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From the Chairman of The Old Greshamian Club

Dear OGs,

Welcome to another edition of the OG Magazine.

The magazine is, as usual, packed full of interesting articles from and about OGs far and wide as well as reporting on this year's packed calendar of events. My thanks go to Richard Peaver in undertaking the phenomenal job in producing this magazine and making it such an interesting read. Huge thanks must also go to Jo and Mary for all their efforts in delivering the many opportunities for OGs to get together that are recounted in this edition.



As I come to the end of my time as Chairman I look back, not just at my term as Chair, but at how the OG Club and OG sport in particular has been such a great opportunity for me, not only to keep in touch with my peers but also meet other OGs from across the years. For me it started playing rugby with the OG XV 35 years ago, then hockey with the HOGS just over 25 years ago, and also running and supporting the Round Norfolk Relay. I thank everyone who has given up their time not only to organise these and all the other opportunities there are to reconnect with the School and fellow OGs but also those who just come along and take part.

Robert Dale (T 1979 – 84)

From the Headmaster

Dear OGs,

Welcome to the 2023 magazine. I hope you will enjoy news and reminiscences from the past year and beyond. Please do come and visit the School at any stage, the campus is much changed, and we would be delighted to show you around. I would like to remind you that we employ an archivist who is always willing to research your time at school, or perhaps a relative. Please do make use of this fantastic resource.



With all good wishes,

Douglas Robb

Abbreviations

OSH	Old School House
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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' A Arkell

k Kenwyn (Junior School, then Prep. School)
 c Crossways (Junior School, then Prep. School)
 o Old School House (when part of the Junior School)

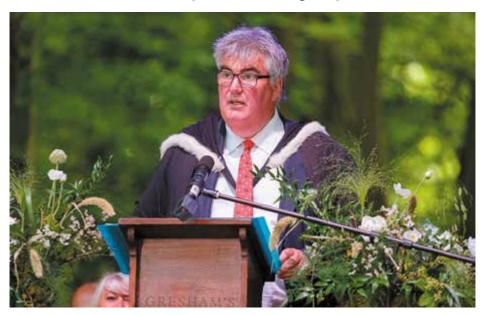
B Bengal Lodge (later became Farfield)

D Dayboy (pre-war)

N Newquay dayboy (during the wartime evacuation)

S Staff

Headmaster's Speech Day Speech, 2023



Joff and Magdalen, Mr. Chairman and fellow Governors, Prime Warden and Lady Fish, Ladies and Gentlemen: good morning and welcome to Speech Day. Please do make yourselves comfortable, but I hope you will not be here for too long! I have long planned the illusive one-hour Speech Day, but the nearest I have managed is one hour and 14 minutes before now.



2022 – 23 has been another outstanding year for Gresham's. I sometimes have to pinch myself to believe what has happened here in the last nine years. Gresham's has record historical pupil numbers and a set of outstanding academic results. We compete across many sports at a national level, we have a music and drama offering which is frankly astonishing and puts others to shame. We have an estate which compares with any public school in the country and exceeds most; but more important than any of this, we have a school of happy children.

The Strategic Plan through to 2025 talked about an abundance of excellence and I really do feel we are seeing that now. But before this descends into a propaganda speech by a South American tin-pot dictator, this is not only my opinion. The Independent Schools Inspectorate came and visited at the start of this term — only fifteen months overdue. The whole staff worked very hard across the board to achieve the report, which was incredibly and almost overwhelmingly positive. The burden of preparation fell on the leadership team but the whole staff had their part to play, admin, support, catering, grounds, cleaning and of course academic. It was such a pleasure when the governors were able to thank everyone, all 425 staff, at a drinks party at the end of the half term, a late and long evening. Of course, the parents and pupils also did their bit, the responses to the surveys and all the pupil engagement were incredibly positive, something which the inspecting team found overwhelming. So, I thank you all for your input and support.

The other major aim of the current Strategic Plan is to widen access to a Gresham's education for as many as possible and I want to thank all of you who, on top of the huge commitment of school fees, donated to the Giving Day last week, which raised a tremendous amount. The work of the Gresham's Foundation in raising an endowment to support bursaries has really taken off under Ed Margetson's leadership and will play an increasingly important role in the future. We have had an astonishing example of philanthropy in the form of the Dyson building, which is the largest single gift to any school in modern history and has given incredible opportunities to our pupils. This has been followed by another extraordinary gift from a former pupil, allowing the School to purchase Holt Hall, which I believe will transform our estate for the next 100 years. This project will be the most important for Gresham's since the move to the current site in the late 19th century. The opportunity is so exciting and I hope to be able to share further news of the plans in due course. At present we are trying to take the North Norfolk planning officers well out of their comfort zone with a scheme which will be of huge benefit to all of our pupils. More to follow once we have some white smoke from the Cromer conclave.



Relaxing after the speeches

It is customary that I reflect briefly on the leaving year group. They have given us all a huge amount of fun and pleasure over their course here. As I said earlier, the quality of extra-curricular activity has been the best since I have been here. The musical was certainly a highlight – "Phantom" was ambitious, exciting and frankly brilliant. The music has been superb, with the choral

church music, the instrumentation and pop and rock of the very highest quality. Debating, led by Simon Kinder in his 20th year at Gresham's, and the wide range of academic societies, have again offered enrichment opportunities to the pupils. The STEAM offering in Dyson has been a huge leap forward, well beyond what other schools are doing, led by Rob Hazlewood and supported by a whole team of other staff, perhaps most notably Bill Robinson. On the sports field we have seen terrific, skilful and gutsy main sports teams, along with the emergence of boys' football, and girls' football and particularly girls' cricket this year. Rifle shooting continues to dominate under Freddie Grounds, the CCF flourishes under Simon Gates and services have really taken off under Henrietta

Robinson. Duke of Edinburgh achieves in excess of 30 Golds each year under Katie Walton. There really are too many areas of excellence to mention them all. We have had a superb group of prefects led by Tanya and Anton, supported by Nico and Grace. Some interesting beards and haircuts have emerged, despite my protestations and observations! They have worked hard and they have played hard, and that is ultimately what I want them to do...



Cheerful leavers

So, it is time to say some goodbyes. We had an event last night to thank staff and award them a gift or two, but I would like to place on record my thanks to Anne Untereiner, Samara Nche, Elsa Shah, Tarun Shah, Philip Baker, Suzanne Boxleitner, Jamie O'Leary-Leeson and Kaz Higashi...



That leaves us with two others. Sophie Ellis-Retter moves to Belgium to link up with Francis after 23 wonderful years. Sophie has undertaken a number of roles here, finally as the Head of English as a Second Language, and the Coordinator of International Students. Sophie is a wonderful colleague who has time for everyone and has always championed the pupils and mothered them spectacularly. She has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the former pupils and will be very sorely missed; however, Holt and The Hollies will remain a centre of gravity for the family, and we will all look forward to Sophie, Francis,

William and George (if he can fit his shoulders through the door frames) being part of this community for the long term...

Finally, to Tim Hipperson, who leaves us after seven years. Tim has been a superb Deputy Head, who has led with energy and commitment. He has always had time for the pupils here and has been a loyal and hugely hard-working colleague. His academic leadership, particularly through the pandemic, was outstanding and the navigation of CAGS and TAGS was an enormous challenge which he carried on his shoulders. He is of course first and foremost a super teacher of literature, and this is where he returns to as Head of English back at Oundle. I thank him for all of his support and dedication...

I would like to thank the Governing Body. who give generously of their time and wisdom. Governing is a very big ask and carries real responsibility with little obvious reward. They are of course drawn by a sense of service and led brilliantly by Michael Goff who manages to be both a demanding and supportive boss - quite the balancing act. Thank you all for your generous commitment to this School.



In finishing, I would ask all of the pupils here to take a moment at some stage today to thank your parents, sincerely and properly, for the opportunity of a Gresham's education. You are educated in a gilded world of opportunity and have a responsibility to both take that chance and be thankful for it. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break and will look forward to seeing many of you back here in September in this mullet-free world! For those moving on, you are ready for anything, and I hope you embrace every challenge and opportunity that comes your way. Good luck.



Joff at the podium



Amen at the podium

The Guest of Honour this year was Jonathan ("Joff") Beckett (OSH 1971 – 75), Managing Partner and Chief Executive of Burgess, the leading worldwide luxury yacht brokers. Joff gave a witty and modest description of his time at Gresham's, where in fact he excelled in many fields, ending as Head of School. However, the main thrust of his message was that personal qualities of integrity, hard work, friendliness, kindness, willingness to learn and reliability count for much more in the long run than paper qualifications, important though these are.

The Guest of Honour at the Prep. School Speech Day was **Amen Iseghohi** (H 1988 – 91), the influencer, author, inspirational speaker and life coach.

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Each enclave of the library represents a genre. You can explore the genres whilst moving through the library. By clicking on each author, you can learn about their life, their inspiration, and the remarkable books they have written. Some of our living authors have created a video which you can play to hear more about their story and connection with Gresham's.

Using the actual Gresham's Library for the basis of this virtual experience connects Gresham's School and the OG authors. It makes it full of memories and nostalgia in a space where it all began for many of them. And for our current pupils and aspiring authors, this virtual library serves as a beacon of inspiration. It not only documents the achievements of our OG authors but also kindles the flames of creativity within each individual.

The Virtual Gallery is a tool, but it is also a celebration of our school's literary heritage, connecting generations of writers, readers, and dreamers.

If you have a published item, please let Jo know in the OG office and we will be delighted to add it to the Library.



Arkell House

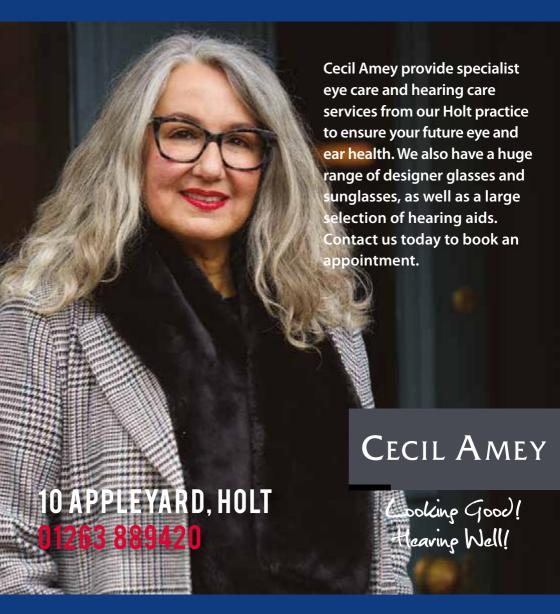


A new, co-educational day house, Arkell, was officially opened in September by **John Arkell** (HM 1991 – 2002), accompanied by Douglas Robb and some of Arkell's new pupils. Arkell is the first day house at Gresham's and follows the model of an independent day school, closing at 5.30pm each day. To reflect this, the school fees are similar to those of local independent day schools.



Pupils in Arkell can enjoy the depth and breadth of a Gresham's education all other alongside day and boarding pupils, and are encouraged to participate fully in the academic and co-curricular activities on offer. The provision by Arkell of additional day places at the school relieves pressure on the existing houses, which will remain mixed single-sex day and boarding, and will benefit from more space to accommodate potential boarders.

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Reunions and Events in the Past Year





On a cold and frosty day in December 2022, eight Old Greshamians who left in 1982 – Charlie Penrose, Henry Brewis, Peter Withers, Jeremy Hall, Adam Pointer, John Gillett, Nick Cardoe and Mike Crafer – gathered to celebrate 40 years since leaving. Although many of us had kept in touch, it was great to be together and recount many funny stories from our time at the school. We had a very enjoyable tour by Ed Margetson of the new school buildings, including the CFB, Dyson Building, Britten Building, Auden Theatre and of course the Chapel, finishing with a tour of Tallis. A very entertaining lunch was held at the newly refurbished Feathers Hotel in Holt, which continued well into the afternoon. Sadly, we were not able to watch any of the school XV rugby due to the frozen ground. A big thank you to Ed and Jo Thomas-Howard for organising the day and to the OG Club for their generous contribution to lunch. The school looks in fine form and is going from strength to strength!

1983 Leavers Reunion



Imagine going back to where you were at 18 years old? Well, on the penultimate weekend of the summer term 2023 a few 58-year-old OGs returned to Gresham's for a reunion to do just that.

Some had travelled a long way to be there. One from New Zealand, and others the Middle East and Eastern Europe, together with the rest of us from all corners of the UK. However, everyone had a very enjoyable time and we are all looking forward to doing it all over again sooner rather than later. Thank you from all that attended to Jo Thomas-Howard and the OG Club for organising this event, to Gresham's for hosting an excellent lunch and allowing us all to tour the school as it stands in 2023, and to former staff members Alan Ponder and Richard Peaver for coming along and updating us on school things.

On arriving back at school it became very apparent that the old school has changed a lot. However, during the tour of the school the majority of the buildings we grew up in emerged from where they are nestled amongst the new school architecture built up over the last 40 years, to take us back to our memories of life at Gresham's in the 1980s.

It was a great event to rediscover the mutual friendships built up as teenagers whilst at school, and despite being buried in the time that has passed us by, these friendships have not changed at all. Finally, many thanks in particular to Richard Peaver for jamming out "Jerusalem" on the new organ in the old school chapel, which like a man with a magic time machine, took the class of '83 back to being 18 again for just a short moment in time.

1985 Oakeley Leavers Reunion

Saturday 22nd October was the auspicious and eagerly anticipated reunion of a bunch of Oakeley girls at Stamford. A sunny and tasty day had been planned for us, and we dined first in the elegant orangery of Burghley House and later in an ancient upper room of a hostelry in Stamford itself. There was one moment of near disaster when a horse careered wildly towards us, with no rider, in Burghley Park but he soon turned tail and we carried on happily chatting away with friends we had not seen in many moons. Thanks so much for the OG subsidies of our jollities and let's hope we shall meet again before too long!



Back L to R: Catherine Holland (Willey), Airlie Inglis (Carver), Diana Frank (Palmer), Fiona Child, Rachel Steward; Middle: Nikki Child (Faulkner), Maria Cornish, Augusta Biehly (Rotsas), Charlotte Ellerby (Durrant); Front: Teresa Wyness (Jefferies), Melissa Masters, Pippa Harrold, Amanda Joly (Atherton), Anna Cornish, Sarah Markham, Sophie Peterson, Emma Bravery (Chellew)

Charlotte Ellerby (née Durrant)

2003 Leavers Reunion



We'll go down in Gresham's history the "Class of 2003" but with most of our vear joining in 1998 it was hard not to see many welcome glances over the shoulder to that magical late 90s summer when we first met at Gresham's senior fresh school: from summer disappointment in World Cup а (Beckham's red card in

France, the Lionesses getting beaten in Australia) and with a remarkable throwback to yesteryear ringing in our ears (Kylie topping the charts in both eras) we gathered as

many nearly-40-year-olds to the parade ground and Big School to relive the nineties and noughties as best we could. As they say, history doesn't repeat itself, it LeAnn Rimes. For Pete's sake, even bucket hats are part of the England Cricket Team's official clobber these days: the 90s are back...and so were we! (Insert Chumbawumba Tubthumping as soundtrack.)

Thanks first and foremost to Ben Dawson and Zoe Chandy who have been awarded their school colours in the sports of Organising and Encouragement and much appreciation all around for their efforts in getting the ball rolling, getting a date fixed and getting people turning up - thank you to The Moon and Back.

3pm Saturday Kick Off: Not since the turn of the Millennium have so many of us been so tempted to do quite so many doughnuts in the parade ground. All urges resisted and wanting to show the school that Everything is Gonna Be Alright, we quickly fell back in line with old habits: 20-year-old jokes and nicknames made Everybody Get Up and on board to have a Real Good Time.

First stop: Big School. Apologies to the Archivists, not a great photo of us all. The truth is that No Matter What time elapses between visits, Big School will Freak Me Out and I think I speak on behalf of all the class of 2003 that the terror of exams in that place have left us all with some location-based nerves. Luckily the hall was decked with bottles of Peroni, which isn't quite the Christmas carol but probably plays into the 90s lad mag theme that was developing Deeper Underground.

School tour: Someone had ordered the Sunmachine and any of us left wishing for more refreshments and banter in Big School were quickly assured that we Didn't Want to Miss a Thing. We saw the wonderful new STEAM building and, not jealous of these new facilities at all, we were gratefully reassured to hear that a commemorative plaque for Dave's Diner is going up in the building soon - probably the only oversight of the otherwise flawless build.

Moving on to the Britten Building, we saw that God might in fact *not* be a DJ but is, it turns out, a recital hall and a cafe called Tig's. Sadly no Tig about to assita with the barista, so we headed instead to see the Chapel, where a successful sale of the organ has really opened the place up - a Changing Rooms that 90s-noughties heroes Lawrence Llewelyn Bowen and Carol Smilie would've been proud of.

One of my highlights of these reunions is experiencing the power of time travel. Hearing someone use an old nickname, seeing an old classroom or a corridor where someone told a joke you somehow still remember, hearing friends re-kindle conversations after a

20 year wait as if they'd just paused to run back to the house to fetch a forgotten giant lever-arch file - these are as good as firing up the DeLorean and transporting us back 20+ years. The school is full of good and bad memories, of course, but in the grand scheme of things we come back Because We Want To and we want to because the times we had were good and created cherished memories - and I'm personally very grateful for that and getting a sunny afternoon to wallow in the memories of those five years puts me and others like me into a very lucky bucket of folk who enjoyed their school days and enjoy remembering them with good friends from those happy days. The most vivid time travel moment for me was watching some of our group walk away from Chapel towards the old pavilion across the lawns and cricket pitch; the sun was setting, the shadows were long and the beauty and luckiness of the school are, for me, on best display. Some view that. Coulda been late summer 1998 for all I knew. It was actually time to get some more miles on the clock and wander down Nostalgia Avenue and Sentimental Street.

Like any good school party, we split up, boys to the boys' houses and girls to the girls' and we went to embrace our fast-approaching middle-age head-on with plenty of "it was much draftier when I was here" and "cor blimey! Internet in the houses?!? They don't know how good they've got it" comments flying about. I'm speaking on behalf of the boys group only - I'm sure the other group were far less predictable but the lads really fell into our clichés with a Perfect 10.

Some things never change: school food is better than people like to admit, Auden Theatre wine magically makes its way into backpacks and bags for consumptions later on, and Coopers' Shack is still standing. How? Glad it is, whatever the geo-structural answer might be.

After a cracking meal we headed into the bright lights of Holt, where luckily the Feathers had reserved the entire dining area for our leisure, so there was no worry about a little Crush.

Early in the organising of the event, I thought to myself, What Can I Do to bring something fun to the event: a playlist of Dave's Diner Anthems for the pub afterwards was my answer, so we bopped away to the tunes of our youth. Some of our party were kind enough to survey the trendsetting local youth and reports back to HQ were that our taste in music is exquisite and that everything since our heyday is a pale imitation - Mysterious Times.

All in all, it was clear to all that No Matter What we could still have a great time after all these years.

Lovely to see the school again. Hopefully more faces make it to the next one, you were missed if you weren't there. If you were, thanks for making it. And thanks to the school for hosting and catering, and in particular to Jo and Ed for being fantastic guides and hosts.

Mark Hanington



2013 Leavers Reunion

Nearly 50 OGs, partners and staff returned to Gresham's for their 10-year reunion. This was a special day full of nostalgia and reminiscing. The day started with a thrilling cricket match, with big thanks to Nick Thomas for stepping in as umpire. OGs were grateful to receive a tour of the new Dyson and Britten buildings before enjoying wood-fired pizza and Pimms. Conversations and laughter flowed well into the evening, and it was almost as if no time had passed at all.

Firstly, I must say a huge thank you to the reunion committee that sparked from some comments on a Facebook post last year. Nathan, Pandora, Charlie, Max, PPK and mostly to Dainnah for bringing this event to life! Another enormous thanks goes to Jo Thomas-Howard for her advice and support and the wider OG Club as a whole for their generous donation to make this day possible. And of course, thank you to all of you for coming from far and wide to be here.

I don't know about you, but my schooling is often a source of fascination to new friends and colleagues. Once boarding school is dropped into conversation, the questions don't stop. I feel lucky to be able describe with great pride and warmth my time at Gresham's. I didn't appreciate until after what a precious bubble we grew up in. I honestly had a wonderful time with all of you and it is a pleasure seeing where we have all journeyed since.

It is ten years, almost to the day, since I was stood in front of you in the theatre in the woods. I think the crux of my speech was essentially how ready and grown up we were for the next stage in life. Now I'm not sure how accurate that was, but nonetheless I'm sure our 18-year-old selves would be so proud of what we have achieved now we are in our, dare I say, late twenties.

This group has seen a myriad of new careers, degrees, travel, business ventures, love, marriages, babies! And I hope we can celebrate and share in everyone's personal and professional successes today. But, as we have enjoyed the fruits of adult life I'm sure we have all also been hit with realities and hardships of adult life our 18-year-old selves could never have predicted. May that be loss, loss of love, ending of relationships, professional disappointments, health crises. And of course, nothing has been a more harrowing reminder of how cruel and fleeting this grown-up life can be than the devastating loss of our classmates Katja, Devante and Teddy. I'm sure those who knew them well have been sharing memories of them today.

Preparing for today, I've been thinking about why school friends are so special. Maybe it's something about the shared experience of going through the most awkward stage of our lives together? Really, I think what it comes down to most is the fact your school friends knew you and loved you for you were, before who you truly knew who you were yourself.

So, again, thank you all for coming and here's to us - to the class of 2013!

Sophia Haywood

London Drinks

Fishmongers' Hall was once again the setting for the annual London Drinks in November 2022. As usual, the age range of those attending varied from under 20 to over 80 and the success of the evening was indicated by the fact that it was still going strong when the time came to go home (or to progress to other watering holes).

















South West Reunion



The South West Reunion Lunch took place in early June in Dorset. Twenty-eight OGs and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch in a beautiful location. Our thanks to **Lord Bradbury** (The Hon. John Bradbury, H 1953 – 58) and his family for very kindly hosting the event.

Frankfurt



The first European Old Greshamian drinks event took place in Frankfurt in November 2022. Thank you to everyone who attended; it was a lovely evening. We look forward to organising more overseas OG events in the coming years.

Hong Kong





Over 30 OGs, former and current parents gathered on Thursday 14th September 2023 at the Hong Kong Club for drinks and light supper hosted by Trevor Yang (F1974 – 79). It was a wonderful opportunity for all invited to mingle, chat and reminisce about their days and experiences of Gresham's both in the past and more recently. It was the first time this event had been hosted and there certainly was a great enthusiasm for it to become a regular date in the calendar. Douglas Robb



(Headmaster) was in attendance with Dominic Atkinson (Deputy Head Co-Curricular) and welcomed all the guests and hoped they will continue to keep their close links with the School.

Dominic Atkinson

Mad Dogs and English People

Humphrey Glennie (k & T 1998 – 2004) organised just before Christmas 2022 what has in recent years become an annual Old Greshamian get-together: a cold water reunion in the sea at East Runton. Hardy – one might even say, rash – OGs who "enjoyed" the swim were **Melissa Masters** (O 1983 – 85 & S 2014 –), **Ali Cargill** (F 1984 – 89), **Louisa Oldham** (née Peaver) (c & E 1991 – 2002), **Saskia Sims (née Payne)** (c & B 1994 – 2004), **Ben Pienaar** (T 2001 – 05 & S 2020 –), and **Adam Stickler** (k & F 1999 – 2005). Onlookers who provided onshore encouragement (but were relieved not to be participating) included **Richard Peaver** (S 1971 – 2009), **James Glennie** (F 1969 – 74), **Kate Pienaar (née Waters)** (c & O 1997 – 2005) and **Arabella Stickler (née Peaver)** (c & E 1991 – 2005).

Tell Me The Truth About Love



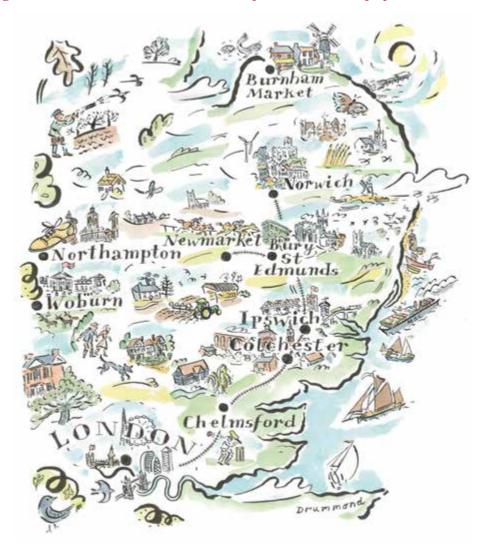
On 7th February "Tell Me The Truth About Love" was presented in Fishmongers' Hall at the school. Charting the relationship between **W. H. Auden** (F 1920 – 25) and **Benjamin Britten** (Baron Britten of Aldburgh OM CH, F 1928 – 30), the performance wove together biographical details with extracts from letters and diaries. Scripted and read by **John Smart** (S 1985 – 2006), **Paul Hands** (S 1992 – 2018) and **Steve Benson** (S 1963 – 84), the story of Auden's and the composer's relationship was complemented by performances of Britten songs by soprano Jayne Jones, accompanied by **The Rev. Angela Dugdale MBE DL** (S 1987 – 96) and Wyatt Earp. The group perfectly conveyed the story of a relationship that seemed at first to bring out the best of each man's genius, but finally ended in misunderstanding and regret.

Prefects' Dinner

On 8th March, the prefects enjoyed a dinner with some of the OG Club at The Feathers Hotel in Holt. The evening started with everyone getting to know each other, chatting. The food was delicious. Some fascinating and hilarious stories were recounted and house memories and traditions were shared from then and now.



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It was amazing to meet people from many different backgrounds and careers and lovely to hear about the opportunities available through the OG Club going forward. It was an evening of lots of laughter, exchanging many stories, ending with walking back to school in the snow!

On behalf of the prefects, we thank the OG Club for the delightful event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tanya Peters

Forthcoming events – dates for your diary

Class of 1984 (Robert Dale) - 01.06.24

Class of 1989 (James Morgan) - date tbc

Class of 1994 (Jo Beardshaw) - 02.11.24

Class of 1999 (Hayley Dixie) - 25.05.24

Class of 2004 (Hannah Lacey) - 28.09.24

Class of 2014 - organiser required!

Class of 2019 (Laura Mitchell) - date tbc

Royal Norfolk Show

This year's theme was "Dirt or Pure Gold?". Could turning dirt into rich, nutrient-filled soil be a solution to global warming? The stand featured a Cube Root – a magical 3D space where AI technology and algorithmic botany connect you with the underground world.













Development and The Gresham's Foundation

Dear Old Greshamians,

It has been another busy academic year here at Gresham's. As you will all recall, a Gresham's academic year is a rather full one! To see the School in full flow is certainly something we no longer take for granted.

We have been delighted to see a large number of events and reunions take place during the year, as well as many visits by OGs and their families. This year sees another wide-ranging OG Club and Development Office events programme, including



multiple year-group reunions taking place both at School and in London, an OG reunion in Yorkshire, events receptions in both Germany and Hong Kong, and a lunch for our legators (The Sir John Gresham Society) that will be hosted at Gresham's. We are always keen to welcome you back and wish to expand upon our year-group, regional and international reunions where possible.

Very importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported Gresham's this year; you have made a real difference. Whether you have helped the careers service, arranged or even hosted an OG Club reunion, given to the Nursery & Pre-Prep., Prep. School or Senior School Houses, or if you supported the bursary programme by donating to the Gresham's Foundation, you are helping to enhance the School, further our alumni relations programme, and are helping to provide opportunities for young people to attend Gresham's – thank you all so much.

With regards to the Foundation, I am pleased to say that the Bursary Fund and Bruce-Lockhart Fund, in particular, both continue to receive a great amount of support. Together, the funds are helping to underpin the bursary programme at Gresham's and support the approximately 20% of the Senior School who are in receipt of bursarial provision. The first Bruce-Lockhart Award holder is now with us at School, which is most heartening and pleasing to see. As I hope you know, these awards are being given to local young people who require large if not full bursary support. And the fund is an endowment, meaning the awards will be given in perpetuity and there will be an increasing number of them as the fund continues to grow.

The Gresham's Foundation Giving Day in June was a success and a large number of you and other members of the Gresham's community very kindly supported or got involved and promoted the day. A quite amazing £175,000 was raised in total, all of which has gone towards either the Bursary Fund or Bruce-Lockhart Fund (the Giving Day donor list appears on p.34). Thank you to everyone who supported or helped to promote the School's charitable objectives on or before the day itself.

Looking ahead, donors to the Gresham's Foundation will play an increasingly important role, especially when it comes to offering bursary support to families that require it. With the quite possible changes in store for independent schools over the coming years, there will be at least a temporary need to increase the already sizeable amount of annual support that the Foundation provides the bursary programme at School. Please know, therefore, that any support you have given, or any donation you might make over the coming years, is simply vital and means the School can both maintain but hopefully grow the number of bursaries that it can offer. We cannot overstate the importance of donors' support.



Lastly, following this is some information on the School's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) outreach programme that I thought would be of interest. The School is delighted to oversee and host such a programme, which is strengthening our links with local state schools and having a real impact on hundreds of local young people. If you would like to know more about Gresham's widening access and outreach programmes, please do contact me.

As always, we hope to see a great number of you back at Gresham's or at an OG event outside of Holt this academic year. And please never hesitate to say if you are in the area and able to come by the School, we would be delighted to see you.

Edward Margetson

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A STEAM outreach programme at Gresham's

For the past two years, Gresham's has run an extensive Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) outreach programme for pupils in Year 6 across local state schools. More than 1,100 young people from 35 local schools have come to Gresham's over the two years and taken part in a number of STEAM related activities in the Dyson Building.

The aim of the outreach programme is to engage with a large number of young people from local schools across North Norfolk, promote STEAM and its ever-growing importance in the world, and look to inspire the students, spark their curiosity and encourage them to want to learn more about the subjects. Gresham's is ideally placed to offer outreach support. For a number of years it has been developing its links with local schools, whilst its teaching, expertise and brand-new STEAM Building ensures that it is at the forefront of the teaching of these subjects.



outreach programme involves students teaming up with their peers and undertaking STEAM related projects and activities, a number of which have been devised by the James Dvson Foundation. Gresham's teachers across all five subjects set fun and exciting for tasks the participants, introducing them to new techniques and equipment whilst showcasing the power STFAM. and impact of Projects include building and racing a balloon-powered car,

programming robots to complete tasks, making electromagnets, using AI headsets, and building air-powered rockets that shoot over the Chapel lawn! All challenges are designed to be achievable in a short time period and encourage the students to think creatively and work together.



A Final Competition Day also took place in both summers, whereby the students who showed most promise from each school came back to Gresham's to take part in additional tasks and compete for prizes.

As with all outreach work, an issue that schools often face is the cost of travel so that pupils might attend events and workshops. The support

of a generous family foundation has ensured there is no such worry as travel costs for all schools have been covered thanks to their support. In addition to this, the foundation's gift is contributing towards the materials and equipment used within the programme – vital support that means the programme is as engaging, interesting and informative as possible.

The outreach programme is continuing into its third year and the hope is that we might expand it in the years to come so that other age groups also take part and benefit. Equally, the School will be undertaking further and additional outreach work that focuses on other subjects.

Ed MargetsonDirector of Development



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Eighteen years have passed since the grown considerably since then. Our new and beneath Mandarin, in Rooms 7 and may have been in these classrooms at s by students in the heart of the Library translations.

A colleague of mine asked me earlier th a great question, that I had to do some brought to mind the following quote by I

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It is paradoxical that as an archivist "Ir nothing will change in your lifetime. T that the archiving process itself is a for past for future generations. Archiving en not altered, and that this evidence of o generations.

This year, particularly at Gresham's, ha the death of a monarch and the inaugura were house celebrations, anniversaries, by OG **Richard Chopping** (o & K 1928 as well as a regular stream of enquiries Documenting and preserving these ever has been my pleasure. Gresham's rich I stories as your archivist. You may have may still be doing so today, but I look for maybe one day you'll be part of the arch

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Careers Department

It has been another superb year of OG support and help with a diversity of careers events:

- The STEAM Careers Fair
- · The first Agriculture Conference, which is now an annual event
- Talking to 6th formers at the Business Breakfast
- · The Year 12 Conference
- Giving subject talks, work experience opportunities, mentoring, summer jobs and more by the online platforms of Teams, Zoom and LinkedIn.

To have the support of the Old Greshamian community to help current pupils is superb. Thank you to all who have supported this academic year. I apologise now if I have been remiss and missed you from the list!

September 2022	
Siam Kidd	Enrichment Lecture
William Retter	Postgraduate Apprenticeship talk
Zara Raslan	Degree Apprenticeship talk
Jeremy Turner	Naval Architect Consultant
Paul Mylvaganam	Central Criminal Court Trip with 6th formers
October 2022	
Keith Bunker	STEM Presentation on linking of subjects & careers
Philip Kemp	Becoming a pilot: talk/mentor to current pupil
Tim Armstrong	Presentation to 6th Form parents: PwC entry routes
November 2022	
Anna Flint	Virtual help & advice on 6th form study for veterinary medicine
Josh Brewer	Virtual talk on becoming a pilot
Henry Brewis	Virtual talk on becoming a pilot
Merry Wilkinson	Offer of help with medical pathway
Jack Stewart-Richardson	The Royal Marines
Hannah Farndon	Virtual help with advice on studying Psychology
Kunz Chow	STEAM Week - Virtual F1 Maths Challenge
Robert Dale	STEAM Careers Fair The Dyson Building
Letitia Randell	STEAM Careers Fair The Dyson Building
Lucie Thomas	STEAM Careers Fair The Dyson Building
Jack Spencer-Ashworth	STEAM Careers Fair The Dyson Building
Robbie Patterson	
John Cushing	Drama students' opportunity to attend Thursford
Charles Cushing	Drama students' opportunity to attend Thursford
George Cushing	Drama students' opportunity to attend Thursford
January 2023	
Ali Cargill	Sponsor & Speaker at Agriculture Conference

March 2023 Business Breakfast	
lan Barber	
Philip Webster	
Miranda Marshall	
Alex Atkinson	
Alex Swift	
Tim Hayward	
Peter Knowles	
Edward Plumb	
March 2023 Gap Year information	
Hector Robb	Presentation on Being a 'Gappie' in Sydney
Finn Lowe	Presentation on Being a Geelong College Gappie
Afton Tolliday	Video info on Being a Geelong College Gappie
Florence Kemp	Video info on Being a Geelong College Gappie
Jasmine Loades	Video info on Being a Geelong College Gappie
May/June 2023	
Mark Walker	Offer of KLM work experience
Nathan Lomax	Using LinkedIn presentation to U6th pupils
Deborah Wilson	Virtual call: Working in the Financial Sector
Marietta Hickman	Business Entrepreneur talk: Starting your own business
Grace Pitkethly	Virtual call: Working for the Civil Service
Lottie Alston	Talk on working in Graphic Design
Patrick Walton	Talk: Variety of roles in the Sports sector
Molly Cook	L6th Conference – Studying Art /Living in London
July 2023	
Sam Matthews	Work Experience: Stockbrokers Barratt & Cooke
Jeremy Dugdale	Work Experience at Norwich Family Court
Jason Berry	Help with financial sector work experience
Joff Beckett	Virtual call: Superyacht work experience

Please do reach out to me if you would like to be involved with "giving back".

Sue Osborne

Head of Careers and Academic Enrichment Talks Coordinator sosborne@greshams.com



Gresham's School Enterprises Site Lettings

The vibrancy of term time continued throughout the Easter and Summer holidays this year, with a lively programme of residential lets and activities on the senior school site. The Gresham's Off Grid residential escapes programme for elite football academies continued into its fifth year. Following Tottenham Hotspur, Southampton and Peterborough United last year, this summer we hosted Sunderland, Ipswich Town and Watford U18 and U23 academies. Opposition teams from Kings Lynn Town and Peterborough United came to Gresham's to battle it out against them on the new summer Jubilee Field football pitches.

You may be asking yourself, "why are elite football clubs choosing to stay at Gresham's?" Feedback tells us our appeal is a combination of the school's peaceful, green open spaces, innovative enrichment activities, privacy and good food! Clubs come for pre-season training and team unity building, but their primary aim is to grow players' confidence off the pitch, pushing them outside their comfort zone on the aerial confidence course in the woodland activity centre, building music tracks in the Strathmore Recording Studio, or staging "issue-based" plays in the Theatre in the Woods. Football coaches are finding that performing in front of an audience on stage or behind a microphone, teaches players the same self-mastery skills required to play their best football within a stadium.



Leicester Tigers at the school

In August, we rolled out the Gresham's Off Grid programme to rugby. Our inaugural guests were the Leicester Tigers 1st team – a real coup! – who brought 68 players and coaches for an incredible four days of pre-season training, staying in Oakeley, using the gym, pitches, pool and woodland activity centre. They each consumed 5,000 calories per day, pumped iron in the gym, swam, ran to the beach, trained and certainly tested the strength of the woodland zip wire. The highlight of the week was opening their final training session to the public, welcoming nearly 500 visitors and press on site, including young players from Holt Rugby Club's summer programme. A wonderful day!

You will have also heard orchestras banging out show tunes if you drove past Gresham's this summer. Working with Andrew Lloyd Webber's charity, The Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST), we hosted over 200 disadvantaged children from central London and Bolton for a week's residential music rehearsals in preparation for a final gala performance in the Auden Theatre. The children had been supplied with a free musical instrument and lessons for a year, with the most committed receiving a golden ticket to a free music residential at Gresham's, funded by MISST. They took over six boarding houses and all of our performance venues for an energetic week making the absolute most of the school's amazing music facilities. During the evenings, Gresham's staff led a series of craft, 3D design and outdoor activities for the children, kindly funded by the London Children's Camp charity.

Woven between these major projects were also weddings, community group theatre performances, Norwich City FC football camps, tennis coaching, swimming residentials, orchestra courses, a jazz night and 650 sessions of 22 different regular weekly community sports groups.

Throughout the year, the Commercial team has welcomed an additional 6,000 people across our threshold to experience the Gresham's magic, with the resulting income contributing to bursary support for pupils. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

Amy Pearce
Commercial Director

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Honours and Distinctions



The President meets the Prince

John Cushing OBE (c & H 1949 – 57) was elected President of the Royal Norfolk Show for 2023. He has only missed two shows in the past 73 years, having attended his first, aged 10, in 1950.

Sir Stephen Frears (F 1954 – 59) was appointed a Knight Bachelor in the 2023 King's Birthday Honours for services to film and television.



Sir Stephen

Robert McNeil Wilson (OSH 1977 – 82) is farm director of A. R. Wilson, Ltd., which has been awarded the Ian MacNicol Memorial Trophy, a farm conservation prize awarded by Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.



Peter Blyth (c & T 1983 – 91) won the "Best Original Music Score" Award at the Golden Gate International Film Festival 2022 for his documentary "Still Stoked".



Bishop James presents the Award (Photo N. Punchard)

Toby Sutton OBE (T 1989 – 94) was awarded the OBE in the 2023 New Year's Honours for services to international trade, and to the dyslexia, special educational needs and disability communities. The picture shows Toby (on the right) with Jack Churchill, the co-founder of his company, Scanning Pens, receiving the Queen's Award for Enterprise in 2021.



Tom Youngs (k & T 1995 – 2004) has been inducted into the Premiership Rugby Hall of Fame. He made over 150 Premiership appearances during a 15-year career, earned 28 England caps and three British and Irish Lions test caps on the 2013 tour of Australia.



Celia (L) with teammates

Celia Dupont (c & B 1995 – 2005) was selected for the French National Netball Team, who were runners-up in their division at the European Open Challenge event in Cardiff in May 2023. This was the first time France had taken part in the competition, netball having only been recognised as a national sport in 2020, with trials and selections for the squad taking place in

September 2022. Celia, who, notwithstanding her surname, is British but qualified for the French team by virtue of her longstanding residence in that country, achieved the historic distinction of scoring the first ever goal for France in a netball competition! She has now moved back to Britain after nine years at the International School of Monaco, where she was Assistant Head of Student Performance and Assessment, and has taken up a new post at Notting Hill and Ealing High School.

Claudia Scott (c & E 2000 – 15) graduated with a BDS in Dentistry from the University of Liverpool in 2023 and was awarded the Tom Pitt-Ford Prize in Endodontology, together with Prizes in Oral Diseases and Critical Reasoning. Claudia will be commencing her Foundation training in London.

Eleanor Oldfield (c & E 2005 – 15) was awarded a Distinction in 2022 in her MPerf Master's degree from Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Tammy Wong (c & B 2008 – 15) won a British Gold Medal and the title of British Champion at the annual British Weightlifting Championships in August 2023. She was lying in second place after the snatch portion of the competition with a best of 65kg snatch, 2kg behind the leading

lifter. She then opened with 84kg in the clean and jerk. The lifter who was ahead of her also opened at the same weight, but failed to make a lift, meaning Tammy had secured a Gold Medal, with two more attempts remaining. After a miss at 87kg, she attempted 90kg as her final lift and successfully achieved this, which was a new personal best clean and jerk.

Marietta Hickman (B 2012 – 16) launched her granola snack company, Cheeky Nibble, in May 2021. She has been named a winner of Innovate UK's Young Innovator Awards, which saw her gain a £5,000 grant and a mentor to help grow her brand.



William Dugdale (k & H 2008 – 17) graduated in 2021 with a 1st Class BA in History from the University of East Anglia.

Ben Dugdale (H 2013 – 18) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class BSocSc in Politics from the University of Cape Town.

Sam Bennett (T 2016 – 18) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class BA in French and History from the University of Leeds.

Hattie Reynolds (c & Q 2016 – 23) has been awarded an athletic scholarship to Elon University in North Carolina.





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Engagements, Marriages and Births

We are delighted to announce these happy events. It is assumed that when they are published in the press, or on social media,

OGs are willing for us to record them in the Magazine.

Engagements

Thomas Chapman (k & W 1986 – 94) is engaged to Niki Schafer.

Peter Firth (k & W 1996 – 2002) is engaged to **Katharine Rosser** (c & O 1995 – 2006).

Karl Richardson (W 1997 – 2002) is engaged to Kanokon Pengwanttana.

Dr. Josie Barton (c & O 1996 – 2004) is engaged to David Harding.

Shelly Connolly (c & B 1995 – 2004) is engaged to Jason Jones.

Celia Dupont (c & B 1995 – 2005) is engaged to Charlie Mortelman.

Guy Allen (W 2001 – 06) is engaged to Eleanor Farnham.

Grant Pointer (W 2001 – 06) is engaged to Rosanna Tennant.

Lucy Holt (née Myers) (c & B 2000 – 07) is engaged to Jamie Furby.

Lora Simeonova (O 2004 – 09) is engaged to James Horne.

Hrissi Angelova (O 2008 – 11) is engaged to Stefan Gurdzhekliev

Harry Gill (k & F 2004 – 12) is engaged to Olivia Williams.

Rory Fryer (k & T 2005 – 12) is engaged to **Ellie Sadler** (c & E 2007 – 14).

Emmanuelle Tancred (c & E 2006 – 12) is engaged to Benjamin Mawji.

Charles Field (F 2007 – 12) is engaged to Megan Wrench.

Koo Pin Ying (B 2010 – 12) is engaged to Joe Frazer.

Isobel Blower (c & B 2006 – 13) is engaged to Alistair Ramsay.

Sophia Haywood (c & E 2006 – 13) is engaged to Joe Cook.

Lieutenant Clare Mawson RN (c & B 2003 – 14) is engaged to Lieutenant Harrison Holland RN.

Grace Pitkethly (c & E 2003 – 15) is engaged to **Jamie Farnell** (W 2010 – 15).

Jade Munro (O 2013 – 15) is engaged to Joseph Lee.

Marriages



Claire and Graham

Graham Lewis (c & F 1979 - 86) married Claire Menear in St. Ives in September 2023.

Richard Gomm (k & F 1988 – 99) married Emma Robinson in May 2023.



Iona and Will



Tom and Victoria

Thomas Monument (k & F 1989 – 99) married Victoria Seals in January 2023.



lain and Laura

lain Heaton (k & F 1996 – 2002) married Laura Walmsley in December 2022.

Abigail Hewson (c & E 1998 - 2005) married Dyl Stott in May 2023.

Thomas Meade-Hunt (k & T 2000 – 07) married Nicky Loedolff in South Africa in February 2023.

William Mullan (k & F 2001 – 07) married Iona Humphries-Cuff in July 2023.

Henry Marriner (k & F 2001 – 07) married Mallory Graves in Tennessee, USA, in 2022.



Dom, his father Phil and Kirsty-Lee

Dominic Bosher (F 2002 – 07) married Kristy-Lee Jones in Melbourne in February 2023. The service was conducted by Dom's father, the Rev. Philip Bosher CF.

Ralph Knight (F 2004 – 09) married Jessica Smith in March 2023.

Sophie Pointer (O 2005 – 09) married Mark Williams in March 2023.

Jess Miller (B 2008 – 09) married James White in June 2023. Her father, Alan (S), who had for many years been a key member of the IT staff, was terminally ill but was able to be present at the wedding, which was held in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.



Matthew and Hattie

Captain Harriet (Hattie) Bennett RLC (B 2003 – 10) married Major Matthew Dean RLC in August 2023.



William and Olivia

William Scott (H 2006 – 11) married Olivia Rainey (O 2007 – 12) in June 2023.

Alys Rowley (c & B 2004 – 12) married Tom Pocock in November 2022.

Charles Field (F 2007 – 12) married Megan Wrench in September 2023.





Henry and Olivia

Olivia Bett (c & O 2004 - 13) married Henry Wallis in September 2023.

Pandora Layton (E 2008 – 13) married Oli Johnson in July 2023.

Tom Perry-Warnes (k & W 2009 – 16) married Danielle Bain in December 2022.

Sally Garner (B 2011 – 16) married Thomas Crosby in September 2023.

Births

Congratulations to **Clare Finkemeyer** (c & O 1993 – 2000) and James on the birth of twin boys, Will and Sam.

Congratulations to Emily Fishpool (née Crane) (O 1995 – 2000) and Paul on the birth of Clara Grace in March 2023

Congratulations to **Dr. Lucie Hammond** (née **Spooner**) (c & B 1988 – 2001) on the birth of Leni Meredith Ruby in February 2023.

Congratulations to Louisa Oldham (née Peaver) (c & E 1991 – 2002) and William on the birth of Isabelle Sophia Anne in October 2022.

Congratulations to **Genevieve Dorrington** (née Pott) (E 1997 – 2002) and Bradley on the birth of Margaux Jennifer Suzette in June 2023

Congratulations to **Juliette Visnovsky** (née Peneva) (O 1999 – 2003) and Matt on the birth of Luke Matthew in January 2023.

Congratulations to **Josh Seale** (T 2001 – 03) and Angharad Golledge on the birth of Cecilia Elsa in February 2023.

Congratulations to **Hannah Lacey (née Darby)** (c & O 1996 – 2004) and Tim on the birth of Annabel Katie Jane in November 2022.

Congratulations to **Reeda Ouzerdine** (k & T 1998 – 2004) and Sophie on the birth of Ayla Olivia in October 2022.

Congratulations to Alice Cheyne (née Davies) (E 1999 – 2004) and Rory on the birth of Florence Poppy Raya in June 2023.

Congratulations to **Luke Hedley** (k & F 1996 – 2005) and Katy on the birth of Arlo Maxwell Oliver in October 2022.

Congratulations to **Richenda Gibara (née Gurney)** (c & B 1999 – 2005) and Theo on the birth of Phoebe Richenda Marika in June 2023.

Congratulations to **Annalie Ashwell** (E 2000 – 05) and Tom on the birth of Araminta Ida in October 2022.

Congratulations to **Tom Nichols** (k & H 1991 – 2006) and Alice on the birth of Grace Matilda in December 2022.

Congratulations to **Sarah Bertram Smith** (c & E 1997 – 2006) and Nick on the birth of Olivia Skye in October 2022.

Congratulations to **Abigail Nel (née Howell-Davies)** (c & E 1999 – 2006) and Christo on the birth of Kester Howell in October 2022.

Congratulations to **James Purdy** (F 2001 – 06) and **Dainnah** (née **Liberman**) (B 2011 – 13) on the birth of Theodore Samuel Harvey in January 2023.

Congratulations to **Georgie Thomas (née Darby)** (c & O 1996 – 2007) and James on the birth of Harry Anthony Joseph in February 2023.

Congratulations to Sarah Bridges (née Radley) (c & E 1997 – 2007) and Rikki on the birth Alfie James in June 2023.

Congratulations to **Tom Ingram** (k & F 2001 – 09) and Leanne on the birth of Emily Fifi Florence in February 2023.

Congratulations to **Tristan Allen-Davies** (k & H 2002 – 09) and Ceri on the birth of Octavia in November 2022.

Congratulations to **Emma Nevell Rodrigues** (c & O 1999 – 2010) and André on the birth of Zoé in September 2023.

Congratulations to **Daisy Tresidder (née Searle)** (c & O 2003 – 10) and Henry on the birth of Wilfred George Searle in February 2023.

Congratulations to **Brad Smith** (k & W 2001 – 11) and Abbie on the birth of Olivia.

Congratulations to **Sophie (née Mullan)** (c & E 2004 – 11) and **Edward Sidgwick** (T 2005 – 10) on the birth of Rory Francis Ferrar in June 2023.

Congratulations to **Amber-Rose Barrett** (née Peake) (O 2009 – 11) and Jamie on the birth of Oakleigh Rose in 2022 (actually on New Year's Eve!).

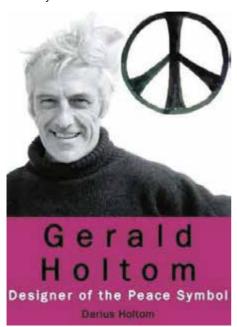
Congratulations to **Alia Haller (née Moller)** (O 2009 – 12) and Nicolas on the birth of Theo Archie in November 2022.

Congratulations to **Max Hunter** (k & T 2006 – 13) and Clarice on the birth of Ted James Antonius in December 2022.

Congratulations to **Gabriella Stilgoe** (c & O 2004 – 16) and Jack Watson on the birth of Cassidy Anne Rose in September 2023.

OG News

Mr. Darius Holtom, the son of the late Gerald Holtom (OSH 1924-31) contacted the school to recommend a new biography of his father that he has written, Gerald Holtom - Designer of the Peace Symbol (Spokesman Books, 2022). senior was born in Sheringham but lived in Holt after the First World War and was educated at The Limes, The Acacias (now The Lawns) and finally at Gresham's. The book tells the story of Gerald's life and has some great descriptions of Holt in the early 1920s, along with descriptions of Wiveton and Blakeney. Gerald discovered his love of art and nature during his time in Holt and his story should be much better known.



Mr. Tom Unterrainer, Chairman of CND, has written: "Gerald Holtom harnessed his

considerable talents in the aid of nuclear disarmament. His symbol expresses a journey from 'despair' to action, turning from deep concern over the fate of humanity to a determination to avert the very worst prospects. The Peace Symbol is familiar to millions: the movement for nuclear disarmament needs Gerald's example to become familiar once more".

Mike Platten (c, k & OSH 1944 - 52) was interested to learn of the acquisition by the school of Holt Hall, as his father had farmed there until Squire Burcham-Rogers sold the estate in 1946. Mike has the unusual distinction of having been in two junior houses. He had boarded at Newquay but became a dayboy once back in Holt. He remembers helping to drive cattle up the High Street after the Friday market to the cattle trucks at the station. By his own admission, he was a bit of a tearaway, and one day was apprehended by Dick Bagnall-Oakeley (OSH 1918 - 27 & S 1931 - 40 & 1945 - 71) while birdnesting with some local friends. He was summoned before the Headmaster, Martin Olivier (HM 1944 - 55), who informed his parents that he did not approve of Gresham's pupils associating with boys from the town and that Mike must either leave the school or become a boarder. Naturally, his parents opted for the latter, and so Mike thinks that he must hold the record for having been the boarder who lived closest to the school - a matter of a few yards distant. After National Service

as an officer in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Mike became a schoolmaster and rose to hold senior office in the OG Lodge.

David Sankey (c & OSH 1944 – 53) (son of **Bernard Sankey**, S 1936 – 70) has added to his recollections of the late Campbell brothers (**Major Colin Campbell**, c & OSH 1946 – 52 and **James Campbell**, OSH 1946 – 53). He writes: "They moved to Holt after the Second World War, living for a short time at Heath Farm, off Hempstead Road. Their father, Major W. A. Campbell, was a very quiet individual who brought back various souvenirs, amongst them two cavalry swords and a bayonet from the 14 – 18 war. One day Jamie, feeling rather frustrated, threw his bayonet towards me, I stupidly putting up my hand to stop it.

"Colin's first wish was to join the Royal Navy. His eyes were not up to scratch, so he settled on the Black Watch. The brothers were blessed with a very talented musical mother who passed on to Jamie the ability to play the violin, whereas Colin simply inherited that natural ability to play any tune on the piano. The brothers loved to visit Major Dunns' second-hand shop in Sheringham. It was there that Colin came across a flute for 1/-. He taught himself to play that with a bit of help from his mother. We remember with delight their playing of their chosen instruments - Jamie the violin and Colin the flute and eventually the pipes, too. They were very proud of their Scottish ancestry and loved to walk across country in their kilts to the Dun Cow in Salthouse for a drink.

"Colin was made a prefect in an effort to stop his practical jokes. It worked. His ability on the sporting field has been written about elsewhere. I have seen him throw a cricket ball from the station yard right across the pitch on the Old School House field and into the garden beyond during a cricket match in the school holidays.

"Jamie injured a knee when jumping down the sand dunes at Blakeney Point shortly before leaving Gresham's. He had always wanted to join the Army, but with a gammy knee, he kept failing medicals. In the end he joined me in London, picking up odd jobs. One day he was chatting to a specialist from St. Thomas's. He told Jamie to do certain exercises. It all took several months, but he passed his next medical and he was off to Sandhurst. After a number of vears' service. Jamie took a "Golden Bowler", as did Colin. Between the Army and India, Jamie travelled to South America, where he planned to ride a horse unaided south along the Andes. He enjoyed the challenge. He eventually ioined Save the Children in India. He loved his time there. He also spent some time, right at the end of hostilities, in Vietnam.

"As a family, they were superstitious and into séances. Often on a winter's evening they would close the curtains and start what I called 'this nonsense'. At some era in the past, a second son of the family had blotted his copybook with a daughter of a wealthy family in Spain. The upshot was that a curse was said to have been put on the second son, should he marry. They both believed it, as that is what kept

happening, and thus they stayed single so that the curse would peter out with no more descendants. The problem was that a first brother had tragically died at birth and so neither Colin nor Jamie could decide who was actually the "second" son."

Richard Atherton (H 1950 – 54) has kindly given the School Archives photographs of his father, **William** (o & H 1918 – 24), at OTC Camp at Mytchett (Aldershot) in 1923.



William Atherton 2nd from R

The Corps also played a significant part in Richard's own career at school, and he attended all four camps and Bisleys during his four-year stay. Knowing how to polish his boots and how to strip a Bren gun "eased my early weeks as a National Service squaddie in the REME". One of his close friends and fellow team member when shooting at school and Cambridge was the Olympian pistol shot **Tony Chivers** (F 1950 – 55). Richard and **Graham Hogg** (c & F 1947 – 54) offered to buy Tony the best dinner they knew in London if he came 5th or better in the Olympics. They were delighted to have to pay up!



Mike on home territory

Mike Stott (W 1952 - 56) has finally retired from his various roles in the world of rugby. He and his wife Margaret were invited as guests of Holt Rugby Club to a celebratory lunch, when the Chairman spoke on behalf of all Mike's supporters to celebrate his career and the enormous impact he has made to so many over the years. The Chairman described how, once Mike's playing days ceased, his reputation as a referee was built and how for many vears he was one of the most respected referees in the regional game. His authority and the tactful discipline he applied to his approach communicated itself to the players, and consequently the games at which he officiated were always that little bit more enjoyable. Because of the regard in which he is held, Mike holds a special place at the heart of Holt Rugby Club.

Michael Curtis (c & H 1951 – 59) recalls that in his last year in Howson's, he was friends with an American, **Thomas H. Beeby** (H 1958 – 59), whose father was Plant Manager of Campbells Soups in Kings Lynn. Thomas left Gresham's in the Summer of 1959 and went to Cornell for five years to study architecture, followed by



Prof. Thomas Beeby

a year at Yale for an MS degree. He taught for a while and then moved to Chicago, where he became one of the "Chicago 7" architects and had an eminent career as a professor of architecture.

Sir Stephen Frears (F 1954 – 59) produced a comedy-drama film in 2022, The Lost King, based around the discovery of King Richard III's remains beneath a Leicester car park.

John Gregory (OSH 1960 – 64) was interested by the recollections of James Cox (OSH 1956 – 61) in the 2021 Magazine. Since 1961 John has had hanging in his various homes an oil painting by Jim of a Bristol Britannia being assembled, presumably at Filton.



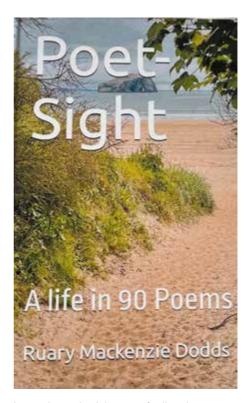
This painting formed a part of the summer exhibition at the school in 1961, and when John's father saw it, he made James an offer, which the young artist presumably couldn't refuse! Jim has subsequently provided this photograph of the painting, taken in the art room as a publicity shot for the school. However, the "artist" posing in this photograph was not Jim, but the late powerboat champion **Tom Percival** (H 1956 – 60)!

Ruary Mackenzie Dodds (H 1960 – 64) writes from New Zealand: "In the UK: Kari and I have been instrumental in setting up a British Dragonfly Society Hotspot at Exbury Gardens in Hampshire. Readers of *The Dragonfly Diaries* will know that we set up both a Dragonfly Sanctuary and, later a Dragonfly Museum on Miriam Rothschild's estate in Northamptonshire, before moving first to Woodwalton Fen and then to Wicken Fen in Cambridgeshire. Our experiences in those four places has enabled us to create a habitat at Exbury that is ideal both for dragonflies and for visitors. It, too, is on a Rothschild estate!

"In New Zealand: We're continuing to nightfilm the elusive 127-million-year-old, burrowdwelling dragonfly, *Uropetala carovei*, the Bush Giant. We still need an emergence sequence, that wonderful moment when the dragonfly larva emerges and transforms into the beautiful adult.

"Besides giving talks to government ministries and the public, we're working with Greater Wellington Regional Council, doing dragonfly talks at their various offices, monitoring dragonflies for them, and co-operating with them on creating a model wetland for farmers to copy. There is still much to be done in terms of raising New Zealanders' awareness of the importance of dragonflies. We have received much moral – and other forms of – support out there from **Bill Studd** (F 1957 – 60), his wife Jenny and their daughter Zoe. I never knew Bill at Gresham's but it's so good to have made such a good friend so far away with so many similar memories.

"In the meantime, I have written a sequel to Luc's War, entitled Luc's War - Desert Gold. And a children's story, Dorigen, the Adventures of a Bronze Age Princess. Both are available on Amazon. I'm also about to produce a volume of poems entitled Poet-Sight. I coined "Poet-Sight" at Gresham's in the first poem I ever wrote. Thanks to encouragement from Logie and John Coleridge (S 1952 - 85), that subsequently led to a Coryphaena for Poetry. The book will contain 90 of the poems I've written during the last 60 years! (Ruary adds that Logie had kindly agreed to write an introduction to the anthology, but sadly died before he was able to do so. Instead, Ruary quotes from a 2015 letter in which the legendary Headmaster praises the collection: "You



have always had that rare feeling that we are at one with a most beautiful world, and at the same time a world inherently tragic because of its transience. I am often reminded of Schubert's compositions, especially his last Piano Sonata, a meditation on beauty, death, tragedy and joy. These are themes inevitable with good poets, but few have got your understanding. Your strong point is the vivid phrase.")

Tim Ewart (OSH 1958 – 65) appeared in the Channel 5 programme "Manhunt" recalling his experience as a young ITN reporter covering what was then the largest manhunt in British history – the 1982 search for a murderer who had killed two policemen and a civilian.

Nigel Dick (c & F 1964 – 1972) was asked by a group of current pupils, "Gresham's Guys", to help them in making a cover version of Britney Spears' famous debut single of 1999, "Baby One More Time". Alongside "Gresham's Girls", who covered the Beatles' "Across the Universe", they released the videos to raise money for the school's charity of the year, Holt Youth Project. Nigel kindly agreed to produce the Spears cover. This was particularly appropriate since it was Nigel himself who produced Spears' original video, which effectively launched her onto the world stage, being described by Rolling Stone magazine as "the greatest debut single of all time". In the course of an award-winning career as director, producer, writer and musician, Nigel, who is based in Los Angeles, has directed many hundreds of music videos, including the Band Aid video "Do They Know It's Christmas?".

Rod Muter (k & H 1970 – 76) writes: "My daughter got married recently and a couple of OGs were present! From L to R: Philip Harston, Henry Harston, William Mullan,

Edward Mullan, Ed Sidgwick, Mark Boyd, Adrian Pearson, Sophie Sidgwick (Mullan), Dave Cole, Ellie Howard, Graeme Pollok, George Howard, Tom Mullan, Rod Muter, Andrew Colman, George Harston and Tim Colman."

Major Frank Froud (W 1974 – 76) is Chair of The Army and Navy Club in Pall Mall, London. In May, he organised the unveiling of a plaque to Lord Nelson, paid for by the Club, near the Admiral's birthplace in Burnham Thorpe, after the original one was stolen.



Dermot and Doris

Roger "Doris" Day (k & F 1971 – 78) has for the last 30 years been running Archway Events, a corporate hospitality and event management company, based in Norfolk,



hosting Sporting Dinners with celebrities, Golf Days (in the UK and overseas), Horse Racing, Sales Conferences and London Theatre Weekends. As a former 1st XV captain of Holt RFC back in the 80s, he still helps them organise their annual club dinner and hosts their annual Golf Day. Roger regularly stays in contact with other OGs, among them **Dermot Chapman** (T 1972 - 77), **Nick Youngs** (F 1976 - 78), **Nick Chesworth** (c & H 1970 - 77) and Bede Bruce-Lockhart (c & H 1971 -79). Since leaving Gresham's, Roger has worked and lived mostly in Norfolk, apart from three years in Mexico City, one year in Detroit and two years in Johannesburg!



Dr. Jerry Lanchbury (OSH 1972 – 78) was very sad to hear of **John Rayner**'s (S 1963 – 2002) death, describing John as "really the best of English teachers". Jerry says that the article in the 2022 OG Magazine by **Jerry Falkus** (k & F 1958 – 67) on rock and roll at Gresham's in the 60s raised a smile, since he was involved in an OSH band with the late **Richard Hand** (OSH 1972 – 77), **Dick Mowser** (OSH 1972 – 77) and **Steve Bentley-Klein** (OSH 1975 – 77). They played a memorable concert in Big School in the summer of 1977 (after Jerry had left school, and with no rehearsal). Jerry Lanchbury went on to found and play in The Stop with **Dr.**

Tim Freegard (c & H 1969 – 77), supporting Duran Duran and The Cure on tour (both of which bands went on to be extremely famous, rich and long-lived!). The photograph shows The Stop in their heyday, in the dressing room while supporting Duran Duran. Tim is on the right and Jerry in the centre.

Commodore David Pond RN (S 1978 – 80) was featured in Anything but Footy podcast #49 as one of the "Great British Bosses". David left Gresham's staff to join the Royal Navy as an Instructor Officer, serving in the RN for more than two decades, followed by consulting, before running Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby, Ltd., from before 2009 through to the Gold medal success at the delayed Tokyo Paralympics. In 2022, David was awarded an honorary doctorate by his alma mater, Loughborough University. This vear, he has served as Chairman of the Wheelchair Rugby European Championships 2023 Delivery Board, while also finding the time, as Director of Ukraine First, to help deliver humanitarian and protective supplies to Ukraine.

Rupert Shrive (c & W 1973 – 81) lives in London and Paris. He studied at Norwich School of Art and Central St. Martins and has had his paintings exhibited in venues throughout the world, including in Paris, Madrid, Valencia and across Spain, Milan, Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong and London. The picture above shows Rupert's "Entre Chien et Loup" in the Rue Cyrano de Bergerac, Paris. In 2002 his portrait of the painter Patrick Procktor won the National Portrait Gallery BP Award (described as the most prestigious portrait painting competition in the world). His



2003 portrait of the actor Peter Sallis won the Garrick Milne Prize and was bought by the Garrick Club. In 2004, Rupert identified the figure portrayed in the painting in the Prado described as "Man With His Hand On His Chest" as El Greco himself.

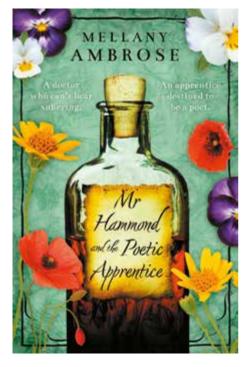


Man with his hand on his chest

Dr. St. John Simpson (T 1978 – 81) is a senior curator and archaeologist in the Department of the Middle East at the British Museum. He specialises in the archaeological evidence and material culture of the Sasanian Empire, one of the great powers of Late Antiquity, that for four centuries ruled a region stretching from Syria and the Caucasus to Central Asia. At the Museum, St. John has curated three major special exhibitions: Scythians: Warriors of Ancient Siberia (2017 - 18), Afghanistan: Crossroads of the Ancient World (2011), and Queen of Sheba: Treasures of Ancient Yemen (2002), as well as three successive galleries for ancient Iran. In 2021 – 22 he completed two seasons of excavations at a site called Kobeba in southern Iraq, the biggest discoveries being a 5,000-yearold pictographic inscription on a jar, and a previously unknown mosque which is now one of the earliest to be excavated. Not surprisingly, these featured on Iragi state TV and across the Arab media. Last year he published another book, entitled Sasanian Archaeology: Settlements, Environment and Material Culture (Archaeopress 2022).

Vic Platten (c & F 1977 - 82) has returned to Sheringham with his wife, Geraldine, and twin daughters, Ivy and Natalie, having spent much of the last six years leading two of the UK's EU exit programmes: one to set up the UK's own arrangements for identifying and removing trade barriers worth up to £80bn for the UK economy; the other to establish how the UK should protect

some of its interests in the World Trade Organisation. He currently oversees all of the UK's Free Trade Agreements once they've been negotiated. This involves ongoing negotiations with trading partners to advance UK trading interests wherever possible.



Mellany Ambrose (G 1977 – 82) has published a historical novel, *Mr. Hammond and the Poetic Apprentice* (Troubador, 2023), about the time the poet John Keats spent training in medicine before he chose to follow poetry.

Major Alexander Masson VR (Nizetic) (OSH 1978 - 83) has had an action-filled career as an Army Reserve officer. His most recent deployment was to the



Alex enjoying the Sahel scenery

strategically significant state of Mali, where he was the Liaison Officer for British Forces providing heavy lift support with four Chinooks to French troops combating Islamic extremism in the Sahel region. There were approximately 5,000 French and 135 British personnel on the base at Gao airport and Alex also acted as the interpreter. The eastern side of the airport was the French Forces' base with the British Chinook detachment embedded with them; the western side of the airport was the UN base (run by the Germans, so it was obviously extremely well run and efficient!). Alex's previous deployments on active service as a reservist have included Iraq and Afghanistan where he spent ten months in theatre, mainly in Camp Bastion, but also to the Kajaki Dam, Kandahar and Kabul. After this he was mobilised for seven months as part of the UN peacekeeping mission between the Greeks and Turks in Cyprus. Prior to these deployments, he had served in Bosnia on several occasions, on exercise liaising with the Bosnians in multiagency disaster scenarios.



Charles

Dr. Charles Brett (H 1980 - 84) has retired as a consultant in emergency medicine at West Cumberland Hospital. He says he has had "many memorable moments", which have included seeing the new-build hospital open and watching the community come together during the 'Save Our Services' campaign. Charles has also served the west Cumbrian community through some of its darkest days, including treating victims of the 2011 Keswick bus crash and the Cumbrian shootings in 2010 - and, more recently, critically ill patients during the coronavirus pandemic. He has arranged to work part-time for the Trust over the next two years, which he says is in part because "he couldn't conceive not working at all".

Neil Gunn (H 1981 – 85) was incorrectly recorded in the 2022 Magazine as having died. We are pleased to say that he is very much alive, and apologise for this error.

Dr. Virginia Crompton (O 1983 – 85) read English at the University of Cambridge and gained her doctorate at the UEA. She is the founder and CEO of Big Ideas, a company that aims to deliver community and education projects locally, nationally and globally. She is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London. Virginia previously worked at the BBC, where she produced dozens of radio documentaries, founded Radio 4's flagship series The Long View and originated two BBC global seasons. She developed and launched the BBC's Olympic legacy programme World Class and received One World and Race in the Media awards. Virginia left the BBC after the London Olympics to work with the British Council and created their Football Remembers partnership with the Premier League, the Football Association and the Football League, as well as their international broadcast partnership with BBC World Service, The War that Changed the World.



Virginia



Timothy Brett (H 1981 – 86) was appointed Managing Director, Western Europe and Emerging Markets for Pladis, the British confectionery and snack food company, in May 2022. Since gaining an MA in History from the University of St. Andrews, Tim has accumulated thirty years' experience in the food and drink industry. Prior to joining Pladis he worked for The Coca-Cola Company, most recently as President of the Western Europe Business Unit based in London. During his 24 years with Coca-Cola, Tim has also lived and worked in Romania. the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Austria and Japan, where, as President, he led the most successful international consumer goods business in that country. Tim has also worked in the UK for Guinness Group/United Distillers, as well as Walkers Snack Foods (Pepsico). He has served as President of UNESDA (the European Soft Drink Association), a Board member of FoodDrinkEurope, and a Governor of The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Professor Fiona Matthews (née Maccaghrey) (O 1985 – 87) is Professor of Epidemiology, and Dean of Research and Innovation in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Newcastle University.

Maria Traill (née Townsend) (E 1986 – 88) is Senior Investment Manager at the Arts and Humanities Research Council.



Fiona Byers (née Price) (G & O 1987 -89) visited Gresham's in August 2023 and donated the Dyson Quilt. She writes: "I am a member of the Beckenham Quilters' Guild, Kent. Every couple of years we have an exhibition of works and about ten years ago members were set a challenge to make a mini quilt to celebrate a British Inventor of our choice. Of course, being an OG I immediately thought of Sir James Dyson. I started with the school emblem being central to the start in his career. I added the ball wheelbarrow, bagless vacuum cleaner and roll-a-ball vacuum cleaner in a circle which represents both the development of his vacuum cleaners



and his fan. In each of the four corners are black and white hands, being the school colours and him designing really speedy, effective hand driers for everyone. Green background to represent Dyson's ecofriendly efforts and rural Norfolk. I had fun making it and hope it brings a smile to many more people once it is on display in the Dyson Building."

Heather Simpson (née Black) (E 1988 - 90) runs Holt-based Big Skies Estates, specialising in the sale of second homes and properties that also generate income as holiday cottages. Hettie's agency has won several awards, including "Gold" in the British Property Awards 2021 and 2022, and "Winner" in the Best Estate Agency Guide 2022. She has now launched a letting agency, Big Skies Holiday Cottages.



Mark (R) with Ian and mouthwatering product

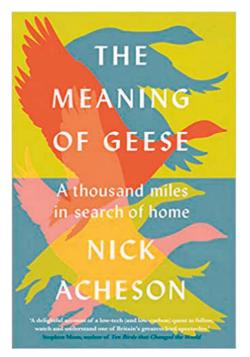
Mark Joll (c & T 1982 – 91) and Iain Wilson launched Sponge Cakes, Ltd., in 2000. Sponge now occupies half of a 35,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Holt, employs more than 40 people and sends out more than 300 orders a day.

Colonel Paul Clayton MBE (k & T 1983 - 92) has retired from the Regular Army after 30 years' service and has moved to Tallinn in Estonia in order to work in the commercial world. As a former Commander of the British Army's contribution to NATO's enhanced forward presence along the Baltic States, he has extensive knowledge of the region.



Nick and friend

Nick Acheson (W 1987 – 92) has been appointed a Trustee of Pensthorpe Conservation Trust, Described as "the county's best-known wildlife expert", Nick read French at Oriel College, Oxford, and is an alumnus of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute, the ECI. Having previously been focused on conservation and showing tourists nature in far-flung places, in recent years he has given up international travel. Covid and climate change have brought about a change of focus, plus a reawakening of his attachment to place, in this case his home county of Norfolk. During lockdown, he began to keep a journal detailing the migration of geese. Described by The Observer as a "magisterial diary for bird lovers", the



resulting book, *The Meaning of Geese – a Thousand Miles from Home* (Chelsea Green, 2023) – raises concern for the way in which climate change may affect the annual migration of geese.

Dr. Dave Horsley (S 1976 – 2007) writes: Whilst he read Modern Languages at Oxford, Nick's interest has always been in Natural History and Environmentalism. However, that language training has enabled him to be a superb writer and communicator. He lived in Bolivia for a long time and as well as French (his study at Oxford) he is also fluent in Spanish. For many years he has led hugely successful wildlife tours over the world. When it became clear that air travel was a significant contributor to climate change, he decided to stop and change track. He now devotes

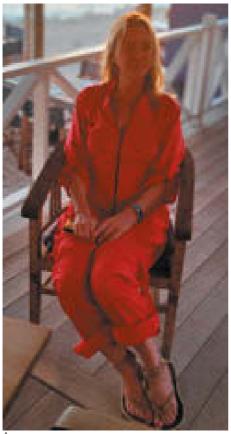
all his efforts to promoting an interest in all aspects of wildlife and the environmental issues which affect all of us. He writes articles for wildlife magazines, edits the Norfolk Wildlife Trust's magazine *Tern* and is a Wildlife Ambassador for NWT. This has meant that he has become very adept at communicating on TV and radio as well as the written word. He speaks to wildlife groups all over the country. He is a superb naturalist with a very wide knowledge and in incredible depth. He is as capable as an Attenborough or a Packham!

Olivia Colman CBE (O 1990 – 92) has continued her stellar career with an acclaimed performance as Miss Havisham in a radical new BBC production of *Great Expectations*.

Dr. Claire Turnbull (née Pollard) (E 1990 – 92) has been appointed Director of Psychology and Psychotherapy at South London and The Maudsley.

Anna McFadyen (O 1990 – 92) is a digital entrepreneur and has had the "great privilege" of building a career serving global communities. Her ethical brand Mozzie Cozzie provides shapeshifting jumpsuits that repel mosquitoes. They are hand-made by UK educational enterprises in heritage factories and are made of fibres sourced from regenerative forests.

Anna writes: "Gresham's was intrinsic in supporting me during the early days of my diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis. During a two-year period, the school enabled me to accept my condition, to find my way around



Anna

adversity and recalibrate my skills. I was further encouraged and thrilled to receive an academic prize during my studies, alongside a non-curriculum prize. A few decades on I continue to be in very rude health (and a NICE patient expert). I am delighted to be able to share my journey with fellow OGs.

"My career has focused on developing teams and customer communities inside small start-ups as well as for global corporations. In sharing my story, I hope to inspire those at school now who are less physically abled, or who those who suffer from unseen conditions whilst studying and beyond.

"Building mystery shopping and panel communities has been an absolute joy whilst living and working across five continents. I have been able to visit over 75 countries, immersing fully in diverse cultures – a record achieved not least thanks to an education in applied Geography (thank you, Mr. **John Walton** (S 1971 – 2010) and King's College, London). Today, I work alongside educational institutions and academics (London Universities: LSBU, UAL, KCL & UCL), global citizen panels, government advisories and UK corporate partnerships.

"The brand journey of Mozzie Cozzie began whilst at Gresham's, when I saved up to travel as far as I could go. My first stop was directly from Gresham's School to New Zealand, to become a volunteer teacher with a charity called Gap Activity Projects. Before going, I researched backpacker essentials

checklists and left the UK, as a teenager with a rucksack on my back.

"Mozzie Cozzie's first prototype was developed in Norfolk in 2021 at a friend's altel

2021 at a friend's alterations business. We had planned its creation in India. I had sourced some sustainable fabric on the banks of the Ganges called banana

silk - a cherished and beautiful cloth made from the throwaway stalks of a banana plant. I had a good idea by now of what I absolutely needed for my travels, and I wanted to invest in it to share it with others. Last year, a Norfolk heritage manufacturer created a sample from another sustainable cellulose fibre created in Europe. This factory has been making durable clothing for over 100 years. They even produce clothing for other OG businesses too! As an entrepreneur-onthe-move. I have recently been awarded a first investment from the European Regional Development Fund and support from Innovate UK. Some superb help for a bootstrapped made-in-UK brand startup!

"Our eco-system of small UK businesses has enabled us to provide shapeshifting clothing for the digital nomad lifestyle. Our unisex clothing has the added benefit of protecting people from insects that bite whilst at work, at rest and during mental and physical exercise. If you are a professional worker who travels with intent and is content and able to work from anywhere – aka a Digital Nomad – maybe this is the garment for you!"

Sam Sally (c & O 1986 – 94) owns the The Black Apollo Coffee House in Holt. With her partner, Jamie, she has branched out on a new adventure and has set up a children's clothing line called Church Mouse Makes. Everything is handmade in Norfolk, with quirky and unique fabrics which can be custom-made to order.

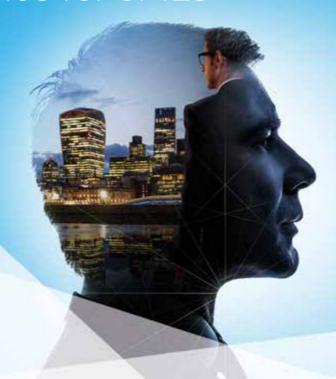


Chris and Jon

Chris Wright (k & W 1989 – 96) was unexpectedly reunited in September with Jonathan Besley (H 1991 – 96) as the respective schools they lead met on the football field. Chris, who is Head of Prep. & Pre-Prep. at Duke of Kent School, Surrey, and Jon, Head of Handcross Park Prep. School, West Sussex, enjoyed the surprise encounter, 27 years since last seeing each other when they left Gresham's. Needless to say, the match between their establishments was played in the very best spirit, and luckily neither of them called out in support of Gresham's by mistake.

Alastair Nicolau (F 1991 – 96) writes that after living and working overseas (Malaysia then The Netherlands) since 2012, he is pleased to have moved back to Britain and is now living in Aberdeen. Like many families, he had some tough times through Covid, with his mother (Carolyn Nicolau, who worked for a few years as a Nurse in the Sanatorium) dying suddenly in January 2021. Alastair would welcome any

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Anthea

Anthea Ayache (E 1992 – 96) has been named in Dubai's *Raemona Magazine* "40 Over Forty" list as one of the leading women trailblazing in the UAE. Anthea is the founder of *The Ethicalist*, an independent lifestyle magazine, which has established itself as a multi-media platform "to engage and inspire an audience who want to live their best life ethically and sustainably" with a "trusted must-read source of original, quality content".

Aurina Lambert (née Brittain) (O 1995 – 98) is the owner of Aurina in Holt, and is offering OGs a 10% discount, both in store and online. The Promo code is FOGS.

Katy Coe (O 1995 – 2000) has added to the diversification of her family farm by launching The Cattle Yard Bar, transforming Happy Valley in West Norfolk



Katy

into a live music destination. They already offer glamping, a camping meadow and a wedding venue.



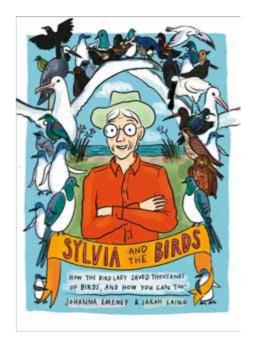
The Hon. Oliver Dannatt (H 2001 -03) launched a company, SkiYodl, in December 2019. Having previously worked as in-house ski instructor at Richard Branson's mountain retreat in Verbier, Switzerland, Oli saw an opportunity to connect customers with locals living in popular resorts who could provide recommendations on places to eat, drink and ski. SkiYodl has thus organised in every resort a team of local "fixers" who have reliable local knowledge and can be contacted via WhatsApp for tips and advice. The company overcame the difficulties thrown in its path by Covid. and when France reopened its borders in January 2022, the business took £500,000 in three months. There are currently 3,500 properties listed on SkiYodl and the firm is able to charge less for accommodation that is listed elsewhere. They are intending to expand in France, Switzerland and Austria and have ambitions to get into North America and Japan – as well as developing SunYodl, which is focused on the summer holiday market.



No ifs, no putts

Ed Holloway (k & H 1991 – 2005), Will Amies (k & H 1991 – 2005), Ed Plumb (k 1997 – 99) and Tanios Watfa (k & T 1998 – 2004) took part in June in an epic challenge in support of Prostate Cancer UK. They participated in The Big Golf Race – 72 holes of golf in one day – at Sheringham Golf Club.

Johanna Emeney (S 1997 – 2006) works at Massey University, New Zealand, as a teacher of creative writing. She has collaborated with a colleague, Sarah Laing, to produce a book, part graphic biography, part practical guide to protecting bird wildlife, entitled *Sylvia and the Birds*. Based on the life of "The Bird Lady", Sylvia Durrant, who helped over 140,000 sick, injured and lost birds during her lifetime, Jo's book, aimed at both young readers and their families, details



the wonders of the native birds of New Zealand, the threats they face and how mankind can help them.

Samuel Chan (k & F 1998 – 2007) was named one of the "Forbes Elite" in 2022, in recognition of his work with his company, Britannia StudyLink. A description of Sam's



career and achievements impressive appeared in the 2020 OG Magazine. Reflecting on this recognition from Forbes, he said: "I am delighted! And I feel that much credit is due to my teachers at Gresham's. I wasn't the most academic of students. I did OK, but I always jumped at any opportunity to miss lessons! But it's the extracurricular activities that I think really gave me confidence. I was involved in anything the school offered, from sports to music and art - I was a very keen artist. I learned grit and resilience from rugby and crosscountry in the winter, along with teamwork and communication skills...The school didn't just educate me academically, but it also gave me good values - traditional, yes, but very applicable in the 21st century."

Tom Hartley-Booth (T 2002 – 07) performed as sound engineer on ITV's The Voice UK and won a spot on Team Olly with his performance of "God Only knows" by The Beach Boys.

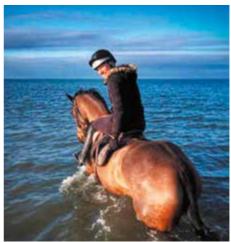
Dr. Merry Wilkinson (B 2005 – 07) went to medical school, subsequently transitioning into research and completing a PhD at UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, where she has continued to research as a postdoctoral fellow. Her field of research is the immune system in autoimmune rheumatic diseases, including juvenile arthritis and lupus in children and young people.

Eleanor Stamp (O 2006 – 07) and her father Gerard put on a joint exhibition of their art, entitled "Like Father, Like Daughter", in Burnham Market in 2023.

Eleanor read Fine
Art and Psychology
at university, before
spending a decade
in the world of
advertising, working
as a TV producer
in London. Having
moved back to



her home county in 2020, she now concentrates on her painting, her speciality being animal, and particularly equine, portraits.



Eleanor

Charlotte Young (c & B 1997 – 2009) works at Santi London in South Kensington, a top beauty destination.



Hannah at the awards party

Hannah Clark (c 2003 – 09) launched her lifestyle business "The Scented Barn" during the pandemic. She has opened a permanent shop in Holt and was the Winner of Muddy Stiletto's Norfolk "Best Lifestyle Store".

Frankie Hall (E 2004 – 09) won her first national cycling medal in January 2023 – Bronze in the Women's Elite IP.

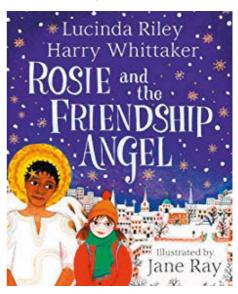
Luke Masterson (H 2006 – 09) has been working on an album for the past three years. "The Way That It Is" can be played and downloaded on Spotify.



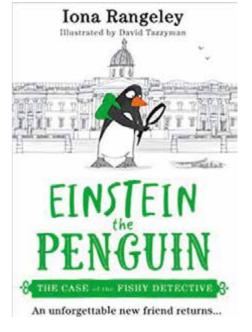
Josh in a rare stationary moment

Josh Patterson (W 2007 – 09) starred as "JP" in the Channel 4 television series "Made in Chelsea". Having suffered in the past from mental health problems, he decided to attempt a world record by undertaking 76 marathons in 76 days to raise money for The Samaritans charity. The total distance covered comes to I,991 miles, taking 465 hours.

Alexei Butterwick (k & F 2002 – 10) is a First Officer flying with British Airways.



Harry Whittaker (k & T 2003 - 11) and lona Rangeley-Wilson (c & B 2008 - 16) both feature in *The Times* 32 Best



Children's Books of 2022. Harry's book, written with his mother, the late Lucinda Riley, is Rosie and the Friendship Angel (Pan Macmillan) and Iona has brought out the second of her Einstein the Penguin series: The Case of the Fishy Detective (Harpercollins), which was also one of the Radio Times Children's Books of the Year.

Ves Ivanov (T 2009 - 11) has been appointed Head and CEO of 7Hills International School in Uganda. At 29 years old, he is officially the youngest serving Head in Africa, according to the Association of International Schools in Africa



Nathan

Nathan Lomax (k & T 2006 – 13) returned to his former House, Tallis, to give some of the current U6th pupils a presentation on using the professional networking platform LinkedIn.

Holly Farnell (O 2008 - 13) is a Vice-President (Executive Director) at Goldman Sachs.

Alice Hare (c & O 2005 - 14) is a fashion stylist for The Daily Mail. She has a particular fascination for the styles popularised by Diana, Princess of Wales and the way in which the late Princess expertly used fashion to impart subtle messages.



Louise Barden (S 2006 - 14) moved abroad after retiring as Head of Modern Languages and after a period of teaching. adventuring and blogging she returned to England. Finally, after years of talking about becoming a writer, she decided to study creative writing with the Open University. She says she learned a huge amount, and, having won her first writing prize at the age of six (for a review of a school trip to "The Nutcracker") subsequently won two prizes in short story competitions. Buoyed up by her success, she embarked on her first novel. a historical story set in the 1920s. She is currently dreaming up new plots for a series of murder mysteries.

Lieutenant Sophie Hare (c & O 2005 -16) took part in the Coronation Parade in May, as one of just three officers from her



Sophie rehearsing for the Coronation

Regiment, The Light Dragoons, the other two being the Commanding Officer and the Second-in-Command. She had arrived back the previous week from Kenya, where the Regiment had been on exercise. They then had just one week of intensive rehearsals for the parade. In the course of her service to date, Sophie has visited The Light Dragoons' sister regiment, the 4e Régiment de Chasseurs, one of the most distinguished cavalry regiments of the French Army, and has taken part in Royal Armoured Corps Nordic skiing championships in France.

Harry Simmons (k & W 2007 - 16) returned to Gresham's for Leicester Tiger Pre-season training which took place on the school campus in August. Harry has also recently donated a Leicester Tigers signed shirt to Woodlands.



Harry

Alice Dale (O 2012 – 17) is a civil engineer at the global engineering firm Buro Happold.

Harvey Pratt (k 2012 & T 2016 – 17) has sold a cryptocurrency that he founded and built up after leaving university. He describes the challenges he faced during the development phase – funding issues, fierce competition and the task

of assembling a first-rate team - as "a rollercoaster ride". He is moving from Newport Beach, California, to Austin, Texas, with the intention of starting a new venture, Promenade AI, aiming to create a leading video game using artificial intelligence.

Blue Wilson (E 2013 - 18) is Captain of Ipswich Town Football Club (Women).

Pablo Castano (W 2017 - 2018) is studying Physics at the University of Berkeley in California.

En-en Flux (c & O 2011 - 19) has had her business. new Heather & Bear Gifts and Interiors. nominated for the Muddy Stiletto's



"Best New Lifestyle Start-up in Norfolk".

Sophy Kenyon (c & E 2012 - 19) and Molly Sankey (c & E 2005 - 19) have started a new business venture, taking bespoke private tours from Morston Creek out to Blakeney Point. www. littleegretboattripblakeney.com

Cameron Finlay (T 2017 – 19) graduated in 2023 from Nottingham University with a 2.1 BSc in Agriculture with Integrated Business Management. He had a year's placement spent at Bartholomews Agri Food, Ltd., Chichester, and has now started work as an Assistant Grain Trader for Charles Jackson & Co., of Long Buckby, Northamptonshire.



Cameron and his girlfriend Catherine

Thomas Miller (k & T 2010 - 20) is in his final year studying Fine Art at Norwich University of Art and loves to sketch houses, buildings and gardens. He welcomes commissions and can be contacted at tismiller20@gmail.com or @ Thomas Miller Art.





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Reflections from an Older Student



It was heartening to read of the young students (that's anyone under 40 in my book) who had placed such value on their time at Gresham's. Be aware however, this is not a modern phenomenon as back in 1952 I benefitted from an 'assisted place' as it was known then, and spent six years of inestimable benefit at Gresham's, being the recipient of one of four places available to Norfolk County Council for local boys who having passed the 11-plus examination put Gresham's School as their first choice thereafter. Coming from a single parent family not long after the Second World War, without a full scholarship there was no way my mother could have funded the tuition and boarding fees. I was ten years old at the time.

I understand this arrangement with the county council no longer exists, but has in time been replaced with equivalent bursaries for local lads and now of course local lasses. Recent updated reports suggest generous donations to the Logie Bruce-Lockhart Fund will ensure these bursaries have a long term future.

The school is very different from what it was over seventy years ago. Kenwyn and Crossways are now the Prep. School. Old School House, my senior house, is now for the Pre-Prep. And of course young ladies are now part of the scene. That would have been an eye-opener for the resident boys when this first happened, and I speak from experience on that matter.

My stay at Gresham's embraced the last year or two of Mr. Olivier's headship and the first years of Logie B-L, with whom I corresponded many years later, on an entirely non-school subject. However, I could not resist the temptation of reminding him he foreshortened my stay at the school when in 1958 he 'asked me to leave due to my total disregard for the school rules'. I think 'total' was a bit of an exaggeration, mind you. I did inform him in my letter that I held no grudge or resentment whatsoever and owe the school a great debt of gratitude for my six years there. The County Council transferred me to the co-educational boarding grammar school at Wymondham College which was a real eye-opener, as I conjectured earlier.

My own children and now the young grandchildren are enthralled by the tales of my escapades at Gresham's (and to a lesser extent at Wymondham). This no doubt is enhanced by the bewilderment of how this octogenarian could possibly have done these

things (nothing illegal I hasten to add), or indeed even had an England rugby trial.

Logie Bruce-Lockhart in response to one of my letters included this extract which I quote verbatim:

As a young headmaster asked by the Governors to restore 'good order' I seem to have been rather different in my attention to 'escapades' to what a few years later taught me. It was not long before I realised that, while a school must encourage good, hardworking, obedient scholars who will become worthy civil servants, it is from the ranks of the rebels that most of the really successful and exciting emerge, and often become strict disciplinarian parents in their late 50s!......Thank you for dealing so tolerantly with the unkindness of my youth!.......

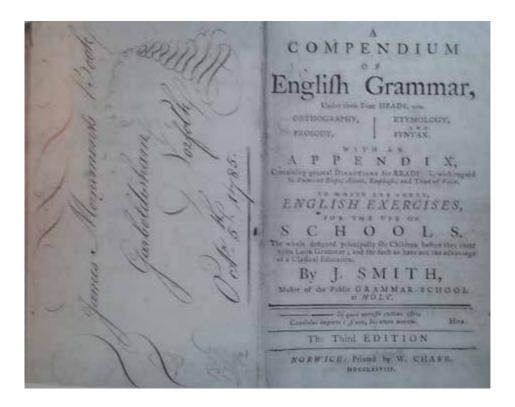
My best wishes, Logie B-L.

I sincerely hope current students at Gresham's still view some of the school rules as guidelines rather than edicts set in stone and to be occasionally temporarily suspended in the interests of character development and entrepreneurship. Logie B-L would approve.

Tony Walker (k & OSH 1952 – 58)



Eighteenth Century Grammar



In 1760 the Fishmongers appointed **James Smith** (HM 1760 – 87) to the Mastership of the school. Unusually, he was not a graduate. Notwithstanding this lack of academic qualifications, Smith wrote both Latin and English grammars, which were widely used in his lifetime. His *Compendium of English Grammar* (3rd edition, publ. 1778) was devised for boys who had not yet started to learn Latin and "such as have not the advantage of a classical education". The *Norwich Mercury* of 24th January 1794 recorded Smith's sudden death "while taking his afternoon tea...He was exemplary in the discharge of all the relative duties of life and respected as a worthy member of society and a good classical scholar".

Lord of the Manor of Letheringsett

The Cozens-Hardy family are well known locally; Liz Larby relates the story of two of their ancestors.

I have acquired for the archives a book in the series of companion volumes to the 18th century diaries of Mary Hardy (*Mary Hardy and her World, 1773 – 1809*, Burnham Press, 2020). The Editor, Margaret Bird, well known in Holt Society circles, visited the archives in 2015 to carry out research into the background for her chapter covering education, and delighted in looking through old registers, Visitors' books, textbooks and drawings. Margaret has spent the last 32 years of her life editing and interpreting Mary Hardy and her world, as seen through her diaries.



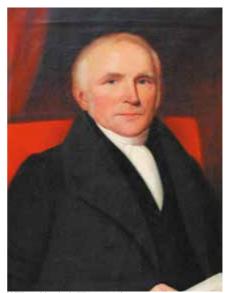
The maltings built by Wm. Hardy snr. in 1783

Mary Hardy's two sons **Raven** (1781 – 82) and **William** (1781 – 83) are listed in our register as attending from 1781 as pupils of the then Holt Free Grammar School under the gifted Master, **James Smith** (HM 1760 – 87). The brewing and farming family had recently moved from Coltishall to Letheringsett, allowing the children to walk to school, although their attendance was somewhat erratic, with William in particular taking a good deal of time out to learn the business with his father.

Lessons began after prayers at 7.00 a.m. and finished at 5.00 p.m., with two hours for lunch, ending with prayers for the Founder, Sir John

Gresham. Saturday school finished at 3.00 p.m., although the boys could often be found at market long before that time. Pupils were taught Greek, Latin, French, English, Writing, Accounts, History, Geography and "use of the globes". The School was found to be in good order by the Fishmongers' Visitation in 1773, with between 50 and 80 boys, and the Master, a classical scholar, had written Latin and French grammars which were widely used in his lifetime.





Letheringsett Hall

William Hardy (1770 - 1842)

The Hardy boys soon made friends with other pupils, including sons of the water miller, the ironmonger, and the local surgeon. Mary and her husband William were fully involved in their children's education, ignoring the rules in favour of the demands of business and family, often intervening if they thought it necessary, and providing music and dancing lessons in addition to their schooling. The close of the Michaelmas term was considered more important than the end of the Summer term at this time, and parents would attend the annual "breaking-up" play and accompanying feasts at The Feathers inn after the prize-giving and speeches.

As William was destined for the family business, he left in 1783, when he was thirteen years old, whereas Raven, who intended to become an articled clerk, stayed on until the age of fifteen. Poor Raven never achieved his ambition, however, being taken ill and dying of tuberculosis in 1787, but his brother carried on the family brewing tradition, becoming the proud owner of the Letheringsett estate, Lord of the Manor by the age of 30, attending school reunions and being elected in 1811 a Visitor, in spite of his earlier disinclination towards his education. Mary Hardy's daughter, Mary Ann, married Jeremiah Cozens, thus starting the Cozens-Hardy family.



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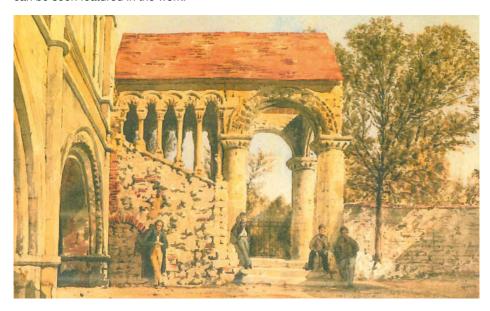
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Arthur Spiers

This charming watercolour by Richard Phené Spiers, brother of **Arthur Spiers** (S 1903 – 19), recently came to light in the picture collection of the King's School, Canterbury, which the brothers attended in the 19th century. The painting shows the Norman staircase at King's in 1870 and was made on a visit Richard made to see his brothers Arthur and Ernest, who can be seen featured in the work.



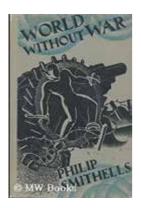
Arthur left King's in 1871 with an Exhibition to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, graduating in 1875, when he joined Newton College in Devon as a master. **George Howson** (HM 1900 – 19), joined him on the staff there in 1883, leaving three years later to become Science master at Uppingham. In 1903 Spiers was recruited to Gresham's by Howson, the recently-appointed Headmaster, to teach Mathematics, also serving as the school's librarian, singing in the choir, arranging the timetable, acting in staff plays, as well as being responsible for

planning and building the new theatre in the woods in 1907 with a working party.

Arthur Spiers left in 1919 after 16 years of devoted service and was much missed by staff and boys. In 1933 he donated a painting of his brother Richard by the portraitist Alfred Hartley to the Royal Academy.

Richard Spiers by Alfred Hartley (Creative Commons)

World Without War



In 1934, the pacifist **Professor Philip Smithells** (S 1932 – 37), at that time a member of staff at Gresham's, wrote World Without War (publ. Dent, 1934), a book aimed at giving children a way of thinking about war and peace in a chatty, non-judgmental way, including stories about animals, the history of warfare, discussions about self-sacrifice and bravery, before moving on to talk about disarmament. The book ends by encouraging children to start working towards peace by making changes to their own behaviour through kindness and consideration, tolerance and social responsibility, claiming "You can't start too soon".

Smithells, a Quaker, was the son of the Professor of Chemistry at the University of Leeds. He was educated at the pioneering co-educational boarding school, Bedales, where he had been head prefect and captain of cricket and tennis, and at Clare College, Cambridge, reading English and Economics. In 1932, perhaps attracted by the school's liberal reputation, he brought his refreshing attitudes to physical training to Gresham's, where, as well as teaching English, he acted as unofficial physiotherapist, taking a special interest in helping pupils with poor physical skills.



Smithells in 1946

In 1937, Philip moved on to take up a post as assistant lecturer in physical welfare at Exeter University College, and thence, in 1939, to Wellington in New Zealand, where he was appointed Superintendent of Physical Education in the Department of Education, continuing to promote his radical ideas on the mechanics of movement and the aesthetic side of physical

activity, as opposed to the traditional ideas of "all-conquering athleticism" and characterbuilding through competitive sport. During the Second World War he advised the New Zealand armed forces on remedial training and rehabilitation. In 1947 he set up a School of Physical Education at the University of Otago, overcoming scepticism from some who thought that such a subject had no place in a university. The far-sighted curriculum that he developed included anatomy, chemistry, physics, nutrition, kinesiology and even dance. Despite his own sporting prowess, he was concerned to avoid "all-conquering athleticism" and stressed the responsibility of PE teachers towards the disabled and those who were not particularly gifted at games. He died in 1977.

Assisting Chinese Communist Guerrillas

It must be unique for a British hereditary peer of the realm to be publicly honoured by the Communist Party of China. However, in 2015 the authorities in Beijing organised a travelling photographic exhibition to commemorate **Professor Michael Lindsay, 2**nd **Baron Lindsay of Birker** (F 1922 – 30), who played an important part in the Communist Chinese resistance to the Japanese invaders in the Second World War. Lord Lindsay's granddaughter, Susan Lawrence, contacted Liz Larby at the School Archives to find out more about her grandfather's time at Gresham's.



Michael in 1924, 2nd row down, 5th from L. (On the same row is W. H. Auden, 5th from R.)

At school, Michael was active in the OTC and won a Natural Sciences scholarship to Balliol College, Oxford, where he became a student of the economist John Maynard Keynes. He arrived in China in 1938 expecting simply to take up a post as lecturer in Economics at Yenching University (later renamed Peking University). However, the Japanese had invaded northern China in July 1937, and three months later the first of many massacres was reported in nearby Hopei province (now known as Hebei).

Susan Lawrence described to Liz how in the capital, Peking (now Beijing), her grandfather had become "distressed by his students' stories of the way they were treated by the Japanese police at the city gate". He also witnessed at first hand appalling atrocities committed by the occupiers. He realised that he now had two options as a neutral foreigner: either to leave the country or join the struggle against the Japanese.

In the spring of 1938, Lindsay learned of a resistance movement forming outside Peking and travelled with some colleagues to the communist base at Jinchaji in the area straddling Hebei and Shanxi provinces. Inspired by what he saw, he returned to the capital and began to help the guerrilla forces in his spare time by secretly sending supplies, the most important of which were medicine and radio components. Due to his foreign appearance, "although the occupation troops might have had their eyes on this young Englishman, they couldn't search him at the city gates as they did to all the locals", according to Professor Tonglin Lu, an authority on foreigners who were involved in the Chinese resistance during the Second World War.

Lindsay enlisted the help of one of his students, Li Hsiao-Li, to relabel in Chinese the items he bought, in order to prevent the stores where he purchased them facing any reprisals, should Japanese troops ever intercept a shipment. Li, the daughter of a retired colonel in the Kuomintang (Nationalist Chinese) army, became his wife in 1941 (and thus in due course became the only Chinese-born Baroness of the United Kingdom).



Lindsay at the Jinchaji base

The attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, and the subsequent United States declaration of war on Japan, meant Lindsay's European appearance no longer protected him from arrest. His "part-time career" as a smuggler at an end, he and his new bride left Peking for the Jinchaji base. There he began to work for the communist guerrillas.

As an amateur radio technician, Susan's grandfather was able to use the limited resources he had available to rebuild wireless equipment despite the supply shortage. To improve communication with other resistance forces in northern China, Lindsay adapted the radio sets at Jinchaji to make them significantly more powerful, reliable and portable over rough terrain. Good communications were crucial for sharing intelligence about the enemy's movements and avoiding attacks.

Frustrated by the fact that other countries – and even the much closer southern China – knew hardly anything about the active resistance in the north, Lindsay offered his expertise to the Communist Party's central base at Yunan in Shaanxi province, in order to improve its communication with the outside world. He constructed a larger transmitter and a directional aerial, with the result that the Yunan-based Xinhua News Agency was able to send reports to Washington, where the Roosevelt administration was keen to know more about the Japanese deployment and operations in northern China.

In the meantime, Lindsay wrote personal notes and took photographs, shared his opinions with overseas contacts, and passed advice and criticism to leaders of the resistance, including Marshal Nie Rongzhen, the chief commander at Jinchaji, and Qin Bangxian, the director of the Xinhua News Agency. In his reports to the US and British embassies and foreign newspapers, he wrote about what he saw in Jinchaji and Yunan. He said he believed the terrible atrocities by the Japanese invaders would simply motivate more people in northern China to join the communist-led resistance. Securing success lay not only in the guerrillas' military capabilities, he said, but more importantly in the ability to mobilise the masses. He predicted that the organised Chinese peasants could claim victory, and called for support from the West.



Lindsay at Marshal Zhu De's HQ

Two of Lindsay's three children were born during their time in Yunan: Erica in 1942, then James in 1945, just months before the Japanese surrender. After the war, the family moved to England, where upon his father's death Michael succeeded to the barony, becoming the 2nd Baron Lindsay of Birker.

After a period teaching in Australia, Lindsay and his family settled in the United States, where he died in 1994. He made only a few low-profile visits to China after the war, mostly in the role of an economist and scholar of international relations. It is only recently that Lindsay – or Lin Maike, his Chinese name – has begun to gain attention in China as a hitherto unsung hero.

The former Deputy Director of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee's Party History Research Centre has described Lord Lindsay as a "special figure in the Communist Party of China's history, for his selfless and outstanding contribution" to the resistance, adding pointedly: "He was also wise to stay out of the complicated politics in this country (in the post-war years)."

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Waller's Raid



After the Act of Remembrance in Holt on Remembrance Sunday last year, the Rector, Canon Howard Stoker, pointed out that, unusually, one of the names on the war memorial in the town was that of a female. After some research, it transpired that this was 29-year-old Wren Margaret Iris Thompson, the daughter of George Thompson (S 1912 - 36) and his wife Isabella. Thompson had been Housemaster first of Kenwyn and then of Farfield, serving 16 years in that role. On his retirement, J. R. Eccles (HM 1919 - 35) paid him a fulsome tribute, saying that "generation after generation of Old Boys testify to their love and affection for him".



The Staff c1935; G. Thompson front row 4th from right

Margaret had enlisted in the Women's Royal Naval Service early in the war, and was killed during a daylight bombing raid by three Dorniers on Lowestoft on 13th January 1942. She was serving at that time at HMS *Minos*, a shore establishment responsible for harbour defence. The four 250kg bombs that were dropped caused 71 deaths and considerable damage to the town's main shopping area in London Road, reducing a row of shops and other premises to rubble. The raid, the deadliest of the many suffered by Lowestoft during the war, became known as the "Waller's raid", because most of the casualties, including Margaret, had been in Waller's Restaurant and Grocery at the time. The ages of those killed ranged from two years to seventy years. Some bodies were not recovered for over two days and the body of one victim was never found.

Margaret's parents lived at 28, Cromer Road, Holt. Her father, who was born in Jubbulpore, India, had been appointed to Gresham's staff by **George Howson** (HM 1900 – 1919) in 1912, the year in which his daughter, an only child, was born, and he had been retired for about three years when Margaret left home to join the WRNS. She is buried in Holt cemetery. The loss of their only child in such circumstances must have been the cruellest of blows. George died in Holt a few months before the end of the war, his widow living on until 1964.

Richard Peaver (S 1971 – 2009)



Amateur Radio at Gresham's and Beyond

Michael Curtis recalls how an interest in amateur radio was fostered while at Gresham's and led to a career and lifetime enjoyment in that field

I first became interested in radio communications whilst at Gresham's in the mid-50s. I read the *Practical Wireless* magazine (edited by F. J. Camm) and *Wireless World*, in which there were circuit diagrams of radio sets, and so I decided to construct a superheterodyne ("superhet") receiver. I used my workshop pass, thanks to "**Jumbo**" **Burrough** (S 1946 – 82), to bend the galvanised iron sheet into shape, and then drilled the sheet to accommodate the valve holders and other fixed components. At home in Blakeney I fitted the mains and IF transformers, the electrolytic condensers, and then soldered the various resistors and capacitors to complete the circuit. Now my pocket money didn't stretch to purchasing the necessary test equipment needed to align the 2 IF transformers and I needed the services of Frank Sheldrake, who owned a radio and TV shop near the old White Lion Pub in Holt.

There were other avenues of interest, with the CCF Signals Section, run by **Dan Frampton OBE** (S 1951 – 82), in which **Tim Aldiss** (k & W 1949 – 51) found, during the annual Thetford CCF camp, that the whip aerials of the T38 "walkie-talkie" sets made good fishing rods! And in the Physics Lab during Speech Day **Humphrey Hinton** (F 1951 – 56) demonstrated a home-made TV based on the cathode ray tube found in the surplus Second World War RAF T85A Indicator Unit (GEE). At that time the ex-WD stores in London's Lisle Street stocked many old wartime RAF (R1155) and Naval radio sets (Marconi CR100) that could be adapted to work in the HF amateur radio bands. I duly purchased a CR100 and became a keen short-wave listener; the chat was mainly about the merits of home-grown transmitter/receivers and the HF aerial system that had been constructed.

After completing a student apprenticeship with Laurence Scott and Electromotors, Ltd., in Norwich (Power Engineering) I qualified to be a Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1963. I then joined the RAF Technical Branch. My first three tours were associated with radio: OC Ground Radio Flight at RAF St. Mawgan (maintenance of airfield radio navaids and ATC communications, commcentre and telephone exchange); Long Range Communications Flight of the Tactical Signals Wings at RAF Tangmere, with detachments to Ascension Island, Libya and units in the Near East; and then as a Lecturer in Communications Systems at the RAF College Cranwell, when the RAF's satellite communications system (SKYNET) had just been introduced. During that decade I did not want to pursue the hobby of amateur radio whilst my professional work was wireless-oriented, and competence in Morse Code (CW) was also needed to qualify as a radio amateur.

Fast forward to retirement, and again living back in Holt, I learned about the Norfolk Coast Amateur Radio Club, who were participating in the "Airfields on the Air" event at the Langham Dome, where I was a "meeter and greeter". I duly joined that club in East Runton, where I became acquainted with **Miles Thomas** (c & F 1965 – 75), son of **Bill Thomas** (S 1952 – 86), Head of Classics and Housemaster of Farfield. Bill had married Miss Helen Armstrong, **Logie Bruce-Lockhart's** (HM 1955 – 82) secretary. Miles had, whilst at Gresham's, been introduced to the mysteries of amateur radio by the late **Ron Cox BEM** (S 1959 – 89). Ron had decided to expand the A Level Physics syllabus to include topics for the Radio Amateurs Examination (RAE), including Morse Code. Pupils then took the RAE and Morse Code test to qualify as licensed Radio Amateurs.

I, too, at the age of 78 rediscovered how to pass the three levels of the Amateur Radio Exam necessary for the award of a full callsign (M0IUC) and the ability to cruise the HF airwaves and transmit (400 Watts) and receive single-sideband voice.

The Radio Society of Great Britain encourages the amateur radio hobby to experiment with equipment and aerials to achieve the best results in worldwide electronic communications. Technology has now advanced, so that there are many different forms of modulation in use, and since most equipment is now commercially made rather than home-brew, the aim is to determine how best to achieve good signal strength and readability over the maximum distance possible.

Michael Curtis (c & H 1951 - 59)

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OG Travel Grant

Summer School, Shanghai

Just at the end of this May I received the news that I had been accepted onto a summer programme at Fudan University in Shanghai – I don't think I have ever been so excited and nervous at the same time! It was almost a relieving feeling realising that I would finally be able to visit China after learning the language for so long with so many missed opportunities to visit. After waiting a slow four hours at the visa centre in London I was ready to travel and embarked on the twelve-hour flight to Shanghai. Stepping out of the airport for the first time the heat and humidity hitting you was intense; I think by the end of my time in China I was just about getting used to the 35° plus weather! It was certainly a contrast coming back to England.



With such a great opportunity to study at one of China's top universities, I didn't pass up the chance to challenge myself. There was a broad range of subjects to study, from Kung Fu and folk dancing to Chinese media and renewable energy. I selected three classes – Chinese Language, Chinese Medicine, and Cultural Resources in City Tourism. This left me with a busy schedule every day and not much time to cram in sightseeing! Many of the other students had opted for just one subject to study so it was a little stressful to be taking on so many classes, but it was an amazing opportunity to try subjects in areas so different to my degree of Asia Pacific Studies.

I found Chinese Medicine the most difficult subject, but we experienced some amazing field trips, such as excursions to hospitals and medicinal herb gardens. There was also

an abundance of opportunities to volunteer for demonstrations in the Chinese medicine classes. We all felt very sorry for our classmate who unintendedly volunteered for bloodletting!

Cultural Resources in City Tourism was another interesting class which covered a breadth of topics from city planning, marketing and history. The best part of this class was the group project which required us to go out and interview locals on a topic representative of Shanghai – we chose traditional Chinese pastries. Luckily we had some native speakers in our group because it was really difficult to understand some of the older generation who had thick Shanghai accents. In our interviews we found that European pastries are trendy in China now and the traditional pastry shops often struggle, especially after covid.

The Chinese Language classes were interesting but also incredibly intense – we covered a whole textbook in just four weeks of classes! Although truthfully, I think that going out and exploring Shanghai helped me most to improve my language abilities, especially in the first two weeks when I had no mobile data and had to rely on asking locals for directions. Everyone was really friendly and went out of their way to help me and speak with me. Many children also came up to me to practise their English and take photos together; this has really made me consider returning to teach English for a few years once I graduate!



Shanghai at night

I absolutely loved using the metro to explore Shanghai, especially as it was so clean and well organised. I visited the Oriental Pearl Tower, took a cruise on the Huangpu River, had a day trip to an ancient water town on the city outskirts, visited a lot of markets and experienced the night life with new friends. It was nice to explore the tourist attractions, but I also loved

going to smaller local areas. One student introduced me to a small street stall where she got breakfast every day and it quickly became a favourite of mine too. Shanghai has many surprises and on one of our student-led local field trips we unexpectedly discovered a *Friends*-themed café which I was not expecting! Shanghai is such a large city that I think I could go back and not see any of the same things again!



Mao's Little Red Book still very much in evidence!

Before this trip I would never have imagined that I would go by myself to China for nearly six weeks. It was an amazing experience, and I am so glad that I did it. The Chinese lessons I took at Gresham's prepared me well to take on life in Shanghai. Thanks, Mrs. Greenfield! And thank you to the Old Greshamian Club for the travel grant I was awarded.

Having experienced the summer school at Fudan University I feel so much more confident in my language abilities and also overall as a person. The trip has opened up many new ideas and potential opportunities for my future, such as going back to China for future studies or work, maybe even pursuing a career in the tourism

industry. I miss Shanghai already and I am already thinking about when I can next go back. Until then it is my goal to learn how to cook all the delicious Chinese food I am already missing!

If you have the opportunity to join a summer school, then I would highly recommend it.

Katherine Leigh (O 2020 – 22)

Kibera Green Streets

Overseas Engineering Project in Nairobi, Kenya

In May 2023, I went to visit a project site that my colleagues and I had been providing non-profit engineering support for in Kibera, Kenya. The informal settlement of Kibera is located in Nairobi, the country's capital, and occupies low-value land on the floodplains of the Nairobi River. Kibera is regarded as an unauthorised settlement by the Kenyan government, making it illegal to occupy, and the government has no legal obligation to provide formal infrastructure for its inhabitants. As a result, those living within Kibera live

without basic infrastructure such as access to clean water, a working sewage system, municipal waste collection, protection from the elements and safe, equitable access. Kibera experiences continuous flooding during the two rainy seasons, around April-May and November, the frequency and severity of which are increasing with the effects of climate change.

A small team of engineers from Buro Happold had been working remotely offering engineering input for around six months to the Nairobi-based organisation Kuounkey Design Initiative (KDI). KDI were leading the Kibera Green Streets project, which was looking at improving a vital accessway from one of the newly-built roads within Kibera down to a river crossing. This thoroughfare was used by many of the community to access local businesses, schools and churches situated along the route and at the riverside. The proposal was to provide safe, stepped access down to the river crossing, whilst improving the public space in the area by providing tiered seating spaces with added planting and opportunities for local businesses. The benefits to the residents and wider Kibera community would be widespread; a safer accessway for parents and children to access the school, added space for the public to enjoy and new opportunities for local business, all applied with a nature-based approach. Nature-based solutions to urban challenges like these can transform the built environment through bringing in vegetation and biodiversity, improving the air quality, creating a more pleasing and aesthetic area, reducing the temperatures of the urban environments by providing cooling areas all while bringing resilience to climate change.



Waste building up in the existing drainage ditches

My work on the project involved assessing the flood risk of the area and designing a drainage channel to efficiently drain the high volumes of water flowing through the site and provide resilience against future flood risk, without detracting from the nature-based proposals for the project. There were many complex and unique challenges to this, including accounting for the large amounts of rubbish that builds up in the sewers and ditches due to there being no waste collection in the settlement.

Being able to go on a site-visit was a unique and unforgettable experience. Whilst in Nairobi, we visited the project in construction, met the local construction



The site in construction



The community workshop in progress!





Our project team standing in front of the site, partially constructed.

workers and assessed the progress of the site. We attended various design workshops to iron out a few last pieces of the design. Being able to understand the site context and see it for ourselves proved particularly useful for this. On the penultimate day, we held a design workshop with the community, which saw around 50 members of the local area come and hear us as we gave an overview of the project aims and its progress. We then had time to hear the community's feedback on the proposal, answering queries or concerns that they had. To hear the interest and excitement directly from the people who would be benefiting from the project on its completion was so rewarding and gave me first-hand insight into how life-changing it can be.

Thank you to the OG Club for helping with the means to make this trip possible; not only did I gain so much out of the experience, but the project was improved for being able to go on a site visit, directly impacting the local residents who will benefit from Kibera Green Streets.

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OG Sport

Football



2023 Football postponed from 2022!

On a blustery day, the Lent term 2023 football season kicked off as the long-awaited fixture against the OGs finally arrived. Having been postponed from September 2022, the OG side (consisting of former pupils who left in 2021 and 2022) arrived with many beards and slightly longer hair, but in good shape and ready to play!

The game kicked off and was even, with both sides having good possession of the ball, but ten minutes in Gresham's took the lead, with a goal kick from Jakub N. being flicked on by Jude P. into the path of Albert W., who scored his first of the game with a confident finish. The score shortly became 2-0, as Jude finished after a run at the defence, firing low inside the post, and the 1st team were on top. The lead would have been extended, except from some excellent defending by OG Nick Morgan and some outstanding saves by OG keeper Harry Short.

The OGs did not give up, and a good passage of play led to their first goal, with a ball over the top being latched on to by Joel P., who scored to reduce the deficit, whilst the home team debated the lack of an offside decision! Half-time and the score was 2-1, and it was still anyone's game.

The OGs gave Gresham's a fright after the break, with a clearance from a corner being volleyed home in spectacular fashion by Bobby Rash, restoring parity and bringing the score to 2-2. This galvanised both sides, as they both pushed for the decisive goal that could win the game. However, in the final 15 minutes of the match the Gresham's 1st team took charge, with another three goals from Albert W. (the second of which was a sublime curling shot) and a header from a corner by George B. ending the contest.

The final result was 6-2 to Gresham's 1st team. This was a competitive game played in an excellent spirit and it was fantastic to welcome back some former pupils to the school. Many thanks to all who took part and for the many spectators who came along to watch.



Actual 2023 Football

In a further match in the new academic year, on a gloriously hot and sunny day in September, the newly formed 1st team squad took on a team of OGs from the class of 2023, including some who have been stalwarts for the school football team themselves over the previous two years.

The game started positively, with chances for both teams before the 1st team took the lead with a shot from outside the area by Elliot Hart. This clearly rattled the OGs and 1-0 very quickly became 2-0, as a run from Max Wilson was not properly tracked and he found the net with a composed finish. Albert Williams scored his first of three goals for a 3-0 lead; however, the OG side did not give up and they scored the goal of the game with Toby Pollicott-Reid letting fly from the half-way line to find the top corner to bring his side right back into the game. The celebrations that followed were euphoric and even the opposition had to stop and applaud what was a super goal (whether he intended it,

only he will know!). However, any thoughts of a comeback were soon stopped as Jake Folbigg scored on his debut (a similarly impressive celebration followed!) to leave the first team leading 4-1 at half time.

The weather was hot and this started to tell in the second half with many tired legs and lots of substitutions; however, the OG side found the energy to score when a great run from Luke Widdowson ended with a shot into the bottom corner. However, top scorer from last season Albert Williams was in the mood for more goals, scoring his second and third to round off a fantastic performance and complete his hat trick, leaving the OGs 6-2 behind. Former captain Charlie Hood scored to reduce the deficit, but Ru McIntyre finally got the goal his efforts deserved (having had several shots well saved by the keeper) and the match finished 7-3.

This was a great start to the season and the 1st team learnt a lot from the fixture. It was great to welcome back so many former pupils and we wish them every success as they move on to pastures new away from Gresham's.

Tristan Philpott (Master in charge of football)

Cricket

On a beautiful sunny day in June, the OGs had assembled a strong side from yesteryear (mainly leavers from 1996 to 2006), but with only one player playing any regular cricket they were no match for a very strong school side, even without two of their top players.



The OGs won the toss and elected to field in a 90-over game, split 48/42. They were rewarded early with the prize wicket of Charlie Hood off the bowling of Hugo Flower and South African K. Borst followed soon after, trapped by a long hop from Tom Hawes. The school then batted steadily without really dominating, with the most productive stand of 61 for the fourth wicket between Josh Knightbridge (58) and Sam Hyatt (50). This was followed by some strong hitting at the end by Trent Stoltz and the innings finished on 220 for 8 off 48 overs. This was an excellent bowling effort by the OGs, with Hugo Flower the most successful bowler (3 for 67 off 13 overs) and Andrew Clark the most economical (1 for 36 off 11 overs). They were well supported by Tom Hawes and Felix Flower.

The OGs' batting got off to a bad start when Tom Hood had to retire very early on with a bad back. The first wicket, Felix Flower, fell at 35, but despite Johnny Wyatt (48) battling away bravely, nobody was really able to support him and the run chase never really got going, and wickets fell regularly. With a draw still on the cards, there was a brief moment of excitement when, with two overs to go, the ninth wicket, Simon Child (16) fell, and Tom Hood, still in much pain, bravely went back to the wicket to support his brother Nick (13 not out), to try to salvage a draw; but unfortunately Tom fell lbw with three balls to go and the innings finished on 125.

So ended a wonderful day, with the OGs thoroughly enjoying themselves despite being disappointed with their batting. Many fond memories were reminisced down the King's Head, Letheringsett, afterwards.

I personally have really enjoyed getting the team together for many years, but it is getting increasingly difficult to field a strong enough team against the school on a Saturday, as all the recent leavers play for their clubs, and the diehards are getting older, so I have decided to step down from the role, but will always continue to follow the OGs with much interest. Thank you all so much.

Alan Ponder (S 1980 – 2007)

Old Greshamians XI v. Old Oundelians XI

Gresham's chase down Oundle's total to win inaugural annual OGOO Trophy.

The OGs beat the OOs by six wickets in the first annual old boys T/20 cricket game at Battersea Park in August, chasing down their target of 159 with impressive batting displays from Harry Agnew and Ben Jermy getting the Grasshoppers over the line.

The OGs won the toss on a scorching day in the capital and sent the OOs into bat, opting to chase on a wicket that improved throughout the game. On a day that part time all-rounder Ben Jermy won't forget, he took the nut for the first over and claimed the wicket of the opening Oundle batman with the first ball of the day as the umpire lifted a finger citing a faint tickle down the legside, which was eagerly snaffled by standin wicketkeeper Tom Dale, whose hockey goalkeeping prowess shone throughout the Oundle innings.

With the scoreboard ticking over slowly, Gresham's slowly chipped away at Oundle's batsmen with wickets also coming from Blyth Few, Harry Agnew and Conrad Redmayne. The pick of the Gresham's bowlers was some excellent pace attack from left arm quick Max (Mitchell Johnson) Mueller-Wende who took 1-7 off 2 overs and applied pressure to the middle order.

Some fine fielding was on display from the Grasshoppers, who bravely threw themselves around on a dry pitch to stifle the run scoring at both ends. Harry Agnew got the crowd off their feet with a quite sublime catch in the midwicket position, plucking the ball out of thin air, diving to his left to end Francis Cundall's display for 16. Agnew was cruelly denied another outstanding grab by a clumsy front foot no ball bowled by a creaking Charlie May.

The Oundle inning wasn't without fireworks however, as late in their innings a plucky James Bourn stepped up to hit a useful half century, helping himself to Theo Winchester's loopy off spin sending him into the fine leg hedges on too many occasions to count. This until he was stopped by some outstanding fielding on the fence by Matthew Bromham, who cleanly took the ball one handed above his head to send the man from Lincolnshire back to the sheds with five balls remaining in the innings. Useful runs from Ollie Druce in the middle order helped Oundle limp to a semi-respectable 159 all out off 19.2 overs.

The run chase was on and Man of the Match Harry Agnew strode out to face the first ball of the OGs' innings. Agnew stood and delivered, sending Oundle opener Toby Warner to the boundary with a 4 and two 6s in the first three balls of the innings. This set the tone for the run chase, as he and his opening partner Matthew Bromham scored only with boundaries, to get the Grasshoppers off to a flying start with 46-0 off 3 overs.

Ben Jermy and James Buxton added another 35 between them, before Ben Quilter entered the fray, masterly finding the gaps for quick singles to keep the run rate up, allowing partners Charlie May and Conrad Redmayne to keep finding the ropes. As

Oundle struggled to find ways to break partnerships, Gresham's turned the screw, with Blyth Few and Theo Winchester heroically adding the final 29 runs between them to help Gresham's canter over the line just 4 wickets down with 2.5 overs left to bowl.

It was a great to catch up with old foes once again for a bout to settle old scores. A great game for the neutral, but a sweet victory for the Grasshoppers which never looked in doubt. Some things don't change! It was a terrific game, thoroughly enjoyed by all, which will now be played out every year. Please get in touch with Ben Quilter at benquilter5@gmail.com if you wish to be involved next year.



The rival teams

The photo of the players shows: Top row: James Bourn (OO), Ben Jermy, Charlie May, Harry Agnew, Francis Cundall (OO), Charlie Easter (OO), Henry Brookes-Pollard (OO), George Barker, (OO), James Buxton, Max Muller-Wende, Tom Dale, Blyth Few, Conrad Redmayne, Harry Lawes (OO)

Bottom row: Charlie Fletcher (OO), Charles Barton (OO), Oliver Druce (OO (Captain), Toby Warner (OO), Matthew Bromham, Max Howard (OO), Vlad Benn (OO), Ben Quilter (Captain), Theo Winchester.

A huge thanks goes to the OG Club who generously sponsored the event, covering the costs for pitch hire and equipment for the day. It was much appreciated.

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The OG Golf Society has enjoyed a busy 12 months playing on some wonderful courses and in great company. 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.

An update on recent activity:

- The 2022 Autumn Meeting was held at Aldeburgh, and the Guy Marsom Memorial Trophy was won by our Secretary, Richard Stevens, with a score of 38 points.
- The 4 Schools Match was won by Marlborough; Gresham's finished in 3rd place, suffering a narrow loss in the morning to the eventual winners, before comfortably seeing off Tonbridge after lunch.
- Turning to 2023, the Fishmongers' Trophy, played for at the Spring Meeting at Royal Worlington, was won by debutant Adam Smith with a score of 35 points.
- In the Halford Hewitt, Gresham's had a thrilling encounter against Lancing with one of the five matches going down the 19th and two others played out on the 18th. Sadly the overall result went Lancing's way but a very creditable OG performance nonetheless.
- 2024 sees the centenary of the Halford Hewitt and there are a number of celebrations
 planned, including a dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London. If anyone
 not on the OG Golf database but with a Halford Hewitt connection wishes to join in
 these celebrations, please do let me know via email to rstevens571@btinternet.com.
 Details will be circulated to OG golfers when available.
- Sadly, in May the OGs were unsuccessful, once more, in their annual attempt to qualify for the Grafton Morrish Final.



The 2023 Halford Hewit team

- The Summer Meeting at Sheringham in mid-June was won by Mike Barnard with an excellent score of 38 points.
- Later in June the Cyril Gray team secured a first-round success against Eastbourne before succumbing to Wellingborough in round 2. Next year sees a number of OGs reach the gualifying age of 50 for the competition - great things are anticipated!
- The annual match against the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers took place at Brancaster in early July; the match was halved 2½ 2½.
- The following week saw our return match against the Old Haileyburians, which was hosted by the OHs at Royal St. George's. The OGs upset the party by securing a 6-2 victory over 36 holes of golf. We are hoping to be able to organise the 2024 encounter at Aldeburgh.

The season finishes with the Autumn Meeting at Hunstanton on Tuesday 26th September and the 4 Schools Match at Royal Worlington on Friday 20th October.

Finally, our congratulations go to our President, Jeremy Mumby, who is currently serving as Captain of the Senior Golfers' Society – a great honour and privilege indeed. If there is a downside, it is that he is playing so much golf for the Seniors this year that we have barely seen him out with the OGs!

Provisional fixtures for 2024

Wednesday 10th January – Halford Hewitt AGM, Centenary Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel & 2024 competition draw.

Friday 15th **March** – Spring Meeting, Royal Worlington.

Thursday 11th - Sunday 14th April – Halford Hewitt, Royal Cinque Ports & Royal St. George's (practice day, Wednesday 10th April).

Sunday 19th May (tbc) – Grafton Morrish Qualifying – Denham GC.

June, date to be confirmed – Summer Meeting, Sheringham.

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June – Cyril Gray, Worplesdon (practice day Tuesday 25th June).

Monday 1st **July (tbc)** – Match vs Fishmongers' Golf Society – Royal West Norfolk. **July, date to be confirmed** – Match vs Old Haileyburians, Aldeburgh (tbc).

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

September/October – Autumn Meeting & AGM, date and venue tbc (possibly Woodhall Spa).

Friday 18th 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 are the Fishmongers' and Old Haileyburians' matches. We actively encourage golfers of all ages, genders 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)

Tennis



Sixteen Old Greshamians ranging in age from 18 to 75 graced the courts over the penultimate week of the Summer Term. The first match on the Thursday ended 41-39, with the event on Saturday ending with a 64-64 game draw! The match was decided with the traditional "ball in a tube catch contest", which was won by Ollie Croft. As you can see from the Russian dolls photo, we come in all shapes and sizes! A fantastic week of tennis to round off the season and a huge thank you to all who made the effort.

Sam Curtis (c & H 1986 – 93 & S 2006 –)



OGRE – Old Greshamian Rifle Establishment



Piglet Shield

Piglet Shield, February 2023

This annual smallbore match between OGRE and Gresham's Rifle Club (GRC) returned to its usual time of February and location of Winfarthing this year, after being contested in the summer at Gresham's in 2022. This year's match saw the OGREs champing at the bit to retake the match victory, having been well beaten last year by GRC.

Five OGs came to the range but, due to GRC availability, the match was contested by a team of 3 for each team. Ultimately, GRC registered 577 / 600, and OGRE 578 / 600, meaning OGRE snatched the victory by a solitary point! A big well done to Pete Holden, who was top shot of the day with a hugely commendable 198 / 200. This form continued into the "rapid shoot", where he top-scored again, equal with George Williams, with 94 / 100.

We have it on good authority that this now means OGRE lead this match overall with 18 wins compared to GRC's 12.

Imperial Meeting, July 2023

2023's Imperial Meeting saw a typically healthy number of OGs assemble in Surrey. Prior to the Imperial Meeting, OGRE supported GRC in their efforts 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 five (!) new members to OGRE: Georgie Clarke, Avis Fung, Hannah Broadhurst, Theo McDowell and Ben Hunt.

Our AGM took place on 13th July to discuss various matters, with the following week seeing 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 four members in the top 100 of the Grand Aggregate: Pete Holden (48th), Matt Purdy (74th), Chris Heales (79th) and Richard Stewart (98th). A special mention also to new OG Hannah Broadhurst, who came 112th!

Additionally, we had a superb five in the final of HM King's Prize, arguably the most prestigious target rifle tournament in the world: Toby Cubitt (12th), Pete Holden (16th), Matt Purdy (26th), Glyn Barnett (28th) and Chris Heales (38th).



We also had five shoot in the final of the St. George's Prize: Glyn Barnett (5th), Matt Purdy (40th), Chris Heales (59th), Toby Cubitt (60th) and Chloë Evans (69th). There was an additional individual accomplishment for Pete Holden, who won the Wimbledon, after a fantastic tie-shoot.

Team results wise, we had a mixed year, but managed to win the Schools Veterans 2nd Team, narrowly missing out on winning the Schools Veterans 1st team. We also had a number of OGs represent Norfolk in their County Championships Long Range victory,

with Richard Stewart, Toby Cubitt, Chloë Evans, Glyn Barnett and Pete Holden all being part of the success.

Onto international call-ups, we had Glyn Barnett, Chris Heales and Richard Stewart representing the victorious England team in the National match, with Chloë Evans and Toby Little being selected for Wales. 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 Chloë achieved the top score of the match with a superb 150.18v (out of a possible 150.30v). Equally, well done to Matt Purdy and Hattie Bennett, who were part of the British Army's victory in the Inter-Services Matches, both long range and short range.

Based on the above, OGRE is in a stronger position than ever, with an array of members continuing to operate at the very highest level of marksmanship. There are increasing numbers of leavers coming back, and so a big thank you, as always, must be made to GRC and Freddie Grounds for the incredible production of talented shots.

Notices

OGRE's track record of national representation on tours is ongoing, with Toby Little being part of the victorious GB U25 Team in South Africa earlier this year! Congratulations to Chris Heales, who was selected for the GB Rifle Team tour to Canada in August. Looking to next year, well done to Glyn Barnett and Chloë Evans for their selection for the GB Palma Team – they will be heading to South Africa in March accompanied by Hamish Pollock, who has also been selected for the Australian Palma Rifle Team. Lastly, congratulations to Toby Cubitt and Toby Little, who have been selected for the GB U25 team to South Africa.

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

OGREs at The World Championship for Long Range Rifle Shooting - The Palma Match



In March 2024, Bloemfontein, South Africa, will host the full-bore target rifle World Long Range Championships, culminating in the Palma Match. The Palma Match is considered the pinnacle of full-bore team shooting around the world and is shot in the two days following the Individual World Long Range Championships.

The competition dates from 1876, featuring long-range rifle shooting back to 1,000 yards and is reportedly the world's second-oldest International Team Match, behind only the America's Cup. The Palma Match is shot over two days; each team has 4 targets, 16 firers, 4 wind-coaches and a main wind-coach. The 'course of fire' is 2 sighters and 15 shots to count at 800, 900 and 1000 yards (or 700, 800 and 900 metres) on each of the 2 days. With a total of 90 shots per firer, it is the



The Palma Trophy

longest match in the shooting calendar. The 2024 match has been delayed from 2023, with the last match held in pre-pandemic 2019; it has been won 12 times by the USA, 8 by Great Britain, 6 by Canada, 3 by Australia and twice by South Africa.

The Palma Match, held about every four years, has already seen 6 OGREs selected for the international touring teams representing Great Britain, South Africa, and Australia. Five OGs have previously shot the Palma Match: David Dodds; RSA (H 1969 – 72), Dr. Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite; GB (G & O 1977 – 82), Dr. Glyn Barnett; GB (k & W 1981 – 89), Peter Holden; GB (c & H 1988 – 99), and Capt. Nigel Ball; GB (S 1996 – 2002), with Dr. Hamish Pollock (H 1986 – 91) selected as a reserve for Australia.

Picture: caption: Hamish Pollock



Chloe Evans

The 2024 teams travelling to Bloemfontein will see a new Palma cap for Chloë Evans (c & O 2001 – 12) as a shooter for GB, and Hamish Pollock will take on the important role of wind-coach for Australia. Impressively, this means that 5 OGREs will represent their countries at senior team level in The Match in 2024: Dodds (8th Cap), Ball (6th Cap), Barnett (5th Cap), Pollock (2nd Cap), and Evans (1st Cap).

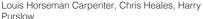
However, that's not all! OGRE also has two members representing Great Britain competing in the Under 25 World Championships: Toby Little (k & W 2010 – 18) as a wind-coach, and

Toby Cubitt (H 2016 - 21) as a shooter. They will compete as individuals alongside the 5 others, and then go on to represent GB in the Under-25 World Championship team match.

Even THAT'S not all; 3 further OGREs will represent the UK Armed Forces Team at the World Championships: Captain Harriet Bennett RLC (B 2005 – 10), Captain Matt Purdy RA (F 2005 – 10); a previous non-travelling reserve for the GB Palma Team), and Lieutenant Claire Mawson RN (B 2009 – 14). For the first time, as far as we are aware, there will be 10 OGs taking part in the World Long Range Championships.

There is yet further depth in shooting talent. Earlier this year OGRE saw OG Christopher Heales (W 1982 – 86) represent GB in Canada at the same time as a current pupil Harry Purslow (F) and recent OG Louis Horseman Carpenter (k & F 2016 - 22) were competing representing the GB Cadet Rifle Team, The Athelings.







David Dodds

Some of the most capped international shooters have come through the school either as a pupil (Dodds and Barnett) or shooting master (Ball). Dodds (RSA) and Barnett (England), as well as Richard Grisenthwaite (School Governor/Hon OG, 2021 - present; Scotland), have also represented their countries in the Commonwealth Games. In fact, it was at the 1994 Commonwealth Games when Barnett and Dodds met as competitors, only to discover they went to the same school. They competed together again in 2002, when Dodds won two silver medals and Barnett Bronze. Between them they have shot 6 Games, Dodds has 2 medals and Barnett 4, including Gold in 2006.



Glvn Barnett

Training for the World Championships is relentless, spending many years as part of 'selection' squads. Next year's Palma saw GB selection begin in 2019; shooting/ coaching many weekends throughout (and outside) the full-bore shooting season, training on ranges in all sorts of weather. Training is not just range time, however; mental training continues off the range and physical fitness has become recognised as a vital part of training, particularly for the gruelling Palma course, which this time is at altitude.

This unprecedented number of international OGREs is, in great measure, due to the fantastic shooting support



Nigel Ball

and facilities the School has developed over the last five decades. The foundations for Gresham's shooting were laid by John Mainstone in 1969, followed by John Rowley who spent 20 years raising and maintaining an amazing standard. These standards have remained high as shooting masters have come and gone, which included a 6-year stint by Capt. Nigel Ball. Now, with Freddie Grounds leading the way for the last decade (and for his second time!), the School continues to produce a significant number of international shots with many representing their home nations as well as full international teams.

What should be remembered is that this is a fully self-funded sport, with the international tours taking weeks at a time. Fundraising is a continuous struggle and never-ending; the shooters are hugely grateful to the OG Club and Gresham's for their generous support.



Stickledown Range, Bisley

For those who would like to have a go at this fantastic sport, there are fund raising 'Bisley Away-Days'; this offers people the opportunity to get the feel of the National Shooting Centre, which is so very dear to the hearts of all taking part. For further information on these fantastic and popular taster days, please contact Glyn Barnett, gcdbarnett@hotmail.co.uk.

Apparently, the more you train, the luckier you get, so from all the OGREs, we wish all those competing next year at the World Championships the very best of luck.

Glyn Barnett and Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite

Round Norfolk Relay

The Round Norfolk Relay event is a race which mirrors the county boundary over 198 miles, divided into 17 unequal stages. The race presents not only a tough physical challenge, but also a test of the organisational abilities 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 spirit of adventure; or in the case of the OG Team one which confuses experience with effort, or competence with camaraderie.

In the build up to the OGs' thirteenth appearance in the RNR I had hoped that luck would be on our side throughout. But if there isn't any drama then where's the fun. A full team was compiled early on but soon started to dissolve with injuries and overriding commitments. I am ever grateful to those who stepped up to the plate with little notice or time to train, but nevertheless deliver powerful performances on the day.

The Team Executive was duly formed, comprising of Captain (me) and Official Timekeeper **Kate Olby (née Seymour)** (c & O 1991 – 98 & S 2015 -). Timekeeping was only one of Kate's roles, along with Team Nutritionist, Team Finance Manager, Logistics Coordinator, Media and Communications SPOC, Support Driver, and Support Cyclist, to mention a handful.

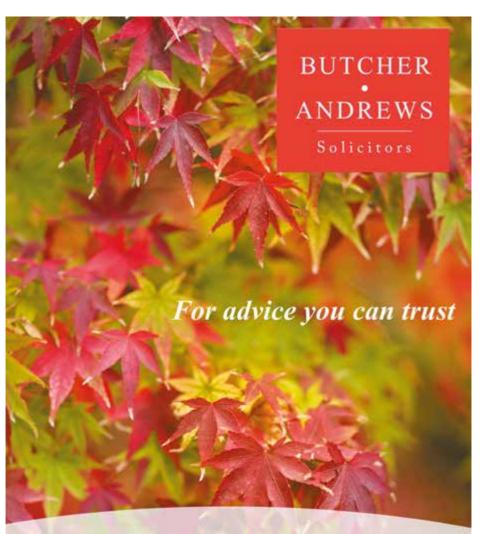
The WhatsApp group was reignited and team orders and support from within the team flowed freely. We were pleased to continue our relationship with SOAR Running (www. soarrunning.com) who provided some excellent team running tops, with many RNR runners opting to wear previous years' garments to sport the grasshopper and fly the Gresham's flag.

An early start on Saturday 16th September at the now familiar LynnSport, King's Lynn saw a first in the flesh meeting with our opener **Oli Curl** (O 2003). Oli had answered the plea for help in late August when we were stripped of our planned Stage 1 runner. I'm not entirely sure she knew what she was letting herself in for. In the dimly lit surrounds of LynnSport in a blur of hi-vis and bike lights we were underway at the more palatable time of 0600hrs. Coasting in to Castle Rising the mist was slowly burning off the marshes and Oli was finding her stride, and we left her to run free at Wolferton, whilst I earned a puncture on the bike. Pushing ahead to Snettisham Beach the sun was now up and the sea as flat my bike tyre. Oli came along the beach looking nervous about what was to come, and we could do little but shout behind her.



Ness Brown, Bob Hurst & Kate Olby

At the first changeover point at Hunstanton Lighthouse we met up with **Robert Hurst** (k & H 1991 – 97) who was eagerly awaiting the baton. Also in support was **Ness (Vanessa) Brown** (k & O 1980 – 86). Ness, a regular RNR supporter, had opted in to help out with transport and energy, which was most welcome. We waited for Oli as the time ticked by and after some initial concerns, she appeared on the cliff tops being washed along by the masses of Hunstanton parkrun runners. Exhausted and exasperated, the sand and shingle had taken it out of Oli, but she had made it with remnants of a smile on her face. First leg done.



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Bob Hurst took the baton on and quickly disappeared into the dunes around Old Hunstanton. A keen easterly was providing some cooling comfort in the unseasonal morning sun. The support team raced ahead for a pastry recharge from the Thornham Deli and here we picked up the cycle support as Bob marched off the marsh. It's fair to say Bob was running comfortably as the conversation flowed and the villages ticked by. We soon left him to tackle the devil that is the Burnham Loop and moved ahead to the changeover to ready the next runner. Bob stormed on to the quay at Burnham Overy, victorious in his battle like Lord Nelson.

Next baton-carrier, following a Tigger-like warm up, was **Louis Clabburn** (F 1987 – 92). Louis is an RNR veteran and happy this year to be running a close-to-home leg, and a short one at that. Waved off by wife and fellow OG, **Jo Clabburn** (née Harrison) (O 1994 – 98), Louis was quickly out onto the coast path and lost over the dunes on the sprint to Holkham, then Wells. It was a race against the clock for Louis this year as his daughter's birthday was on pause until his run was complete. Spurred on by fatherly duty, he soon appeared out of the pinewoods at Wells looking well-spent. It had not been an easy run, but he had kept to time and done it in style.



Dan Brighton-Watt & Louis Clabburn

Daniel Brighton-Watt (W 1999 – 2004) took hold of the sweaty baton from Louis (a particular hazard in this race!) and galloped down the footpath towards Wells guay. Dan had a "happier" stage this year after his struggle with the shingle in 2022. With almost fresh legs from hockey earlier in the week, it was time to get his head down and keep to the coast path. The support team moved ahead to Morston for the opportunity for some Eccles cake and tea in the warmth of the sun and to provide a hydration point for Dan, who certainly looked like he needed it. With Morston done, it was just Blakeney and then the sprint to the beach at Cley. which is never as close at it seems. Dan's support cyclist chivvied him through the village and out to the shingle where he was extremely glad to finish and hand over to the next member of the team and The Member for North Norfolk.

Duncan Baker (W 1993 – 98), representing North Norfolk, was back for his second RNR appearance and this time had managed to bag a run in his constituency. Team Baker were in full support to get him started, and whilst Dan disappeared into the North Sea, Duncan clattered across the shingle Weybourne-bound. This is always one of the toughest stages, with three miles or more until hard ground – but Duncan had prepared himself suitably. Breezing through the support point at Weybourne it was not until the cliff tops west of Cromer that we would see him again.

Whilst Duncan tracked along the coast edge, logistical operations were in full swing ahead at Cromer with Team Tovey (see later) being briefed on timekeeping, sign-sticking and hi-vis wearing responsibilities for later in the race. Duncan came striding into the changeover and Lisa was limbered up and ready to go.



The constituency MP & Lisa Tovey

Stage 6 saw the return of one-third of the 2023 Tovey Trio. Lisa Tovey (née Woodrow) (E 1995 – 97) was on home turf in Cromer and had all the family in support. At Cromer Golf Club, Team Dale (Robert Dale (T 1979 – 84), Emma Dale (née Coleman) (O 1982 – 84) and daughter Alice Dale (O 2012 – 17) turned up, fresh back from the capital, to show their support for the OG Team, which served as a massive boost to us all! It wasn't until a few miles in cycling with Lisa that

she owned up to not having done a great deal of training in the run up to the event. It wouldn't have been obvious with the blistering pace that she set along the undulating roads towards Mundesley – with no signs of strain showing behind the sunglasses. The weather was still overly kind and the final downhill straight to Coronation Hall provided the relief of the finish line and the handover of the baton to a familiar face, Lisa's husband James.



James Tovey

James Tovey (k & T 1986 – 97) is a regular face in the RNR team and my long-standing partner in the Norfolk Superhero – so he really has no choice in participating! Running on fresh legs, James started to reel in some of the teams ahead as the conditions were taking their toll. Keen to support and encourage James, I kept up the motivational chat, only to find out later he wasn't all that appreciative of my coaching. Neither the ice cream van nor the horrendous traffic in Walcott slowed James' pace and before long Lessingham loomed over the horizon.



Andy 'Hi-Vis' Fields

James MacBrayne (k & F 1987 - 97), a.k.a "The Tartan Tornado", had once again made the pilgrimage down from Aberdeen specifically for the event to a third run of Stage 8, Lessingham to Horsey. Now things were really spicing up and the gaps on the team in front closed considerably. James managed to overtake at least six other teams, with each one looking rather dejected as he breezed past. The 7½ miles of staring at James' backside from the cycle behind flew by and the homemade mince pies from James' mum certainly helped my energy on the bike.

Into the hubbub of the Horsey changeover, Kate had got ahead in the support vehicle to prepare our next runner, a newcomer to the event and team. Andrew Fields (c & T 1985 - 91) had been volunteered by his brother **Steve Fields** (k & T 1985 - 93 & S 1996 -). Andy easily won the non-existent team prize for most visible runner and had co-opted his father, Ray, to provide his cycle support for the 16 miles into and through Great Yarmouth to Belton. The stage wasn't without its moments, particularly the time when we lost Ray at a junction or where we nearly ran him over in the minibus. As night fell the liveried minibus became our command platform whilst some of our other plans began to fall apart. Andy was smiling all the way through his stage, and I have no doubt the promise of a hot tub and beer at the end kept his pace on target.

The long night stages of this event become a tiring time for the support team and drivers and despite my best efforts to get everybody in the right place at the right time some vehicle issues caused a few headaches. This was not what we need during the changeover at Belton between two newbies, but little could deter the enthusiasm for Stage Ten.



Nick Hood (W 1990 – 95) had been on the list of potential runners for a few years and now his time had come. Picking up the second longest stage in the event his run was supported by Team Hood, wife Anna Hood (née French) (E 1990 – 93) and daughters driving hot on his heels. We were still running slightly behind our projected time, but Tom managed to pick off one or two more teams, bringing us to

within 26 minutes of target. Encouragement from Anna roused him for the final three miles into the rural handover at Earsham. Ahead and waiting at Earsham were the support crew, augmented by James Tovey and son Alastair, who had tackled their vehicle issues (sort of) and after a cold Thai takeaway were keeping us propped up with tea and cake. A fantastic finish from Nick in a flurry of orange flashing lights and he had given a sterling first performance.

Next out of the starting blocks was RNR old-timer and OG legend **Paul (PJ) Marriage** (k & T 1982 – 90). Thankfully the baton swap between Nick and PJ was clean, without a repeat of the 2022 fracas. PJ's fast legs took us deep into the night and through to Sunday morning. A rousing blast of Vangelis' Chariots of Fire from the minibus stereo kept PJ going and a fully committed sprint finish saw PJ overtake yet another team and claw a few more minutes back.

Next to the longest stage of the whole event, where valued support from **Simon Cooper** (c & H 1976 – 83) helped get runner **Dave Saker** (S 2010 -) to the start and ready for nearly 20 miles in the depths of south Norfolk. We don't often get many volunteers for this stage, but Dave has never turned down the offer and with his pace more than benefits the team. After a quick change, PJ joined the support convoy to allow me and Kate to get ahead to Thetford for our only rest for the night – 30 minutes' broken sleep in the minibus on the Thetford industrial estate. Not the ideal romantic night away, but at least it wasn't raining. PJ provided a most amusing running commentary for Dave as he tussled with the other teams towards Thetford.

Anthony Tovey (k & T 1985 – 95) was back for a second appearance on Stage 13, which saw some luck turn, not just for our team but the whole event. An authoritative start from Ant as he entered the thin air of Thetford Forest and the drag along the A134. It was at this time that race HQ were posting details of an issue with the next stage following a police incident in Feltwell. The phones came alive (which had the bonus of keeping us all awake) and Kate as Media and Comms SPOC jumped into action to coordinate the team on the scant details that we had. Ant was not deterred and continued to fly through the forest when we were informed that Stage 14 was to be cancelled.

This was definitely bad news for our next runner, **Mark Jones** (S 1994 – 2015 & 2020 –) who at ten-past four in the morning unwillingly turned his car around in Swaffham and headed back to bed. No run for Mark this year and a re-set for the team from Wissington. Ant finished his run in Feltwell and PJ joined us outside the military base for a team catchup. The pause in proceedings actually provided me and Kate some time to recalibrate plans for the remaining few stages, the opportunity to tidy the minibus and get something to eat.



Tom Ellis & Howard Olby

Tom Ellis (k & H 2014 – 2023) met us in Wissington with his mum in support. Both newbies were immediately converted to the madness of the OG RNR Team. Tom was the youth element of the team, having only finished his time at Gresham's in July 2023. I was pleased to have conscripted him to the team following his blistering performance at the Cambridge Half and some notable running performances during his time at

school. If I'm honest, I'm not sure Tom knew what he was signing up to. Starting his run at twenty to six in the morning, it took the first mile and another team to overtake for him to properly wake up and turn the heat up. It probably didn't help that we had forgotten to give him the baton from the minibus when he started. Once Tom got going it was a struggle for Kate, on cycle support, to keep up. The miles evaporated as did the early morning haze and the delights of the A10 took Tom all the way to Downham. What a run – just over ten miles in just over one hour, making up 16 minutes on our time. He could have been faster without the support crew holding him up for a few seconds to switch between cycle and minibus.

After needing to cycle a couple of miles as fast as I could to get ahead for the changeover at Downham Market, I didn't really have much puff left and Tom was coming in hot. A similarly underprepared start from my support cyclist, Hobbs, didn't promise for a good start. Nevertheless, the short stage from Downham to Stowbridge was just what I needed to blow away the cobwebs (and lack of sleep). Hobbs was great support on the bike and my newly broken toe didn't seem to overly impact my performance. The pre-run shortbread served for a brief energy boost and continued the theme of specialist nutrition, as endorsed by Kate. I was only too glad to cross the River Ouse to see Alice ready for the off.

Alice Dale (O 2012 – 17) had not quite volunteered for the final stage but seemed excited about bringing the team home. It was a proper family affair with dad, Hobbs, cycling alongside and mum Emma shouting support along the route. Alice is seemingly self-propelled by positivity and any strain was masked by her smiles. Kate and I pushed ahead to prepare the finish line at LynnSport (and get a caffeine boost). Emma found us basking in the sun on the bleachers desperately trying to stay awake. Updates on Alice's run along the river came over the phone and Emma tracked her remotely through the Hanseatic town of King's Lynn before she popped out on the track at LynnSport for the sprint to the tape with hands aloft.



Howard Olby, Alice and Rob Dale & Kate Olby

With some sadness and immense tiredness, the faithful five departed from LynnSport and another year done with another fantastic OG team. Heartfelt thanks to all those that supported in any way, including the School, the OG Club, SOAR Running and importantly the family members of those foolish enough to run. The camaraderie of OGs across the age groups is really special in this event and I have yet to hear any competitor say that they don't want to be involved in the future.

I hope that 2024 has many more adventures in store for us and that we will see some new faces as well as the faithful. If you would like to get involved, I could really do with some help on the support crew next year (before Kate gets really

fed up with me). If you fancy getting involved as a runner or on support please get in touch with me at howardeolby@hotmail.com or through the OG Club.

Howard Olby (k & F 1987 – 97)

Norfolk SuperherOGs

Every year, around the middle of June, on the Norfolk coast at Burnham Overy Staithe something magical happens – The Norfolk Superhero.



The description of this event from the website is 'a charity quadrathlon for those who relish an endurance challenge. Participants take part in teams of two and together cover a course that includes a 1 mile swim, a 4 mile kayak through the creeks, a 45 mile circular cycle route and an 8 mile run across the beach, finishing with the last mile over the marsh. Teams must stick together and help each other out although there is a good mix of competition on show as well.'

If that description sounds a bit much, I can tell you from personal experience that it is! However, I don't know of any other events like it in the county or the country. It is truly something fabulous to be part of.



This year on Saturday 10 June, just over 200 nervous competitors lined up on the shore at Gun Hill ready to splash their way into the 5-hour suffer-fest. In the past the competitors have included a wide variety of OGs or connections to Gresham's. This year rough counting (yes – I made a spreadsheet!) indicates that 30 OGs and at least 40 parents or relatives of OGs competed. This number doesn't even include the plethora of Pink Ladies or supporters with links to the School.



Gresham's kindly sponsors the kayak leg of this event and a group of pupils and staff help to shuffle the kayaks around in transition and provide overall vocal support. I am proud to have participated in this event with fellow OG **James Tovey** (k & T 1986 - 97) for the last few years.

This year's chosen charity was Nourishing Norfolk and the event raised a record £221,000. This money will help develop five new food hubs, supporting five thousand people in Norfolk to be able to have affordable food on a daily basis.

Special mentions have to go to the organising team who make the magic happen – Carlotta, Nick, Jess and Riddy. (Who hopefully won't mind me promoting this wonderful event).

For more information on the event and how to get involved in any which way you can (sponsors always welcome), visit www.norfolksuperhero.co.uk.

Howard Olby (k & F 1987 – 97) (Regular competitor and Superhero Superfan)



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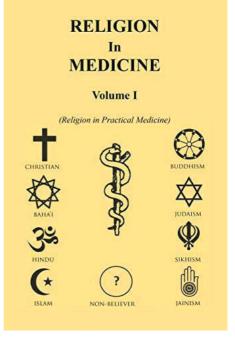
Obituaries

David Freeman (k & F 1940 - 46) died in July 2022.

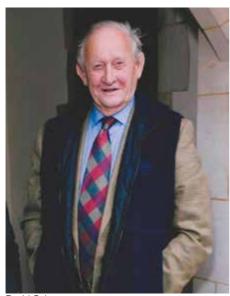


John Dawson

Lieutenant Colonel Dr. John Dawson (H 1945 - 47) died in June 2022. His sons, **Philip** (H 1978 - 79) and **Robin** (H 1981 - 82) have provided the following information: John Bernard Dawson was born in England to Cunard and Molly Dawson. He died in June 2022 in his home in Newport News, Virginia, at the age of 93. He leaves three children, Philip, Robin, Pamela, and five grandchildren. John completed a BA in Medicine at Oxford University and completed medical training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London. He moved to Australia on a research fellowship, before relocating to America in 1965 and coming to Newport News in 1975. As a member of the National Committee of Clinical Laboratory Standards, he helped write the standards for medical testing used around the world to ensure accurate clinical testing. He taught Introduction to Clinical Skills at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He served in the US Army Reserve, including active service in Operation Desert Storm in 1991 as a Lieutenant Colonel in the 2nd General Hospital and supported the US Navy as a physician at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. He played a key role in founding the Riverview Farm Park in Newport News.



In 2011 he published *Religion in Medicine*, a two-volume work dealing with the interplay between religious beliefs and medical treatment. John is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



David Colman

David Colman (F 1945 - 49) died in December 2022. His son. Andrew (F 1975 - 79), writes: The son of Arthur and Gerda Colman, and grandson of B. B. Morgan, one time Sheriff of Norwich, he started his schooling at Miss Copeman's in Claremont Road and moved to Town Close House School, Part of his time with Town Close was spent at Barbon Manor in Westmoreland. where the school was evacuated during the Second World War. For four years he was a boarder at Gresham's, where he was house captain of Farfield, a school prefect, and represented the school at rugby, hockey and cricket. In later life he became a governor of Town Close House School, President of the Old Greshamian Club and a Governor of Gresham's. On leaving school, he trained at Mons Officer Cadet School and at Chatham and was commissioned into the Royal Engineers for two years' National Service, during which he taught himself to drive in a 7.5 ton truck borrowed from the motor pool. He also served for several years in the Territorial Army. In 1951 he joined the firm of Philip Pank and Partners, chartered quantity surveyors. He studied for his qualifications by way of a correspondence course and became a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. For some time he was chairman of the local junior branch. On his retirement in 1996 he had risen to be senior partner.

He married Mary Purling in 1958 and had three sons, **Timothy** (F 1973 – 77), **Andrew** and **James** (F 1979 – 83). In due course, six grandchildren were born. While at St. Peter Mancroft, Canon (later Bishop) Bill Westwood persuaded David to become a member of the Redundant Churches Trust and he continued in that capacity for over 30 years. He became a magistrate in Norwich, sitting first at the Guildhall and then at the new court building in Bishopsgate. He served as a magistrate for nearly 25 years and became the Chairman of the Youth Court

David was an enthusiastic sportsman. Following National Service, he joined Norwich Grasshoppers Hockey Club. He soon established himself in the 1st XI at left back in one of the strongest club sides in the country. He played for Norfolk over 75 times, represented the East many times and was captain of both. He also had an Olympic trial. He held various offices in the County set-up and was President of the East. He played cricket for Norwich Wanderers Cricket Club and captained the 1st XI. He was President of the Club in

1981 and was Treasurer for many years. He served at one time or another on most of the Club's committees. He was a member of Norfolk County Cricket Club and enjoyed his days at Lakenham and then Horsford. At the end of his hockey and cricketing days, he was often seen on the touchline at Norwich Rugby Club and took the helm of the family white boat on Barton Broad; he joined the Royal Norwich Golf Club and the Victoria Bowls Club and was a keen participant in both sports until late in life.

David was associated with many other clubs and organisations. He was a member of the City Club and the Norfolk Club; he joined a Masonic lodge, was a member of the Norwich Society, a Vice-President of the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association, a Friend of the Theatre Royal, in the congregation of Norwich Cathedral and a member of the Norwich Philharmonic Society, of which Mary was Secretary for many years. He was a member of TAS Probus Club and was President in 2006 – 07.

In 2021 he finally left the family home at Unthank Road and became resident at Field View in Fakenham. Here he was well looked after and received many visits from family and friends. Despite failing health, he remained alert and interested in sport, local news and the activities of his extended family. He never lost his sense of humour. After a full and extraordinary life in the community, David passed away in his sleep on 5th December 2022.

Euan Hooper (k & H 1940 - 50) died in March 2023.

Peter Summers (k & H 1945 – 52) died in September 2020.

Stephen Doggett (k & H 1946 – 52) died in March 2022.

Professor Colin Leakey (F 1947 - 52) died in January 2018. He was a leading plant scientist, a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge and of the Institute of Biology. and a world authority on beans. Colin was the son of Louis Leakey (1903 - 72), the pioneering paleoanthropologist, and Frida (née Avern), a French teacher at Benenden School and alumna of Newnham College. Cambridge. His paternal grandparents were Church of England missionaries in British East Africa; his father grew up amidst the Kikuyu people and spent almost all his life in what became Kenya. His parents met in 1927 and married the following year. However, Louis left his wife just after Colin was born. Colin grew up with his mother and sister in Cambridge, and did not see his father again until he was 19. By his father's second marriage, Leakey was half-brother to Richard, a well-known conservationist and politician, Philip, also a prominent Kenyan politician, and Jonathan, a businessman.

After Gresham's, Leakey undertook national service as an officer in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, including a year on the staff of Admiral Earl Mountbatten, who was then Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. Leakey then studied Physiology, Biochemistry, Botany and the History and Philosophy of Science for a first degree at King's College, Cambridge, where he was later elected to a Fellowship.

He trained in tropical agriculture and tropical plant pathology at Exeter University and the University of the West Indies, Trinidad, specialising in tropical plant pathology and receiving a postgraduate Diploma in Tropical Agriculture. At Exeter, he was awarded the Currie Memorial Prize. In 1972, having already taught doctoral students at Makerere University, Uganda, he was awarded a PhD by the University of Cambridge.

After working initially for the Commonwealth Mycological Institute, Colin was seconded to Uganda's Kawanda Research Station as pathology specialist, working on the improvement of beans by plant breeding. At the same time, he did important work on coffee, cocoa, cotton and vanilla diseases. He also carried a substantial teaching load at Makerere University in plant pathology, crop protection and plant breeding, as well as teaching statistics, agroclimatology and crop ecology. However, in the early 1970s, political turmoil in Uganda led to the end of British funding, so Colin returned to Britain and began active collaboration with the Cambridge University bean programme, working with Unwins of Histon and the Bean Improvement Cooperative.

In the 1980s he set up a company aiming to develop new cultivars of bean that could be adapted to suit the British climate. Later, he set up a private research station in Girton, Cambridge, where he continued breeding work and a trials programme for varieties. After re-locating to Lincoln, his programme moved on from breeding to development with a limited role of varietal maintenance.

By the 1990s, there was interest in developing one or more of his new varieties in the USA. Trials were undertaken at the research farm of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and one of the yellow-seeded varieties from Colin's company, Peas and Beans, Ltd., is now grown and marketed in San Francisco.

An impressive portfolio of companies and organisations benefited from Colin's knowledge, and his consultancies covered wide-ranging topics and diverse locations, including Thailand, Portugal, Ethiopia, South Africa, the UAE, Chile, the Windward Islands, Malawi and Malaysia.

Dr. John Craggs (W 1948 – 52) died in September 2022.

John Hellings (OSH 1948 – 52) died in September 2022.

Robin Scoones (c & W 1945 – 53) died in November 2022.



Robin Scoones with Ed Margetson on a recent visit

David Cargill (c & F 1946 – 53) died in January 2023. The following obituary is adapted from one that appeared in the *Eastern Daily Press*.

David Cargill was born on 15th April 1936 to Scottish farmer David Cargill senior and Jessie Henderson. He was the older brother of Jean and Alan (k & H 1952 -59). After Gresham's, he worked on family farms for a year before leaving in 1956 to study at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester. His family described his farming career as "unenthusiastic, to say the least!" In 1960 he married Suffolkborn Shirley Williams, whom he had met in Norwich, and together they began a long and wholehearted love affair with the arts. In 1971, Mr. Cargill took over as chairman of the Norfolk Contemporary Arts Society and enabled it to make ambitious purchases with national match-funding from the V&A National Art Collections Fund. This brought more contemporary art to the county than its museums had room to show. Four years later, he created and chaired the Eastern Arts Association, with the aim of bringing cultural experience to a wider crosssection of the public in East Anglia.

In 1981 the family hosted the traveling Albion Fair on their farm near Cromer. It was a community event, with artists, craftspeople, acrobats, mime artists, and dancers, and left its more conservative neighbours slightly bewildered by the colourful tents, live music, and converted buses. The following year, he set up a new commercial station, Radio Broadland, with

his friends, the writer Malcolm Bradbury and Viscount Coke, as directors. During the next 15 years, the business acquired multiple stations across East Anglia and in 1996 it was purchased by GWR Group for £25m.

Mr. Cargill was also involved with several other projects. He sat on the Arts Council for England and used his position to prioritise the importance of regional arts investment, was a director and board member of Angela Flowers Gallery PLC for nearly 40 years, a founder investor and shareholder of The Groucho Club, chairman of Wingfield Arts centre, and at the age of 65 he became the oldest member of Soho House.

He and Shirley shared an ambitious love for art and began a large personal collection with works by artists and sculptors including Duncan Grant, David Hockney, Michael Andrews, William Pye and Tom Philips. And in 1982, the couple, with their three children, began the transformation of Elsing Hall in Elsing, near Dereham, which at the time was a dilapidated moated manor house. The mediaeval house became a place of social and cultural introduction, where artists, writers, musicians, financiers, and local friends and family were entertained with generosity and laughter.

In 1983, he contested the new parliamentary seat of Mid Norfolk in the Social Democratic Party interest, achieving 26% of the vote against a successful Conservative win. And in

1989 he founded a new merchant bank in Norwich, the East Anglian Securities Trust.

In his 70s, following the onset of dementia, he reluctantly withdrew from his professional life. During this time he began painting and sculpting, and continued to attend numerous arts and music festivals. He also devoted himself to his grandchildren Lucas, Milo and Finn, and daughters Natasha and Jonquil.

Graham Howlett (k & H 1949 – 53) died in January 2021.

Ian Mackenzie (c & OSH 1947 – 55) died in March 2022

Kenneth Rix (c & OSH 1950 – 55) died in January 2022. His wife, Sue, writes that Kenneth won a scholarship to Gresham's after passing the 11-plus examination. Sadly, he had to leave before taking A levels, when his family circumstances changed. He spoke with great affection about Gresham's and his time at the school. In due course he proceeded to teacher training college in Norwich after marrying in 1965. His pupils described him as a "great teacher".

William Rix (c & F 1948 – 57) died in June 2023. His family write: Bill was born and raised in Norfolk, a Norfolk man through and through, and attended Gresham's School as a boarder. He had very fond memories of his time there. On leaving school, he took a degree apprenticeship at De Havilland Aircraft Company,



Bill Rix

where he graduated with Honours as an Aeronautical Engineer. He pursued a long and successful career mainly in the Aerospace industry, becoming a Chartered Engineer, a Chief Engineer and a Member of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Bill was married to Yvonne soon after qualifying and had two children, Alison and George. Throughout his life, Bill was kind, sensitive, clever, thoughtful, practical and a witty man. He passed away peacefully at home in Corhampton at the age of 84, his family with him. Bill is survived by his two children and he will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family, friends and colleagues.

David Stangroom (OSH 1953 – 57) died in September 2022. His brother, **Neville** (k & OSH 1954 – 62) writes: When I started at Gresham's Junior School aged nine, David had already been in the senior department for a year. It was the unwritten rule amongst the senior pupils that they never stooped so low as to visit the juniors for any reason. Despite this, David would visit me on a Sunday during



David Stangroom

those first few weeks and we would go for bike rides around the North Norfolk countryside. This helped me to ease into my new environment, and woe betide any senior pupil who tried to criticise David's actions.

We managed to get through our schooldavs both achieving similar academic depths, although David did excel in the practical skills. I remember that he invented the Stangroom Mk. 1 Dimmer which was used in the lighting of Old School House plays for several years. He was also a star pupil in wood and metalwork. Possibly the teacher who was most instrumental in nurturing these skills was John Burrough (S 1946 - 82). Known affectionately by all as "Scruffy" Burrough, he taught his craft in the Thatched Buildings, which were long overdue for replacement even then. Consequently, they were known as the "Scruff Shacks". It is very fitting that, out of the ruins of the Scruff Shacks, in its own way a centre of practical invention, has risen the multimillion-pound Dyson Building sponsored by Sir James Dyson. At Norfolk Agricultural College at Easton, David was awarded the Most Improved Student Prize. After this he finally realised the ambition he had held from early childhood and started work at Hamrow Farm, Whissonsett. Fifty years later he retired, reluctantly, through ill health.

The timing of his return to the farm from college was good. Our uncle, who farmed in partnership with his brother, had decided to retire from the business and concentrate on his work as a Rural District Councillor. The business was then, as it is now, very complex and diverse. They employed 12 full-time men and many casual female workers, all of whom lived locally. Although David had only just finished college, he provided a fresh outlook and new ideas. His work ethic was exceptional from the start to the finish of his career.

It was about this time that we were invited to grow one acre of mint by Colman's of Norwich. It was mainly through David's efforts that we gradually increased that acreage, initially to about 30 acres and thereafter nearer a hundred. Colman's later asked us to grow tarragon and parsley for them. This led to the design and development of a herb drier which was installed at Hamrow. Later, David helped perfect innovative harvesting techniques which stripped the leaf off, leaving the stalk in the field. This was necessary to improve the quality of the product and reduce Colman's waste disposal problems at their Carrow Road site. Together with our village

blacksmith, he also designed, manufactured and perfected a sophisticated trailer to speed up the weighing and loading of our annual 150-ton strawberry crop. As we had more than 100 people in the field picking on piece work, this was essential to maintain maximum productivity.

David won many prizes for his farming skills. He was a formidable hockey player for the Fakenham Young Farmers team. Later he played an important part in Fakenham Round Table. Another society to which he made a major contribution was Fakenham and District Light Operatic Society, both on stage and behind the scenes. For many years David and Janet were both keen members of the Fakenham Choral Society.

David played an important part in the formation of Holt Rugby Club. In those early days the Holt Rugby Club Ball would be the highlight of the Norfolk social calendar. One of the traditions would be the race to climb the two main marquee poles. David would always be one of those competitors, aided by only slight inebriation.

David and his wife Janet devoted much of their time and considerable effort to their parish church. Together with others they raised huge sums of money to maintain the building and completely restore the organ.

During our occasional family business meetings, David was renowned for only speaking when he had something to say which was worth listening to. He was my business partner and my best friend. He was strong and brave, qualities which stood

him in good stead when, in his later years, he suffered from Parkinson's disease. This cruel illness eventually completely debilitated him, even taking away his power of speech.

Michael Kitson (OSH 1954 – 57) died in May 2023.

Richard Hunt (k & W 1952 – 58) died in April 2023.



Brian Slaughter

Brian Slaughter (c & W 1952 – 60) died in May 2023. Brian was born at Blackhall Farm, Edgefield, during World War II, the third child of Margaret and Edward Slaughter. He had a happy childhood growing up on the farm with his brother, Dr. Ralph Slaughter (c & W 1949 – 59) and sisters Molly and Jean. Ralph's first memories of Brian were of a curly-haired toddler as they were both fitted with Mickey Mouse gas masks, before being put in the cupboard under the stairs. That was the safest place while enemy bombers were attempting to knock out the anti-aircraft unit a mile and a half away.

Brian went to Edgefield School up to the age of eleven, then on to Gresham's. He would rather have been at home helping on

the farm, which he in fact did after leaving school. He was never really an academic or a sporty person. He went to work for the farm next door, C. J. C. Lee, which is now Seaman's, where he gained a good grounding and experience of working on a larger farm. He then obtained a scholarship to the Essex Institute of Agriculture, where he achieved a Certificate with Credit.

Brian was offered, and took, a job with British Oil and Cake Mills at Stoke Mandeville in Buckinghamshire. There he did much of the building work and fitting out of a new research pig unit, aimed at improving the health and welfare of pigs and thus the productivity of British pig farms. As part of that project, he was deeply involved with developing the farrowing crate, a device which was warmly welcomed by pig farmers and veterinarians alike. Its availability not only meant greater survival rates of tiny piglets, but problems encountered during the birth process could much more readily be accessed and treated. Together with this invention and synchronised breeding in groups of three, in his own pig unit later, he achieved survival rates exceeding 22 piglets per sow annually. Unfortunately, there are misguided attempts to ban farrowing crates by animal rights advocates, who have confused their use with sow stalls which confine the sows during the whole of the 16-week gestation period.

It was during his time at Stoke Mandeville that he met Carole, his wife of 50 years, when visiting her uncle's shop near B.O.C.M. They moved to Norfolk, buying the family farm, and establishing the pig unit.

Carole had had no experience of farming, especially pigs! She learned fast, helping Brian with every aspect of the job. He could not have achieved all that he did without her help. In due course, their daughters were born, and had great fun growing up on the farm, often playing with all the little piglets. Brian took great delight in spending time with his girls, and in later life he enjoyed spending time with his grandsons, watching them playing football or cricket in the garden or on the neighbouring fields. Sadly, after retirement, Brian suffered prolonged ill health and could do very little, so Carole took on the role of carer. Brian was a quiet. gentle man and was loved by all his family and many friends.



Richard Tacon

Richard Tacon (OSH 1957 – 60) died in January 2023. The following obituary is adapted from one that appeared in the *Eastern Daily Press*:

Born during a German air raid on Great Yarmouth, Mr. Tacon is said to have been lucky to make it through the night, flying glass having left his mother badly cut. He grew up in Rollesby – the place he would always call home – and attended Old Buckenham Hall Prep. School and later Gresham's, Holt.

During his time at Gresham's, Mr. Tacon was introduced to sailing and this instilled a lifelong love of the sport. He studied agriculture at Writtle University College in Essex, and after graduation he and a friend embarked on a year-long adventure around Canada and the west coast of America. After returning home, his first employment was as a fieldsman for Birds Eye.

Mr. Tacon and his wife, Sarah, married at Norwich Cathedral in 1970. Shortly thereafter, he took over an acre of land and began his farming career. After a challenging time as pig farmers, the Tacons tried their hand at growing asparagus, which they began selling to nearby residents from their kitchen. In due course, this enterprise grew from one acre of asparagus to 25, and became an important supplier to local outlets, pubs and restaurants. By the 1980s, the family had opened their pick-your-own strawberry fields, which went on to become the most profitable acre on the farm and was later expanded to include raspberries.

In 1972 Mr. Tacon started up the Rollesby Sailing Club. After he had retired from racing, he kept a boat on the Broads and frequently took his family out. Latterly, he had restored an Enterprise, and bought his grandchildren a Laser so as to pass on to them his love of the sport. He was also heavily involved with the village church and served as chairman of Rollesby Parish Council for over three decades.

Judge Howard Letts (W 1957 - 60) died in October 2022. His wife, Sharon, writes: Howard served the public full-time until the age of seventy as a District Judge on the Surrey Circuit with a ticket in Family Law. He believed in giving justice to people from all walks in life. He was highly respected and always took time to listen to people and also allow people an opportunity to be heard. Outside Howard's full-time position, he supported the following organisations by talks and support: Surrey Family Mediation Services, Relate and Solicitors Family Law Association. Whilst working full-time, Howard also studied for an Honours Degree in Psychology though the Open University. In his spare time, he supported Sutton United Football Club. He also enjoyed driving his Honda S2000 convertible car. Howard was a truly honourable man in his profession and his home life.



Howard Letts

David Hayman (c & OSH 1951 – 61) died in September 2023.

Patrick Harvey (c, W & T 1958 – 64) died in March 2023. His brother Richard (c & W 1962 – 67) writes: Patrick had success at school academically and also in sport – he used his left-handedness to good effect, particularly in cricket and hockey. He left Gresham's in 1964 with an Exhibition at Emmanuel College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences.

After Cambridge he began work at Shell as an engineer. After leaving Shell he had a number of postings in the 70s in Europe with oil companies. It was during one of these postings that he met his future German wife, Maria. They married and lived in Germany, before moving to Cairo with a German oil company with interests in the Gulf of Suez. This was a particularly happy and satisfying part of his career. By the mid-80s, and by this time with two small children, the time was right to move back to Europe to a head office job in London. The family settled in Barnes, south-west London, where they remained up to Patrick's death.

In part prompted by the Piper Alpha oil disaster in 1988, Patrick moved into the safety and compliance side of the business and spent several years with Lloyds of London Insurance before his retirement. In retirement he joined the Government Teacher Training scheme, with Maths as his main subject. He finished the course and taught in a number of south London schools for four years; a few years of

tutoring and exam marking followed on from that. He also kept busy with neighbourhood clubs and local politics, and began to take golf more seriously. He maintained a reasonable handicap playing once a week (and playing right-handed for some reason).

Family was always central to Patrick's life. His children Philip and Anna both settled in London and he was a devoted and continual presence in the lives of his five grandchildren. From 2009 onwards he enthusiastically organised an annual holiday week in the UK for the extended family. The venue ranged far and wide but eventually concentrated on Norfolk, and, in particular, North Norfolk, which remained very dear to his heart. It was poignant for the family to be there again this July, but this time without Patrick.



Mike Chesterman

Michael Chesterman (S 1963 69) died in November 2022. One of his former sligua The Rev. Jess Stubenbord (W 1962 - 67) officiated at his funeral. Jess describes Michael inspiring as an German teacher and

that it was due to him that Jess went on to do a degree in French and German. Mike's daughter, **Sue** (O 1981 - 83) has provided the following edited version of the tribute paid to her father by Colin, Mike's youngest son.

"Dad was born in 1932 and his early years were spent in Yakusu mission station in what was then the Belgian Congo. He studied at Christ's College, Cambridge - although judging by his tutor's reports, he spent more time training and rowing on the river Cam than he did at his studies. He was a talented oarsman, and in 1953 and 1954 was close to being selected for the Cambridge crew for the Boat Race, but just missed out both times. In 1953 he met Mum at West Ham Central Mission and they were married in April 1955.

"After leaving Cambridge, Dad served a three-year commission in the Royal Air Force. Then Africa called. His work in Africa spanned more than 30 years. His first teaching post was at the Church Missionary Society Lagos school in Nigeria and he then went on to be the Headmaster at Magamba school in Tanzania and St Mark's, Mpelembe, Chengelo and Lechwe schools Zambia. He also worked as a radio producer, broadcasting English language programmes for students across Zambia. He led the Churches Medical Association in Zambia, helping mission hospitals to get the resources they needed to deliver essential health services in remote areas. In between his trips to Africa, Dad taught languages at Gresham's, led the Africa Evangelical Fellowship, worked as a financial advisor, and as the Parish Clerk for Stody and Hunworth in Norfolk. In later life, he found the time to write and publish his autobiography. It's called Through Many Toils and Snares and it's available on Amazon.

"Our family have been so grateful and moved to see the many comments and stories about his life from Dad's former pupils, colleagues and friends – and the doctors, nurses, and other staff in mission hospitals across Zambia and beyond.

"Nkosi Sikelel iZambia. Nkosi Sikelel iAfrica. Dad passed away peacefully on Remembrance Sunday. He wasn't a soldier who fought and died bravely in a war. But he was a Christian warrior who devoted his life to inspiring and leading so many others to fulfil their own potential and get the skills and opportunities to succeed in life. That's a cause truly worth fighting for."



James Richardson

Professor James Richardson (T 1970 – 71) died suddenly while on holiday in India with his wife Shona in February 2018. Although he only had one year at Gresham's, doing A-Level subjects, his wife writes that he found that time expanded his searching mind, and he held the school and staff in high esteem. He made a point of walking round the school and chapel in November 2017 while they were in the area.

James was Professor of Orthopaedics at Keele University and Director of the Institute of Orthopaedics. James had a long and illustrious career, which was recognised at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital's awards ceremony in November 2017, where he was presented with the Chief Executive's for Inspirational Leadership. The award celebrated the decision by NICE to approve a procedure called ACI (autologous chondrocyte implantation) for use at RJAH after 20 years of trials. James had been at the forefront of this work throughout that time.

"Prof", as he was known, qualified in Medicine in 1977 and went on to undertake research into fracture healing and biomechanics at Oxford, where he completed an MD thesis. He became Professor of Orthopaedics at RJAH in October 1994 at the young age of 38. During his career James worked in his native Inverness, then Nepal, India. Malawi. Glasgow, Oxford and before his appointment at RJAH, he was a Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant at Leicester University. His secretary for almost 25 years described him as a "genuine, caring, honest and compassionate man. 'Prof' touched the lives of many and treated everyone equally with such integrity and humility. He was a true gentleman. Regardless of how busy he was, he always had time for people, even if it meant he might be late for a scheduled appointment. It was a total honour and a privilege to work for him."

The Hospital Trust Chief Executive added: "The entire RJAH community has been left devastated by Professor Richardson's tragic and untimely death. His vision was a huge influence on Orthopaedics, cell therapy and research. His dedication to his patients and passion about his profession was irrepressible, and on a personal level, he was gentle and kind and loved by all at RJAH for his unique character. Generations of our staff, patients, colleagues, scientists and surgeons have lost a loyal friend, who enriched all our lives. We will miss him enormously."



Philip Brown

Philip Brown (H 1969 - 74) died in June 2023 after a very long illness. His brother, Richard (H 1967 - 71), writes: After graduating with a degree in PPE from Keble College, Oxford, Philip worked for some three years in teaching and journalism in Hong Kong. However, his career was cut short as he suffered a debilitating mental illness for the next 40 years. For much of this time, he was cared

for superbly by our mother, Jean. When our mother died, he was very fortunate to move into a wonderful home. Holder House in Abingdon, run by the Richmond Fellowship, where he was very happy for the last two years of his life. Throughout his life, Philip was renowned for his care and compassion for others.



Adam Stevens

Adam Stevens (k & T 1968 – 75) died in September 2023. Jeremy Parkin (OSH 1970 - 73) writes: Adam lost his brave fight to cancer. He was the Fabulous Flirty Flower Man who gave the Market Place his own brand of "joie de vivre". He kept his delightful banter going, come rain or shine. Such a wonderful exuberant character, his upbeat fun never faltered. It is a rare gift in life to have a spirit so sunny, expansive, and generous. Adam's loud voice and contagious laughter will be missed, but his warmth, his style, his smile and his radiant spirit will live on.

Matthew Norwak (k & T 1969 – 78) died in December 2022.



Jim Spicer

Roland (Jim) Spicer (F 1973 - 78) in April 2023. On the Sunday before, he was doing what he loved, playing golf at his club, Cuddington G.C. He will be greatly missed by his two daughters Katy and Charlotte, his family and his many friends and colleagues.

Emma Ennion (née **White)** (E 1987 – 89) died in May 2023. This is an edited version of the eulogy that James **Pike** (k & H 1980 – 89) delivered at her funeral:

We have just sung Emma's favourite hymn from chapel: "I will ever give to thee". That's what Fmma did. All the



Emma Ennion

time. She would be so touched that many other school friends are here from that era and although we haven't seen each other regularly, the draw of her personality has once again proved irresistible...

We were at a wonderful school, Gresham's, on the North Norfolk coast; the crisp, fresh, coastal air seemed to blow Emma in our direction from down South. Thankfully, it deposited her there in September 1987 for the 6th form. It was quite tough for a boy joining then, but even more so for a girl, in a mixed, full-boarding school, knowing no one, with friendships already well established. But not for Emma. That first day of the first term she joined we didn't know what had hit us. It wasn't a question of her "settling in" but rather the fact that Emma had "arrived"... She was a tsunami of London cool; trendy; savvy; culturally independent; and wearing her capital sophistication with such ease. She introduced the Waterboys to us; wore DMs with flair; knew the lyrics to every Smiths song; and her Marlboro Reds were Duty Free

She certainly brought a new kind of glamour to Norfolk and the dusty corridors of our rural school - not just cool clothes. cool highlighted-hair and cool music, but a type of social and emotional intelligence that was very much her own. What an impact that maturity had. Without us really being conscious of the change, she manoeuvred the status quo of our year, subtly altering the dynamic between "us boys" and "those girls". She laughed at the boys, exposing our adolescent arrogance. gently cajoling us up to her level. At the same time, she coalesced the girls around her, encouraging a more independent, confident and adventurous crew. She sharpened our wits, broadened our horizons and gave us the permission we



Emma in 1988

hadn't realised we sought; to be rebels. In those years, we now better appreciate how she helped all of us to grow up, together... Even at 17, she had absolutely no time for those being ridiculed, and often called out, very publicly in group situations, people picking on the less confident and more vulnerable. Boys are all over the shop in our teens; she was more than a step ahead of us and pulled me and others up many times, quite rightly. That takes a lot of courage as a new girl, when most of us had been there for years before, some since we were nine, so friendships; factions; bonds and groups were well embedded. Emma literally blew them apart and redefined them...

There seems to me nothing more powerful than an old and long childhood friendship, however intermittent contact post-school days. You both see the unpolluted you; the you without the worldliness; without experience; and without the pressures later life naturally brings and their repercussions. You witness the mistakes; you see the fun and the flaws from their

very beginnings. Speaking on behalf of her school friends, we feel privileged to have been part of that journey with Emma...

Her housemaster, **Richard Peaver** (S 1971 – 2009) writes: As one of my first 6th form intake into Edinburgh House, Emma held a special place in my memory. Full of fun, energy and kindness, she was great company, and a fine prefect when the time came – thoughtful, loyal and reliable. James's eloquent and moving tribute sums her up so well.



Beth Drummond-Hay

Beth Drummond-Hay (1989 – 91) died in September 2023.

Mrs. Marie Handley (S 1987 – 95) died in March 2023. Her housemaster, Richard Peaver (S 1971 – 2009), writes: If, as in the memorable words of the classicist Headmaster, Hugh Wright (HM 1985 – 91), Edinburgh House "sprang, like Athena, fully armed from the head of Zeus", it was due in large part to the wonderful team I was fortunate to have from the outset: House Tutor Jill Edwards (née Flowerday) (S 1987 – 1990 & 2022 –) and matron Marie, whom we had lured across from Bunton Hill, where

she had been an assistant housemistress. In a previous existence, Marie had been an air hostess (as they used to be called) with BEA. It was easy to envisage her as an elegant member of cabin crew – authoritative, dependable, understanding, sympathetic, kind, seemingly tireless, and able to deal calmly with all manner of unexpected or bizarre situations.

The job of matron in a boarding House is a unique one, combining at various times the roles of nurse with those of confidante, carer, counsellor, taxi driver, detective, dietician, security guard, laundrywoman and cleaner. Marie was available 24 hours a day, always ready to listen to girls' problems and to deal with their minor ailments, and never complaining at the unsocial hours required of the job. Whether it was a question of clearing up the unsavoury mess created during a "sick bug" or driving a suspected emergency case to Norwich at a



Marie at the Edinburgh 30th birthday party in 2017 at the Cavalry and Guards Club

few minutes' notice, she was always 100% reliable and, what is so important, cheerful and good-humoured at the same time. Any girl who was genuinely unwell or off-colour would receive swift and kindly attention; but woe betide any malingerers! A shrewd judge of character, she never let the wool be pulled over her eyes, while always remaining sensitive to girls' needs and concerns.

Sadly, Marie was no stranger to tragedy, having, during our first term in the House, lost in rapid succession her elder son, killed in a flying accident in Arizona, then her husband, a former Fleet Air Arm and British Airways pilot, whom she had looked after devotedly during a long illness, and, finally, her mother. Throughout, she was sustained by her younger son, himself a dashing Fleet Air Arm pilot (and by general consent, quite the most good-looking man to cross the threshold of Edinburgh House!). In retirement, Marie moved to the south of England to be nearer to him and his family. The esteem and affection in which she was held by the girls was evident in the many tributes to her on Facebook when her death was announced.

Mrs. Valerie Payne (S 2002 – 08) died in April 2023. The matron of Britten House, she regarded her years with the girls there as a very happy time. After she left Gresham's, Valerie retired and moved out to Malta for several years. Latterly she had been back in England and able to spend time with her family. Her daughter-in-law says that she will be remembered for her positive, happy personality, her colourful character, bright blue eye makeup and pink lipstick!



David Latten

David Latten (k & W 1986 – 97) died in July 2023 as a result of a tragic accident while on holiday on the west coast of Ireland with his family. He was Head of Global Indirect Procurement at the American IT company Logitech and led their Supplier Diversity Programme, based at Cork City.

Mrs. Kathleen Thompson died in October 2022. She was the wife of Patrick Thompson (S 1965 – 83) and a lifelong support to him in his career, first as a Physics teacher, then during the two terms he served as Member of Parliament for Norwich North, while also finding the time to play a full role in local affairs and teaching at Cromer High School. A painting by her brother-in-law that she donated to Gresham's hangs in the school office.

Alan Miller (S) died in June 2023. He worked for several years in the IT Department and could always be relied upon to give cheerful, efficient and swift help to staff and pupils alike.



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Dear Richard,

As usual, I was very impressed with the breadth and choice of subject matter in the 2022 Magazine. One item in particular attracted my attention – the discovery of the booklet about the Coronation Sports Day in Holt. At the time I was actually still at Beeston Hall, but came to Gresham's in September of that year.

I remember the day well, competing without distinction in at least one of the events. But what I best remember about the day, and what may amuse you, was the huge debate, sparked by "Tish" Olivier (Martin Olivier, HM 1944 – 55), as to whether the award of a postal order (for 1/3d as I recall) to the winner would permanently deprive him of his amateur status – a much more important issue then, than now.

If my memory serves me right, Tish was adamant that it would, but it sparked a huge debate in the town. I think that, in the end, Tish was persuaded that there was no risk – but as a non–winner I'm a little hazy about that!

The various staff members listed launched a tide of reminiscence in me – there were some real Renaissance men amongst them, but my favourite was a man of a different stamp, Alfred West, the groundsman, whom I recall primarily for the superb quality of the wickets he prepared in the cricket season!

Kind regards,

Chris Armstrong (c & F 1953 – 61)

Dear Editor,



An article in the 2022 edition by Jerry Falkus on Gresham's rock bands brought back fond memories of the old Regal Cinema in Holt. It was a stone's throw from OSH and a frequent Saturday evening venue for bad boys looking for a night out. Well, half a night anyway. Nick Battle recalls having to leave early to get back in time for evening prayers, and there are many films of which I have seen little more than half. Nick's much loved "Rock Around the Clock" was before my time, but I remember Elvis movies. Most weren't worth sticking with to the end. The Regal Cinema had a couple of other attractions. Smoking was allowed, and up beside the screen was an emergency exit. This meant only one bad boy actually had to buy a ticket, and under cover of darkness could open the emergency exit and let the rest in.

Those, as they say, were the days.

Tim Ewart (k & OSH 1960 – 64)

(The Regal Cinema opened in 1937 and was a popular place of entertainment in the town until it was sold in 1966. Films continued to be shown occasionally, but it functioned thenceforth mainly as a bingo hall and snooker club. The building was sold in 2004 and a housing development known as Regal Court now stands on the site - Ed.)

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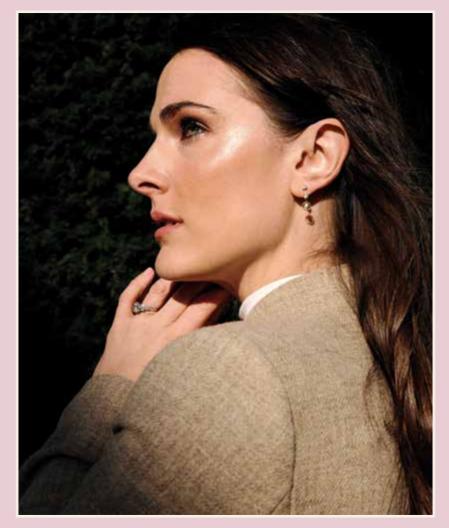
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