JTH, news, photos etc can be added to the OG website. Clubs now have dedicated facebook pages which can be updated by the sport coordinators

Any Other Business

The committee talked about the future meeting dates. In future the June meeting/AGM will place on a Saturday not a Sunday.

AC thanked JS for all the work he does as OG Club Co-ordinator. He has worked incredibly hard, keeping information channels open in the school, which some of his predecessors have found it hard to do.

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Headmaster's Report: Speech Day 2011



Prime Warden, My Lords, ladies and gentlemen:

This has been another very good year for the school and we can, in these difficult

times, be very positive about the present. Hardworking students at Gresham's are guaranteed success owing to the sheer dedication of really excellent teaching and support staff, whose caring approach and willingness to go the extra mile is a hallmark of the school, and is what ensures that our equally hardworking parents gain good value for the considerable investment they make in us.

Academic standards continue improve, and last year's Upper Sixth gained a very sound set of A2 and IB results. 74% of all grades at A level were A or B, and a Diploma average of 33 points is again very creditable. The boys did well enough at A level, but the girls clocked up a tremendous 85% A/B grades which excellent an Gresham's achievement. Here at

coeducation works very well indeed (and you will see why I have highlighted this later).

Soon after I arrived at Gresham's three years ago, an elderly male OG introduced himself to me saying "it's too bad, Gresham's is becoming a girlie school". I was able to reply that we value highly the enormous contribution made by our girls, which extends to all sorts of extra-curricular activities, sporting and cultural where, alongside the boys, they gain so much from the rich provision of opportunities here. In fact, it could be argued that our girls' sports teams outshone their male counterparts last year with some particularly pleasing results in both netball and hockey.

mentioned the improving academic standards at the school, but this is no more or less symbolic of our desire to help every pupil to fulfil his or her potential. We want to be improving constantly, as does any organisation which looks to the future, and we have seen plenty of evidence this year of a community that really is vibrant. Schools by sacrificing improve extracurricular activities on the altar of academic achievement: there is a balance to be sought, and here we remain as committed as ever to a plethora of extra-curricular possibilities, including a traditional emphasis on the virtue of competitive team games. Indeed we have recently appointed a Sport Development Director who begins work with us in January, to ensure that we do not fall behind in this most important area of what we do.

Amongst everything that our pupils do so well, I do think that one thing stands out and that is their ability to communicate, particularly orally – such a useful life skill. Of course, in all aspects of life communication is absolutely vital and the school will continue to monitor and where necessary make every effort to improve the way it communicates to you all. As we are all well aware, it is so easy to get it wrong sometimes!

As a school, what are the values we strive to communicate to our pupils? I hope, as Headmaster, to instil a set of values within our pupils that they should attempt to live by within our community. Not 'rules' as such, but rather a code of conduct and aspects of their behaviour that they should be mindful of. Such values are not so much taught as learned, and we as teachers and parents have a responsibility to ensure that we always serve as good role models. So what are these values?

- treating others as you would be treated
- showing forgiveness
- listening to each other
- being honest and living with integrity
- being kind and helpful
- doing your best to be your best.

What I am referring to could be labelled 'traditional' values and I venture to suggest that any community, not just our

own here, would be enhanced if we could adopt such values as often as possible. This brings me nicely on to tradition: not all tradition is good. Whilst tradition is a great part of our heritage, following it should be the result of a conscious thought process. If it fails to prove relevant to our current circumstances or even poses a threat, then it is time to stop, focus on change and move on.

And so to change: Education has changed and along with it school life. The pressure on our pupils is enormous, one exam follows another - and in particular, the pressures on our Sixth Form pupils are greater than ever. Boys and girls compete as equals in the search for an ever decreasing number of university places: (3500 A level students who gained straight A grades last year did not receive one university offer). As a result, there is an unprecedented focus on life, communication and leadership skills: factual knowledge is simply not enough and these things have to be present in a modern education and hence curriculum.

Our pupils must be given the best possible start by preparing them for an ever changing and uncertain life at university and beyond. The current national assessment structure in our schools could, with its focus on modularity, be accused of doing just the opposite. After all it was Bill Gates who said:

"Schools have done away with winners

or losers, but life has not. In some schools they will give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This does not bear the slightest resemblance to anything in life."

Let us hope that the current Government's proposals for curriculum reform identify this problem and consign modular examinations to the education scrap heap.

Two years ago I asked you all to accept challenge that the modern the education system throws at us, and have the courage to embrace change because the reality is simple. The only way for us to outperform our rivals in the long term is to establish a difference we can hold on to. Any Headmaster will tell you that schools do not stand still: they either go backwards or forwards, and I am determined that Gresham's will do the latter. From time to time, governing bodies have to make tough decisions to ensure that their schools move forward. 1900 saw just such a radical change. The school ceased to be simply a local school and became more national, and changes included a new curriculum and facilities which rocketed the school to the forefront of educational reform. We had to wait until the 1970s for governors to make their next reforming decision by agreeing to embrace coeducation.

I also announced two years ago that the governing body and senior staff at Gresham's were to begin working on a new strategic development plan to drive the school forward – the remit of the plan was to be far reaching, tackling such issues as education strategy and developing a new curriculum. There was to be a new provision for the Sixth Form. The new proposals included radical reform of the finance, marketing, governance, management organizational structure of the school and by establishing a strong Foundation, create stronger links with our Alumni association, support a need for improved facilities in boarding, music and sport for example, but most importantly to raise funds for bursaries and scholarships, an issue so closely aligned to our charitable object, which will relieve the burden on existing parents.

That process is now on its way to completion and much has been done over the last academic year to ensure that the infra-structure is in place to support our plans. A great deal has been achieved, but what we have done so far is not enough to take us to where we want to go. It is for that reason that I am not in a position to make any announcements today. I would certainly not wish to be accused of releasing details of such far-reaching plans for the school's future in a piecemeal fashion. But over the next few months. Gresham's stake holders; staff, parents, pupils alumni etc, will hear of our plans for the future and we can then work together to begin to implement them.

This year we say goodbye to our

Chairman of Governors, Anthony Duckworth-Chad. I am certain that the Chairman will make light of his departure when he speaks to you later. I am also certain that he will not draw your attention to the role he personally has played in steering the school as a governor over the last 35 years and as Chairman of Governors for the last 6 vears. It is right that on his final Speech Day, due tribute is paid to him and his fellow Governors for their unstinting commitment to the school. We are fortunate indeed to have a Chairman and governing body here that are deeply loyal and dedicated to Gresham's.

I should like to say a very big thank you to all the staff at Gresham's for everything that they do to make this school the vibrant caring place that it is and to thank you, our parents, for your support and trust. Most of all I should like to thank the pupils for making my job so rewarding and so worthwhile.

Philip John

The Gresham's Foundation

In April the Foundation completed its first year. As you know we have been very busy organising reunions. We have been delighted with how many OGs have come. A number may have been rather unsure about returning having been away so long. Would they know

anybody? Would the School be unrecognisable from their day? They were quickly reassured when returning to the Chapel to find it little changed apart from the recent removal of the old organ to be replaced by a state of the art electronic one. This has opened up a surprisingly large area which has exciting potential for performances, receptions and many other purposes.

Richard Peaver

We were very saddened when Richard Peaver decided to leave the Foundation in April. He was a fantastic source of information about OGs and their connections with the School and he will be sorely missed. We are though very grateful for the help we have received from other ex staff members.

Sir John Gresham Lunch

On Friday 10th June, we had our first Sir John Gresham lunch to which those who had given to the Foundation were invited. Despite being on a Friday it was very well attended and an exceptional meal was much enjoyed. It is planned that this will be an annual event.



John and Carole Mainstone talking to Logie Bruce Lockhert

Leaders

Last year we talked about recruiting "leaders" who we would discuss events with and who would go out into the field to support them. We have been steadily collating a long list from staff, present and past. After the most rigorous scrutiny, we will write to the select few shortly – a bit like that nerve wracking wait for the Olympic tickets but we hope the selection is rather better!

Generous Donations

We have very exciting news that the Fishmongers' Company Charitable Trust has made a most generous donation of £300,000 to such building project as the Foundation and the Governors agree on. Although a decision has not been made it is very much hoped that it will be earmarked for the new Music School, the detailed plans for which are steadily progressing. Also, the Fishmongers' have confirmed their very generous ongoing contribution to the School's Bursaries.



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Website

Finally, we are steadily developing the websites for the Foundation (www.greshams.com/About-Us/The-Foundation.aspx) and the OG Club (www.ogclub.com). Do go on to these from time to time to see the latest news and also publications and merchandise that are available.

The address of the Foundation is Old School House, Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB (Tel: 01263 714620, Fax: 01263 712028, email: foundation@greshams.com). The Foundation staff are pleased to welcome visitors at any time. More information can be found on the website, from which donation forms and other documents can be downloaded.

John Lintott

Foundation Director ilintott@greshams.com

Your School Archive

Established in 2005 as part of the 450th anniversary celebrations the School Archives has been rescuing material to help preserve the long history of Gresham's for posterity for the past five years. Originally, it was long-neglected documents and photograph albums from the damp Library basement that were saved, but since then a huge amount of material has been added, much of it donated by O G 's. A recent treasure unearthed in Old School House is a bronze medal awarded to Gresham's for its contribution to international peace in the inter-war years. Other gems include school registers from the nineteenth century, pupil diaries and books about O G 's, as well as a cricket bat belonging to late nineteenth headmaster Reverend Roberts.

From humble beginnings behind the stage in Tallis, the collection now has more salubrious and appropriate accommodation in a suite of day boys' studies in Howson's.

The Archive is mainly used to help answer the many historical enquiries from the public about the School, many of which involve family history research into O G 's. Academics visit to carry out research into our scientists, poets, musicians or our notorious spies, whilst members of staff use it to find information for talks to the History Society on characters such as the founder Sir John Gresham. Displays are prepared for Open Day and Speech Day, as well to commemorate anniversaries, and

articles on famous O G 's and topics like the history of boarding houses appear in the O G magazine and website.

Most public schools such as Harrow and Westminster have archives and it is interesting to meet other archivists and exchange information and advice at our annual conference. On a recent visit to Charterhouse. I spent some time learning of their successful World War I history project where pupils use the school archives and the internet to research one of the fallen from their School, tracing their life from classroom to cemetery.

With Simon Kinder, Head of History at Gresham's, we are introducing a pilot project here with two classes of 3rd Form. Pupils will research an O G who fought and died in the Great War using sources in the archives and internet websites in the library. They will find out about his early life and school career, as well as researching his career after school and in the armed forces. This is a continuation of the excellent research work by Sue Smart and her pupils for her book *When Heroes Die* and we are hoping to offer a prize for the best project."

Simon Kinder added, "We have this huge resource at our fingertips and the pupils are incredibly lucky to have access to such first-hand sources. I am really keen for them to explore and utilise it to the full. Liz has been doing an amazing job cataloguing the material and who knows what else may turn up as we make it more accessible to everyone!"



Honours

We congratulate two Old Greshamians who have been made MBEs in the Queen's New Year's Honour List:

John Child (F 1954-57), who lives in Wood Dalling, near Reepham, has been director of the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind for 18 years. The 69-year-old said: "I have been doing this job since 1992. I do believe that we as a team make a massive difference to people's lives and we treat people as we would like to be treated ourselves." He said since he had taken on the role after leaving the army the charity had taken more services out into the community since he joined. Despite having no state funding, they spend £600,000 helping blind people in Norfolk each year. He paid tribute to the other trustees and volunteers of the charity. "It was very nice to receive the letter. It was a complete surprise and I'm very honoured and really chuffed," he said.

Russ Dacre (T 1992-97), who helped create a drink and alcohol free venue in Norfolk as the former director of the Open Youth Trust in Norwich, was also made an MBE. Mr Dacre helped spearhead the Open Youth venue project which has opened at the Grade II listed former Barclays Bank building in Bank Plain, Norwich. The venue, which opened in October last year, was transformed from a 19th century bank into the

country's first under 18s nightclub which has a capacity of 1,100, a climbing wall and a media centre with free use of the internet. Mr Dacre, 31, said he was "surprised" to have been recognised with the honour. He said: "I thought someone was having a laugh - it wasn't something I expected at all. You don't ever do these things to get recognised or honoured, so it was a massive surprise." Mr Dacre, who has had to battle his own drink issues in the past, said the Open Youth venue came about because of a desire to create a safe place for young people in the city.

He said: "That was the main driving force - to provide an alternative to a drug and alcohol culture for young people and I certainly feel that's

what we've achieved."

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School Honour Boards

The School is currently in the process of updating the Honours Boards. We would be grateful if you could let us know of any achievements from 2006 onwards which you believe should be recorded. We appreciate that you may have already provided this information via the OG Information Form. If this is the case the information will be passed on.

The achievements we have traditionally recorded are:

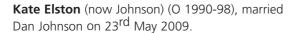
- 1st class honours degrees
- University scholarships/major prizes
- National honours (we do not record Members or Officers of an Order, but we do record Companions, Commanders and above)
- Knighthoods (Knights Bachelor and Knighthoods of an Order)
- Life Peerages and Heads of State
- Significant foreign honours
- Fellowships of the Royal Society (and equivalent)
- Nobel Prizes
- Bishoprics and Archidiaconates
- Olympic medals (but not Blues or participation in national teams)

Inevitably, some achievements will have fallen through the net and we are considering the possibility of a separate Honours Board for these. We are also conscious of the fact that we have not, in the past, recorded military decorations for valour and we may also consider a separate Board for them.

David Miles, Deputy Head (Academic) Email: dmiles@greshams.com Tel 01263 714514

Marriages and Engagements

Olivia Buch (now Macfarlane) (E 1990-95) writes: I got married in summer 2010 to Mark Douglas Macfarlane. We had a civil ceremony in Chelsea, London on July 17th and then celebrated with a blessing on August 21st in the garden at home in Booton Hall. We are expecting our first baby on New Year's Eve!





Lucy Foulds (now Riley) (O 2000-05) was married in September 2010 to Timothy Riley. Richard Peaver (S) played the organ at the wedding.

James Fulford (H 1993-98) married Sophie Croydon in Norwich Cathedral on 30 January 2010. Robert Fulford was best man. Several OGs attended the wedding including Humphrey Berney who sang at the ceremony.



On Friday 6th May 2011 **Will Goff** (W 1999-04) married Nicky Barker at Blakeney Church. It was a wonderful occasion and the sun shone all day! OG's were well represented in the guest list and Mark Jones kindly brought the School choir. The best man was Richard Hammond (W 1999-04) and the ushers included Tom Sands (2001-04). James Alston (W 1997-04) and Nick Harrold (H 1995-02).

Nicholas Jones (F 1967-72) has married Beth Steiner Jones.

Toby Main (k & H 1991-01) married Emma Jenkin on 23 July 2011at Wiveton Church. James Barclay was an usher. Elisabeth Rooke played the organ and husband Howard was in charge of the bell-ringing.

James Rooney (k & H 1988-99) is engaged to Eliza Murray Willis.

Richard Smith (F 1995-2000) sends news: 'I am engaged to Nuria Gonzalez-Rabade and we are both moving to Mexico (back home for Nuria) for a couple of years to work and brush up on my Spanish.'

Caroline Taylor (E 1995-99) married Edward Fitzalan Howard in 2009.

OG News

K. H. Taylor (H 1936-41). Under the name Ken Taylor, he has written the scripts for some hundred hours of television drama in a career spanning more than four decades. In 1964 The Devil and John Brown received the Best Original Teleplay Award of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain. In the same year, he was named Writer of the Year by the Guild of Television Writers and Directors for his trilogy of television plays The Seekers. The Jewel in the Crown, adapted from Paul Scott's Raj Quartet novels as a 15-hour mini-series, earned Ken an Emmy nomination in 1984, along with the award as Writer of the Year from the Royal Television Society, while his 1992 adaptation of Mary Wesley's The Camomile Lawn received a BAFTA nomination. In 1953, Taylor married Gillian Dorothea Black and they have two sons and two daughters. One son is the Liberal Democrat peer Lord Taylor.

Joe Hardwick (k & W 1942-50) Many thanks for the invite for the 6th Nov reunions... I would have loved to have attended, but I am in Portugal/Algarve for the winter... I would though try to attend the next Woodlands re-union when it comes up again.

He writes: I joined Gresham's as a day boy in Newquay as I was born there. My Dad was a Doctor in Newquay as was my grandfather. After the war I and 21 other day boys came back to Holt with the School to stay in Kenwyn first then I went to Woodlands under Max Parsons.

I managed to get into the School Hockey team, got my colours at left wing with Jacques van Buuren at right wing, we were never beaten at the Public schools hockey festival at Oxford. Our team produced quite a few England players: lan Fisher, John/Peter Drinkwater, Peter Croft, to name a few. I was also Bugle Sergeant in the Band and I often played the last post in the chapel on Remembrance Sunday. I joined the choir, so we could meet up with the girls at RUNTON HILL SCHOOL choir!!



Gresham's was a wonderful start to my career and at the time I was set on going into the hotel business. Max Parsons had

fixed me up with an interview at the Waldorf Astoria in the Strand...where I would join after my national service in the Army... On coming out of the Army in 1952, I just did not fancy the hotel business.

To cut a long story short I turned Professional Golfer on 1st April1953 and was attached to Coombe Hill GC under 1939 Open Champion Richard Burton. In 1956 I went to The Royal Calcutta GC and was there till 1965, when I went to The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club where I was Pro for 30 yrs... I retired in 1995 after having given in my career 100,000 lessons, so you can see I have friends all over the World.

Gresham's and National Service taught me how to deal with people, which has served me well all my life. I see from time to time Stewart Maclachlan, Anthony Baker, Russell Norris, Peter Morton. I hope the 1949-1954 re-union goes well. My best wishes to all, especially Peter Corran.



Christopher (Chris) J Nicholson, (OSH 1960-65) reports: I am no longer in paid employment after leaving a hospital management post in the NHS in 2004. I now have more time to pursue other interests including working with a Christian disability charity "Through the Roof".

Peter Huntsman (c & W 1962-69) writes: I'm still working full time as a patent attorney and partner at Davies Collison Cave but am also two years in to a three year term as the international president of the Federation Internationale des Conseils en Propriete Interlectuelle (accents are too difficult: FICPI: the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys; which keeps me busy travelling the world as well as communicating with members and others. I still have family in England and often get back, including to Norfolk where we still have a house in Brancaster Staithe. My escape remains sailing, and I recently sailed the 40ft Cavalier I race on back from Vanuatu to Australia

Nick Tudor-Jones (T 1963-68) took a degree in Geology in 1972 at Leicester University and worked for 21 years for a major construction company as a design co-ordinator, but has now gone part-time. He and his wife have two children in their early 30s, both living in London.

James Fox (c & F 1964-71) is married to Claire and has 2 children. He has been in Social Work for many years, doing an MA at Bangor and afterwards working for Cheshire Social Services. specialised in Mental Health from 1985 to 2008 as an Approved Social Worker and trainer. In 2009, he became Workforce Development Manager with the newly-established Cheshire East Council. Outside work, he still sails. Before the arrival of their children, he and his wife had a career break, sailing to the Greek Islands, where they worked in the yacht charter and flotilla business for 2½ years.

Simon Wilton (H 1964-67) writes: Thank you for my recent copy of the OG e-newsletter. I was particularly pleased to see the likes of Rycroft, Darbishire and Mansfield on the back page, as they were contemporaries of mine when I was in Howsons. Haven't seen them since, but they don't look any different from 40+ years ago! I am away down in the Falkland Islands at the moment (where I have a house), until March, but it would be nice to catch up at some point.



Christopher Monckton (H 1967-72) won a choral scholarship to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he read English Literature and Language and French Classical Drama. He subsequently became successively Organist of the Basilica Minor of Notre-Dame at Nice in the South of France, and assistant Director of Music of a choir school at nearby Grasse. He has performed as a singer. conductor. organist in most accompanist European countries, most recently giving organ recitals in Melk Abbey, Nuremberg, Weltenburg. Florence. Hastings. Evesham and Chichester. Since 1996, he has worked regularly as a freelance lecturer in cultural history to Fine Arts Societies, History Societies and similar clubs and groups in England and France, and has led cultural tours throughout Europe and beyond, specialising in Art, History, Architecture and the Classics as well as Music.



David Widdowson (F 1969-74) is a civil servant and lives in Stafford. This year, he became a grandfather for the first time. He says that most of his contemporaries will have known him as Garry (after Garry Sobers, a nickname started by Peter Absalom in Farfield in 1969 - not because of his cricketing 'ability', but simply referring to the book David was reading when he first arrived at Gresham's).

Richard Green (OSH 1970-75) lives in Glasgow, where he is a chartered accountant in public practice. specialising in personal taxation. He joined the Glasgow University Chapel Choir in his first week at Glasgow University, and only decided it was time to give it up when he discovered that he had been singing in the University Chapel before the new fresher sitting next to him had been born. He values his early training with David Harris in the School Chapel, and has gone on to do several British and overseas tours with the GUCC. He is currently a member of a local choral society, and still uses his dog-eared Gresham's copy of Messiah.

Kenneth Harvey (OSH 1970-75) first started dealing in antiques in the late 1970s in Lincolnshire. After moving to London in 1989, he started working for an antiques business in Kensington Church Street, before taking space at The Old Cinema Antique Centre in

Chiswick, soon followed by a move to The Furniture Cave in Chelsea. Kenneth now trades from one of the biggest and most impressive shops in London and has some 4,500 sq ft showroom space. The variety and quality of his stock spans the centuries and styles, collected not only from auctions and estate sales throughout the UK, but also from regular trips to the Continent and several directly from private sources. He has an international clientele.

Prof. T. Wes Pue (OSH 1970-74) is Vice-Provost of the University of British Columbia

James Cordner (H 1973-78) runs a business specializing in sash window renovation

William Carey (k & H 1974-79) did a short-service commission in The Blues and Royals, leaving the Army at the end of 1984. He then worked in sales for Allied Hambro, Henderson's and James Capel, before co-founding in 1994 an asset management business called Liontrust, which was successfully floated on the LSE in 1999, and from which he stood down as Joint CFO in 2004. Since 2005, he has been involved in various activities, including running a helicopter hire business, participating in setting up a rally team (for young crew), and being co-founder of a political website. He also invested in a small hotel/villa business in

Marrakech and became a Member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He also carves in stone. He has four children and three step-children, ranging in age from 19 to 6, which keeps him on his toes.

Matt Arnold (F 1975-80). After initially working in sales and then backpacking around the world. Matt commissioned into the Royal Navy. becoming a Fleet Air Arm Lynx helicopter pilot in 1986. On leaving the RN in 1991, he worked as a runner on the ITV quiz show Talk About. hefore completing a full-time course in journalism. He secured a job with Capital Radio's *Flying Eye* in 1993, where he navigated Londoners through traffic for two years. In 1995, he left Capital when Janet Street-Porter picked him out to be one of the original presenters on the first national cable TV channel. Live TV, where he covered a variety of showbusiness and sport stories, and interviewed stars such as Arnold 1996 marked the Schwarzenegger. beginning of a regular relationship at HTV in Bristol, where he joined the company as a sports presenter and after three years was promoted to news presenter, also working on documentaries and magazine shows. He next became a sports reporter at Sky In 2002, he presented a documentary on the Glastonbury Festival for ITV1. He joined GMTV in 2003 as the

station's Northern Correspondent and moved to join the London-based team four years later. As well as regularly appearing on camera, Matt often shoots and edits his own reports for GMTV. His hobbies include singing in a band called The Intelligence Men, and he has released two attempts at one-hit wonders with his band! He is married and lives in Surrey with his wife Dominique and their three children.

Stephen Bentley-Klein (OSH 1975-77) trained at the Manhattan School of Music in New York and the Guildhall School in London. Since then, he has been working as an orchestrator on film and television scores. Butterfly Man is Steve's first feature film score as composer. Previously, he has worked with such musicians as David Byrne and Rod Stewart, and was the orchestrator and arranger on three of Morcheeba's albums. Currently, he is working on Morcheeba vocalist Sky Edwards's solo album. His compositions include a requiem for 9/11.

Captain Thomas Brewis (OSH 1975-80) flies B767 and B757 passenger jets worldwide for Thomson Airways and is a CAA examiner on these aircraft.

Sarah Harrison (k & GH 1975-82) was from 1994-99 the first Director of ICSTIS, the UK industry regulator for premium rate telephone services. She

joined Ofgem in September 1999 as Communications Director, being appointed Managing Director, Corporate Affairs, in 2005

David Lufkin (k & T 1977-86) is Group Head of Sales & Marketing / Senior Vice President, Petrofac Engineering & Construction, in Dubai. He is married with a 12-year old daughter.

John Bottom (k & F 1978-85) been in contact with a number of OGs, who organise an annual golf weekend in memory of the late James Bailey (F 1978-85). There is also a regular OG card school at the Oxford & Cambridge Club in Pall Mall! John co-founded Base One, a marketing agency, in 2000 and is happily engaged in running that, and rearing a family of two in Ealing, with his wife, Stephanie.

Sally Curtis (now Hawkins) (c & O 1978-87) is married to David, a ship broker, and has two boys. She lived in Singapore for three years, but is now back in the UK. She has worked in Public Relations since leaving Durham University and is currently the Creative Director and Board member at The Communication Group, a London-based company.

Mary Porch (O 1978-80) works as Marketing Manager for Kester Cunningham John Solicitors.

Simon Coles (H 1979-84) still sometimes quotes from AO French days in a business context! He reports that his sister **Hester Coles** (E 1986-89) is living in India with her Israeli husband and three children.

Babatunde Onitiri (OSH 1979-81) read Engineering Science and Economics at Oxford University and then attended the International University of Japan in Niigata, as a Japanese Government Scholar. He also holds an MBA in Finance, an MA in Management and International Studies from the University

of Pennsylvania and an MS in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University. Since 2004. he has been the International Finance Corporation Country Manager for Angola and Mozambique, based in Maputo. He is responsible for coordinating "South-South" investments for the IFC Africa sub-Saharan Africa Department. Prior to this, he was Assistant Director at Emerging Markets Partnership, a private equity firm based in Washington DC, where he was a key member of the team that managed the \$400 million AIG African Infrastructure Fund

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Charles Rowley (c & H 1979-87) is currently Head of New Technology at GKN, for whom he has worked since completing his MSc at Loughborough University. He is married to **Helen Taylor** (now Rowley) (O 1985-87), a primary school teacher. They have a little girl, Kathleen.

Lizzie Moir (now Shell) (k & O 1980-87) wrote: Following Law with French degree at Birmingham University worked in Birmingham as a lawyer for a further six years. Finally took my "gap" year aged 29. Travelled the world solo for 11 months. Lots of hiking. travelling through Asia, Australasia and Latin America! On a walking holiday in 2002 met Chris and married him in 2004. In 2008 left job as partner at City law firm and am now working in the wine industry. Loving the change of pace and attitude! Most of my work is with Chene Bleu, a southern Rhone boutique winery making amazing northern Rhone style reds and whites. Finally using the French part of my degree. Sadly, lost touch with all OG friends. Still in touch with my brother though (!). Iain is living in Wales and married to Cerys. They have three gorgeous children. Very happy to hear from the Class of 87!

Tim Sheffield (OSH 1980-84) is Chief Executive of Sheffield Haworth, Ltd., a leading executive search, research and human capital advisory company with a

focus on the global financial services industry. The firm has offices in London, New York, Boston, Dubai, Mumbai, Delhi, Hong Kong, Singapore and Tokyo.

Glyn Barnett (k & W 1981-89) Glyn has been living in Abu Dhabi for 2 years now with his wife and 3 girls, working as an Emergency Medicine Consultant at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City. We're enjoying the change it has offered and the escape from the London 'rat race'. Still shooting, though less since moving but continuing to perform at a high standard, shooting for Norfolk, England and GB. I guess we'll come back..at some stage. BTW - Bumped in Rory Greene (Woody) at the rugby club ball... small world eh?

Geoffrey Kenneth Siddle (F 1981–84) if I had done 6th Form it would have been '86 but I left at the end of 5th Form to return to Hong Kong. "I have been living happily in Malaysia for the last 14 years. Married with three children and operates some successful British pubs under the name "Sid's Pubs". Anyone coming through KL must look me up to have a drink."

Website: <u>www.SidsPubs.com</u> Facebook: Sid's Pubs, Kuala Lumpur

Roddy Bray (H 1983-88) has travelled throughout 2010 from his home in Cape Town to Kenya and back, with his wife

Rachel, two children and a filmmaker. En route they made videos and audio recordings about fascinating people, projects and places. These are available at www.greatguides.org

Claire Lincoln (now Janaway) (O & E 1983-88) trained as a therapy radiographer, working in Norwich, Colchester, London and eventually Guildford. Her husband, Duncan, is a farmer. They live in Hampshire and are currently in the process of having a house built on one of their farms. They have two children.

Rosie Evennett (k & E 1984-89) lives in Norwich with her partner and father to their 2½-year old daughter Kitty, and is still exhibiting her paintings and photographs.

Eng Seow Goh (OSH 1979-83) is Chief Executive Officer. Entertainment Division, of Tanjong, responsible for both Pan-Malaysian Pools and TGV Cinemas. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Management Technology Dual-Degree Program, where he obtained a BSc (Econ) from the Wharton School and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the School of Engineering. He also holds an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley, where he concentrated on Public Policy for regulated industries.

Harvey Mullen (k & W 1984-91) is a surfing instructor with Surfing WA in Australia.

Emma Bowett (now Armitage) (O 1985-87) married James in 1992 and moved in 1996 to Kent from Norfolk, where she had been manager of The Hoste Arms in Burnham Market. They have two children. Emma has since trained as a teacher and teaches Citizenship, Health and Social Care and Child Development. Her school is in a deprived area, but is to become an Academy in September. It is a challenging environment, and very different from Gresham's, but she greatly enjoys the work.

Kirsty Anne Clark (c & O 1985-93) lives in London with her partner and two children. She has recently started teaching Tiny Talk classes (signing for hearing babies).



Carl Hesse (F 1985-87) joined an armoured regiment of the Bundeswehr for two years, then spent some time on farms in Germany and Holland before beginning law studies at Göttingen. However, he left university before completing the course and instead started a farm on his grandfather's Pomeranian estate, which had been expropriated by the former communist regime. He is married to Juliane, and they have four daughters and one son. He and his wife would be happy to invite anv Gresham's German language students to stay.

Alistair Warren (OSH 1985-90) is married to Michaela and had a son, Henry, in February 2009. He still sails frequently at Aldeburgh. With a degree in Building Surveying, he works at Carbon Fibre Technologies in Wymondham as a composites design engineer.

Grant King (k & H 1986-96) lives in Scarning, Dereham, and has been married to Melanie for six years now. Their first child Amy is now a year old.

Sarah Papworth (now Reed) (E 1986-91) is married with two daughters, Araminta and Tatiana, and lives in West Sussex. She still gives recitals and has released a CD of early 20th century English songs, *Way up High*, which is available from Prelude Records, Norwich.

Rebecca Brettell (now Seaman) (O 1987-94) is now living near Ely with her husband and three children and working as an occupational therapist.

Timur Hicyilmaz (H 1987-90) has been living for 9 years in Washington D.C., where he is employed as a Management Consultant. Although the USA has now become home, he tries to get back to the UK a couple of times a year.

Richard S. G. Leach (H 1987-89) spent 6 years commissioned in the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, following Major General A. D. A. **Duncan** (c & F 1961-70). Unfortunately. he was medically discharged with the same knee problems which kept him off the sports fields in the 6th form. He passed his first civilian year as a motorcycle track day organiser and roadracing instructor, next spending two seasons as assistant trainer in a point-topoint yard. Since then, he has worked in private security in the less salubrious parts of Africa and the Middle East. He has now bought a small farm in central Kenya, and is hoping to put his degree in Tropical Agriculture to some use. He is currently flying helicopters and running his own security and logistics business for the mining, telecoms and oil and gas sectors in remote areas of Africa.

Ben Wood (OSH 1987-92) graduated in 1995 from De Montfort University with a degree in Land Management and qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 2002. Since then, he has worked for a number of employers, including North Norfolk District Council, Coral Estates Ltd, and now Canada Life, where he is employed as a Portfolio Fund Manager looking after UK-wide property investment assets. He lives in Leighton Buzzard with his partner, Elspeth, but comes back to North Norfolk from time to time to see his family.

Oliver Bowyer (k & F 88-96) lives happily on the South Coast and recently completed his membership in Orthodontics from the Royal College of Surgeons of England and works as a Senior Registrar at University College hospital. He welcomes any contact from OGs.

James Campbell (F 1988-94) After a few years as a financial advisor in Southampton, James left the office behind to make a career out of sailing. Progressing from deck hand to Captain. James has been working on Super yachts for the last 8 years and has cruised much of the world. He can be found at www.yachtmystery.com

Ali Wallace (W 1988-92) writes: Hello, just sat here on a Saturday morning thumbing through my OG's magazine, great memories and lovely articles about the likes of 'Barry' Badger and Benji Bulwer Long (a close family friend) plus keeping up to speed on the old and new

I will make a hockey game this year for the HOG's. Anyway, news from my side for next year... I am living in North Herts and with my wife Jo (not my sister!) and now 3 children, Maisy (5), Hector (3) and Freddie (1). I run DNA

www.dynamicnewalliances.com a 3 year old recruitment search and career consultancy based in London specialising in placing senior talent in marketing agencies across the UK and Globally. Still a keen cricketer (Barley CC) and Hockey player (Royston Magpies), Ali enjoys time with family and friends (still with a lot of OG's) and gets back to Norfolk to spend time with his family in Gunthorpe and Broomsthorpe.

Keep the mag coming, love it... Hope all is well, good to see Seal (Sam Curtis) still scoring on the first pitch...

Claire Bowett (now Weager) (O 1987-89) is married to Miles, has two children, and lives in Essex, where she is PA to the Head at Felsted.

Lisa Thomas (now Gibson) (O 1989-91) is currently living in Kent and works for Barclays Wealth in Canary Wharf. She is married to Andrew and they have two children, Sophie (2) and Samuel (8 months).

James Holder (c & F 1983-91) BVSc, MRCVS, writes: Sorry I can't be there for Farfield's 100 year celebration. Wish I could but living in Shanghai, China.

If anyone goes who wants any help with info on China, is visiting or wants to get in touch please let them have my contact details. Hope all goes well.

Shanghai PAW Vet Clinic no.15, 722 Xinhua lu near Kaixuan lu Changning District Shanghai 200052

Andrew Barrett (k & H 1990-2000) is currently in Borneo where he has completed the PADI IDC Staff Instructor qualification.

Harriet Bowett (E 1990-92) is married to Malcolm, has two children, and lives in Cambridgeshire. She is intending to train as a primary school teacher.

Captain Stuart Quick (W 1990-95) spent eight years after graduating from Newcastle University as an officer in the Royal Green Jackets, latterly as Adjutant of his battalion of The Rifles. His last posting was in Afghanistan, mentoring the Afghan National Army senior command. He now works in the risk and crisis management sector. He currently lives in south London and enjoys getting back to Norfolk whenever he can, to see OG friends and play golf.

Sam Plumbe (W 1991-96) married Emma Gravett in Burnham Market, 26th September 2009. He currently works for Barratt Homes in London and lives in Fulham.

Gina Plumbe (c & O 1991-98) lives in St. Tropez, France most of the time. She is

getting married to Greg in September 2011 in La Rochelle. They have a son, Elyos, born in January 2010. She/they will live between St. Tropez and La Rochelle. Greg is French and Gina is slowly learning the language

Emma Plumbe (c & O 1991-2002) lives in Fulham, London. She has a little boy, Finn, born in May 2010 and will be marrying Mike, Finn's Australian father, in July 2011 in Bali! They will probably stay in London for a while but eventually end up in Australia (Perth).

(Many thanks to Mrs Plumbe for sending the 'Plumbe Family Update'. 'Old mum, Nina Plumbe, who used to have lessons with Smithers,' lives in Burnham Market, travelling abroad when she can by motorcycle.)

Dr Kate Thompson (E 1991-99) is a medical registrar and has just started an MSc in gerontology, with a view to becoming a consultant in three years' time. She lives and works in Southampton.

Rachel Dawson-Smith (E 1987-92) is a Quality Assessor at G4S Assessment Services Ltd.

Rachael Morton (now Lewis) (c & E 1987-92) After St Andrew's University, where she read Marine Biology and French, Rachael worked in China, dealing with the relocation of international companies including General Motors, BMW, Michelin and

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Coca Cola. She also did a spell of work for both the British and US Embassies, as well as for the Chinese government. She is married, with two children. Besides developing property, she and her husband Nigel also work in the car industry.

Sophie Goodale (E 1991-94) is living in London. After Brighton University, she became Director of Celebrity and Social Division at Halpern. She also worked for Max Clifford, but now operates on her own account. Among other tasks, she is Lindsay Lohan's UK Publicist. She still freelances for Max Clifford when required.

Ryan McNamara (W 1995-00) is engaged to be married, living in London and working for Morgan McKinley, where he has set up an insurance division.

Amy Dietterich-Erksoussi (E 1995-96) is Policy Officer at the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank.

Kasha Dunne (E 1997-99) lives in Beaver Creek, Colorado, where she works at the Park Hyatt. She skis and snowshoes most days in the winter and hikes and rafts most days in the summer.

Oliver Boesen (T 1999-07) has been amazed by the response to a You Tube video he starred in to commemorate the Royal Wedding of William and Kate. Oliver is a history undergraduate studying at St Andrews. Together with a

group of 11 students making up the acapella band 'The Other Guys', they have produced and featured in a spoof story of unrequited love for Kate Middleton entitled 'Royal Romance'. The video has achieved over 500, 00 hits on You Tube since its release, it has also been shown on BBC Breakfast News and Scottish Breakfast TV.

Peter Barton (H 1999-04) wrote to Carolyn Thomas: 'I no longer work for Debate Mate as I am now doing military training at Sandhurst, and will hopefully commission in August. I ended up doing a lot of competitive debating at LSE and even represented them at the world debating championships. This also formed the basis for most of my academic seminars and essays, which were pretty much longer written debate speeches! This led me into the world of debate coaching with Debate Mate. As I realized I was very lucky to have had the debating opportunities I had at school, which I owe to you.'

Dominic Bosher (F 2002-07) has just started his year in office as Alumni Development officer for Loughborough Students Union as one of the student executive. 'I'm looking to introduce a publication from the students union to all Alumni members at a minimum yearly and remember the Gresham's one being quite a good example.'



Howson's choice

A Norfolk man born and bred, Joseph Beckett Gillam was second son of a Gimingham farmer, whose eldest son, Stephen, took over his 350 acres. He chose a career in medicine and, after education at St Leonard's School, Cromer and Paston Grammar School started at Cambridge at the age of 17. B.A. in Natural Sciences aged 20 in 1888, he moved from Downing to St Thomas's Hospital, graduating M.B.B.C. (Cantab) in 1892.

100 years ago diphtheria, untreated, was a killer. My grandfather, Dr. J. B. Gillam's experience stood him in good



stead in 1905, when, diagnosing a case, he ordered the evacuation of the whole of the Old School House to Sheringham. In 1895 he had described six cases in a nearby village in an article in the *BMJ*. He had now been appointed by Mr Howson as School Doctor to the newly established Gresham's.

He did not look far for an appointment, and straight away joined Dr. J.T. Skrimshire in his practice at Hill House, Holt, to become a partner in 1898. Well known in the town, the practice had been taken over by in 1849 by Dr George Skrimshire, six of whose sons were at Gresham's.

Dr. J. T. Skrimshire was a Church Warden whose wife was a niece of the Rev. Edward Brumell, but when he married his boss's daughter, Dorothy Jane Skrimshire (Scrumptious Dolly) on July 25th 1901, J. B. G. had already made his own mark. Five weeks earlier he captained a Cricket XI which defeated the School by an innings and 239 runs, admittedly helped by J. F. Skrimshire (OG), a Norfolk and Middlesex county player who was to be his brother- in-law and in the side a certain J. H. Foster.

A genial, pipe-smoking man, the list of his wedding guests included, alongside such local gentry as Sir Alfred and Lady Jane Jodrell and numerous Cozens-Hardys, no

lesser Gresham's people than Mr and Miss Howson and Mr J. R. Eccles. The wedding present list included 'A copper Flower Bowl' from Mr and Miss Howson, and 'A picture' from Mr Eccles. (Could it have been a mountain scene from the Dolomites?) A particular early friend with whom he played chess at Valley Farm, later godfather to my father named after him, was the distinguished music director Geoffrey Shaw, the centenary of whose death falls this year. He discussed her choice of nurse with Mrs Wynne Willson, but the respect and affection of all at Gresham's was truly demonstrated after his premature death.

He was a dedicated man, who lived life to the full. A committed churchman, remembered as Church Warden in a brass plaque in St Andrew's Church, he would say daily prayers with his family at Shrublands. He played football with the Owls, and organized a charity match against them to raise money for the Parish Mission. He was skilful exponent of bowls, and described as a staunch Conservative, who found time to serve as treasurer of Holt Association.

On January 4th 1911 he wrote to Mr Ransom at East Grove, 'I shall be glad to attend Mrs Ransom when she required my services.' In the 1950s my father met an elderly builder who, as a boy, helped in the building of the Bayfield Park wall. – he remembered the Doctor's hunched figure on his rounds in his trap. He died of pneumonia, now easily curable, on February 11th, aged 43.

Public expression of grief was from the heart.

From *The Gresham*: 'He went about doing good. Is there a more noble epitaph? He had an unfailing kindness and courtesy, a rigid honesty of purpose, an exceptional clarity of intellect, a shrewd knowledge of men, and a rare sense of humour... the loss is very great; to Gresham's School it is well-nigh irreparable. 'In the *EDP*: 'A sorrow, deep and still, has fallen on Holt... Men of all ranks, from the professional man to the labour-lad, feel the absence of personality... Women literally wept in their cottages and strong men felt themselves breaking down.'

Flowers for his funeral, apart from individuals, were from School House; Old Boys at Gresham's School; Cambridge Old Greshamians; Boys of the Old School House; Bengal Lodge; Assistant Masters at Gresham's School; The Howsons, Attached to flowers from School House Garden from G. W. S., M and H Howson was the message: 'In grateful and affectionate remembrance, who owe him so much.'

He was buried at Gimingham, simultaneously a Memorial Service being held at Holt. All the boys at Gresham's lined both sides of the road ass his hearse passed the school. At Gimingham the service was choral, Mr Shaw, returned for the occasion, conducting boys from the school. A touching wreath was from Peter, Buster and Little Sue, the Shaw children.

Present at Holt were Mr G. W. S. Howson, Mr A. H. Spiers, Mr W. F. Bushell, Mr E. A. Robertson, Mr L. C. C. Evans, Mr D. A. Wynne Willson, Mrs G.T. Shaw, Miss Howson, Mrs L. Wynne Willson, Mrs D.A. Wynne Willson, the Rev. and Mrs F. G. E. Field, and over one hundred boys from Gresham's School. Mr Greatorex was at the organ.

On the wall of the North aisle of St Andrew's Holt can be read:

In memory of

Joseph Beckett Gillam BA MB BC Cantab
Born Nov 4th 1868 Died Feb 2nd 1911
'What I do thou knowest not now
But thou shalt know hereafter' John XIII 7
This tablet was placed here by his friends.

John Gillam (H 1944-48)

Gresham's Pioneers: The Girls' House

The success of girls at Gresham's owes so much to the spirit of the "pioneers," by which I mean the band of girls who formed the Girls' House pre 1978, and who blazed a trail for the many who followed.

The starting point was very simple: in 1971 two girls with Greshamian brothers needed a more challenging educational environment, especially in the sciences, and thus became the first girls to join the school. Vicky Holliday remembers being treated royally but that her school existence was akin to "living in a goldfish bowl". Quite naturally all eyes were upon them to see how they would cope. Despite this she and Rhona Slator prospered academically, paving the way for a group of seven girls to join in 1972. The early base camp for girls had been Tallis, but with interest growing, a

more permanent home was found in the Old Sanatorium. In addition, pastoral care was a necessity, as the specific needs of girls gradually became understood by a predominantly male staff. Mrs. Mai Frampton, wife of a member of staff, was appointed as the first Housemistress in sole care of the girls. Linda Wright especially remembers Mrs. Frampton as a "wonderful mothering figure, so needed by the girls at this time". In the early days girls took part in games afternoons alongside the boys. Ron Cox, former Head of Physics and i/c sailing, remembers Mrs. Frampton accompanying the girls to take part in sailing afternoons. Girls were soon in demand to take the female roles in house plays and under Ron Cox's direction, the Girls' choir was a show stopper at the inter House Singing competition with a rendition of The Kerry Dance.



Miss N Coupland, Sarah Foulger, Sarah Cordeaux, Suzanne Whitehouse, Fiona Bruce Lockhart (1976)

1974 saw a turning point with a request for a boarding place. Charlotte Whitaker, later to become Head of House, was keen to board but there was neither provision nor a resident Housemistress at that time. However, Logie Bruce Lockhart and John Coleridge came up with a solution - the former cooks' flat in Tallis Charlotte's mother agreed wholeheartedly with the plan, so her daughter became the first full time girl boarder at Gresham's. Charlotte was ioined by three other boarders and when the flat was full a few girls, desperate to join the school, were boarded out with staff members living in Holt. Coeducation was evolving. Although a few girls found co-education was not for them, the majority were rising to the challenge - it was tough but they were succeeding. Mrs Frampton was followed for a short time by Mrs Tacon, but the strong demand for girls' boarding clearly required a permanent boarding house for girls and a resident Housemistress.

In 1975, I answered an advertisement in the *Eastern Daily Press* for "a young, resident Housemistress for the growing numbers of girls." I was appointed and arrived to begin the daunting task of caring for girls in the House without a Matron, as well as teaching a full academic programme and helping Tony Cuff with swimming in the newly opened pool. In those first days I became

acutely aware of the contrast between the careful planning which had taken place for the attractive, superbly built pool and the extremely modest accommodation for the growing number of girls, whose arrival was evolving in a less planned way. Both swimming and boarding girls were new to Gresham's and were beginning the tussle for survival!



Girls Hockey Team 1976

Mrs J Lockhart, Justine Briars, Cecilia Crafer Rowena Chesworth, Caroline Sayers Sarah Cordeaux, Suzanne Whitehouse Sharon McArthur, Christine Allibone Linda Wright, Charlotte Whitaker, Sophie Foulger

Swimming was a new sport in a school where rugby, hockey, cricket, shooting, squash and other activities were well established and the appearance of girls was also definitely a talking point! Both had to survive against some stern opposition. Charlotte Whitaker's first thoughts were "part absolute terror, part excitement but always a feeling that I was on show and had to behave twice as well as the boys in order to survive." Certainly it did not take me long to

witness that every move a girl made was thoroughly scrutinized. As the new Housemistress I was often approached, not with a greeting of welcome at morning break, but a comment on a particular girl's mishap, for example, that a girl's jumper was on inside out or that a shoe heel was a quarter of an inch too high. The dominant feeling amongst the girls was that they must appear perfect in every way or any flaw would expose them to censure. As Bridget Neville said, away from the relative security of their girls' schools, "the girls were taken out of their comfort zone." and had to learn to adapt to the new environment. The marvellous thing is that they coped with all this, and through their individual resilience and the camaraderie they created in the House, they guickly began to be involved in school life and respected for their talents.

The Old Sanatorium on Holt Road provided a central sanctuary to which the girls could return, relax and feel a unit at last in the male dominated environment. Penny Underwood remembers that by being together the girls were able "to enjoy a feeling of comradeship lacking when they were scattered." The girls deserve credit for making the most of this home. The building was cold, draughty, high ceilinged and rather bleak. Furnished with second hand post war furniture and

surrounded by an overgrown garden it was not welcoming. There were too few showers, resulting in some girls going without showers post games before afternoon lessons. My flat was without central heating for eighteen months and had no kitchen sink! However, the creative and resourceful girls didn't take long to make the unappealing rooms more attractive and homely. Brighter curtains were bought, while paintings, posters and attractive bed linen soon cheered the erstwhile forlorn rooms.

Despite constant pleas to care for the garden, the small Girls' House grounds never matched the well manicured appearance elsewhere in the school. I often wondered how these facilities would ever attract new girls and it was sometimes difficult to receive criticism of the poor fabric of the house from parents. The girls, however, managed superbly, for they were determined to survive in this new world. One mother, who (unexpectedly!) accepted the modest living conditions, told me that the reason her daughter was there was



Girls House 1977

Back Row L-R
Diana Trollope
Kim Bradfield
Nicola Clarke
Jo Rawlins
Jo Turnbull
Sharon McArthur
Justine Briars
Sarah Willstrop
Jo Rawlins
Delia Barnes
Henrietta Vivienne
Linda Wright
Sophia Harris
Lydia Ball

Middle Row Denise Dodman Angela Powell Penny Underwood Carly-Anna Hughes Charlotte Whitaker Miss N Coupland Mrs J Lockhart Rowena Chesworth Amanda Wright Helen Jones Exchange student Front Row Nicole de Graff Unity Norwak Vivienne Moaven Diane Patterson Sarah Nichols Christine Allibone Heather Rutterford Sophie Foulger Marianne Seddon

Gresham's Pioneers: The Girls' House

to learn to "talk to boys, and she would put up with the conditions." An interesting attitude, given that a widely held view at the time was that introducing girls would help to 'civilize' the boys!

The evening routine copied the same format as the boys' houses. Prep was followed by house prayers and gradually the girls became involved in activities such as lifesaving, drama and choir. It soon became clear that there was a need to allow the girls to socialize with the boys in a civilized, welcoming area. The bovs' houses were not keen to host this. so after much discussion between all the girls, one evening a week became a coffee evening when the girls were able to invite a boy to the Common Room in the Girls' House. I really think this helped to break down the barriers between the girls and boys, allowing the boys to understand the girls as fellow pupils, and not a strange species from another world. There was, however, a strongly held belief among the girls that these evenings should not be held too frequently because the girls valued their time together in the house, away from some of the pressures they experienced whilst 'on show' around the school.

These pioneering girls had to fit in to survive. They were well aware that some members of staff were not happy to have them in the school. In fact some staff who had attended all boys' schools and then taught at an all boys' school were understandably unsure of how to cope with the girls. The key to successful coeducation was and remains involvement. These pioneers had no role models and to their great credit they worked it out for themselves. Penny Underwood told me that she and her peers learnt "to have a go and seize every opportunity," an ethos many of the others felt stood them in good stead in later life. The girls entered the House Swimming Competition, which was a brave thing to do in a male environment, they took Life Saving Awards with the boys, took part in boys' House Plays, sang in the Oratorio, won academic prizes and, for the first time, the Choir Prize was awarded to a girl.



Senior Girls (1976)

Rather than be seen as shrinking violets they went out to games in the snow, and in 1974 Jo Lockhart was appointed to take charge of girls' sport. She definitely was not going to let the girls grow up

"soft," a fact the girls remember to this day. Mixed netball and hockey matches were arranged, which would now seem a routine event but then it took courage! The girls wanted to show that they could compete and wanted to be seen to be trying. Free time on Sundays was the only time I was given to arrange swimming matches, and in order to show their determination to take part in everything the girls came along. Under Jo Lockhart's direction hockey matches were arranged against other schools and success rewarded their hard work – to their credit the girls achieved an unbeaten season. Two star hockey players represented Norfolk, and the best squash player also reached county level. Girls participated in established boys' activities, and were frequently highly successful. Nineteen girls joined the C.C.F. from 1977 and took part in activities such as Stores, Climbing, Campcraft, Night Navigation and First Aid. Two girls were particularly adept at shooting and represented the school

In my first year I was aware that occasional concessions were being made for the girls because they were females. For example, whilst the boys wore school uniform on Speech Day the girls were allowed to wear pretty frocks! Inevitably this caused resentment amongst some boys and staff. However, the girls wanted to be treated as equals and slowly

situations such as this were changed. As boys were ordered to watch rugby matches, so were the girls.

The pressure on these pioneers was immense, many being the only girl, or one of a small number of girls, in a class of boys. Some found it was not the done thing to appear to be too clever, whilst others relished the challenge to top the class of bright boys, sometimes, they felt, to the consternation of boys and staff alike. Each girl found her own way of coping, and many went on to successful careers in medicine, law and business and education.



As the first girls succeeded, the idea of co-education was becoming attractive to many more families and numbers grew. The cottages adjacent to the Girls' House were renovated as studies for the new third form intake, and I remember the excitement over the appearance of new desks and chairs for the first time – even

Gresham's Pioneers: The Girls' House



the garden was tidied. Co-education had evolved and by 1978 plans for increasing the size of the House were taking shape. The pioneers, with no role models to follow, had succeeded. Most kept their heads down when they thought it was appropriate and had "a go" at everything that was on offer; looking back they are all extremely thankful for the opportunity to do so. They admit it was tough but they are proud to have weathered the pitfalls of being the first. We salute these Gresham's pioneers.



Girls House 1978

Back Row L-R

Fiona Partridge Sharon McArthur Ann Mourin Penny Howes Diana Ross Jo Rawlins Delia Barnes Sue Batstone Flo Brooke Sarah Willstrop Unity Norwak Christine Allibone Heather Rutterford

Middle Row Kim Bradfield Penny Underwood Addy Frost Denise Dodman Carly-Anna Hughes Mrs J Lockhart Mrs N Baxter Mr Baxter Nicola Clarke Linda Wright Sophia Harris Helen Jones Diana Trollope Cecilia Crafer

Front Row
Sophie Foulger
Marianne Seddon
Diana Patterson
Alice Clayton
Vivienne Moaven
Nicole de Graffe
Sarah Nichols
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Marycki Veltman
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Then and Now Memories of a day boy in Tallis after the war

If this article is ever printed I have to start with an apology that it concerns much more the then than the now. However, I have written it because first, in some 58 years since leaving Gresham's I have never yet contributed a murmur to The Greshamian, and secondly, that my interest has been jolted into activity by the present fees for a dayboy or daygirl on a termly basis. I see it is £6,500. I fear this is the only real reference to the now, but it seems staggering enough to find itself worthy of a place in my heading.

My parents paid £6 a term for both my brother Colin and me to attend Gresham's as dayboys. To qualify for this concession we had to have lived within five miles of Holt for at least five years before admission

It was just as well for us that such a concession existed. My father was a very gallant and professional warrior from the Ist World War living on a 100% disability pension of £7 a week. My mother, a daughter of a long-deceased country parson, was in no position to splash out, to put it mildly. Even the £6 a term was eventually paid by the Officers' Association. Anyway, we blessed the moment that seems to have led Sir John Gresham to think of us and no doubt many others.

The war of 39 to 45 had been conclusively won, and that in Korea was either on the boil or at stalemate. That sounds rather vague, but we are speaking of a span of seven years between our entering and leaving Gresham's. We lived in Heath Farm for a few years, which came to be known for many as Campbells' Farm - a misnomer, as we neither owned nor farmed it. The route to school lay along a grass track, over the railway line, a quick flick into Grove Lane, then a dive through the fence by the music rooms, almost invariably late for church on a Sunday or Big School on other days. Later, we bought the farm cottage for £50, which shaved off a further few minutes between the need to leave our beds and appear on parade. They were happy days, not totally unalloyed, but my recollections are much more of laughter and good cheer than of anything else. We seemed to live well into the night, blithely inhaling my parents' pipe and cigarette smoke, waking to freezing dawns where one could see one's breath like smoke ascending upwards, and trying to muster the nerve to bolt downstairs to the only source of heating. The arrival of electricity was a cause for much rejoicing, and when E.C. changed to W.C. - well, we took off for "The Feathers" to celebrate.

Sport played a considerable role in our lives. Besides the formal games of rugby, hockey, cricket, and athletics, running was seen as good general therapy. An extended line of boys could often be seen appearing on the Hempstead Road trotting via Campbells' farm, past our cottage, and back to one of the school houses. The Lowes Game was guite a favourite, where those selected played at cops and robbers, reasonably fierce body contact being allowed in the last resort, and the spacious extent of the Lowes allowing us to make full use of our limbs. A frisson of excitement was added by the presence of an American tank and other war debris which was a reminder of exciting times gone by - and those not so very far in the distant past A more poignant reminder of war for us, in the early days were the visits of Dutch airmen to us at Heath Farm just for the simple pleasure of visiting an ordinary family for a meal, which they seemed to see as a worthwhile diversion from their duties from the bases where they were stationed. We conned them into drawing murals for a Halloween party in the cellar which they did with amazing skill and devotion. I wonder if they are still there.

Of my academic achievements the less said the better. I think a different attitude prevailed at the time to that of the present day, where it seems to be that a failure to get to university is a disaster of

some magnitude. The war had finished, the Empire still ran in part, and the future was very uncertain. While it was considered perfectly sound to work hard and be clever, I think it was considered not the done thing to exhibit either, or and certainly not both. Of course this played into the hands of the less industrious and ambitious like me who thought they were keeping pace with others, while really doing nothing of the sort. Besides, there were many exciting adverts for young men with a bit of bounce to become sub-managers in rubber plantations in Malaya or tea plantations in Ceylon (that is to say, after one's two year National Service period) where having played for your school or house at rugger counted for more than a degree in science in some cases. We did not seem to have the anxiety about our futures that exists today. Among the dayboys the sons of farmers, of course, tended to know, by and large, where their futures lay, as did many of the sons of shopkeepers though some of both groups did very well at university. While my brother strode ahead through natural talent, I found myself in the company of what might now be called the incentively disadvantaged. I have no complaints; they were a jolly crowd, and I think we all managed to get somewhere in the end – anyway to our own satisfactions if to no one else's.

As I am now about to embark on recollections that seem to imply an absence of school discipline, I had better

make it clear that, in general, discipline was very good – not fierce, by any means, but based upon those basic elements which have always proved themselves winners; namely, mutual respect between masters, pupils and prefects, very good humour, and in the case of Gresham's, a certain freedom of being, if that is not too strong a phrase, that I can never guite put my finger on. That still left plenty of scope for endearing weaknesses and eccentricities on the part of staff, anyway as far as I was concerned, and I think I speak for most of my contemporaries too. The cane was still swung, but only by the Headmaster, and even that was decried by several staff; a matter that we knew nothing about at the time. Drug abuse at school was non-existent, I think I can say categorically, perhaps because we did not know what drugs, outside the chemist shop and the science lab, were.

To give a flavour of the times, vignettes or brief extracts from those days might do as illustrations. "Carter, stop talking." "I wasn't talking, Sir." "Well, don't anyway!" Then there was our gentle and revered chaplain who would, when chaos loomed, shout "Fidget!" Somehow the "don't" part never emerged, or got lost in the translation. The result was what one might have expected as papers rustled furiously and pencils fell to the floor. Then he drew upon his ultimate weapon – *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James, which he read to utter silence. I do have to report though, that

I passed at O level in Scripture Knowledge.



Another character was known as "The Shark" who furiously tried to live up to his nickname but failed. Nonetheless, he was not above propelling sticks of chalk at dozy students, nor on the odd occasion a wooden-backed duster. L have a clear picture of him leaning against a radiator, swinging in windmill fashion the weights on the end of a blind cord as though daring anyone to distract him from his botanical perorations. He took a particular delight - often during classes - in berating my brother and myself for simply being Campbells, citing some very ancient and horrific reasons that gave him the right to do so in his opinion. We got our revenge. One New Year's Eve, long after we had left school, we set out for his home in High Kelling in an Austin Seven, bumping off the kerbs as we went, and my brother clutching his bagpipes. On admittance we were given a dram, then were mocked in detail and I was promptly sick on his sofa.

I find it strange and sad to hear these days of the total ban on physical contact of any sort between teachers and students. All sense of proportion seems to have been lost. It never occurred to me to resent it when our diminutive art master, took me literally by the ear and paraded me around the art room as exhibit A, in triumph at my having done something a little better than usual on my drawing-board. I am not actually advocating a return to such contacts (!), but it does perhaps illustrate the mutual confidence between staff and pupils that existed in those days, which - if we are to believe the papers – no longer runs to the same extent.



I suppose there was bullying but the only case I can recall was our own. My brother and I had just arrived at school and

were introduced to the dayboys' room in Big School. We were told that we had to undergo a rite of passage for this privilege, which consisted of running the gauntlet and dodging a hockey ball being hit very hard against one of the walls. It was not a pleasant experience and on the second or third occasion we started to move the furniture in an unfriendly way. That was the end of that particular rite of passage, and as far as I know it never reappeared again.

Of those who taught me, I don't think there was one that I don't remember with considerable affection, and there being one or two of whom I have particularly fond memories. Kindness, though sometimes hidden by stern exteriors, seemed to be all pervasive.

I would not have you think that life at Gresham's was all beer and skittles. I believe the academic standards in general were as high as they had ever been, (but of course the population was much smaller – the figure 365 comes to mind though this might be a convenient approximation of the real total) and it was perhaps surprising that this should be so in view of the disruption caused by the return from Newquay, and the employment or re-employment of staff returning from the war. As far as sport was concerned, I think that epoch of the school's life was as successful as any other in later years.

Enough. I have tended to dwell on the more comic aspects of life at the school, and it occurs to me now that many boarders, on reading this article, may not even recognise what I have written as I write from only a dayboy's perspective. I hope this is not the case.

James Campbell (T 1963-68)





Dick Bagnell-Oakeley



Steve Benson kindly supplied the following poem, which is included in a book of Norfolk Verse by John Kett entitled Tha's a Rum'un Tew! Kett dedicated the volume to Dick Bagnall-Oakley.

This arternune I see the swallers flyin' by the pond;
They'a come agin, a-glidin' trew the air.
An baads in thousands there mus' be
A-comin' in acrorst the sea,
But he int watchin' on the marshes there.

Them lovely golden plover, they're goin' on thar way;
They'a lorst a good friend, I reckon, bor;
An far-orf where the gret geese fly
The news is passin' roun' the sky
As he oon't take thar pitchers enna more.
But life that keep a-goin' on; the bes' thing we can dew
Is call t'mind his friendly, wise ole waads.
Ah, yew an me, an savrel more
Ha' got a lot t'thank him for —
A man what loved his Norfolk, an the baads...

The Forgotten Nicholsons

Ben Nicholson's standing as an artist of international importance grows and grows. The rest of the family, which produced at least twelve artists over three generations, is forgotten by all but a few. His sister Nancy's once famous ménage à trois in Majorca with Robert Graves and the American poet Laura Riding is sometimes recalled, but the lives of his two brothers, both also Greshamians and both in Woodlands deserve to be remembered too. Both died young. Both had the temperament, talent and connections to achieve much. Of the two only Kit, the youngest, lived long enough to show more than promise. The irony is that Ben who lived to a ripe old age, though always asthmatic, was withdrawn from the school after a very short stay because life there was a strain on his health, whereas the other two staved for the normal length of time. Ben nevertheless played for the first X1 cricket like both his brothers after him

John Anthony Nicholson 1897-1918 or Tony, as he was called by his family, was born on 23 November 1897, the second son and third child of William and Mabel Nicholson. In her biography, *Ben Nicholson: the Vicious Circles of his Life and Art*, Sarah Jane Checkland calls him 'the family favourite'. The child was described in his father's biography as a 'rosy, cheerful little boy' with 'big wide-open eyes and a big wide-open mouth', whom everyone loved. 'Gay, extravagant and reckless', he was most like his father. Ben, the eldest, was jealous of their nanny's favouritism, claiming that in allotting three breakfast eggs to Ben, their sister and Tony she gave two to Tony and divided the third between Ben and Nancy!

Ben arrived at Gresham's, then a school of 203 boys, with Tony in May 1909. They were known as Nicholson Major and Minor. Ben went to Woodlands and Tony, for a short while, as he was only eleven, to the Old School House, at that time the Junior School. A photograph of him taken there survives on the vellum Roll of Honour made by his Housemaster Dallas Wynne Willson. He followed his brother to Woodlands. Both received their cricket colours, and Tony appears on the First XI cricket photo of July 1914, just as he was leaving the School. He was also a House (School?) Prefect, and tried his hand at acting, taking a minor role in the School play The Tempest – as a 'Lord attending on the king'. His academic sound. career was unspectacular, and he left in the Lower

Sixth. Of his twenty-three colleagues in the Lower Fourth in Lent 1912 ten, including him, died in the war.

When he left Gresham's in July 1914, only a few weeks before war broke out, he was too young to serve and instead became a schoolmaster at Rottingdean, near Brighton, where Edward Burne Jones and Rudyard Kipling both had homes and where William Nicholson had bought a mansion, The Grange, in 1909.



Rottingdean School - The School is situated to the north of the village and was built in 1894. When this picture was taken in 1896 the School had only recently opened. It was to remain until 1962 when it was demolished after a major fire. Shortly afterwards the site was cleared to make way for a Trade Union rest centre and some domestic housing (The Rotyngs). Even the Trade Union centre has been demolished now and all that remains are tightly packed housing at the end of the village.

Checkland makes much of Tony's reluctance to join up. But this is perhaps because she believed that he was born in

April, not November, 1897. She may have confused his birth month with Ben's – he was born in April 1894. Actually Tony turned eighteen only towards the end of November 1915 - the earliest he could have volunteered – and conscription began in the following January, a matter of six weeks later. In any case the heady gung-ho days had gone, wiped out by the losses on the Somme. That was why conscription was needed!

In July 1916 Tony passed into the R M A Woolwich where he became a sergeant. He was gazetted to the R F A in February 1917 and went out to France in April of that year. In a letter to Ben he expressed the bravado of so many young soldiers at the Front remarking on 'how seldom a shell hits anybody or anything'. In June 1918 Tony came home on leave and his mother, though weakened by a bout of flu, was determined to enjoy the time with him. It is likely that Tony was already incubating the flu virus, as he became ill and re-infected his mother. He recovered and returned to France: she died in July.

Tony had been involved in a number of battles including Bourlon Wood (Battle of Cambrai November 1917) and the March retreat. He was delighted to be promoted to Lieutenant 48th Bty, 36th Bde, in September 1918. Not knowing

that his mother had died, Tony wrote to Ben, 'I've enjoyed all this last show immensely and had the satisfaction of killing quite a lot of huns with my cannons'. But his luck turned. He died of wounds to an arm and a leg received in action on Friday 5 October 1918. In December *The Gresham* printed extracts from two letters sent to Tony's father. The first was from Colonel Goschen:

I want to tell you how dreadfully sorry I was to hear your boy had died of wounds. He was a first-rate officer in every way and had always done good work since he has been with us, and exceptionally so since the 21st August. In addition to this we all liked him immensely; he was as good a gunner subaltern as one could want and will be a very great loss to my brigade. Please allow me to say how awfully sorry I am for you. It must be, however, a great satisfaction to you to know that your son has done so well. He was in every way worthy of the best traditions of the gunners.

The Captain of his Battery wrote: He is a very great loss to us all, and, apart from being one of the most promising officers in the brigade, he was the life and soul of the mess and kept us all cheerful when times were bad.

Tony was buried in Grevillers British Cemetery, grave reference XV. D. 4. The cemetery is 3km west of Bapaume.

Christopher David George Nicholson 1904-4, known to everyone as Kit, was born on December 16th, 1904. He was the youngest of the family of four. Throughout his life he was remarkably healthy, fully shared the family's sense of fun and enjoyed his time at Gresham's, 1919-1923, all of it in Woodlands. His pupil and colleague Sir Hugh Casson's obituary, delivered when he was killed in a gliding accident at the early age of 43, finished in this way: "I will always remember his gaiety, his directness and his cheerful warmth, and I find it some consolation that the sense of loss at his going is shared by so many of us."

Largely by accident his son Tim in 1989 found a wealth of material on both his parents in one of his father's portfolio cases, including a complete summary of all his architectural work made by Hugh Casson. His mother, then in her 80's, identified all the photographs, paintings, drawings and written documents. They provide a remarkably complete picture of their lives from their earliest childhood. Contained in 14 boxes they were presented recently to Tate Britain and fill out the bare facts that can be gleaned from other sources.

He arrived at Gresham's only months after the deaths of both his brother Tony and his mother. The family's personal

links with the school were doubtless a great comfort after this double shock. He too was a good sportsman, playing for the 1st X1 at both hockey and cricket. He too performed in house plays and became a prefect. His academic career to modern eyes appears unusual. Because he was in both lower and upper 3rds and 4ths in four consecutive years he was 17 by the time he entered the 5ths; and from them in July 1923 aged 18.4. This was by no means unusual at that time. His not having been in the 6th form did not prevent him leading a successful career at school nor from entering Jesus College, Cambridge that October. He was in the 4ths and 5ths with Wystan Auden and Michael Spender, both two years younger. They would have set a lively pace intellectually that would have helped prepare him for Cambridge!

His brilliant career there started slowly with a third at the end of his first year in the Department of Architecture. This was followed by firsts at the end of the next 2 years and valuable scholarships that would have covered the cost of his time in Cambridge and of a year spent studying architecture at Princeton University from 1926-27. He played tennis for Jesus College and for Princeton. Judging by his drawings from his school days, his architectural exercises that survive and comments by his pupils later he was always meticulously planned accurate.

thoroughly and never lost sight of the main purpose of the assignment. The architectural ideas taught in both these departments were very traditional at that time. It was only when he was exposed in Paris later to the wind of change that was blowing on the continent that he developed the modernist ideas of which he became the leading exponent in the 1930's, along with his brother Ben.

He returned from America and taught in Department the Cambridge Architecture, where his most famous pupil, Hugh Casson, joined him in architectural practice when he set up in London. Casson always acknowledged the debt he owed to Kit's great gifts of vision and organization of detail. The practice was responsible for a range of buildings and innovative furniture, with early commissions coming from the family, notably from Ben's wife Winifred's aristocratic parents and connections. As his ideas developed, using geometric shapes, functional design and white outer walls, the resonance with Ben's paintings of the period became striking and the mutual influence was noted.

In 1931 he married Elsie Queens Myers, always known as EQ, and they had 3 children. His wife was an artist in her own right and a strong personality. She was a friend and colleague of Nancy Nicholson and got on well with Ben. As

a widow she occasionally accompanied him on his travels in his old age. This was in some ways a close family.

During these years Kit became a friend of JM Richards, the influential editor of the Architectural Review, who had been in Woodlands with him and wrote about his work His principal prewar buildings were the HQ of the London Gliding Club near Dunstable and a studio for Augustus John. His postwar work was more in the field of industrial design, though he died before the surge of energy in building and design of the 1950's triggered by The Festival of Britain in 1951, of which Hugh Casson was appointed chief architect shortly before Kit's death. He would certainly have played a leading part in this.

His war service was in the RNVR. He rose to commander and for most of the war delivered all types of planes for the Fleet Air Arm. In 1944 he was posted to Ceylon, as it then was, and flew himself there. His detailed account of this is in the Tate archive. He was i/c Flying for the remainder of the war at the RN Air base there

He was one of the pioneers of gliding as a sport before the war and devoted a lot of time to it when he returned from Ceylon after it. He held the British record for a two-seater glider when in 1947 he completed 117 miles flying from Yeovilton to Bramcote. He was in the RN

Team and was once second in the National Championships. It was while representing Great Britain in the world championships in 1948 near Lake Como that he met his death. The weather conditions in the Alps were treacherous and he experienced a sudden loss of visibility while flying, crashing into the mountainside. He survived for a short while after being taken to a nearby chapel. He died suddenly and painlessly from internal injuries while talking to the priest who had summoned help.

This was a tragic loss. His brother Ben wrote at the time that he died just when his abilities were most needed after the war. Much was written about him in the 1940's, and among students of the development of architecture in the 20th century his place is assured.

Hugh Wright and Sue Smart



My history hero: Philip Pembroke Stephens (1903-37)

Chosen by John Simpson, BBC world affairs editor

Philip Pembroke Stephens was a fearless foreign correspondent of the 1930s. He was born in 1894 and



educated at Gresham's School in Norfolk as well as the University of Cambridge. Stephens dabbled in a couple of different professions before deciding on journalism. He was *Daily Express* correspondent in Vienna, Paris and Berlin, where he stood out for his objective reporting. The Nazi authorities arrested Stephens twice before expelling him from Germany in June 1934. In subsequent years Stephens covered the Spanish Civil War and the Japanese invasion of China. He was killed by a Japanese machine gun in Shanghai on 18^t November 1937.

How did you first hear about Philip Pembroke Stephens?

Stephens was a genuine hero of 21th-century reporting, yet his name is largely unknown. He was no entry in either the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* or Wikipedia. I first came across him when I was researching my new book.

Unreliable Sources: How the twentieth Century was Reported. Reading through the newspaper archives of the early 1930s, I was depressed to find how little coverage the British press gave to the reality of Nazi control over daily life Germany, once Hitler became chancellor in January 1933. Only the Express, of all newspapers, took up the subject and started a campaign in support of the German Jews.

The *Express's* proprietor, Max Beaverbrook, was actually privately rather anti-Semitic, and had a certain limited amount of sympathy for fascism and Nazism – though nothing like as much as his opposite number at the *Daily Mail*, Lord Rothermere, who was an enthusiastic support of Hitler. But Beaverbrook had a good eye for arresting, colourful journalism, and that is what Stephens, The *Express* correspondent in Berlin, supplied.

What was Pembroke Stephens's finest hour?

The *Express* sent him to Berlin at the end of 1933 to replace Sefton Delmer, who was accused by the British Government of getting too close to the Nazi Leadership. In fact, Delmer was not a Nazi sympathiser, but in order to get

good stories he made himself highly agreeable to Hitler's close associates. Stephens took a complete different approach to Nazi rule; he examined its effects on ordinary people, and especially on ordinary Jews.

He understood perfectly well that this would get him thrown out in short order; but he clearly believed that it was his duty to do so. And so he toured Nazi Germany, uncovering the cruelty and viciousness of everyday life for Jews. The Express gave greater and greater prominence to Stephens's copy until he lead the front page. Soon Stephens was arrested, threatened, and thrown out of the country. For a time, he was based in London, writing articles in London, writing articles in London, writing articles critical of Nazism, but enthusiasm for this at the Express eventually waned.

What made him a hero? Stephens refused to do his reporting from the safety of his office. He always preferred to go and see what was happening for himself. It earned him Beaverbrooks's highest praise, and a much –increased salary; and in the end it cost him his life.

Stephens ended up in China, reporting on the atrocities committed there by the invading Japanese, on the last day of the Chinese army's stand in Shanghai in 1937, he was hit in the head by a Japanese bullet and killed instantly. His friend, a rowdy *Daily Mail* correspondent called O'Dowd Gallagher wrote the story of Stephen's death. But he sent it, not to his own paper, but to Stephens's "I couldn't scoop him on his own obituary," Gallagher said later.

Philip Pembroke Stephens was a correspondent's correspondent, and I feel that it's about time he was much better known.

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History – the Real Truth!

Both **David Hamill** and **Sue Smart** taught history and became connoisseurs of the historical howler. David is now retired and living near Edinburgh and sent Sue some examples...

While trawling through some of my files before moving, intending to ditch a lot, but in fact throwing out very little, I chanced upon a folder with some of the howlers that you, Sue, and I collected over the years. I know that you are already aware and have a collection of most of them, but a few were ones that I hadn't seen for some time and so I thought I'd share them with you. The humour has, for me at least, survived the passage of time and I still chuckle out



loud at some of them. Needless to say, the Highland Clearances provided quite a good selection:

'People left the Highlands, as the Highlanders were hardy and had black teeth'

Many of the people went abroad to New Zealand, Australia and Glasgow.'

'The black sheep can attack better than the white sheep.'

'Black-faced sheep are hardy animals. This is good because they don't need intensive care'

The 19th century and the First World War also provided moments of mirth, as you will remember:

'The overseer sometimes beat the children to stop them from fainting.'

'The Factory Acts had very little success because the people who ran the country were mostly factories themselves.'

'The working-class helped to force the government to introduce the changes of the 1832 Reform Act, but at the end of the day they received no volts.'

They never had much air in hospitals and this was becoming serious.'

'Arkwright wanted to be near the

coalfields because coal used up less fuel.'

'Son: Mum, I want to go to war and help fight the Germans.

Mother: But what would you do when you get there, apart from hold a gun and kill any opponent that comes your way?'

'The Anti-Corn Law League targeted the electorate with packs about the Corn Laws and handed out missionaries to farmers to encourage them.'

Ah, happy days!

David Hamill

Ben Youngs

When Ben Youngs threw an audacious dummy on his own line to set in motion the sensational 100 metre try finished off by Chris Ashton last Saturday, it confirmed his emergence as England's brightest young prospect. The 21-yearold Leicester scrum-half won the manof-the-match award against Australia for his bold, instinctive attacking play, after marking his full debut against the same opposition back in June with a superb solo try in Sydney. With his pace and vision and composure under pressure, Youngs has the potential to become one of the country's leading players for many years to come.



White lightning: Youngs' speed of thought, fast hands and electric pace have seen him make an immediate impact on the Test scene.

Nick Youngs (Ben's father and former England scrum-half) writes:

'He was like everyone else on a Sunday morning, like all kids around the country. You could see he enjoyed his sport, no matter what he did: rugby, football, cricket, hockey. 'Ben wasn't like his brother, Tom, he was small and lean. I never put pressure on him, I just encouraged him to play a team sport. It was Dusty (Hare) who really said he should play scrum-half. He has a brilliant eye for a rugby player. He could see that Ben was more a scrum-half than fly-half. Dusty had seen him in an Under 15 tournament playing fly-half and liked his ability to put people through holes.

Then he played for the London Division at scrum-half and that was the time it took off. At Leicester, doors have opened for him at the right time. Julien Dupuy bought out his contract — if he hadn't, Ben wouldn't have been given a sniff then. If Harry Ellis had been fit, where would he be? Would he have been given an opportunity? He has played well and taken his opportunity. Some fluff it, some nail it — and he nailed it. He has improved because he has been given a chance. He has got better and better. I feel incredibly blessed and amazingly

proud of what he is doing. It's fantastic. It's good to be known as Ben's dad rather than Ben being the son of an ex-England player.'

Mike Bush (Youngs' Holt RFC minis coach) writes: 'I can't take much credit for coaching him. I just gave him the chance to catch and pass a ball! He always had a natural flair. He was an outstanding, elusive runner from day one. We started together when he was five. The minis didn't officially start until the age of six, but I got them running around together the year before. We called them the Gladiators, after the TV programme. They didn't really play rugby, it was more like British Bulldog, but they threw a ball around too. We had a lot of good players but Ben was the star. He was tiny and I thought his size might have held him back, but he had the heart of a lion and always tackled above his weight. He was fearless."



Whipper snapper! Youngs (centre) captaining Gresham's School's under 15 side

'I couldn't have said back then that he was going to go on and play professional rugby or end up playing for England. I had no idea that would happen, I just knew that he was the best player in a team of good players. He regularly scored three or four tries in a game for our team. Once he got past people, there was no stopping him. He was so guick. I am so proud of what he is doing because he is such a talented player and a good lad. He was back at the club the weekend before the New Zealand game. He just stood on the sidelines, chatting to people. He is very down to earth and always happy to see the boys he knew before."

Simon Worrall (Youngs' rugby coach at Gresham's prep school) writes: Ben had two years with us in the prep school 1st team, aged 12 and 13. He was a really class player, against much bigger boys. He often scored tries from the length of the pitch back then. Being the son of a former England player, there would be guys like Peter Winterbottom and Les Cusworth round at the family home. Rugby was in his blood from a young age. We played Ben at outside centre, to give him as much room as possible to run. If he got into any space he was almost impossible to stop. He had so much pace and won the prep school national 100m title



Runaway success: Youngs in full flight in his prep school days

There was one particular game that stands out for me, against Felsted School from Essex. He was playing against boys who were a year older than him, but in the first five minutes he scored two tries from his own 22. He just ripped straight through. That wasn't unusual, though, he scored so many tries. We used to practise by playing touch rugby and he was a nightmare to defend against. We had a parents' evening this week and so many of the parents were asking what we thought of Ben's performance last Saturday. He comes back here a lot and has even done some coaching here. He's a hero to so many of the boys who are here now and even the girls are talking about him! We thought he could play for England Schools and maybe make a career out of the game, but I don't think any of us would have seen this coming so quickly.'

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She'll surprise you: Olivia Colman

Known for her funny roles in Peep Show and Rev, Olivia Colman is about to unveil a serious side.

Some people think Olivia Colman is a comedian. It's an understandable mistake, as she



has been in nearly all the best British comedies of the past decade – Green Wing, Hot Fuzz, Rev, Peep Show and virtually anything else involving Mitchell and Webb. As a result, she sometimes gets emails asking her to go on panel shows and just be herself. "I keep emailing them back going, 'You'll be so disappointed.' I really can't think on my feet. I mean, I'm funny at home, I make my kids laugh. But they're three and five, so that's not so hard."

That in itself is quite funny, but you get the point. She is an actress, not a comic. Up until now, it so happens that she has been cast as a comic actress, a likeable, huggable screen presence though always in a supporting part. Two roles this year, however, look set to overhaul her reputation entirely.

The first is alongside John Simm and Jim

Broadbent in Danny Brocklehurst's threepart thriller Exile on BBC1.Colman plays Simm's sister Nancy. Years back, when Simm's prodigal son was drawn to the bright lights of London, she was left at home looking after their father (Broadbent), who later developed Alzheimer's. If Colman is a revelation in Exile – ballsy and strong are not the kind of roles she normally gets - her first leading role, in Paddy Considine's debut as a feature-film director, Tyrannosaur, will leave fans of Peep Show with their jaws embedded in the floor. She plays middle-class. Hannah. а benign, Christian charity-shop worker who develops a friendship with Joseph, a selfdestructive, anger-ridden old soak. Away from the shop, neither of their lives is as the other imagines. Hannah lives in the shadow of an abusive husband and suffers a catalogue of debasement, verbal, emotional and physical, at his hands. Again, there are no pratfalls or belly laughs in this performance, but there is astonishing power in Hannah's resilience. Colman steals the show. Tyrannosaur marks one of those sudden veil-removal moments when an actor leaps out of the casting director's box they have been casually assigned and demands a complete re-evaluation.

So where has this Olivia Colman been for so long? "It is a bit frustrating, I suppose," she says. "There are two lists, the serious actresses and the comic

actresses. It's always been frustrating that you can't move freely between the two. People have done it, but it's involved a bit of a leap of faith at point by somebody else."

In her case, the leap of faith came from Considine, an actor and now director who could hardly have less in common with Colman: he, the angry young man from the Midlands: she, the well-spoken mother of two from Norfolk. In a pleasing metaphorical transference, they met when a door opened. "We were doing Hot Fuzz. I opened a door for him at this rehearsal, and apparently he decided, 'Oh, she'd be all right for Hannah.' I was overexcited and grinned. Thank God I wasn't trying to be cool. I'm not very good at that." Uncool was exactly what Considine was looking for. "It was refreshing to meet somebody so selfless," he says. Perhaps significantly, he had never seen Peep Show. "It was everything about her as a human being that meant I wanted to work with her and I wanted her to play that role. It was her."

The characters that Colman normally plays are a little cosy, happy and middle-class. It has taken her nearly 12 years, since drama school at Bristol Old Vic, to throw off the assumption that her chummy comedy persona was somehow hard-wired. "I often got the comedy maid part at drama school – which I was thrilled with, because it meant I didn't

have to learn so much. At the end-ofyear showcase, you had a minute in front of casting directors and agents. I decided making someone laugh in a minute is much easier than making them cry. So I did a funny one-minute speech."

The funny stuff went to her, and it never stopped. You can see why the instant you meet her - she speaks quickly and quietly, in short spurts, as if she's permanently embarrassed to be saying anything at all, yet she swears like a trooper. She is self-deprecating to the point of exasperation. And she has that toothy smile almost always in place, regardless of whether what she's saying is deadly serious or jocund. "I sometimes watch myself and think, 'I was actually feeling much sadder than that', but I've constantly got a grin. Which I don't know I'm doing." Considine says that, when she opened that door, it was her smile that struck him first.

There's more Rev to come, along with Peep Show, should it come back, so the comedy isn't being ushered off stage just yet. "Making people laugh when you're in front of an audience is such a brilliant feeling. You can judge straightaway if it's working. That's a real high. But people loving Tyrannosaur and Exile – that makes me feel more proud than anything else."

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KENYA 2010

Hugh Roberts went to Kenya soon after leaving school last year. Interested in exploring a non European culture and looking to do something worthwhile, he arranged to volunteer at an orphanage, run by the American Charity "Flying Kites", in the rural town of Njabini, near Nairobi. Here is a selection of extracts from his diary detailing his time at the orphanage.



01/09/2010

Day 1: I arrived at the airport in Nairobi at 07h 30. We waited – Kendra, an American volunteer worker and I – for 4 hours for Frannie, who was in charge of the orphanage, but she never showed up. Eventually, we managed to work out where Flying Kites was using Kendra's computer, and arranged a taxi to Njabini. The taxi journey took hours as the driver didn't know where Njabini was, despite claiming he regularly went there before we got in the car. Very thick fog and having to regularly stop for direction meant the journey took a long time. We saw a donkey dead on the side of the road half way through birth.

We arrived at the wrong Benson's Flying Kites first. The organisation had split in a "divorce" several months ago as the previous manager had been stealing from the centre. We didn't know this at the time, and we got sent to the "Green House" to meet him. He offered us lunch, but then made us pay!

We eventually managed to get to the leadership centre after a taxi ride and met the kids (who greeted us with a song then guided tour) and the staff. Met Frannie in the evening who gave us the "official" tour.

02/09/2010

Day 2: Brian, the longest serving volunteer at the orphanage, arrived this morning and the kids sung him the song they had been practising all yesterday:

Welcome, welcome Uncle Brian,
Welcome home,
We have been counting days and nights,
But sadly she never showed up.
We have been looking over the fence,
With smiling faces,
But you never showed up.

Frannie, Kendra and I went into town and were greeted by countless excited children along the way. We had pineapple that evening and it tasted amazing.

04/09/2010

Day 4: Had my first tutoring session with John today. In the afternoon we all went down to the creek to go "swimming". The kids were fearless in the freezing water, and many local kids sat watching us play. We also saw some Columbus monkeys in the trees.



Hugh Roberts (right) and friends

05/09/2010

Day 5: Went into town today and Brian left to go to a meeting in Nairobi. We then went to the Sunday market, which was heaving. In the afternoon, I taught some of the boys "karate", which excited them a lot, especially Isaac, because they had seen the martial arts films "Karate Kid" and "Thailand", which the kids pronounced "Theighland".

06/09/2010

Day 6: First day of school. Chores and singing practice were done by the children as Brian's parents were arriving today. Some people from town came to greet Brian's dad and grandparents and give them gifts, but also I was given a Kenyan belt by a local entrepreneur/orchid farmer/FKLC friend Peter.

07/09/2010

Day 7: We all went into town to meet the Chief, who is known for his boastful third person speeches. His office was a small wooden shed. In the evening we had a party, with much singing from the kids. The councillor sat between Kendra and me, and was very flirty with Kendra after his one cup of Tusker, with lines such as, "Old men should marry young women" and "you could get dual citizenship".



12/09/2010

This Sunday Frannie, Kendra and I took a matatu (minibus) to Nairobi to meet the new volunteers. The journey took over 2 hours in the cramped vehicle with the music way too loud, but there was plenty to see on the way, including a great view of Rift Valley. When we got to Nairobi, we checked in at the terminal hotel then went shopping at the Nakumat for junk food....

24/09/2010

The new volunteers Amanda and Angie left for the Njabini Boys High School today to talk to the Principal to get an idea of the Kenya school system for her potential upcoming project in providing schooling for disabled children in the area. Currently, disabled kids spend 24/7 locked in their home. Incidentally, Kendra and I did all the tutoring for the day. We decided to go into town at different points in the afternoon, so I walked back on my own and about 20 local kids followed me, which was fun as they were teaching me Swahili. Brian has also introduced a punishment system, so many of the kids got sent to bed early this evening.

28/09/2010

Another quiet day as the kids were doing exams. This evening, we had a small FK party, in which we had pasta and tomato sauce, played "apples to apples" and drank tequila mixed with jello sugar, gatorade, pineapple, lime and mango juice. We also tried to watch "We Own the Night" in the volunteer room, but in true FK fashion, the film and party ended at 21:30 when the power cut out from the generator. I had said goodbye to all the kids as this was my last evening. Some were very sweet. Isaac actually ran and jumped into my arms. However some of the younger kids didn't really understand that I was leaving as their English was too poor for me to explain properly, so it didn't feel like a proper goodbye.

29/09/2010

My final day at FK! I woke up early, packed my bags and then, with Oliver's help, dug a hole for the compost bin and put it in. It took Oliver, David and me to lift it! I said goodbye to the matrons and Oliver, then Wombogo dropped Amanda, Angie and I in Njabini and we took a matatu to Nairobi, and checked in at terminal ... Angie and I decided to go out again, so we went to a club called "Florida" and had a beer. There was a girl called Pauline who offered both Angie and me a good time if we paid for her taxi home. After very little deliberation we went to the Dove hotel instead to get a beer, and met a guy who gave us his scarf, then picked up a cockroach I had squashed on the floor and put it on its back to show it couldn't self-right, despite the fact it was dead...



04/10/2010

Today was the medical clinic for the orphans in Nairobi. It took me a while to work out, but I realised that the "doctors" were in fact osteopaths. There was one consultation I overheard where the osteopath Katy was explaining they would treat a boy's severe bronchitis by boosting his vitality through massage. There was also one girl with suspected leukemia who they treated by all of them massaging her. I was just doing paperwork and explaining medicines to patients. There was one boy who had been forced back into his mother during premature birth. After this, we went and grabbed a drink and meal at an Italian restaurant. We walked back to the hotel, and when we arrived we went straight to bed...

05/10/2010

I left early this morning. The taxi driver was very helpful but he told me just before I got out that he was not an official taxi driver so could not drop me off right outside the airport. The journey was calm and I watched the sun rise across the city behind trees filled with Marabou storks. It felt like an appropriate final view of Africa...

I had an absolutely amazing experience in Kenya, and have missed everyone at FKLC since I left. I plan to return after I have completed my degree in medicine to work at the clinic which is currently being built by Flying Kites thanks to a number of generous donors.



Hugh Roberts (T 2005-10)

LIFE IS ALL MEMORY EXCEPT FOR THE ONE PRESENT MOMENT THAT GOES BY SO QUICK YOU CAN HARDLY CATCH IT GOING



Mike Pemberton

(Tennessee Williams)

On a visit to the Tower of London my then 14 year old son dared me to approach a pretty young 'wench' wearing the costume of the early 16th century. We were looking for the "bloody tower" but the challenge was to put the question in language of the time. Recently I caught up with the latest movie version of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, not as some would have it a masterpiece, but more a museum piece reflecting the way middle class manners and acquiescence were an integral part of social behaviour. Keira Knightly led a bunch of giggling sisters whose main topic of conversation was when they would each in turn meet the man of their dreams.

Austen wrote about such matters in the first half of the nineteenth century when wives still addressed their husbands as Mister and everyone bobbed up and down bowing and curtseying like corks on the ocean. Two hundred years earlier William Shakespeare wrote in a style with which we are all familiar so I took a deep breath and addressed the guide, "Forsooth fair maid, canst thou direct my son and me to the bloody tower?" We were both dumbstruck when she replied, "'Tis yonder sire 'longside the bloody toilets!"

Gresham's was established in 1555 as a result of Henry VIII's closure of the Priory at Beeston Regis, a school since 1216. It is safe to assume the early attendees of Sir John's school must have spoken a form of English similar to characters of equal status in plays written around the time. Although born a decade later both William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe were of course writing in the idiomatic style of the century and beyond.

I grew up with Shakespeare, first at Gresham's in the splendid amphitheatre and then during my early career as a professional actor. My first job was with the Birmingham

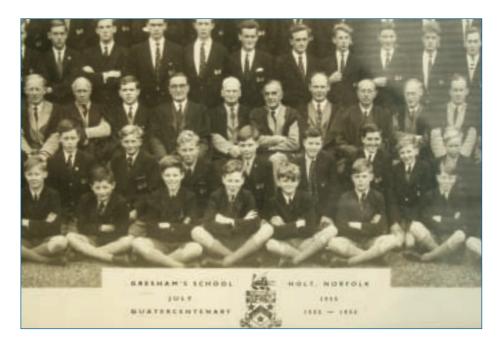
Life is all a Memory



Repertory company in the Henry IVs but it was during a world tour of Romeo and Juliet under the direction of the iconic Italian director Franco Zeffirelli that, for me, the poetry and prose really came to life. Of course the characters would have been speaking Veronese Italian, but Shakespeare's dialogue is so beautifully constructed that its sheer drama and emotion gives the language universality.

Rummaging through archive junk in a double garage, that has not been home even to one car since we moved to Ovington 11 years ago, I came across an old school photograph. You know the sort that is fronted by a 3 foot wide sheet of dangerously breakable glass, believe it or not, without even the tiniest crack. These panoramic pictures are a bit like Where's Wally (eventually I found myself) and appropriately framed in black. I say appropriately since some of its seniors and almost all of its staff are undoubtedly deceased! It was shot in 1955 so we only have another 30 something years before not one of its subjects will be alive.

Forgive me for the slightly morbid theme, but I guess many of you reading this who were at the school on its 400th anniversary will have the same picture either in their attic or on their dining room wall. The latter is possibly more disquieting since you are forced to look at it every day. You know you are a veteran OG when the magazine



begins to carry obits of some of your contemporaries. I have an eminent exbarrister friend who buys *The Times* each day with the sole purpose of reading the obituaries. He tells me so long as his is not there he knows he is still alive!

The other disconcerting aspect to all of this backward gazing is that aside from the few faces of your closest friends and those of your teachers, barely anyone in the photograph is recognisable. Last year I wrote about the bizarre experience of a reunion lunch for leavers between 1950 and 56. Without name badges I would only have known one face among some 60 contemporaries and his only because our friendship extended into the latter part of the century. Nostalgia can be a destructive emotion since it often leads either to a regretful state of mind or, worse still, a state of reflective introspection. When I hear someone over 70 saying they have no regrets I know they are deluding themselves. No one leaves this life without a single regret. It simply means they either have a bad memory or are afraid to admit they might have done things differently.

Earlier this year I had a call from a guy with whom I shared the somewhat dubious distinction of being in the same dormitory at age 13. Two thoughts come to mind. First, was that a previous life? Second, what happened to the intervening six decades? I had the

experience of last year's reunion to fall back on – make it brief or make a biopic. The phone call from my teenage "sleeping" partner lasted all of 5 minutes with my saying I should like more time with him on the phone. He wisely suggested there was no need for further conversation and I understood why. What could either of us possibly gain by regaling each other with stories of our dormitory capers? Besides, those sorts of stories might seem like the stuff of fiction. As for the biopic I doubt it would get a certificate for general release! Public school behaviour in those days was worse than people imagined though I should like to think my contemporaries were paragons of virtue compared to most. Naturally there were exceptions. Like the boy in my house who was "shopped" by one of the prettier kitchen maids (this was pre-CFB when we all ate meals in our houses) for having arranged a midnight rendezvous in the local church yard. Ouch!

Finally I thought I would take a look at, say, the last one hundred years to see who had distinguished themselves in the arts. It seems the same old names keep coming up – you know, Auden, Britten, Brook, Spender and so on. As well as these super stars Steve Benson's admirable book *I Will Plant Me a Tree* lists artist Ben Nicholson, actors Sebastian Shaw and Michael Aldridge,

author John Lanchester, broadcaster John Tusa and film director Stephen Frears. The absence of female names seems odd but what was even more fascinating was the website (no doubt one of several) on which they are listed. If you follow the links to Gresham's alumni you are likely to find yourself on a site called "Ranker" whose strap line is 'List it Love it Bank it'

There are no more than 182 names most without an image which, given the thousands who have passed through the school since 1555, seems somewhat meagre. However what is even more extraordinary is the site's accompanying advertising that mainly consists of links to some seriously salacious subjects such as http://www.ranker.com/list/the-18craziest-naked-women-in-news-reporthistory/clintonjake. This could be looked upon as an unfortunate coupling since OGs would have you believe they are an honourable band untarnished by sleaze and a credit to their heritage. And who am I to argue with that?

Mike Pemberton (OSH 1950-55)

Mike and Tina's restaurant is The Café at Brovey Lair, winner of The Good Food Guide's Best Fish restaurant in Britain award 2010, situated in Ovington 9 miles south east of Swaffham between Dereham and Thetford. They offer a special welcome and generous discounts to OGs who visit.

Obituaries



Hugh Bartlett (H 1936-40) has died. After Cambridge University, where he obtained degrees in Natural Sciences and Mechanical Sciences, he worked from 1941 to 1946 at the Admiralty Signals Establishment. He then joined Marconi's in Chelmsford, where he designed and developed a wide range of broadcasting and television transmitters. While in Chelmsford he married his wife Rebecca. Hugh emigrated to Sydney in 1963, initially as manager of the AWA Broadcast Transmitters group and subsequently as manager of the Advanced Techniques group. In 1977 he joined the Papua New Guinea University of Technology as visiting senior lecturer, and on his return to Sydney in 1978 he was appointed lecturer in the School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Sydney. He was elected President of the Australian Institution of Radio and Electronics Engineers in 1978.

Edward C. Brooks (k & OSH 1939-45) died in December 2010, his daughter Pippa told us. He was born on 23rd September 1928, the youngest child of Collin and Lilian, and died on 13th December 2010. During his time with the RAF he was an armourer, and then as a young adult he joined Chesterfield Repertory Company, where he met and later married Sheila Elizabeth Stones. He followed a career as an actor on stage, film and television, appearing in many different roles including the hired hit-man Kessler in the 1970's series "The Long Chase", and Father in "The Phoenix and the Carpet". He was loved by friends and family alike, and renowned as "a true gentleman", known for his ready sense of humour and sharp wit. He leaves a widow (Sheila), three children, eleven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Jumbo Burrough died, aged 92, on 9 September 2010. After the funeral at St Faith's there was a Celebration Service to acknowledge his long and gifted life on Saturday November 20 at St. Andrew's Church, Holt. The Church was packed full of friends, relatives and OGs. Jumbo's daughter June gave a moving tribute to her father in a service that was full of music. There was a short ceremony to bury his ashes in St Andrew's graveyard as part of the Celebration Service. The following are just a few of the tributes the Editor has received.



Jeremy Tomlinson, Registrar Lancing College, writes: I was so sorry to hear about John (Jumbo/Scruffy) Burrough. I would really like to have come to the service on the 20th: unfortunately it is absolutely impossible for me to make it. Jumbo was one of the great characters of Gresham's. I am sure you will hear lots of anecdotes. I worked very closely with him and a group of my contemporaries on building the back retaining walls of the upper tiers of the Open Air Theatre in 1962/3/4. On my last visit, after Jo BL's funeral, I went to look, and a lot of our work is still standing. Carting the infill from a gravel quarry with juniors hauling the ropes became a competitive activity! We also made all the concrete edges of the stage and wings and built access stairs out of discarded granite kerb stones and parts of the old library gateposts. He also taught us a lot about tree surgery and we planted some of the hedges. I was not alone in being interested in clocks and bells and John helped me to restore a turret clock (which he must have found for me) in the Scruff Shacks at the same sort of time. And I still use fire irons which I made in the forge in that workshop which was such a haven for some of us. John was immensely physically strong and practically ingenious and, for all his brusque manner, very kind hearted and approachable, as well as cultured and amusing. I think we were a bit surprised

when he became a housemaster, but I believe that was a success and he must have done a vast number of years at the school.



lan Robins (k & F 1950-57) writes: I was very sorry to hear of the death of the wonderful Jumbo Burrough. He was one of 3 who stood out especially to me during my time at School, with Dick Bagnall-Oakley, of course, and Bill Thomas. Bill and Jumbo used to have a little coven with 'The Shark' Simon in the Scruff Shacks - named Scruff Shacks after 'Scruffy' Burrough, his other nickname. John Grange (c & W 1952-61) added, 'I was sorry to hear that Jumbo has died. He was an excellent fellow and I got to know him well as, for a couple of years, I was one of a small group that

worked on the extension of the theatre in the school woods.' *Richard Howard* remembered Jumbo as an inspirational teacher who taught him everything that he needed to know in his future employment.

Nick (W 1964-69), Andrew (W 1967-71) and Sally Cook write that their father **Henry Brian Cook** (k & W 1937-43) passed away suddenly on 8 January, 1999.

After leaving the school during the Second World War, Brian joined the Royal Engineers in 1944, seeing service in France and Germany where he was involved in erecting Bailey bridges and as a dispatch rider. After the war he trained as a chemical engineer and joined his father at Johnsons of Hendon. manufacturer and distributor photographic chemicals and equipment, becoming a director. During his time at Johnsons he became heavily involved in voluntary work with the management committee of the Middlesex Association of Boys Clubs.

Any spare time was devoted to his family and home with wife Rosemary. He shared with us his interests of the countryside, photography and trips "off roading" with the Landrover Owners Club.

He left Johnsons in 1972 to start up a boarding kennels in Cambridgeshire with Rosemary for cats, dogs, owls, foxes and any other animal needing a home! They both worked with animal rescue centres in the area providing long term care to homeless dogs. In 1991 they retired to North Lincolnshire where they continued their work with wildlife. Brian was a member of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and acted as a seal warden. during the annual grey seal pupping on the coast. He was also a member of the local parish council for the area around Louth where they made their home. In later years he enjoyed his seven grandchildren by whom he was much loved

Gordon Cousland (OSH 1984-89)



worked as an analyst for CACI, the British victim of the Moscow bomb attack was due to

get married at the end of April and had a six-month-old baby.Gordon Cousland's brother Robin told the BBC his family was "devastated" at the news of his death.

Gordon Cousland was among 35 people killed in a suspected suicide bomb attack at Moscow's Domodedovo airport on Monday. The blast hit the airport's busy international arrivals hall at about 1630 local time (1330 GMT).

More than 100 people were injured.

His brother told the BBC: "We're all just completely shocked. It's devastated the family." Mr Cousland's employers said they were "deeply saddened" at the loss of a respected colleague and friend. "Gordon, who worked at CACI for three-and-a-half years, was instrumental in setting up our European business and was well-known in the property industry, He had tremendous energy and enthusiasm for his clients' projects and will be sadly missed by colleagues, friends and associates alike."

Nicholas J. Crouch (k &H 1991-97).



On 19 July, Nicholas was a member of a group escorting a detachment of US Army Engineers to a hospital under

construction in the city of Mosul, when his convoy came under attack. A suicide bomber blew up a car packed with explosives, killing Nicholas and wounding three of his colleagues and five Iraqi civilians.

His initial attempt to join the Paras was turned down, but Nic wrote to the commanding officer urging a rethink, and got in – showing his determination. He was a basic training instructor, and did spells in Northern Ireland including

tackling terrorism and smuggling on the border. Nic's switch to civilian life came in 2005, initially with a company doing close protection duties in Afghanistan, then joining another firm in Iraq two years ago. In Afghanistan he worked closely with American special forces and Danish Army medical teams, and even lent a hand dealing with casualties, including local children - which saw him made an honorary medic. His protection duties also included politicians such as Tony Blair and Gordon Brown.

Before his death, he had written: "If I should be killed in Afghanistan or Iraq, and the media is interested, I would like them to know how I and all the other former soldiers contributed to the Great Game. I seek no personal glory, but many good Paras and other exservicemen have died supporting these operations with little acknowledgement of their bravery. It is widely accepted that without us the British and US forces couldn't operate...If you're reading this I bought it. I pray you are comforted and understand that we all die some day, and however premature my death, I lived a full and passionate life."

Tributes paid to Nic included many from his former soldiers, praising his leadership qualities, his courage and his caring nature. We extend our deepest sympathy

to his parents, his sister Rebecca (c & E 1990 - 2000) and his partner Jessica, whom he had met at Camp Bastion, where she was a nurse. They were due to get engaged when he returned home on leave in September.

He was a "soldier's soldier" who cared for his men, and motivated his team members. He asked to be buried in his Hugo Boss suit, but with his army jungle boots, combat dress and Para beret with him

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Mary Power writes: As a second cousin of **Geoffrey Daniels** (H 1936-41) who was a boarder at Gresham's from January 1936 to December 1941, I am forwarding to you his Obituary as written by him with a request it should be sent to the School.

Geoffrey Daniels was born on the North West Frontier of British India in 1923. His father, Lieut. Colonel A.M. Daniels was serving with the 1st DYO Cavalry (Skinner's Horse). He was educated at Glyngarth School Cheltenham, and Gresham's School, Holt. He left school in 1941 to join the army and was accepted for an Indian Army officer cadetship at the Officers Training School, Bangalore and subsequently at the Armoured Corps School, Ahmednagar. He was commissioned in October 1942 and

posted to Skinner's Horse seeing service in the Middle East, Italy, Yugoslavia, and India, including the North West Frontier.

On demobilisation he went up to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. graduating in 1948 he joined the Overseas Civil Service, Malaya, in which capacity he served until 1960 when he retired under Malayanisation as a Senior Education Officer. He then joined Shell and served for 19 years in Brunei where taught at the he School becoming the Head Master, and a further 10 post-retirement years as Education Adviser to Shell International in London. In retirement he settled in Cheltenham, the home town of both his mother's and his father's families.

The following announcement appeared in The *Times* and *Telegraph* on 17th December: **Von Dumreicher**, **Hugo**, (W 1929-31) died on Tuesday 14th December 2010, peacefully in Hamburg, aged 96, husband of the late Dr Eva (née Helligtag) and formerly of Barclays Bank.

Richard Fawkes (k &T 1971-80) died on 29 October 2010.





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sad news of

Rupert Hamer's death in Afghanistan, writes Roddy Bray. That he had achieved a senior journalistic position, as defence correspondent for a national paper, however, came as no surprise. 'Ruppie' was in my year at Howson's. Soon after arriving, and feeling homesick, I penned a three chord song called 'run, run, run'. It spawned a short-lived band called 'Roddy and the Runaways' and Ruppie was the bass guitarist. He was a Beatles fan, and taught me to listen for the rhythm and bass line. Later he was an enthusiast for the melancholic Smiths. also The Cure and Springsteen, and he would tell me about Dylan songs he thought I would enjoy.

I always thought of him as an 'antiestablishment' figure. In this I was wrong, Rupert was an independent thinker and not afraid to articulate his opinions. We shared a sense of discomfort about Gresham's, but we expressed our frustrations in different ways; I was seen to be eager and proestablishment; he the critic.

It was with some misgivings therefore when I opened the unofficial, and

immediately banned, newspaper he published. It featured an article about me called 'Rod: the Truth' and I fully expected to be lampooned as the overly-earnest Head Boy. He could have taken many cheap shots, which I daresay I deserved. But he surprised me with a more than fair and faithful piece. Rupert was capable of being wickedly cutting, but he was no bully, he had a sharp mind but a generous heart.

My own subversive side came out in hatching plans for practical jokes which I fed to my braver housemates. The most spectacular was to lock the school out of the chapel. I was chapel warden and worked out how every door could be bolted from inside, and then the last door bolted from outside using a piece of wire, thus making the place impregnable. I tipped off Rupert, knowing he would leap at it. I hid my smile one morning as I watched the entire school gather, unable to get inside. As warden I was sent up a ladder to gain entry to the bell tower. I knew full well that door was bolted too, but acted my part to find it locked and endured the jeers of the boys below... little did they know. Fortunately the staff had the grace never to follow up who was behind this particular plot.

Rupert had a wicked sense of humour, and he loved to shock. I recall one night

in the dormitory, in an unusual lull in the conversation he piped up 'Does anyone else pee in the shower?' We all cried out 'uhggg!' but Rupert just laughed and laughed until we realised he was provoking us again and we were all laughing too.

Rupert came to my 21St in London, but I left for Cape Town thereafter and we lost contact. Rupert leaves behind 3 young kids, and he lives on in them. He also lives on in our memories and the influence he had on us, an unusual, special, funny and capable man. Donations can be made for the kids at www.rupert.samgreenhill.com.

Richard Anthony Hand (c & OSH 1972-77). We were informed by a fellow OG. Robert W Baker that Richard had died on 26th March 2011. On graduating from the Royal Academy of Music, he joined the 'Live Music Now' scheme, broadcasting frequently on BBC Radio 3. With Tom Dupré, as the 'Hand-Dupré Guitar Guo', he performed in the Wigmore Hall, Purcell Room, and St John's, Smith Square, around the U.K., and in more than twenty other countries, particularly the USA. As a concerto soloist, Richard premiered many solo works. He was also a member of the English Guitar Quartet and the Pro Arte Guitar Trio. As an ensemble player, he played in many arenas including the BBC Proms, and toured France, Spain, South Africa and Kenya.

Dr John Frederic Hope-Simpson (W 1927-32)

Dr John Hope-Simpson, a lecturer in the Botany Department for 31 years, died on 11



February 2007 at the age of 93. John Hope-Simpson was always known as H-S to everyone in the Botany Department, staff and students. He was born in London in 1913 and attended Gresham's School in Norfolk. From there he went on to Oxford University, where he was awarded a first in Botany. He stayed on at Oxford to carry out research for his D Phil on the ecology of grasslands on soils overlying chalk. His supervisor was Professor AG Tansley FRS (later Sir Arthur Tansley), the founding father of plant ecology in Britain. The resulting papers contribute to our basic knowledge and understanding of how the species composition and structure of these grasslands is controlled, especially in relation to features of the soil and to grazing by sheep and rabbits.

In 1939 he spent several months on an expedition in southern Sudan. This resulted in a substantial and important paper on the open savanna woodland of that region and its relation to the soils;

publication was delayed until after the Second World War. During the war, H-S was at first part of a team concerned with how food production from grassland areas could be increased. Later, in the run-up to D-Day, he was transferred to interpretation of aerial photographs of France.

In 1947 he was appointed to a lectureship in the Botany Department, where he remained until his retirement in 1978. He and his wife Elizabeth lived in the country to the south of Bristol, beyond Pensford. They had two daughters; Elizabeth died in 1999.

During his early years in the Department his teaching was mainly on genetics. Although he had no research experience of this branch of biology, his lectures were, by student report, clear and interesting. Later, as more staff joined the Department, he was able to transfer his teaching to his own area of expertise, plant ecology. He was instrumental in starting a course in conservation, to which other staff contributed

From his arrival at Bristol onwards, his research was particularly involved with Braunton Burrows, a large area of sand dunes on the north coast of Devon. Outside the University he was active in promoting conservation; for many years he was a leading member of the

Somerset and Wiltshire Wildlife Trusts. He had wide interests outside botany, and he read widely. For many years he sang in the Bristol Choral Society. He was noted for producing unexpected and perceptive questions about subjects far removed from his research area. He was almost always cheerful, even at difficult times. He will be remembered with affection by former colleagues, and by generations of students.

Justin Judd, son of **George Judd** (W 1924-31) and nephew of **Michael Judd** (W 1928-35) both of whom were at Gresham's in the late 1920's/early 30's, writes: My father died eleven years ago but I want to let you know that Michael Judd died this year, aged 92. His obituary appears below:

Group Captain M T Judd DSO DFC

(W 1928-35)
In early 1944
Judd was given
command of a
wing of three
C a n a d i a n
T y p h o o n
squadrons and, in

the build up to D-Day, attacked the V-1 launching sites and the coastal radar units in the Pas-de-Calais. On June 1 he attended a meeting at 21st Army Group and was briefed on the operational plan for the Normandy invasion and the role his wing would play.

With knowledge of this top-secret information, he was not allowed to fly for the next few days for fear of his being shot down and captured. He found it particularly frustrating to stand by idly as his pilots took off to attack enemy gun positions. But just after dawn on June 6 Judd took off from an airfield in Hampshire, leading two of his squadrons. He had been ordered to destroy two German 88mm gun batteries that overlooked the Normandy beaches and would pose a serious threat to Allied forces as they went ashore. Each aircraft carried two armour-piercing 1.000lb bombs.



The low cloud base hindered the attack, but the Typhoons dived on to their targets. As he pulled away, Judd saw for the first time the sheer size of the invasion fleet and he later observed: "I knew this was a historic moment I would never forget."

On the following day Judd's Typhoon was badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire as he again attacked enemy positions.

The aircraft's hood simply disappeared and a large hole was blown in one of the wings. It was only with difficulty that Judd managed to keep control as he was escorted back across the Channel to make an emergency landing. But for the next three weeks he continued to lead his wing against rail and road targets and, on June 27, he and his comrades started operating from temporary airstrips in Normandy. Flying daily in support of Montgomery's army, the Typhoon wings attacked any transports they could find. Judd and his pilots also bombed the bridges over the rivers Orne and Odon as the Germans started their retreat eastwards. At the end of January 1945, Judd was finally rested and two weeks later it was announced that he had been awarded a DSO for his "brilliant work as an outstanding pilot with a fine fighting spirit".

Michael Thomas Judd was born on September 19 1917 at Scotney, Hampshire, and educated at Gresham's School, Holt, before going on to Wadham College, Oxford, where he read Greats. He gained a good degree which led to the award of a Laming Travelling Fellowship at Queen's College. During his time at Oxford, Judd had been commissioned into the RAF Volunteer Reserve and trained as a pilot with the University Air Squadron, in which two of his close friends were

Leonard Cheshire and Richard Hillary, later the fighter pilot who wrote The Last Enemy.

In August he left for France, but war was declared within a month and he returned to England and was called up. Judd completed his pilot training in December 1939 and was assessed as above average, which, to his great disappointment, led to his selection as a flying instructor rather than to his heading for Fighter Command. He left for Montrose to instruct at an advanced flying training school, where his skill was soon apparent. He rose to become a flight commander and after almost 18 months as an instructor was awarded an AFC

In September 1941 he sailed for the Middle East, where he joined No 238 Squadron to fly Hurricane fighters providing support for the Eighth Army. Returning from one sortie, he flew into a sandstorm and was forced to land in the desert, recovering his aircraft the following day. In April 1942 Judd was squadron promoted leader and appointed to command No 250 Squadron. He led his squadron against enemy supply dumps and airfields, strafing aircraft on the ground. He destroyed a Ju 87 Stuka bomber and damaged another.

German Panzer armies relied entirely on re-supply from mainland Europe. On May 12, intercepted enemy radio transmissions indicated that a large formation of Luftwaffe transport aircraft were heading for Libya from Crete. Judd took off at the head of his squadron to escort a Beaufighter squadron and intercepted 12 lumbering Junkers 52 troop carriers 50 miles off the coast. He shot down two of the aircraft as his pilots went in pursuit of the others. Only two of the Junkers escaped. He continued to lead the squadron until November, when he was rested and awarded a DFC. He was soon placed in command of 143 Wing, equipped with three RCAF Typhoon squadrons. In addition to his gallantry awards, Judd was also mentioned in despatches and received the Air Efficiency Award. In November 1945 he left the RAE

After the war Judd left Britain to set up home in Houston, Texas, where he established a partnership in oil exploration. When small production oil drilling became unprofitable he worked for a firm of stockbrokers, eventually joining the board. He retired at the age of 82. A keen golfer, he was particularly proud of his hole-in-one at Houston Country Club's ninth hole. Mike Judd died in Houston on August 22, 2010.

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Dennis Leman (W/Newquay 1940-45) passed away peacefully at home on August 12th 2010, aged 83. His son James sent us the following eulogy.

He was evacuated with the rest of the school to Newquay in 1940. He captained the school hockey team and gained his colours for hockey and cricket. Dennis joined the ATC and on his 17th birthday volunteered for the Fleet Air Arm but his call-up in 1945 was delayed and his father sent him to study at the British Laundry Research Association so that he could join the family business.

In June 1946 he was posted to HMS. King Arthur and opted to become a mechanic on aero engines. He was then posted to Lossiemouth in Scotland, and then to Fore near Bognor. Whilst in the Fleet Air Arm, sport was there again, he ran the 440 yards in the National Services meeting and was 20 yards ahead of the champion on the last bend. However, when wearing spikes for the first time, Dennis did a double somersault having tripped up on the infield barrier and lost the race. He played hockey for the Fleet Air Arm and was the first rating non-NCO to play for the Royal Navy and in fact got paid 10 shillings a match, making him the first professional hockey player.

The Leman family had moved to Dorman's Park in 1938 and Dennis had lived there ever since, making him the longest serving resident in the Park. In the 70s and 80s, the family had eight or nine laundries all over London and a thriving property business. In 1970 they received the four royal warrants, which is very unusual. The Queen, Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles and the Queen Mother, and they held the warrants for 25 years.

While he was on leave from the Navy he came home and played rugby but after demob Dennis joined East Grinstead Hockey Club and the Cricket Club and rekindled his love for golf. He was also a terrific cricketer, a dynamic fielder and occasional wicketkeeper, and as a batsman he had no shots that were listed in the MCC coaching manual. His stance was so crouched it looked as if he was sitting on the loo. But when the hall came he would unleash a shot that would fly over West Street. He broke so many tiles on the West Street houses that the club's insurance premiums went up.

He was a long-time member of Copthorne Golf Club, in fact since he was 10. He was inevitably made captain in 1977 and was captain of the Sussex golf captains in 1985. He never professed to be the best golfer,

sometimes complaining that he was standing too close to the ball after he had hit it. He was the Jeremy Clarkson of Dormans Park. He had 18 cars in total from the MG magnette through to the Jags he loved 3.4, 3.8, to five E Types and three XJS's. And in 1962 he was given that famous DL77 number plate. Dennis and Joy produced a wonderful family, John, Michael, Richard and James who all went to Gresham's School and played hockey for East Grinstead, which made Dennis very proud indeed. John playing in goal, Michael was an outstanding full-back, sadly taken from us in 1985 with Ian Westwood after captaining EG to victory in the National James was a rumbustious HA Cup. centre forward in the same style as his father and doing a great job at the club as the Chairman of the last six years with the 1st XI sweeping all before them how Dennis loved that - and of course. Richard, one of the finest players ever to wear an EG and national shirt, Dennis and Joy went to watch the bronze medal game in Los Angeles and cheered on with all of us the gold medal in Seoul in 1988. Now Richard is President of Great Britain Hockey and heavily involved in the 2012 Olympics.

Dennis Alexander George Leman, outstanding sportsman, outstanding family man and outstanding character. He will be up there now sitting in the corner of the bar on cloud nine looking down and humbled at so many being here today.



Jo Lockhart sadly lost her fight with cancer in 2003 aged only 58. Neredah Baxter writes:

Jo arrived from Sutherland House to be Sports Mistress to the small group of girls in the Girls' House in 1974 and she left Gresham's in1979. Jo is well remembered by all the girls whom she taught. Her enthusiasm for all sports, especially hockey, was infectious. Jo had represented the East of England in hockey and played for the Vagabonds Club in Norwich. Today many girls have said that their involvement in sport throughout their lives was due to her inspiration. Jo was determined that the

girls should not be regarded as weak or soft, and hurried them out to Games in all weathers, and she will always be remembered for her hockey tuition in the snow. Jo was able to spot talent and to nurture it, not only in the girls' playing skills but in their umpiring ability. As numbers in the Girls' House grew and hockey skills were developed, Jo was able to organize school matches and the girls certainly enjoyed some success and eventually an unbeaten season.

connection with Gresham's lo's remained after she had left, as many staff children and the children of her former pupils attended the Nursery school she opened in Briston. Jo was also instrumental in setting up the Briston Ladies Hockey Club, where some former pupils joined her. Her daughter Zoe tells us that lo continued to work hard until the end. This was characteristic of Jo's temperament; always ready to face a challenge, she was briefly able to forget her illness. Cancer may have taken Jo's life, but it will never suppress the wonderful memories Jo's family, friends and former pupils keep of her.

Dr Jeremy Meanley informed us that his brother **Christopher Meanley** (k & OSH 1950-59) died at his home in Newmarket last year of cancer.

Richard Charles George Moore (F 1925-28) was born in Oxford on September 23 1911, where his father was a Fellow of Magdalen College. At that time Fellows had only recently been allowed to marry. Elder sister Margaret and he were the second and fourth to be christened there.



Educated at Scaitcliffe and Greshams he joined the United Steel Companies Ltd straight from school as an apprentice where he was employed at a number of the company's works including those based in Scunthorpe, Workington, Sheffield and Leeds. His interest in matters mechanical and the need for transport led to a succession of cars and motor bikes mostly in need of much TLC

to keep them running if not road worthy. Still with United Steel, at the outbreak of war he volunteered immediately and joined the Royal Artillery. He felt that his maths was not good enough to handle the fairly lengthy calculations needed to train and aim long range weapons in those days and so managed to arrange a transfer to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers where his natural mechanical and practical skills were of much more use. He served in Egypt, Eritrea, Italy and finally India; he was there when the war ended

The family had by then moved to Egham, Surrey where his father had taken up the post of Professor of Chemistry at Royal Holloway College. At the end of the war on his first visit home for some years he met the daughter of their next door neighbour who at that time happened to be on leave from Abbotsinch where she was serving in the WRNS. He quickly made up his mind that she was the girl for him. Deciding to guit the army as soon as possible so he could court my mother he returned to his unit in India to arrange for his 'demob'; a consequence of this rapid exit was the forfeit of imminent promotion to Major.

Dick's job with United Steel was secure and he managed to obtain a post in their Glasgow office, very much nearer to Abbotsinch than the steel towns of the north east and west. His efforts were successful and Barbara (Bobby) Merewether and he were married in Egham in September 1946.

By then Dick was working in the United Steel Birmingham sales office which he eventual came to manage. One of the perks of the job was a company car, an exceptional bonus in those days particularly for a motor enthusiast. The succession of cars that followed. changed yearly give or take, included an Austin Devon, 5 Morris Oxfords, 2 or 3 Ford Consuls and Zephyrs, several Vauxhall Crestas and a Ventora, a Triumph 2000, and a Morris 1800 and 2200. In later years he was able to recall most of these and debate the merits of different models and manufacturers. He had robust and for the most part uncomplimentary, views on the merger of the Morris and Austin marks into BMC and finally to BLMC. The family settled near Solihull where they raised their three children Tim. Sam and Liz. He retired in 1975 from what was by then British Steel Corporation. vehement critic of the nationalisation of steel industry, this was organization, he was in all probability rather glad to leave, nevertheless throughout the rest of his life he remained in contact with work friends and colleagues from the United Steel days.

In 1986 they moved to Broadstone in Dorset. to be nearer to grandchildren. Their grand parenting duties largely complete by 1998, they moved back to Suffolk, a part of the country they had come to love and where they had made many friends. The Morris, which he drove and maintained until it was sold in 2002, came along as well. They lived quietly in the village of Earl Soham, their home as always was a gathering point for family occasions. Bobby died in April 2005 and by 2008 Dick had decided wisely, that life would be more comfortable and secure in a residential home: he made his final move to one in Aldeburgh that September. It was there that he suffered a severe stroke on November 15 2009 from which he died peacefully 3 days later.

remained active for his age eschewing any walking aid except a stick. His final powered wheeled vehicle was a mobility scooter; the lack of an internal combustion engine, a top speed of 6 mph and old age meant that he took little interest in it apart from maintaining the battery charge. He lived to see his first great grandson and learnt the day before his stroke that a second great grandchild was expected. Anyone acquainted with Dick, knew him as a gentleman, true generous and scrupulously honest and never stuck for a story to tell.

Peter Moulton informed us that his cousin **Basil Keith Moulton** (day boy 1932-88) died on 15 October 2010. The following Tribute was given at the Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church 27 October 2010 by Michael Beresford.

The Keith I know was in his retirement years and I found him a modest, kindly, courteous and quietly humorous man who engaged himself closely with Wimbledon life and friends. Especially, he was a man of Faith who worshipped here at St Mary's.

He involved himself in village life as a stalwart member of the Wimbledon Society and the Wimbledon Village Club including undertaking very useful tasks for the Society and the Museum. Keith had a passion for music and the arts and was a member of the Opera Club, The Wimbledon Drama, and Fine Arts Society, and the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies. He also was a regular supporter of many local music groups. Keith was also a charitable man and his characteristic kindness is shown in his many involvements and donations.

He was born and brought up near the sea in Norfolk and had a great ambition to travel so he chose a seaman's life and joined the Merchant Navy. The downside to this was, of course, the advent of World War II and he found himself involved in the appallingly dangerous Arctic Convoys to Russia. Notwithstanding seeing neighbouring vessels being sunk by U-boats, Keith seems to have taken it all coolly in his stride!

After the war, he entered the travel business and spent many years with the Thomas Cook organisation, managing to further indulge his passion for travel. For a time he worked in Harare in Zimbabwe — Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, as he and we knew it then. It was on his return to Britain, living in Wimbledon, that Keith — this quiet and modest man — met Teresa and fell in love with her Latin beauty. And Teresa, accustomed to more temp, fell in love with what she always says of Keith, "a real English gentleman".

I will conclude by saying that, in Keith, I found a man of many parts – humorous, courageous and caring, passionate and cultivate, and above all a loving and loyal husband to Teresa. I believe his long and full life is truly worth celebrating and will be remembered by all who knew him.

Jeremy Allen Newport (k & F 1945-54) has passed away

Alan Pickard (S) formerly a member of the music staff, died in March 2011. After leaving Gresham's, he became senior lecturer in music at St Martin's College, Lancaster, and later head of the Isle of Man's music service between 1978 and 1995.

Isabel Green (née Savory) e mailed with the news that his father **Peter Savory** (OSH 1927-35) died last year. He was born in 1917 so was at Gresham's in the 30's

Ruth Seton, daughter of **Phillip Newell**, died in February. She was a loyal supporter of the Newquay reunions. 'She is mentioned, but not by name, in Gresham's in Wartime and was almost part of the school structure from 1940 to 1944. She had a wide range of interests and was a leading light in a number of women's groups.'

William Kennedy Stead (F 1936-41) died in August 2010. His daughter Sue Treneer writes: 'Although my father kept in touch through the OG Club, neither my brother nor sister or even his grandchildren can remember him talking much about his time there. I think that joining up on leaving Newquay probably meant that a lot of them lost touch...'



Lord Strabolgi (H 1926-31) The 11th Lord Strabolgi, who died on Christmas Eve aged 96, was a Labour member of the House of



Lords for half a century, deputy Government chief whip, deputy Speaker and - at 85 - one of four Labour hereditary peers elected to continue sitting after the partial reform of 1999.

Strabolgi came into politics from the arts. Trained at Chelsea Art School in the 1930s, when Henry Moore and Graham Sutherland were on the staff, he exhibited his paintings jointly with Gerald Wilde. While he later went into public relations and chaired the Bolton Building Society, he remained active in the cultural world, being vice-president of the Byron Society and championing the cause of the National Gallery and collections in the Lords.

David Montague de Burgh Kenworthy was born on November 1 1914, the son of the 10th Baron, the former Lt-Cdr Joseph Kenworthy, subsequently a Labour MP and opponent of appeasement, and his first wife, the former Doris Whitley. The barony – named after Strathbogie in Aberdeenshire – had been revived for

Strabolgi's grandfather in 1916 having been in abeyance since 1601. He succeeded his father in 1953, also becoming a coheir to the baronies of Cobham and Burgh, revived at the same time as that of Strabolgi.

Educated first at Gresham's, in Norfolk, his bohemian life ended with the onset of war when he was commissioned into the RAOC, serving in France prior to Dunkirk and thereafter in the Middle East, being demobilised in the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

His career in the Lords was nearly a short one. A year after taking his seat -initially as a cross-bencher, then, briefly, as a Liberal - he was taken ill on the first parliamentary delegation to the Soviet Union following the death of Stalin. Flown home from Stalingrad, he suffered a near-fatal bout of pneumonia on his return.

Strabolgi joined the Labour Party, in the footsteps of his father (who had originally been a Liberal MP), and during Harold Wilson's first government became a Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Home Office then, in 1969, PPS to Lord Shepherd, Leader of the Lords. After Labour's defeat in 1970 he joined the Opposition front bench as a whip, doubling as arts spokesman. When Edward Heath's government imposed museum charges, he took issue with its



refusal - unique in the world - to allow free entry to accredited art critics.

When Wilson returned to power in March 1974, Strabolgi became Captain of the Queen's Bodyguard and Yeomen of the Guard (deputy chief whip), speaking on energy and agriculture. He found himself explaining to fellow hereditaries that the government was still serious about imposing a wealth tax, but would listen to "reasonable arguments in the interest of the national heritage". There was a clash with Wilson's former henchman Lord Wigg, who that July told astonished peers that he wanted to give up his seat because they had failed their country while looking after an undeserving upper class. He concluded his tirade: "Off with their heads!" Strabolgi gave as good as he got, accusing Wigg of making "one of the most extraordinary and offensive speeches I have heard in the House".

Strabolgi gained his highest profile through exchanges on UFOs early in 1979 with the eccentric 8th Earl of Clancarty. Telling him that there was no justification for the government funding a study into UFOs, Strabolgi added: "There is nothing to convince the government there has ever been a visit by an alien spacecraft, let alone the number of visits which the noble Earl claims are increasing all the time."

Back in opposition, he stepped down as deputy chief whip, though in 1982 he stood unsuccessfully for his father's old position of chief whip against Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede. He again became arts spokesman, pressing for changes in tax law to enable Calke Abbey and its lands to pass to the National Trust, urging the zero-rating of the National Gallery for VAT and deploring that the split infinitive was now acceptable. In 1986 Strabolgi became deputy Speaker and deputy chairman, positions he held until 2001. During this time he served on the Joint Committee on Consolidation of Bills, Select Committee for Privileges, Private Bills Committee, Ecclesiastical Joint Committee and Select Committee on Procedure. When Tonv government ran short of spokesmen in the Lords prior to reform, Strabolgi agreed in 1998 to serve as an additional Lord in Waiting, continuing into his nineties.

Strabolgi was president of the Franco-British Society, and a member of the Franco-British council and the council of the Alliance Française. He was appointed an Officer of the Légion d'honneur in 1981. He was a director of the Bolton Building Society for three decades and its chairman in 1986-87; a life member of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; and a Freeman of the City of London.

Jane MacInnes and Simon Wilton write: our father, **John Michael Wilton** (H 1928-34) died on 8th August, aged 93. He was a successful sportsman at Greshams, and went on to become Chief Solicitor of the Norwich Union, retiring to Penrith, in Cumbria).

John Ramuz. (k & H 1945-52) writes: The last of my Uncles to die was Malcolm Young this year also 92, formerly Captain Young of the Royal Engineers. He had bought a small Greek sailing boat with the idea of escaping from the Nazis & sail to Alexandria together with an RN sailor & RAF airman. A Messerschmitt 109 machine-gunned them & Uncle turned back to the Greek coast for one seriously injured crewmen. A German patrol happened along the beach at that moment. Uncle was captured & sent to East Germany in a cattle truck manacled, on a general order of Hitler, he being beside himself with rage because we had dared to land at Dieppe. For some of Uncle's POW time he and Jumbo were in the same Stalag. Their camp nicknames were of course 'Jumbo' & 'Potted Shrimp' from our well-known product made by our family firm Young's Seafoods. Somewhere we have a photo of the Camp orchestra with both of them in it. Malcolm on the violin & Jumbo with a wind instrument. Facing the Camp Kommandant & his officers playing good German gentile music. All looking haggard, hollowcheeked & thin.

With the help of the Red Cross Malcolm completed his Jesus College, Cambridge degree & went on to do the Company Secretary's Exam as well because he thought it would help his brother Directors after the war. He managed to untie his manacles, hands & legs, before the exams, but made them appear still to be locked. Good engineering training!

Major General Tony Younger,

(F 1933-37) who has died aged 91, was wounded on D-Day while commanding an elite squadron of sappers, the first armoured unit to



land on its beach at Normandy.

In 1943 Younger took command of 26 Assault Squadron (26 AS), a unit equipped with bridge-laying and other specialist tanks, and was told that it would lead their 7th Brigade ashore on D-Day. Off the coast of Normandy, many of the men were so exhausted by seasickness that it took the incoming fire from the German defenders to get them into their tanks. The number of anti-tank obstacles on the beach came as an unpleasant surprise. Younger's vehicle carried a mine-clearing plough, but as he was steering a course through them a mortar shell hit his turret. He was

knocked to the floor, his wireless was destroyed and he was deafened in one ear. Despite being in severe pain and under fire, he got out and directed his squadron's operations on foot, pushing ahead of infantry still pinned down by machine-gun and mortar fire. He walked into Courseulles, where the bridges were mined and prepared for demolition. He cut the electric leads, dumped the explosive charges in the water and thereby provided an important link between two forward battalions. He was awarded a DSO.

Allan Elton Younger was born in Clifton, Bristol, on May 4 1919. He was educated at Gresham's and, after entering the Army in 1937, went to the RMA Woolwich.. Younger was commissioned and passed Cambridge, but the outbreak of war intervened and he joined a new sapper company. After going to France with 61 Company RE and being evacuated from Dunkirk, he moved to OCTU at Aldershot and was subsequently posted to the Chemical Defence Experimental Station at Porton Down. He took a convoy to Gruinard Bay, Wester Ross, to carry out experiments with anthrax to establish what measures would be needed if it was used against Britain in warfare Sheep tethered were downwind of canisters which were full of anthrax spores. The canisters were exploded and, when the sheep died, Younger's job was to blow up part of the local cliff and bury their carcasses. Nevertheless, Gruinard remained quarantined for 48 more years.

In November 1944, after recovering from injury, he took command of 77 Assault Squadron in what was probably the most sophisticated sapper operation of the war, the forced crossing of the Rhine. Younger's amphibious squadron played a vital part in ferrying the leading commandos across. An important radio code-word "Splash". message, confirming that they were in the river, was jammed by the Germans. He was worried that the artillery barrage would not be lifted from the further bank and that there would be heavy casualties. An alert gunner officer, however, realised that something had gone wrong and gave the order just in time.

After the war Younger attended Staff College. A spell in Malaya at the beginning of the Emergency was followed by a return to England and a two-year course at Christ's College, Cambridge, reading Mechanical Science. In 1950 he embarked for Korea, where he and three friends all had a vivid presentiment of death. During the conflict the three were killed. Younger credited his life to a sudden transfer to the US Army Staff College at Fort

Leavenworth. After instructing at Sandhurst he commanded 36 Corps Engineer Regiment in Kenya. He was Chief of Staff, HQ Allied Forces Northern Europe from 1970 to 1972 before instructing at the Royal College of Defence Studies. From 1974 to 1979, he was Colonel Commandant Royal Engineers. Younger was Director-General of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies from 1976 to 1978. He was appointed OBE in 1962. In 2004 he published *Blowing Our Bridges*, an account of his wartime experiences.

Although a churchgoer all his life, Younger professed to be a non-believer because of all the suffering that he had seen. Two years before his death, however, he came to faith and was baptised in his swimming pool. Tony Younger died on July 5. He married, in 1941, Diana Lanyon, who survives him with their three daughters.

Updating the database has enabled us to get a much better idea of what OGs are doing and where they live. Sadly, this has also thrown up a list of many OGs who have died. Their names follow:

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OG Football

On perhaps the wettest Sunday imaginable sixteen footballers took part in the OG Summer Sport's Day. A mixture of recent leavers, OG's young and old and teachers were enthusiastically cheered on by family and friends, including Mr Seldon's son and a dog. Dave Olby had prepared a wonderful pitch, slightly smaller than Wembley and with a few more undulations but otherwise identical.

After playing for at least an hour, half time consisted of a 'good catch up' and a gin and tonic, followed by an even longer second half which ended with a victory to the 'oldies' of around 14 - 10! The match had its usual flair of end to end play with an abundance of goals that demonstrated the quality we have honed from our regular games on a Tuesday evening. Despite being completely soaked through everybody agreed on what a thoroughly good time they had.

If you are interested, there is a game of football played every Tuesday night on the Astroturf from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. We often have over 18 players, mainly OG's or parents who warmly welcome new faces to join us.



The OG All Stars - pictured are a few of us who play on a Tuesday night.

Duncan Baker (W 1993-98)

OG Girls Hockey

In the first ever OG girls hockey match on 15 Dec 2010 former captain, Alex Paske, assembled thirteen OGs to play against the school 1stXI who have been very strong this year. The day began with lunch for both teams where past and present players met again to exchange hockey and life stories.



At half time the score was 2 - 0. In the second half as the OGs tired the school bombarded the OG goal but were frequently denied by Emily Walton. The OGs responded well and Charlotte Brearley, Rachel Quick and Emma Farmer-Wright started to string together some very threatening moves but the school defence held firm. The School managed to score three further goals and end the victors by 5 goals to 0. We hope this is the first of many enjoyable occasions in years to come. With eight upper sixth leavers from the team this year the OGs should be able to mount a formidable challenge next season. It was particularly pleasing that parents, senior players and OGs all joined together afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.

Katie Walton

World Grandmasters Association World Cup Hockey

On 12 September 2010, Richard Slator and John Steward (H69) flew to Cape Town as members of the England Grand Masters hockey squad to participate in the World Grand Masters Association (WGMA) World Cup. Both had represented the school at hockey, as well as other sports, back in 1967-8 under the



Richard and Colin



guidance and coaching of Steve Benson and had no idea at that time that they would still be playing, let alone competing, at the highest level in their 60th year.

A total of 9 countries were represented at Grand Masters level and England were eventual winners of the gold and thus World Champions. The final was, once more, an encounter against Australia, the eventual score being 3-1 in England's favour. This was after losing to them 0-3 two days previously as the last of 5 consecutive pool games. This was a tough tournament with 7 games in 10 days, 5 of the games being played on consecutive days.

For those of you who may be thinking that this represents a lot of free travel and other perks, think again. It is all done for the love and enjoyment of the game; it is self-financed, including all travel, playing. Depending on one's employer, it can also mean sacrificing some of one's annual leave in order to attend the tournaments. It also requires a lot of dedication and a very understanding partner but the events are very sociable and some good friends have been made as a result.

Richard Slator (k & H 1960-68).

HOG'S 2010-2011

An aggressive HOG'S youth policy has finally unearthed (or is that snouted out) two prized truffles in the form of Paddy Plummer and Jeremy Elliot. Their combined contribution has resulted in more goals if less wins this season against our fiercest opposition, the likes of Dereham, Pelicans and Norwich City and it has also reduced our average age significantly. Some of our elder statesmen now only play half a game before hogging (sorry ed) the hot water to soothe aching limbs in the famed showers of the old gym and there does now seem to be a much greater show of hands for the favoured spot of umpire rather than centre back! However, for those still capable of staying on the pitch for eighty minutes, it has been an epic season of hockey once again. Notable performances from Horsley Ma and Mi, Prince Edward, Hammond and Cowper-Johnson were closely followed by walk on parts from Dale, Mitchell, Bannock and Payne. Pitcher chipped in when available ably assisted by Clabburn, Wheeler, Deane and Curtis.

The snow unfortunately put paid to a number of games before and over the festive

period and one could hear an auditable sigh of relief from fixture sec Buckingham when opposition called of with an hour to spare, giving him time to go and do a bit of last minute late night Christmas shopping. Statistics show that our balance sheet will probably have us down graded but, with judicious recruitment over the summer, we might well survive what seems to have become a trend rather than a blip.

Highlights of the season were an exhibition game versus the school on OG day, with Chairman of selectors choosing a squad of youth and skill, strangely including Dale, Cargill and Hammond. This resulted in a 6-1 demolition of the school side with Sisson, Marsom, Elliot and Farmer-Wright inflicting most of the damage. Also an excellent dinner was held at Cowper-Johnson's who provided, after a decade of excuses, what looked suspiciously like a Chinese takeaway no 34(beef chop suey) and plenty of fine wine for thirteen of us. The wait was almost worthwhile considering the years of preparation. Notable absentees will be press- ganged next year (you know who you are) to prevent it being an unlucky event again.

Alex Buck organized a superb OG fun day during the summer, in which the HOG's took on their old adversaries Holt and Dereham in a round robin type tournament. This resulted in a silver medal and plenty of beer and banter. Note to Alex, if you invite the HOG's you can guarantee it will rain!

A big thank you to our ever expanding umpires who will soon out number our player base, so if you are a hockey player returning to Norfolk you will be welcomed with open arms and should you risk the showers, plenty of shampoo.



Skip (**A.Cargill** Tel : 01263 720377)



OG Golf Society - 2011

The following is a summary of all OG Golf activities which have taken place since my last report of July 2010.

Old Cholmeleian Golfing Society Tournament, Highgate: Friday 10th September 2010

Follett Balch organised the team for this event comprising 3 pairs playing foursomes off handicap in which Gresham's managed to secure 3rd place with a total of 90 points. Representing the OG's were Follett Balch, John Barker, Mike Barnard, Mike Longe, Peter Morton and Alan Spinks.

4 Schools Match, Royal Worlington: Friday 15th October 2010 Gresham's repeated their success of 2009, with Mike Barnard, Peter Bodington, Pat Cook and Richard Stevens combining to overturn Uppingham in the morning and Tonbridge after lunch.

Autumn Meeting, Aldeburgh & Thorpeness: 5th/6th November 2010

Following the successful trip to Woodhall Spa in 2009 the format was repeated with a trip to the Suffolk coast, playing at Aldeburgh on the Friday and Thorpeness on the Saturday. Competing for the Guy Marsom Memorial Trophy over Aldeburgh (with the course laid relatively bare following the removal of huge swathes of gorse, but no less difficult as a result) Robert Mumby prevailed with a score of 33 points, closely followed by Stephen Barnard (local knowledge) and Jimmy Marsom (good front nine, couldn't last the pace), both with 32 points. Saturday's event was won by Graham Wells, proving that he trained on far better than anyone else by all but doubling his previous day's effort, scoring 35 points. The next best score was 31 points, recorded by 4 players and after a countback 2nd place went to Jeremy Mumby and 3rd to John Peal.

Over dinner on the Friday evening we also held the Society's AGM, during which Jim Balch was presented with a cheque resulting from the collection following his retirement as President the previous year. In addition, following Gresham's' most successful Halford Hewitt campaign ever in 2010, the Captain of the team, Ben Stockham decided that it was time to go out on a high and advised that due to work commitments he would be standing down. His resignation was accepted with regret

but an able replacement had been identified and Hugh Semple was unanimously elected as Captain of the Halford Hewitt side.

In reviewing the playing schedule for 2011 some concerns about the timing of the Autumn Meeting were expressed, particularly with regard to bonfire night, half term, rugby internationals, available daylight etc and it was agreed that these factors should be taken into account when finalising arrangements for 2011.

Spring Meeting – Royal Worlington, Friday 25th March 2011

Playing foursomes all day we enjoyed another excellent start to the golfing season at Royal Worlington. Peter Watson came out on top with 82 points to his name on the day with Peter Andrews chasing him home on 81 points. Third was Derek Rains on 77 points, just squeezing out Follett Balch on a countback.

Halford Hewitt – Royal Cinque Ports, Thursday 7th April - Sunday 10th April 2011

Following up on the highs of 2010, when Gresham's won through two rounds of the competition for the first time, was always going to be a tough call but the team did a fabulous job. With the draw giving the team a day off on Thursday they took in an extra practice day at Rye which worked wonders, overcoming Berkhamsted 5-0 in the 1st round on Friday morning. Ranked well above Gresham's, they were considered tough opponents and a whitewash was well beyond the team's expectations. With confidence behind them they went into the second round on Friday afternoon against Rugby and whilst Gresham's threatened briefly, this time against much stronger odds, they eventually succumbed to a 3-2 defeat.

Representing the school on this occasion were Tom Allison, Tom Brearley, James Harrison, Tom Hawes, Luke Hedley, Tristan Hedley, Adam Mann, Jeremy Mumby, Hugh Semple and Ben Stockham, ably supported (on the course and in the bar!) by Mike Barnard, Jimmy Marsom, Will Stebbings and Richard Stevens.





Grafton Morrish Qualifiers - Denham GC, Sunday 22nd May 2011

Adam Mann is pleased to report that, on a windy but sunny day the Gresham's team made it to the 1st tee on time (just). That, however, appears to be as good as it got with a total of 53 points falling well short of the 71 required to qualify for the finals in the Autumn. The team comprised Tom Brearley, Luke Hedley, Adam Mann, Hugh Semple, Will Stebbings and Ben Stockham. Our quest to secure a place in the finals on the Norfolk coast continues

Cyril Gray Tournament – Worplesden, Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th June 2011

Drawn to play Ampleforth in the first round Gresham's won through 2-1 before going down by the same score to Wrekin in the second round. The pairing of Peter Watson and Robert Mumby remained unbeaten for the week, other team members being Pat Cook, Tom Hawes, Jeremy Mumby and Graham Wells.

Summer Meeting – Sheringham, Sunday 26th June 2011

James Crick very kindly managed the day for the Society and reports that it was a successful day with stunning weather on a great course, followed by the usual excellent buffet back at school. Thirteen golfers participated including 9 OG's, 1 wife and 3 masters from school

The winning OG score of 36 points was recorded by David Newling, closely followed by Robert Mumby with 35 points and Patrick Cook with 34 (who also retained the Senior's Trophy).

The Staff/Pupils prize was won by Paul Laidler with the best score of the day, 37 points. The trophy has apparently been mislaid – hopefully it will re-appear in some form or another in 2012!

Grateful thanks were acknowledged both to the school and to Sheringham for their hospitality and to the golf club in particular for their generosity regarding green fees.

James further reports that Trevor Ridley came over from his home in Monaco to take part, with his charming French wife, Edith, who had been warned that the golf would be wet, windy and probably cold – given the conditions on the day she said she thought she was still in Monaco except that the course was much better!

Match vs The Governors - Brancaster, Thursday 30th June 2011

It is sad to report that this match is in danger of falling by the wayside. With increasing pressures of other commitments, including the Pre-Prep School Speech Day the same day, the Governors were unable to raise a full team, sending two golfers, neither of whom were Governors, one being an OG the other a retired member of staff!

Instead of a match a stableford foursomes event was played with Alan Spinks and Martin Olley winning with 31 points followed by Wally Hammond and Peter Andrews on 28 points. Mike Barnard reported that the general consensus was that it was a good day, so even if the Governors cannot raise a side then it should be retained as an OG event, although we do need to consider how it fits with the Summer Meeting. Henry Jones, who had organised the event for the Governors for many years was intending to stand down from that duty and had already written to the Governors to gauge their enthusiasm (or indeed availability) for continuing with the event.

Events scheduled for later in the year are as follows:

Old Cholmeleian Golfing Society Tournament - Highgate, Friday 9th September 2011

Following the team's relative success in 2010 it was considered worthwhile to enter again this year. With Follett Balch's time occupied with other commitments during most of 2011 Mike Barnard has agreed to organise the team this year.

Autumn Meeting – Hunstanton, Friday 14th – Saturday 15th October 2011

This year we return to Hunstanton for our Autumn Meeting with golf booked for the Friday (singles) and the Saturday morning (foursomes). Accommodation has been arranged at The Lodge in Old Hunstanton and we shall have dinner in the Clubhouse on Friday evening.

As always, we shall compete for The Guy Marsom Memorial Trophy and the Society's AGM will also be held at this meeting.

4 Schools Match - Royal Worlington, Friday 21st October 2011

With two successive victories Gresham's are going for a hat-trick in this popular and enjoyable meeting.



If you are reading this before any of the above meetings take place and you wish to join us please contact Richard Stevens using any of the details below.

Provisional fixtures for 2012

Wednesday 11th January (to be confirmed) – Halford Hewitt AGM & 2012 competition draw

Friday 23rd March – Spring Meeting, Royal Worlington

Thursday 29th March - Sunday 1st April – Halford Hewitt, Royal Cinque Ports & Royal St Georges (practice day, Wednesday 28th March)

Sunday 20th May – Grafton Morrish Qualifying – Denham GC

June (date to be confirmed) – Summer Meeting, Sheringham

Thursday 28th – Saturday 30th June – Cyril Gray, Worplesdon (practice day Wednesday 27th June)

August/September (date to be confirmed) – Old Cholmeleian Golf Society Tournament, Highgate

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th October – Grafton Morrish Finals, Hunstanton & Royal West Norfolk

October/November (date to be confirmed) – Autumn Meeting & AGM

Friday 19th October (date to be confirmed) – 4 Schools Match, Royal Worlington

No plans have yet been made for the Governors' Match/Day in light of Mike Barnard's comments from this year's event. Details will be provided as and when available.

The OG Golf Society is always looking for new members, of all abilities (the handicap range of existing members is from 2 to 28 for men and up to 26 for ladies). We enjoy our golf, the Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings days in particular are totally

inclusive, as is participation in the Old Cholmeleian day, and we actively encourage golfers of all ages, sexes and abilities to join us. So if you are already a member but haven't been to any of our meetings now is the time to change all that and if you are not a member but would like to join please contact the Hon Secretary.



Jimmy Marsom, Will Stebbings and Mike Tristan Hedley and Adam Mann about to take Barnard supporting the Halford Hewitt team at on Rugby at Deal Royal Cinque Ports, Deal



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OGRE: the Old Greshamian Rifle Establishment

How to succeed in fullbore target rifle shooting at Bisley: the Gospel according to Doctors Barnett and Pollock...

- 1. Emigrate.
- 2. Don't shoot much, if at all.
- Come back.
- 4. Repeat ad nauseam.

More of that in a little while.

Jonah Mitchell's 50 metre range at Winfarthing was once again the venue for the annual 'Vets vs. Squirts' smallbore match, with the Piglet Shield as usual up for grabs. Smarting after defeat last year, OGRE let a very young Gresham's team enjoy the convivial lunch in the pub next door before bullying them into submission and stealing back their toys. Well, you've got to keep those young upstarts in line...

Summer brought a Bisley Meeting with a lot of rain, but very little in the way of wind, resulting in a lot of very high scores and a lot of miserable shooters. Two OGREs were certainly singing in the rain: one being Hamish Pollock, now an Australian resident, who shot a barrage of Highest Possible Scores and landed in the top 50 of the Grand Aggregate as well as the finals of both the George's and the Queen's Prize. The other was Glyn Barnett now based it that well-known rainy country of Abu Dhabi. Glyn won the Grand Aggregate with a score of 702.92, a huge achievement. In layman's terms, it means this. Glyn fired 141 shots. Only three did not hit the bullseye. 92 of them struck the inner part of the bullseye; one half of its area.

So how big is the bull? Take a protractor. Draw a line from zero. Measure off one thirtieth of a degree. Yes, that's right, not 30 degrees, a thirtieth of a degree. Draw another line. The distance between the two lines at 300, 500, 600 900 and 1,000 yards is the diameter of the bull at each distance. Trust me, it ain't very big. No telescopic sights either.

Glyn also won both the Palma and All Comers aggregates, while Nigel Ball snaffled four pots: the Clementi Smith Aggregate, the Loder, the Volunteer Force and the Admiral Campbell. With many other OGREs eligible to shoot for Norfolk and putting

down a lot of HPS's of their own, county Captain Charlotte Clifford-Evans (née Aldridge) had a selection headache. In the end she chose Glyn, Jeremy Hinde, Nigel, Matt Purdy and Chris Heales for the short range match. The team gained third place, with both Glyn and Jem scoring 'possibles' at both 300 and 600 yards. Charlotte herself and Glyn both made 50 at both 900 and 1,000 yards in the County Long. Nigel and Matt also shot, the team gaining a further bronze medal place.

OGRE did well in the latter stages of Bisley's most prestigious competitions: The Grand Aggregate, the George's and H.M. the Queen's Prize. In addition to Glyn winning the Grand, Hamish came 12th, Nigel 42nd and Matt 50th. In addition Nigel was 6th in the George's, Hamish 14th and Glyn, 18th. Debs Fenn finished 30th in the Queen's Final, where Nigel was 56th, Hamish 65th and Matt 68th.

The meeting finishes with an array of team of team matches, with OGRE having their fair number of representatives. Nigel and Glyn shot for Great Britain in the Kolapore and for England in the short range National, where Jem and Matt were reserves. Glyn, furthermore, shot for England in the long range Mackinnon, with Matt in the Great Britain in the Under 25 match. Officer Cadet Harriet Bennett was it the both the Territorial Army teams that won the Inter Services Short and Long Range matches.

Finally, our best wishes go with two of our our newest OGRES, Henry Howard and Roland Johnson, off to Canada with the Great Britain Under 19 'Athelings' team to Canada.

Guy Bartle

k & O 78 - 85

OG Rugby

On Saturday 13th November 2010 Max Lintott (W 96) organised the third Rugby Day at the School in memory of the late Peter Farmer-Wright, former housemaster of Tallis. This year, Max organised a 7-a-side tournament. Thanks to fantastic organisation by all concerned, especially the Lintotts, six squads of between ten and 14 players were ready to kick off on a glorious sunny morning at 10.45. The-7-a-side format meant that there was more room for open running rugby and everyone got a chance to get their hands on the ball. The drawback was that there was more room for open running rugby and having to do something with the ball! The early rounds were

scrappy, with some players trying to remember how the game should be played and which direction they should be going, let alone producing the Fijian style. Within two minutes it was evident that there was a variation in the fitness levels across the squads and in the early stages the teams of Smeeth and Prior secured easy victories. With the squads generally split into year groups the old stagers, (over thirties Curtis 36, Youngs 39, Cargill 40!) struggled initially but after a brief master class from Jimmy Dye the forwards decided the rolling maul game was best left on the Fifteens pitch and ended with two victories over two very youthful sides with Cargill scoring what can only be described as too many tries! Other sides entered were those by Charlie Ponder, Max Lintott and of course Mark Farmer-Wright. The Ponder contingent looked keen and enthusiastic but perhaps will expect more success in the annual 20-20 cricket in the summer. Max Lintott utilised a very sensible strategy, this being, he with the biggest squad wins, enabling near full team changes at half time. The final game of the day saw some of the best rugby of the day with the Farmer-Wrights drawing two tries apiece with the 'extremely buff' and eventual winners, ' Smeeth seven'.

A tremendous appetite was worked up for a delicious lunch in the CFB. To cap a great day, the bruised players were able later to watch Ben Youngs produce a magnificent performance in a victory against the Australians. A great gathering of OGs came to watch the tournament and contributed a generous £2,000 to Macmillan Nurses.



Sam Curtis (c & H 1986-93) and John Lintott

OG Running: Round Norfolk Relay

On the 17th September 2011 a group of Old Greshamians will run in relay around the entire perimeter of Norfolk. The OG's will be one of 60 teams taking part in the 24th Round Norfolk Relay. The 197 mile course is divided into 17 unequal multiterrain stages, with the shortest legs being approximately 6 miles long and the longest just over 20.



Sam Kingston will start off the run at Kings Lynn early on Saturday morning. The baton will then be passed to Howard Olby at Hunstanton, before passing through the hands of Sue Crane, Roger Crane, Kath Cargil, George Youngs, Owain Davies and Karen Neil as the runners follow the course along the North Norfolk coast, before Bob Hammond arrives in Yarmouth at dusk. The course then heads inland following the Southern boundary of the county with Paul Marriage, Simon Cooper, Lee Mowle, Alex Hewson and Julie Moore taking on the gruelling night stages. As the sun rises on Sunday morning the OG baton should be in the hands of Jason Snook, before Emma Dale and then Rob Amey complete the course and arrive back in Kings Lynn, we hope, within twenty five and a half hours of setting off.

This will be the second time the OG's have entered this event and with a high calibre team, we are hoping on a much improved performance of 2004 when it took us just over 28 hours to complete the course. Nearly as much of a challenge as the run, is the logistics of making sure everyone will be where they need to be at the appropriate time, supporting them with back-up cycles and night vehicles and not leaving the runners stranded at the end of the run. Thanks to George Youngs for help with these logistics. Thanks must also go to Cazenove Capital Management who have kindly sponsored the team with running shirts and ES Walpole for their generous donation to get our fund-raising efforts for Help for Heroes off to a flying start. We have a page at http://www.justgiving.com/og if anyone would like to sponsor the team.

If reading this, makes you wish you were taking part or are interested in other OG team endurance events then please get in touch with Robert at rd@danielconnal.co.uk

Robert Dale (T 1979-84)

OG Swimming Gala 2011

This year's gala was held on Sunday 19th June a week earlier than usual. For 25 years we have had sun and clear blue skies for the gala/BBQ but this year we accommodated the wishes of a number of OGs who wanted to attend Glastonbury. Needless to say that after midweek mud, the Glastonbury weekend was perfect but our BBQ was held in torrential rain!

The use of Facebook and consistent effort from Mike Neville, Tanya Liberman and Mr. Tuck meant that we had a big and high quality men's team and a small but strong girls' team.

Mike Neville (capt) Matthew Purdy Owen Henderson Hamilton Gus Eldridge Edward Perera Hannes Vater Howard Olby Joel Large Rachel Perera Ruraidh Wilkinson Abi Turner Matthew Durke Sam Durke Charlotte Emily Young Bruno Steinkraus Dominic Bosher

The last two galas were won by the school on the very last relay but this year the OG's had won by the medley relay when the team which won the nationals in 2005 were together again. There were many fantastic swims including Freddy Harcourt beating Hannes Vater on the 50m backstroke after lulling Hannes into a sense of superiority by saying that he (Freddy) was very weak at backstroke! Hannes had his revenge in the medley relay lead off when he beat Freddy, who is to be next year's swimming captain, by 3 metres. Henry Harcourt, our outgoing captain also beat Hannes in the 4x1 individual medley. Charlotte Young won the 50m fly and free.

There were many powerful swims by OGs over 50m and a tribute to their strength was a win on the 4x100 freestyle relay.

A short game of water polo (including Mr. Tuck playing one quarter before exiting to prepare BBQ grills) was enjoyed by all, the school having the edge. Everyone then drove to Sheringham to Mr. Tuck's house for a BBQ of steaks, kebabs, burgers and sausages followed up with strawberries and cream and cakes and desserts, many provided by Tanya.

Thanks to the school and OGs for this and to Siobhan Tuck for coming over to take photos of the event and a big thank you to Kerrie, Mr. Tuck's wife for hosting her last of 31 years of BBQs. Above all, thanks to you Mr Tuck!





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The Lodge in general is in good heart and we are meeting four times a year, three times in London at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street. We meet at the School for our summer meeting always held on the third Friday in June, which is a very popular meeting where we seem to gather fellow Masons around Norfolk who like to attend the lodge meeting and especially as we dine at the School, which cater for us very well.

As the Secretary of the lodge I cannot deny we are short of candidates to join the O.G. Lodge and we are constantly looking for O.G boys or members of staff to come forward to join. Public School Lodges in general are always looking for candidates as we are probably looking at the younger generation to come forward and one has to think probably the work and job situation in the current climate does not help. We are in touch with the Headmaster of the Senior School and he has given us support and has attended our dinner at the School. We are currently donating to the School from our charity fund of £500 per year to go towards whatever the headmaster thinks would benefit an individual or more important a community fund within the School and this is being dealt by our Charity Steward David Barker.

In conclusion if there is out there any OG who would like to consider joining us or wants to make inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me **Mike Stott**.

Careers Department

I am very grateful to the OGs who took part in the Careers Convention in December 2010. I would be very pleased to hear from any OG with current experience in a particular career to contact me if they are willing to take part in the 2011 Convention to be held on 15th November to coincide with the OG weekend . I would particularly welcome help from lady OGs.

I am trying to build up a bank of contacts for work experience/shadowing for committed and focused A level and IB students. Although work experience is valuable



for all students, there are two areas I am keen to concentrate on: prospective Oxbridge, medical and veterinary applicants and the encouragement of pure science as a degree course and career option. I would welcome comments, suggestions, contacts and offers of help in any of these areas. Please email me at calban@greshams.com

Facebook

The OG Club has a new facebook page - OG Club, Gresham's School



To ensure you are kept updated with OG news, access the page and click





There are also separate pages for OG clubs and societies.

The original facebook group – The OG Club, which has 400 members, will soon be archived.



Linkedin is a great way to exchange information, ideas and opportunities. Jeremy (Jez) Middleton (F 1991-96) has created a group for the club to use. The group name to search for is **Old Greshamian**.

Club Regalia

The following are available for purchase, to order please contact: The OG Club, Old School House, Church Street, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6BB tel: 01263 714620 / email: ogclub@greshams.com

We can arrange local delivery by post, please add £3.00 for postage and packaging. Alternatively you can collect merchandise from certain OG or school events. Mailing overseas can be arranged, costs will vary.

Cheques are payable to The OG Club (unfortunately we cannot accept credit or debit cards)









The OG Club now has some great items of clothing for OG's of all ages and both sexes. Have a look at the items below which we hope is just the start of a great selection.

Pashmina

This lovely pashmina is a fabulous 100% cashmere and is available in either black or white with a contrasting grasshopper embroidered on one corner. A snip at £25.00 plus p+p.

Cufflinks

Designed and supplied by Holt and OG jewellers Webbs, these sterling silver cufflinks carry the grashopper on a back enamel background. Classy and elegant, beautifully presented, these will enhance any cuff or dressing table. Just £40.00 per pair plus p+p.

Rugby shir

For those relaxing leisure moments, this superb traditional long-sleeved rugby shirt recreates the traditional Greshams black and white hoops. In a comfortable 50:50 cotton polyester mix, it carries the grasshopper on the left breast with the OG Club web address below. Available in the following sizes – S, M, L, XL & XXL, and priced at £35.00 plus p+p.

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Silk Tie £20.00 / Polyester Tie £8.00



Braces £8.00



Buttons £2.50



Ladies' Lapel Pin £2.50



Books:

Gresham's in Wartime £5.50

An excellent account of the period in World War II when the School was evacuated to Newguay

I Will Plant Me a Tree £20.00

An illustrated History of Gresham's by Steve Benson and Martin Crossley-Evans

Howson of Holt £18 (hardback) £12 (paperback) A new illustrated edition of J. H. Simpson's biography, edited by John Smart and Hugh Wright.

Prints:





We are delighted to be able to offer two limited edition watercolour prints of Gresham's School for purchase. 'Big School in September' and 'View from the Auden' make a wonderful reminder of time spent at Gresham's and a perfect Christmas present. In 1998 the School commissioned the President of the Royal Watercolour Society, John Doyle, MBE, to produce these two definitive images. The originals hang at School and the prints are now being offered for sale to current parents and pupils, Old Greshamians and friends of the School.

Each print is approximately 18" x 12", presented with an ivory border (unframed), the overall size being 23" x 17". Each print is available for **£49** or **£89** for the pair. Postage and packaging is an additional £5 for the UK and £10 for overseas orders. Payment is by cash or cheque only please. Cheques payable to: **Gresham's School Enterprises Ltd**



The Chapel,

Stanley Orchart £50

To place an order, contact: Victoria Hovenden,

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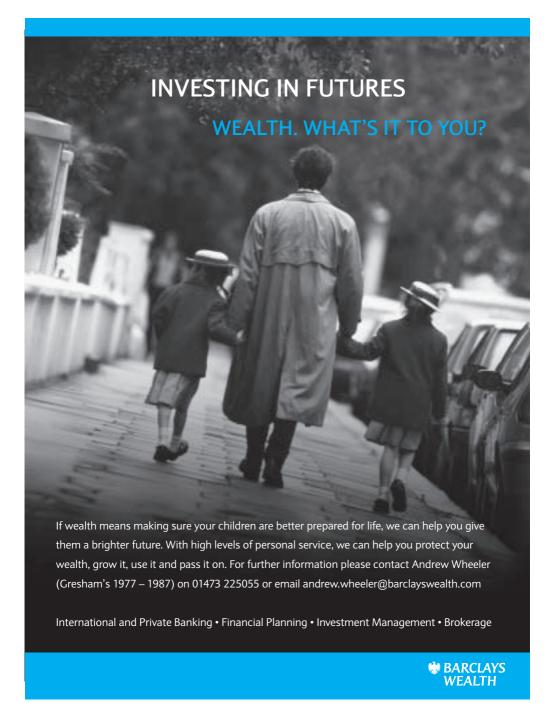
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