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## From the Chairman

Scott Charlish

### *Welcome to the annual publication of the OLA magazine.*

I've been reading this publication for nearly 30 years and I still have some older copies which come to light when I look through some of the storage boxes we have at home. The older the vintage, the more memories that are provoked but I eagerly read the more recent copies too and see how life has turned out for the staff and pupils I met at LGS.

This 2014 edition will no doubt contain pictures and features that will be of interest both today and in the decades to come. There is much here to reflect the fascinating

and diverse roles played by OLs in Medicine and Dentistry (with the occasional vet appearing in the Old Boys' Notes).

I do hope you enjoy reading this year's magazine and may attend one or more of the reunion events that are planned. During 2014, the OLA Committee, to whom I am most grateful for their time and commitment, are working through a number of projects which will define the way our Association develops. We are now on our third version of the website and we also have a Twitter feed and Facebook page and if you do not use these services

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then I would encourage you to have a look at what they offer. Electronic communication and its thirst for content is a challenge to us all but it has the potential to be a really effective way of communicating with our membership. I see it as a key area for our development and I am keen to hear what you think.



*"Our community is widely spread over geography and generations"*

Our community is widely spread over geography and generations and a huge effort is made to accommodate development of the OLA community for the under 40s but I also have an interest in looking at the issues that our older members face. In my speech at the London Dinner I discussed the strengthening of communication links for our senior members and the possibility of putting on smaller events throughout the UK via a small network of

regional social secretaries. The organisation of events does not need to be onerous – it could simply be arranging coffee mornings, park walks or cinema trips – anything that

could be of interest to a small group of OLs in your locality. If you have an interest in being involved, then please contact me.

Alumni associations are a fantastic means of transferring and sharing the knowledge we all have with others. We have had a terrific response to our career feedback initiatives and I hope that more of you will decide to get involved in this programme for the benefit of current boys at the school.

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We have a great vibrant Association with a rich heritage and each and every one of us can sample its benefits. It is worth mentioning that our sister Association, representing the ladies, is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. If any of you have wives or daughters who went to LHS, then point them in the direction of the OGA!

Please enjoy the magazine and once you have read it, keep it safe, you may enjoy reading it again in the future.



Paul Fisher

## From the President

### Time for “no change”?

Conscientious prospective parents wanting to ask all the right questions will eventually get round to talking about what is next or new and what will require change and adaptation. My response is normally along the lines that there is enough change and adaptation demanded by contemporary society already and that good schools can provide a valuable focus on what is changeless and essential; that we are an academically successful boys' school, a community within which boys can be excited, inspired, safe and happy. Stunning new build-



New facilities

ings and facilities, campus-wide Wi-Fi coverage and iPads for the boys demonstrate ample contact with contemporary changing society and now

recent events have given us a timely opportunity to reflect carefully on our purpose and effectiveness.

This February brought the Inspectors, but before that, with the Governors' own review of the balance between the Foundation and the individual Schools, and our own commitment to the Spirit of the School initiative, begun in 2012, we had already raised serious questions ourselves, the answers to which are

proving to be helpful and consistent with our heritage.

Those of us who have worked and studied at LGS have known for a while that it has been a special place and two years ago I wanted to undertake an exercise and initiative which would allow us to identify and test that thought. The Spirit of the School was just that, en-



*“Pupils’ scientific knowledge is very well developed”*

gaging boys, teachers, non-teachers and our Governors ... and it proved very effective. We want to extend it further to hear more specifically the voices of our parents, former parents and OLs, but there has already proved to be a consistency about our values and our past which enabled us to craft a deliberately brief, but time-demanding, Mission Statement as a contribution to the Governors' 2013 Review. It is given below.

Going back to the Inspection, it is fair to say that now what is required by the ISI, its process and

level of analysis, is more a constant state of readiness than the capacity to rise to a peak of performance. In this regard the Spirit of the School initiative and the wider questions we have been asking ourselves have helped us wherever we have turned in our school planning and preparation, integrat-

### **Mission Statement for Loughborough Grammar School**

*This has been informed by our work on values and the Spirit of the School and has been based on our discussions with boys.*

**Our mission is to be the boys' school of choice in the East Midlands through**

- our history and Christian inheritance
- our desire to be a welcoming, inclusive community
- our openness to all faiths
- our knowledge and experience of teaching boys
- our commitment to academic and extra-curricular excellence

**ensuring** that our young men become

- successful, engaged and cultured graduates
- self-disciplined, adaptable leaders and team players, embracing challenge and change
- citizens of integrity and judgement, respectful of others
- life-long learners, with the skills and courage to make a difference locally and globally

## From the President

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ing our thinking and co-ordinating our aims and purposes.

The report from the Inspection proved to be every bit as good as we might have hoped - every part of the boys' and their teachers' performance was judged "excellent", the highest classification. Most significantly it was what the very experienced and highly qualified Inspection Team wrote about the boys themselves and their relationships with their teachers which will interest you.

Here is a selection of their comments:

"Pupils are extremely well educated in line with the school's aims to strive for the highest standards in academic achievement." "Pupils of all ages demonstrate a high level of knowledge and understanding in language and literature, and creativity in art and music" "The pupils' scientific knowledge is very well developed."

"Pupils enjoy strong relationships with peers and

**"staff know and understand the pupils well"**

adults...they think of others and work hard for those less fortunate than themselves. They are able to judge right from wrong and take on responsibilities willingly."

"The lessons are based, most significantly, on excellent working relationships, within which teachers and pupils respect each other."

"The school's Christian values are deeply rooted in the fabric of the community and have been adapted as the school has become more culturally diverse."

"Staff know and understand the pupils well and are always willing to help them, and the pupils greatly value the support they receive."

My suspicion is that you will recognise the school you attended and our efforts to keep these things the same. More details on the Inspection can be found on the School web-site

[www.lesgrammar.org/information/inspection-reports/](http://www.lesgrammar.org/information/inspection-reports/)

## From the Editor

Tony Cox



Welcome to the *Old Loughburian* of 2014. Problems with your heart? Creaking joints? Aching teeth? Stopped breathing? Want to stop smoking? Worried about the odd lump appearing in a strange place? Looking for the results of world class research into bowel cancer? There is an OL for you and not just in UK but also in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Read about them all in pages 5-11.

At the heart of our magazine is the news you have sent and which appears in the ten pages of Old Boys' Notes. Here you will discover the huge variety of achievement which has come to OLs in recent months, from marathon running to international reconciliation, from domestic politics to animal anatomy, from a first-time novel to a cycling record. And then there are the memories of Mrs Pullinger, Philip Allen and, inevitably, Miss Mulcahy. Turn to Garry Leeson's "My Loughborough" for his experience of LGS in the early 80s - and then, in the centre page spread, you can marvel at the extraordinary Sci-

ence and Maths Park where the action is as much about cricket and basket ball as algebra, the carbon cycle or energy transfers. No wonder our President is able to write of how the Inspectors were so impressed by a school specifically dedicated to the needs of boys. The Obituaries section reflects the immense contribution that OLs have made to society in the past and then there are sobering reminders of those of our number who gave their lives in two World Wars in Roger Willson's fascinating accounts of LGS in 1914 and 1939. This is **your** magazine - it is no better or worse than the news you contribute - keep it coming to John Mellors on [jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk) or to me on [honeditorola@gmail.com](mailto:honeditorola@gmail.com). And a special appeal to those of you in business and industry. Do you study the bottom line? Is success in manufacturing or the service industries what your life has been about after LGS? Write and tell us for our **Business and Industry** feature in 2015. **Deadline is January 31st.**

# OLs in Medicine - The start of it all

Edited by Tony Cox

**Geoff Witts** taught Biology at LGS from 1970-2007. For many years he advised, encouraged, cajoled OLs into taking up a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science. Now he has revealed all to the Old Loughburian.

## What is your earliest memory?

Being in a blacked-out living-room during an air raid over North London. The atmosphere must have been tense and perhaps the all-clear siren may have registered as well.



Geoff Witts

## Which living person do you most admire?

Tricky. Professionally, I admire Richard Dawkins' linguistic abilities in his exposition of evolutionary biology and his strength of character in standing up to much abuse from his many opponents. Fred Sanger (twice Nobel Prize winner) would also have been a candidate had he not died recently.

## What first drew you to Biology?

Originally, opting to study it at A-level as a requirement for a possible Veterinary career. After leaving school I spent a year in East Africa under the auspices of Voluntary Service Overseas and this gave me many opportunities to visit a local game reserve (usually a water hole at dawn or dusk) which consolidated my zoological interests.

## What made you want to be a teacher?

Voluntary Service Overseas gave me a posting as a teacher at a school in Tanganyika (now Tanzania) and, although challenging in many ways (even in charge of boxing!), I found I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I then returned to the U.K. to study Zoology and Comparative Physiology and during my final year I applied for at least seven different post-graduate options. The one that finally appealed to me was to become Head of Biology at Wallasey Grammar School (where the Headmaster had been Secretary of the HMC).

## Boys only or mixed classes?

Unfortunately, I have only taught in all-boys schools – which was just as well according to my wife!

## What advice would you give a young teacher?

Find what works in the classroom for you and then develop it. I was lucky because I always enjoyed discussing my subject. Interacting with the range of individuals in a class was the most pleasurable aspect of teaching. It is the one thing that I miss in retirement.

## How do you relax?

Reading, researching genealogy and listening to music - mainly classical now that our sons have grown up and left home. Certainly, watching Leicester Tigers is anything but relaxing.

## Your dream dinner party guests?

Charles Darwin and Gregor Mendel of course. Together with Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn and Julia Roberts. Also, my grandparents who died before I was born.

## And the soundtrack of your life?

As I never had any professional training as a teacher, having passed straight from university to the post of Head of Department in a school, the most appropriate choice might be, 'I did it my way'.

## What was the worst thing ever said about you?

*"Bone idle and disinterested"*: a comment on my Upper Sixth report from a Chemistry Master. It may have held some truth as it reflected my thoughts on his teaching ability. *"If he were a horse he would be taken out and shot"*, a comment to my mother from a Consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital after a TB diagnosis when I was three.

## What are you most proud of?

50+ years of married life and my three sons.

# OLs in Medicine and Dentistry

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Richard Usher

**Richard Usher (1969-75)** reports on his career in sports medicine. "Alongside my work as a GP and partner in a General Practice in Cheshire, I have been involved in various sports over the last sixteen years. It all started, thanks to Eddie Thorpe, with the England rugby union squad, becoming a first-team match doctor in 2002. Then it was domestic rugby as medical officer at Premiership level for Bristol and Northampton, whilst also taking on roles with England's hockey and blind football

## travelling the world following the peloton

teams. I also acted as a Sports Physician for the men's and women's hockey teams at the 2012 Olympic Games. Then there was work with the WTA and ATP tennis tours before finally joining Team Sky on a part-time basis at the start of 2011, and I am now virtually full time with them, travelling the world following the "peloton"! My resignation from the NHS is now finalised for June 2014!

I absolutely love being part of this team. Cycling is so different from all the other sports I've worked in. If you take rugby for instance, the size and physical-



Jonathan Mutimer

ity of the athletes is totally different, and the fitness and stamina of the cyclists is way beyond that of the rugby players. I've definitely been bitten by the cycling bug. I bought a bike a few years ago and have got really into riding, and, when I'm not working, I like to play golf, go sailing, and spend as much time as I can with my family out in our family apartment in Portugal."

**Jon Mutimer (1985-92)** reports on his career with the scalpel.

"I left LGS to go to Bristol University and qualified in 1997 as a doctor. A mere 12 years later I become a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in Cheltenham having worked in New Zealand, Australia, Oxford, Bristol and Bath along the way. I am now very happily settled with wife

## to Ethiopia to teach trauma skills

Sophie and two little ones and enjoying my role in trauma and elective hip and knee arthroplasty. Medicine gives you great opportunities. Recently I went to Ethiopia to teach trauma skills to the local doctors - they have one of the highest death rates from trauma and car crashes in the world."



Prakash Kachhala

*It has been a pleasure to hear about the world of General Practice from Prakash Kachhala (1994-2002). He writes: "I did my training at Imperial College, London and after six years started my hospital house jobs in Birmingham. I returned to the Midlands to complete my three*

## doing something I really enjoy!

years' GP training in August 2013. So here I am, full circle, back in the East Midlands and doing something I really enjoy!

As GPs, we are true generalists - we see children, adults, physical problems, mental health, and everything in between, and we look after the terminally ill and dying. We certainly need to keep up to date! The GMC recently brought in revalidation. Before this, doctors, after they qualified, never were "tested" to see if they kept on top of things. Some older doctors have grumbled a little, but having come through eleven years of exams, portfolios and work-based assessments, it's all part of the modern way of appraising oneself - I think it's a good thing."



For more news from these OLs, visit [www.olaoga.co.uk](http://www.olaoga.co.uk)

# OLs in Medicine and Dentistry

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*Peter Brindley*

**Peter Brindley** (1980-87) has written about his life in western Canada:

"I left LGS in 1987 after O levels and headed off to "wild and woolly" western Canada. I am now a Full Professor with the University of Alberta and an Adjunct Professor in Medical Ethics as well as a full-time Critical Care Consultant Physician.

A quarter of a century on, there are many aspects of England that I still miss and which bring me back regularly. I am a founding member of the Canadian

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## *time for the great Canadian outdoors*

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Resuscitation Institute and its current vice-chair. Amongst other responsibilities, I have recently become an advisor to the National University of Rwanda. Fortunately life still leaves time for the great Canadian outdoors, with skiing in winters and hiking and kayaking in summers. Despite long and occasionally bone-chilling winters, life in North America is highly recommended. Most importantly, I am Dad to two, occasionally charming, kids (Zoe aged 11 and Jonah aged 9), and husband to the remarkable patient, Tracey."



*Richard Brogden*

**Richard Brogden** (1996-2001) is now a very busy and successful dentist in Sheffield, who, for relaxation, runs marathons - very quickly! He wrote:

"Dental school in Sheffield was tough. This was probably because I decided to throw myself into every situation, including

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## *a spark that was lit at LGS*

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guiding the Dental Students Society as President in 2005/6. I was also awarded the General Dental Council's prize for professionalism and a specially commissioned award from the university to recognise my charitable achievements. My marathon running was a spark that was lit at LGS and I have just completed my ninth full marathon, run in Chicago in October 2013. I have raised almost £20,000 for various charities - something that I feel incredibly proud of. At home, I am now married to my beautiful wife, Roma. We have a daughter, Emma, who truly completes our life. Roma has just completed her GP training. I have fallen in love with the city of Sheffield and I am now one of three partners at two practices in the city."



*Philip Radford*

We were pleased to hear about a career in surgery from **Philip Radford** (1968-77).

"At medical school in Oxford I found Orthopaedic surgery very appealing so in 1988 I came to Nottingham to train as an Orthopaedic surgeon. I have been a Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon at Queen's Medical Centre and Nottingham City Hospital for 20 years now. During that time I have had a mixed practice, dealing with both acute trauma and planned surgery. Over the years I have had a particular interest in children's fractures and fractures of

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## *privilege to operate on a number of OLs and their relatives*

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the hip and pelvis, as well as hip and knee replacement surgery. In the last three years, my work has changed so that I now do more hip & knee replacement surgery and less trauma. I have had the privilege to operate on a number of OLs and their relatives whose identities are confidential here but they know who they are!"



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# OLs in Medicine and Dentistry

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*Rob Sayers*

**Rob Sayers (1971-78)** has recounted his life since LGS. "After failing the Cambridge entrance (their loss) I went to Birmingham to read Medicine. After qualifying in 1984, I did house jobs at the QE and East Birmingham and then spent some time doing trauma and burns at the old Birmingham Accident Hospital. I then moved to

Leicester as a Surgical Registrar and, after passing the FRCS exam, became a Lecturer in Surgery. Then an MD in 1993 before spending a year in Adelaide, South Australia. I was appointed Consultant Vascular Surgeon in 1996 and subsequently became a Senior Lecturer, then Reader, then Professor of Vascular Surgery, based at Leicester Royal Infirmary. My time is divided between clinical practice as a vascular surgeon and research into the causes of aortic aneurysms and key-hole techniques of repair. I run a research group of two senior lecturers and several research fellows."

**Nikesh Dattani (1995-2002)** has written of his career in surgery: "After finishing medical school in London, I was appointed as an Academic Foundation doctor at King's College Hospital. In addition to working at one of London's busiest trauma centres, I also got the opportunity to do a period of clinical research, looking at the way premature babies take their first breath. I moved back to Leicester in 2010 to start training as a surgeon, a passion which started during my medical school elective to northern India in 2007. It is long hours (72-hour shifts!) and not for the faint-hearted but I can honestly say that it's



*Nikesh Dattani*

a specialty I'm privileged to be part of. I'm currently studying for my higher (and fourth) degree at the University of Leicester for which I've been lucky enough to receive research funding from a charity called the Circulation Foundation. This focuses on the molecular mechanisms underpinning the way in which diabetes protects against abdominal aortic aneurysms. Vividly remembering my careers day at LGS those 14 years ago, I can confirm that what was said

***be prepared to study for the rest of your life!***

to me was definitely true...if you want to do Medicine, be prepared to study for the rest of your life!"

## A Week in the Life of ... *Professor Rob Sayers*

### Monday

Spent the morning in a regular review meeting with the research fellows. Afternoon spent seeing patients on ward and dealing with mountains of paperwork – letters from GPs, reports and planning operations.

### Tuesday

Outpatients' this morning. Saw about 16 patients. Taught three medical students in the clinic – enjoyable morning and even got a cup of coffee. Spent the afternoon reading and correcting a research grant and then writing a talk for a national meeting in London.

### Wednesday

In the operating theatre. Only one patient for a complex operation. Five hours in and we're nearly done – procedure gone well. Write the op note, check the patient on ITU and then off to see if the next mountain of paperwork has arrived!

### Thursday

On call for 24 hours for all three Leicester Hospitals! It's usually busy. A ward round at LRI, then a planned transfer for surgery and a patient on another ward with no circulation in the leg. This is a real emergency so we spend the next three hours trying to fix the leg. Success – patient to the ITU, me to home by 10 pm – reheated Chinese dinner and bed. The usual restless night waiting for the phone to ring but it doesn't. Good.

### Friday

Arrive work at 7.45 and hand over to today's consultant. Review patients on the ITU and ward that I have admitted. Late morning asked to help a colleague in theatre with an unstable emergency. Friday night off to watch Leicester Tigers with my daughter.

# OLs in Medicine and Dentistry

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Joe de Bono

**Joe de Bono** (1989-93) has shared the news of his career in cardiology. He writes:

“After many years’ spent training in Cambridge, Nottingham and Oxford, I chose to subspecialise in electrophysiology as I am fascinated by the electrics of the

**fascinated by the electrics of the heart**

heart and the scientific developments available to manage this. Since 2010 I have been a Consultant Cardiologist and Cardiac Electrophysiologist at University Hospital, Birmingham, one of the largest hospitals in the country serving a large multicultural population as well as the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine.

My specialist interest is in managing and treating heart rhythm disturbances in adults with congenital heart disease who have undergone heart surgery as children and we are one of the largest centres for management of these patients in the country.

I have an active role in research and am an examiner for The British Heart Rhythm Society.

I thoroughly enjoy my work but also enjoy refereeing and coaching mini rugby”.



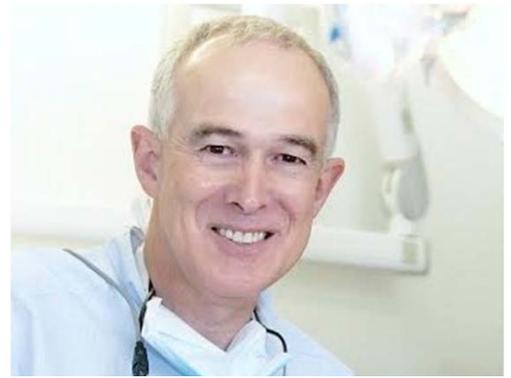
James Wolstenholme

**James Wolstenholme** (1984-91) writes of his life in Australia:

“2014 finds me as a GP in NSW, Australia. We moved here in 2011 both to be with family (my two younger brothers and their families) and to try an alternative to the increasingly overloaded NHS. The move has been very positive, though not without its difficulties. There are several differences in how the health-care system operates. Primary care is sometimes, but not always, free at the point of delivery. Hospital care, excluding

**The move has been very positive**

emergencies, certainly isn’t. It’s not unusual for me to request an x-ray for a patient, get the result back within two days (something that could take several weeks in the UK) but then find that the patient either cannot afford to see a specialist privately or has to wait up to a year to see them in the public system. Nonetheless I find it a constantly challenging environment to work in and, after all, if you can be on the beach as the sun goes down within 45 minutes of finishing work, how bad can it be?”



Peter Collins

News of a career in dentistry has come from **Peter Collins** (1968-76).

“I studied Dentistry at University College Hospital, London. After qualification in 1981 I spent time in junior hospital posts, including 12 months at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro. It was there that

**my current passion is deep sea fishing**

I decided General Practice was for me but closer to London. I had never heard of Beaconsfield in Buckinghamshire when I applied for an associate position. 31 years later I am still here, the “senior” (eldest) partner, in a thriving family practice.

I am married to Christine, a former UCH dental nurse. We have two grown up sons, (a medic and a PE teacher).

I am a qualified football coach and referee, cricket umpire and coach and my current passion is deep sea fishing. I often speak of the encouragement given by Geoff Witts and must thank Jeremy Whyman (dentist and OL) who allowed me to observe his working practice”.



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*Peter Cannon*

**Dr Peter Cannon (1973-80)** recounts:

"I returned to Loughborough in 1996 and joined Bridge Street Medical Practice as a GP after a career in General Surgery. Don Wood and Colin Tivey were early encounters in the surgery! The former brought me onto the OLA committee and later I became

Chairman (2007-2010). I am now a Governor at LES. My wife, Alison, works as matron at LHS and we have two children, Matthew, (2006-13) and Caitlin (LHS 2010-). My professional interests centre on mental health, drug and alcohol misuse and homelessness."

**Richard Edwards (1974-81)** writes from New Zealand.

"After leaving LGS in 1981, I headed off to read Medicine at Cambridge, completing my clinical training at the London Hospital in 1988. Studying with me at both places was **Andrew Godkin (1974-81)**. We then spent a memorable elective together near Kampala in war-torn Uganda. After qualifying, I



*Richard Edwards*

worked in hospital medicine around London, then Essex and finally Sheffield. In 1993 I moved into Public Health and into academia at Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester Medical Schools. I became a frequent visitor to Africa, spending six months working in Cape Town just after apartheid had ended in 1995, and making numerous trips to Tanzania and Cameroon, researching the prevention and treatment of diabetes. In November 2005, I moved to Wellington, New Zealand as Senior Lecturer and, since 2009, Head of the Department of Public Health at Otago University. Here I research into policies to reduce smoking - an interest developed during my time in respiratory medicine. I lead a group (ASPIRE 2025) carrying out research to help achieve the goal of making New Zealand smokefree by 2025, a world first, if we achieve it. I live with my wife, Tracy and three children, Beth, Phoebe and Eve, in Island Bay, a Wellington suburb, close to the Cook Straight."

***the goal of making  
New Zealand  
smokefree by 2025***

## A Week in the Life of ....

*Dr Peter Cannon*

### Monday

5.30am - emails and work on projects personal and professional. 7.30am at work for a cuppa before morning surgery commences at 8.30am. Today I am on-call dealing with "emergencies". House calls follow late morning/early afternoon with partners' meeting 12-1pm. Go to crematorium as a medical referee. Evening surgery runs 4 until the patients stop coming! Paperwork prescriptions and reports claim any spare minutes. I try to be nice to my patients and not to shout at my staff!

### Tuesday

I am a Board member for West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and lead for Mental Health. Abbreviated surgery leads into long day of meetings wrestling with providing high quality health care within shrinking budgets. "Loaves and fishes" story comes to mind from lessons in R.E. at LGS! Late Surgery 5-8pm.

### Wednesday

Day off General Practice is not for rest. I run an Occupational Health Consultancy which today takes me to a canning factory in Braunston and later Nottingham University. Between at LGS Sickbay, look after Boarders and refresh nostalgia for School House.

### Thursday

Early surgery starts at 7am. Walk dog at lunchtime and then off to Brush where I am Works Medical Officer. Pop in at homeless hostel. Evening: Ringside Physician for a Leicester Boxing club. Bed 12.30am-ish.

### Friday

Minor Surgery all morning, lumps and bumps! Chair Locality GP meeting. LES Governors meeting precedes pm Surgery; as varied as human nature. General Practice boring? - I wish!!

# OLs in Medicine and Dentistry

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*Vimal Gokani*

**Vimal Gokani** (1994-2000) is one of many OLs whose career has brought them back to Leicester. He writes:

"I embarked on a career in Medicine via Barts and The London School of Medicine & Dentistry. I loved living in the East End of London - it's where I learnt new languages (Medicine and Cockney...), and where I met my wife. I worked in and around

## *new languages (Medicine and Cockney)*

East London for a couple of years, and then did an MSc in Surgical Sciences at Imperial. After promising my in-laws-to-be that I would not be taking their daughter back up north to the Midlands, I was offered a training post in General & Vascular Surgery back home in Leicester, by another Old Loughburian, **Rob Sayers** (1971-78). I am currently in the swing of a PhD in Cardiovascular Sciences, supervised by the aforementioned OL and sharing an office with **Nikesh Dattani** (1995-2002). I often meet other OLs, **Marcus Wood**, (1985-92) and **Vishal Dhokia** (1996-2000), who are both anaesthetists.



*Cyrus Jensen*

My wife is also now an East Midlands trainee, and we have one daughter who certainly rules the roost, with another child on the way - two New Loughburians??"

**Cyrus Jensen** (1990-97) has sent news of his career in Trauma and Orthopaedics. "After seven cherished years in LGS, I graduated in 2003 from the University of Newcastle Medical School. I chose to pursue a career in Trauma and Orthopaedics and six years and more than 3000 operations later, I have now completed my Higher Surgical Training in this specialty. I am currently doing a fellowship in spinal surgery in Leeds General Infirmary. In August I will take up my Consultant

## *'Young Investigator of the Year'*

post doing Orthopaedic Trauma and Spine Surgery in Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust. At this year's British Orthopaedic Association (BOA) annual meeting I was awarded the Arthritis Research UK 'Young Investigator of the Year' Prize, as well as the BOA 'Best of the Best' Registrar Prize for two separate papers."



*Richard Hubner*

**Richard Hubner** (1985-92) writes: "I completed preclinical medical training at Downing College, Cambridge and then 'switched sides' to do clinical training in Oxford. My junior house jobs were at Oxford and

## *a research fellow in Melbourne*

Bath Hospitals with 100+ hour weeks, endless ward rounds, and wild mess parties which were standard then but unrecognisable to today's juniors. I stepped off the career ladder for a year as a Research Fellow in Melbourne, before returning to the UK to complete two years of general medical training in Newcastle and study for Membership of the Royal College of Physicians. A stimulating teaching session led to a move to the Royal Marsden Hospital in London for Registrar training in Oncology and a PhD in Cancer Genetics. I am now a Consultant in Medical Oncology at the Christie Hospital in Manchester and live in Cheshire with my wife, Silke, and three kids, Yannick (5), Anika (3), and Lena (2 months)."



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# OLs in Medicine and Dentistry

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*Ian Tomlinson*

**Ian Tomlinson (1974-81)** writes of his life after LGS. "I spent a decade as a student, first studying Natural Sciences and a PhD in Genetics at Cambridge, and then doing clinical medicine. After a short time in general medicine, I took up a Fellowship at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, subsequently spending spells at the Royal Marsden Hospital and Oxford. In 1998 I took up a Research Group Leader position back at Imperial Cancer Research Fund (now Cancer Research UK, London Research Institute), heading a small team working on the genetics of cancer. In 2008, my group moved to Oxford and I became Professor of Molecular and Population Genetics."

**Neil Fletcher (1987-92)** has sent news of his varied career as a GP. "For the last five years I have been working as a GP partner in Gloucestershire. It has been a challenging time in the NHS with reforms, changes and budget cuts. However, despite cuts in funding, I believe that we have successfully improved clinical services. I hope that most of our patients would



*Neil Fletcher*

agree that they get even better medical care than they did five years ago. Having first trained in surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons, and in various Birmingham hospitals, I am the "minor ops lead" for the Practice and very much enjoying removing lumps and bumps under local anaesthetic. In my spare time, together with colleagues and friends, I run a small charity called SHAPE which I co-founded in 2008. SHAPE assists in primary care in both Uganda and Ethiopia. We are currently supporting a community in Eastern Uganda. So far SHAPE has provided 2,300 mosquito nets to that community, which have protected around 4,000 women and children from malaria. In pursuit of my interest in tropical medicine, I recently enjoyed a sabbatical in Sierra Leone. It was a great privilege to take part, in a small way, with the re-building of this West African nation after a decade of very brutal civil war."

**primary care  
in both Uganda  
and Ethiopia**

## A Week in the Life of ..... *Professor Ian Tomlinson*

### Monday

A meeting to discuss a DPhil student's performance and a discussion with a representative of a company selling machines that sequence a person's genome in less than a day. A Post-Doctoral scientist gives an excellent presentation of her work and I leave feeling that I need to catch up with the latest information on her subject.

### Tuesday

I travel to collaborators in London and Cambridge to discuss our plans to work on the effects that chemotherapy or radiotherapy have on the DNA within bowel or breast cancer.

### Wednesday

A teleconference at 7am with a collaborator in Australia, followed by a meeting in College to discuss whether a student should be sent down for repeated cheating in their exams. I see six familial cancer patients in clinic in the afternoon - more than usual owing to the "Angelina Jolie" effect.

### Thursday

Whole day is taken up with last-minute preparation of proposals to the EU to fund a consortium working on how to prevent bowel cancer, trying to work through the different rules of each funding body and charity, and trying not to be rejected on a technicality.

### Friday

The grant has been submitted, and there is a more relaxed day of interview practice for junior doctors applying for a Fellowship, arguments about the best way to do experiments and an afternoon of peer-reviewing manuscripts and other people's grants. A guest speaker gives a seminar and I do my best to resist the free food and wine on offer afterwards.

On reflection, quite a gentle existence on the surface that hides the fierce academic competition beneath.



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# Old Boys' Notes

Compiled and edited by John Mellors



*During the year since our last issue of The Old Loughburian we have received many communications from Old Boys of all ages. As usual, there is a wealth of fascinating news which is testimony to the talents, skills and achievements of former pupils. OLS everywhere are always keen to hear of the latest exploits of their peers, and often to re-establish contact with friends from the past. Please keep your e-mails coming in to [jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk).*

**Stephen Brogden (1991–1998)** has sent us his news:

“After five gruelling years studying veterinary medicine at the University of Liverpool I finally realised a lifelong ambition to be



*Stephen Brogden and Katie*

cast into the busy world of a mixed practice vet. With that came the variety of work I had hoped for: highlights including a caesarean section on a marmoset monkey and administering an epidural to a donkey in driving snow to deliver her foal (to be christened “Steve”). After six

years in private practice, I moved into the charitable sector and spent the next four years at the PDSA in Nottingham, working with pet owners on low incomes, which gave an entirely different perspective on my chosen career. It was the right move for all sorts of reasons - not least, meeting my fiancée, Katie. We will be married this June. Additionally, I am now a lecturer in clinical practice, teaching students on the innovative course that has been developed in Nottingham to equip the

## ***the busy world of a mixed practice vet***

next generation of vets. I spend most of my days consulting and operating as I always have, but now also enjoy the rewards that teaching brings. Having found a job niche so enjoyable, and settling in a quiet village by the Trent, I look forward to enjoying the next chapter of my life for as long as possible.”

*Recently returned to the UK, Robert Hutton (1979-1986) got in touch:*

“Having left LGS in 1986, I completed a degree in Psychology at University College, Swansea where I was introduced to “Ergonomics” which was gaining in interest with the development of desktop computers. I followed the lead of **Gavin Foster (1979-86)**, who was pursuing studies in the US. I was based on Dayton, Ohio, gaining work experience at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. I ended up settling in Day-

ton, working for an internationally recognised research group. I managed a fair bit of extra-curricular activity: scuba diving, playing, coaching and refereeing



*Rob Hutton and friend*

rugby, and competing in triathlons of all distances. When the company I worked for was bought out by a larger engineering company, I moved to Bristol in 2008 and took a position with BAE Systems' Advanced Technology Centre. I've been able to

## ***playing, coaching and refereeing rugby***

spend more time with family, catch up with old LGS friends, and attend the odd OLA dinner. I also got married in 2012 to Helen. There were a few OLS in attendance at the wedding, **Alastair Sholl (1979-86)**, **Shaun Collins (1979-86)**, **Duncan Edmondson (1979-86)**, and **Mark Twombly (1979-86)**. It's been great to be back in “Blighty”, catching up with old friends. I took up refereeing rugby in the Bristol area and have my eye on an appearance at an LGS game one of these days, if you'll have me! If you remember me and are in the Bristol area, please drop me a line at [rjbhutton@yahoo.com](mailto:rjbhutton@yahoo.com)”

# Old Boys' Notes

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**Guy Senior (1974-1981)** sent us a brief summary of his very successful career in the financial world, and his continuing activity in local government in London:

"After LGS I went up Cambridge to read Law and eventually



*Guy Senior*

qualified as a solicitor in a City law firm. However, I found that I was not very

good at it, did not much like it and found some of the work of dubious usefulness. I then moved to become a regulator at the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation. The next 15 years were spent in a variety of legal/compliance/funds governance roles with investment management firms. Some of the work has not been so interesting (and I seriously question the usefulness of the new Financial Conduct Authority), but it has been

## *in charge of 20,000 council homes*

relatively lucrative for me and as a result I was able to retire last year. I remain very active in politics. I have been a Councillor in Conservative controlled Wandsworth since 1990 and have held many of the key positions on the Council, including being Chairman of the planning committee and being in charge of 20,000 council homes. I am currently responsible for

the Council's finance and admin departments with a turnover of around £900M at present. There is a pension fund of over one billion pounds, so it is a big business.

*We were pleased to receive this news update from John Bryson (1962-74).*

"Since last spring's edition Jane and I have become involved in activities in the area. I made my debut in September 2013 with Loughborough Amateur Operatic Society in *Anything Goes*. I also help out at the

## *"a steep learning curve for me"*

Great Central Railway on large event days. After becoming involved in assisting Loughborough Dynamo FC of the Northern Premier League on match days, last year I was offered the post of Press and Publicity Officer for the club. I think it fair to say it is a steep learning curve for me. The club was founded in 1955 by pupils of LGS who wanted to play football (LGS by this point had dropped football as a school sport in favour of rugby). The club's current chairman is OL



*John Bryson, Nicky Morgan MP, and Frank Fall*

**Frank Fall (1959-65).** At the last home match before Christmas, I arranged Loughborough MP Nicky Morgan's first visit to the club's base at the Nanpantan Sports Ground."

**Andy Lowings (1962-70)** has contacted us with news of his visit to the Baghdad City of Culture Festival in Iraq in 2013. "I was invited as a lonesome Englishman and I was well looked after, performing live on national TV. It was the culmination of exactly ten years' work to create friendships over



*Andy Lowings plays the replica of the 4,500 year old harp from Iraq*

art and music, via archaeology and an old instrument from 2,500 BC. Early in 2014 I was honoured to meet the former



*Andy Lowings and Jennifer Ollé (OG 1958-65) meet former Iraqi PM Mr Al Jaffri*

Iraqi Prime Minister, Mr Al Jaffri in recognition of our work to bring greater understanding between Iraq and Britain."

# Old Boys' Notes

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**Tony Royce (1981-88)** has sent us details of his varied and successful Army career:

"After graduating from Sheffield University with a degree in Civil and Structural Engineering, I went to Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Queen's Lancashire Regiment in 1994. I served in Bosnia, Tid-



*Tony and Ana Royce marry*

worth and then Northern Ireland. I was involved in the Omagh bomb incident and subsequent community engagement. I did my initial staff appointment at the Brigade HQ in Preston before helping to deal with the foot and mouth crisis in Cumbria and, later, providing fire-fighting cover on Merseyside during the strikes. My first tour of Iraq was in 2003. On return, I served as a policy staff officer on the General Staff in the Ministry of Defence until 2006. I then joined my amalgamated regiment, The

Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, to command a rifle company in Germany and later in Iraq. I deployed on an operational tour in Kabul as the Chief Instructor of the Afghan National Army Officer Candidate School which will be the UK's enduring legacy commitment in Afghanistan. I was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in September 2011 and appointed to the Military Assistance Group. Just before deploying to

## **advisor to the Afghan National Security Forces**

Helmand for a year as an advisor to the Afghan National Security Forces, I was fortunate enough to meet Ana. On my return we got married in October last year. It was a fantastic day,

the happiest of our lives. We currently live in London, with me working at the Army Officer Selection Board before we both go to Preston in the summer where I will take command of The Fourth Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment."

Former LGS teacher and Head of English, **Peter Hopkins (1960-97)**, a renowned cyclist himself, sent us this news of one of his protégés from the Sixties: "The 2012 issue of the *Old Loughburian* featured cyclist

**Ken Platts (1963-70)**, who is Reader in Manufacturing Engineering at Cambridge. Barely three months later, Ken became the first 60 year-old to crack 50 minutes in a 25 mile time trial: he clocked 49 mins 57 secs on the E2 course near Cambridge. 30 mph on a bike for 25 miles is some going, especially at 60! In the world of time trialling, even men in their twenties consider it an achievement just to 'beat the hour' for 25 miles."



*Ken Platts*

**Bradley Thompson (2002-07)** has recounted his achievements in the last few years:

"After finishing my A Levels at LGS, and after much consideration, I decided to eschew Univer-

## **not to continue on to University**

sity for a career in property. Now, nearly eight years later, I am the Branch Manager of Haart Estate Agents in Loughborough, and I can say for sure that choosing not to continue on to University was a big choice to make, but I would not change a single thing. After LGS I started playing American Football. I currently play Quarterback for the Great Britain Lions and Tamworth Phoenix. One of



*Brad Thompson*

the proudest moments of my life was representing Team GB at the European Championships in Milan and winning the bronze medal. Soon after, I got married to Laura and very recently I became a father. Many things have happened since I graduated from LGS, but I can safely say the time I had there were some of the best of my life and, thanks to these, I am the person I am today. Thank you to all at LGS for putting me in such a position, I am very grateful."

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**Rowland Crook (1950-55)** has written: "Jim Macdonald's piece in the 2013 magazine made reference to the Loughborough Evangelical Mission. This organisation is still functioning - although in retirement mode! A sixth reunion took place in May 2013, comprising several OLs and OGs from the late 1940s to

## Loughborough Evangelical Mission

mid 50s. They were part of a fellowship of committed Chris-



*The LEM reunion in 2013  
Rowland Crook, back right*

tians who experienced a renewal of faith through meeting together in and around the school, sharing the message of the Bible, singing gospel hymns and praying together as well as engaging in acts of service to the needy and the vulnerable in the town. We were encouraged by the support and advice of the William Trowbridge, of hallowed memory! Some 40 boys and girls from the two schools joined together to form what was to become known as the Loughborough Evangelical Mission. Among OLs at our recent reunion were **Bryan Shingler (1948-56)**, **David Aitken (1946-54)**, **Tony Johnson (1951-58)**, **Phil Ennis (1951-56)** and **Raymond Murdoch (1950-57)**.

*It has been a pleasure to hear news from Jeff Thomason (1964-72). "I teach at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Ontario (though I am neither medic, dentist, nor vet, but a mere PhD). I have the great pleasure of leading the 120 first year veterinary students through the mysteries of animal anatomy, which I have been doing since 1992. The students are so intelligent and motivated and still awed at gaining entrance to the program (which is not easy to do), that it is a pleasure to guide their learning. My aim is to give the students a good grounding in this challenging subject as a basis for their more clinical studies. Thereby I help to improve animal health and welfare vicariously through the students' future careers.*



*Jeff Thomason*

**Andrew Wilshere (1995-2002)** sent this fascinating outline of more than a decade spent studying, working and socialising in Manchester: "Like a moth to the flame, I wended my way north to the bright lights of Manchester shortly after leaving LGS and have more or less been here ever since. I did a BA at the University of Manchester in the Religions and Theology department. I then completed an MA in Middle Eastern Studies and last year graduated with a PhD in Political Theory. For almost a decade I volunteered at a church in a deprived area north of the city, coaching the choir and playing the organ. This was an opportunity to develop my music-making: in 2008 I passed a performance diploma, and in 2009 I was appointed to a cathedral organ scholarship in New Zealand. During the year away I also worked as Deputy Warden of Selwyn College at the University of Otago. The year away was great and a welcome break from PhD research. Having had a succession of part-time teaching and research jobs at the University of Manchester, I'm now working as a clinical trials manager at the hospital here. It's a challenging and busy role, but one which shows how many transferable skills you can get through postgraduate study. As for all the other stuff... I spend my evenings cycling, playing competitive 9-ball, and eating out. I live with six budgerigars and my partner, Stuart, whom I met in 2002. We will be getting married later this year."



*Andrew Wilshere*

**a cathedral organ scholarship in New Zealand**

## Old Boys' Notes

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**Keith Taylor (1943-53)** describes his own colourful career since leaving LGS 60 years ago but not before recalling Sidney Pullinger.

"He was formidable of mien. He could quell any schoolboy riot merely by stepping into the class-



*Keith Taylor (second right) and family*

room, but he was very kind and loving under that protective veneer - a man of great insight and inspirational scholarship. As for myself, after a heavy 6b diet of Virgil, Ovid, Corneille, Goethe, and Voltaire I decided that my next task should be to discover the meaning of life. I spent ten years hitch-hiking around Europe, labouring in a steel mill in Rochdale, escorting parties of young ladies across France and canoeing down the Rhone, teaching sailing at Dartmouth, Bala Lake, and Aigues Mortes, climbing in Snowdonia, teaching English in Karlsruhe. I was a

**\$48 in my pocket and four fifths of fine Scotch whisky**

probation officer in Marylebone Magistrates Court, where I saw Stephen

Ward arraigned, and spent many months in various ashrams learning Zazen. I still practise occasionally; it's very helpful when sitting in the dentist's chair. At 29 I boarded a small freighter to New York and landed with \$48 in my pocket and four fifths of fine Scotch whisky, purchased on board for £1 a bottle, in my backpack. The whisky paid my rent in Greenwich Village for a few days. Then I hitchhiked to Niagara Falls, got a technical job in production in a busy factory where I made enough money in a little over a year to buy a new car and get married, followed by two years driving one of "them thar Juggernauts" where I made twice as much, bought a

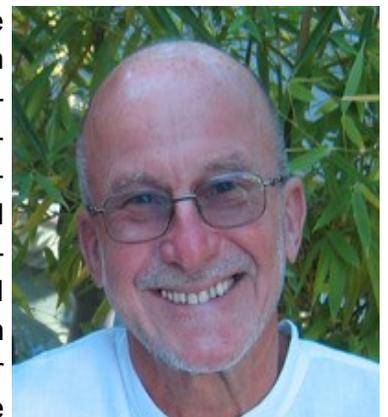
house, and paid for three years in college to earn a first in accountancy. So now I am a Chartered Accountant, still working (sometimes as much as three hours a day). I live very happily in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia with my third wife, her daughter, and her granddaughter. I also have three boys of my own and five grandchildren."

**Martyn Wilson (1957-64)** wrote to us from the département of Aude in the South of France where he has lived and worked since 2006. He works in Marketing, runs a B & B and has now joined the ever-expanding ranks of OL novelists:

"About 20 years ago, I wrote a novel (occupational hazard with copywriters), which went down well with family and friends. However, I couldn't get any publishers or agents interested in it, so I consigned it (literally and figuratively) to the bottom drawer. About a year ago, my son, Matt, sent me a link to an online guide to self-publishing on Kindle, and suggested that I have a go myself. At the time I couldn't find a digital file of the book - as I say, it was a long time ago, and I've changed computers

**a debut novelist (at the age of 67)**

maybe six or seven times since - and while I had one original print-out, there was no way I was going to retype it. Then, last October, I was having a clear-out of my office and I found a back-up computer disk from the mid-1990s containing a file of the novel, and decided to have a crack at it. However, to cut this long story short, last year I became a debut novelist (at the age of 67) with my very own pot-boiler (sorry, masterpiece of modern fiction) published on Amazon. I'm quite pleased with it, not least because it is genuinely all my own work - I even created the front cover - although whether the book itself is any good, only time will tell. You



*Martyn Wilson*

can see the book via <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00CD32RYE>

# Old Boys' Notes

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*Transatlantic reminiscences came our way from*

**Andrew N Smith (1957-69):** *He writes:*

"Inspired by the April 2013 edition of the excellent *Old Loughburian* magazine I am metaphorically putting pen to paper (Oh how Miss Mulcahy must be turning in her grave) and recollecting the years I spent at LGS. It was mostly a very happy time, interspersed with moments of pain (the caning by "Ticker" Allen for copying **Patrick Fitzgerald's** (1958-68) homework stays with me still). I was one of the first to use the new classrooms in H Block, Peter Hopkins being my first Form Teacher in Big School, when school assembly moved to the new Hodson Hall. I have memories of Stanley Pullinger holding assembly in Big School and of looking up in awe at the prefects who seemed like gods in their gowns - **Malcolm Sayer** (1952-62) in particular seemed a hero at the time. Many years later I was to wear the prefect gown but I suspect the new intake did not hold me or my colleagues in the same high regard. I was no academic but highly enjoyed the extra-curricular activities and made the most of my after school time. I was Captain of Bowen's House and Captain of the 2nd XI cricket team, after such worthies as **John Deacon** (1962-67) and **Peter Jackson** (1957-68). I took the lead in the school production of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" by Molière, putting on a Northern accent for the part, and with the help of **John Soars** (1960-70) and a couple of LHS girls I had a wonderful experience which gave me a love of theatre which I enjoy to this day. As far as the CCF was concerned, Don Wood made me Sergeant in Charge of the Artillery section and we spent many Friday afternoons practising manoeuvres in the woods at the back of the cricket score box (actually we listened to Test Match Special on a



*Andrew Smith*

transistor radio during those idyllic summer months). Some interesting and amusing events took place during my school years which others may recall with pleasure – a member of staff returning to school after a liquid lunch and nearly falling into the swimming pool (outside and unheated) during swimming sports day; **John Bellsmith** (1958-66) running down the quad bidding for freedom, and Colin Tivey commenting "It's only Bellsmith running away again"; **Peter Marshall** (1963-70) setting fire to Sherwood Forest with a thunder flash during a CCF day out; running into **Spig Pagacz** (1961-69) in the Vatican, aged about 15; inviting **Marcus Rose** (1964-76), England's rugby full back at the time, to play in the Old Boys v The School Annual Cricket Match and watching him hit one of the biggest sixes I have ever seen; being taught in the wooden huts and huddling around a blazing stove in Junior School (no Fairfield back in the day); the 25 pounder shattering windows on Leicester Road because no-one thought to tell the residents to open their windows. I am fortunate to still be in contact with school friends of over 50 years, a couple are now playing cricket in heavenly pastures, and they will never be forgotten. I'm sure, as Brian Webb would instruct, they will be playing with a straight bat. I now live in Florida and in 2011 became the OLA's representative in the US as far as the British Schools and Universities Foundation, based in New York, is concerned. I mentioned that I would be willing to organize on OLA Dinner in the US, if sufficient OLs were interested. Please contact the OLA or myself if this is of interest. I have many more recollections, some amusing some not so much, and would love to share them and, who knows, a couple of you may remember a bespectacled chap who knew how to bowl a little."

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*Big School Assembly*

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We have been delighted to hear from **John Barlow** (1941-50) who pays tribute to Mrs Pullinger.

"I owe a great deal to LGS and to the Pullingers. Rumour was that "Mrs P" had played hockey at county level (Northumberland) or even for Scotland. A powerful presence of formidable build "Mrs P" was a great walker - one had no chance of dawdling when striding out with her. Sunday evenings always involved prayers in the Pullingers' drawing room. Like her walking, "Mrs P" played the piano with vigour - memorable hymns included "For those in peril on the sea" and "Abide with me". People virtually never talked about WW1, but presumably the Pullingers met in France, perhaps at a field hospital. Mrs Pullinger's half-a-dozen decorations hung in a glazed cabinet in the drawing room, complemented by a splendidly bleak picture by Paul Nash, an official war artist during The Great War.



Mrs Pullinger

(Mrs Pullinger had served as a Sister in charge of Casualty Clearing Stations in France from August 1914 until March 1919. She had the unusual distinction of being awarded the

**the single sausage served for breakfast on Thursdays**

Royal Red Cross and bar for her services to nursing. Ed.)

The School House food was not bad though the orange coloured fish-cakes from Grimsby, provided each Friday, could have served as pucks in ice-hockey. Bread rationing was introduced after WW2 - the country was bankrupt. The single sausage served for breakfast on Thursdays immediately afterwards became half its former size.

"Mrs P's" entrance into the Boarders' dining room was memorable. Her handbag (like an American woman's purse, large enough to hold a squash racquet) was despatched full tilt along the top of our lockers; it always came to rest behind where Mrs Pullinger sat for lunch. One especially memorable

Sunday lunch - "Mrs P" sitting at one end with SRP at the other end of the refectory table - the pudding was home grown rhubarb with custard. It was sour. "SRP" asked his wife what had happened. Her explanation was straightforward: the custard was labelled semi-sweetened so no sugar had been added to the rhubarb.

The Pullingers were justifiably proud of their garden and the air raid shelters were not obtrusive. But one year "Mrs P" could not understand how there came to be a

**unpardonably rude to Mrs Pullinger**

roundish part of the lawn in a moribund yellow condition. It transpired that one of the two House Masters had jettisoned the overnight contents of his pot onto the grass. Unpardonably rude to Mrs Pullinger, he was forced to remove to the school's gym. Mrs Pullinger was indeed a remarkable person."

John has also disclosed a little of his own life-story. He writes: "LGS was followed by National Service in the RAOC (Royal Logistics Corps). Coinciding with the war in Korea unlike most of my intake I was fortunate not to be posted abroad but

to the Base Ordnance Depot in Bicester. After university and teaching Sixth Form Biology in Walthamstow, I entered the agro-chemical industry, initially testing and evaluating fungicides, insecticides, herbicides and seed dressings. But subsequently my role was to produce technical literature and obtain product registrations throughout Europe. Over time the products used in crop protection evolved; from being based on elements like sulphur, arsenic, copper and mercury on to broad spectrum persistent hydrocarbons; and then to somewhat less stable and more selective pesticides. Though not yet quite like switching a light bulb on and off which one of my Dutch Regulatory officials was hoping for - quick acting and leaving no residues in the produce or the environment, and an end to American spray-gun entomology."



John Barlow

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**Matthew Dickinson** (1995-2003) has contacted us. He is currently working and adventuring down under in New Zealand. He writes: "After leaving LGS, I undertook a BSc degree at Sheffield's Geography department, specialising in glaciology and paleo-ice forms. I then moved into the fast growing adventure sports company, planetFear. The sports retail market moved



*Matthew running 52 Peaks in 52 Weeks*

quickly in the mid 2000s and I found myself headhunted by Go Outdoors as a Web Content Manager in 2007. Here I steadily moved my way up the ranks, eventually taking over the reins of the multi-

## ***my heart fell in love with the mountainous landscape***

million eCommerce operation in 2009. At this time, my partner, Caralyn moved out to New Zealand and after a month of trekking around the two islands, my heart fell in love with the mountainous landscape and relaxed lifestyle. In 2010 I followed my dream and finally moved to the land of the long white cloud.

Currently I'm residing in Christchurch in the South Island running the eCommerce operation for New Zealand's largest premium outdoor retailer. Christchurch itself has been heavily affected by the 2011 earthquake, but the rebuild is well under way with demolitions, new businesses popping up and a major overhaul of the Central Business District despite the occasional rumble.



*Matthew Dickinson*

As a former captain of the LGS Cross Country Team, I've always been an athlete of sorts and a lover of the outdoors. In 2005 I represented Great Britain at the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Switzerland and more recently transferred to alpine adventures in

New Zealand; racing mountain running challenges including, amongst others, the Kepler Challenge and Avalanche Peak.

More recently (2013) I've completed a personal challenge where I ran 52 Peaks in 52 Weeks, all at least 1000m above sea level in the depths of the Southern Alps. The challenge allowed me to experience a different side of the country;

running solo and reaching summits which only a handful of people would have visited throughout the year, without any sign of paths, trails or civilisation. I filmed and blogged each of the 52 adventures on my way to ascending over 50,000m of climb.

From here on my path is towards adventure, having traversed New Zealand's hidden ice plateaus on a ten day mission in January, the rest of the year will be full of exploring the trails and mountains that this beautiful country has to offer.

Full stories and videos of my exploits can be found at <http://www.matthewdickinson.com/52peaks>

**Roger Preston** (1947-51) recently reminded us of his claim to fame while still at LGS: As a member of the ATC Roger was sent for a cross-country run on Rufforth airfield, and while there, he was interviewed for an RAF flying scholarship. Subsequently, he was invited to Uxbridge for a second interview which he passed (with flying colours?) and he was one of the first 48 recipients of the scholarship in the country. He recalls that Headmaster, Mr Sidney Pullinger, was invited to dinner at the Air Ministry to celebrate his pupil's achievement. Roger's training began at Burnaston airfield in Derby (site nowadays of the Toyota

works) and, though still at school, he

## ***a cross-country run on Rufforth airfield***

was awarded his Private Pilot's Licence and given a place in the RAF Reserve. On leaving LGS, Roger received an eight year short service commission – a great achievement for one so young.

# Old Boys' Notes

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Richard Allen's tribute to his father, Philip has prompted **David Aitken** (1946-53) send us this contribution:



David Aitken

"For all but two of my years at LGS, Philip Allen was my English teacher. In 1951 the new GCE was introduced to replace School Certificate. Boys had to be sixteen before they could enter and our form held a ballot to decide whether, as fifteen year olds, we would all stick to the last School Certificate or be the first year taking GCE. We chose GCE. This meant that we took all our O Levels in the Lower Sixth while we simultaneously studied for our three A Levels, to be taken a year later.

For the next stage, my first love was English Literature, and I joined three boys in opting for this A Level. In my final year the others had moved on and I was left as Mr. Allen's only student. When I passed A Level I received a congratulatory telegram from Philip Allen, and this was followed by a hand written letter: 'I am sorry to have been so long in writing. I have never thought that the arrangement of one master teaching one boy was very desirable; it puts a big strain on both.....'

Mr. Allen encouraged me to follow a career teaching English and I began in Liverpool at Quarry Bank High School for Boys. Many of the older masters there had taught John Lennon and during my time Beatlemania was at its height. The Headmaster received thousands of requests from American girls wanting boy pen-friends from Lennon's old school. Two of the boys I taught later achieved national recognition: Peter Goldsmith became Attorney General, and Joe Royle an international footballer.

After moving to Lancaster in 1965, I taught at St. Martin's College, now

**two men who influenced my career in the teaching of English shared the same surname**

part of the University of Cumbria, where until I retired in 1991 I was Head of the English department. Like all educational establishments, we were subject to visits by Her

Majesty's Inspectors. One year we had an inspection by a Mr. Allen HMI, not Philip, but his namesake. I regard it as a happy coincidence that two men who have influenced my career in the teaching of English shared the same surname. And thinking back over sixty years to my A Level English exam, I am thankful for another fortuitous circumstance. One of the papers included an 'unseen' appreciation of a poem - one we wouldn't be able to revise. I was delighted to discover that the examiners had chosen Wordsworth's "Character of the Happy Warrior" because Mr. Allen had set this as an exercise just a few weeks before the exam! Philip Allen was in the words of this poem:

"the generous spirit .....

Whose high endeavours are an inward light."

**Simon Jones** (1959-67) has sent us news of his life:

"I joined LGS in Mr Lewis' form in the Lower School. It was a time when competitiveness was "de rigueur". It came as something of a shock to me, coming from a little village school in

**managed to keep me away from the bottom of the class**

Breaston where I was top of the class. Fortunately for me I had two classmates who, through their combined effort, managed to keep me away from the bottom of the class at LGS! Mr Lewis did his level best with little success. If I transgressed he gave the slipper to an old sack, placed in the passage outside the classroom, telling me to shout "ouch" each time he hit it!

I had a rewarding career in partnership with my brother, **Jeremy Jones** (1960-68) running our own business in the tool hire industry. When we sold out in 2000 we were the largest independent in the Midlands. My son, **Ben Jones**, (1989-94) is in the same industry. Ben is now owner and MD of Plantool Ltd a long established company in Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Northants. I have lately started attending OLA dinners and have thoroughly enjoyed them. I would entreat all OLs to make an effort to attend - even those who thought they didn't enjoy school seem to get a lot from them. I would be delighted to meet any of my peer group. I can be contacted by email on [simonjones1949@gmail.com](mailto:simonjones1949@gmail.com)

# Old Boys' Notes

continued

**Joe Hubbard (1964-75)** has sent news of his post-LGS life:

He graduated from Coventry in 1980 with a BA honours degree in Urban and Regional Planning but embarked on a career in housing, gaining professional qualifications in 1986. Working in Northamptonshire local authorities in various management roles, he achieved the position of Chief Executive at the Borough Council of Wellingborough in 2010 and then took the opportunity of early retirement after 33 years of service in early 2013.

## Chief Executive at the Borough Council of Wellingborough

Recently remarried to Fiona, he is immensely proud and supportive of children Amy and Sam and step daughter Olivia. 2013 was only marred by the tragic loss of brother **Nicholas Hubbard (1962-73)** who died suddenly in August. Nick was an acclaimed jeweller of immense reputation and a charming man loved by all.

**Mark Daly (1979-86)** has been in touch - and is anxious not so



Mark Daly

much to write about his medical career but to be in

touch with old friends. He writes: "Nowadays I am an endocrinologist, trained in Newcastle (and briefly Paris), but have been

**Andrew Wattam (1985-92)** writes: "After LGS, I spent six years studying at Cambridge before being admitted to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1998. Since East Anglia has far too much horizon, I was determined to move to somewhere with hills. I have worked in the southern Lake District ever since as part of a relatively small mixed practice in the quiet Edwardian resort of Grange-over-Sands. I have moved more into equine work and am currently working towards my Certificate in Ad-



Andrew Wattam at work

vanced Veterinary Practice in Equine Medicine. I still love working in general practice – no two days are the same; you get to meet and work with a variety of interesting people and you get to enjoy the countryside while you are working.

I met my wife while at Cambridge and dragged her with me to the wilds of the North. We have two children. My daughter, who is about to start GCSEs, is determined to become a vet also. My son would settle for a career as a Premiership footballer.

In my spare time I am the scout leader of the local troop and have run in a number of marathons including the local Windermere Marathon on three occasions. I am determined one day to knock a further seven minutes from my personal best to register the elusive sub three hour marathon time."

*there are always fresh challenges and new skills to learn*

working as a Consultant in Exeter since 2001, most recently as an Associate Medical Director. I haven't changed although they don't call me Peter Pan at work anymore and a colleague thought he was paying me a compliment when he said that it was only recently I had started to look old. Life is Marie-Helene and our four children - they keep us entertained and exhausted in equal measure. They are so different from each other. I would

have never believed it but all are great and much loved. I still run, but the dog is already faster than me and another ten years and the kids will be too. Work is lots of medicine and management (I secretly prefer the term leadership 'cos it sounds better) but one day they'll get rid of me because I change everything. For old friends not yet found who I haven't seen for a long time, do get in touch at [m.e.daly@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:m.e.daly@exeter.ac.uk) "

## Echoes of War

Tony Cox

### On the Home Front

I was delighted to have been shown a photo of **Sam Bryans (1917-18)** whose time as a boarder at LGS coincided with a crucial period of the First World War. His family had farmed in Willoughby on the Wolds for many generations. That small village community had already sent 31 young men to war, five of whom were never to return. Sam probably knew them all. In January 1917, at the age of 12, Sam left the village school and joined the dozen or so boarders

#### ***His ability to drive a horse-drawn mower across the cricket field***

at LGS. His appears to have made steady academic progress, although his daughter tells me that what made him really popular was his ability to drive a horse-drawn mower across the cricket field, especially when mowing duties kept him out of Latin lessons! His report cards show him well into the top third of the class for most of his time at school. He was particularly good at Mathematics.

But one month after Sam's entry into LGS, Germany resumed her U-boat blockade of British ports. By the end of his first term, in April 1917, only six weeks of food supplies remained in Britain. Sam was needed in the fields and his reports complain



*Sam Bryans in his school uniform*

of frequent absences. It comes as no surprise that in July 1918, immediately after his fourteenth birthday, Sam left school. "Helping on his father's farm" reads the report card - a poignant reminder of the price paid by those on the Home Front.

### In the air over France

We are indebted to the nephew of **Victor Harvey (1931-36)** for information concerning the first OL to give his life in the Second World War.

Victor entered LGS in 1931. He is frequently listed in the top two scholars in his year and is described as "a brilliant scholar" in his obituary. On the sports field, he came to represent the school at football and cricket.

He left LGS on the day after his 16th birthday in 1936 and began a career in the solicitor's office of Messrs Moss, Deane and Moss. However, in the words of *The Loughburian* "He wanted a life of activity and in 1938 he

#### ***he is thought to have been one of the youngest sergeants in the service***



*Victor Harvey aged 19*

joined the RAF in which he quickly obtained promotion. At the time of his death he had, for over six months, held the rank of Sergeant, and he is thought to have been one of the youngest sergeants in the service. Sturdy

and self-reliant, he went off to France with a light-hearted courage which carried him through to the end. His squadron leader wrote of him, 'I don't think there was a man amongst us who did not love and admire your son. During the period I had him under my command, I never saw him anything but cheerful and I

#### ***His father was expecting him home for Christmas leave.***

cannot imagine him doing a mean or underhand thing.' The sad news of his death at the age of 19 was contained in a telegram received by his father on December 29th, stating that his son was 'killed in France whilst engaged in air operations.' His father was expecting him home for Christmas leave."

## Going, Going, Gone!

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**Robert Griffiths**

Robert Griffiths was a valued and very successful colleague in the Geography Department for some 38 years and shouldered much of the burden of teaching and developing schemes of work for the Human Geography elements for A Level.

However, his contribution to the school goes far beyond his excellent teaching of the subject he loved.

Robert was a talented sportsman in

many fields and he employed these talents to the full in coaching rugby, cricket and cross country: he was in charge of cross-country from

1976 to 2004. However, he was especially proud to have reintroduced football as a competitive school sport in 2004 and his teams quickly achieved great success in the Independent Schools' Football Association Mercian League, which he was instrumental in founding and of which he was Chairman from 2006 to 2013.

Robert was more than a teacher, he was hugely respected as a real schoolmaster and his shoes will be extremely difficult to fill. He leaves with our best wishes for a productive and peaceful retirement.

***hugely respected as a real schoolmaster***

*David Evans*

## Who's Who?

*The photo of a rugby match in the 2013 edition brought this reply from one of the players:*



*A short line-out in 1974*

"I immediately recognised myself, **Jonathan (Joe) Hubbard (1964-1975)** as one of the men in your picture. Names fade with the passing of time but from left to right I think you have, ignoring the two obscured faces: **Ed Thorpe, Joe Hubbard, Martin Brocklehurst(?), Malcolm Pheby and David Evans**. I have no idea what the event was, but with the presence of teaching staff I would guess a rugby practice session as it's a short line out. I captained the 3rd team in my final years at school.

*(David Evans still teaches at LGS – Ed)*

**Simon Jones (1959-67)** can put names to some of the faces in the Under 13 rugby team of 1961-62 (featured in our last edition). With apologies to the missing six, he suggests, from back left: ? Elliott, John Deacon, AJ or RJ Martin, Jim Mellors, Lyndon Simpson, the late John Hart, Mick Mellors, Andrew Lane. Next row: ??, Andrew Root, ??, Ian Wilkinson, ??, Phil Banks, Tim Beadsworth, Dave Small. Front row: AJ or RJ Martin, ??, ??, ??. Can anyone offer more? Ed.



*Under 13 rugby team in 1961-62*

# The Science and M

*“Our aim - to create an integrated area designed specifically for boys. Thus amongst the bu*

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## Around the Science and Maths Park

1. Cricket on the quad (Pullinger Building behind)
2. New Denton extension
3. To lessons in the Neville Ireland Building
4. The Vice Chancellor of Loughborough University “shoots a basket” when opening the Park (Basket ball hoops have replaced the fountain)
5. To lessons in the Pullinger Building (Norman Walter Building in the background)

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3.



# aths Park in Action

*Buildings of glass and steel are two ball parks where junior cricket and basketball are played."*



# The London Dinner 2013

Neil Rowbotham



*Tom Paton, James Quemby, James Seabrooke, Scott Stafford, Russell Taylor, Adam Westwood, Jon Chandler, Tom Hughes, Jaspal Juj*

After the 2012 spectacular at the House of Lords we kept this year's dinner rather lower in key but it is still always impressive to dine in the elegant surroundings

***All the tables were round, based on a defined period of school life***

of the RAF Club on Piccadilly. Just under 100 were there and the meal was, as always, delicious and beautifully served.

The Club do look after us well.

There were some differences this year. All the tables were round, most based on a defined period of school life, and this proved very popular with a high level of conversation as soon as members took their



*Phil Lowe, Jeremy Marriott, Steve Hatfield, Tony Eley*

places. We also did not have a guest speaker but were treated to comments from the Chair and the President. This meant that there was a lot more time for talking in the bar afterwards.

***elegant surroundings of the RAF Club on Piccadilly***

When the coach departed with the few for Loughborough, the bar was still very full and noisy. An ad hoc survey on the night suggested that these developments were worth a continuation and that November was a more

popular month for a formal dinner. The 2014 London Dinner will, therefore, be on Friday 14th November at the RAF Club – see you there!

## **2014 London Dinner**

Why not get 8 or 10 together for the 2014 London Dinner on Friday 14th November at the RAF Club, Piccadilly?

Contact:

[honsecola@lesgrammar.org](mailto:honsecola@lesgrammar.org)



*Jason Morris, Richard Facer, Scott Charlish, Ian Swift, Nick Rubins, Roger Perrett*

# The LES Loughborough Dinner 2013

Andrew Baker

Following a near record attendance in 2012, experience has taught us that the following year could disappoint in terms of numbers. A rugby reunion swelled our numbers in 2012 and although a reunion of this nature did not occur this year, we were delighted to welcome approximately 120 Old Girls, Old Boys and their wives and partners to the 2013 Loughborough Dinner.

A tried and trusted format was followed again this year, with a canapés and drinks reception in the Burton Hall followed by another excellent dinner provided by the school's catering team. Of particular note this year, we



*Jiten Samani, Andrew Myers, Karen Richards, Azam Mamujee, Johnny Richards*

Music was again provided during the drinks reception and whilst being able to showcase young talent is important to your committees, it is, in a perverse way, pleasing to have the efforts of these young talents drowned out by copious amounts of talking and laughter.

We were delighted to welcome **Giles Kristian (Upton)**

this year as our guest

speaker. Giles was a pupil from 1987 – 1994 and has had a wide and varied career ranging from modelling to becoming a best-selling author. He even managed to find the

time to launch a successful pop career along the way!

Giles provided us with an entertaining and, at times, thought provoking talk on his varied career and I suspect there will be

much more to come from him in the future. Our thanks go to

***a tremendous amount of voluntary time and effort goes into the organisation***

Giles and his wife and we hope they will come and see us again at some future date.

Finally, a tremendous amount of voluntary time and effort goes into the organisation of these



*Stephen Harvey, Ned Roberts, Ben Woolley*

paid tribute and recorded our thanks to Margaret Wood who has provided many years of loyal service and support, not only to the schools and alumni, but also to the Associations.

## ***recorded our thanks to Margaret Wood***

Furthermore we were pleased to acknowledge the long service to the Endowed Schools of Kieron Shaw, retiring Foundation Secretary.



*Damien Snee, Ed Thorpe, Giles Kristian (Upton)*

events and I would like to thank my co-organisers, the school's catering team and the Development Office without whom many of our events simply would not take place.

# The LES Oxbridge Dinner 2014

Josh Butler



*Matei Mandache chats to Ian Tomlinson*

It's been about three weeks now since myself and fellow OLs **Vivek Lodhia** (2003-11) and **Sam Bowden** (2004-11) made the trek up to St Hugh's for the LES Oxbridge dinner. Unfortunately we arrived too late for the drinks reception and choristers, something for which I take full responsibility, (though I had been distracted by the pleasant sight of England giving the Scottish rugby team a good drubbing

***plenty of familiar faces round the table, including several old teachers***

attempts to make this dinner, we did arrive in time for the food and it was good to see plenty of familiar faces round the table, including several old teachers, who fortunately didn't press me too hard on the progress of my degree.

After a very pleasant meal we were treated to a few speeches in which we heard more about some of



*Matt Hogsden, Tim Waghorne, Pat Bunting, Vivek Lodhia, Sam Bowden*

our fellow OLs around the table. I am often amazed at how far the LES family extends and this brought the fact home to me once again. People who had left school 50 years or more ago had gathered together, with some who had left just that year, and it was all very heartening to see.

Following the speeches there was the chance to mingle and catch up with those we'd missed at the table. It's good to hear that there's still new buildings popping up at the Grammar and even better to hear that the rugby 1st XV is doing well, I remember we had slightly more mixed fortunes in my time.

The night did not end at St Hugh's and a few of us



*Harry Stockwell and Mark Green share views*

went down to the Royal Oak for a final farewell beverage. Of course it wouldn't be an Oxbridge evening without a few unofficial and impromptu Varsity challenges and I'm pleased to say the Dark Blues came off better in the heated exchanges, as **Richard Cartwright** (2006-13) will no doubt remember.

All in all an excellent evening and I look forward to heading to the other place next year for its sequel.

***the night did not end at St Hugh's***

## A Quarter of a Century on - The Class of '88 Reunion



*Assad Hussain meets old friends*

On a balmy summer's afternoon, while the English cricket team was beating the Australians at Trent Bridge, about 40 of the Class of '88 met up, 25 years after leaving the hallowed turf of Loughborough Grammar and High Schools. They came from far and wide, from Singapore to Geneva, from London to... Castledine Street Extension! Time may have



*Ian Bell catches up with the news*

gone through the "where they were living" and "what they were doing over the last 25 years", went back in time remembering stories about the goings on in the classes, sports fields and in the bushes (!) 25 years ago... that felt like yesterday.

### ***goings on in the classes, sports fields and in the bushes 25 years ago***

Meeting at school, John Weitzel, enthusiasm abounding, gave a great tour around the school, highlighting the school's success in academia and sport (now where did they get the name the Loughborough

affected the colour of hair (or the amount), the size of girth, more for some than others, but everyone having

Sharks from!) with a closely following chorus of "it wasn't like this in my day"! Arriving back at the Orangery, the "old" boys met the "old" girls, having completed their tour of the High School, for drinks and copies of the Class of '88 Year Book. Did we really put those comments in the book!!

The event finished off with drinks and a BBQ at the Windmill in Wymeswold. It was a strange and amazing evening, having not seen many of the '88 Class for 25 years, yet slipping back so fast

into school banter, which was topped off with the "old" girls from the Convent joining in the party. Toasts were given to meeting up again and to those sadly not with us anymore. May they not be forgotten. Many thanks to Ash and Vanessa for making it happen, being the inspiration, and a big thanks to Hannah for organising the whole event with the great support of the OLA.



*Ashish Raivadera addresses the troops*



*Mike Tansey, Vanessa Raivadera OG, Debbie Tansey OG*

## LGS in 1989 *A routine year*

Compiled by Roger Willson

On the whole 1989 was a busy but routine year: these were years when the magazine contained no original prose or poetry and when, regrettably, there is no list of pupils

arriving and leaving - just a list of 'School Officers' "14 Prefects still, Head Boys of the year being James Gray followed by Chris Wilkins" and of admissions to universities. And just about the only touch of school humour is John Weitzel's reflections on his ten years in boarding as he departed from Denton House.

Staff changes were very few: arriving in September were Messrs Eddon and Miles and Miss Raabe, and

***“raised the standard of LGS’s participants to a level that would be, and is, the envy of many other schools”***

the only departure was Simon Rees whose superb work with hockey and athletics - “in partnership with Ced Davies, he has raised the standard of LGS’s participants to a level that would be, and is, the envy of many other schools” and organisation of Sports Day are recorded. But how many OLs will remember Madge Hollingworth who died in 1989 and her poodle Jimmy, the champion retriever of lost tennis balls, the only local character to be permanently commemorated in the school grounds?

Music and drama were very much alive and kicking with David Tallent writing about the Concert Band “CCF Inspection: beautiful sunshine, no wind, performance superb” and a new Junior Wind Band, and the Big Band under John Aram going from strength to strength. John Weitzel waxed lyrical about his production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, John Moore’s 28th 'opera', with Chris Hawkes in the lead role. This was the year when the School Choir under Pe-



*John Aram conducts the Big Band at the School Fete*

ter Underwood, with Graham Campbell as accompanist, made their first visit to the USA thus forming a link with the Mennonite school and community in Harleysville, Pennsylvania.

Later in the year *Our Day Out* was the junior musical which involved a cast of 50 trebles “not always angelic in behaviour or language”, lead parts for Daniel Murphy and Thomas Tansey, and staff, including Howard Bullock in drag as a Welsh shopkeeper and David Mouncer as a progressive (?) teacher.

There was a 'Classics Holiday' to Italy for what Gareth Branston described as “the crème de la crème of LGS Scholars”; Simon Wood wrote about a holiday to the cultural cities of Florence, Siena and Venice led by Peter Twombly; some anonymous Third Formers summarised a very busy Battlefields and Paris tour of a group they described as “Willson’s Brigade”; and there was the annual Second Year Hadrian’s Wall walk with Timothy Chappell describing the usual delights of group cooking of unusual menus and blisters(!); and the Cullingfords led another trip to the USSR - still the era there of Communism, Intourist guides and of Berioška shops for foreigners, though oddly, no



*Rugby Tour party to Canada and the USA*

## LGS in 1989

continued

reference in the magazine to the extraordinary events in Eastern Europe which took place at the end of the year.

Ben Faust wrote about a very full Chemistry Week, with a picture of eager young 'chemists' releasing balloons in the quad. Matthew Hudson reported on a very successful May Ball,

making special mention of Margaret Wood and Mr and Mrs Don Wood's ballroom dancing lessons. Clubs and Societies reporting included Science, Senior Classical, Davys, Middle School Debating, Fencing, but one feels that several others must have gone unreported. Bill Phillips describes a very successful Voluntary Service Unit year with over 60 members and an outing for 40 guests to Twycross Zoo where "the gorillas looked pleased to see us". The Scout Troop under David Mouncer was burst-



*The Choir in Washington DC*

***“some games of cricket that were truly memorable”***

ing at the seams: it now had to meet in the Hodson Hall Extension with the demolition of the 'Old Gym'. Senior helpers were led by Richard Russell and James Wolstenholme. Summer camp in the Vale of Rheidol was attended by 40 Scouts and 10 from the flourishing Venture Scout Unit. "Activities included a Bastille Day - 200 years on". The RAF Section of the CCF reported a record 102 cadets on the roll, the school's largest ever Airforce numbers; in the RN Section Sub. Lt. Bishop took over from 'Admiral' Payne, and, although there is no report on it, the CCF Inspection was taken by a naval officer for the first time. The School House account says, surprisingly, that "skiing and horse-riding played major parts in the boarders' weekly programme". Robert Kingston reported that it was all change in Denton House with Ced and Sue Davies. retiring from boarding and John Weitzel going back to being a day boy. And so to sport, almost half of the maga-

zine. Not a vintage season for the 1st and 2nd XVs, to quote Alex Turner-Bishop and David Evans, but special mention must be made of James Murphy winning his England Cap in Italy. Superb seasons, though, for the 3rd XV, the U15 XV led by Andrew Duncombe, the U14 XV undefeated, and

an U13 XV team, Captain, James Woodward, which scored 232 points as against 50. Simon Rees said that it had been the best year for hockey since it was introduced to the school; with special mention of Chris Jones. The weather seems to have been particularly kind to the cricket season and Ed Thorpe wrote about a string of new records and "some games of cricket that were truly memorable" In one match Gary Leeson (*see page 50*) - and Chris Jones broke the school opening pair record with 240; and over the season there were 10 centuries, Wayne Dessaur and Gary Leeson both scored over 800 runs, Chris Hawkes took 50 wickets and Wayne 30. In cross country the stars were Adam Deavin, Martin Rudkin and Charles Haythornthwaite, while there was special mention of Jeremy Hames "the best all-round athlete the School has ever had" and Simon Timson in athletics. Perhaps it is invidious to pick out any other names for teams across the board which won 52 of their 56 matches! On a baking hot Sports Day, held for the first time at the University track, Atchal Khanna was Junior Victor Ludorum, Ayman Razek Intermediate, and Jeremy Hames Senior.

**Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1989.**

- 8 Jan 44 killed in Kegworth air disaster
- 5 Feb Sky television goes on air for first time
- 15 Apr 96 die in Hillsborough Stadium disaster
- 20 May Liverpool beat Everton 3-2 in Cup Final
- 29 Sep London house prices drop 16% in a year
- 9 Nov Berlin Wall opened between East and West

## LGS in 1964 *A time of steady progress*

1963 had seen the opening of the new Science Building (now re-clad and part of the new Science and Maths Park). So the L-block, previously the science labs, was given an internal make-over and put to new uses in 1964. 2014 therefore sees the 50th anniversary of the Library in its present position, formed by removing the wall between a Chemistry and a Physics lab. The old Library, which had been upstairs above G1, was converted into a School Chapel for particular use by the boarders. It was officially consecrated as a place of

worship by the Bishop of Leicester in the summer term. Also '50-years on' are the wrought-iron gates at the entrance to the quad, produced in the school workshops by Mr Ward and his assistants.

The school was still expanding in numbers. At the start of the September term there were 583 boys in the 'Upper School' and 174 in the 'Lower School' with Mr H Lewis as Headmaster (Lower School Life still featured as a distinct part of the magazine, and it had its own Prize Day and Sports Day where delights included sack, wheelbarrow and chariot races), a reminder that the boys of 'prep school' age were still part of LGS rather than part of Fairfield. There were a record number of 167 in the Sixth Form. It was a year of more than the usual number of goings and comings on the teaching staff. At Easter a certain Mr E Thorpe arrived to become senior games master and in September 1964 among the new arrivals were Messrs Todd, Roulinson, Brendon, Downward, Hainsworth and A



*Lower School Sports Day 1964*

Johnson. And retiring was an LGS 'legend', the famous Mrs Mulcahy who had come to the School in 1941 as

***abandoned the quiet seclusion of academies for young ladies to fill the places of men serving with the armed forces.***

“one of that gallant band of women teachers who patriotically abandoned the quiet seclusion of academies for young ladies to fill the places of men serving with the armed forces.” The editor of *The Loughburian* describes her as “a force to be reckoned with,” and I have probably heard more stories about her discipline from OLs than for any other member of staff. What a good job that schools have characters! I guess that no OLs will now remember 'Sep' Atterbury whose death was reported. He was another LGS character and leg-

end, who served the school, apart from war service, from 1912 to 1938. He coached the 1st XI cricket team and prepared the wicket over all these years, himself a professional footballer (for Plymouth Argyle) and a superb cricketer.

The Opera Group, under John Moore, gave their second production, Benjamin Britten's *Noyes Fludde*. The school play was the relatively unknown *The Strong are Lonely*, and the school concert made a come-back, performed for the first time in the still relatively new Hodson Hall. It included a parody of ITV's *Take Your Pick* and a mock LGS staff meeting!! These were the days of concern that Sixth Formers were becoming too specialised so there was once again a selection of outside speakers coming to give lectures on topics such as *Russia*, *Transistors* and *Decolonisation* as well as the hosting of a fifth Commonwealth Conference, surely a sign of the influence of HM Walter. There was just a small sign that what we now call 'Health and Safety' was making an appearance because “little notices had suddenly appeared on form notice boards informing us as to where the nearest fire extinguisher might be found”. The tradition of Sixth Form Declamations was still very much alive and R. Pratt won with a speech attacking Astrology; one of the other finalists spoke in defence of Dr. Beeching's Cuts, highly topical! For the first time Sports

# LGS in 1964

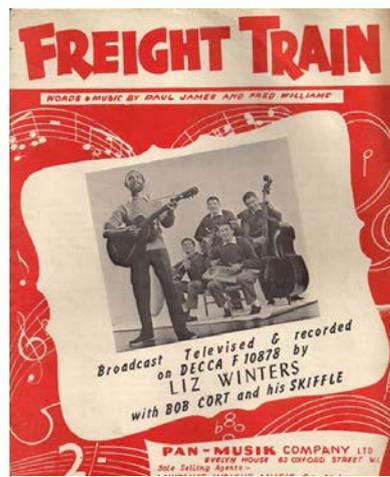
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Day was held on the new quarter mile track which has been made possible by the extension of the 1st XI Field (right up to the Leicester Road, though an avenue of trees still stretched across the field as part of Burton Walks, so the new track had to cut in between them) and Bowen's House made a complete sweep of the trophies (the other Houses being Redden's, Murray's and James's, the latter to become Moretti's in September 1964). For some time *The Loughburian* had included articles explaining the



*Noye's Fludde*

mer camp for the former was at Wookey Hole in Somerset, and the menu to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Troop on the last night in camp was washed down with two gallons of Somerset cider! A new departure was the forming of the Voluntary Service Unit with Mr Ken Ward as Chairman. Plenty of interesting 'miscellanea', especially to be found in articles written



*Bob Cort in action*

of the School Trophies, a valuable archive for us. In 1964 it was the turn of the Tom Onions Cup (for High Jump), donated by one OL in memory of his brother who was killed in a car accident as a result of injuries sustained in the First World War. There was a

wide range of school clubs: not only the Twentieth Century Society and a very active Film Club, "where the weekly rush of members made the task of checking tickets hazardous", but also a branch of the Student Christian Movement and a Philosophical Circle, all re-enforced by a Stamp Club and a Photographic Society. There are reports on numerous school trips and days-out, though Munich in those days required a 24 hour train journey and trips went to far less 'exotic' destinations than nowadays. Both the School House Scout Troop and the CCF were very active. Sum-



*Bob Cort on Decca*

by boys: editorial complaints about two old chestnuts, Saturday morning school and the lack of cooperation with the High School; the House Cross Country race having to be re-run because "one of the markers, not satisfied with the performance of his House, gave the wrong directions to the leaders"! Denton House getting a new TV which has both BBC and ITV, and "we enjoy watching it on Saturday evenings" (Presumably TV watching was strictly rationed) and finally, two prominent old boys mentioned in the Old Loughburians section, still

## *Saturday morning school and the lack of cooperation with the High School;*

then part of the school magazine: A. D. Walsh, Professor of Chemistry at St Andrew's, just elected a Fellow of the Royal Society as a result of his work in molecular spectroscopy, and in a completely different field, Robin (Bob) Cort. Now, who remembers the skiffle craze of 50 years ago with washboards and tea-chests?

Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1964.

- 1 Jan *Top of the Pops* launches on BBC
- 28 Mar Radio Caroline begins broadcasting
- 30 Mar Mods and Rockers clash on Clacton beach
- 15 Sept First edition of the *Sun* newspaper appears
- 10 Oct Tokyo Olympics open - GB wins 4 golds
- 9 Nov Commons abolish death penalty

## LGS in 1939 *And another war*

Fourteen years into the Headmastership of Sidney ('Sid') Pullinger and a school of about 350 pupils, about one third of its size today, though there was to be a temporary influx of boys later in the year. The campus was still basically all on the quad side of Burton Walks. The thrice-yearly *Loughburian* mentions a proposal by the Governors to build a new assembly hall, the existing 'Big School' (now Sixth Form Centre) to be converted into a Wilfred Moss Memorial Library. Alas, the war and then post-war austerity meant a delay of 20 years before the Hodson Hall was built on the other side of the Walks. Also a different school from nowadays in other ways: football was the main school winter sport -



*School Football team 1939*

***“Despite our hard swotting,  
we really get a lot of fun  
out of school”***

opposing teams included other 'state schools', Derby Grammar, Leicester City Boys, Melton Grammar School, Loughborough College School; the four Houses were based on geography - North, South, East and West, South easily victorious in 1939 - and for the first time the school sports, held as always within the school grounds, were conducted on a House basis.

The year evidently started with a cold snap as there is a photo montage of 'Work and Play', play involving sliding in the quad and snow-balling in the school grounds. The cold weather coincided with a devastating outbreak of flu, as many as 131 pupils succumbing and absent at any one time. This coincided with the ten-yearly visit of the Government Inspectors! They were well pleased with what they saw: "The School had fully maintained its fine tradition of service to the town and county." There are delightfully unsophisticated form reports ("Despite our hard swotting, we really get a lot of fun out of school") in the magazine at this date and they all mention the new craze for roller-skating on the asphalt (It had replaced marbles as the popular sport

among the juniors!) Other remarks also show us what a different time it was: "we are getting on well with the Cot Fund (for the Baxtergate Hospital); one of our evacuee recruits had great difficulty with his Eton collar; most of the Form have now obtained slide rules." More seriously, and one of the signs that another war was just around the

corner, a course of Air Raid Precaution Lectures had been started for the staff and senior boys.

This was only one way in which the school was to be affected by, first, war clouds, and then by the declaration of war itself in September. There had clearly been warning signs in September 1938 over Czechoslovakia. Evidently the junior field (now part

of Fairfield and the High School grounds) had been "given the impression of the ravages of a giant mole and by 1939 this was

bearing fruit". Mounded concrete shelters were also

now lining the field and once war was declared, "from time to time we practise an orderly retreat thereto according to plan." The summer edition records that a series of gas lectures was being given which included a



*Snow on the Quad*

## LGS in 1939

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“somewhat tearful visit to the gas chamber in Dead Lane,” presumably the town’s decontamination unit, while the author of the Lower Remove Notes reported that “ARP (Air Raid Precaution) work in the Head’s garden (the Head lived in and looked after School House) is now visible from T2



*Digging trenches for air raid shelters*

and provides amusement during Latin!” By the autumn term the war had really started to affect school life (and we must remember that, for all adults, it was only just 20 years since the Great War had ended and many of the staff, including Mr. Pullinger, had served in that war). There was a welcome for an unspecified number of evacuees “from somewhere in England” (the Sheffield area, in fact). From mid-November school was ending at 3pm with a reduction in the dinner hour so that boys could get home before the black-out. This inevitably curtailed the activities of after-school clubs; Science Society; le Cercle Français; the Printing Guild; Nature Club; the Twentieth Century Ltd. One debate was that ‘The

foreign and domestic policy of the present Government is totally inadequate’, motion lost. An ARP siren was installed on the Tower, Prize Day was abandoned, and again because of the black-out, “Herr Hitler has banned the school play.” Shortage of male teachers nationally with ‘call-up’ meant the advent of two ladies on the staff. “Mrs Whitehall now presides over music in place of her husband, who is doing war work, and Miss Rogers who came with the Sheffield contingent,” not in fact the first ladies on the staff - see the article on 1914! Interesting that one of the Sixth Form evacuees was an Austrian and he wrote in the magazine of his first hand experiences of the Anschluss in Vienna: “Since March 1938 a Nazi Storm Trooper is a com-

mon sight”. And the Sixth Form monitor on duty “MUST, in the event of an air-raid, stand by the Junior Field gate to prevent unauthorised persons entering the shelters. Force may legally be used!”

But the serious side of war was soon being felt. At the end of the year we find an

appeal by the OLA for Christmas gifts to OLs serving with the Forces. “Old Boys serving abroad will receive 100 cigarettes and those on home service 25!” and there is a first list of Old Boys serving in HM Forces, a list of 59. And just after Christmas the death of the first of the 60 O.Ls. who lost their lives in World War II was reported. Sergeant Victor Harvey, RAF was killed in France whilst engaged in air operations. Just 19 years old, his parents had been expecting him home for Christmas leave. (see p 22) So, two ‘challenges’ to finish with. Please write to

the editor and let us know about either or both questions. Are there still any Old Boys out there who served in the Second World War? And can anyone claim to be or report who they think

might be our oldest OL surviving? In 1939 the death of the oldest boy of the then OLA was reported, Charles Smith, nearly 91, who had entered the school in 1856, just four years after the opening of the school on the Burton Walks site.

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#### Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1939.

- 3 Feb IRA bomb two London Underground stations
- 27 Apr Conscriptio introduced for all 20-21 yr olds
- 15 May Film *Goodbye Mr Chips* released
- 30 Aug Evacuation of children from major cities starts
- 3 Sept Britain declares war on Germany
- 9 Sept British Expeditionary Forces sails for France

# LGS in 1914 *The storm breaks*

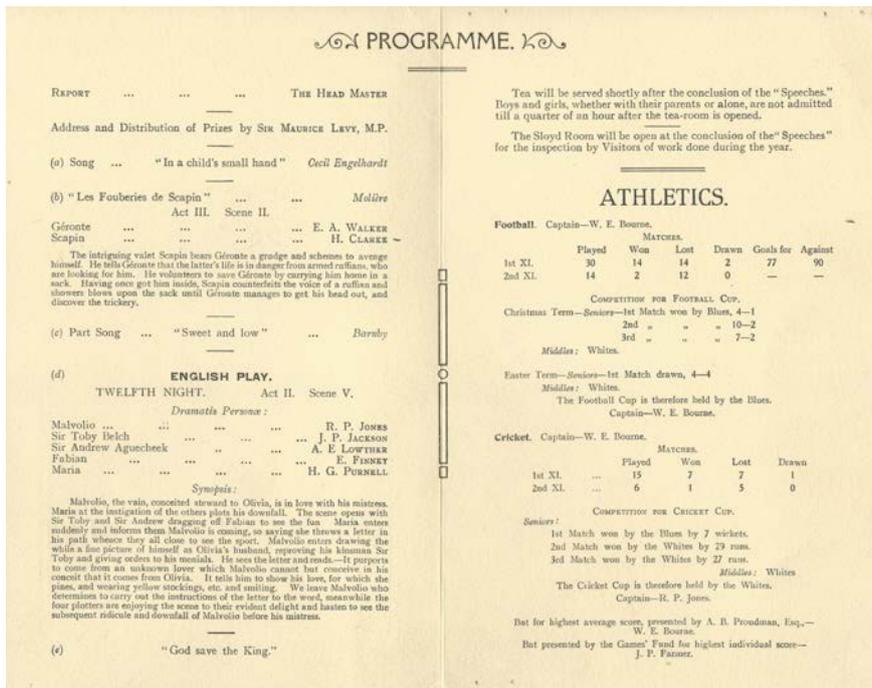
For most people in Britain, war in August 1914 seems to have come right out of the blue and LGS was no exception. *The Loughburian* for May 1914 records a year proceeding as normal: a full list of football fixtures for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Athletic Sports at the end of May, the annual Gymnastic Competition in G1, Prize Day fixed for the end of July, the Rifle Club reporting as usual, a

poem entitled *Excuses* pleading for originality in making excuses for not doing schoolwork on time (nothing ever changes)! Even more poignantly,

***“the fun on both journeys was as boisterous as ever”***

given what was just around the corner, the custom of a school excursion by train to Matlock on Founder's Day, that had been revived in 1913, took place on June 12<sup>th</sup>. After the normal Burton Service, 74 members of the school (In 1914 there were just 125 pupils at LGS of whom 12 were in the Headmaster's boarding house in School House) “made their way to the station and entrained for Matlock. A very pleasant day was passed exploring the delights of Matlock, and the fun on both journeys was as boisterous as ever.”

There is only one slight hint of the mounting European crisis which was taking place in the July of that summer and it was in Headmaster Turner's speech at the annual Prize Day on July 29<sup>th</sup> (the day before, Austria had declared war on Serbia, thus precipitating the chain of events which within a week was to plunge Europe into war). Sir Maurice Levy, Liberal MP for Loughborough had been in-

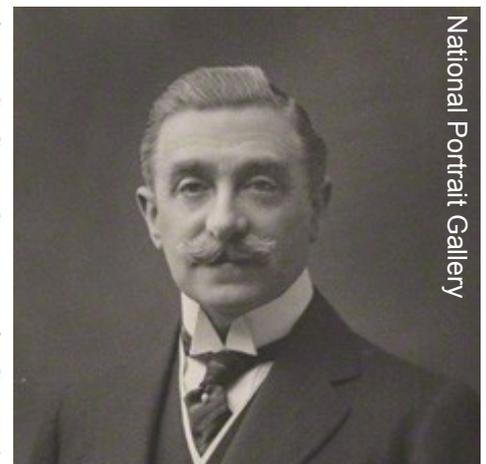


*The Prize Giving programme 1914*

vited to present the prizes and give the traditional speech. The Headmaster said that his presence in Loughborough “was much appreciated at a time when his presence was so called for in town.” But no one would have guessed that within a week Britain would be at war. Highlighted on that Prize Day programme were W E Bourne, captain of Blue House football

team (the school was divided into two Houses for sports competitions, Blues and Whites) and captain of 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket, presented with a bat for the highest average score, and Frank Cresswell, captain of shooting, captain of Whites and winners of the house competition, awarded the bronze medal for rifle shooting. Both were to lose their lives in the War and are commemorated on the two school War Memorials (one in the Hodson Hall, one in the Tower Block).

The outbreak of war soon affected the school. Just a month after hostilities began, *The Loughburian* of September 1914 reported: “Since the end of last term our Nation and Empire have been involved in the most terrible war the world has ever known. Boys at school are too young to fight the enemy in the line of battle, but they also have their part to



*Sir Maurice Levy MP*

# LGS in 1914

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play. As schoolboys, they must remember that their school time is a time of preparation. The duty of self-sacrifice is one of the needed lessons which we

Form VI. (17).	
UPPER.	
1	Bourne, W. E.
2	Cresswell, F.
4	Clarke, H.
8	Dawson, A. L., <i>ma.</i>
7	Grudgings, J. H.
6	Hall, A. W.
5	Jones, R. P.
3	Phillips, E. G., <i>ma.</i>
9	Walker, E. A., <i>ma.</i>

*The Upper Sixth on the Matlock trip. WE Bourne and F Cresswell were to give their lives in the War.*

believe this war is intended to teach a nation only too inclined of late to be eager for ease and comfort." Names of those OLs already serving are given, among them Frank Cresswell from Barrow-on-Soar, mentioned above, and now

"at Luton with his battalion awaiting orders to go to the front." Two members of staff are mentioned: Mr. Watson had joined the Australian Field Hospital and already reported that "the suffering entailed by the war passes the comprehension of man". Mr. Crockett had applied for a commission and enlisted with the Public Schools' Battalion. Ironically, the editors of the magazine thought fit to include an article entitled *Made in Germany*. "In the land of sausage and sauerkraut....The Germans are very exact and love detail...They are a very hospitable race and make one feel at home in a very short time."

By the end of the year there was more to report and the first direct impact on school life is explained. With three members of staff now having joined up, their places had to be filled at short notice and "to avoid filling Mr. Watson's place with anyone suited for war service, a lady had been appointed experimentally"! Miss Aveling thus became the first woman on the LGS staff, and, although she was only here for a term, it set a precedent. Although it seems that the school continued much as normal, Wednesday afternoon football matches against other schools were cancelled, and instead the higher forms were instructed in "the rudiments of the new infantry drill, whilst simultaneously shooting has been supervised by the Headmaster and by Mr Smith."

From now on, for the rest of the War, daily for one minute at noon, on a few strokes of the school bell, boys and staff were to stand in their classrooms to remember in silence those who served. By the end of 1914 the school had followed the example of many schools in setting up a uniformed Cadet Corps, the ancestor of today's CCF. Staff members

***"with his battalion awaiting orders to go to the front."***

Smith and Watson, back from duty, were appointed as instructors and, as with Cadet Corps in other schools in the county, the Corps formed a Cadet Battalion attached to the Leicestershire Regiment.



*An early picture of the Cadet Corps*

In January 1915 *The Loughburian* recorded the first of many LGS Rolls of Honour, OLs "serving in His Majesty's Forces", an astonishingly long list for a comparatively small school: 30 commissioned officers, mostly newly-appointed second lieutenants, and 83 NCOs and privates. An amazing 315 OLs served in the War over the next four years and 58 of those were killed in the service of the country.

### Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1914.

- 2 Feb Charlie Chaplin makes his first film
- 25 May Irish Home Rule Bill passes Commons
- 28 June Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated
- 4 Aug Britain declares war on Germany
- 23 Aug Battle of Mons begins
- 24 Dec Unofficial truce on Western Front

# Obituaries

Compiled and edited by John Mellors

## John Shaw

### *Versatile broadcaster on local radio*

**John Shaw (1968-75)** died in hospital in Nottingham after a short illness on 25th November 2013, aged 56. John was born in Lincoln in 1957 but the family moved to Wymeswold two years later. He attended Wymeswold School and then progressed to LGS during the headship of Norman Walter. John was deemed to be so academically capable that he was 'fast tracked' at the end of his second year straight into the fourth year and the start of O Levels, thus missing out an entire academic year. This meant that, with a late August birthday, he was nearly two years younger than many of his colleagues when taking his O levels and subsequent A levels. John also represented the school at cricket and helped to form the Photographic Society under the guidance of Art

teacher, Len Major. After LGS he went up to Oxford University in 1975 to read History at Keble College. John had a keen interest in music and broadcasting, so he was delighted to land his first job at BBC Radio Nottingham in 1978 as a station assistant. In 1980 he moved to the commercial station Radio Trent, where he was the mainstay of the station's cultural output. He also presented phone-in shows and a wide variety of programmes. During this period his shows also appeared on Leicester Sound FM, RAM-FM in Derby and GEM-AM. After leaving the Radio Trent Group in the early 1990s, he worked for the BBC stations in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester with a wide variety of roles including presenting music programmes, sports reporting, outside broadcasts, training, and providing technical support behind the



*John Shaw*

scenes. In 2013 John provided reports and ball-by-ball commentary for all of Leicestershire's cricket matches for BBC Radio Leicester, a role he adored, given his life-long love of cricket. In more recent years he spent more time in Wymeswold and was a huge supporter of the village Cricket Club. He made his debut for the club aged thirteen and continued to play for the next 43 years – his final game being in September 2013.

*We are grateful to Nick Shaw (1972-79) for this account of his brother's life.*

## Roy Coe

### *Local boy who made the most of his education*

**Leslie Roy Coe (1925-32)** died in January 2014, just one month before his hundredth birthday.



*Roy Coe*

He was born in February, 1914, the youngest son of William Coe, head gardener at Prestwold Hall. He attended LGS from the age of 11. He later graduated from Nottingham University in 1936 in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. Roy was a keen sportsman, playing football and cricket for Loughborough and later Nottingham University. He saw service in the Royal Navy during WW2 as a Lieutenant on mine sweepers and on Escort duties in the Indian Ocean.

After the war, Roy settled in Guildford, Surrey, as a Navy Civil Officer, based in Portsmouth teaching Mathematics, and later he worked for a local pharmaceutical company. He was a Chartered Physicist, Fellow of the Institutes of Mathematics and Physics, a keen golfer and lifetime member of the Guildford Golf Club. He never married but was a favourite uncle to many nieces and nephews.

*We are grateful to his great-nephew, Peter Coe, for this account of Roy's life.*

# Obituaries

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## **Graham Daly**

***A solicitor who enjoyed teaching unemployed people to use computers***

**Graham Daly (1963-72)** passed away after a lengthy illness on 23rd July 2013. Graham started school in Birstall. When he was 11 he went to LGS as a fee paying student and his mum went out to work in order to be able to afford the fees. When the family moved to Boreham Wood, Graham went to Haberdasher's Aske's School but he wasn't happy there and came back to LGS as a boarder. He was obviously full of mischief even then and told tales of climbing up the Tower with his mates. Eventually he went to Birmingham Uni-

versity to study Law. After university Graham was articled to the firm of Whetstone & Frost, Solicitors in Leicester where he went on to become an Assistant Solicitor in General Practice. At the age of 29 he embarked on his life in London as a partner in the firm, Allen & Son, just off Soho Square. The firm was responsible for the liquor and entertainment licences covering the West End clubs, pubs and restaurants. Graham was the conveyancing/commercial property partner. After a serious illness 20 years ago, Graham was forced to give up his work in the Law, but went on to do a teaching certificate and enjoyed teaching unemployed people to use computers. He was an avid



*Graham Daly*

researcher of his family tree and discovered that he was related to John Betjeman and the inventor of the dentist's chair!

*We are indebted to Revd Cynthia Hebden for the eulogy given at Graham's funeral, of which this is an edited version.*

## **Ian Peacock**

***Consultant at the Derby Royal Infirmary***

**Ian Peacock (1961-67)** died suddenly on June 20th, 2013. Ian was top of his year throughout his time at LGS but his achievements at school were not limited to the academic. He was a competent cricketer and excelled at hockey, captaining a successful 1st XI and representing Leicestershire and the Midlands at schoolboy level. Having secured an Exhibition in Medicine to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, Ian left school in December 1967 and went on an American Field Services scholarship to attend a High School in Wilmington, Delaware for the rest of the academic year. He completed his clinical



*Ian Peacock*

studies at The London Hospital and, after junior hospital posts, he embarked on the research into diabetes which became his main practice and research interest, and which led to the award of an MD from the University of Cambridge in 1985 and Fellowship of the London Col-

lege of Physicians in 1994. He was a Consultant at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary between 1986 and 2001, when he took early retirement. Subsequently Ian developed an interest in medico-legal work and was awarded an LLM by the University of Northumbria in 2004. Thereafter, he undertook medico-legal work with an interest in soft-tissue injuries. He was devoted to his family and leaves a huge gap in their lives and those of his many friends. He was the kindest and most stimulating of friends, challenging without aggression, entertaining, considerate and generous. He leaves his three children, Stuart, Lauren and Tom and his partner, Di-  
anne.

*We are indebted to David Allen (1961-68) for this tribute.*

# Obituaries

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## ***Rex Thompson***

### ***Set up direct lines of communication between Bletchley Park and Whitehall***

**Reginald (Rex) Thompson** (1927-33) died on October 6th 2013, aged 97. Rex was born in Frederick Street, Loughborough. He attended Rosebery Street Junior School from where he won a scholarship to LGS. Rex thrived at LGS academically, on the sports field and in the choir. He learned the piano at seven and, when his legs were long enough to reach the pedals, he took organ lessons at Loughborough Parish Church. University beckoned but as the Great Depression bit, his father was made redundant and Rex had to leave school at 17 to find work. He became an accounts clerk at Genatosan, taking night-school classes in Economics, Company Law and Accountancy. Rex had wanted to be an engineer. He continued studying by correspondence course, travelling to London



*Rex Thompson*

to do the Physics and Chemistry practicals and taking Engineering classes in the evenings. His drive and determination paid off. In 1938 the Post Office held competitive examinations to recruit engineers and Rex was successful.

As WW2 loomed, Rex was recruited to the Air Group, which worked 50 feet below ground near St. Paul's Cathedral, providing direct covert lines between the De-

fence Ministries, Government Departments, the BBC and Bletchley Park. In 2008 Rex, rather belatedly, was awarded the Government Code and Cipher School Medal for designing the communications at Bletchley Park. In 1959 the family moved to Sheffield where Rex ended his career as a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical Engineers and President of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

A lifelong Methodist, Rex's faith was central to his life. He was a Local Preacher for 70 years and an organist for 80. At 97, despite failing health, he was still driving himself round the country, swimming, attending meetings, doing voluntary work at a Psychiatric Hospital and, of course, playing the organ. His motivation, determination and generosity were an inspiration to all who knew him. *We are indebted to Ruth Astley who has written about her father's long life and career.*

## ***Bill Edwards***

### ***A Rotarian with a successful career within the local dyeing and finishing industry***

**Bill Edwards** (1930-37) died in January 2014 at the age of 93. Bill was born in Loughborough, growing up in Fearon Street and then Middleton Place. After LGS he attended Loughborough College where he took a London External BSc. After College he initially took up a



*Bill Edwards*

research position with the British Launderers' Research Association in Hendon. He joined the family firm Lacey, Godkin and Edwards in 1946 and had a successful career within the local dyeing and finishing industry. He married Doreen Brookman in 1953 and they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in 2013. His passions included gardening, opera, architecture, poetry, classical history, archaeology, rural

England and photography. He was also an active Rotarian and was a past President of the Loughborough Club. He contributed to many charities including the Council for the Protection of Rural England. He recorded readings for books for the blind. In retirement Bill pursued his old interests and developed new ones, including building wonderful Meccano models to show to his six grandchildren, learning Welsh and singing in a Welsh choir.

**David** (1968-74), **Sally** (1970-75) and **Richard** (1974-81) offered this tribute to their father.

## Obituaries

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### **Ken Blood**

#### **Prominent Rotarian and banker**

**M.K. (Ken) Blood** (1944-50) died on 3rd September 2013 after a lengthy illness. Ken won a scholarship to LGS and went through to the Sixth Form before joining Loughborough Council. Following National Service, Ken returned to the Local Authority but moved on to the Midland Bank aged 27. He worked in several parts of the East Midlands and held managerial roles at Sutton in Ashfield, Derby, Nottingham and finally in Ripley. For forty years the family home was in Duffield, Derbyshire. He was a popular member of society and very active in Ripley Rotary Club, where he was a Past President and Paul Harris Fellow. Ken was also a keen golfer, DIY enthusiast, gardener, snooker player, water-colour painter, caravan builder and model railway builder. Ken was immensely proud of LGS and a great ambassador – it was very fitting that more than 200 family, friends and contacts sang the school hymn to bid him farewell at his funeral. Ken leaves his wife, Margaret, two children and four grandchildren.

*We are grateful to Roger Hollick for these words*

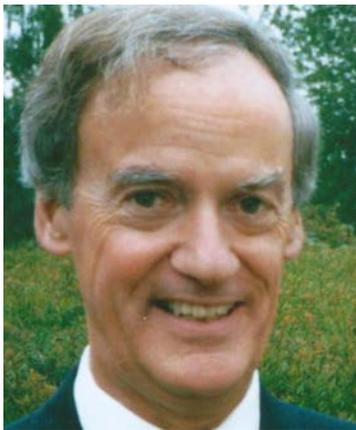


*Ken Blood*

### **Dick Ingram**

#### **Distinguished career in motor car construction**

**Richard (Dick) Ingram** (1948-56) died on 11th April 2013 aged 75. He was born in Loughborough where his father was the local optician. Educated at LGS, where he made a number of life-long friendships, Dick did his National Service in Bomber Command servicing radar systems in 'V' bombers before going up to Cambridge in 1958 to read Mechanical Sciences. He enjoyed sports, representing his college at hockey. His prestigious business career was described by Dick in *Some Episodes and Incidents in a Working Life*, a fascinating personal account of his work in British industry during forty years of great change, written shortly before he died. He worked mainly in the motor car construction industry and finished his career in 1999 as Business Director for Jaguar Cars. During his working life Dick was actively involved in local community and charity work. He was a founder



*Dick Ingram*

member of the local Shelter group, was elected to Solihull Council, serving on several committees, and was chairman of First Solihull Scout Group for 20 years. In his retirement, he was appointed by the Lord Chancellor's Office to assist in the recruitment of new magistrates and subsequently volunteered to serve on the Youth Offenders Panel as part of the Restorative Justice Scheme. He initiated funding by Jaguar for Sustrans to construct links into Jaguar plants from the National Cycle Network. He also encouraged Jaguar to establish Jaguar Wood,

a walnut plantation in the new National Forest, to provide the interior veneer for Jaguar cars. Dick is survived by his wife, Judy, his two sons, Jonathan and Christopher, and five grandchildren.

*This is an edited version of an account of Dick's life, kindly forwarded to us by Judy Ingram.*

### **David Tomes**

#### **Taught Physics in UK and USA**

**David Tomes** (1943-51) left LGS for St. Catherine's College, Oxford, where he earned a Master's Degree in Physics. He subsequently taught Physics at schools in the UK, including Eton College. He spent most of his teaching career at Hunter High School, New York City where he taught some of the brightest students in New York and the United States. David passed away in New York after a brief illness at the age of 80.

# Obituaries

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*Brian Hallett*

## **Brian Hallett**

***A mechanical engineer who became an accountant***

**Brian Hallett (1945-50)** died on 24th June 2013 after a short illness. Brian was born in Yeovil, Somerset but moved to Loughborough as a young boy. He loved the environment of LGS and it was to be one of the defining periods of his life. Brian soon learned that his academic excellence lay in the sciences rather than humanities. He always remembered his school masters. He hated

reading *Macbeth* but loved Mathematics and hung on the every word of a languages teacher who had served behind enemy lines, working with the French Resistance, but who remained discreet, much to the disappointment of groups of boys who wanted to hear it all. (*Colin Tivey, of course – Ed*) LGS also saw him develop his love of cricket and - much more broadly but in line with the way he believed that the game should be played - an ethos that was about doing things the right way, always with integrity. After LGS, he decided not to go to university but did his National Service and entered into an apprenticeship in the same mechanical engineering business at which his father had

worked. It was work that eventually took him to India for the better part of a decade, split between Calcutta and Bombay. While in Bombay, he met Elsa who would go on to become his wife. The two moved to Mexico for a further three years, before returning to the UK. Work still meant lots of travel – to Morocco and pre-revolutionary Iran – but by the 1980s his industry declined and Brian entered accounting. Brian sadly became a widower in 2000 but became a grandfather in 2006, which, despite a series of strokes, gave him a new lease of life and a chance to pass on some wisdom all over again. He is deeply missed by all his family, a loving friend, son, husband, father and grandfather.

*This tribute was written by his son, Tony:*

## **Alan Adam**

***A successful businessman and saviour of Moseley Rugby Football Club***

**Alan Adam (1961-68)** died on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the age of 63. It was at LGS that Alan learned the game of rugby. Alongside his distinguished business career as a chartered accountant, and later a property investor, he had a passion for his sports – rugby and rowing. Initially a product of Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club, he later moved to Moseley RFC and turned out for various teams, mostly the United side but picking up a number of 1st XV starts. When his career ended, he was instrumental in putting together a first consortium of investors who acquired the club. Several years later he again came to the fore when the club was at probably its lowest ebb – in administration and on the point of leaving Birmingham and moving to Oxford. With fellow stalwarts, Alan fought the move tooth and nail and won. Having saved his beloved club, he devoted most of his time to



*Alan Adam*

help in its running and development. Taught to be an oarsman at LGS, Birmingham Rowing Club was another passion – he was a former club captain and made regular appearances at Henley Regatta to look up old chums. His friend and colleague at Moseley, Dave Warren commented: “Undoubtedly he saved Moseley rugby club. He will be sorely missed.” Fellow Moseley senior figure, Joe Jordan noted: “Had it not been for his efforts we would not have had a club.” He is survived by his two brothers, sister and partner, Morag.

*This is an edited version of a tribute to Alan by the Moseley Rugby Club and forwarded to us by Barry Hackett (1967-73).*

## Obituaries

continued

### *Richard Yates*

#### *A dentist who became a country parson*

**Richard Yates** (1949-52) died on 15th November 2012 at the age of 74. Richard was born in Leicester and came to LGS at the age of eleven. He appears not to have made a friend of Miss Mulcahy who commented on his report, "He must stop dreaming that he is somebody or one day he will wake up to find that he is nobody." He told his family that he was constantly in trouble. The master would walk into the room with the refrain, "Yates and who else was talking?" His relationship with the young Don Wood seems to have been easier and, by the time he was in the Lower Remove, Don records that "He has taken a keen interest in his work and has continued to make



*Richard Yates*

good progress in all his subjects." However, at the end of that academic year he made a new start at Oakham School where he excelled. After school he studied Dentistry at Guys Hospital and it was there that he met and became engaged to his landlady's niece. The couple married and moved to Warmin-

ster in 1962 where he joined a local dental practice.

In 1993, after a bout of depression, he took early retirement and began training to be a priest. He revelled in his work as a country parson and years of talking to nervous patients in the dentist's chair made him an excellent listener. He became deeply involved in the link between the Diocese of Salisbury and the church in the Sudan, visiting that country and welcoming a succession of Sudanese bishops to the family home. After heart surgery and a life-threatening illness whilst on holiday in New Zealand, he retired from active ministry but continued to take services in the villages until less than a month before his death.

*We are indebted to Jane Yates and her twin sons, David and Charles, for this tribute.*

## In the News



*Chris York (2nd left) at the award ceremony*

**Chris York** (1983-88) was in the news recently when The Exaireo Trust [www.exaireo.org](http://www.exaireo.org), for whom he works, received the Mark Duncan Award from the Centre for Social Justice for its work in addressing the root causes of poverty, turning lives around and reversing social breakdown. The charity provides temporary supported accommodation for 32 adults in nine shared houses, seven in Loughborough and two in Coalville. The aim is to rehabilitate homeless people through a mixture of accommodation provision, work experience and educational and social support. Work placements/apprenticeships within the Loughborough area play a key role and Exaireo are always on the lookout for local businesses prepared to help in this work.



*Harry Gurney in action*

The *Nottingham Post* has reported that **Harry Gurney** (2000-05) was selected for the England squad for their limited-overs tour of West Indies. This follows his work as a left arm bowler in attempting to prepare the Ashes team for the onslaught from Mitchell Johnson on the recent winter tour of Australia.

# OLA Cricket

James Sharpe

**OLA - 196 all out**  
**(Craig Ashcroft 61)**  
**1st XI - 201-3**  
**(Eben Kurtz 55)**

*The OLA were unable to make it a hat-trick of victories over the 1st XI when they slipped to a disappointing seven-wicket defeat. Despite knocks of 61 from Craig Ashcroft and 48 from Richard Williams helping OLA to 196 all out, it was not enough to stop the 1st XI romping home with Eben Kurtz making 55 at the top of the innings.*

On the hottest day of the summer, under the blaze of scorching 30-degree heat, OLA won the toss and elected to bat first - much to the joy of the ageing alumni. But that happiness was not to last long as OLA made a complete hash of the start to their innings. The opening partnership of Jack Berrisford and

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Tom Maguire were unable to recreate the form of two years ago when an unbeaten stand of 130 secured a 10-wicket victory for the OLA. Maguire was soon trapped lbw for just one run by Ben Mike (2-25) before Shyam Patel got his OLA debut off to a far from memorable start as he bagged a second-ball duck to give Mike his second wicket and the OLA were soon 8-2. Seeing Dave Saul walk to the crease is usually a frightening sight for any bowler but this was the first time the explosive former 1st XI



captain had picked up a bat in six years. The rust didn't take too long to fall off as he made

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too long to fall off***

his way to a patient 10 but he was unable to kick on and was caught off the bowling of Rishan Chopra (2-43). When Berrisford was caught behind for a patient 11 OLA were left teetering on 37 -4 but a partnership of 84 between Williams and C Ashcroft steadied the OLA ship and restored a semblance of respectability, moving the total to 121. Williams smashed 48 from 52 balls, including three fours and three sixes, as he gave the alumni something to cheer about before falling just two runs short of his half-century. Mark Ashcroft (15) and James Sharpe (12) kept the scoreboard ticking over and when C Ashcroft was eventually run out for 61, OLA were 182-9. Danny Hemmings played his traditional pinch-hitting role, smashing his customary six, on his way to 15 not out. He was left unsupported though as the school's only international cricketer, Chris Lonsdale, who played one ODI for Bermuda, was run out for three

while Nav Suri was bowled first ball as OLA were all out for 196. The 1st XI openers Danny Murty (29) and Kurtz (55) started a fantastic team reply by putting on 52 for the first wicket as OLA's bowlers toiled in the blistering conditions. Hemmings was the first to strike when his swinging delivery hooped its way back through Murty's gate, leaving his stumps in tatters. Chopra continued where he had left off though and he and Kurtz patiently worked their way towards the target. Another half-century stand followed as Kurtz went past 50 before he was outrageously caught and bowled by Patel after the opener had thundered the ball back at him. Captain Rich Cartwright came to the

***Old Loughburians'  
Cricket Club is being  
set up next year***

crease and his first move was to sell Chopra down the river, leaving his partner stranded and run out, seven runs short of a half-century. But that was the last glimpse of hope OLA would see as Cartwright smashed 41 not out from just 32 balls, supported well by David Tew's unbeaten 20, as he took his side over the line with 1.4 overs to spare.

The Old Loughburians' Cricket Club is being set up next season and is looking for new members to play in a series of fixtures through the summer. If anyone is interested in getting involved they should contact Jack Berrisford on 07563 626660.

[jackberrisford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackberrisford@hotmail.co.uk).

# OLA Golf

Robert Hallam

## Spring Trophy at Longcliffe Golf Club

If we had taken the weather forecast seriously there would have been no play, but out we went in gale force winds and rain. Dave Barnett escaped the trials by acquiring 14 stitches in a fall from his cycle four days before. Your correspondent miraculously won with 32 points, due to some good fortune on the greens. Neil Davidson tied on 32 points, but lost on the 2nd nine by 1 point..

The Head presented the prizes at dinner afterwards, described the completion of the new buildings at school and invited all to visit whenever possible.

## OLGS v The School

After last year's success the school brought an even stronger side for the annual match at Longcliffe. Nine boys and three masters retained the Burton Salver with the match drawn at 3-3 in almost perfect weather. There were at least three single figure golfers in the school team, captained by Scott Hamilton, who was presented with the trophy by Dave Barnett at the dinner afterwards

## Quincentennial Trophy at Rothley Park G.C.

Steve Foister won with 40 points with Nick Preston the second OL on 37. Twelve boys played their championship in conjunction with the QT. Scott Hamilton won with 37 points, Elliott Maddison and George Griffiths on 34 and Henry Walker on 30.



*Robert Hallam and Paul Fisher*

## Grafton Morrish Trophy

We qualified for the finals in sixth place with 74 points at Gog MaGog in May. The team of James Pretty and Avraj Ghaly, Dave and Phil Saul, Jon Soars and Peter Cadenhead beat Hurstpierpoint 2-1 in the first round at Hunstanton. We lost on the last green to eventual finalists, Wellington in the next round. Although we did not succeed in the Plate on day two, we do have some very good golfers both in the team and coming through, to give great optimism for future success.

## OLGS v. O.Nottinghamians

OLGS bt. O.Nottinghamians by 2.5 to 1.5 in a most enjoyable match at Holinwell GC. The team was Ian Anderson and

Rhys Williams, Ian Agar and Neil Davidson, Jon Carlisle and Jon Allen, Dave Barnett and Steve Foister.

## Autumn Trophy at Charnwood Forest G.C.

A dull misty day with none of the usual spectacular views, we did however observe the magnificent rock formations and the newly acquired sheep, suitably penned in and just safe from misdirected golf balls

Paul Graveling was presented with the Trophy and wine glass to celebrate his win by three shots from Neil Davidson. Achil-



*Paul Graveling & Achilleas Hatjiosif*

leas Hatjiosif was third, followed by a whole group on 33 points. Ian Anderson had the best hole of the day, chipping in for an eagle 3 at the 15th. Simon Wright propped up the field with one of his very welcome but rare visits to a golf course and the Society.

After an excellent dinner, Dave Barnett welcomed those who had travelled from afar, presented the prizes and gave a résumé of the year's activities. The Society always welcome new members. All details are on [www.olaoga.co.uk](http://www.olaoga.co.uk)



*Scott Hamilton and Dave Barnett*

## Annual Accounts

## OLDLOUGHBURIANS ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet - 31 May 2013

	2013	2012
	£	£
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Barclays Bank Plc Ordinary shares (1,148)	4,807	4,807
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Balance at Bank		9,796
- Current account	2,145	11,975
- No. 2 account	16,191	87,370
- Deposit accounts	88,311	2,509
Stock of merchandise	2,435	15,532
Debtors	13,225	
	<u>122,308</u>	<u>127,182</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	943	8,396

<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>121,365</u>	<u>118,786</u>
	<u>126,172</u>	<u>123,593</u>

## FINANCED BY:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance as at 1 June 2012	115,793	102,244
Surplus for the year	2,579	13,549
	<u>118,372</u>	<u>115,793</u>
General reserve re: shares	7,800	7,800
	<u>126,172</u>	<u>123,593</u>

**A M LANE**  
HONORARY TREASURER

Date 28 October 2013

**A W ROOT FCCA**  
Date: 28 October 2013

## OLD LOUGHBURIANS ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account  
For the Year Ended 31 May 2013

	2013	2012
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Instalments received	36,049	36,372
Annual subscriptions	3,502	3,662
Income from Investments: net	1,016	667
Merchandise sales	572	-
	<u>41,139</u>	<u>40,711</u>
Loughborough Dinner	1,445	(2,880)
London Dinner	<u>(11,220)</u>	<u>(1,850)</u>
	<u>(9,775)</u>	<u>(4,730)</u>
	31,364	35,981
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Cost of Old Loughburian and OLA programme	9,702	7,845
Postage, printing and stationery	2,462	1,218
School prizes	850	950
Golf Society donation/expenses	222	630
Bank charges	-	13
Cost of newsletter	3,212	2,645
Miscellaneous	245	372
Barbecue	329	157
Honoraria	1,450	1,300
Presentation gifts	1,087	452
Insurance	160	157
Donor Strategy	2,654	2,612
Reunion support	2,630	1,382
Merchandise and promotional expenses	3,782	2,699
	<u>28,785</u>	<u>22,432</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>2,579</u>	<u>13,549</u>

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the above accounts from the accounting records of the Old Loughburians' Association and from information and explanations supplied to me.



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# My Loughborough

Gary Leeson (1983-90)

The journey to school from Hathern was never the most enthralling or easy of trips. Negotiating a packed public Barton bus as the sole traveller to the Endowed Schools and with the obligatory first year's faux leather briefcase was a lonely experience. From the bus station a walk through the town centre followed and it was only after entering Bedford Square and Victoria Street did I feel that I belonged as pupils converged towards the barrier from GT News, Burton Street and Southfields Park.

Heading along the Walks, we had to meet at the Hodson

Hall to discover our forms and form rooms. I was in 1J with Mr Johnson as our form tutor and the Reading Room, our base. We were sat alphabetically at our desks (we learned to do a lot of things alphabetically during the year) and were then given lots of information on the school and what we must and must not do! Being so near to the quad meant that we were reminded many times that walking on the grass was a definite 'No'.

Break time was the first time we got to socialise and, having recognised two familiar faces in my form, settling in proved easy. On the asphalt, football (only played with tennis balls) was the game of choice but the Year 3s were indulging in a game, new to me, called 'slam'. It proved a sadistic ball game that could leave its victims covered in bruises if you didn't get on with those who could throw the ball hard. Luckily for me, I was in the latter category and, whilst many of my cohort learned very painfully not to get involved in such a game, it provided me with much classroom relief - that and my break-time snack of Hob-Nobs!

I found myself in Colgrove House and House Assemblies were every Tuesday. It was here that I



Garry Leeson

was to learn that we were a more 'artistic' than a 'sporty' House (despite my best efforts on the field) and in later years the House Music competition was a "given" under the expertise of our Head Boy, Chris Wilkins.

Our first year lessons were notable for many reasons; Mr Mellors gave us all French boys' names (I was Raoul), Mr Evans astounded us on his ability to write copious amounts of notes on the blackboard in Geography lessons, Mrs Goddard, our Art teacher, was *female* (there were only two female members of staff at the

time), Mr Johnson brought his golden retriever into a Biology lesson and Mr Willson wore a 'Hitler World Tour' T-shirt on "Own-clothes Day".

With many different clubs available to us throughout the week, life was never boring and at the end of the week, Friday nights were

***The summer months gave me the chance to wield the willow***

'Junior Sports Club' and a must for me as it offered us a chance to play any ball sport we wanted.

Sport played a central part in my life at school and, whilst not having been exposed to rugby previously, I soon picked up the necessary skills that saw me wearing a red shirt on most Friday afternoons at Ten Acre. It was only a short walk from the school, but another world when outside of the Walks, as we converged on Shelthorpe en masse to the long shed at the top of the field. The summer months gave me the chance to wield the willow and were the start of many a happy time seeing it like a football as I battered many a bowling attack onto the nearby A6 and beyond. My first century was soon followed with 152no against Oakham and became the precursor to many happy times on the cricket field in the years to come.

My Loughborough was indeed a memorable one.

## Old Loughburians' Association Programme of Events 2014

### June

Sat 14 **2004 Leavers' 10 Year Reunion**  
Loughborough Grammar School  
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

Sun 29 **LES Music School Al Fresco**  
Garden Party at No 2, The Walks,  
for local OGS, OLs and their families,  
3-4.30 pm

### July

Fri 11- **'Robbie's Rugby Festival',**  
Sat 12 LGS sports ground, Quorn

### September

Sat 13 **1994 Leavers' 20 Year Reunion**  
Loughborough Grammar School  
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

### November

Fri 14 **OLA London Dinner**  
RAF Club, Piccadilly 7.30 pm

## The London Dinner - Friday 14th November

Now is about the right time to start getting 8 or 10 together for the 2014 Dinner. The RAF Club provides a very exclusive venue and only available to us through the kind auspices of Wing Commander Peter Sergeant.

We look forward to seeing you there on 14th November.

## Old Loughburians' Golf Society Fixtures 2014

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Fri 2nd May	Old Pupils' Golf Day	Luffenham GC.	tba
Wed 7th May	Spring Meeting	The Nottinghamshire GC.	2.00 to 2.30 pm
Sun 18th May	Grafton Morrish Qualifying	Gog Magog GC.	tba
Tues 10th June	Match v School	Longcliffe GC.	4.30 to 5.15 pm
Sat 28th June	Quincentennial Trophy	Rothley Park GC.	12.30 am to 2.30 pm
Wed 2nd Oct	Autumn Meeting	Longcliffe GC	1.30 to 2 pm
3rd - 5th Oct	Grafton Morrish Finals		tba
Wed 22nd Oct	Old Nottinghamians	Longcliffe GC.	1 pm

*If you would like to join the OLGS please contact:*

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# Prize Winners 1989

