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From the Chairman of The Old Greshamian Club

Dear OGs,

Welcome to another edition of the OG Magazine.

At this time of year, as an OG one can take comfort that, as usual, this publication will fall through one's letterbox. You will recognize its format and layout as being much the same as previous editions and its content hopefully just as interesting. With fascinating articles, news of other OGs and events past and those to come, I am sure you will find the quality of this magazine as consistent as ever, thanks to the reliability of our editor, Richard Peaver. So, no change here.



Many of us who return to visit Gresham's like to see some things (and some people) just as they were when they became familiar to us at Gresham's. If you do go back, there certainly will be much that should gladden you. Not just the things that are still the same; perhaps Big School, Mr. Peaver and some boarding house carpets but also the things that have changed. The School seems to be making great progress at the moment and with it some really exciting developments, including a broader curriculum, the new Arkell dayhouse and the girls sharing the cricket and football pitches. So, it continually evolves and improves to prepare pupils for an ever-changing world. Meanwhile, the Gresham's spirit remains unabated, evident in each new cohort of Old Greshamians.

Much of what the OG Club does is tried and tested and you will see a familiar schedule of events planned for the forthcoming year. I do hope we might see many of you at one of these events. If, however, there is anything that you would like to see the OG Club do differently then please get in touch.

With best wishes,

Robert Dale (T 1979 – 84)

From the Headmaster

Dear OGs,

Welcome to the 2022 OG Magazine. In what has been a momentous year for the School, one of the absolute highlights for me was the extraordinary service of remembrance for Logie Bruce-Lockhart which occurred in September. This gathering of the Gresham's community was quite a moment as we remembered a great man. What a privilege it was for me, as a newcomer, to be able to be a part of such an event.



I hope you will enjoy reading about what has been going on at School and in the wider OG community. Please do come and visit School at any stage – you will always receive a warm welcome.

With all good wishes,

Douglas

Abbreviations

OSH	Old School House
H	Howson's (originally called School House)
W	Woodlands
F	Farfield
T	Tallis
G	Girls' House (later became Oakeley)
O	Oakeley
E	Edinburgh
B	Britten (later became Queens')
Q	Queens'
k	Kenwyn (Junior School, then Prep. School)
c	Crossways (Junior School, then Prep. School)
o	Old School House (when part of the Junior School)
B	Bengal Lodge (later became Farfield)
D	Dayboy (pre-war)
N	Newquay dayboy (during the wartime evacuation)
S	Staff

Headmaster's Speech Day Speech, 2022



Sir James and Lady Dierdre, Prime Warden, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, good afternoon and welcome to Speech Day. It is a slightly sad moment for all of us that normally I would defer at this point to the “real” Headmaster of Gresham’s, sitting here in his Panama hat, but unfortunately Logie is not with us, but I am sure is looking down with a warm grin at one of his favourite pupils returned to give away prizes. It is such a pleasure to be here in this very special place and to be able to hold a full Speech Day and leavers’ ball experience for our U6th year group.

We made a very determined and deliberate decision to move past the restrictions which have blighted schools over the last few years and from September we have been at full steam ahead. The proof of this is the booklet which you collected earlier; at 115 pages it is 15% longer than the 2019 version. This has been a busy year indeed. I ask staff to contribute to this document because it obviates the need for me to cause offence to those pupils I would inevitably miss out if I tried to give an account of the year gone by. Every child is mentioned at least once, so as I drone on please do feel free to bury your head and hunt down your own child.

It feels like a glorious time to be the Head of this wonderful school. Gresham’s is full of energy, achievement and of course pupils, and I think there is a real sense of direction and purpose. I have been delighted by the way in which the staff and governing body have been dynamic, ambitious and proactive in their approach to education over the last couple of years. Gresham’s set a high standard for online education and it has certainly

propelled digital thinking forward and into our line of sight. As I have written to you, we will be opening a new House in September next year, which should allow us to accommodate all of the pupils who wish to be educated here. All three Schools are all very full and happy places; I could not ask for any more.



Lucinda Robb and the Prime Warden



The Headmaster, Sir James and Lady Dyson

Earlier today, Sir James and Lady Dyson officially opened the new Dyson building and we thanked all of those who had helped to build it. It is already established as a key centre in our School and is clearly having an impact on the pupils and their work, both curricular and extra-curricular. We as Gresham's are so grateful for your kind gesture and I know the Chairman will say more later, but from everyone here, thank you both very much.



The Dyson Building a fitting backdrop

As the Chinese curse goes, we "live in interesting times" and I would like to thank you, the parent body, for all of your continued support. There are a number of key families who are leaving us today. None more so than the Woodhouses, who have had four excellent children here at Gresham's;

please give them a round of applause. The Dugdale clan also have had a dynasty of Greshamians through this School, all centred on the wonderful Angela; please also give them a round of applause.

I would like to single out Alice Kemp and her team for all of their amazing work in laying on “Greshfest” – a huge undertaking. As the staff here know, you don’t say no to Alice – thank you.



Toby Girling and Charlie Mack, best of friends

The staff have been magnificent during the year. They have gone the extra mile to ensure that all of pupils have had a huge range of opportunities, both curricular and extra-curricular. It has been a pleasure to welcome in a new leadership team, with **Tim Hipperson** (k & H 1985 – 94 & S 2016 -) being joined by Sue Wilson as Deputy Head External Relations, Dom Atkinson as Deputy Head Co-curriculum, and a newcomer in Lizzie Alexander as Deputy Head Pastoral. I thank them all for their huge hard work in pushing this school forward.

I always like to thank the support staff, cleaning, catering, and perhaps on a day like this, particularly the grounds staff. We are blessed in having such a competent, committed and hardworking team, led by the incredibly dedicated Andrew McRae. They make the School such a beautiful and arcadian space. There are too many individual characters to mention, but I will embarrass Fred, our groundsman, who is as hardworking a man as you will ever meet. A round of applause for them, please.

As always, there are some academic staff moving on: **Poppy Wheeler** and **Luke Brient** leave us after helping in Art for the last year. Both OGs, they head out on their careers. Lisa Stringer heads off to Germany to join her husband after two years of teaching computing and running the RAF section in the CCF. Nathalie Braybrook heads off to the Hewett School in Norwich after three years as a German assistant. Tim Chaloner has had an excellent Indian summer in his distinguished career, having answered a plea to help out with Economics three years ago; he is an absolute pro schoolmaster. Dr. Adam Richardson heads off with his young family on an adventure to Brunei. He has taught Maths, sport, D of E, and led the leadership mentors’ programme for five years. Please join me in giving them all a round of applause.

Mr. Alan Stromberg steps down from housemastering Howson’s after 12 years, but of course stays at Gresham’s. He has been a superb role model and leader for that House. The boys absolutely adore him, and I ask you to join me in applauding his brilliant contribution.

And finally, Julie Flower retires after 29 years and two terms! Julie has worn many hats but has been the godmother of the netball club, a brilliant Housemistress of Britten House, and for the last six years has been a hugely impressive Director of Pastoral Care. As I said to the School last week, she is a real grown-up role model, but she also has a real twinkle in her eye. I wish her and “Tig” a very happy retirement together at last.

Finally, I would like to thank the Governing Body for all of their input and time and energy. It is a considerable commitment, generally a thankless task, with some serious responsibility and of course no reward. I would like to acknowledge their contribution, under Michael’s leadership, for setting the platform for this to be the happy and dynamic school we all enjoy.



Leavers raise a glass

To the leavers of 2022 – you are ready. You are a talented group of young people and you have the world at your feet. Please go out there and change it for the better. Please be confident in yourselves, but realise that anything meaningful will take a huge amount of hard work. I am very proud of you all, and wish you every success and happiness in the future. Please give them a round of applause.

I have been Head here for eight years now. Time flies when you are having fun! It has been an absolute pleasure; never dull, always developing and dynamic. As I watch another of my own children leave, I can honestly say that it is an absolute pleasure to be here in North Norfolk at this pretty special school. The Gresham's family is as strong as it has ever been, for which I thank you all.



Someone had to polish the shooting silverware

Following the Headmaster's speech, Sir James gave an inspirational address to the audience, enjoining this year's leavers to "be different, embrace failure, discover your mojo, believe in your ideas, ignore the naysayers. Instead, through science, engineering, the arts, ideas and ingenuity, shape the world in your image – for the better. My hope is that the Dyson STEAM Building will nurture just these ideas. Never give up in your quest to see them through."





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Reunions and Events in the Past Year

1982 Girls Leavers Reunion – Forty Years On

The 3rd July 2022 saw 12 out of the 20 girls reunite who completed their A Levels and left Gresham's in 1982. Forty years ago – where did that time go?

Gail Christey and Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite (with support from the OG Club) tried hard to invite all 20 of the girls and were due to have 16 join, though Covid and last-minute travel changes meant 12 were looked after royally by Cyril, our most attentive waiter, at The Old Bridge Hotel in Huntingdon. Sadly, two girls we were not able to get hold of. However, not a bad turnout!



Back row: Miranda Marshall, Harriet McDougall, Tessa Crompton, Frances Austin, Rebecca Andrews, Susie Wilson, Sarah Harrison. Centre: Rowena Macaulay. Seated: Fiona Croxen, Jenny Latoy, Marijcke Veltman, Emily Morgan



Rowena's picture gallery

Although a group of us have managed to meet up regularly over the years, it was wonderful to catch up with friends we had not seen since leaving school. Rowena brought a stack of old photos that provoked a lot of good memories of shared experiences. It put the rest of us to shame for not rooting out old photos, but has made sure we will certainly go looking for our own!

Two present, Miranda and Sarah, were at the School from the Junior School and Marijcke joined in the 3rd form of the Senior School. They saw the change from **Neredah Baxter's** (S 1974 – 78) Girls' House to the building of the "new" wing and the house becoming Oakeley, with **John Rayner** (S 1963 – 2002) in post as Housemaster. Our other friends all joined us in the 6th Form, with nicknames some of which continue to this day; Winkle, Airfix...

We must thank the OG Club for their generous contribution! Also, The Old Bridge Hotel for the wonderful location, food and especially Cyril, who looked after us so very wonderfully. All in all, we had a wonderful afternoon catching up and reminiscing; we will make sure we stay in touch! One thing we all agreed on? The School would be proud of how we all turned out and what this particular group of girls have achieved over the years.

Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite

1992 Leavers Reunion

Phew, pandemic over, time to celebrate. Minimising any major commitment, a suitable hostelry was secured over the bridge from Fishmongers' Hall in the City of London. This would allow everyone to train in and out of London in a day and there could be no excuses. That was until the RMT called a train strike a week before and our numbers



were immediately halved. Despite travel challenges, it didn't stop 25 from the Class of '92 gathering on 25th June to share memories, hugs and kisses.

Winning the distance prize was Sue-Anne Toh, who made it 6,500 miles from Singapore. This was followed by Andreas Iacovides, who flew in from Cyprus for the weekend. In what must have been a Gresham's reunion first, no-one was able to make the long and arduous journey from rural Norfolk.

Throughout the day there was general agreement that we had all aged incredibly well over the previous 30 years and despite everyone's different journeys in life, no-one had really changed that much.

Starting at 1.00pm, the event wrapped up in the small hours at the nearby Ned Hotel. Any outstanding debts should be cleared with Mark Barnett.

A huge thank you to Jo Thomas-Howard from the OG Club for all her support in making it all happen. See everyone in 2032 (in Norfolk).

Hugh Sample

1993 Leavers Reunion

Thirteen of the 1993 leavers – Ben Threlfall (OSH), Dan Joll (T), Chris Cotterill (H), Alex Forsyth (W), Liam Wholey (W), Ali Wallace (W), Stuart Bradbury (W), Mauritz Kleingeld (OSH), Tom Pike (H), James Arnold (OSH,) Sam Curtis (H), Gareth Williams (T) and Simon Child (T) – got together in London for a lunch and catch-up. The hearty lunch was the brainchild of Ali and Gareth. It has become a regular thing and they are all very much looking forward to their 30 years anniversary in 2023!



Back: Ben, Dan, Chris, Alex; Centre: Liam, Ali, Stuart, Mauritz; Seated: Gareth; Front: Tom, James, Sam

1997 Leavers Reunion

The Class of '97 came together at school on 25th June for their 25-year reunion. Just over 30 OGs joined in with welcome drinks in the new Dyson Building, along with several current and past members of staff, three of those current staff members being from the class of '97 itself! The 90s-themed decorations and playlist, as well as lots of photos of

the year group's time at school, added to the already excitable atmosphere! Some of the attendees had not seen each other since the 20-year reunion five years before.



After touring around the current pupils' work on display in the Dyson Building, the group then moved over to the Britten Building for a delicious BBQ (provided by the school) in the garden. The weather was kind enough to let us enjoy the food outside. "Tig's" then played host to the final stage of the evening, where drinks from the past (Hooch taking centre stage!) were on offer and more music from our time at school.



It was a hugely successful event and we thank the OG Club for supplementing the tickets and Jo Thomas-Howard for helping pull it all together. Bring on 2027 and the 30-year reunion!

Alexandra Bartlam (c, E & B 1990 – 97)

Fishmongers' Hall Drinks Party

In what proved to be a brief, and very welcome, break between various kinds of “lockdown”, an Old Greshamian drinks party was held on 25th November 2021 in the grand surroundings of Fishmongers' Hall, which the Worshipful Company had kindly made available to the Club. Possibly because of the relief felt by everyone at being able to socialise for the first time in months, the occasion was extremely popular, with hundreds of OGs, of all vintages, attending.



The OG Masonic Lodge

We have now been able to meet since last September 2021 and we have had small meetings in January and April. Like many Masonic Lodges we have taken a knock, mainly through pandemic, but also some of our members are getting long in the tooth and find travelling not an easy option. We are glad to say we are having our usual summer meeting at the school on Friday 17th June, where we hope to be dining about 25 people, and also in a new abode, as we have been allocated to the new Cricket Pavilion, since Dave's Diner is no longer with us. We hope to have the Headmaster or his representative as a guest.

We are proud to announce that in the June meeting we are presenting **Martin Olley** (H 1945 – 49) for 60 years as a member of the Old Greshamian Lodge and **Alan Mallett** (F 1953 – 58) 50 years as a member, which is a great achievement to both members and we all congratulate them both.

Please note the dates for our meetings. The September meeting in 2022 we are moving to coincide with the Old Greshamian cocktail party in November, so we can give the members the chance to attend both. The Installation meeting is on Thursday 12th January 2023; the April meeting is on Thursday 20th 2023. We then come on to our summer meeting at the School, which is on Friday 16th June 2023.

Our charities are going well with **David Barker** (c & W 1952 – 59) very much in charge of this, so much so that we donated monies for a prize which is presented on Speech Day to a pupil or pupils for community service (this could also relate to a particular project for the International Baccalaureate). The school decides who wins the prize. We also support both Masonic charities and charities outside Masonry.

The Secretary is **Ian Barber** (k & W 1981 – 88), who lives in Holt not far from School. His details are: 25 Woodpecker Avenue, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6TG – Tel: 01263 710649. Email: ian.barber@mapartners.co.uk

We are continuing looking for new members to join the OG Lodge and if there is any OG or member of staff who would like to consider joining us, or wants to make inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Ian Barber at the above details.

Once again we have had no candidates this last year, so with apologies not much else to report.

Mike Stott (W 1952 – 56)
Assistant Secretary

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Prefects' Dinner

On 10th November the OG Committee treated the school prefects to a “delish” meal at the Hunworth Bell. We had an evening full of laughter and interesting conversations. We mixed with fascinating people ranging between ages, but all having one thing in common, and that’s Gresham’s. The OGs moved around the table after each course, making sure we all spoke to a wide range of people, all from different careers and backgrounds. It was so much fun hearing about all their adventures. It was helpful absorbing different varieties of advice from each one of them and learning about what the OG Club can connect us with in the future. Overall, it was an amazing evening and on behalf of all the Prefects we thank the OG Club for yet another year of success.



Molly Cook (Q 2017 – 22)

Royal Norfolk Show

We were privileged to welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to the Gresham’s School stand, which won the “Best Stand Award” for the Education Sector. We hope to see you all again in 2023!





Friends of Gresham's School (FOGS)

In September 2021 we experienced what felt like a “normal” start to the academic year 2021 – 22. A relaxing of Covid restrictions meant we that were able to offer the usual FOGS welcome to new parents with the Welcome Drinks in “Tig’s” at the beginning of term and we continued into the Michaelmas Term with a return to almost all of the usual FOGS events.

A hog roast was back at House Music. We served lovely bubbles from our prosecco shed at Bunfire Night and hosted a Pre-loved designer clothing sale. As we headed towards Christmas 2021, we were able to host the annual FOGS Christmas Fayre. Some additional local businesses joined us as stallholders so we were able to spread the Fayre across both the Chapel and Dyson Building with live festive musical performances from the brass band and School choir in both locations throughout the event. Just before the end of term the School welcomed back the public, OGs, staff and pupils to dust off their copies of “Messiah” and during the uplifting performance FOGS ran a popular interval bar!

The Lent Term saw the return of the popular FOGS quiz night and the start of weekly FOGS meetings in preparation for a weekend of live music for the Summer Term. “Greshfest 2022” took place on 18th – 19th June. This wonderful collaboration between the Urban Soul Orchestra and Norfolk Music Hub’s Virtual Big Sing featured young, gifted and talented musicians from around North Norfolk and a host of well-known artists all performing in the Theatre in the Woods. Alongside performances throughout the weekend, families enjoyed Norfolk’s finest street food, entertainment, Ferrel’s Circus, rides and games, an Aspiring Artists Stage, beer tent and a cocktail bar. Money was raised for Holt Youth Project, Dementia UK and FOGS.

We continue to offer a social link for parents to come and meet on an informal basis on Saturday mornings each week of term at “Tig’s”, the café in the foyer of the Britten Building, for a coffee, a snack and a chat with other parents.

We are looking forward to another fun packed year and hope to introduce even more social fundraising events. The FOGS/Love Holt membership card that provides a discount in many local shops and businesses continues to support the warm relationship between the School and town. We have had many new shops and businesses added to the list in the past year, and we are always looking to add more. The membership card has been enclosed with this magazine for those OGs who live in the East Anglian and London region. If your copy does not include a card, and you would like one, please contact the OG office and we will be happy to provide one.

If you would like more information about FOGS or indeed, if you have some new fundraising ideas and would like to become more involved, please email our Chair, Mrs. Kary Claybourn, on fogssenior@gmail.com.

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Development and The Gresham's Foundation

Dear Old Greshamians,

I am pleased to report on what has been a successful year for our alumni relations and development programme.

First and foremost, the academic year started rather poignantly with the memorial service for the late, great Logie Bruce-Lockhart, which featured in last year's magazine. It was a most special day – hundreds of OGs of all ages and many members of the Gresham's community came back to pay their respects. It showcased the truly great impact Logie had on so many people throughout his life.



I have been fortunate enough to speak to a large number of you over the past few years and hear about your respect and love for Logie. Time and time again I hear how pupils were in awe of him. It doesn't surprise, given he could turn his hand to almost anything. Crucially though, it was the support he would offer pupils during their time at School that stands out and people often reference. Logie elevated Gresham's to new heights, cementing the School's place as a leading educational establishment that provides an array of opportunities for young people to develop and excel.

Which leads me to sincerely thank the so many of you who have kindly donated to the Bruce-Lockhart Fund since its launch in August 2021 – thank you so much. We have high hopes for the fund, which is an endowment that will support means-tested bursaries at Gresham's in perpetuity. We are looking to grow the fund significantly over the coming years, in turn helping to offer an increasing number of young people bursarial support so they may come to Gresham's. At the time of writing (31st August), I am pleased to report that more than £250,000 has been pledged, which is a fabulous show of support and a particularly encouraging start to our fundraising efforts. Thank you again to everyone who has donated. It is because of you that the School will be able to welcome the first Bruce-Lockhart Award recipient in September 2023. I look forward to keeping everyone informed of the fund's progress and impact.

Another subject I wish to raise this year is the ever-increasing level of support that OGs are affording our impressive careers service, which you can read more about in the careers section of this magazine. We are grateful and fortunate to have such a committed group of OGs willing to offer their expertise, advice and support to our pupils. More than 50 OGs gave in-person or virtual talks to Gresham's pupils this past academic year,

whilst many more came back for our STEAM Fair and Business Breakfast events. Please do get in touch with us if you would like to support the School and Gresham's pupils in this way – thank you.

Our first telethon campaign in eight years also took place in April. Two hundred and fifty of you had conversations with recent leavers, talking about the School in the past, present and future. Thank you to everyone who afforded the time and engaged with the School in this way. And, importantly, a sincere thank you to those who also chose to make a donation to the Gresham's Foundation. £50,000 was pledged throughout the campaign – a particularly heartening response – which was then matched 1:1 by a most generous OG, meaning £100,000 was raised in total. The vast majority of this support is going towards the Bruce-Lockhart Fund.

Lastly, I would like to report on two specific developments and programmes that will help advance the School and its widening access efforts.

The first is an act of generosity from three OGs who have underpinned a scholarship for a young person from Germany who requires financial support to come to Gresham's. It has been named *The Lion Scholarship*. What a fantastic show of support, and what an impact the scholarship will have. The first scholarship has been awarded for this September, 2022.

And second is a quite remarkable commitment from an OG who is helping restart and, crucially, endow the English-Speaking Union (ESU) programme at Gresham's. Many Old Greshamians will remember the ESU programme well, not least those who were themselves ESU scholars at the School! The programme will ensure that one student from the United States comes to Gresham's for the Upper Sixth/Year 13 each year. We are thrilled and extremely grateful to receive such a generous donation and will welcome our first ESU scholar (since the programme stopped at Gresham's in the mid-1990s) in September next year.

As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you be able to make the trip back to School. Equally, if you are in the area and wanted to stop by for a tour, please let us know; we would be delighted to see you.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the OG Drinks reception in London on 25th November.

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Careers Department

In my role as Head of Careers, where I am involved in helping pupils with guidance and information for their next steps in their journey post Gresham's, it is invaluable to have the help of our Old Greshamian community. It is such a superb platform to be able to work with, for support with information, knowledge, expertise, for work experience, talks, advice and connections from a wide-reaching range of current and previous employment. With the platforms of Teams, Zoom and LinkedIn, it has given more access to Old Greshamian help.

Thank you to all who have supported this academic year. Do reach out to me at sosborne@greshams.com if you would like to be involved with "giving back" with Careers events and talks. This is a list of OGs who have helped during the past year:

Alice Dale	STEAM Careers Fair and Career Bite talk
Alicia Corrigan	Y12 Conference speaker / Prep. School careers morning speaker
Alistair Cargill	STEAM Careers Fair
Angus Clogg	Career Bite talk
Dr. Camilla Foster	Online careers advice to 6th form pupils on studying Dentistry
Charlie Cushing	Y13 visit / work experience
Charlotte Anderson	Chapel talk; Canva presentation; CV workshop; Prep. School careers talk
Charlotte Odlin	Y12 Conference speaker / Studying Physics
Christopher Tracey	STEAM Careers Fair and Academic Enrichment talk
Lt. Clare Mawson RN	Online careers advice to current Y12 interested in the Royal Navy
Cleo Glover	Online careers advice to Y13 re Photography degree study
Dr. Sophia Haywood	Online careers advice to Y12 prospective Medical pupils
Sam Matthews	Business Breakfast / Work experience
Sophie Elliot	STEAM Careers Fair
Victoria Vanhoutte	Academic Enrichment talk
Dr. Constance Osborne	Y12 Conference speaker; advice on applying for Medical School
Robert Dale	STEAM Careers Fair
Dulcie Osborne	Online careers advice to Y13 re studying Law
Duncan Baker MP	Business Breakfast. Interview for academic scholars. Work experience
Eleanor Winram	Online careers advice to those interested in studying Computer Science
Nathan Lomax	Careers help and guidance
Pandora Layton	Y12 Conference speaker / Oxbridge applications
Patrick Peal MBE DL	STEAM Careers Fair
Paul Mylvaganam	Online careers talk on the Bar and Law. U6 visit to Central Criminal Court
Pete Blyth	Careers music advice talk to 6th formers / Business Breakfast
Peter Barden	Careers learning discussion
Poppy Robinson	Careers Language degree study help
Richard Borek	Career Bite talk

Freddie Harcourt	STEAM Careers Fair
Gabbie King	Academic Enrichment talk
Giles Thompson	Law Career Bite talk
Grace Pitkethly	Civil Service Career Bite talk
Harry Basset	Online advice re studying for Yacht Masters to Y13
Ian Barber	Attendance at Business Breakfast
Iona Rangeley-Wilson	Chapel talk and presentation to Y10s and Prep. School
Issy Pallister	Y12 Conference speaker / Gap year information
Jack Spencer-Ashworth	Hudson Architects Y13s work experience / STEAM Careers Fair
James Carmalt	Online call to help and advise on studying in Canada
Jason Berry	Online careers help; investment / brokering work experience to Y12s
John Cushing OBE	Y13 visit to rehearsals at Thursford
Josh Oldfield	Studying Engineering degree help to Y13 pupils / STEAM Fair
Kunz Chow	F1 Engineering talk in STEAM Week; careers advice, help and information
Louisa Benkert	Careers / IB study meeting
Lucy Bethell	Career Bite talk
Mark Whitmore	STEAM Careers Fair
Miranda Marshall	Business Breakfast

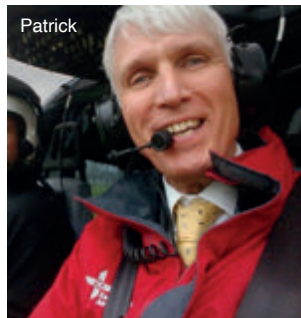


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Head of Careers and Academic Enrichment Talks Coordinator

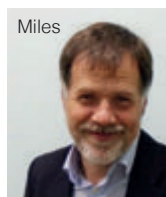
Honours and Distinctions

Patrick Peal MBE DL (W 1967 – 71) was awarded the MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours in recognition of his “visionary approach and commitment to both regional and national air ambulance services over the past 21 years”. Patrick helped to turn East Anglian Air Ambulance from its infancy, with just one helicopter in use once a week, into a fully-fledged helicopter emergency medical service flying 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Instrumental in gaining national recognition for air ambulance charities, Patrick also spearheaded the creation of Air Ambulances UK, a charity representing all 21 air ambulance organisations in the UK, formed from the merger of two previous organisations.



Major General Patrick Marriott CB CBE (F 1971 – 76) has been appointed Her Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant for the county of Sutherland. Having retired in 2012, Patrick re-joined the Army Reserve and chaired higher service complaints panels on behalf of the Army Board from 2015 to 2020. He was Chairman of the Scottish Committee of the mental health charity for veterans, Combat Stress (2014 – 20), and has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees for The Young Karers of East Sutherland (“Tykes”) since 2017. As a former Commander of 7th Armoured Brigade, he has been a Trustee of The Desert Rats Association since 2012 and is currently Vice-Chairman of the Friends of Sutherland Veterans. Most recently, he became President of the Sutherland Branch of SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Sutherland in 2013 and Vice Lord-Lieutenant in 2021.

Heather Forbes OBE (O 1980 – 82) was awarded the OBE in the 2022 Queen’s Birthday Honours for services to UK Education and the promotion of the English language overseas. Heather is Director of Examinations, South Asia, for the British Council.



Dr. Miles Mack (W 1977 – 83) was elected Chairman of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland (“The Scottish Academy”) in 2019, having previously been Chairman of the Scottish Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners from 2014 – 17. Miles, who works as a GP in Dingwall, Ross-shire, was previously awarded the RCGP Scotland’s Alastair Donald Award in 2012.

Professor James Durrant CBE FRS (W 1978 – 83) was awarded the CBE in the 2022 Queen’s Jubilee Honours for services to photochemistry and solar energy research.



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Humphrey Glennie (k & T 1998 – 2004) was awarded a Distinction in his MSc in Disaster Management and Resilience at Coventry University in 2022.

Ben Youngs (k & T 1996 – 2005) became England men's rugby most capped player when he made his 115th appearance at the Six Nations Championship in February 2022. Taking his appearances for the British and Irish Lions into account, he has 117 international caps overall, making it into the top 25 of the all-time world list.

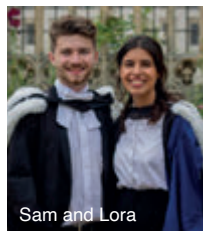
Jacob Harrison (k & F 2000 – 15) won the first Keith Bonnington Prize for Male Voices at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.



Mia Partridge (c & O 2004 – 15) graduated in 2021 with a 1st Class MA in History from the University of Edinburgh.

Abigail Gainher (Q 2012 – 17) graduated in 2022 with a 1st class BA in Art History with Fine Art from the University of Leeds.

Tom Walduck (H 2015 – 17) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class BEng in Mechanical Engineering from Kingston University, and was also awarded the accolade “Best Overall Undergraduate Performance” on his course.



Sam Aldersey-Williams (k & F 2003 – 18) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class BA in Modern Languages from King's College, Cambridge.

Lora Naydenova (O 2014 – 18) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class BA in History and Modern Languages from Trinity College, Cambridge.

Archie Coleman-Eke (W 2012 – 19) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class LLB in Law from the University of East Anglia. He is now undertaking an MA in that subject and will in due course join the firm of Mills and Reeve, with whom he has a training contract.



Archie

Amelia Doran (c & Q 2012 – 19) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class BSc in Biochemistry from the University of Lancaster. She is now intending to undertake an MSc in Science Communication at the University of Manchester.

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Engagements, Marriages and Births

We are delighted to announce these happy events.

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Engagements

Graham Lewis (c & F 1979 – 86) is engaged to Claire Menear.

Chris Taylor (c & H 1980 – 90) is engaged to Leanne McColm.

Alex Campbell (E 1993 – 94) is engaged to Simon Russell.

Oliver Morgan (k & W 1986 – 96) is engaged to Laura Dawson.

Thomas Monument (k & F 1989 – 99) is engaged to Victoria Seals.

Dominic Boshier (F 2002 – 07) is engaged to Kristy-Lee Jones.

Tom Nichols (k & H 1991 – 2006) is engaged to Alice Thompson.

Ben Hall (k & T 1994 – 2007) is engaged to Anna Maria Fantini.

Mark Farmer-Wright (k & F 1999 – 2007) is engaged to Daisy Overton.

Henry Marriner (k & F 2001 – 07) is engaged to Mallory Graves.

William Mullan (k & F 2001 – 07) is engaged to Iona Humphries-Cuff.

James Whiffin (F 2002 – 07) is engaged to Peri Marsham.

Laurie McKenzie (B 2003 – 07) is engaged to Tom Rosselli.

Sophie Pointer (O 2005 – 09) is engaged to Mark Williams.

Celia Darling (c 2007 – 09) is engaged to Nick Moore.

Emily Moore (E 2007 – 09) is engaged to Joe Collins.

Emily Williamson (B 2009 – 10) is engaged to Jahid Ali.

Alys Rowley (c & B 2004 – 12) is engaged to Tom Pocock.

William Foley (k & H 2006 – 12) is engaged to Becky White.

Pandora Layton

(E 2008 – 13) is engaged to Oliver Johnson-Munday.

Esme Haywood

(c & E 2006 – 15 & S 2015 – 16) is engaged to

Gabriel Standen

(S 2013 & 2015).



Esme and Gabriel

Tom Perry-Warnes (k & W 2009 – 16) is engaged to Danielle Bain.

Marriages

Charles Crawshaw (F 1976 – 81) married Blessing Joshua in June 2022 in the UAE.

Dr. Siobhan Rowe (O 1978 – 83) married Tim Addison at Gretna Green.

Jonathan Mellor (k & T 1980 – 1987) married Julie Murray in July 2022.

Adrian Marshall (k & F 1985 – 94) married Janine McNally in August 2022.

Adam Griffin (k & W 1984 – 95) married Monica Li in May 2022.

Jemimah Wright (E 1993 – 95) married Alister Main in South Africa in October 2021.



Jemimah and Alister

Hannah Hankins (c & E 1989 – 96) married Simon Widdop in September 2022.

Judith Stephens (c & O 1989 – 97) married Thomas Berry in March 2022.

Rebecca Fisher (c, E & B 1984 – 98) married Gerard Dooley in July 2021.



Gerard and Rebecca

Julian Mason (T 1995 – 2000) married Jade Yesim Dodanli in April 2022.

Emily Bowles (c & E 1994 – 2001) married Michael Oliver in July 2022.

Alex Dunne (T 1996 – 2001) married Beth Robins in December 2021.

India Davies (E 1999 – 2001) married Andrew Rodgers in September 2022.



India and Andrew

Daniel Gilbert (T 2000 – 04) married Claire McAvoy in August 2022.

Rowan Glennie (k & T 1998 – 2007) married Tilly Donohoe in September 2022.

Matthew Durke (k & T 2000 – 07) married Jess Floyd in 2022.

William Warren (H 2001 – 07) married Holly Sands in August 2022.

Kathryn Jones (O 2002 – 07) married Oliver Todd in August 2022.



Oliver and Kathryn

Kit Agnew (H 2004 – 07) married Rhiannon Meredith-Davies in September 2022.

William Love (W 2000 – 09) married Jennifer May in June 2022.

Lucy Lomax (c & B 2002 – 09) married David Dunne in May 2022.



L to R: Gabbie King, Emily Myers, Rosie Vare, Claire Devitt, Lucy Lomax, Esther Wakelin, Alex Wallace, Jess Conway, Cleo Glover and Octavia Squire

Emma Nevell (c & O 1999 – 2010) married André Filipe Batista Rodrigues in September 2022.

Sam Ward (c & F 2002 – 10) married **Amy Martin** (B 2006 – 11) in October 2021.

Daisy Searle (O 2003 – 10) married Henry Tresidder in August 2022.

Josh Crick (k & F 2003 – 10) married Emma Brown in June 2022.

Captain Matthew Purdy RA (F 2005 – 10) married Philippa Evans in August 2022.

Edward Sidgwick (T 2005 – 10) married **Sophie Mullan** (c & E 2004 – 11 & S) in July 2022.



Ed and Sophie

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Sam & Amy Prescott, 2017

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Christo Tracey (T 2009 – 11) married Katy Cole in July 2022.

Tom Rutterford (k & F 1997 – 2012) married Teresa O'Brien in October 2021.

Alexander Nixon (W 1999 – 2012) married **April Lyon** (B 2007 – 12) in the school chapel in May 2022.



Alexander and April

Henry Harrison (k & T 2004 – 12) married Alice Reid in July 2022.



Henry and Alice

Hughie Cabbell Manners (T 2007 – 12) married **Olivia Curl** (O 2004) in December 2021.

Harriet John (E 2008 – 12) married Leo Burroughes in August 2022 in Faux, France.

Sabrina Genn (E 2009 – 12) married Philipp Mörth in September 2021.

Alia Moller (O 2009 – 12) married Nicholas Haller in Kenya in February 2022.

Captain Charles Jefford RE (k & F 2003 – 13) married Eve Thomas-Davies in June 2022.



Eve and Charlie

Debora Koleva (c & E 2007 – 13) married Danail Machev in Bulgaria in May 2022.



Danail and Debora

Sally Ann Garner (B 2011 – 16) married Thomas Crosby in Las Vegas in May 2022.



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Births

Congratulations to **Heidi Witton (née Olby)** (c & E 1986 – 95) and Rob on the birth of Alice in June 2022.

Congratulations to **Woranon Samakoses** (T 1994 – 99) and Ploypetra Apple on the birth of Sairoong in December 2021.

Congratulations to **Harry Seymour** (k & H 1991 – 2000) and Rachael on the birth of Indie Sienna Rose.

Congratulations to **John Alston** (H 1996 – 2001) and Melanie on the birth of Evelyn in October 2021.

Congratulations to **Felicity de Beer (née Bertram)** (O 1996 – 2001) and **Russell** (W 1993 – 1998) on the birth of Elijah in July 2022.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Gordon (née Tovey)** (c & E 1991 – 2002) and Steve on the birth of Merida Jean in June 2022.

Congratulations to **Alice Dovey (née Britten)** (c & O 1994 – 2004) and Lee on the birth of Harry Lucas in June 2022.

Congratulations to **India Elborne (née Goss)** (O 1996 – 2004) and Timothy on the birth of Axel David Otis in March 2022.

Congratulations to **Anthony Boesen** (T 1999 – 2004) and Alice on the birth of twins Philippa Isabel Rose and Beatrice Nancy Jane in August 2021.

Congratulations to **Henry Harston** (W 1999 – 2004) and Claudia on the birth of Gaia Anna Rosalind in March 2022.

Congratulations to **Olivia (née Curl)** (O 2004) and **Hughie Cabbell Manners** (T 2007 – 12) on the birth of Pippa Elisabeth in May 2022.

Congratulations to **Arabella Stickler (née Peaver)** (c & E 1991 – 2005) and **Adam** (k & F 1999 – 2005) on the birth of Aurelia Ida in February 2022.

Congratulations to **Adam King** (T 2000 – 05) and Fiona on the birth of Ruby Elizabeth.

Congratulations to **Kimberley Halton-Farrow (née Morrison)** (c & B 1992 – 2006) and Ben on the birth of Jack in July 2022.

Congratulations to **Catherine Monk** (c & O 1998 – 2006) and Jake Wilder on the birth of Jesse Jake in March 2022.

Congratulations to **Annie Harper** (c & E 1999 – 2006) and George on the birth of Charles Richard de Larrinaga in October 2021.

Congratulations to **Dr. Emily Lever (née Stickler)** (c & E 1999 – 2007) and Robert on the birth of Finley in August 2022.

Congratulations to **Matthew Durke** (k & F 2000 – 07) and Jess on the birth of Eliza in July 2022.

Congratulations to **Sophie Robins** (c & O 2000 – 07) and Nick Smith on the birth of Emily Ellen Josephine in October 2021.

Congratulations to **Olivia Walker (née Purdy)** (E 2003 – 08) and Harry on the birth of Annabel Violet in September 2021.

Congratulations to **Katie Brown (née Clark)** (c 2002 – 09) and Callum on the birth of Arya May in October 2021.

Congratulations to **Fergus Clark** (H 2005 – 09) and Sarah on the birth of Otis Yuki in December 2021.

Congratulations to **Felicity Dugdale (née Foulds)** (O 2005 – 09) and Ritchie on the birth of Henry Martin in November 2021.

Congratulations to **Isobel Hickford (née Goodwin)** (B 2008 – 10) and Matt on the birth of Arthur Matthew in September 2022.

Congratulations to **Sarah Coleman (née Wiley)** (c & E 1999 – 2013) and Ben on the birth of Ava in May 2021.



OG News

David Sankey (c & O 1944 – 53) (son of **Bernard Sankey**, S 1936 – 70) lives in New South Wales and has fond memories of the Campbell brothers (*Major Colin Campbell, OSH 1946 – 52, whose obituary appeared in last year's Magazine, and the late James Campbell, OSH 1946 – 53 – Ed.*). He writes: “We grew up together enjoying our wanderings all over the land that I presume has been planted out to trees, in the area between Selbrigg Pond and the mill on the Hempstead Road. It was our playground. The three of us ventured all over north Norfolk. One of our favourite spots was Morston, where we would hire a row boat from Jim Temple. One of Colin's favourite tricks was to drop the anchor whilst we rowed across to or back from the Point. Mrs. Campbell, their mother, once taught the violin at Gresham's. She was exceptional and the confidence that Jamie played with was, to quote many, a joy to watch and listen to. Then one day, on the way back after the annual CCF camp, Jamie fancied a cigarette on the train. Someone told the Headmaster and next term he called Jamie in and told him that he was going to give him ‘six of the best’ for bringing the school into disrepute. Jamie said he hadn't done so, as it was school holidays. The upshot was that the punishment wasn't carried out; but the HM gave his mother notice. That was terribly sad as they had little enough to live on as it was. Jamie never again played at the school.”

David Sly-Jex (c & W 1948 – 53) was erroneously credited with a 22 year-old daughter in the 2021 Magazine! **Kim Sly-Jex** (Q 2013 – 17) is, of course, the offspring of David's son **Martyn** (c & W 1973 – 83). We apologise for this misattribution.

Roger Stuart (c & OSH 1948 – 55) wrote in response to the obituary to **Richard (“Digby”) Waddingham** (OSH 1952 – 56) in the 2021 OG Magazine. Richard having been a distinguished pond conservationist, Roger recalls with dismay that, back in the 1950s, “**Jumbo**” **Burrough** (S 1946 – 85) used to be instructed to spray trees and vegetation near the pond with DDT before Speech Days – much to the annoyance of **Hugh Ramage** (S 1929 – 56?), Head of Biology. Roger remembers leeches being recovered from the school pond and displayed in a Biology class. He also recalls that the Headmaster, **Martin Olivier** (HM 1944 – 55) was annoyed to discover on one occasion that **Dick Bagnall-Oakeley** (o & K 1918 – 27, S 1931 – 40 & 45 – 70) had been supplied by the Army with a batch of ammunition in which one bullet in five was a tracer round, and that RPB-O had disposed of them in the pond! The offending boxes came into view during an unusually dry summer. Roger says he was fortunate to have met **Major W. A. L. Kerridge** (S 1921 – 46) on a number of occasions and knew the dedicated team who worked under him, and later under “Jumbo”, on the restoration of the theatre in the woods.

Dennis Dowding (k & W 1949 – 58) writes: “In the last edition, **Geoffrey Andrews** (c & W 1950 – 58) shared with us a photograph of a school skiing trip to Oberlech, Austria. I was on that trip but I too cannot remember the precise year. I am standing, second from the right. The two members of staff travelling with us were Messrs. Harrison and Bell. I was very sad to learn of the death of **John Harrison** (S 1956 – 62) as he taught me Russian; homework included translating editorials from *The Manchester Guardian* (the Editor of which was **Alastair Hetherington**, W 1933 – 38 – Ed.) and I passed ‘A’ level in 1958.”



The Oberlech photograph

The late **Tom Percival** (H 1956 – 60) was tragically killed in 1984 while participating in the F1 Powerboat World Championship in Belgium. His daughter, Katie, has passed on around 300 of his trophies and more than 60 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and photographs to the charity Fast on Water, which aims to preserve and record the history of powerboat racing in the UK and worldwide. Despite Tom’s relatively short career he achieved phenomenal success within the powerboat racing world, winning

the British Championship in ‘72, ‘73, ‘75 and ‘76, the Paris Six-Hour in ‘76 and ‘77, the European Championship in ‘76 and ‘78 and the British Grand Prix in ‘76 and ‘77.



Tom Percival in The 3 Hours of Amsterdam, 1975

Professor David King (F 1958 – 63) is a Professor Emeritus in Economics at the University of Stirling. In addition to his distinguished academic career, he has acted as Employment Economic Advisor to the Royal Commission on the Constitution, Economic Adviser to the Department of the Environment, Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra and Adviser on local government finance reform to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. As a Consultant to the OECD, he has been an adviser to governments and officials in Albania, Bulgaria, the former Czechoslovakia, the Czech Republic, Greece, Portugal, the former USSR, the former Yugoslavia, Romania and China. He has also served as a Consultant to the Council of Europe, in which



David King

capacity he has given advice to members of the Russian parliament. For nearly 20 years he conducted the Stirling University Choir, performing major choral works each year in Dunblane Cathedral. His published works include two books on the 18th century Scottish architects Robert and James Adam.

Ruary Mackenzie Dodds (H 1960 – 64) was amused when, at Logie Bruce-Lockhart’s memorial service, a grasshopper landed on the shoulder of **Jeremy Tomlinson** (F & T 1960 – 64). A sign, perhaps, he thought? On the strength of this orthopterous visitation, Jeremy was moved to pen the following lines:

As I stood with friends on the Parade Ground
In warm sunshine after Logie’s service,
Admiring modern buildings,
A grasshopper landed on my shoulder.

We tried to ease it carefully to safety
But it moved to another’s shoulder, then another.
The naturalist among us hopped it gently to the grass
Among a group of pupils coming from a match.

Brilliant emerald green; not gold, but glittering,
It emanated timeless wisdom
Calm and aloof in elegant nobility.
Were you there, Sir John, endorsing this historic day?

In heraldry, the grasshopper signifies nobility
and wisdom.



Joe Mason (F 1959 – 67) took a series of 8mm Kodachrome ciné films during his time at Gresham’s. He has had the film transferred to digital format and has very kindly shared it with us. The first film covers the years 1963 – 67. Joe’s contemporaries will enjoy an evocative trip down memory lane: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9lSdV-rxy7g>

Robert Perowne (F 1969 – 72) produces wine from bacchus, pinot noir and chardonnay grapes from the family Cobble Hill vineyard at Burnham Market. His 2020 bacchus vintage won a Silver Medal at the Wines of Great Britain Awards. This was followed by a Gold Medal (“The Oscar of British Winemaking”) in 2022 for his champagne-style, pinot noir-based, rosé.



Robert and his product

Kim Stegges (H 1967 – 72) and his wife Belle have won The Good Food Award for 2021 in the restaurant category. It is the fourth consecutive year in which their restaurant, Bann Thai in Cromer, has won this national accolade.

John Carter (k & W 1970 – 75) worked for many years as a flying instructor and examiner at Norwich Airport. He

joined Norfolk Constabulary as a special constable, then worked as a civilian support officer until retiring.

Richard Millman (k & T 1970 – 77) has introduced pickleball to Cromer Tennis Club, where one of its aficionados is **Rhodri Oliver** (T 2003 – 07). Described as a cross between tennis, table tennis and badminton, pickleball is one of Britain's fastest-growing sports. As a former US national squash coach, Richard had become aware of this new sport's growing popularity on the other side of the Atlantic.

Dr. Gavin Naylor (H 1973 – 78) is Director, Florida Program for Shark Research at Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, studying the evolution of sharks and rays. After reading Zoology at Durham University, he completed a doctorate in Maryland, USA, following which he undertook postdoctoral studies in molecular genetics, development and evolution. He became an assistant professor at Iowa State University, before moving to Florida State University in their Computational Biology group. His research group uses computational approaches to infer historical demography from genomic information. Gavin is very complimentary



Gavin

about his teachers at Gresham's, especially **Dr. David Horsley** (S 1976 – 2007), **Ron Cox BEM** (1959 – 89) and **John Walton** (1971 – 2010).

Charles Templer (OSH 1974 – 79) is the Founder and Principal of Templer & Associates International. During a 35-year international banking career, he has held senior positions



Charles

of responsibility in some of the leading international banks in Europe and the United States, in addition to which he has occupied a number of executive and non-executive board positions in businesses in such sectors as telecommunications, security, pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution, waste management, catering, construction, short code communications, commodity trading and academic training. In the mid-1990s Charles founded and ran the London-based European headquarters for a Moscow pharmaceutical business. He raised funding for the acquisition of two major pharmaceutical factories which were among Russia's first non-oil and gas privatisations at that time. In conjunction with the Russian founders of the business, he assisted them to develop the branding and forward planning for what became Russia's leading quoted pharmacy chain. In 2004 he was stationed in an Arabian Gulf country, where for three years he ran the private office of a senior member of that nation's Royal Family. Charles lives on the island of Elba with his wife Alena and their two beagles, sisters Daisy and Milly.

George Stiles (H 1974 – 79) is co-producer of the smash hit musical “Six”, which has enjoyed huge success worldwide (“an award-winning global phenomenon” – *The Daily Telegraph*). George and his collaborator Anthony Drewe have now written a new work, “Identical”, an adaption of Kästner’s novel *The Parent Trap*, which opened in August and has similarly received glowing reviews (“George



George

Stiles’s new music is emotionally pitch-perfect, now bright, now dark, now surging joyously” – *The Observer*... “ingenious to the point of genius” – *The Daily Telegraph*).

Matt Arnold (F 1975 – 80) completed the 2021 Tata Consultancy Services New York City Marathon. He had to overcome huge difficulties in order to get there due to the travel restrictions, and was obliged to spend 14 days in Toronto in order to qualify to enter the USA by being out of Europe for two weeks. He spent that fortnight in the suburbs of Toronto, training in a gym and running the streets.



Matt

He is grateful to the many OGs who supported his race and followed his journey, with all the difficulties associated with even making the start line!

Roger Bannock (F 1978 – 82) founded Taverham Veterinary Hospital in 1994. The team now employ a total of around 25 vets and 90 staff. Originally, they operated out of an extension attached to Roger’s grandfather’s former house. For 32 years it was the only hospital practice in Norwich, meaning it was open round the clock, seven days a week. Roger says that he has had a great time working at the practice, but that it is time to move on. He will still be working there four days a week, mainly doing surgery, but at other times he intends to be working his gun dogs and gardening. He recalls that he did not often have “exotic” inpatients, although once they did find themselves treating a frog. They had originally thought it was a cat called “Frog”. But the patient turned out to be an actual amphibian and was brought to the surgery in a matchbox.



Roger and friend

Simon Cooper (c & H 1976 – 83), **Becca Cunningham** (c, G & O 1976 – 83), who lives in New Zealand, **Juliet Lloyd (née Meanley)** (k, G & O 1973 – 83), **Siobhan Addison (née Arbuthnot)** (O 1978 – 83) and **Jon Siddle** (F 1979 – 83) met up in October 2021. The Head Boy and

Head Girl found themselves together again after 38 years!



Siobhan and Simon



Juliet, Jon and Becca

Paul Mylvaganam (c & W 1977 – 84) practises as a criminal barrister and, following a Teams call arranged by the Careers Department, kindly offered the



Paul and the U6th visitors

opportunity of a U6th visit to The Old Bailey. **Sue Osborne**, Head of Careers, and **Helen O'Donnell**, who teaches English, organised the trip, which took in The Central Criminal Court, Royal Courts of Justice, Middle Temple and Southwark Crown Court. The pupils had a wide-ranging and fascinating day and greatly appreciated this chance to learn much about the justice system.

Peter Knowles (OSH 1980 – 85) has been Sales and Marketing Director for the Lycetts Group for the last three years. Lycetts being one of the top 50 insurance brokers in the Britain, this keeps him pretty busy, although, along with his partner, Rosanne, he still finds time to enjoy his horses and his dogs. Since leaving Gresham's, Peter has worked in London (twice), Bristol and Leeds, often returning to Norfolk in between. Now based in Fakenham, he has two grown-up children, and as well as being a keen shot and stalker he still harbours the distant ambition of obtaining his private pilot's licence. He spends a month in New Zealand every other year (his partner is a Kiwi) although for obvious reasons 2021's trip sadly did not take place. He is always keen to hear how his classmates are getting on and happy to help any OGs navigate the mysterious world of insurance and financial services.

The Hon. Argus Gathorne-Hardy (T 1987 – 91) is an award-winning architect and co-founder of WildEast, a charitable foundation aimed at reversing the alarming ecological decline and loss of biodiversity that has taken place since the war. The

goal of the project is to return 250,000 hectares of land to nature. Aside from his architectural work, Argus's family farm was a Regional Winner in the RSPB Nature of Farming Awards and also received a Special Award for Conservation from the Suffolk Agricultural Society.

Amen Iseghohi-Okojie (H 1988 – 91) is the owner and CEO of Amenzone Fitness Franchise. Based on his own experiences and lessons learned as a child, and his desire to share these lessons with others, he founded the non-profit Amenzone Foundation to encourage self-esteem in young people and to help fight childhood obesity. This won a local Emmy award in its second year. Amen is also the creator of the Rebel Workout series of fitness DVDs. He lives with his wife and children in Montreal, Canada. When not writing children's books, he shares his philosophy



Amen

of “doing more with less” through his motivational speaking engagements. His book, *The Tire Boy*, is available online as an audio book, paperback, hardback and e-book.

Olivia Colman CBE (O 1990 – 92) had a Golden Globe nomination as well as an Oscar nomination for best actress in a drama for her role in the psychological drama “The Lost Daughter”. Her latest film is an Irish comedy-drama, “Joyride”. Olivia has become a Patron of the Holt Youth Project.

Paul Bennett (H 1989 – 94) holds the current Guinness World Record for Fastest Marathon Male Dressed as a Large Shoe, an accolade he gained in the 2019 London Marathon, which he completed in 3 hours 54 minutes. Two years later, he achieved another Guinness World Record, this time for Fastest Marathon Male in Ski Boots, dressed as Eddie the Eagle, managing to complete it on this occasion in 5 hours 30 minutes and 20 seconds (beating the existing record by seven seconds). He was running to raise money for the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, one of the ancient City Livery Companies, who support the Defence Military Rehabilitation Centre. As a charity, the Pattenmakers also make footwear to fit onto prosthetic limbs to enable injured soldiers to look smart for all occasions. Paul's company, Bennett & Baxter, Ltd., works in the distribution, sales, design, licence and manufacture of footwear for brands and retailers. He met his wife, Zoe, at Cordwainers College some 24 years ago, both graduating with a degree in footwear. They have three boys, a dog, and a huge amount of shoes!



Paul in his running kit



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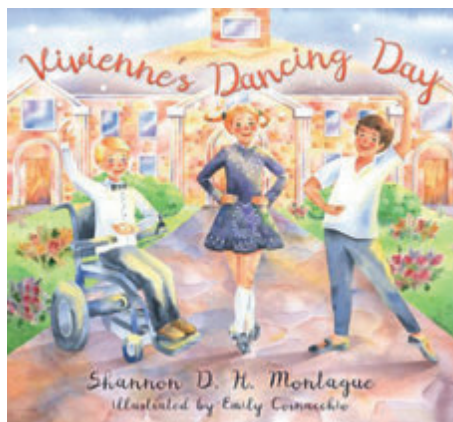
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Dr. Shoba Murugiah (E 1992–94) has been attempting to set up a free-to-use health service in Malaysia, but has had to contend with myriad difficulties and frustrations.

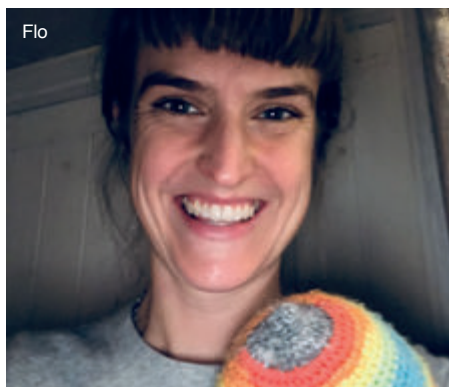
Jemimah Main (née Wright) (E 1993 – 95) has written a number of books, but has now completed her first historical novel, *Isabella's Voyage*, which is released in November 2022.

Shannon Hurst Montague (O 1994 – 95) has had her children's book, *Vivienne's Dancing Day*, published in November 2021. She was delighted to work with Connecticut illustrator Emily Cornacchio on this school story, in which each of the students provides a new artistic addition to the classroom. The book and ebook are available from online bookshops, including Troubadour UK (troubador.co.uk/bookshop/picture-books/viviennes-dancing-day/), Waterstones and Wordery. Originally from the U.S., Shannon now lives in Lincolnshire, with her husband Mike and their dog Elsie. She sends greetings to fellow OGs, including those from Oakeley House.



Duncan Baker MP (W 1993 – 98) was one of many OGs who took part in the 2022 London Marathon. By doing so, he raised over £38,000 for 26 local charities.

India Davies (E 1999 – 2001) had a large gathering of OGs at her wedding in 2022 (see “Marriages” Section). Her brother, **Captain Will Davies** (k & H 1999 – 2005), gave her away and her bridesmaid was her sister, **Dr. Alice Cheyne (née Davies)** (E 1999 – 2004). They had lots of OGs join them, including **Jennie Versteeg (née Packer)**, **Caroline Kerss (née Stanton)**, **Tori O'Connor (née Hancock)**, **Sophie Stephens (née Morfoot)**, **Rosie Brady (née Burgoine)**, **Georgina Fuggle (née Footitt)**, **'Sid' Carthew (née Ward)** and **Fliss de Beer (née Bertram)**.



Florence Crawley (O 1998 – 2003) is starting a new business, local to Norfolk, offering specialist breastfeeding support, preparation for breastfeeding, one-to-one consultations, and also private frenulotomies (tongue-tie divisions). She is intending also in due course to be offering private midwifery services.

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Helena Mercer (née Emerson) (c & O 1995 – 2004) lives in Gloucestershire and has been working for Rapture and Wright, an interiors company hand printing fabrics and wallpapers. However, she is intending to retrain as a “doula” and then to establish her own company offering help to young mothers. Helena has two young children of her own, a boy and a girl.

Nick Hanington (T 2000 – 04) achieved a triple success in 2022 when his canoe hire company, “Pub and Paddle”, gained a Tripadvisor Travellers’ Choice Award for the third year running. These accolades are bestowed to the top 10% of attractions throughout the world that “consistently deliver amazing experiences”.



Pub and Paddle

Alex Atkinson (née Claydon) (c, E & O 1993 – 2006) and her husband Tom (who have two children in the Pre-Prep. School) have launched Norfolk Cottage Agency, a brand new holiday home marketing and management agency based in Holt. They have a combined total of over 18 years’ experience in the sector, and are offering any OG who owns holiday homes around Norfolk a special OG incentive and an 18-month fixed commission rate. They can be contacted at tom@norfolkcottageagency.co.uk or 01263 808899.



Kyle Monk (k & H 1998 – 2006) is Director of Insight at the British Retail Consortium, in which capacity he is regularly interviewed on television.

Dr. Nicholas Prior (k & T 1998 – 2007) co-founded a mental fitness platform, Minderful, as reported in the 2020 OG Magazine. In an interview in January 2022 with *The Times* online, Nick has spoken candidly about his experience of depression. The article, with its powerful description of this potentially devastating illness, is reproduced in abridged form here.



Nick

Nick was 21 and studying Physics at Imperial College when he had his first serious episode of depression, an experience he describes as “psychological distress – just horribleness and darkness”. He graduated and became a trainee with one of the big four accountancy firms, but quit after a significant episode of depression. While recovering, he decided to become a doctor and applied to medical school, with the aim of becoming a psychiatrist.

Like many with depression, he suffered from anhedonia, the inability to find pleasure in anything. He has had an episode of depression about every 18 months and each one has lasted several months. He would take antidepressants, but after about six months when he was on a high dose and feeling much better, he would justify to himself coming off the medication. “I would say, ‘This (or that) was happening, that’s why I got depressed.’ So then I would stop, and then six months later I’d have another depressive episode.”

Three years ago, he was diagnosed with bipolar II after episodes of depression and hypomania, which is milder than mania. “Your energy is buzzing, you’re quite agitated, you can be opinionated, take risky decisions, behave out of character.” Looking back, he can see that he had a couple of such episodes when he was younger, including when he seemed to have rebounded after the depression that caused him to leave the accountancy firm. Lying in the bath one evening, he decided to bike from London to Kathmandu. “Within three months I set off, with no helmet and

no idea how to get to Calais. Six months later I was in Kathmandu. I look back on the chaotic planning and risks I took, and cannot believe it was me doing it.”

He got better through a combination of factors, including sticking with his medication. “I finally recognised that I will probably need to be on medication for the rest of my life. Since I have done this, I have remained well for the longest period since my first episode at the age of 21.”

Therapy has been important in the past and he has also added a range of other activities to his life to provide structure and keep his mind healthy. In winter he swears by hot baths. In summer he is devoted to cold water swimming and finds that running, stretching, cooking and breath work also benefit him. An open dialogue with his family and close friends is also important.

His mission is to help others to maintain “mental fitness” and, with two friends, he is the co-creator of Minderful, an app that provides short audio courses in which experts introduce a range of activities from deep breathing to foraging; learning how to speak in public to plunging into historical re-enactment. Experts include the England scrum half **Ben Youngs** (k & T 1996 – 2005) who is “head of team sports”. There are various features – including reward “badges” and the option to invite a friend to be your “rock” – designed to encourage your progress.

Working to try to maintain mental fitness is crucial, he says. “Once you’re ill, you’re not

in a good place to help yourself, because you've lost your own perspective on reality. If you're depressed, you don't think you deserve help. And if you're psychotic, you don't think you need help. So once you're unwell, it's very difficult for you to solve the problem. Mindful is about getting there before it's too late."

Alex Swift (née Goodyear) (B 2005 – 07) and **Becky Lavender (née Loane)** (c & B 1999 – 2009) have opened a new shop in Holt, Norfolk, *Norfolk Around*, to run alongside their online store. They have also expanded their Norfolk Hamper range, which has proved very popular. *Norfolk Around* is a carefully curated lifestyle store with a wide range of ideas for both children and adults. <https://www.norfolkaround.com>



Alex Wallace (née Paske) (E 2004 – 09) undertook a marathon spin class in December 2021 to raise funds for The Mintridge Foundation, CoppaFeel!, NHS Charities Together and Mind. Fifteen other participants continued non-stop for 29 hours, achieving a Guinness World Record.

Daisy Searle (c & O 2003 – 10) is Head of Mathematics at Cumnor House Prep. School in Sussex, where her fiancé, Henry, is Head of Religion and Philosophy.

Izzi Rainey (O 2005 – 10) featured in an episode of "We are England – My Norfolk Farm", which aired on BBC1 in early 2022. Izzi has taken over the family beef business from her 80-year-old father. In this film, she is seen adapting to a new reality, as changes to farming subsidies come into effect. In order to make enough money to future-proof her farm, she is diversifying the family business, running a homeware design company on the farm and working in her local shop to cover her bills, while feeding and caring for her herds of highland cows every day. Her latest idea is a shipping container which she is turning into a workshop for visitors for farm experience days.



Izzi with her hirsute herd

George Howard (W 2008 – 10) appeared as a young DCS Ian St. Clair in the BBC TV "Sherwood" series.



George as a youthful St. Clair

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Ali Arrowsmith (k & W 2004 – 11) has co-founded a children's football academy in Uganda. This not-for-profit initiative provides a safe space and a focus for young people who, as a result of Covid and the closure of schools for two years, were at risk of turning to street life. The academy relies on donations and sponsorship.



Ali writes: “In late 2019 and having spent the past six years working in London in creative marketing, I was weighing up the idea of making a move to Uganda, East Africa, to work in the commodities industry. A role had come up as a Sustainability Manager at a small artisanal mine following a brief visit to the country three months prior. Normally I would have ridiculed the idea. However, the untimely death of my younger brother, **Teddy** (k & T 2006 – 13), at the start of 2019, reminded me of the harsh reality that we only have one chance at life, and motivated me to reach out for what I wanted, to take risks in life.

“Fast forward to early February 2020 and I'm on the plane to Entebbe. Little did I know what was around the corner! After a few days in the city I made the 10-hour, 450km, night bus journey to Kisoro, the

district where I was to live and work, and was met by my friend Nambajimana Alex, the only person I knew from my previous visit. Surrounded by hills and mountains, Kisoro sits at over 2000m above sea-level and immediately borders both Rwanda and DR Congo. Frosty political relations between Uganda and Rwanda meant the border post between the two countries was closed at the time, whilst the eastern part of DRC that borders Kisoro is home to over 100 rebel militias all vying for control. So, as you can imagine, life in Kisoro can keep you on your toes at the best of times. Locally life is ruled by subsistence agriculture and tribal traditions of the Bufumbira people.

“As the CV-19 pandemic rapidly sent the world into lockdown, it was only a matter of time before Uganda followed suit. Given the option to leave before it did, I declined. It would end up being eleven months before I finally got to fly home. The Uganda lockdown experience was very extreme. Kisoro District was well protected, the Rwanda and DRC borders closed, all main routes into the District controlled by police and military. No-one got in or out unless authorised. All modes of transport were banned, schools, markets and public places all closed, while a nighttime curfew of 7pm – 6am was strictly enforced. Due to the low number of cases in the district, daily life was a bit more relaxed and myself and my new-found friends spent our days walking in the mountains, swimming in the lakes and playing secret football matches deep in the villages away from the eyes of local authorities.



“As with most countries, football is a way of life in Uganda and I’ve formed some close friendships from the pitch. None more so than my good friend Benon Nshimiyana, a bit of a football legend in East Africa nicknamed “Gacucu”, meaning “dust”, as that is what he leaves behind as he passes his opponents with the ball. His career was stifled by regional conflicts and travel restrictions of the late 90s and early 00s. This year I became godfather to his now five year-old son, Zidane. As the first wave of the pandemic began to wind down in August 2020, schools remained closed with no immediate signs of re-opening. Children were left to find their own way, messing around in town, getting into trouble. Some worked as child labourers, exploited for as little as 10p a day. We noticed a lot of kids hanging around the playgrounds watching us train and play, waiting to get an opportunity to play with a spare ball themselves.

“Benon and I started training these kids on a Saturday morning. It gave them something to do, some structure and purpose. While

schools remained closed up to January this year, we continued these sessions every week and often during the week. These sessions provide children with a safe space, some skills, and they get to know and respect others. We’ve also noticed positive changes in their social skills and discipline. Having started with just 15 children, we are now the Kisoro Young Boys Football Academy, FUFA (Federation of Uganda Football Association) registered, with over 100 children aged 4 – 16 on our books. Our U16 and U11 teams regularly play matches against other teams and schools from the local community. Given the isolated location that we’re in, it’s often difficult to take part in the bigger academy tournaments in the city due to transport and logistical costs. This Christmas we’re planning a big tournament in Kisoro that will see all of the children take part as we officially launch our academy.



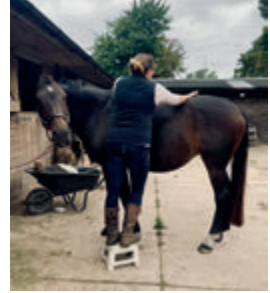
“The academy is a not-for-profit organisation that’s so far been funded mainly by me and the occasional donation from family and friends. This letter is not a plug for support but it is of course always welcome. You can contact us on instagram [@Kisoro_Young_Boys_FA](https://www.instagram.com/Kisoro_Young_Boys_FA), via the website <http://www.kybfa.com/> or email info@kybfa.com.

“Aside from starting a football academy, I do actually have a job! Most of my days are spent in the field on this small remote artisanal mine called Nyamuliro. Three years ago I knew little about mining and metals (geology was not a strong point at school), supply chain due diligence and the global trade in critical metals. During the first lock-down I coordinated security and maintenance on the site. We re-opened the mine in July 2021 with strict SOPs, a smaller workforce and careful planning, we re-opened supply chains, and are now back supplying one of the largest smelters in Europe.

“Working alongside the Ugandan management as the only expat, my main role is ensuring that the mine and supply chain meet and better OECD standards of traceability, absence of human rights abuses, employment of women and payment of taxes. I provide regular reports and comprehensive documentation covering the mining process from production through to export. On an average day we can have anything from 400 – 500 miners on site, all of whom come from the local community. As a company we run several corporate social responsibility projects, including maintenance of roads, building of bridges, land access for agriculture and the occasional Christmas or Easter feast!

“If you had told me when I was finishing U6th that in ten years I would find myself here, then I would have laughed at you, and if we're honest I think most of my teachers would have as well!”

Alys Rowley (c & B 2004 – 12) is a veterinary physiotherapist with a BSc in Psychology and a postgraduate diploma in Veterinary Physiotherapy. This gives her a unique ability to treat the entire animal. Most of her patients are horses and dogs but she also deals with small animals like cats and rabbits.



Alys with an appreciative patient

Pandora Layton (E 2008 – 13) held her first solo art show, “Re-imagining Norfolk’s Past”, from June to September 2022 at Creake Abbey. She is returning to Cambridge this autumn to embark upon a PhD in Architecture.



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Aaron Agboola JP (F 2009 – 13) works in the risk management sector for Rothschild & Co., following a period with Ernst & Young. He is one of the youngest people to have been sworn in as a magistrate, having been appointed to the bench in 2018 at the age of 23. He lives in London and is also a budding novelist.

Dr. Tanadet Pipatpolkai (H 2011 – 13) has been awarded a DPhil from the University of Oxford in Molecular Simulations of Ion Channel Gating. Ion channels are proteins on the surface of the cell and are important in neuronal conductivity and insulin secretion. In 1963, **Sir Alan Hodgkin OM KBE PRS** (H 1927 – 32) discovered action potentials; these potentials are conducted through ion channels. The work in PPK's thesis uses the computer to simulate how these ion channels move and orchestrate their action for cellular excitability.



Dr. Dina Bijedic (O 2013 – 15) has qualified as a doctor of medicine.

Esme Haywood (c & E 2006 – 15) is a senior analyst at Goldman Sachs.

Lieutenant Will Faye (W 2010 – 15) called in to give the school a hand in preparation for the Biennial Inspection, prior to flying out to Cyprus with the Army Hockey team.



Will impersonating a senior officer

Harry Simmons (k & W 2007 – 16) has agreed a new deal with Leicester Tigers and will return to the club in the summer after a loan period with Jersey Reds.

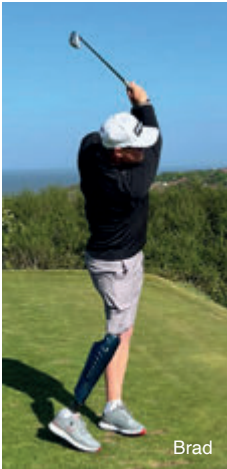
Iona Rangeley-Wilson (c & B 2008 – 16) had her children's book *Einstein the Penguin* published by HarperCollins in 2021, as reported in last year's OG Magazine. In November that year it was featured in *The Sunday Times* as Children's Book of the Week, the reviewer



Iona (on L)

writing: “This debut novel is a delight. Its wit and observation put it in the tradition of Eva Ibbotson and Hilary McKay...this is a real discovery”. Iona, who writes under the *nom de plume* Iona Rangeley, was the Guest of Honour at the Prep-Prep. School Speech Day in 2022.

Phil Hawes (S 1989 – 2017) was pleased to bump into **Bradley Smith** (k & W 2001 – 11). A few years ago Bradley lost a leg due to cancer, but fortunately is now very well. This year, Brad was the runner-up in the English Disabled Golf Championship,



following his 3rd place in the 2019 Welsh Championship. In June this year, he won his first EDGA event in the 2022 PING Open. Brad’s brother **Mitchell** (k & H 2001 – 11) is the Assistant Professional at Cromer Golf Club.

Following his retirement from the staff, Phil worked for five years as a post-graduate PGCE (Secondary) tutor for the University of Buckingham. Since June 2021 he has been fully retired but busy, as will be seen! As Chairman of RNLI Sheringham, he was awarded his Long Service Medal for over 20 years’ service. This has been a contrast to his earlier ten years’ active service with Scottish Mountain Rescue and SARDA Scotland. He was delighted to accept the

Presidency of The Emeriti CC. Now in its 151st season, the club draws its players mainly from former pupils of Roman Catholic public schools. The club runs an Emeriti Schools Festival and also plays matches against clubs such as the MCC, Free Foresters and Sussex Martlets. Phil’s son **Tom** (k & F 1994 – 2006) is an Honorary Member, appearing regularly for the Club and managing two of the fixtures played at Ampleforth. Phil plays golf at Sheringham, as well as playing regularly around the country for The Pedagogues team. He is also Captain of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Alumni Golf Society. By way of contrast, he spends as much time as possible fly fishing for trout on the Bure and Glaven (where he is Hon. Secretary of the River Glaven Fishing Association).



Phil (photo: Chris Taylor)

Georgi Bain (O 2012 – 17) and **Siân Roberts** (E 2012 – 17) graduated from Durham University, a year late due to COVID: both were Heads of House in their respective house. Siân graduated with



Georgi and Siân

a BA in Geography. Georgi gained a BSc in Earth Science. Siân now works for a recruitment company in Soho, and Georgi is a Science teacher in an independent school.

Georgia Beckett (E 2012 – 17) and her mother, Boo, have founded a new business – KayaNuka. The inspiration behind the enterprise is Native American culture and its bohemian lifestyle and feel. Many of the products on their website are unique, and have come from around the world, supporting local artisans and craftsmanship, and are only stocked in very few places, particularly in the UK. KayaNuka means “older” and “younger” in Native American, resembling mother and daughter.



Nikol Koleva (c & E 2011 – 18) is following up her first degree at City University of London with an MA in Psychology at Webster Vienna Private University. She has already completed a research project

on the “overview effect”, a phenomenon that astronauts experience when they see Earth from outer space. Her goal is to find ways to apply the “overview effect” in therapy.



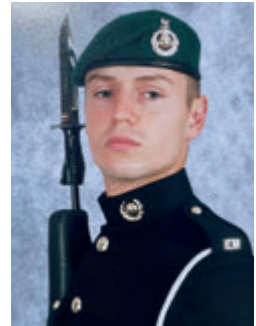
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Eleanor Bridgeman (Q 2013 – 18) has written a book, *Out of the Dark*, which is available on Amazon.

Amelia Fox (c & E 2010 – 19) has released her second single (<https://youtu.be/E1Bo9m06kHI>), in which **Romy Sipek** (c & E 2004 – 19) makes an appearance.

Jack Stewart-Richardson (k & F 2011 – 19) passed out as a Royal Marines Commando, achieving the Academic Award. This

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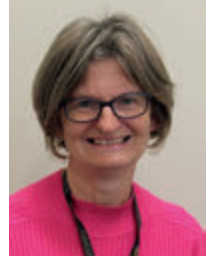
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2nd Lieutenant Pieter Myburgh (W 2017 – 19) has been commissioned into The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.



Linda Allison (S 1995 – 2021) has retired after 26 years at the Pre-Prep. School. Her colleagues felt that it was entirely appropriate that she should have left at the end of the Michaelmas term as, for generations of Gresham's Pre-Prep. pupils, she was known as "Mrs. Christmas". Linda began working as a catering

assistant, moving to the classroom soon after. She arrived when the Pre-Prep. was based in what is now Queens' and later made the move down to OSH with the children. She has been described as "a wonderful, kind, and caring Teaching Assistant for many years, working in almost every year group and helping hundreds of children with love and laughter".



Linda



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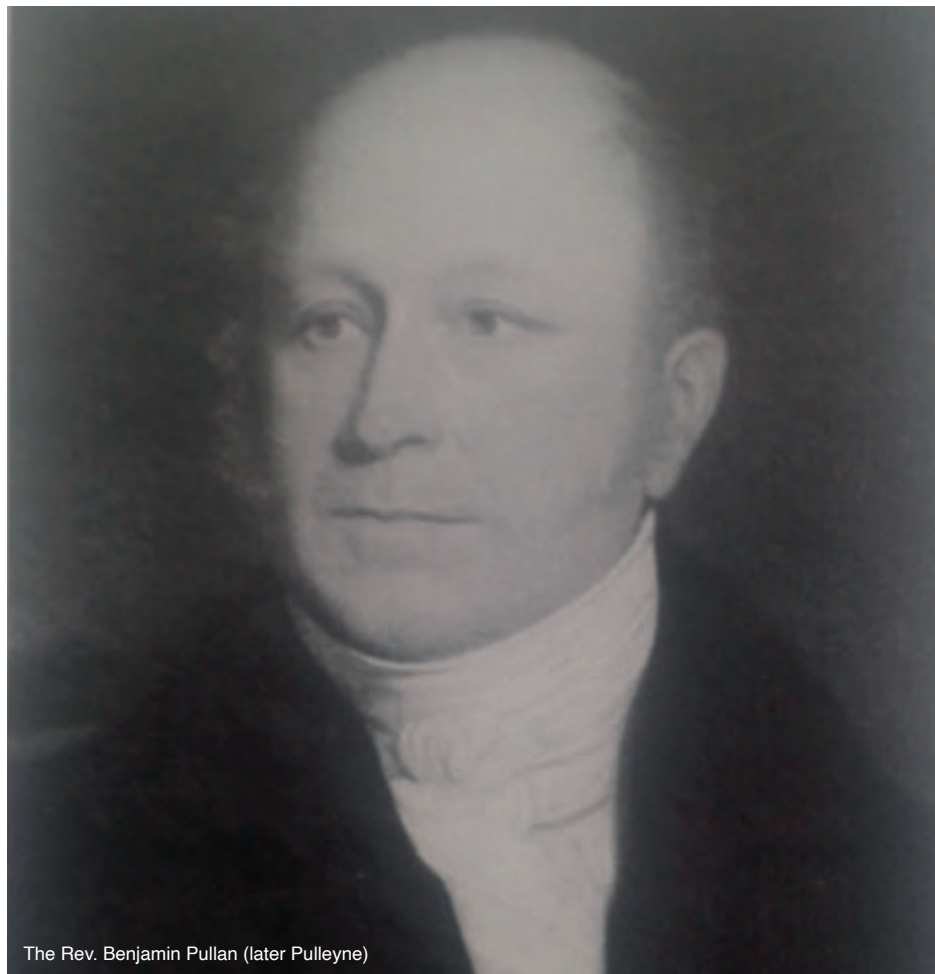
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From the Visitors' Book



The Rev. Benjamin Pullan (later Pulleyne)

Between 1810 and 1857 the school was inspected periodically by Visitors appointed by the Fishmongers' Company. During their Visitation in 1832, a 10-year old pupil, **William Buck** (1829 – 33), evinced an unseemly familiarity with bad language, as is revealed by a disapproving entry in the Visitors' Book dated 21st September 1832, which reads: "William Buck uttered the following profane language, 'God damn you, Howes (**William Howes**, 1821 – 36), you eat as much as a donkey. God damn the wasp, it will sting me.' The Rev. W. H. Parry (*one of the local Visitors*) advised that it should depend upon his future good behaviour whether he should be reported to the Visitors at their next meeting for expulsion or not. (signed) Benjn. Pulleyne, A. M., Master."

Dido's Great-Grandson

The story of a slave's descendant at Gresham's

The story of Dido Elizabeth Belle has become widely known in recent years, partly as a result of the 2013 film *Belle*. Dido was born in 1761 into slavery, the illegitimate daughter of Rear-Admiral Sir John Lindsay KB and his black concubine, Maria Belle, whom Lindsay is believed to have found on board a captured Spanish ship in the Caribbean.

On returning to England with Maria and Dido, Lindsay entrusted his natural daughter to the care of his childless uncle and aunt, the Earl and Countess of Mansfield, who brought her up at Kenwood House, alongside her cousin Lady Elizabeth Murray. Dido grew up to be an intelligent and well-educated young woman, being treated as one of the family.



The Earl of Mansfield

The school Archivist, Liz Larby, has discovered that Dido's great-grandson **Charles Davinière** (H 1901 – 03) was an OG. Liz writes: He was born in Notting Hill in 1886, the youngest son of another Charles Davinière of London, who in died in 1899, leaving his



Dido Lindsay and her cousin Lady Elizabeth Murray

wife Helen to bring up their eight children. Charles senior had been born in India and served as a Captain in the East India Company's Madras Army. He was the grandson of John Davinière and Dido Elizabeth Belle, who married in 1793. John (Jean Louis Charles) had left his native France in the late 1780s and worked as a valet or steward for a wealthy family who may have had connections with the Murrays.

Charles was educated at St. Cyprian's School in Eastbourne, before being registered by his widowed mother to board at Gresham's in September of 1901. He played rugby and cricket for the school, took part in a racquets competition and spoke at the debating society on the subject of capital punishment. Charles is pictured below playing the role of the Amazon Queen, Hippolyta (seated, 3rd from the left) in the 1902 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in a clearing in the woods that would later become an open-air theatre. The youngster was highly commended for his sketches which were



Charles as Hippolyta, 3rd from the left

included in an exhibition of work done in the holidays of that year. Leaving school in the summer of 1903, Charles soon joined the newly formed Old Boys' Club and continued to attend reunions and sporting events for many years, contributing to funds for the new buildings in the 1920s.

We next find Charles living in a furnished room in a house owned by his mother in Ladbroke Square in 1909, and he is recorded as working as a clerk at a motor garage in the 1911 Census. He applied for a commission in 1915, although he does not appear on the list of First World War serving OGs. Charles wrote to *The Gresham* magazine in 1924 complaining of suggestions to change the OG Club colours, describing the move as pandering to a craze for change and totally unnecessary.

Charles is recorded as being an accountant in the printed register of OGs and died unmarried in Notting Hill in July of 1937, leaving his estate to his spinster sister Marian and a friend. He was buried in Kensal Green Cemetery in London, along with other family members. The 2013 film *Belle* is based on the inspiring life of his great-grandmother Dido, focusing on her relationship with Davinière and a ruling by Lord Mansfield on a significant slavery case which has been claimed to have played a part in bringing about the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in 1807.

From the Auction Rooms

An unusual group of nine medals belonging to the air ace **Group Captain Louis Jarvis** (W 1901 – 09) were auctioned at Spinks in London in April 2022, selling for £4,800.



Louis' medals

Louis' family owned two hotels in Cromer, the Hotel de Paris and Tucker's Hotel. A County Scholar at Gresham's, he shone at all sports and was also a member of the Bisley team of 1907. Working at Lloyds of London when war broke out in 1914, he joined up along with his three brothers, being commissioned initially into the Middlesex Regiment and serving with his younger brother, **Captain Alan Jarvis** (W 1901 – 09), in the Gallipoli campaign, before transferring to the Royal Flying Corps. He was posted as a Captain to 56 Squadron in October 1917. At a time when RFC pilots often did not survive for long, he bore a charmed life, surviving crashes and countless dogfights, as well as attacks on heavily-defended observation balloons and strafing sorties.



1908 Bisley team; Louis circled

He achieved his first victory on 19th February 1918. Following an inconclusive engagement with a German fighter, he spotted four more enemy machines and immediately dived



Louis in his SE5a

to attack. In his account of the combat that followed, he stated: "I fired 30 rounds... at an Albatross two-seater... The observer fired about six shots at me and then disappeared in the bottom of the fuselage. The EA [enemy aircraft] then turned about halfway through my burst and went down out of control in a slow looping spiral."

Three more victories followed in March, a month of dogfights and low-level sorties that helped slow the Ludendorff spring offensive. As the *Kaiserschlacht* raged below, 56 Squadron was at full stretch, with Jarvis and his comrades flying as many as two patrols a day whenever conditions allowed.

Casualties rose sharply, and on 12th April, just a day after scoring a fifth success to ensure his official status as an "ace", he came close to disaster when bullets struck his engine, causing a crash landing from which he was lucky to escape uninjured. He was then appointed to the command of C Flight, the group that had previously been led with great distinction by his friend and mentor "Beery" Bowman.



Louis 3rd from R

Louis duly celebrated by notching up two victories during a single patrol on 2nd May. Leading his flight in a dive onto a 10-strong enemy formation, he fired just 20 rounds to shoot down one of three Fokker triplanes, before sharing in the victory over a second aircraft that was last seen falling away "decisively out of control". He continued, in the words of one of his junior pilots, "to amuse himself playing hide-and-seek with the enemy", and was eventually sent home after an exhausting tour.

Remaining in the RAF after the War, he served in the Hashemite Kingdom of Iraq in the 1920s. During the Second World War, he helped integrate the exiled Polish air arm into the Royal Air Force. Their subsequent influence on the outcome of the Battle of Britain in 1940 and the air campaign that followed were due in no small measure to his "energy and tact", as subsequently noted in 1943 when he was appointed a Commander of the Order of Polonia Restituta by the Polish Government in exile. Louis died in 1951.

Olympian Art

We were recently alerted to the painter **Edward Gillett** (1883 – 90), as one of his works came up for sale at the Holt Antiques & Interiors Centre. Entitled “Portrait of a Farm Labourer”, and dating from around 1900, this painting has been difficult to photograph due to its being behind old hand-blown glass, and because of its large size. Therefore the colour reproduction does not do justice to the original.

Edward Frank Gillett was born in Worlingham, Suffolk, in 1874, the third of the ten children of the Rev. Jesse Gillett and his wife Eliza. Leaving school at 16, Edward went to work as a clerk at Lloyds and is recorded lodging with his older brother Frederick in Lambeth. The 1901 census saw him living with his widowed mother and siblings in Hampstead, and by that stage he had decided to pursue an artistic career, working as an illustrator for publications such as *The Daily Graphic* and *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*. Frank Gillett, as he was often credited, was a skilled caricaturist, who worked in pen and ink, pastels, watercolour and oil, and was exhibited by, among others, the Royal Academy, the Fine Art Society and the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolour.



He returned to the family home at Aldeby in Norfolk in 1916 and was inspired by the local landscape and rural life scenes, as well as by sporting, hunting and coursing activities. Widowed in 1912, he remarried in 1914, his second wife dying as recently as 1974.

A year after his death in 1927, two of Frank's paintings were exhibited in the Olympic Art Competition, and although he did not win a medal, Gillett became one of only a small number of posthumous Olympian artists, and the only one to represent Great Britain.

A Promising Life Cut Short

A recent visitor to the school was Shelagh Gregson, whose paternal grandmother Kathleen was one of the two sisters of **Arthur Tuke Kirkby** (H 1902 – 06), who sadly died of meningitis while on a visit to the school following his first term at Cambridge in 1906. Arthur's obituary in *The Gresham* notes that he returned to school, no doubt full of his adventures at King's, where he was studying Modern Languages and already rowing for his college, but was taken ill, being carried to his old room in Howson's, where he died two weeks later.

Arthur was born in Lincolnshire, the younger son of farmer Frederick Kirkby and his wife Jessie, both of whom had died by the time he was eight years old. He went to board with his sisters at Laurel Court in Peterborough, where the Headmistress of the girls' school, Miss Gibson, became the children's guardian. Margaret Gibson was very well thought of locally, becoming the first woman to be granted the freedom of the city, as was her school, where a young Edith Cavell had been a pupil teacher. Arthur attended a nearby prep. school until old enough to enrol at the King's School in Peterborough. He registered at Gresham's in September 1902 and would have been one of Howson's first boarders in the newly-built school house. The boy soon proved himself here, singing in a concert, winning prizes for German, and doing well at rugby, fives, athletics and shooting.



Arthur with his mother & siblings



1906 Shooting VIII: Arthur back row, 2nd from L

Before leaving school in the summer of 1906, Arthur was one of six boys asked by Howson to plant a tree on Arbor Day, a privilege only granted to pupils who had made their mark on the school.

Arthur had taken his responsibilities as one of Howson's prefects very seriously, apparently carrying out his duties with cheerfulness and courage, laying them down



Arbor Day (HM far left)

regretfully when he left. In his moving tribute, Howson spoke of Arthur's quiet and unassuming character, of his unquestioning and unquestionable loyalty to his school, and of how he always gave his best in both work and play. His name was recorded for posterity on a wooden Roll of Honour board that now has a home in the archives.

A year after Arthur's death, his brother Frederick donated a lectern to the school in his memory, and the fine oak stand complete with silver eagle can still be seen in Chapel today as a fitting reminder of a boy who showed so much promise but had his life so cruelly cut short. As his obituary in a Peterborough newspaper stated, "He passed away surrounded by those who loved him for his many winning qualities".



The Kirkby lectern

“Boys of Nature: Men of Science”

Liz Larby describes one of the remarkable group of OG natural scientists who will be included in a forthcoming book that she and Dr. Tony Leech (S 1979 – 2013) are preparing.

Professor William Rushton FRS (F 1915 – 21) left Gresham’s at Easter of 1921, just over a hundred years ago, determined to become a research scientist. His housemaster, **Edward Robertson** (S 1905 – 28), had written to his father, however, saying he doubted if the boy had the ability for such a career and suggesting he take up law instead! William’s father arranged an interview with a friend at University College, London, who advised that he would need a 1st class degree and set him off on a path studying Medicine. After failing his finals four times and suffering a breakdown due to exhaustion, William eventually achieved his dream of a Natural Science scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1923. His success was noted at Speech Day in 1926 by the Headmaster, **J. R. Eccles** (HM 1919 – 35), who attributed the achievements of both Rushton and **Professor George Hutchinson** (W 1917 – 21) to the excellent science teaching at the school, as well as to the work of the popular Natural History Society (NHS).

The youngster was involved in many aspects of school life, winning prizes for music, playing in the chess team, speaking at the debating society, swimming for Farfield and playing rugby for the School. Tabling a motion for a debate on ghosts being a scientific impossibility, Rushton apparently soon “drifted into regions of advanced Physics” which lost his audience, although he won his case by thirteen votes. This was clearly the start of a lifelong interest, since later in life he became President of the Society for Psychical Research, believing that most so-called paranormal phenomena had natural explanations.



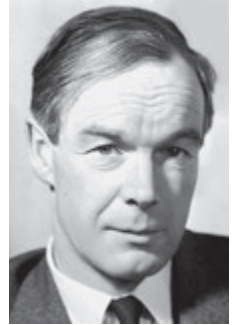
William Rushton

At school, William was a keen member of the NHS, belonging to several sections and presenting papers on the Sun and Nebular Theory. He returned as an OG to give lectures to the group, including in 1927, when he conducted an experiment on a frog’s heart based on his work on nerve impulses, and another in 1933, when he described an investigation he had once carried out with another pupil involving producing an X-ray of his own finger, duly declaring a greenstick fracture, much to the amazement of the school doctor!

Rushton spent the first half of his long and distinguished career as a research physiologist working on nerves in frogs and the latter half on the human eye, particularly on

colour vision. He claimed that his greatest inspiration was the pioneering scientist Keith Lucas FRS, the father of three distinguished OG professors, **Alan** (H 1922 – 27), **David** (H 1924 – 29) and **Bryan Keith Lucas** (o & H 1924 – 30) (Lucas’s widow changed the family surname after her husband was killed in a flying accident in 1916 while serving in the Royal Flying Corps). Keith Lucas’s posthumous paper on nerve impulses delighted Rushton “to intoxication” and his ideal of physiological research remained the “beautiful” way in which Keith Lucas worked.

A fellow OG, **Sir Alan Hodgkin OM PRS** (H 1927 – 32), was starting his own pioneering work at Cambridge in 1935, which eventually led to his Nobel Prize, and had invited Rushton to join him. Ironically, Rushton declined, preferring to follow his own path, being elected FRS in 1948 and appointed to a professorship in Physiology at Cambridge.



Sir Alan Hodgkin

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Early Matrons

Matrons have long played a pivotal role in the health and wellbeing of the school, both in the Sanatorium and the boarding houses, where domestic as well as medical duties were part of their responsibility. **Ann Smith**, wife of the Headmaster **James Smith** (HM 1760 – 87) was probably the school’s first matron, to between 50 and 80 boys.



Ann Smith

In George Howson’s early years in the Old School House, his sister Mary acted as the matron, being credited for her intense loyalty, efficiency, high standards and considerable influence on the boys, and keeping in touch with many OGs, particularly during the First World War. Following her departure after Howson’s death in 1919, the new Headmaster, **J. R. Eccles** (HM 1919 – 35) remarked that “the influence of a good woman is one of the most beneficial things of God’s earth.”

The Sanatorium was built in 1903 to house six boys in two wards, with an adjoining bathroom and accommodation for a nurse and caretaker. A 1924 register of patients records the usual childhood illnesses, measles, mumps and chicken pox, plus several cases of scarlet fever, reminding us that it was not unusual for staff to deal with 50 – 60 cases of influenza in the winter. The new Sanatorium, built in 1938, was described in *The Gresham* magazine as “a palace of sanatoria” designed on most modern lines, with a disinfecting building, in case of infectious illness, and provision for 33 beds, four nurses, a resident matron and four maids.

Each boarding house had its own sick room, normally used to house non-infectious patients, such as the one in Farfield, where a very homesick **Benjamin Britten (Baron Britten of Aldeburgh)**, F 1928 – 30) wrote many of his early compositions in the late 1920s. Some of the Gresham’s matrons were fondly remembered by OGs in written reminiscences held in the School Archives, such as **Ada Newcombe**, recalled by one OSH resident as a “fine woman”, who would immediately straighten her own back if she saw a boy slouching. On reporting sick one morning, the unfortunate boy was told off by “The Newc” for not washing his ears properly!

During the OSH Gamble years (**The Rev. Arthur Gamble**, S 1922 – 41), it was pretty young matron **Miss Peto** who ruled the roost in that house. Beloved by the boys, she stood no nonsense and insisted on giving out a daily dose of Radio Malt to each resident. Other OGs remembered an outbreak of German Measles in OSH during the 1950s, and

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Pictured above is a rather formidable-looking Miss Annie Goatcher, matron of Bengal Lodge and then Farfield, in 1916.

Talking About the Natural World

Today youngsters are exposed to a huge amount of dialogue about the environment in terms of our impact on it, how we can better protect it, and ways in which being in harmony with nature can benefit our health and that of our planet. In the first half of the 20th century pupils at Gresham's enjoyed a close connection with nature and had access to a wide range of topical information on the subject, which often led to a lifelong interest and to a career in the field for many. Apart from the freedom to roam and explore the varied local countryside, pupils also benefitted from a well-run Natural History Society from 1918, a library stocked with books on the subject, as well as debates and frequent lectures from visiting experts. Birdwatching was the favourite hobby and was actively encouraged by Headmasters Howson and Eccles who had a keen interest in the natural world themselves.



Howson, camera in hand, with pupils by the Glaven

Headmaster George Howson's enlightened vision for his new school in 1900 included music, theatre, debates, lectures, expeditions, and clubs and societies. His own interests included travel, walking, fishing and photography, and he ensured that his pupils had every opportunity to explore and enjoy the natural world on their doorstep. Himself an Oxford chemist, Howson had included instruction in Natural Sciences in his vision for the new curriculum in his letter of application to the governors, believing it to be an

important aspect of a liberal education to fit his boys to take their place in the world of commerce and industry. Cambridge scientist J. R. Eccles, Howson's successor, also firmly believed in the value of a scientific education, and in a 1914 debate tabled the proposal that "A training in scientific subjects is better than a training in literary subjects, since a training in things is better than one in words", although he believed that a fully rounded schooling should include both areas.

The Natural History Society, formed in 1918, was given pride of place by Eccles in his Speech Day reports and he was its first President. In 1921 it boasted 109 members, which was half of the school and involved many staff. It had sections on Chemistry, Entomology, Ornithology, Geography, Geology and Meteorology. Each year a report was published, including group studies, individual reports by members, and finalists of the Holland Martin Natural History prize. A highlight of the school year was the Society's exhibition, which included collections of butterflies and moths, as well as live specimens such as lizards, snakes, bats and fish. Members enjoyed outings to Blakeney Point, Kelling Heath, Scolt Head and the Broads, and carried out detailed surveys of birds, plants and insects, and other wildlife.

Eccles, like his predecessor Howson, was keen to attract visiting lecturers to the school to broaden the minds of pupils, and often gave talks himself on subjects such as Geology and the Dolomites, one of his favourites, illustrated with his own slides taken during his travels. There were lectures on many topics including explorers, archaeology, Geography, climbing, astronomy, as well as on Natural Science subjects like birds, geology, the solar system, extinct animals, heredity and environment, wildflowers, the brain, big game, and trees. Some of the lecturers had an association with the school, as an OG, staff or parent, whilst others were ex-Army officers trying to make a living on the circuit, or academics and experts in their field, some who were keen to sell copies of their latest book. Lectures on birds were always popular, by authors such as Sir Digby Pigott, Frederick Kirkman, Captain Oliver Pike, and Eric Hosking, while talks by well-known wildlife photographers and naturalists such as Richard Kearton and Emma Turner were big crowd-pullers.

Edward Kay Robinson, an author and journalist who wrote on Natural History, whose son **Harry** (F 1904 – 09) was killed in action in 1918, often gave lectures to schools such as those at Gresham's in 1905 and 1907. During one such talk pupils were shown the difference between the country walk of the naturalist and that of the uninitiated, with many peeps into the wonders of nature during which Mr. Robinson was noted for being "thoroughly well versed in his subject" and "brightening the evening with many sparks of humour". Edward founded the British Naturalists' Association in 1905 and later gave one of the first radio broadcasts on Natural History, a recording of nightingale song from woods in Surrey.

Captain Oliver Pike was a pioneer in wildlife photography and cinematography, a dedicated naturalist, and prolific writer, who designed a new camera for photographing wildlife called The Birdland, which was made and sold widely from 1904 to WWI. *The Gresham* magazine's review of his 1919 talk on birds concluded that "A lecture of this sort should fire the imagination of many a youthful naturalist in the school." Another popular and frequent speaker on birds was the charismatic Captain Charles Knight who brought along his Golden Eagle "Mr. Ramshaw", who would entertain the Big School audience with his acrobatic displays. Captain Knight, who gave talks on his adventures with eagles, as well as other subjects, and often spoke on behalf of the RSPCA, toured extensively with Mr. Ramshaw during his career as an explorer, author, photographer and falconer.



Emma Turner, from the BTO collection, Thetford

In 1922 pupils were treated to a talk by pioneer bird photographer and ornithologist Emma Turner, one of the first woman to be elected a Fellow of the Linnean Society and the first female honorary member of the British Ornithologists' Union. No doubt her talk on *Birds of the County*, featuring lantern slides taken by herself of birds of Breckland, the Broads and the coast included her image of the rare bittern taken in 1911, the first evidence of its return to Britain. Emma was the author of many books on Norfolk birds, including *Broadland Birds* and *Birdwatching on Scolt Head* which was purchased for the school library. Prolific bird author Frederick Kirkman, who published 44 editions of *British Birds*, plus many others on behaviour and sporting birds, was able to interest the school's Natural History society in purchasing one of his books, on birds' eggs, following his 1909 lecture

in the school. In 1941 Eric Hosking gave a talk on nature in the wild and presented his latest book *Intimate Sketches from Bird Life* to the library, while lectures on the Great Barrier Reef by OG **Michael Spender** (H 1917 – 25), ancient forests and trees, and understanding animals continued to inspire pupils to take an interest in subjects outside the curriculum in the 30s and 40s.

Talks on birds were still popular in the 1950s, thanks largely to the efforts of keen naturalist teacher **Dick Bagnall-Oakeley** (OSH 1918 – 27 & S 1931 – 40 & 1945 – 71) although the subject of Natural History was starting to decline in favour of other hobbies such as car maintenance and amateur radio. With his brother, Dick had taken full advantage of opportunities for exploring the nearby countryside as a pupil. The boys, along with friends **Gerald Holtom** (OSH



Dick Bagnall-Oakeley with pupils at Hemsby in 1938

1924 – 31), who went on to illustrate the natural world so beautifully in his career as an artist/designer, and **David Lack FRS** (W 1924 – 29), who became a professional ornithologist, were well known in school for rearing all manner of creatures including butterflies and moths, as well as a variety of birds including hawks, a little owl and two jackdaws. In 1957 Dick gave a lecture on “Opportunities for naturalists in the locality of Holt”, which **Logie Bruce-Lockhart** (HM 1955 – 82) said was intended to encourage pupils by telling them about the wide range of natural history activities available as there appeared to be a complete lack of interest, except for a few keen natural history group members. The speaker reported his embarrassment when giving talks in other schools to be introduced as coming from Gresham’s, which had probably had the finest natural history society in the country, as he felt this was no longer the case, but sincerely hoped it might be again.

The fascination with adventure and exploration of foreign countries continued to inform and entertain pupils post 1950 and provision included careers talks and Sociological Society lectures on topics such as falconry and the experiences of a naturalist in Ontario. Earth sciences were also popular, along with modern scientific research into lasers and cancer treatments. Professor G. Hodgkin FRS visited to talk about giant nerve fibres in 1964, whilst OGs **Professor David Keith-Lucas** (H 1924 – 29) and **Sir Christopher Cockerell** (W 1924 – 28) gave talks on vertical take-off and the hovercraft. Natural History society lectures and films continued into the 1970s on muntjac deer, small mammals and comets, whilst weekly birdwatching trips to the coast still proved popular. In addition, 6th form General Studies offered a variety of courses on wide-ranging subjects, including a talk on human evolution and a video from “The Ascent of Man” series.

Recent careers talks by OGS working in scientific fields have included environmental consultant **Lucy Bethell (née Heaney)** (c & O 1986 – 98), **Professor James Durrant CBE FRS** (W 1978 – 83) on solar energy, and **Victoria Vanhoutte** (E 1995 – 97) speaking about her career in biological science. Academic enrichment lectures have included conservationist Jess French on the state of the planet and Nigel Crouch on natural carbon capture. The online school noticeboard for staff and students now has an eco-section where Biology teachers post information and policies on topics as diverse as coral reefs, the use of plastics, climate change, and the impact of the fashion industry on the environment, to feeding garden birds. Each year in April an Eco week is held with competitions and prizes.



Projects have included digging a pond for wildlife, new recycling bins, and boarding houses competing to reduce their energy consumption as well as participating in local initiatives such as the Holt Reusable Cup Scheme. Such efforts have led to the school being nominated for an Eco Warrior prize in the Tatler Schools Awards and winning the Silver Green Flag Award run by Keep Britain Tidy.

The school woods are used for outdoor learning, survival and teambuilding activities, and plans are under way for an environment education centre bringing together science, geography, technology, and the community outreach programme “to help pupils unearth future significant environmental solutions.” In 2022 a group of girls have been busy building a new apiary behind the Auden Theatre, just one example in a whole raft of initiatives which will hopefully see the school buzzing with enthusiasm for the natural world once again!

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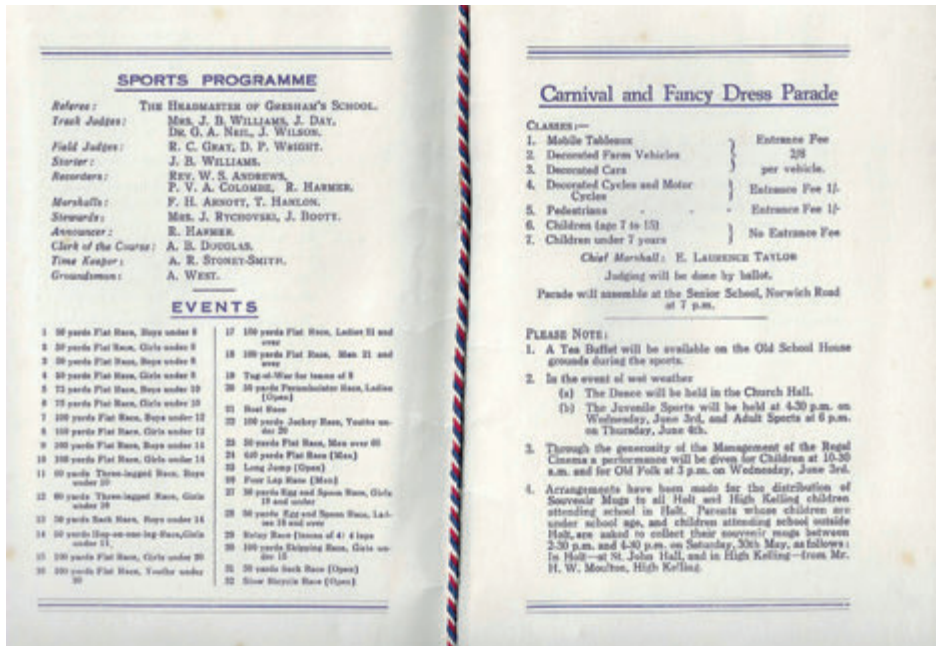
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Seventy Years a Queen

As the School participated in celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II over the weekend, I looked back to her accession in 1952, when the guest speaker at Speech Day, Sir Ronald of Weeks, spoke of being “at the beginning of a second glorious Elizabethan era”. The reign, he declared, would “demand even more of its subjects than ever before”, suggesting that the spirit of adventure of the first reign be kept, but “perhaps not the detail of the rest of it”, no doubt a reference to its notorious executions and witchcraft trials.



Quite by chance, I also came across this beautifully produced booklet for the Coronation of the following year detailing the celebrations that took place in Holt and High Kelling on 2nd June 1953. The sports were held in the grounds of Old School House and refereed by the Headmaster **Martin Olivier** (HM 1944 – 55), with the support of many staff members as officials, followed by a buffet tea and presentation of souvenir Coronation mugs for every child. Afterwards there was a fancy-dress carnival parade through Holt, with prizes for decorated houses and gardens, followed by dancing in the Market Place, the broadcast of the Queen's speech, and a torchlight parade to the beacon on Spout Hills.

Liz Retires



Liz

After seventeen years as the school Archivist, Liz Larby retired in July 2022. Over that time she has helped countless OGS, researchers, scholars, pupils and staff with their work and has done much to raise the profile of the school's history. Accommodated at times in slightly less than aesthetically pleasing surroundings, she has been a constant, patient and cheerful presence, always ready to help and displaying a keen eye for spotting interesting stories. We wish her a happy retirement and offer a warm welcome to her successor, Izzy Farrow, now housed (once again!) in the Library Block.

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Rolling Stock at the Rectory

The *Thomas the Tank Engine* books written by the Rev. W. V. Awdry have been staple reading matter for children since the 1940s, gaining new popularity in the 1980s in their television version. A fascination with steam railways has, for some reason, long been evident in some clergymen of the Church of England. Readers of the “Thomas” series will be familiar with the character of the “Fat Controller”, but it is probably less well known that a minor personage in the books, the “Fat Clergyman” is modelled on **The Rev. Edwin “Teddy” Boston** (OSH 1938 – 41). Teddy, who was Rector of Cadeby in Leicestershire from 1960 to 1986, was a friend and kindred spirit of Mr. Awdry, with whom he shared many railway holidays.



The Fat Clergyman



Pixie

In 1962, Teddy bought a saddle tank locomotive, named “Pixie”, and built a 100 yard-long light railway for it in the grounds of his rectory. In 1967, he followed this by buying another narrow gauge locomotive, renamed “The Terror”, in reference to Psalm 91, “The terror that walketh in darkness”, as the engine was so hard to start that it could be night-time before it got going.

Also in the rectory grounds was a large wooden shed which housed an extensive OO gauge model railway depicting the pre-war Great Western Railway. Boston also owned a canal narrowboat which had an N gauge model railway on board, narrowboats being an interest of his wife, Audrey. Inside the rectory, the walls were covered with shelves bearing model railway locomotives and rolling stock. In every room, the collection



Teddy on the footplate



overflowed onto the floor, and it continued up the stairs, including a comprehensive collection of railway films on celluloid.

Of his visits to Cadeby, the Rev. Mr. Awdry wrote: “We would go on shopping expeditions to Market Bosworth, using a steam-roller or traction-engine by way of transport, parking, as a matter of course, in the town centre.”

“A short, round, jolly man”, Teddy was liable to utter colourful language at times of stress. In his foreword to Teddy’s memoir *Font to Footplate*, Mr. Awdry wrote: “In thinking of our Teddy it is important to realise that despite the impression that this book may seem to give, he was a parish priest first and a steam enthusiast second. He never forced religion on anyone; but his sincere faith and devotion was there for all to see, coupled with his impish sense of humour.”

Richard Peaver

Gresham’s Rock Bands of the 60s

References in the 2021 OG Magazine to pioneer school rock bands have prompted Jerry Falkus to collate some memories from the early performers

Any history of Rock and Roll must include Bill Hayley and the Comets and their No. 1 hit “Rock Around the Clock”, which was also the title of a Bill Hayley film. I am much indebted to **Nick Battle** (W 1955 – 60) for the following anecdote.

“The film duly came to Holt. I was determined to go and see it, but breaking bounds at night was a major offence. However, with one accomplice I worked out that we could see just over half the film before returning to Woodlands in time for rollcall. So, discarding school uniform and entering the cinema after dark as the main film began, we made it, or at any rate 60% of it.

Our brevity was sensible. In those days, at the end of a film performance at night there would be a recording of “God Save the Queen” and the audience would stand and join in before leaving the cinema. We heard later that at the end of that film we’d been to, one of the school prefects had been sitting a few rows behind us. He stood up at the end to sing the National Anthem, only to be apprehended by one of the masters, who was sitting a few rows further back still from him.

After that my memory gets hazy. But at the end of that term, the last night at Woodlands became noisy and tumultuous. Eventually the Housemaster, **Jan Day** (S 1933 – 57) came to the dormitories and calmed everyone down. He ended by declaring that, because of the tumult, ‘Rock and Roll is now banned’.”

Fortunately, this was not to prove the case, and by 1963 The Grasshoppers were playing numbers by The Shadows in Big School concerts, with a line-up of **Dr. Richard Maxwell** (OSH 1959 – 65), **Reith Symonds** (k & H 1964 – 71), **Rupert Perry** (H 1962 – 64) and **Chris Widdows** (c & W 1956 – 64). By 1964, The Grasshoppers line-up had changed, probably as the original members had left Gresham’s, and now included **Ogden Fell** (W 1963 – 68) (guitar), **Andy Stewart** (H 1958 – 66) (guitar), **Page** (bass guitar), **Barkley** (drums) and possibly **Chris Widdows** and **Tim Battle** (W 1960 – 65) (guitars). Whether The Grasshoppers should be considered a Rock and Roll Band will unleash a storm of emails, but without doubt they were the forerunners of live “Pop” music at Gresham’s.

Circa 1964/65 Ogden Fell was involved with The Hi-Way Four, consisting of himself, **Nick Newsum** (H 1963 – 66) (guitar and vocals), **Jamie Cox** (T 1960 – 67) (drums), and **Anthony Holt** (W 1962 – 65) (bass guitar).

The Passionate Cambodian Paddyman were formed in 1965 and comprised **Tony Pringle** (F 1963 – 68) (guitar), **Jasper “Ted” Edrich** (F 1963 – 67) (guitar), **Johnny Royds-Jones** (k & F 1961 – 68) (bass guitar), **Jerry Falkus** (drums), **Frank Rycroft** (?) and **“Bert” Baines** (F 1964 – 68) (both vocals), who were later replaced by **Andy Gill** (F 1963 – 68) on vocals – all Farfield. Both Tony and Jasper made their own electric guitars in the Scruff Shacks, and the band rehearsed in the Music Rooms and Classics classroom.

From 65 – 67 we belted out rock classics such as Chuck Berry’s “Johnny B Goode”, The Rolling Stones “Satisfaction”, The Beatles “Rock and Roll Music”, and a Big School favourite, The Animals “We’ve gotta get out of this place”.

Other venues played by The Paddyman included Polegate in Sussex, a fête on the Library Field, and Runton Hill School (suitably fortified by Jasper’s home brew). Also on the Runton Hill bill were The Unquiet Grave Diggers, formed c.1967, composed of Ogden Fell (guitar), **Laurence Vulliamy** (W 1964 – 69) (drums), **Paul Searle-Barnes** (c & W 1962 – 69) (piano and vocals), and **Philip Searle-Barnes** (c & W 1961 – 68) (bass guitar and vocals), who brilliantly performed some Simon and Garfunkel numbers.



The Passionate Cambodian Paddymen c.1967. L to R: Tony Pringle, Ted Edrich, Andy Gill, Johnny Royds-Jones and Jerry Falkus

By 1969 we finally reach **John Youngs** (OSH 1966 – 70) (drums), un-named rock band, along with **Dave “Brickie” Wall** (H 1966 – 70) (guitar), **Dave Herbert** (1969) (lead vocals), **Steve Whitteridge** (k & F 1961 – 70) (guitar) and **Jason Crawley** (c & H 1960 – 70) (bass guitar).

Many thanks are owed to Jasper Edrich, (who, rumour has it, can be found jamming on Friday nights at Jacomely’s, Edenvale, South Africa), Tony Pringle, Johnny Royds-Jones, Ogden Fell, and Nick and **Ben Battle** (k & H 1961 – 68) for all their input and recollections of what was great ROCK & ROLL.

Jerry Falkus (k & F 1958 – 1967)

OG Travel Grant

Solo Travel, Sri Lanka

Having originally booked my gap year travels for March 2020, COVID-19 struck, the day of departure arrived and lo and behold, Sri Lanka closed their borders. Two years later, almost to the day, I finally made it. Touch down in Sri Lanka's bustling capital city Colombo.

I hastily made my way to the west coast, stopping over in the beautiful beachside fishing village of Negombo. Once I arrived in the hostel, I treated myself to a Lion lager and an extremely hot local curry. Initially having only a rough idea of my route for Sri Lanka, I met some fellow solo travellers who recommended travelling down south. The next day I checked the not so accurate train times and later that morning I was at the station. The train pulled in with a multitude of school children hanging off either side – quite different to the local East Anglia trains! Three hours had passed of sitting on the floor, when we finally starting approaching the town of Hikkaduwa. Quickly glancing at my phone, I saw that the hostel I had booked was not in fact in Hikkaduwa, but actually a further two hours away in Mirissa. (A hostel of the same name was located in both towns.) Panic set in, as by this time it was early evening and it gets very dark very quickly. Desperately trying to Google the train schedule, I can see that I'm on the wrong train, off I jump. Sat at the station with only stray dogs for company, no less than half an hour later the correct train pulls in. Phew! On to Mirissa I go, hop in a tuk tuk at the station, and make my way to the hostel. Now in the south of Sri Lanka many of the cities undergo scheduled power cuts due to the current economic crisis, which meant I arrived to my hostel in absolute pitch black.



Coconut Tree Hill, Marissa

Over the next couple of days I stayed in the beachside town of Mirissa. It is very popular with tourists due to the various whale watching tours; however, many of these are unethical due to boats aggressively pursuing whales, causing great distress. On one of the days I was fortunate to team up with Whale Warriors to take an ethical whale and dolphin watching trip to the famous secret beach. We were lucky enough to see dolphins, blue whales and even Bryde's whales, and afterwards swam to

Secret Beach to watch the sunset. Due to the choppy conditions it was recommended to leave phones on dry land, so unfortunately I was unable to take any photos.

From Mirissa I headed down the coast to Weligama, a popular surfing town. Each morning after eating my Kottu (local delicacy) I participated in a beach clean-up for a

couple of hours organised by the hostel I was staying at. I tried my hand at surfing; however, it doesn't seem like it's the sport for me! A trip to Sri Lanka wouldn't be complete without seeing some turtles, so I made my way to the Weligama Sea Turtle Hatchery. Here I learnt about the endangered species of turtle in Sri Lanka and what conservation is being carried out. While in Weligama, the economic crisis was worsening and the whole country went into a curfew due to riots against the President. This prevented anyone from leaving their home for 24 hours. Once this lifted, I then travelled back up north to Galle.



Weligama beach



Tuk tuk travel, Galle

I arrived in Galle to several thousand protesters marching in the street protesting against President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The then President had imposed huge tax cuts against his advisors' warnings, which had resulted in shortages of food, fuel and medicines.

While in Galle I attempted to visit the famous Dutch fort, built in 1588, but again due to the ongoing protests it was made difficult, as the entrance had been blocked off by police. From Galle I was due to go back to Colombo but after the news of violent riots breaking out in the city I went straight to the hostel on the outskirts, ready for my flight home.

A whistlestop tour of Sri Lanka in two weeks, with the help of the Gresham's Travel grant. This trip has really fuelled my love of travel and I have already booked a one-way flight to Thailand in



Dutch fort

December to backpack around Southeast Asia for four months. I would highly recommend to all those thinking of travelling to get out there and see the world.

Central America Trip

Ben's report

After packing a 60L bag, no real plan, and a ball in my stomach, I embarked on a six-month long trip to Central America, which in the end was without a doubt the best experience I have had in my life. I started the trip with Tom Bennett, who joined me in Schiphol Airport, where we would take our long flight to Costa Rica, which was filled with Brits who'd all had the same idea as us.



Our first day, which wasn't that all special from an outside perspective, was to us a big deal as it marked the start of our trip. We stayed about a month and a half in Costa Rica, mostly staying in the little surf town of Santa Teresa; a little paradise in front of the beach with one dirt road. At the beginning our days consisted of surfing, reading in hammocks, drinking Imperial beer, and hopping on the back of random pickup trucks to some bonfire parties on the beach. Roxy and Fenella joined us on the last week or so before leaving Santa Teresa, where we then travelled the rest of Costa Rica. We visited La Fortuna and its infamous volcano-heated natural pools and the Americanised town of Manuel Antonio. This is where we eventually parted ways, as I had to leave for Guatemala and Tom had to go and save the turtles. The end was full of emotions, saying goodbye to Fen and Rox, with whom we shared so much, and especially to Tom, my travel partner with whom we cried, laughed, fought and simply shared so many unforgettable experiences with.

I arrived in Guatemala scared, as I was all alone and knew no one, but luckily found a Spanish school in Antigua (the old capital) which, without knowing, would be the place I would be calling home for the next few months. At the start I met some of the most amazing individuals that to this day are still very good friends. I would be studying Spanish every day with my teacher Sandra, eat with the local family I lived with and on the weekend go on adventures with my friends. For about three months I jumped countries, first going to Mexico, then coming back to Guatemala, then Honduras by bus, where we ended up staying in the house of a random bus driver in San Pedro Sula (sketchy city), again back to Guatemala and finally Panama before going home.



During this period, I didn't only learn Spanish: let me tell you of my two most memorable moments. First, I often joined my Spanish friend Jordi to a dog shelter volunteering to help the owner clean, feed and walk the dogs, until I got bitten by one and had to start the rabies vaccine procedure, which did not go fully as planned. I didn't manage to get the last two doses in time as I was in Honduras

by then, which led to the three scariest weeks in my life; I was alone in Antigua as my friends left, I didn't know if I would get rabies, and had all the time in the world for anxiety of leaving and perhaps dying to creep in. All in all, I was fine in the end, but this is to show that long trips can sometimes have periods which aren't all fun and laughter; I look back at this time with a smile, however. My second memory was when two friends and I hiked through the Guatemalan jungle for five days there and back to reach the most untouched, highest, oldest Mayan pyramid in the world, called El Mirador. This was a dream of mine as the year before that my favourite content creator on YouTube "yes theory" did a documentary of the journey. I will never forget my birthday, standing at the top of El Mirador with my two closest friends I made, watching the sunset, and drinking quezaltecas.

June 2021 was when I flew back home with excitement, but also the fear of missing this part of the world. A few hundred words isn't enough to fully describe this experience, but if I had any words of advice to anyone planning a trip like that, it would be to not follow the crowd and to push yourself to do the things that scare you and simply to seek what makes you uncomfortable.

Tom's report

I arrived in Matapalo, a beachside village where I would be based for the next few weeks working in a turtle conservation and afforestation centre. On my first day there, I was rather startled of what my daily routine was about to become, a ten kilometre patrol at 3:30 in the morning along the beach to protect nesting turtles from being intervened by poachers, returning to a traditional Costa Rican breakfast of beans and plantains, only to go back out to lug 15kg bags of sand to keep the turtles' nesting pen well aerated – doing this results in an 80% increase in their chance of survival – to spending afternoons planting little saplings. This may all sound rather tiring; however, do not get me wrong, there was still plenty of time to lounge in a swaying hammock between two palm trees and lose myself in a book (which usually ended up with me catching up on a few missed hours of sleep from the night before), or sit around a fire, drinking a few Imperials, chatting to people from all walks of life. I have made some great friends, whom I find myself often calling for a catch-up or a different perspective on a topic. These places enable you to meet people you most definitely would not have mixed with in your day-to-day life; in my case this ranges from a Monegasque investment banker to a Canadian convict.

After only a few days there, I found myself going to bed excited to be up walking the beaches in the total serenity morning, enjoying a much-needed coffee after our halfway mark, and watching the sun rise. Although I didn't see any poachers, I know these patrols were not aimless, as we would often find eggs that had just been laid and take them back to the protection of the nesting pen.

Overall, my main interest lay in the afforestation side of the project. As an aspiring geographer, I was very aware of the drastic rates of deforestation that was occurring – in the 1990s Central America used to have one of the worst deforestation rates in the world, with almost 80% of its coverage cut down. However, in the last 30 years they have worked hard to reforest a considerable amount of the country's land, with over half of it now being covered in forest, aiding the fight against climate change. Costa Rica now accounts for 6% of the world's biodiversity. A word of advice would be to choose a project that you have a great interest in. It will result in a great feeling of gratification.

We want to finally say a big thank you to the Old Greshamian Club, which helped with financing parts of our trip. It was very much appreciated and enabled us to experience some amazing moments in a lovely part of the world.

Tom Bennett (T 2017 – 20)



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OG Sport

Rugby



Saturday 26th February saw the OGs return to 15-a-side for the first time since 2018. A hard-fought game of Over-25s v. Under-25s saw the Overs come out on top, with a try in the game's dying moments making it 33 – 29. The game started with a crunch as Will Knights and

Will Caley clashed in the opening exchanges. Caley left the field with a wobble but passed his HIA to return, with force, later in the game. The weather was perfect for rugby, and there were moments throughout the game that reminded both sides of seasons gone by on the Gresham's pitches. Try scorers for the Unders included Ben Jermy, Alfie Agnew, Will Caley, Matthew Bromham and Jake Carolan. Overs scorers included Ben Brooke, Josh Crick, Ben Rossi, Ben Buckman and Ivan Karsten. Thanks to Neil Humphrey for overseeing the day's events with the referee's whistle.

The day continued, after the match, with a black tie event held in Holt RFC's clubhouse. Food, awards, and a live band! Thank you to Sam Curtis for rallying the troops, as usual, and making arrangements with Holt Rugby Club. Thanks to Holt RFC for hosting; a great day had by all!

Josh Crick (k & F 2003 – 10)

Hockey

The current senior school Boys hockey teams welcomed 40 OGs back to the school for hockey matches against the 1^{sts}, 2^{nds} and 3^{rds}. It was great to see such well-contested matches and to see that when pupils leave Gresham's they continue to play hockey to a high level. The OG 1^{sts} overcame the current boys 1st team in a very fast-paced match, with some excellent hockey being played, whilst the OG 2^{nds} were defeated by their younger opposition. The OG 3^{rds} had a very close game against the school but came away victorious. After the match everybody headed to the newly kitted-out 6th form social space for a curry and a well-earned drink.

Charlie Mack (k & F 1988 – 03)

Cricket

An OG team faced a Norfolk Invitational XI at the school in July. The Ramblers won the toss and elected to bat with Matthew Bromham and Tom Beckett facing up to the first over of this fixture bowled by Robert Wilson from the Invitationals. The two openers had a job to do and saw off the new ball with fantastic grace in an opening stand of 40. James Buxton was in at 3 for the Ramblers and top-scored with great elegance and panache. The Ramblers were teetering at 85 – 6 when Tom Lomax was dismissed by a stunning one-handed Fred Combe catch, bringing the spectators and opposition brought to their feet, erupting in amazement and applause. Some last-minute maximums from O. J. Flux, though, knocked the wind out of the Invitationals, but former Uppinghamian Cameron Mcfadyen had other ideas, striking regularly, finishing with figures of 5 – 14 from his two overs. The Ramblers bowled out for a respectable score of 127.



A fantastic lunch, watered down with plenty of rosé, nearly saw the Ramblers to a famous victory. O. J. Flux thunderbolts restricted the Invitationals to 124 – 9 with 4 to win, man of the match Mcfadyen finishing things off for the Invitationals to secure a famous win. A seriously fun day made possible by Gresham's and the OG Club – one hopes this can be made an annual fixture.

Edmund Parker (T 2013 – 15)

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Since my last report we have seen a return to a near normal calendar for OG Golfers, following the disruptions caused by Covid, and it has been great to see so many back

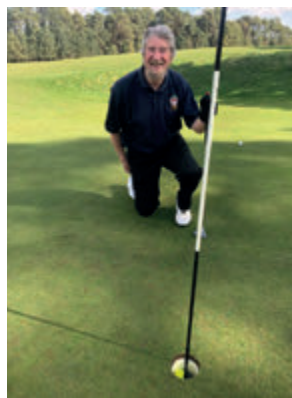
out on the course, with a very welcome number of new additions to the fold also. We continue to seek new recruits, both long-standing OGs and those who may have only left school recently – please do get in touch, details at the foot of this report. We remain very grateful to the OG Club for their continuing support for OG Golf; it is very much appreciated.



The Halford Hewitt team, after their success against Dulwich

An update on recent activity:

- The 2021 Autumn Meeting was held at Sheringham, and the Guy Marsom Memorial Trophy was won by our retiring Captain, Mike Barnard, posting an excellent score of 38 points.
- At the AGM Mike Barnard stood down as Captain after 15 years at the helm and Peter Watson was unanimously elected as the Society's new Captain.
- Adam Mann also stood down as the Halford Hewitt Captain, with Tristan Hedley taking over.
- After a gap of two years the 4 Schools Match made a welcome return, in which the OG Golfers prevailed.
- In to 2022, and the Spring Meeting at Royal Worlington was won by George Copley, scoring 34 points. A notable event was Alan Spinks scoring his first ever hole in one on the 5th hole (having played the game for over 50 years!).
- The Halford Hewitt team made a welcome return to winning ways with a hard-fought victory over Dulwich in the 1st round before succumbing to Trent in the 2nd round.
- Late April saw the inaugural match vs the Old Haileyburians, facilitated by Malcom Baker, at Royal Worlington, with a strong OH side coming out on top. In 2023 the OHs have organised for a return match to be played at Royal St. George's.
- The Grafton Morrish qualifiers again proved too big a hurdle to overcome and the OGs will have to wait another year before trying to challenge for a place in the Finals weekend on the Norfolk coast.
- The Summer Meeting at Sheringham was won by local member Norman Edwards, with a score of 35 points.
- In late June the Cyril Gray team, boosted by the arrival of youth (50 year-olds!), won through two rounds before finding Blundell's – the eventual winners – too tough.



Alan and his achievement

- The most recent fixture was the annual match against the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers, held at Brancaster, narrowly won by the OGs.

The season finishes with the Autumn Meeting at Aldeburgh on Friday 30th September and the 4 Schools Match at Royal Worlington on Friday 21st October.

Provisional fixtures for 2023

Wednesday 11th January – Halford Hewitt AGM & 2023 competition draw

Friday 17th March – Spring Meeting, Royal Worlington

Thursday 30th March – Sunday 2nd April – Halford Hewitt, Royal Cinque Ports & Royal St. Georges (practice day, Wednesday 29th March)

Sunday 14th May (tbc) – Grafton Morrish Qualifying – Denham GC

June, date to be confirmed – Summer Meeting, Sheringham

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd June – Cyril Gray, Worplesdon (practice day Tuesday 20th June)

Monday 3rd July (tbc) – Match vs Fishmongers' Golf Society – Royal West Norfolk

Monday 10th July – Match vs Old Haileyburians, Royal St. George's

Late September/early October – Grafton Morrish Finals, Hunstanton & Royal West Norfolk

September/October – Autumn Meeting & AGM, date and venue tbc

Friday 20th October (tbc) – 4 Schools Match, Royal Worlington

The OG Golf Society is always looking for new members, of all abilities (the handicap range of existing members is from 1 to 28 for men and up to 26 for ladies). We enjoy our golf; the Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings are played off handicap, as is the Fishmongers' match. 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 (contact details above).

Richard Stevens (k & T 1969 – 77)

Gresham's Triathlon

This year saw the return of the School triathlon, after a hiatus of almost a decade. Moving away from an event for elite athletes at only the Senior School, this inaugural event, on Sunday 24th April, attracted more than 165 athletes from across the Pre-Prep., Prep. and Senior Schools.

The event raised money for the School's Charity of the Year, Holt Youth Project, and participation was definitely the name of the game and the distances/courses were varied to reflect the mixed field. The organising committee were focussed on getting people involved and using it as a real taster event, whilst of course allowing some healthy competition.

Keen to complete the circle and involve the OG community, I thought back to times of my competition in the event whilst at School and immediately one name came to mind – that of **Jeremy Middleton** (F 1989 – 91). Jeremy was a fellow Farfield boy in the year above and in the mid-90s was seemingly the only person who knew what a “triathlon” was at School. Jeremy took his competition seriously and under the guidance of **Evan Tuck** (S 1995 – 11) in the swim team became the force to be beat.

Tragically Jeremy was taken from this world far too early, following a road traffic collision in 2013. Keen to keep Jeremy's enthusiasm and zest for triathlon burning, I contacted his sister, **Charlotte Sisson (née Middleton)** (E 1996 – 98) to see if the family would be interested in naming and presenting a new trophy on the day of the event. And so it was that the “Middleton Triathlon Trophy” came to be and the family also made a generous contribution towards medals for all the competitors. Jeremy's father, Rex, attended on the day to spectate and award the trophy to the “gutsiest competitor” from the Senior School, Lily C. I would like to thank the Middleton Family on behalf of the OG Club and School for their investment in this event and hope to maintain the link for future events.



Lily receives her trophy from Rex Middleton

The day of the event saw favourable, if not a little windy weather, with the stage set in the beautiful grounds of the Senior School. The organisation and participation went swimmingly, followed by a cycle and run! Competitors young and old gave it their all and it was indeed a fantastic success. Several OG/parent competitors put in good performances alongside their children, such as **Joe Beardshaw** (W 1993 – 95), **Jo Beardshaw (née Papworth)** (E 1989 – 94), **Kate Olby (née Seymour)** (c & O 1988 – 98, S 15 –) and **Dan Watt** (W 1999 – 04).

Thanks to **Chris Cox** (S), **Dave Saker** (S) and **Jonny Goode** (s) for all their drive and determination in organising the event. We look forward to 2023!

Howard Olby (k & F 1987 – 97)

OGRE – Old Greshamian Rifle Establishment

Piglet Shield, May 2022

The usual February match held at Winfarthing between OGRE and Gresham's Rifle Club (GRC) had to be postponed due to conflicting fixtures, and so this year's match ended up taking place at the end of May at Gresham's. An excellent Piglet Shield match ensued, and the weather just about held off for the BBQ after the match. Twelve OGs came to the match, so two teams of VI were selected and GRC chose the best VI of their VIII. Ed Johnson was top shot on the day with a very impressive 197 / 200 and his form then continued into the Rapid Shoot, where he top scored again with an excellent 97, followed by Matt Purdy with 96.



The Piglet Shield

Overall, with a possible score of 1200, the team results saw GRC register 1150, OGRE 'A' score 1141, and OGRE 'B' 1121. This

unfortunately meant that GRC stopped the seven-year winning streak of OGRE in this match; very well done to them! We look forward to next year's fixture, as well as the new fullbore match that will take place during Easter in Bisley.

Imperial Meeting, July 2022

After 2 years of disruption, 2022's Imperial meeting saw a return to business as usual in Surrey, which saw a typically healthy contingent of OGs convene in Surrey.

Prior to the Imperial Meeting, OGRE supported GRC in their endeavours during the Schools Meeting, on training weekends, and throughout the Imperial itself by mentoring and coaching and continuing the excellent development of talent that the club continually produce. In the run-up to this year's meeting, we welcomed GRC captain Fergus Robson to OGRE.

Our AGM took place on 14th July to discuss matters arising from the past year. The committee and members primarily focused on rising costs this year, with plans put in place to keep the club as affordable as possible to those under 25, whilst continuing to be financially sustainable. There were also further discussions over the refurbishment of the OGRE hut. The following week saw the annual OGRE BBQ take place, with 30+ OGs attending – as ever, this proved a popular gathering, with plenty of catching up and reminiscing taking place!

Regarding individual results, we had a very commendable six members in the top 100 of the Grand Aggregate: Glyn Barnett (4th), Chloë Evans (9th), Toby Little (27th), Toby Cubitt (40th), Ben Danziger (42nd) and Richard Stewart (71st).

Additionally, we had four in the final of HM Queen's Prize: Glyn Barnett (14th), Matt Purdy (36th), Hattie Bennett (56th) and Chloë Evans (91th).

We also had seven shoot in the final of the St. George's Prize: Chloë Evans (2nd), Hattie Bennett (17th), Andy Thomson (22nd), Glyn Barnett (57th), Toby Little (67th), Matt Purdy (78th) and Ben Danziger (100th).

There were individual accomplishments for Chloë Evans, who won the Alton, Glyn Barnett, who won the Clementi Smith Aggregate and The Lovell, and Jeremy Hinde, who won the Queen's Consolation.

Team results-wise, our A team won The Steward, and came 2nd in both The Marlingham and The Bank of England.

On to international call-ups: we had Glyn Barnett and Toby Cubitt representing the victorious England team in the National match, with Chloë Evans and Toby Little being selected for Wales, who came 2nd. Chloë and Glyn both represented their respective countries in the Mackinnon, where England came out on top. These two were also selected to represent the winning Great Britain team in the Kolapore, in which Glyn achieved the top score of the match with a superb 150.17v (out of a possible 150.30v). OGRE remains in a strong position, and it was notable this year to see the number of recent leavers coming back to participate, which is excellent. Thanks, as ever, must be made to GRC and Freddie Grounds for the relentless production of talented shots.

Notices

OGRE's track record of national representation on tours is ongoing, with Toby Little being part of the victorious NRA team to the Channel Islands earlier this year! Congratulations also go to Chris Heales, who has been selected for the GB Rifle Team tour to Canada 2023, and to Glyn Barnett and Chloë Evans, who have been selected for the GB Rifle Team tour to South Africa 2023 – Toby Cubitt and Matt Purdy are also reserves for this tour. Hamish Pollock has also been selected for the Australian Palma Rifle Team tour to South Africa in 2024.

Adam Partridge (Captain) (k & H 2007 – 14)

During “lockdown”, Dr. Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite undertook the task of recording all OGs who had represented their country in various senior international and national competitions. The impressive list is as follows:

International Caps and Home Nation Representation in Full-bore Target Rifle

As at August 2022

Representation in Senior International Teams

Name	House	School Years	Country	Year of first Cap*
Jeremy Bagnall-Oakeley	T	1964-1969	Great Britain	1972
Tim Webster	T	1963-1969	Great Britain	1975
David Dodds	H	1969-1972	Kenya ¹	1972
Michael Coutts	H	1971-1975	Great Britain	1977
Andrew Thomson	H	1976-1981	Great Britain	1994
Dr. Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite (née Veltman)	G & O	1977-82	Great Britain	1998
Irene Rowley	k & O	1975-1983	Great Britain	2002 ²
Nigel Stangroom	OSH	1979-1984	Great Britain	1996
Andrew Hume	k & T	1980-1988	Great Britain	1991
Dr. Glyn Barnett	k & W	1981-1989	Great Britain	1990
Dr. Hamish Pollock	H	1986-1991	Great Britain ³	2005
Charlotte Lemmer	O	1987-1992	Great Britain	1994
Mary Boston	E	1991-1996	Great Britain	2002
Peter Holden	c & H	1988-1999	Great Britain	2001
Richard Stewart	T	1994-1999	Great Britain	2005
Deborah Wilson (née Fenn)	E & B	1994-1999	Great Britain	2002
Capt. Nigel Ball	Staff/Hon. OG	1996-2002	Great Britain	1991
Gareth Davies	F	2005-2010	Great Britain	2012
Capt. Matt Purdy	F	2005-2010	Great Britain	2012
Chloe Evans	c & O	2001-2012	Great Britain	2013
Richard Grisenthwaite	Governor/Hon. OG	2021-present	Great Britain	1993

* Many have more than 1 cap.

¹ Subsequently represented South Africa.

² Also 1988 GB Ladies Team (the only time a GB ladies only team was selected).

³ Subsequently represented Australia.

The Palma Match – World Championships of Long Range Target Rifle Shooting

Name	House	School Years	Country	Year of 1st Match Cap
David Dodds	H	1969-1972	South Africa	1995*
Dr. Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite (née Veltman)	G & O	1977-82	Great Britain	1999
Dr. Glyn Barnett	k & W	1981-1989	Great Britain	1992*
Peter Holden	c & H	1988-1999	Great Britain	2007
Capt. Nigel Ball	Staff/Hon. OG	1996-2002	Great Britain	2003*

* More than 1 cap.

Representation in Home Nation Teams

Name	House	School Years	Nation	Year of first Cap*
Tim Webster	T	1963-1969	England	1986
Michael Coutts	H	1971-1975	England	1980
Andrew Thomson	H	1976-1981	England	2001
Dr. Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite (née Veltman)	G & O	1977-82	England	1996
Irene Rowley	k & O	1975-1983	Scotland	1989
Nigel Stangroom	OSH	1979-1984	England	1995
Jeremy Hinde	F	1980-1985	England	2010
Christopher Heales	W	1982-1986	England	1995
Charles Rowley	c & H	1979-1987	Scotland	1994
Dr. Glyn Barnett	k & W	1981-1989	England	1993
Alistair Brown	F	1989-1991	England	2012
Dr. Hamish Pollock	H	1986-1991	England	2004
Emilie Calhaem (née Lantau)	k, c & O	1982-1992	Wales	1993
Charlotte Clifford Evans (née Aldridge)	E	1990-1995	England	2009
Mary Boston	E	1991-1996	England	2001
Peter Holden	c & H	1988-1999	England	1999
Deborah Wilson (née Fenn)	E & B	1994-1999	England	2002
Edward Wood	W	1994-1999	England	2007
Richard Stewart	T	1994-1999	England	2002
Capt. Nigel Ball	Staff/Hon. OG	1996-2002	England	1990
Holly Roberts (née Foster)	c & E	1996-2006	England	2007
Capt. Matt Purdy	F	2005-2010	England	2014
Henry Howard	k & W	1997-2011	England	2016
Chloe Evans	c & O	2001-2012	Wales	2011
Toby Little	k & W	2010-2018	Wales	2018
Richard Grisenthwaite	Governor/Hon. OG	2021-present	Scotland	1989

* Most have more than 1 cap.

Commonwealth Games

Name	House	School Years	Nation	Years selected
David Dodds	H	1969-1972	South Africa	1994, 1998, 2002
Dr. Glyn Barnett	k & W	1981-1989	England	1994, 2002, 2006
Richard Grisenthwaite	Governor/Hon. OG	2021-present	Scotland	1998

Round Norfolk Relay 2021

After a glorious return event in 2021, this year was the twelfth appearance of the Old Greshamians' team in the Round Norfolk Relay. The race mirrors the county boundary over a distance of 198 miles, divided into seventeen unequal stages. The race presents not only a tough physical challenge, but also a test of the organisational prowess of a club. Run over 24 hours, without a break (and carrying a baton), the event is much more than just a normal relay for it requires special preparation, planning and support. It is not an event for a club without a spirit of adventure; or in our case one which confuses ability with enthusiasm.

This was my second year of coaching/captaining the team and it has been heartening to see some "fresh meat" showing signs of interest. The nominated timekeeper (she didn't have a choice) was once again my wife, **Kate (née Seymour)** (c & O 1988 – 98, S 15 -). We were pleased to finally have a sibling pair running: **Grant King** (k & H 1986 – 96) and **Anne-Marie King** (c & E & B 1989 – 98). Grant is a seasoned RNR'r. For Anne-Marie, this was her first appearance after suffering a DNS last year due to COVID.

Other related runners included **Anthony Tovey** (k & T 1985 – 95) and **Lisa Tovey (née Woodrow)** (E 1995 – 97). In-laws by marriage, this was a virgin appearance for both Toveys, Anthony making his debut after a DNS (due to injury in 2021) and Lisa running in lieu of husband **James Tovey** (k & T 1987 – 97), who had excused himself to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats instead.

Former team captain and OG RNR Legend **Robert Dale ("Hobbs")** (T 1979 – 84) continued the family involvement, by volunteering daughter Alice Dale (O 2012 – 17), and Hobbs remained an "active consultant" for the organising team along with continuous rousing support from wife **Emma Dale (née Coleman)** (O 1982 – 84).

After months of email and WhatsApp organisation, race day loomed. Along the way we had lost a few "old faithfuls" and there was a short spell where I as the team reserve was staring down the barrel of having to pick up the 16-mile Great Yarmouth leg, despite definitely not being match-fit. After come coercing and cajoling, the MP for North Norfolk, **Duncan Baker** (W 1993 – 98) stepped up to the plate. We now had a full team and some rough contingency plans. This year our professional approach was elevated with the provision of OG Club running tops, courtesy of SOAR Running. Thanks to **Paul Marriage** (k & T 1982 – 90) for his immense generosity in providing these for all the team.

Saturday 17th September 0450 hrs, and the dark shadows in the car park at LynnSport, King's Lynn were in stark contrast to the Olby Glow coming from the Gresham's minibus.

A bounty of cake (courtesy of Anne-Marie) only helped to lift spirits and glycaemic indices. Registration complete, I readied myself as cycle support and Kate juggled four stopwatches (just in case) ready for the off.



Opening the baton for us this year was veteran **Grant King** (k & H 1986 – 96). Joined by what seemed a small pack of eight runners he made good progress towards the Sandringham Estate, which understandably this year had a sombre atmosphere. From Wolferton, Grant stretched out solo towards the marshes. The winds were gusting to 40 m.p.h. plus, but thankfully the threat of rain remained just that. At Snettisham, Grant dodged the sea gulls hanging in the breeze and made great strides towards the promenade and lighthouse at Hunstanton.

RNR legend **Jason Snook** (c & W 1976 – 86) took the baton from here. Snooky continued to wear as many OG Running garments as possible and this was topped off by the receipt of his “10th Appearance” medal. Cycle support this year was kindly provided by Mrs. Snook and Snooky continued to keep up the usual chat and smiles per mile. The blustery sea air continued to bite all the way to Burnham Overy Staithe, and the extra distance from planned diversions contributed to us falling slightly behind our time estimate.

At BOS was **Alice Dale** (O 2012 – 17). Alice had been prepped by the veteran (parental) support team and whilst this wasn't her first RNR "rodeo" some time had passed since her involvement, so the nervous energy was building and as soon as she had the baton in her hands she shot off towards the dunes. By now the sun had come out, but the wind certainly hadn't abated. Whilst this is one of the shorter legs (just over six miles) the fact that it is predominately run on sand makes it tough going. Hobbs wasn't quick enough to photograph Alice at Lady Anne's Drive but made it in time to Wells and set up a suitable welcoming committee for Alice. Snooky's infectious smile obviously got passed on with the baton and Alice was beaming as she handed the baton on (although this may have just been relief from finishing).



Kate Olby, Alice Dale and Howard Olby

Robert Hurst (k & H 1991 – 97), suitably supported by his family (and dog) waited at Wells-next-the-Sea; looking fit and fast, Bob blasted off towards the quay. Meanwhile Team Hurst helped to lighten the cake load from the minibus. Once again OG RNR Team Traitor **Sam Kingston** (k & H 1978 – 86) was running for a rival team – but he still got a hug! This stage is a lonely one but thankfully there was some surprise support at Stiffkey, thanks to Louis jumping out of the bushes! Catching up with Bob at Wiveton, he still looked fresh and dodging the traffic through Cley we made our way to the beach and some big waves from the sea and the rest of the crew. Bob had made up some time and we were now four minutes behind schedule.

Daniel Watt (W 1999 – 04) had drawn the short straw this year with three miles of shingle beach to start his 10-mile stage; even though I think he actually volunteered for it. This is not a leg to underestimate and indeed it has seen off many club-level runners in the past. Slogging up the cliffs to Weybourne and the vertiginous Skelding Hill into Sheringham, Dan's face said it all as he entered the Runton Road car park in Cromer. Broken and battered by the wind, the smell of relief upon finishing was palpable. What a run!

Lisa Tovey (E 1995 – 97), RNR newcomer, was waiting in the car park at Cromer, cheered on by her children and in spite of the Arctic winds managed to look positively summery by keeping her sunglasses firmly on. Baton passed, Lisa disappeared along the promenade and popped out a while later at the golf club for the ups and downs to



Mundesley. Running with a baton for nearly eight miles was a novelty for Lisa, but her juggling skills saw her through. Meanwhile I was providing cycle support and was soon overheating from a few too many layers donned back in Cromer. Another sixteen miles on the bike loomed, but with some a confectionery projectile received at the changeover things didn't look too bad.

Louis Claburn (F 1987 – 92) was up next. Back in the OG RNR team after a notable absence, his little legs made light work of the coast road and we flew past Bacton and through Happisburgh. By now we were starting to reel in some of the teams that were running ahead and this helped to buoy Louis' mood. Lessingham was somewhere ahead, but every twist and turn in the road looked the same. Louis' resolve was steadfast just like his pace and soon the middle of the road mêlée changeover point came into view. Another stage in the bag and we had clawed back more time. Louis was a sweaty, but happy, mess and had delivered a fine run.

James MacBrayne (k & F 1987 – 97), again demonstrating awesome commitment by flying in especially from Aberdeen, was repeating his stage from last year and snatched the baton from Louis. Waiting with James were the MacBrayne family cheerleading squad and a clutch of OGs, including **Helen Hammond (née MacBrayne)** (c & O 1994 – 02) and **Neville Stangroom** (k & OSH 1954 – 62). Keen to exorcise the demons of the long road to Horsey, the initial pace was blistering. Having not seen James for a long while, I thought it might be a good opportunity for a catch-up, but he clearly had different ideas – it was head down and full-steam ahead, the “Flying Scotsman” indeed. James managed to overtake at least three other teams and by the time he finished his obliterations we were almost eight and half minutes ahead.

Next up was our last-minute hero, **Duncan Baker** (W 1993 – 98). Full of nervous RNR inexperience, Duncan's well-trained legs were good to go (he ran the London Marathon in October). A rolling changeover of cycle support put Kate on the bike for Duncan and the rather monotonous run into Great Yarmouth. With the support crew split this year there was no opportunity for romantic fish and chips on the seafront, instead I caught up with a most welcome addition



James MacBrayne and Duncan Baker

to the nighttime support team – **Simon Cooper** (c & H 1976 – 83). Simon's assistance would turn out to be invaluable throughout the night and is a great reflection of the lengths OGs will go to support other OGs. Simon was simply super. With the light fading, Duncan trotted into the suburbs of Belton barely looking out of breath. Another fantastic leg run and Duncan had definitely caught the RNR bug. We were now fifteen minutes up.

Bouncing around at Belton was our staff ringer **Philip Baker** (S 2021 -). Like James, this was Phil's second run at the same leg and determined to run it quicker, Phil wasn't taking any prisoners. I pity the teams that were still ahead of us at this stage as Phil made mincemeat of each and every one of them. Like a thief in the night, Phil stole us some more places and whilst he ploughed on little did he know of the drama unfolding at Earsham.

Paul Marriage (k & T 1982 – 90) was scheduled to run stage eleven for us and we were now almost thirty minutes ahead of our schedule. With Phil closing in on Earsham and no sight of PJ we were all (including Hobbs) getting a bit frantic. Several tense phone calls between parties revealed PJ was still en route back from Gloucestershire and was due to get a taxi from Scole to Earsham before running his leg. What followed was pure Hollywood drama and culminated in a taxi screeching into the checkpoint, PJ jumping in running gear ready to go and moments later Phil (and Simon in support car) rolling in behind them in a sprint-finish battle with Reephams Runners. The fun continued when PJ then proceeded to grab Reephams's baton and not ours! Phil put us even further ahead of time and PJ scampered all the way to Scole, with thankfully no further notable incidents.

The changeover at Scole was largely uneventful, possibly because me and Kate had pushed ahead to Thetford to try and get forty winks – which it literally was. Taking the baton on from PJ was another staff regular, **David Saker** (S 2010 -). We were now back in first place. Dave, keen to capitalise on our lead, made light work of the dark night and roundabouts to Thetford. Simon managed to provide a good running commentary, so we were all prepped and ready for an early arrival into Thetford. Meanwhile the support team were getting familiar with the tea and cake stall set up on the nearby industrial estate. Dave kept the pace up and gained us even more time, coming into the changeover almost forty minutes ahead of schedule.

It was now nearly 0200 hrs and we were the only team ready to go. RNR newbie **Anthony Tovey** (k & T 1985 – 95) had done his best to keep warm in the now still night air and was now faced with thirteen miles along the A134, through the misty woods of Breckland and Grimes Graves before finishing up in Feltwell. Keen to keep spirits high (and prompted by PJ in a previous year) me and Kate treated Ant to several plays of “Chariots of Fire” full volume from the minibus. We think it worked. The roads were still a lonely place and our flashing amber beacon was the only one to be seen for miles behind. We were storming ahead and Ant had made a memorable debut gaining more minutes.

Adrian Rutterford (c & OSH 1972 – 78) is one of our OG Team veterans and fresh from the Great North Run the weekend before was in good form. The stage from Feltwell to Wissington, whilst one of the shorter legs, is more of a mental than physical battle. It is particularly featureless and uphill nearly all the way. Ade steadily ticked off the miles and I am sure was grateful for the lack of chat from the minibus. Wissington couldn't come soon enough and Ant was there to shower him in glory and prime the next runner. A superb effort from Ade and like every runner before him was full of smiles at the finish with his medal around his neck.

Next up for Stage 15 was **Anne-Marie King** (c & E & B 1989 – 98). Keen to show her worth after a DNS in 2021, Anne-Marie is a seasoned runner and running at 0500 hrs clearly made no difference to her athletic prowess. Through Southery and Hilgay, the A10 is never a friend, but at this time of the morning was kind to us all and our path was clear to Downham Market. Team #1 were still in pole position. I skipped ahead on the bike to prime the next runner leaving Kate to support Anne-Marie for her sprint finish. A remarkable run, an ear-to-ear smile and her first RNR medal made for a good start to Sunday.

Matt Arnold (F 1975 – 80) was facing a repeat leg from 2021, but nursing a significant foot injury (from a mishap with a trailer), he wasn't getting his hopes up for a fast time. Nevertheless, the grit and determination pushed him through towards Stowbridge with

only the odd warning from the marshals for my cycling. On the featureless fen-like roads a couple of the quicker teams now began to overtake us and we waved goodbye to our notional first place. Having seen a photograph of Matt's injured foot after the event, I'm amazed he even made it to the start line – a truly dedicated OG team member.

We had all now managed to come to terms with being ahead of schedule and many of the “professional” teams had saved their fastest for last. For the OGs, we pinned our last leg hopes on newcomer **Rebecca Taylor** (c & E 1996 – 02). Continuing the common theme of “smiles per miles” Becky bounced though the Wiggenhalls and along the banks of the Ouse towards



Becky Taylor

King's Lynn. The town had barely come alive on a Sunday morning and Becky's footsteps through the cobbled streets got faster the closer she got to LynnSport. A final flourish around the tartan track and to raucous applause the finish line came and went and our race was done.

Our overall position was 32nd place and 45 minutes quicker than our predicted time – quite respectable for a non-running running club and fairly swift looking at our 12-year average.

Continued thanks to the OG Club for their support with this event and also to the School for the loan of the minibus. Kate's time-keeping skills were applauded by the official event timekeepers and somehow, she managed to keep all four stopwatches going this year!

This has to be one of the strangest team events to be involved in, whereby you only really get to see one or two of your team. But the beauty of being part of the support team is that you get to enjoy all chapters of the story and spend time with a variety of OGs listening to their stories through the shortness of breath and sweat. If you want to get involved in the team as a runner or supporter, or get involved in running throughout the year with OGs, please get in touch at howardeolby@hotmail.com or through the OG Office.

Obituaries



Peter Brook

Peter Brook CH CBE

(W 1939 – 41) died in July 2022. The following obituary is taken from *The Daily Telegraph*: Peter Brook, who has died aged 97, was a theatre, opera and film director of genius;

a restless, energetic man, he did more than anyone to raise the artistic status of the theatre director in the postwar era.

Brook was a leading interpreter of Shakespeare, and his work for the Royal Shakespeare Company brought international renown to the British theatre in the 1960s. His beautifully written 1968 book about theatre, *The Empty Space*, is now a modern classic.

Brook's intellectually daring and visually striking productions helped to define the avant-garde stage in the 20th century. Especially memorable were *Titus Andronicus* (1955), with Laurence Olivier, and *King Lear* (1962), with Paul Scofield. Equally significant was his powerful production of *Marat/Sade* (1964), a story set in a French asylum in Napoleonic times, and his hippie version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1970) which embodied the spirit of 1960s liberation. Later, his retelling of the Indian myth, *The Mahabharata* (1985) was a nine-hour epic. Films such as *Lord of the Flies* (1963) proved his versatility in that medium.

Brook pioneered a new approach to theatre, banishing from the stage everything that is superfluous, creating simple yet extremely powerful stage images. In *Titus Andronicus*, there was no fake blood: when limbs were mutilated, he used trailing red ribbons instead. As well as directing this production, he designed the costumes and scenery, and created a *musique concrète* soundtrack.

For Brook, everything depended on rehearsals. His approach demanded that his actors explore the subject of the plays with total commitment. Often he would sit for hours without saying a word, watching the cast do improvisatory exercises designed to create their characters. His innovations included inviting children into rehearsal, or rehearsing at a youth club, to learn from how unschooled spectators reacted to the performance.

During rehearsals for Seneca's *Oedipus* (1968) Brook made his cast go through days of primal screaming, imitating various animals – anything except work on the text. One day he asked the actors to improvise around the most terrifying experience they could imagine. When it came to John Gielgud's turn, he did nothing. Eventually, Brook asked whether he could not think of anything that terrified him. "Actually, Peter, there is," replied the actor. "We open in two weeks." Once, Brook wanted to see if Glenda Jackson could be induced to have a breakdown. For hours on end, he instructed the other actors to chase her around the room, pretending to be hounds

or concentration-camp guards. It did not work: in the end the actress said to him: "Let's just have a cup of tea instead." On another occasion, the cast persuaded Brook to put a paper bag over his head, then sneaked out and left him sitting alone.

This style of intensive, time-consuming rehearsal cost money, and when British theatre failed to give him the resources to experiment he moved in 1970 to Paris, where he was given an extremely well subsidised company, a base from which he launched a series of experiments with the aim of exploring the human essence of the theatrical experience.

Peter Brook was born on 21st March 1925 to Russian parents. His father was a Latvian-born revolutionary who was exiled from Tsarist Russia, and whose family name was Bryk. Rechristened by a passport official when he arrived at Dover in 1914, Brook senior worked as a scientist, helping to invent field telephones in the First World War while his wife, also a scientist, developed antidotes to poison gas. Later, they set up a pharmaceutical company whose most famous product was Brooklax, a laxative. Young Peter, who had an older brother who became a psychiatrist, went to various schools, including Westminster and Gresham's. Before going up to Oxford in 1942 he staged *Dr. Faustus* at the tiny Torch theatre in Knightsbridge, and while still a student he filmed Laurence Sterne's *A Sentimental Journey*.

After a season at the Birmingham Rep in 1945, he went to Stratford-upon-Avon

at the age of 21 to direct actors even younger than himself. His early style was richly visual, with a production of *Love's Labour's Lost* (1946) that was indebted to the paintings of Watteau. He introduced French avant-garde dramatists such as Jean Cocteau and Jean-Paul Sartre to English audiences, and was soon working with Britain's finest players: *Measure for Measure* with John Gielgud, *Ring Round the Moon* with Paul Scofield, *The Dark is Light Enough* with Edith Evans. Nor was he just a classical director. He staged *The Little Hut*, a commercial farce with Robert Morley, and the musical comedy *Irma La Douce* with equal success.

From the mid-1950s to the late-1960s Brook was the enfant terrible of British theatre, developing an iconoclastic approach which aimed to provoke. Inspired by the 1930s visionary Antonin Artaud's ideas of ecstatic theatre, he investigated the concept of the Frenchman's "Theatre of Cruelty" for the recently formed RSC in 1964. For this season, his staging of Peter Weiss's *Marat/Sade* (with Patrick Magee and Glenda Jackson) was powerfully unsettling, as can be seen in his 1967 film version of the play, and led to the "Dirty Plays" controversy when Emile Littler, an RSC governor, denounced the show.

In 1966 Brook's *US* was a protest against the American War in Vietnam. The play asked audiences to imagine the terror of napalmed in their own gardens, and its most striking image was a butterfly being burnt on stage. In 1968, his *Oedipus* for the National Theatre climaxed with a

festive finale featuring an erect phallus. Such shocking productions gave him an international reputation.

Brook's reinterpretations of Shakespeare changed perceptions of the Bard. They included *King Lear* (1962), with its spare Beckettian atmosphere and moral ambiguity: Scofield's *Lear* was as much to blame as his daughters. In 1970 came his most vivid experiment: for the RSC, he directed *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He substituted a white box for the usual forest setting, and, inspired by Chinese circus, made the day-glo-clad actors use a trapeze and spin plates on sticks. When he directed *Hamlet in Paris* (2000), with Adrian Lester, he reduced the play to its essentials, cutting roles and scenes and changing the order of the soliloquies.



The Théâtre des Bouffes du Nord

By 1970 Brook was the most exciting director in Britain, but was frustrated by the lack of funding for his experiments. Having already worked in Paris, where he had staged Jean Genet's *The Balcony* in 1960, he accepted an invitation (facilitated by the director Jean-Louis Barrault) to set up an International Center of Theatre

Research. At the dilapidated Théâtre des Bouffes du Nord, an old music hall near the Gare du Nord, he was given unlimited rehearsal time with no need to make a profit (his first shows were free for audiences). His project was now to ask fundamental questions about the nature of theatre. In order to find answers, Brook began a series of peregrinations. In 1971 he staged *Orghast*, using a new language based on sound created by Ted Hughes, at the ruins of Persepolis in Iran during the Shiraz Festival. In 1972 and 1973 his group travelled across the Sahara and elsewhere in Africa with *Conference of the Birds*, a story derived from an ancient Persian poem, performing spontaneous mime in villages, part of an attempt to discover a theatre that did not depend on shared language.

Back in Paris, he staged *The Ik* (1975), about a Ugandan border tribe, followed by many productions of Shakespeare and Chekhov. Especially well researched was his version of the Sanskrit epic *The Mahabharata* (1985), which was first performed from dawn to dusk in a quarry on the banks of the Rhone. He toured an English version in 1987.

Blue-eyed and with a bright smile and disarming chuckle, Brook was a born teacher, and, as well as *The Empty Space*, wrote several books, including *The Shifting Point* (1988) and his autobiography, *Threads of Time* (1998). His interest in mysticism gave him the air of a guru, whose gnomic utterances – “A stage space has two rules: (1) Anything can

happen and (2) Something must happen” – pervade his written work. At the Avignon rehearsals of *Conference of the Birds*, he sat with actors on the candlelit floor of a cave, quietly discussing the work. He was fascinated by the challenges of staging drama in a riverside quarry, on the bare floor of a canteen or in the dusty courtyard of a monk’s retreat.

Some British playgoers regretted the fact that although his Paris-based company toured the world, it scarcely ever visited Britain. Brook used to say that it was because no one in Britain would invite – that is, pay for – such a visit. But he did occasionally work in his native country. He returned to the RSC in 1978 to direct Alan Howard and Glenda Jackson in *Antony and Cleopatra*. It was not a success.

In later life Brook focused on explorations of the inner space of the mind, and on multicultural projects. In *The Man Who...* (1996), he investigated acute mental illness, based on the case studies of Oliver Sacks, psychiatrist and author of the bestselling *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*. In *Je Suis un Phénomène* (1998) and *The Valley of Astonishment* (2014) he looked at synaesthesia, a condition in which one sense is stimulated by another. Multicultural projects include two South African dramas: *The Suit by Can Themba* and *Sizwe Banzi Is Dead* by Athol Fugard.

Throughout his career Brook kept turning to the cinema. *The Beggar’s Opera* in 1953 with Laurence Olivier, and *Lord of the Flies* (a 1963 adaptation of William

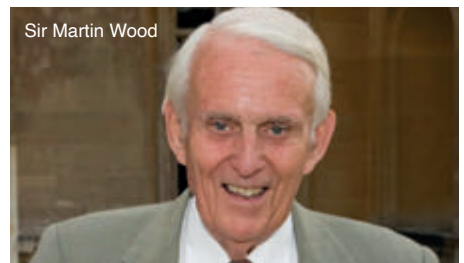
Golding’s post-apocalyptic novel) were perhaps the best, although he often filmed his own stage productions, most memorably *Marat/Sade*. Brook also directed opera, at Covent Garden in 1949 – 50, notably a scandalous *Salome*, with Salvador Dali designs, and later in 1981 a distilled version of *Carmen*. He wrote two television plays, *The Birthday Present* and *Box for One* (both 1955).

Brook won countless theatre prizes in Europe and America, and was appointed CBE in 1965 and Companion of Honour in 1998. In France he received the Légion d’Honneur in 1995 and became Commandeur de la Légion d’Honneur in 2013. In 1951 he married the actress Natasha Parry. She died in 2015 and he is survived by their son and daughter.

Dennis Jacobson (k & H 1936 – 43) died in 2021.

Captain Gordon Hogg RN (D 1943 – 44) died in June 2021.

Sir Martin Wood CBE FRS (k & W 1940 – 45) died in November 2021. The following obituary is taken from *The Guardian*: In 1959 Martin Wood asked his



boss at the Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford University, if he could start a company making specialist magnets for research. At that time the concept of a spinout was unheard of in that university, but the easy-going Hungarian physicist Nicholas Kurti offered every support. He asked only that Martin, the Physics Department's resident engineer, remain in the lab for another 10 years. Working out of a shed in his back garden, Martin laid the foundations of the global business Oxford Instruments, his wife, Audrey, taking on the administration.

Martin's role in the Clarendon Laboratory was to manage the high magnetic fields facility, designing and making powerful electromagnets that Kurti and his colleagues used to investigate materials at very low temperatures. The generators to power the magnets ran only at night, as they required a substantial fraction of the local power station's output. As former students left to continue their work elsewhere, they would ask Martin to make magnets for their new labs. Starting a company was the realisation of his long-held ambition to create a productive and rewarding working environment.

Two years after he founded Oxford Instruments, the advent of superconducting materials meant that he could run an extremely powerful magnet from a car battery. Martin seized the opportunity and his company grew rapidly to become a global leader in designing and making superconducting magnets. They made it possible to realise the vision of Peter Mansfield at the University of Nottingham

and others, to create images of slices through the living body using the phenomenon of magnetic resonance. Oxford Instruments supplied superconducting magnets designed by Martin for the first whole-body MRI scanners in 1980. He was knighted in 1986.



Martin with an early superconducting magnet

In 1983 the company was floated on the stock exchange with an initial valuation of £126m. By this time the Woods had had ample time to reflect on the obstacles facing entrepreneurs wanting to start new technology-based businesses: finding affordable premises, obtaining start-up capital, getting business advice and recruiting skilled employees. Applying his engineer's mind and his unique network of contacts in academia, business, and local and national government, Martin set about fixing these problems. He and Audrey endowed a charity, the Oxford Trust, which converted a disused builder's yard in the city into a set of small units for start-ups, one of the first business incubators in the country. This has now grown into an independent national network of innovation centres, Oxford Innovation.

Other pioneering initiatives started by the Oxford Trust included a venture capital network of small investors, and a programme of educational outreach to

engage the next generation of scientists and engineers. It acted as the catalyst for an ecosystem of entrepreneurs and academics across the region. The Oxford Trust continues to operate from a science education centre and centre for innovation (named in honour of the Woods), both opened on a new site in 2019.

Martin had avoided square-bashing in the Gresham's cadet corps by volunteering to manage some local woodland. He retained his love of woods, endowing another charity, the Northmoor Trust, in 1967 to provide education in wildlife and countryside management. Now known as the Earth Trust, today it owns 1,200 acres on the banks of the Thames near the village of Little Wittenham, all managed as regenerative farming and high-quality wildlife habitat and open to the public. Following a project to review the nation's forestry that Martin undertook with the forest scientist Gabriel Hemery, in 2009 the Woods endowed a further charity, the Sylva Foundation, to promote stewardship of woodland and the sustainable use of timber.

Martin was born in Great Milton, Oxfordshire, the youngest of five children of Arthur Wood, a civil servant at the Board of Education, and his wife, Katharine (née Cumberlege). He had a much older half-sister. He attended Gresham's School in Norfolk. Turning 18 just as the Second World War ended, he was offered a choice between the three armed services for his national service, but turned them all down in favour of becoming a miner – a “Bevin boy” – for three years in the South Wales coalfields.

The Coal Board sponsored his engineering degree at Cambridge, and a further two years at the Royal School of Mines (now Imperial College) in London. In 1954 he went back to the mines as a management trainee, but was disheartened by the lack of interest in his ideas for increasing efficiency. He left the industry and in 1955 took the job in Oxford University's Department of Physics that would lead to his work on magnets.

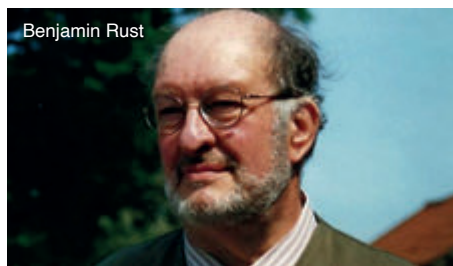
He met Audrey Buxton, a Cambridge graduate in Natural Sciences and English, just before he made the move. She was a young widow with two small children, one of whom, Robin, had to wear callipers because of a polio infection.

Martin and Audrey together set about solving the problem of designing callipers hinged at the knee that would allow Robin to ride a tricycle, and they married soon afterwards, in 1955.

Audrey and Martin shared a delight in combining ingenuity with practical good sense, and a commitment to making things better for people. Whether the problem was making a commercial body scanner, developing a regional innovation ecosystem or conserving the countryside, Martin quietly got on with the job of solving it, with a total lack of self-regard.

Audrey survives him, along with his son, Jonny, his stepchildren, Robin and Sarah, six grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and a step-great-grandchild. A daughter, Patsy, died in 2007.

Benjamin Rust (k & F 1940 – 46) died in October 2021. The following obituary is adapted from an article that appeared in the *North Norfolk News*: Benjamin was a descendant of the Benjamin Rust who founded Rusts, a department store in Cromer, which expanded to other towns across Norfolk and operated for around 200 years. His wife, Lyndsey, said: “He would talk to anyone – he was a very approachable person. He was a true gentleman. Most of Cromer knew him because he was born here and a lot of the older people knew him from a boy.” During his working life, he turned his hand to different things, including as a newspaper photographer, and he also worked for the family firm. Mrs. Rust said when she met Benjamin he was “more or less retired” but was doing some work as an antiques dealer, which was a long-time passion of his. She said: “Rather than a lot of what you find in antiques shops now, for him it had to be period – he loved quality. If it was from the right period...he would probably buy it and sell it on.” Benjamin had many hobbies, including shooting, jazz, and he was an avid reader.



The Rev. David Clark (W 1943 – 47) died in May 2022.

Professor Robin Turner (F 1944 – 48) died in January 2022. His family have provided the following obituary: Robin Turner was born in Cambridge, one of the six children in the family of the Bursar of



Robin Turner

Trinity Hall. He attended St. Faith’s school in Cambridge before arriving at Gresham’s in 1944, while the school was evacuated to Newquay in Cornwall – in later life he attended the many reunions at the Pentire Hotel which had been the home for Farfield during the war. Once returned to Norfolk, he shot, and played cricket and hockey for the school, and made many lifelong friends there, including **Kit Brownholtz** (F 1946 – 48), **Laurence Le Quesne** (F 1942 – 47), **Mick Forrest** (k & F 1944 – 49), and **Keith Dugdale** (F 1943 – 48). He took with him a great fondness for both Norfolk and Cornwall.

Leaving Gresham’s in 1948, he read Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge, and then took a PhD in Physical Chemistry. In 1956 he was recruited to the staff of the Chemical Engineering Department. Robin accepted the job thinking that if he didn’t take to it, it would serve him in good stead for a job in industry. Having spent considerable time working with Shell and ICI on different projects, he believed his main task as an academic chemical engineer teaching students to be useful in industry. He described research as a private hobby, but it led to an ScD (Doctor

of Science, for distinguished research), more than 100 papers and a co-authored textbook to back up his teaching. The book – *Chemical Reactor Theory* – has remained a standard introductory text to this day. He took to teaching, and continued to enjoy it throughout his life. He maintained contact with many of his PhD supervisees, several of whom attended his funeral.

He was elected to a Fellowship at Pembroke in the 1960s. He served the College as acting Bursar for a time, and was often to be seen of a lunchtime playing bowls on the College green. He enjoyed dining with other Fellows and did so regularly.

He married Anne, who had worked in the Chemical Engineering department as a secretary, in 1958 and had three children: Julia, Caroline and **Michael** (F 1976 – 80). The family embarked on sabbatical years abroad at Austin, Texas, Sydney, Seattle and Boston, where he made lasting academic and personal friendships. He also carried out consultancy work for the UN in India, New Zealand and Argentina.

In 1979 he was appointed Professor of Chemical Engineering at Exeter University, and began the second chapter of his academic life. Although it was at the time something of an unknown quantity, he never regretted the move, and he and Anne built a rich and varied life in the village of Exminster. It also enabled him to do new and interesting things, including some expert witness and patent cases – something he said kept him in wine for the rest of his life.

Robin had many lifetime interests. He was a keen sportsman, continuing to play college cricket and hockey while at Cambridge, teaching his children to play tennis, squash and badminton, and taking up golf together with Michael later in life. He loved jazz, opera, and classical music. From his years spent in the USA, he also loved Americana, from country music, to diner food, and the NFL.

He collected minerals and stamps, and combined this hobby with his professional life by asking academics contacting him for a copy of the solutions manual for *Chemical Reactor Theory* to include a selection of stamps from their own country with their request. The result was dozens of letters enclosing stamps from the across the world, from the Andes to China via Pakistan and Africa. He was endlessly curious about people and how things worked.

He died of cancer in the home that he had designed and built, and named Farfield after his time at Gresham's, with his family on the evening of 1st January 2022.

Martin Burgess (k & F 1944 – 49) died in March 2022. He was one of the country's, and probably one of the world's, leading horologists. An artist and craftsman, Martin had originally embarked on a career as a restorer of Egyptian antiquities, but then turned to clock-making, specialising in building innovative and gigantic clocks. He was also a leading expert on John Harrison, the 18th century horologist who built the first ever successful marine timekeeper, the forerunner of the marine

chronometer, which led to the possibility of an accurate measurement of longitude. Martin was particularly renowned for his “sculptural clocks”, the first of which, the so-called “Broxbourne Clock”, was built for the modernist house designed and built by **Richard Jones** (F 1932 – 36). In the 2019 OG Magazine, Richard’s daughter, **Helen** (G 1976 – 78) described this magnificent timepiece and recalled meeting Martin as a toddler, and her pleasure at subsequently re-establishing contact with him several decades later. The 2018 exhibition at Gresham’s, “Inventing the Future”, devoted a section to Martin’s unique achievements and the cover illustration of the catalogue showed a detail of the intricate mechanism of one of his clocks. His “Schroder Clock”, commissioned by the merchant bank

Schroder Wagg in 1969, has the largest clock wheel in existence, while his Gurney Clock, commissioned by Barclays to mark the 200th anniversary of the bank’s original founding, is in the shape of a golden lion automaton in a golden castle – two of the heraldic symbols of Norwich – with a precision movement based on a 1740s design by John Harrison. On the hour, bronze balls are taken by the lion and travel down a track to a set of scales (a symbol of Barclays Bank) and on into the castle.

Martin’s “Clock B” was built to test John Harrison’s claim that his clock designs were capable of maintaining time to within one second over 100 days. In 2014, this clock was moved to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. In a 100-day test in 2015, it lost $\frac{5}{8}$ of a second to claim the title of the most accurate mechanical clock with a pendulum swinging in free air. Martin retained his interest in, and affection for, the school throughout his long life.

Michael Roberts (H 1945 – 51) died in 2021.

George Tusa (F 1946 – 51) died in August 2021 in France. His brother, **Sir John Tusa** (F 1949 – 54) writes: George Tusa’s life spanned two continents, the Second World War and the Cold War, started with pen and ink and ended with mobile phones and computers. His first native language was Czech, his acquired language English. His birth home was Zlín in southern Moravia; his adopted homes in England ranged from East Tilbury in Essex until settling in



Clock B in Greenwich Royal Observatory Museum

Winchester. In between times he travelled in Canada and worked in France. George needed flexibility to survive and he proved adaptable to the varied environments thrust upon him.

He spoke little about the experience of witnessing the German invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1938 – 39 but wrote about it in an undated, youthful memoir note: “I will never forget the moment when I first heard the German troops. I was returning from school when I heard Thud, Thud. I wondered what it was and soon I saw a column of German troops drilling on the running track. It was an overwhelming sight... It now meant that Czechoslovakia was under foreign suppression.”

Arriving in England in July 1939, George had already experienced one kind of exile. Another one awaited him. He was admitted to an English prep. school which was evacuated from Cambridge to Ashburton, South Devon, hundreds of miles from home and family. He spoke almost no English. A school report speaks approvingly of the eight year-old’s vocabulary “improving rapidly”, noting that his “use of language was fluent even when it was inaccurate”. George mastered English, adapted to British ways and expressed no resentment at the experience visited on him. He was not, after all, living under Nazi occupation in war-torn Czechoslovakia.

Gresham’s life suited George well with its shrewd balance of academic work and sporting activity. At rugby he was an unbullyable prop forward and accurate

place kicker. At hockey, few opposing forwards succeeded in turning this formidable left back. In cricket, George had a unique bowling action which seemed to involve both arms flailing in a blur of movement that foxed many batsmen and surprised himself. As a scientist, well taught in Chemistry by **J. K. Day** (S 1933 – 57) and in Physics by **Richard Stoney Smith** (S 1943 - ?), George won a scholarship to Merton College, Oxford. A natural mathematician, George found work in the fast-expanding world of computers where businesses were being transformed by revolutionary concepts such as ordering and delivering goods “just-in-time”. He worked for Fisons, the chemicals giant, for seven years, then moved to the then dominant computer firm IBM based in Hursley outside Winchester. His service included two four-year assignments at IBM’s European headquarters in Paris in the 1980s, which he loved.

In 1963, George married Daphne Phillips, with whom they had three children, Helen, Andrew and David. Tragically, Daphne developed one of the most cruel of the debilitating diseases, PSP – Progressive Supranuclear Palsy – and died in 2004. George’s total devotion to Daphne over several years, finally involving all night care was something he accepted without overt complaint. It drew quiet but sustained admiration from friends and the Winchester community.

George found great strength and comfort from this community, repaying it by his regular golfing commitments and 20 years

of membership of the Cancer Research Committee. Friends remembered him as being always available for consultation and advice. One of his oldest friends from Merton College, Mike Jenkins, described him as “always a gentleman, scrupulously, polite and kind. A lovely man, whom I shall miss”.

George travelled an 80-year journey from his Czech beginnings to his English endings. Most would feel that he travelled it with selflessness and decency. An early school report commented that his writing was “far too small”. It changed little during his eight decades: regular, ordered, precise, clear, legible. In the “hand” you could always see the man.

Ernest Copeman Hart (c & F 1946 – 52) died in January 2022. The son of a master printer in Kettering, Ernest went up to Queen’s College, Cambridge, after leaving Gresham’s. In 1960 he founded Copeman Hart Organs, an internationally renowned company that to this day continues to manufacture high quality church instruments.



The Copeman Hart organ in St. Bartholomew’s, Longbenton

Anthony Rains (W 1951 – 55) died in August 2017.

Nigel Wright (c & W 1951 – 55) died in January 2022. The following obituary is adapted from the North Norfolk News: Leading Norfolk farmer Nigel Wright was chairman of Norfolk National Farmers’ Union, completing his two-year term in 1996, and later elected chairman of the East Anglian NFU board. In November 1999, as the regional chairman, he led a high-profile campaign to promote the return of British beef to France with Norfolk NFU chairman Robert Steven. They presented a topside joint of Norfolk beef to the French honorary consul for East Anglia.

Born into a Broadland farming family in January 1938, he was the oldest of three. His grandfather William had farmed 2,000 acres at Ludham Hall and his father, Ivan, who died in 1948, had taken over Church Farm, Stalham. Nigel went to Town Close School, Norwich, and Gresham’s, Holt, and then studied at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, before returning to the family farm. It was then a typical mixed holding with about 18 Ayrshire and Friesian milking cows, employing 17 staff. The market town of Stalham in the early 1950s was almost self-sufficient with shops and banks. While it had a declining livestock and produce market, there was a slaughterhouse, grain merchants, mill, and a regular train service. The farm was close to Stalham Staithe, where sugar beet could be loaded into wherries for processing at Cantley factory. After the

long drought in 1947, when a nine-acre field of beet was lifted, it hardly filled a 40-ton wherry, he said. During the annual beet campaign, British Rail would bring wagons into sidings at Stalham. "You would be allocated one or two trucks a week, which would sit there until you'd filled them up." It was hard work, throwing beet off a tractor and trailer into a railway wagon holding about 13 tons, he added.

By 1956, the Suffolk horses had gone as tractors took over, and the dairy herd was sold in 1964 as the farm switched to more arable crops. There were improvements – the laying of main sewers ended the need for the "honey cart" – and there was a good train service.

Mr. Wright was the backbone of Stalham Farmers' Club, which had been founded in 1841. His uncle Roy had been secretary in 1930 and he took over the role in 1962 – serving for almost a quarter of a century until 1985. He was elected chairman in 1991 and, typically modest, declined nomination as president on several occasions. In 1997, his eldest son won the club's prestigious Cantley Cup for highest overall yield for the second year running. He also won Stalham's competition for best two-acre sugar beet crop in 2012. In 1997, he and his great friend Roger Beck judged the Suffolk Agricultural Association's champion farms' competition.

A member of the Broads Authority for many years, he was also elected to North Norfolk District Council in the 1980s, serving at least eight years, and was a member of

Stalham Town Council. A keen sailor, he also enjoyed gardening. Married in 1960 to Pam, they marked their diamond jubilee. He is survived by his widow, and leaves three children, Alistair, Ben and Jess, and five grandchildren.

Michael Simkin (OSH 1952 – 55) died in May 2021.

Niels de la Cour (OSH 1955 – 58) died in February 2022.

Richard Stibbons

(c & OSH 1955 – 60) died in April 2022. His family have provided the following obituary: Richard and his brother **John** (c & OSH 1951 – 57) grew up in West Beckham, where their father was the



Richard Stibbons

farm steward with responsibility for several large farms which stretched from Beckham to Barningham. During the war, many of the farm workers were German POWs. Despite the political hostilities, lifelong friendships were forged between the family and some of these prisoners, who returned to what would later be both sides of Germany. This background had a strong influence on Richard and certainly spawned his later enthusiasm for events from this period of history.

Richard had a keen interest in electronics and engineering from a young age. After Gresham's, he started an apprenticeship with the BBC in 1962. Initially working

with the Transmitter Maintenance Team based at Crystal Palace, he recalls in an article written for the publication “On Air – A history of BBC Transmission” the type of ingenuity that was required for the role: “Fareham had been reduced from a full-time staff of seven to nil and it was so reliable that we sometimes wouldn’t need to visit it for months on end. One day we received a report that it was off the air and I was dispatched to investigate. Beating my way in through the cobwebs, I found three postcards on the doormat, all from the local Electricity Board. The first said: ‘Dear Sir, Your electricity bill is overdue’. The second said: ‘If you don’t pay it, we’ll cut you off’. The third said: ‘We did’. I rushed along to the local office of the suppliers and explained that this was the BBC they were dealing with. Unmoved, they refused to reconnect until they had the money, whereupon I promptly wrote them a personal cheque for £620. I remember the amount because it was then the biggest cheque I had ever written and represented half a year’s pay! Having seen the transmitter safely back on air, I raced to Broadcasting House to recover the money before the cheque bounced.”



A player piano in the Brentford Piano Museum

Richard’s great passion for music, especially player-pianos, started whilst still at Gresham’s, when he acquired his first piano player (aged 14). This was the first of many, including several extremely rare examples. He also collected thousands of pianola rolls and owned some which were essentially recordings of Rachmaninov playing his own works. By the late 1960s he was assistant curator to Frank Holland at the Brentford Piano Museum. Whilst a member of the Player Piano Group in the 1970s, Richard helped organise public concerts in London promoting reproducing pianos. With his BBC connections he occasionally got the player piano featured on television.

During this period, Richard moved from transmitters to working in television studios. He was involved in developing the technology for many of the innovative special effects on programmes such as “Top of the Pops” and “Doctor Who”. In the 1980s, the BBC Computer Literacy Project involved the BBC engineering department working alongside Acorn to develop the BBC Micro (which many will remember as the first computers which arrived in the new computer suite at Gresham’s).

His niece, **Helen Harris (née Stibbons)** (k & O 1979 – 86) recalls visiting Richard (whilst travelling to Heathrow for a French exchange trip organised by **Richard Peaver**, S 1971 – 2009) and finding an assortment of prototype computers in various stages of construction (together with parts from piano-players!) on every surface in his dining room.

Richard's career at the BBC continued to progress, culminating in the role of engineer in charge of Shift Two for Current Affairs programmes. Richard took early retirement when the News and Current Affairs project at White City was cancelled in 1992. His colleague Andrew Prince recalls: "Dick got the best out of us all with his positive and encouraging attitude. Affectionately known as 'Stibbo', he once received a bonus and in typical fashion spent it on subsidising a trip to Boulogne for the whole shift."

Richard was a keen traveller and would take every opportunity to engage this passion. His ideal was to combine travel as part of a work project and whilst still at the BBC, he went to Oman as part of a team to set up firework displays for the Sultan. He visited many of the Eastern European countries during the communist era, travelling alone in a converted van. A favourite experience he recounted was the fall of the Berlin Wall when, on seeing the news, he jumped into his van and set out for Berlin across East Germany. Arriving in Berlin two days after *der Mauer* fell, he set up camp directly outside the Reichstag and spent a happy week watching history unfold.

Following his retirement from the BBC, Richard worked as a freelance on many engineering projects, in particular spending much time in the former Soviet bloc, where he set up studios for the developing television industry. Richard also used his considerable electronics skills to design custom scanners to convert data on piano rolls into a digital format using computer

software he wrote and freely shared. His friend John Watson notes that he was "... an important figure in the roll scanning community; his pioneering methods of preservation and democratising philosophy have benefited many."

Charles Spurgeon ("Spud") Long (c & H 1952 – 60) died in July 2022.

Leonard Askew (W 1956 – 60) died in 2021.

Ken Jones (W 1958 – 63) died in August 2022.

Michael Newsum (H 1961 – 63) died in November 2021. His brother, **Nicholas** (1963 – 66), writes: Mike was a loving husband and father; a generous and loyal friend. He was a one-off, bringing joy to those around him. Mike had an intrepid life, living and enjoying the infamous hippy years in London and Ibiza across the 60s, 70s and 80s, creating friendships that have lasted a lifetime. He loved to travel, driving through India, Afghanistan, Nepal and many other places across the globe in his youth, before living in Morocco for several



Mike Newsum

years. Eventually he settled down with the love of his life, Marie, creating a new life for themselves and their son Luke. He was an amazingly supportive father, always eager to be there for every event, often travelling hours to watch rugby, cricket and football. They lived a happy life in the Hertfordshire countryside.

After leaving Gresham's (where his father **Frederick** (o & H 1919 – 25) and uncle **George** (H 1919 – 24) had both been Howson's House Captains), Mike's first job was selling shirts in an outfitters in Lincoln, but that was never going to last! He was ever the entrepreneur, happy to take risks if necessary, a keen researcher of ideas, and always challenging the experts. He started a business importing kaftans, whilst living in Morocco, sold thousands of candles during the miners' strikes in the 70s, and developed property in London, before creating the globally successful James Wellbeloved pet food brand, together with his lifelong friend Robin Jackson.

Mike always took an interest in new ideas, spotting opportunities, and enjoyed the rewards of his success with friends and family. Following the death of his beloved Marie, he forged a new path in Gibraltar, which he loved and needed, making a whole new circle of friends from the Cathedral, Scrabble club and Sunday lunch clubs. In the summers, he was a supreme host at his villa in Ibiza, bringing family and friends from across the world to enjoy the White Isle, once hosting over 40 people in a single summer! He is much missed by all who knew him.

Robert Vines (H 1960 – 64) died in 2020.

Nigel Gardiner (k & F 1957 – 65) died in October 2019. The following obituary is adapted from information provided to the Waveney Prostate Cancer Support Group by his wife, Judith: Nigel's father came to Norfolk after the war. He became the farm manager for Catfield farms and lived at Lessingham Manor and, when this company stopped trading, they bought their own farm in Catfield. Nigel went off as a boarder at Gresham's, where, although he will freely admit he struggled academically, he became captain of the 1st XI hockey team. He went to Shuttleworth Agricultural College, where again he became hockey captain. On completing his course, he returned to White House and continued playing for Norwich Exiles, Broadland and Norfolk. Nigel was a keen Young Farmer, which is where he met his wife-to-be, Judith. Nigel farmed with his son Peter and together they developed a herd of 140 beef cows and would be busy in the spring – calving, as well as being involved with arable farming. Nigel took a lively interest in the life of the village; he was treasurer to the Village Hall and Flower Club and, after retiring as churchwarden at Catfield, he became treasurer for the Parochial Church Council. He served on the Parish Council and was well known for welcoming newcomers to the village, supporting those who were bereaved and for just being on the end of the phone. As a leading light of the Waveney Prostate Cancer Support Group, Nigel went about the business of being chairman in a quiet and unassuming, but determined way,

dedicating his energies to assisting the Group's work in every way he possibly could. He never wavered in his carrying out his duties, despite having to cope with his own deteriorating health.

David Bellamy (c & H 1958 – 65) died in 2022.

Nicholas Tysterman (W 1961 – 66) died in April 2020. His family have provided the following tribute: After leaving school, Nick turned down the opportunity to travel for a year (something that he regretted for many years), but joined his father in the running of the family business, Wisbech Plant Company. Nick married Christine and had two sons, Edward and Ben, who now run the family business. He later, with his partner Liz, had another son Will, and daughter Alida. Nick lived in Wisbech for all of his life and dedicated most of his time to growing roses. He was a keen athlete and rugby player in his early years. In later life, he was often seen on the touchline watching either his sons or his grandson playing rugby, or would be at British Eventing competitions watching his daughter event her horses. Nick loved fine dining and was president of the Wisbech Good Food and Wine Society – an exclusive dining club of which he was a member for 36 years.

Joseph Simpson (T 1962 – 66) died in January 2022.

Richard Blyth (c & H 1959 – 67) died in November 2021. The following obituary is taken from the *North Norfolk News*:

Richard Blyth, of Foxley, was well-known within the Foulsham area, where he was born in May 1950. Later, his family moved to Holt and he attended the Georgian town's primary school before Beeston Hall Prep. School and Gresham's School, where he preferred sport to academic studies. He met his wife, Gillian, in Barclays Bank in Aylsham, and their first date was at a builders' dinner dance at The Norwood Rooms, Norwich. They married a year later and moved to Reepham to build their dream home. They had two children, Thomas and Anna.



Richard Blyth

Mr. Blyth and his brother Michael played hockey for Norfolk Wanderers, where he was club captain. He loved hockey and also ran a youth team. The brothers joined the family firm, T. H. Blyth and Sons, Ltd., established in 1873 in Foulsham. They took over the business after their father Tom retired and completed many building-works in Norfolk and Suffolk. This included working on National Trust properties Oxburgh, Blickling, and Felbrigg Hall, the Norfolk and Norwich Institute for the Blind, GP surgeries, schools, the Priscilla Bacon Lodge, St. Michael's Hospital, Wells

Cottage Hospital, Ellacombe Residential Care, agricultural buildings, village halls, private homes, and shops.

In 2010, Mr. Blyth retired to spend time with his family. He was part of Reepham Rotary Club, Bintree Bowls Club and Fakenham Gallows, and a volunteer for Bawdeswell Community Car Scheme and Foxley Village Hall. He and his wife enjoyed travelling, and often drove to Sweden to visit their son and his family. They had been planning one last road trip for 2022.

His family said: "Richard was well known in the community. He was always willing to offer his help, but his family came first and he was very proud of them all. He was the best friend, husband, father, and grandfather that we could have ever asked for."

Peter Mallett (c & F 59 – 67) died in December 2020.



Patrick Finlay

Dr. Patrick Finlay (c & T 1961 – 70) died in June 2021. The Institution of Mechanical Engineers provided the following obituary: Patrick was a pioneer in surgical robotics and an active member of

IMechE's medical engineering division for over 15 years. Patrick was elected Chair in 2013 and led an initiative to broaden the division's scope and raise the profile

of healthcare within the Institution. His efforts led to the formation of IMechE's Biomedical Engineering Association, the largest grouping of professional biomedical engineers in the UK. He was the lead author of the Institution's 2014 report "Biomedical Engineering: Advancing UK Healthcare" and represented the IMechE on healthcare issues in national newspapers and broadcast interviews. Patrick was elected a Trustee of the Institution in May 2016 and served on the Trustee Board until July 2018. Alan Cottenden, Emeritus Professor of Incontinence Technology, Department of Medical Physics & Biomedical Engineering, University College London, said: "Patrick was an excellent Chair of the division, well organised and efficient and very good at helping us navigate complex territory without getting caught up in endless time-consuming debates. As well as dealing with the business efficiently, he also had excellent people skills, both one-on-one and with groups."

Patrick was involved in promoting the IMechE both directly and as an invited member of several Royal Academy of Engineering working groups. In 2016 he authored IMechE's response to the Taylor Commission inquiry into accelerated access, and in 2015 he was a contributor on behalf of IMechE to the RAEng's response to the House of Commons Big Data Dilemma inquiry.

As an entrepreneur with a PhD in automation, Patrick founded Europe's first medical robotics company in 1991. One manufacturing and marketing

business to emerge from this initiative was FreeHand Surgical, Ltd. Patrick remained active in medical technology through his consultancy company, MediMaton, Ltd. He was also director of a small company developing automated patient handling equipment. In 2016 Patrick was appointed as CEO of the Institute of Measurement and Control. He is survived by his wife, Sue, and his three sons.

Nicholas Tringham (k & W 1961 – 68) died in Majorca in September 2021. The following obituary is adapted from one that appeared in The Islander Magazine: Nick was born in London but grew up near Woodbridge in Suffolk and was educated at Gresham's School in Norfolk. Nick's love of sailing started as a young boy when he was taught to sail by his Uncle Douglas in Scotland. After studying catering at the London School of Hostelry, he got a job on the oil rigs off Lowestoft, and later the Persian Gulf. He then went on to become a chef at the Bull Hotel back in Woodbridge. During this time, he followed his passion for sailing, racing Dragons on the River Deben and at Aldeburgh. Nick loved music and played the guitar on the folk scene of the day. He also played the piano and enjoyed listening to classical music.



Nick Tringham

Johanne, his loving wife, said, "Nick's four loves were sailing, music, cooking and me, but I'm not sure in which order!"

Nick decided to take off on yachts and landed his first job in Florida on *Blue Jacket of Hamble*. He quickly progressed to the position of Mate and later Captain of *Sea Star of the Hebrides III*. During his yachting career Nick also worked as a Mate on *Fair Lady* and as a Captain on *Lyndsay Jane*.

When Nick met Johanne in Mallorca, he decided to make Palma his home base. He started to look for shore-based work and went on to work for the companies Pinmar, Yacht Help Group, Non Stop Yachts and Teak 'n' It, prior to retiring earlier this year. Sadly, Nick was not able to enjoy his retirement. Johanne became ill, and he devotedly nursed her, but then he himself became stricken with cancer and passed away very suddenly. Nick and Johanne had recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

James Fox (c & F 1964 – 71) has died. He studied Social Sciences at City University of London and Social Work at the University College of North Wales, subsequently working for Shropshire Council and Cheshire East Council.

Simon Stevens (k & T 1967 – 73) died in May 2022. **Jeremy Parkin** (k & OSH 1969 – 73) writes: Simon died suddenly on 17th May in Marbella, Southern Spain. He had lived in Gaucin for some years, enjoying both motorbike rides and horse rides in the mountains. He lived his life



Simon Stevens

with enthusiasm and a furious energy. In the last week of his life, he bought a large boat and was considering the purchase of another old car for his collection. As well as England, Simon lived in Maryland, the Dordogne, Corsica and finally in Gaucin. His siblings, **Adam** (k & T 1968 – 75) and Sarah, son Jamie and two grandchildren carry the Stevens torch forward. An OG and my friend for 54 years, he will be missed.

Christopher Prior-Willeard (W 1969 – 74) died in April 2022. The following obituary is adapted from one written by a colleague, Patrick Young, that appeared in *Exchange Invest Weekend*: A former Royal Navy officer, Chris Prior-Willeard has died after suffering in recent months from ALS, a disease of the nervous system, following a significant period of ill health. That said, Chris remained indefatigable, still working passionately on plans for new projects and



Chris Prior-Willeard

eagerly enthusing about the exciting world of opportunities in the world of exchanges and related market structure. We exchanged emails most days. However, following a stroke, he hadn't been able to speak for some months. Yet the stroke seemed to barely slow Chris, although it robbed us of the chance to do investor briefings together. Nonetheless, he still appeared on Zoom calls, excitedly typing in answers on occasion, while listening thoughtfully throughout. Likewise, he was an active audience participant via keyboard, even if he could not be the principal guest.

It would be impossible to discuss every project which CP-W had been involved with, but they ranged from introducing ECU/USD futures with NYCE soon after an abortive attempt to create the London Meat Futures Exchange, which ran via the Baltic Exchange, where he became overall director of futures markets. Chris had been an early participant in stock dematerialisation. He was a leading participant in the internationalisation of the London Stock Exchange, launching SEAQ International. After Big Bang, he was transferred to the Market Department, where he acted as UK Equities Market Manager and Secretary of the Markets Committee of the Stock Exchange Council.

Chris summed himself up better than I can in one exquisitely *mot juste* sentence: "Insatiable curiosity around market development and the application of new technology to improve the use of formal markets by all stakeholders." He will be greatly missed by all his colleagues.



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Michael Brown (T 1975 – 78) died in April 2021.

Mark Ashby (c & H 1971 – 79) died in February 2022. His father, **Keith** (S 1965 – 93), writes: If anything sums up Mark, it was his obsession with mechanical engineering (and any other engineering) and hence his interest in old cars and sailing. It was obvious from early on that he was cut out for this. Aged two, he removed the valve from the wheel of a colleague's moped. She was very impressed by this, because she did not realise that it had a valve, and she was even more impressed when he put it back together again. Later, as a pupil at Gresham's, much encouraged by "**Jumbo**" **Burrough's** (S 1946 – 82) practical education, he reconditioned a motor lawnmower for **John Purdy CMG OBE** (Bursar 1965 – 81). For the practical interest part of his CCF Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, he refurbished a 1933 BSA car and got it roadworthy. Later he drove it to Portugal (and back). He studied Mechanical Engineering at Sheffield University. He variously worked for Landrovers and Longbridge, for Lotus, when owned by GM, then for five years for Ford/Nissan in Ashby (now known as Geelong West) in Australia.



The Lotus flag at half-mast out of respect for Mark



Proud grandfather carrying out his duties

Back home in Wymondham, he returned to Lotus, where he was responsible for the development of the transmission of the Evora sports car. At a more leisurely level, he helped keep several yachts above water and in use in Wells. In 1988 he married Kathryn in our 1957 Austin 18 limousine, which Mark had long ago reconditioned, and they have two daughters, Sophia and Emma.

Three years ago Sophia got married; also in the Austin 18. The good thing about this is that Mark knew he was a grandfather and that he had a fine granddaughter, Lily.

Dr. Martin Crossley Evans MBE (S 1979 – 82) died in October 2021. **Richard Peaver** (S 1971 – 2009) writes: Educated at Wellington School, Somerset, and Bristol University, Martin was appointed to Gresham's staff to teach Geology. A larger than life character – in every way – he served as House Tutor in Farfield, earning the respect and affection of pupils, staff and parents alike. After three years he returned to his *alma mater* to pursue an academic career, undertaking a doctorate and in due

course becoming Warden of Manor Hall at the University, a post he occupied with distinction for an unrivalled 33 years. Martin looked back on his time on the staff with great affection and contributed a section devoted to the early history of Gresham's in *I Will Plant Me a Tree*, the magisterial account of the school written by **Steve Benson** (S 1964 – 82). He published nearly 30 articles and books, and his unpublished lectures and the papers he delivered to a huge range of audiences on the history of Bristol and the University number well over a hundred. He was awarded the MBE in 2001 for services to education.



MJCE's portrait, commissioned by the University



Martin the schoolmaster

The Manor Hall Association wrote the following tribute: “Martin was rarely seen in anything other than a three-piece suit, always sporting pocket watch and chain, handkerchief and walking-stick. A devoted churchman, he nonetheless displayed a wonderful, liberal, and often scurrilous sense of fun: his rendition of “Ernie (The Fastest Milkman in the West)” was a firm favourite both of Manor Hall students and those attending the annual Heswall Disabled Children’s Holiday Fund summer camp, for which he volunteered from 1973 and which he led between 1982 and 2005. He also served as a Trustee and sometime Chairman of several long-established Bristol charities. He served as a Justice of the Peace on the Bristol Bench between 1999 and 2017.

“As well as being appointed Head Warden, Martin held the office of University Marshal, his other roles including Historic Collections Officer, Alumni Officer and Assistant Secretary and Clerk to Convocation. However, his life’s crowning achievement was undoubtedly his active and unstinting commitment to generations of Manor Hall residents – characterised by his generosity, hospitality and kindness, his humour, and by the extraordinary number of antiques, prints and curiosities he managed to shoehorn into his office and his various lodgings.”

Deborah Youngs (née Sturman) (k & O 1976 – 84) died in January 2022.

Sarah Sergeant (née Banham) (c & O 1977 – 84) died in January 2021.

Elizabeth Ashcroft (née Wilson) (k & O 1977 – 86 & S 2000 – 19) died in June 2022. A memorial service was held in a packed school chapel in September. Among the many heartfelt tributes paid to Lizzie was one by **Phil Hawes** (S 1989 – 2017), an edited version of which follows:



James and Lizzie

If Lizzie's idyllic upbringing in North Norfolk and education defined much of who she was, she was never confined by it...Inspired by her teachers (some of whom I see here today) she came to love languages, left to study them at the University of Newcastle, and such was her passion for language acquisition, she chose to qualify as a teacher at the University of York. Skip forward some years and she returned here, to her *alma mater*, not to simply teach as she had been taught, but to bring new ideas and innovative methodologies to her classroom...Lizzie was outward-looking, always learning and seeking new ways. She had ambition, but mostly for the success of others.

Lizzie was a very fine teacher. She held high expectations, demanded rigour and scholarship appropriate to the ability of

all she taught, but above all she wanted to impart her love of languages, and show a relevance and purpose to their learning. What her pupils did not see was the enormous time she spent with her departmental colleagues in developing new schemes of work, preparing lessons, marking thoroughly and consistently, organising trips across the Channel... and numerous activities to engage and promote her subject. Lizzie led a strong and talented department and she sought to make the most of their considerable abilities. Under her leadership, language options increased and the range of languages taught expanded. In Heads of Department meetings and staff meetings her strength of purpose was evident. She would question and challenge, and she fought hard for her subject and her pupils. As with all good teachers, she gave her all...When she left for pastures new in Kent, Gresham's lost out.

Above all else, Lizzie was unfailingly kind...and her legacy is two marvellous, talented children, and **James** (W 1987 – 93), so fortunate in marrying Lizzie... and those very many pupils who grew to love languages because of her...All of us, teacher, pupil, colleague, friend, gained from knowing Lizzie, and the brave, brave girl is so missed.

Ronald Cox BEM (1959 – 89) died in June 2022. His son, **Jeff** (H 1966 – 73) writes:Our father came to Gresham's in the Michaelmas term of 1959 to be Head of Physics. The story goes that Logie Bruce-Lockhart could not choose between



Ron Cox

Ron and another candidate as each of them had different qualities which the school would benefit from. Therefore, in true LBL style, Logie noticed that Ron was wearing blue socks and the other candidate was wearing yellow socks, and, blue being the colours of Scotland, Logie gave Ron the position!

Before this, Ron cut his teaching teeth at Bradford Grammar School. In those days, a teaching qualification was not required, just knowledge of his subject. Before starting his long teaching career, Ron was offered a place at Trinity College, Oxford, to study Theology, but he changed his mind and chose Physics instead. He also served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve towards the end of the Second World War. He signed up to serve, as his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had before him, only to avoid the possibility of being called to the coal mines and becoming a “Bevin Boy”. Various naval tours included stints in submarines

HMS *Challenger*

and surface ships up to 1947. One claim to fame (or infamy) at the end of the War was when he volunteered to command a captured German U-boat which was to be scuttled. He used to recount this story at dinner parties after the War and apparently the story was often met with stony silences.

Another role which Ron took part in was rather more sinister. Just after WW2, it was rumoured that the Russians were developing nuclear arms and the Allies needed information to confirm these rumours. Ron was plucked from his university studies and told he must sign the Official Secrets Act before sailing to the Pacific on HMS *Challenger*. Their task was to monitor radiation levels in the air. During the trip, whilst sailing near Hawaii, their instruments recorded a huge jump in radiation levels, which confirmed the Allies’ fears, as Russia had indeed developed nuclear capability. Their task was over, so their ship was redirected to Sydney, Australia, via the deepest part of the world’s oceans, the Mariana Trench. Here they measured the depth of the “Challenger Deep” using electronic devices never used before. Ron never spoke of this trip until the late 1990s, when, after 50 years of keeping his secret, he was allowed to speak of this amazing journey.

During the harsh winter of 1946 – 47, Ron’s submarine was tasked to moor up in London to assist in providing electricity to the grid. In those days, electricity was not used anywhere as much as today, and his submarine’s generators could power the lighting in 5,000 homes at one time.

Ron's part in "Operation Blackcurrant" was to monitor the submarine's engines, which would suck in millions of square feet of freezing air every hour. Ron said that it was the coldest he had ever been, even sat next to a huge diesel engine.



MV *John Biscoe* icebound

Whilst back at university in December 1947, he received a telegram from the Admiralty asking whether he would like to volunteer to navigate a ship for the British Antarctic Survey to the Antarctic to deliver livestock and provisions to the scientists' base. He had 24 hours' notice to be at Tilbury Docks to set sail. The trip was not without adventure. One in the Antarctic, his ship, MV *John Biscoe*, became stuck in an ice flow and had to be rescued by an icebreaker, but not before they had run out of provisions and had to kill penguins and seals to provide meat for the ship's table. Once released from the ice, they headed home via the east coast of South America. On this passage, a distress call came from an American frigate which had lost its steering, and as Ron's ship was closest, could they help? Their ship rendezvoused with the frigate and towed them back to Montevideo. This was classed as a salvage mission and for his efforts, Ron, who was third in command, received a bounty equivalent to £15,000 in today's money.



Lt. R. V. Cox RNVR in interesting footwear

This was Ron's last trip at sea and he returned to Oxford to finish his studies. In a twist of fate, Ron never sat his final exams as he was at sea. However, the University awarded him a 2nd Class Honours degree as he had completed almost all of the curriculum and served his country. He felt a bit of a fraud for not sitting his Finals.

Before joining Bradford Grammar School in 1951, he accepted a post at the Atomic Research Agency doing top secret research, but his soon to be wife, Heather, said he would make a brilliant teacher, and he applied for a teaching post and was accepted, and off to Bradford he went. Many happy years were spent at Bradford Grammar School, where Ron honed his craft and devised special ways of teaching his subject. During this time, he and Heather welcomed my sister Judy, and himself delivering Jenny and **Jeremy** (c & H 1966 – 73) into the world. But in 1959,

he felt that Bradford was becoming too polluted for his family, and he applied for the post of Head of Physics at Gresham's.

Ron spent the next 30 years teaching a range of subjects as well as Physics. He taught navigation, electronics, sailing and amateur radio. He also umpired the odd hockey game, even though he readily admitted he didn't really know the rules. His teaching technique were unique, as he had a way of overcoming the most difficult subjects and make them understandable. Many ex-pupils have contact our family to say how Ron made their studies so much easier and have gone on to great things in their careers thanks to his teaching methods. Some other rather unknown facts: he co-invented the forerunner of the hologram. His co-inventor unhappily "stole" the design and promptly disappeared, much to Ron's annoyance. He also wrote three Physics textbooks, which were sold in their thousands to overseas schools. In the early 60s he was outspoken in regard to the way the burning of fossil fuels would cause problems in the earth's atmosphere and cause the earth's temperatures to increase. He was mocked for these comments at the time, but his prophecy has appeared to come true. He always said, many years ago, "I would never buy a house along the River Glaven, due to the sea levels rising in decades to come!"

Outside of school life, Ron and Heather threw themselves into life around the town and beyond. Ron became Chairman of Holt Round Table, Holt Rotary Club and Holt St. John Ambulance. During these

"tours of duty" he co-ordinated the raising of tens of thousands of pounds for each of the charities.

During school holidays, Ron kept himself busy. He built two wooden dinghies in one of his classrooms, aided by Harold Cooke. For over 60 years he composed and marked Physics O, A and S Level papers. He wrote and marked tens of thousands of papers and of the questions he set, no two were the same. This led Ron to be asked to oversee the international Physics Olympiad, the equivalent of the Olympics for outstanding Physics students. He travelled to various parts of the world to oversee the competitions over a number of years. Additionally, he was asked to teach navigation to inmates of Norwich prison. This came to an abrupt end when one of his students escaped and headed for Felixstowe docks to flee the country. Unfortunately, the escapee read his pocket compass back to front and was recaptured in the opposite direction he was aiming for!

Ron retired from Gresham's in 1989 after 30 years' loyal service, his leaving present from the staff being a bike, as he biked everywhere! From 1989 until 2011, when his beloved wife Heather passed away, they both ran Three Corners Bed & Breakfast, one of only a few B & Bs in the area. After Heather's death, he handed the reins over to my brother Jeremy, who still runs the B & B to this day.

Religion was a huge part of Ron's life and he spent lots of time in choirs at St. Andrew's Church and Angela Dugdale's

Broadland Singers almost right up to his passing. He was also a lay preacher and churchwarden at St. Mary's, Kelling, where he is now buried alongside his wife of 59 years, Heather.

In 2015, Ron was awarded a British Empire Medal for services to the local community and education. He was shocked to receive this news and tried to refuse the award, as he felt there were more deserving cases. However, after some coercion, he reluctantly accepted the award and went to Buckingham Palace with my sister Jenny for an afternoon tea party with the Queen.

In September 2021, Ron, alongside my sister Judy and myself, attended LBL's memorial service. It was heartening to see so many ex-pupils come and talk to him, many of them dating back to the early 60s. Shortly after the memorial service, he had a hospital appointment where he was told he would have to have a toe amputated. Once again, there was no drama, and he said on being discharged, "I've still got nine toes to go!"

His final months were spent at home. He still went to church every Sunday and participated in whatever he could. He was acutely aware of his own mortality but was extremely sharp right up until his final few weeks, when he was told that the prostate cancer he had carried for 30 years had become malignant. Once again, he said stoically, "I'm not peeing straight and this bloody disease has finally got me". He hated swearing, but he made this point very clear! We were able to get almost

all of the family together to say our last goodbyes and the day before he passed, he just said, "Cheerio, my loves".

He has left a huge void in our family, but we are so happy he led an incredibly full, active and happy life right to the end. He was our mentor, best mate, confidant, father, and above all one of life's true gentlemen. We will miss him dreadfully. In a final "farewell", my family are incredibly touched the school are planning to put a plaque in the memory of our father in the chapel. He would have been very proud, but also very embarrassed! On behalf of my family, I would like to say a huge "Thank you" to so many OGs, former and present members of staff and the townsfolk of Holt, who have given so many lovely tributes of our beloved father.

Ron's former colleague **Patrick Thompson** (S 1965 – 83) has added the following personal tribute: In 1959 Ron was appointed by Logie Bruce-Lockhart to run the Physics Department at Gresham's. Prior to this he had been teaching at Bradford Grammar School. He was an excellent schoolmaster (to use the old term seems appropriate) who enthusiastically led and built up the Department over the years. During this time he successfully taught, inspired and gained the respect of his pupils. After his retirement in 1989 he gave a further 30 years of support to his family, the school, and the local community.

Ron could be very persuasive. We first met in 1965 when I was attending a course at the Royal Military College of Science,

Shrivenham. He asked me to apply for a teaching post in the Physics Department at Gresham's and I was a colleague for 18 years. He led a happy team and in the late 1960s I remember working with **Bernard Sankey** (S 1936 – 70) and **Harold Cooke BEM**, the laboratory technician. Ron described Harold as one of the most faithful people that Gresham's has employed. Other good colleagues joined the Department over the years.

Physics teaching has changed enormously since those early days. I remember Ron first introducing transistors into the curriculum and there were no computers in use until the early 1980s. However, it is worth noting that even then he was teaching his classes about "The Greenhouse Effect" and "Global Warming". At that time too few people took these issues seriously.

Beyond the routine preparation for public examinations he supported and taught Physics-related subjects like Astronomy, Navigation and Electronics. He worked on the observatory, which is still standing on the Eccles field. How much he would have enjoyed seeing and discussing the images which have recently been received from NASA's James Webb infra-red space telescope. His work on Navigation at Gresham's attracted the interest of the Local Education Authority. This led to him teaching this subject for a while in HM Prison, Norwich. In a recent article in the OG Magazine (No. 160) he described how the course abruptly ended after one of the inmates had tried and failed to escape to Harwich and the Continent using only a

pocket compass. He also ran the Amateur Radio Club, a group of "Radio Hams" who made contact with people all over the world. I particularly remember Ron energetically leading the preparations for the annual Physics Exhibition held every Speech Day. This event was always very popular with parents and other visitors.

Outside the classroom and the laboratory he led the School Sailing Club assisted by **Keith Ashby** (S 1965 – 93) and others over the years. This role suited him well following his early experience as an officer in the Royal Navy. In the 2020 edition (No. 159) of the OG Magazine Ron wrote about his early memories of the Club and their regular visits to Barton Broad. One of the later rescue boats acquired by the Club was named Ron Cox. It is now in the possession of his family.

From 1983 until the mid-1990s Ron served on the committee for the International Physics Olympiad, which was founded in 1979 to encourage the study of Physics among young people who were then enabled to enter international competitions. In addition he carried out and enjoyed 60 years of much appreciated work for the Cambridge Examinations Board. When I last saw him very recently I was amazed to discover that he was still setting and marking examination papers.

Ron not only contributed so much to Gresham's, he also supported organisations and charities in the local community. These contacts between Gresham's and local people have always been encouraged to

the benefit of everyone. This still continues today. A very good example was Ron and Harold Cooke's leadership of the active Holt St. John Ambulance over many years.

In the 1960s he was a leading member of the Holt Round Table, which he persuaded me to join. They did a great deal of work and fundraising for local charities. I remember the Holt and District Round Table and Ladies Circle (Barnstormers!) production of *Charley's Aunt*. This well-known farce was popular at the time. Ron played the part of "Stephen Spettigue, Solicitor, Oxford" and Heather (his late wife) played the character "Ela Delahay". It was all great fun.

Having been a chorister in Portsmouth in his youth, Ron loved music and singing and supported **Michael Allard** (S 1959 – 82) and **David Harris** (S 1962 – 85) in their work building up the Gresham's Chapel Choir. Later he worked with **Angela Dugdale MBE DL** (S 1988 – 94) and eventually joined the Choir at St. Mary's Church, Kelling, then the Kelling Singers and much more recently the Merry Men! He was Church Warden to St. Mary's Church for 20 years.

Ron leaves four children, Jenny, Judith, Jeremy and Jeff, who were a great comfort and support to him in recent years. It was an enormous pleasure to us all that Ron was awarded the British Empire Medal in the 2015 New Year's Honours List for "his services to Education and the community in Holt and Kelling". He was a very special colleague and friend who gave so much to Gresham's and from whom I learned a great deal. Thank you, Ron!

Peter Detnon (S 1968 – 96) died in May 2022. His family have provided the following obituary: Peter was born on 26th May 1940, following the family evacuation from London. His siblings had been sent to Wales and his mother to Dovercourt, Essex, where he was born. He grew up in Ripon, Yorkshire, and was proud to have been accepted to the Grammar School, after which he attended 6th form college in Cambridge. Music was his passion and he was a member of the National Youth Orchestra, travelling on tour to Germany with them in the 1950s. He continued music studies at the Royal College of Music, before moving back to Yorkshire, where he rose to Area Coordinator of Music. During a family holiday near Beeston Bump, they came upon Gresham's School, which impressed him. On returning home, he saw an advert for a vacancy in the Music Department and his application was successful, starting his long career at Gresham's in 1968. He met his wife Jinny (Jane), who was also working at Gresham's, as Logie's secretary – in those days there was only one! In the early 80s he switched to being Director of Music in the Prep. School, introducing the House Music Competition. He also taught History, Geography and Spanish.

Peter and Jinny moved out of Holt in 1996, Peter retiring at Christmas of the same year after nearly 29 years at the school. They spent a very happy retirement at Helhoughton in their dream country house and garden, completing various projects over the years. During this period they also visited their children who were living

abroad – **Melanie** (c & O 1980 – 90) in Argentina and **Peter** (c & H 1982 – 92) in Tanzania, Kenya, Thailand, Oman and Dubai. He was an active member of the Helhoughton community and Chairman of the Parish Council for many years. He was a proud grandfather to Lucy and **Sophie** (c 2014 –19 and from 2022, after a stint in Dubai). His granddaughters continue his passion for music and strings, Lucy playing the viola and Sophie the violin. Peter fought lymphoma in 2012 and against all odds had another ten years before being diagnosed once again in March 2022, by which time it had taken hold. He died peacefully at home as he had wished on 16th May 2022, spending his last few days with all his family. He opted for pure cremation, which meant no funeral or memorial services were held.

Richard Peaver (S 1971 – 2009) adds: Peter was a valued colleague and friend, who combined virtuosic musicianship with modesty and good humour. He was a gifted strings teacher, who produced many fine players over the years. During the years when I ran the Choral Society, he was a rock-solid dependable – and immensely



Peter as Leader

tactful! – leader of the large orchestra that we assembled for these occasions, coping seemingly effortlessly with even the most demanding pieces and thus allowing the amateur in charge to give the impression that he actually knew what he was doing. Aside from his music and classroom teaching, Peter gave many years of loyal service to the Corps, assisting **Richard Copas BEM** (S 1963 – 2001) in the RAF Section, running the Section's annual camps and even assisting at Adventure Training (though here he did draw the line somewhat, opting to bring his own portable loo to the muddy Lakeland field that served as a campsite).



Flt. Lt. Detton

I shall long remember the pleasure of accompanying Peter in the Brahms G Major Sonata and – one of his favourites – Massenet's famous *Méditation* from *Thaïs* (leaving not a dry eye in the house).

Oliver Sutton (k & T 1989 – 96) died in October 2021. His brother **Toby** (T 1989 – 94) writes: Olly's life began in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on 23rd January 1978. In remembering him we remember a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a colleague and a friend, whose energy and genuine warmth marked him out as a rare find in the worlds of those who knew him.

Olly started as a dayboy at Holmewood House in Kent, before being welcomed into Gresham's Prep. as a boarder in 1989, prior to entering Tallis two years later. At Gresham's, he thrived and quickly established many close friendships as he and his classmates studied together – friendships that would last a lifetime and span many countries across the globe. Although a very able learner, he is likely best remembered during his time at Gresham's for his sporting prowess, competitive spirit, and his enthusiasm both on and off the rugby field.

Playing hooker, he was regularly selected for school A-teams. He toured France with Holmewood, he represented Norfolk and the Eastern Counties whilst at Gresham's



Oliver Sutton

Olly as hooker



and perhaps more frequently than ideally ending up with a concussion, having never quite learned to tackle with his arms and not his head! Olly was a sportsman by nature, outside of school, skiing and cycling being two of his favourites – he even cycled some 600 miles to our parents' home in the South of France one summer.

After graduating from the School of Economics at Bristol University, Olly spent time in Amsterdam before beginning a successful career in banking at ABN Amro (later RBS) in London in 2001. It was there on the trading floor that he was to meet his future wife, Alexandra, whom he'd marry six years later. Throughout an albeit turbulent period in financial history, Olly flourished and went on to become one of the bank's representatives in Moscow. Colleagues speak of a professional whose creativity marked him out as something different, a professional who put people first, whose steadiness and warmth characterised whichever office he made his working home in.

Travel was a huge part of Olly's life, and by the age of 43, he had managed to set foot on every continent, save for Antarctica. He

travelled with a friend from school during his gap year, he spent a honeymoon with Alexandra over seven countries in Africa, and he frequently travelled between Moscow, London, and Dubai for work. His family fondly recall a memorable New Year's Eve spent in Thailand, where he was to be found dancing on a table as we rang in the festivities.

He dedicated great time and affection to his friends, sharing experiences in many countries, from watching rugby in Sydney and at Twickenham, to the Monaco Grand Prix, to becoming a well-recognised member of the expat and sporting communities in Moscow. He was a truly global citizen in his friendships, and the first one to go the extra mile for those around him.

As the 2010s wore on, he began to focus on finding a new purpose for his acumen. Moving back to London, and eventually out of the banking world, saw the inception of a shift into property development, albeit still in the company of many familiar faces from his time in the City. In September 2015, it was in the small limestone village of Parwich, Derbyshire, that Olly made a family home. He set about restoring The Old Post Office to its former glory – a swift and contented convert to village life. By March 2018, he and Alexandra had become the proud parents of James, Olivia and Annabella.

Olly could often be found socialising at the “Legion” in Parwich with George, his faithful black labrador, or taking part in one of the village's many social events with

his friends from the Parwich Oddfellows Lodge, where he stood on the recreation committee. The village formed a part of his life, and it was at home in Parwich that he passed away, after losing his battle with bowel cancer, at the age of 43.

In remembering Olly, we remember many different people. We remember a treasured member of our families, a sportsman, a traveller, a truly selfless friend. We remember somebody who managed to fit more into 43 years than most people would into several lifetimes; somebody with a genuine love for life and the people in it, and, as said of him by his family and friends, the best person to sit next to at any table.



Olivia Riley (E 1997 – 99) died in May 2022. Her former housemaster, **Richard Peaver** (S 1971 – 2009), writes: It was with a sense of shock that I learned of Olivia's tragic death, which was widely reported in

the national media. She had been walking her three beloved dogs along Cheyne Walk in Chelsea very early one Saturday morning when they were all struck by a speeding car and died at the scene. Olivia had been working fulltime managing the relationships with all the publishers of her stepmother, the bestselling author Lucinda Riley. She will be remembered for her gift for friendship and her sunny disposition, which would light up any room that she entered. A kind-hearted, gentle, courageous and loving person, she is deeply missed by her many friends and our hearts go out to her family in their untimely loss. Olivia's sister, **Leonora** (c & O 2004 – 19) has composed the following poem, entitled "A Light Unbroken", as a tribute to her:

A light that always shone so brightly,
shall not be dimmed.
Darkness yields no control over her tenderness,
engulfing her loved ones with boundless elation

A strength that survived cruelty and resentment
shall not be weakened.
Her scars turn to shards of blinding light,
illuminating the world on her shoulders

A joy that raised spirits in all that met her,
will be forever cherished,
radiating through cloaks of aversion,
attempting to break her impenetrable spirit

A grace that has mesmerised many,
shall not be washed away,
surviving even the roughest of seas,
bubbling into flickers of luminescence on the
shores of Suffolk.

A deep, unconditional love that has changed
us eternally,
shall never see an end,
blessing us from the confines of precious
memory,
Olivia's radiance unbroken by the setting
of the sun.

John Rayner (S 1963 – 2002) died in September 2022. **Steve Benson** writes: John arrived at Gresham's in 1963 straight from St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. From the start, he showed all the characteristics of a fine, all-round schoolmaster. In his first term he taught 32 periods, including Oxbridge tutorials, refereed rugby four times a week, was House Tutor to **Jumbo Burrough** (S 1946 – 82) at The Lawns (the waiting house for Tallis) and directed house plays for Woodlands and OSH simultaneously. I believe they call it "Induction" these days...

In 1964 her married Jenny, who became Reception Class teacher at Holt Primary. The Rayners' hospitality in Woodlands Close after Sunday chapel provided a



John Rayner

much appreciated liquid hour for the younger staff where the School and the world were put to rights. Amongst John's many activities in the ensuing years to 1978 were editing *The Gresham*, heading the English Department, introducing General Studies in the 6th form, running tennis throughout the School and that most thankless of jobs – potentially – the coaching of the 2nd XI hockey. As master in charge of hockey, during much of that time I had good cause to be grateful for John's patience, philosophical approach and cheerful support. Perhaps most of all he brought the joy of drama to generations of Greshamians. In 30 years of directing, John produced 23 house plays and musicals, in addition to all summer plays, mostly in the Open Air Theatre.

In 1978 John and Jenny took on the job for which Gresham's has most cause to thank them. The number of girls had grown gradually in the 1970s (under the watchful eye first of **Mai Frampton** and then **Neredah Baxter** (S 1974 – 78) and then Gresham's decided to open a full-blown house, adapting the buildings opposite Howson's, once the site of the first Sanatorium. Oakeley House was the Rayners' creation. They fought not a few battles for the girls, arranged games and activities for them, instituted the Leavers' Ball and, for 15 years, devoted themselves to the difficult task of developing the co-educational side of the School. By the time they retired from Oakeley, that job was well and truly done and there were three girls' houses and over 200 girls in the Senior School. For me, the key moment was

John's direction of Oakeley's first House Play, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* in Big School in 1979. Boys who came to ogle or mock were awed by the brilliance of the production.

John and Jenny entered fully into the social life of the Common Room, especially after the move to palatial new facilities with the opening of the lamentably named "CFB" in 1970. Parties of all kinds were held – dances, too – and much family fun was enjoyed. Logie Bruce-Lockhart appointed many young staff in the 60s and the bonds of friendship amongst colleagues were consolidated as their children arrived – including, of course, **Ben** and **Emily**. Staff plays became calendar fixtures, with John taking on many a cameo role. The staff cricket XI had a full fixture list involving several local cup competitions and John donned his whites with the best. Often with an engaging limp, he played several heroic innings, once hitting a prodigious six off a ferocious Sheringham fast bowler on what used to be the Recreation Ground and is now a housing estate. It is said that on a summer's evening the ragged cheer from a ghostly staff XI, doomed to another defeat, may still be heard by the psychic.

He always managed to introduce at least one word or phrase I'd never heard before every week over the coffee break. For the last decade of his career at the School he became the Schools Liaison Officer, Press Officer and "Publicity Wallah" (to use John's own words) and was founding editor of the School's Newsletter and

Arts Brochure. In addition, he took on the editorship of the OG Magazine and became OG Club Coordinator. These jobs and publications utilised John's literary, creative and coordinating skills, and his genial, persuasive powers.

John's level-headedness (he was a Yorkshireman by birth, after all), his good humour, his well-developed sense of the absurd, his unchanging appearance (a little greyer, but otherwise just the same decades on), his sociability, his kindness, his scholarly approach to his subject and his willingness to take on such a wide range of tasks with skill and success, will be remembered with gratitude by generations of Greshamians, old and young, male and female, and by his many Common Room friends too.



Tiff Sands

Tiffany Youngs (née Sands) (B 1999 – 04) died in June 2022, having suffered from cancer for many years. Her courage, cheerfulness and positivity, supported by the devotion and love of her husband **Tom** (k & T 1995 – 2004) and her family, were an inspiration to all who knew her.



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Letters

 Dear Richard,

Thank you for the most recent edition of the Magazine which arrived here in Australia just before Christmas and therefore was great reading over the holiday period.

The most interesting part for me was the publishing of the picture of members of the cadet force on a visit to BAOR in Germany in 1959. That's me immediately to the right of, and dwarfed by, Colonel Williams, who led the cadet force.

The announcement just before this trip that National Service was to end in 1960 meant that the British Army would need greater numbers. So this trip invited interested

cadets from several schools with a cadet force to experience first-hand life in the Regular Army. We were ferried across the Channel from Harwich to Hook of Holland in HMT *Vienna*, which was built in 1929, had a flat bottom, and, we learned on the return trip, had sunk twice during World War 2. It was scrapped in 1960.

I had been CSM at Gresham's that year (my last year at the school) and as I went on board I was grabbed by an Army officer, who said, "Sar'-Major, you can take charge of this deck, and when you choose a bunk, I suggest it be on the top row." That turned out to be good advice, as young seasick cadets in bunks three high are best situated below you!



Greshamians inspect the Chieftains



After a train journey across Holland and part way across Germany we were billeted at Hobart Barracks in Detmold, previously built for Hitler's Luftwaffe pilots, with stairs, wall and floors all made of the finest marble. We were taken out each day onto the Sennelager Ranges in the new Chieftain tanks, driving them and firing their guns, plus one outing in a huge Conqueror tank.

All in all, it was a great visit and on the final night we had a farewell meal at a local German restaurant. One of our number

who was studying German at Gresham's was designated to do the ordering. After three attempts, the young waitress said, "Silly boy, I speak very good English, much better than your German!!"

Colonel Williams was a great man and had, under his care, a well-trained and disciplined cadet force of 270 at that time.

Kind regards,

Dr. Ralph Slaughter (c & W 1949 – 59)

(Ralph adds that when he tripped and fell up the stairs in Hobart Barracks, he learned two things. First, that marble is very hard and, second, that German lager at that time had a higher alcohol concentration than the English version! – Ed.)

The Old Greshamian Club

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