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From the Chairman

Scott Charlish



This weekend I will be attending the CCF Review at the Grammar School. This is one of those key dates in the school diary and one of which we will all have memories.

The Cadet Corps began at LGS in 1915 but recognition and financial support was interrupted in 1930 when, for a short while, Government stood back from assisting school Cadet Corps, until a national training scheme was introduced. This new programme was intended to stimulate the interest of boys in supporting the efforts required by the country in WW2. During these times, and up until 1948 when the CCF was inaugurated nationally, the Corps had to embrace changes. Today the CCF is in a healthy condition with a vibrant activity programme and a large contingent of boys and girls from the Endowed Schools.



CCF Review 2015

I highlight the story of the CCF as I see similarities in our own organisation. We too have a proud heritage and we are also faced with change which is forcing us to adapt. Publications such as this excellent magazine take a huge amount of time to produce and to man a daily social media programme is quite frankly beyond your committee's abilities. When I also recognise the demands of producing the two excellent dinners we operate I see we are running the OLA relying entirely on the goodwill of a few alumni. If this goodwill were to 'dry up' then we too may be facing an interruption of service. I have written before about the possibility of engaging with the LHS Old Girls and an offer has been made to join

with the alumni of LHS to set up a new organisation that will be charged with reaching out to our membership and facilitating a much wider programme of events and activities. This will be achieved by using the considerable support services on offer from the LES Development Office. I am inclined to recommend we accept this offer but it will require that some changes are made in how the OLA may continue. An EGM is likely to be called at some point so please ensure that we have your email address if you wish to keep in touch with any developments. LGS will have a new Head in 2016 and I wish for the alumni programme to be settled prior to this appointment.

Finally I wish to record the Association's gratitude to Neil Rowbotham who served as our excellent Secretary until late last year when he stood down. Neil has been a tremendous servant to us all and we provided Neil and his wife, Lesley, with a gift at the recent Loughborough Dinner. Stepping up to the challenge is Bobby Peach and I welcome Bobby to this new role.

Lastly I cannot let the efforts of Tony Cox go by without remarking on the series of superb magazines and newsletters he has produced since 2010. This edition will be Tony's last and I look forward to reading my own copy in the coming weeks. Many thanks for all your hard work and commitment Tony.



Rob Jenkinson, Mark Hopewell, Don Wood at London 2015

Our London Dinner on November 20th is likely to be a sell out so, for those who can secure tickets, and I urge you to apply as soon as details are announced, I look forward to seeing you.

From the President

Paul Fisher



As I write this annual letter I realise that my first duty is formally to convey to the wider Association that, as from the end of December this year, I shall no longer be President. In January I informed the Governors that I would be retiring at Christmas. The Christmas term will just take me into my eighteenth year as Headmaster of the Grammar School and that is longer than most have had the privilege of staying in recent times. I gratefully record my appreciation for all the help and support the OLA has given me and the school over these years.



Paul Fisher speaks at Burton Bursaries re-launch

Inevitably I can reflect on much that has changed in the Walks, mostly in terms of greater collaboration with the High School and sensible joined-up thinking, but there is a much greater body of practice and approach which has stayed the same. The boys and staff, who are the key to the school, have maintained the high standards of the past and, in our attempts to redefine the aims of the school, we have relied on so much that is good within our traditions. Our current mission statement, which came from our "Spirit of the School" project which has been going for the last four years, would be supported by any of the Grammar School Heads of the 20th century in its wish to be a welcoming Christian community and its determination to prepare boys to use their abilities and to do good in the future.

At heart we are a Boys' school and emphasising that has given us valuable focus; our close links with our local community have been sustained by our

Partnership outreach to local schools; our boarding has been a real success and has given us a vital international perspective. These are important themes but the most significant is that our long-standing purpose and commitment to support bright local boys to follow an academic education now requires substantial funding because many of them are from families who cannot pay the fees. We have taken steps towards providing Bursaries, both through the fee-funded School Assisted Places and the Burton Bursaries which are the initiative of the Development Office, but my successor will find an increasing demand and, I hope, an Association keen to be a willing partner in the school's future.

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April 2016 will mark the focus of our Centenaries programme when we shall be recalling the death in Mesopotamia of Roger Bingham Turner, OL, scholar of Charterhouse and Jesus College, Cambridge, son of the Headmaster. Bingham Dixon Turner gave the clock on the tower in the memory of his son and generations of boys have moved around the quad in its shadow and under the Turner family motto *Vive ut vivas*. The quad, with its newly planted cherries, is also a fitting focus for the Centenaries



Burton Bursaries re-launch



Tower clock in memory of Roger Bingham Turner

programme; the new trees will have names of the war dead recorded at their base and wood from the old trees will be used in crafting special memorials for the graves of every OL who died. John Weitzel, who will be Acting Headmaster until the arrival of my successor will be organising this with his customary skill and flair.

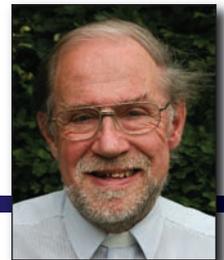
Our Foundation has just taken the momentous and positive step of adding Our Lady's Convent School to Fairfield, the High School and the Grammar School

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and this emphasises its forward thinking and determination to strengthen and develop the opportunities available to boys and girls at our schools. Our new governing structures mean that we move confidently into the 21st century as a coherent single Foundation but with a much better capacity to recognise the uniqueness and value of the individual schools. In my mind there could not be a better way to sustain single-sex education than the Loughborough model wherein there is separateness and unity, individuality and collaboration. Our parents love it, as will my successor.

From the Editor

Tony Cox



Welcome to your *Old Loughburian* for 2015! Anxious to upgrade your railway line - or maybe a luxury toilet for your outdoor event would suit your needs better? You have 155,000 homes looking for electricity or simply an international sporting event in need of an iconic hill from which to cheer on your hero - this edition of the *Old Loughburian* can point you to the OL who can supply them all and more. In our Bottom Line feature two dozen of our most enterprising OLs write of their lives in business and, for those with excess monthly income, there are plenty of OLs willing to point you to profitable ways of managing your wealth. Within these pages you will learn what it is like to be under 24 hour police protection in the Cayman Islands or to report from war zones in Afghanistan. If you prefer to look back, read about Billy Williams, the forgotten Welsh wizard - or the Red Nose Day conga of 1990 - or a cycle tour led by Peter Hopkins half a century ago. This magazine brings home to us all not only the breadth of achievement of our current OLs

but also the deep well of LGS tradition from which we drink.

For me this is my sixth and final edition as Editor. It has been a fascinating experience to be in touch with so many of you who contribute so much to our national life. When I took on the role, I had never expected to be writing about a Turner Prize winner, a Commander-in-Chief Fleet of the Royal Navy, an Oscar nominee, let alone leading business men, doctors, lawyers, soldiers, sailors and airmen from around the world. It has been an immense privilege for which I am enormously grateful. I must also put on record my thanks to Paul Fisher, John Weitzel, Roger Willson and David Evans whose words and pictures have brought the LGS tradition alive and to Neil Rowbotham, Ed Thorpe and John Mellors and the teams at the Development Office and at *Automedia* who have shown endless patience in helping me put these words into some order. The Editor for 2016 is yet to be appointed - don't be shy, you will not regret it!

The Bottom Line

Compiled and edited by Tony Cox

Martin Pallot (1987-94) has reported on his life with *Pirelli*. "I joined Pirelli at the end of 1996 as part of a sandwich degree course whilst studying at Leicester Business School. After 12 months at Pirelli, I returned to university to complete my degree before re-joining Pirelli in the marketing department where I worked in the Marketing and Events team, managing events around the world".



Martin Pallot

"After a couple of years I transferred to work for Pirelli Milan where I managed all the marketing activities surrounding the World Rally Championship, coordinating the marketing aspect of the events worldwide, visiting over fifty countries and meeting colleagues from around the world. This was a crazy time, working very long hours, taking well over 140 plus flights a year and with 100% work focus, but for someone who didn't take a year out to "go travelling" – a perfect opportunity to travel, be paid and see some amazing places."

"After five years I returned to Pirelli Ltd and became responsible for the Motorsport and Events Division, a high profile role within the motorsport industry and Pirelli. This timing was perfect and coincided with

meeting my wife, Amy, with whom I have two boys, Oliver and Jack."

"After a number of years within this role, I took on a new challenge in the Original Equipment Department becoming the Original Equipment Manager and subsequently the Original Equipment Director. In this role I manage the business relationships, the development and supply of tyres to new vehicle manufacturers such as Jaguar Land Rover, Bentley, Aston Martin and McLaren Automotive."

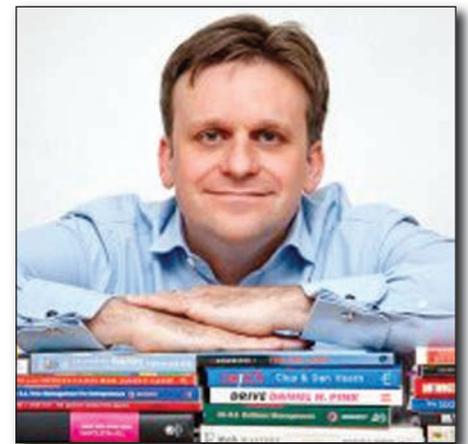


Alex Loxton

Alex Lockton (1984-91) has reported on his life as General Manager at T H White Energy based in Devizes. "I manage a team of twenty engineers designing and installing large scale commercial Solar and Biomass systems for one of the south west region's oldest and most prominent group of businesses. I have been in renewable energy since 2006 and seen the rise of renewable energy from humble beginnings to the maturing markets they are. I believe we are at a tipping point, particularly with solar energy, which is cost effective and stable and competing head to head with dirty fossil fuel equivalents. The market is seeing hedge funds, pension funds and even whole

communities investing in spades because of the reliability and sustainability. Very glad to be at the sharp end and very proud of my team and I'm sure this will amuse my LGS science teachers if they knew what I am doing".

Stuart Carter (1986-91) writes of his career as a management consultant. "After trying to find my groove through a Computer Science degree, and then as a self-employed business photographer, I discovered I loved the actual process of business more than anything that's done in a business."



Stuart Carter

"I'm now in the privileged position of working closely with small-business owners to hone their vision, get things done and take their business to the next level. Still based in Loughborough, I'm making business owners' lives better through more income, less work and a more positive mind-set."

"Amongst the people I work with are a successful web design business, a professional cocktail shaker who serves high-end fashion and a UK Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Their success is my success!"

"When not working, I've found time to visit the highest points of eight countries and 104 UK counties."



Paul Hanlon

Paul Hanlon (1994-2001) reports on his career managing a GP practice: "My first job after graduating from Durham University was managing the IT at Charnwood Community Medical Group in Loughborough. The GPs invited me to become a managing Partner in the Practice three years later with responsibility for managing the care

of the 12,000 patients registered at three surgeries in Loughborough."

"In 2012 we successfully completed a three-year project to open Rosebery Medical Centre, a project that transformed the Grade II listed former primary school into a state of the art GP surgery and for which the practice received the Caradoc 2013 Practice of the Year Award. In 2014 I was elected to join the West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group Board to represent Practice Managers. More recently I have been working closely with **Dr Peter Cannon** (1973-80) to develop a Federation of all of the GP surgeries in the town".

"In my spare time I like to try and keep fit by competing in triathlons and last year I swam the length of Lake Windermere to raise money for WaterAid, completing the 10.5 miles in just less than 9 hours."



Mike Bevens

Mike Bevens (1960-66) writes of life as an award-winning hotelier: "I employ a great team at the Linthwaite House Hotel so try to spend as much time as possible on the Lakeland Fells, the golf course, travelling, or simply with family. I love cricket, rugby union, photography, techie stuff (I'm a MAC man), and I am an optimist. I'm thinking of doing an English OU degree."

"I just became a grandfather; that changes everything. I was at LGS in the 60s with three brothers, two of which are already gone. But my mother is 92 and lives on her own in sunny Bournemouth. On Friday I am at the funeral of one of my walking pals. He'd say, 'just keep on walking!' Life's good! But short."



My Best and Worst Decision



Mike Bevens - Hotelier

My best decision was to do what I love - hotels. At an early age a careers teacher thought I was mad to consider it. I think he thought everyone was a kitchen porter. Top general managers in the hotel industry can earn £200K pa, but that's not why they do it.

I started as an employee, a hotel general manager, until I was 38, when I sold my house to buy the hotel, having been made redundant due to a takeover.

I got good accountants and solicitors who understand business. Shareholding structures are in need of careful management and when you start in business you are naïve. People will always look after their own money, not yours. Owning a business, as opposed to running it for someone else, is different, but I like to think I worked as hard as an employee as I did in my own business. It is tough but rewarding and it got me backers.



My worst decision? I got backing and bought the hotel in July 1990. Check out the economy, the Gulf War, property, balance sheets. But you have to get on with it. We had a plan. It went by the wayside in order to survive. So, always get properly funded. Many businesses are fundamentally good but lack of cash can still finish them. Beware the banks. They are just selling money. Read the small print.

Thank God for the Maths that was taught me at school. Likewise the English for communication skills. That was my *father's* best decision - to send four boys to LGS!

The Bottom Line continued

Richard Ilsley (1973-80) has sent news of his career in sales. "I am Global Managing Partner of the consulting company Sales & Marketing Consulting Group and spend most of my time working with corporations to support their sales and marketing strategy and in particular their relationships with their largest customers. I was elected Fellow of the Strategic Planning Society last year."



Richard Ilsley

"I do quite a bit of public speaking and was the lead presenter for the online video programme on selling skills (free to use at www.KeyAccountManagement.org). Most recently I gave the key-note speech on customer strategy in Amsterdam last November for the Strategic and Competitive Intelligence Professionals' annual conference. I am also a Mentor for the Prince's Trust."

"To give me something to do on the long flights, I have just completed a degree in Environmental Science from Birkbeck and have become a Fellow of the Linnaean Society. I'm living in a village called Dedham (not in Essex but on the Suffolk border!) with Allison and our two boys Rowan (11) and Alex (9). Rowan

has just started at Colchester Grammar and is using *Ecce Romani* for Latin – good to know nothing important changes – Marcus and Sextus are still annoying the gardener!"

Philip Atkinson (1982-89) has written to tell us he is working in Switzerland at the Headquarters of Roche Pharmaceuticals, the world's leader in cancer treatments and biotechnology. "I am the Global Head of Scientific Communications, responsible for how the company communicates the way results of their research benefit patients and families. It is a fascinating challenge and a great privilege to be working with such leading scientists and professionals world-wide. On my



Philip Atkinson's son and bees

travels I enjoy bumping into old school friends - recently **Matthew Birks** (1982-87) in San Francisco for a few beers, **Ollie Chan** (1982-89) at an airport (he was the pilot!), **Martin Collins** (1982-89) and **Jonathan Proctor** (1982-89) in a pub. I am also hoping to see **Robert Dixon** (1984-89) in York soon and looking forward to joining the class of '89 school reunion in June. Many thanks to Kirstie Arrowsmith for starting the ball rolling. When not travelling, I live over the border from

Switzerland in rural France with my large family of four children, 50,000 bees and a menagerie of other animals. I would love to be in touch with anyone through Facebook, LinkedIn or Philip.fundraising@gmail.com"

Paul Athey (1991-94) writes on life with Caterpillar: "I have just completed a four and a half year assignment with Caterpillar in South Africa, covering the parts supply chain from Cape Town to the Congo and Managing Director for Caterpillar Africa. I have now moved to a similar role covering Queensland and the Northern Territories in Australia and up to Papua New Guinea. The new



Paul Athey

operation is part of the long term strategy to support Australia and Asia Pacific and, at around 55,000 sq. m., is one of the largest operations in the region, predominantly focused on mining and inventory support. This green field development is the culmination of three years' work in the region and one of the largest investments made in Australia and Asia Pacific. On the personal front, having played (badly) 48 of the top 100 golf courses in South Africa, it will be nice to try and replicate the same Down Under."

Dominic Wood (1990-95) writes of this career in catering. "I started the brand in Bristol with *The Urban Wood*. I spent five long years building the business every way I knew how. In 2012 long discussions with my current business partner led to our combining our efforts in order to create a bar/kitchen with a wider reach and incorporating the best elements of both our businesses. After a dozen or so different site visits we found the current venue,

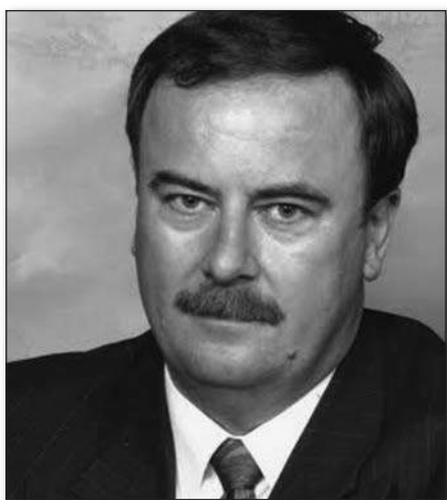


Dominic Wood (right) and his business partner

a disused amusement arcade which, with a year's hard graft, has been transformed into *The Urban Standard*. We have now been

trading for a year and are about to start work on our second site, due to open in May."

"My time in business has included a great deal of hard work and sleepless nights. You have to get used to putting yourself at the back of the queue all the time. The constant pressure makes you look at a single pound coin in a very different way. For all the stress though there have been some incredibly proud moments."



John Mould

John Mould (1964-71) writes of his life in business. "Being the founder of John F Mould & Co in 1980 gave me the chance to be heavily involved in business and commerce in the UK and all over the world. Based in Leicestershire was a little illusory as, although we had clients locally, we also acted far and wide and my work took me to Kuwait, Turkey, and the Rest of Europe".

"Now in retirement, we enjoy our farming activities in NW Leicestershire and, in our spare time, we enjoy having picnics with the old camping stove, frying pan and loads of bacon and, as not everyone enjoys such primitive entertainment, we also hold riparian evenings in the summer listening to classical music and the birdie song."



My Best and Worst Decision



John Mould – Chartered Accountant

My best decision was to resign my membership as an external Name on the Lloyds specialist insurance market before the market collapsed. In the late 1980s and early to mid-1990s, Lloyd's went through perhaps the most traumatic period in its history. Large legal awards in US courts for punitive damages led to large claims on insurance policies dating back before I was born. This I found to be quite unacceptable and, although thousands of individual investors went bankrupt, I managed to secure my own and others positions. There was only so much an individual could take. Insuring Tina Turner's legs, Keith Richard's fingers and Ken Dodd's teeth for \$7.4 million seemed somewhat banal compared to what I was involved with but nonetheless common sense prevailed and I left the market, much to the relief of my family and more specifically, my children who were demanding an extra 50p per month pocket money!"



My worst decision was to join Lloyds in the first place with unlimited financial liability. Insuring satellites, space flight, oil rigs and hurricanes is all well and good providing there are no unforeseen catastrophes but for me, a catalogue of sequential disasters did not bode well. In 1992, Hurricane Andrew put the wind up many Lloyds underwriters as, at the time of its occurrence, it was the costliest hurricane in United States history at around \$34 billion but Hurricane Katrina was a monster, the largest and third strongest hurricane ever recorded. Killing 1,577 individuals in Louisiana and over 200 in Mississippi, Katrina delivered a multi-billion dollar blow to South Florida and the Gulf of Mexico of approx. \$108 billion.

The Bottom Line continued

We are grateful to **Azam Mamujee** (1981-88) for his insight into his career in Accountancy. "After graduating from Cambridge with a degree in Economics, I joined Deloitte and enjoyed eleven years with them, dealing with clients from across many sectors. It was a great training ground as you get to know what works and what doesn't! But as 'master of our own destiny', I



Azam Mamujee

knew the time was right to strike a new path – without being alone, as my brothers were joining me. We have the same ambitions and the same entrepreneurial streak that runs through the family, along with the shared values that can often be missing from larger organisations."

"That was ten years ago, and as a partner at *M Cubed Chartered Accountants* with offices in Leicester, we have built up one of the leading local teams and specific specialisms in property tax, the healthcare sector, and businesses and individuals with international aspects to their affairs."

"I like to keep myself challenged and get involved in organisations that I have a passion for. I have been fortunate enough to be on the Advisory Board of Ofcom and am a Board member of the Curve

Theatre. I also serve on the Council of the University of Leicester and the Committee of the OLA."

"I am married with two daughters and live in Leicestershire. I amuse myself and my family with a love of culture, independent travelling and hill walking, having most recently finished Hadrian's Wall coast to coast walk, Le Tour de Mont Blanc and the Annapurna Circuit in the Himalayas."



Clifford Wan and his wife

Clifford Wan (1996-2002) has described his business venture in Hong Kong. "I set up a learning centre in Hong Kong five years ago. Now I have three schools with over 600 students and we are working on opening our fourth school this year. Every day I spend my time on leadership which means motivating my staff to perform at their best and constantly selling my vision so they buy into it. My business is like an organic machine and will always be a work in progress as we can always find better ways to do things. I have dissected the business into its core parts and created workflows that drive each part. Supervising my managers therefore becomes important. Furthermore I need to plan out the year and plan for growth. If I

were to summarise my job, I would say, leadership and motivation, policy, vision, strategy and planning".

*It has been a pleasure to hear from **Simon Bennett** (1964-71) and his career as a business advisor in Sales and Marketing. "I am founder and coach of *How Business Works* - a half-day group coaching workshop for business people and professionals who need to engage at a more senior level with existing and potential clients. The workshop enables people to engage knowledgably, confidently and pro-actively at the highest level in a client organisation irrespective of size, complexity or market sector."*



Simon Bennett

"I live in Kegworth with my wife, **Pauline** (*née Giles*, OG 1965-72). We remain in awe of our three children (and grandsons) – Chris is Head of New Business Acquisition (Europe) at *One Network Enterprises*; Victoria is a Chartered Psychologist with the *Health and Safety Laboratory*; and Fern is a Senior Researcher on TV's *The Wright Stuff*. For recreation, I play golf, I garden and annoy Pauline – often all at the same time! You can email me at: simon@howbusinessworks.co.uk"

Nick Morris (1998-2003) has contacted us with his news from the business world. "After five years working for a "big four" accountancy firm in London I decided that I wanted to follow a different path. The prospect of running my own show had always been a big draw for me."



Nick Morris

"At university I had taken an interest in the student rental market and was amazed by the amount of rent that landlords received. Since then I had wanted a piece of the action and I decided to focus on the East Midlands."

"Many agents will tell you that the market is saturated but I have learnt that it is possible to thrive despite this. It is important to be flexible and to be prepared to offer what others may not. As well as the student market, the market for young professional room-only lets is a strong and growing sector and both markets can generate annual returns in excess of 30% on capital invested."

"I now work with other landlords and between us we own and manage properties in Leicester, Stoke, Nottingham and Sheffield. Our latest venture *Smart Property* is helping landlords to manage, grow and maximise the returns from their portfolios. I would be interested to hear from OLs in the property sector. nrmorris@outlook.com"

Alex Herbert (1989-92) has reported on his life after LGS. "I joined LGS at short notice in the Fourth Form, part-way through second term, with no uniform and already well over six-feet tall – it was hard to blend in. After the fantastic Geography teaching of Mr Evans, who led me to study the subject at Cambridge University, I graduated in 1995 and spent a year travelling in the Caribbean and South America. Then I lived in London for twelve years. I now live in Gloucestershire and have somehow acquired three kids and four bikes along the way."



Alex Herbert



My Best and Worst Decision



Alex Herbert

My worst decision: I graduated with no career plans, so I went travelling and came home to discover most of my friends had trendy jobs in the media. I followed suit, working in 'glamorous' places like Channel 4, but quickly found the work dull and only challenging in meeting its deadlines. There was no intellectual rigour and no meaning to it.



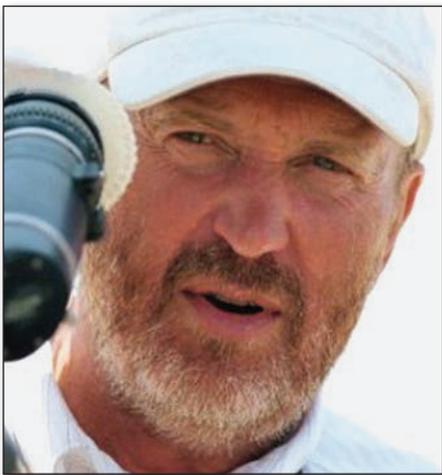
My best decision: Aged 30, I changed career to become a town planner; not for a love of red tape but for a love of buildings, spaces and places. Starting again at the bottom of the ladder was harder than I expected but worth it. My first project was the London 2012 Olympic Park. Now I'm working to develop the world's first tidal energy lagoon in Swansea Bay.

We started as four guys in a room above a shop; now we are an incredible team of 70 marine energy specialists from around the world. Planning for tidal lagoons has been a great intellectual challenge (the complexities of offshore energy development are hard to convey) and has given my career purpose in helping to combat climate change and shift the UK's energy mix, capitalising on the huge tidal range of the Severn Estuary. *Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon* will power 155,000 homes in a predictable, renewable way, while also supporting dockside regeneration efforts and creating a unique leisure resource for local people (86% of whom support the project).

Our planning decision is due by 10 June. If successful, we hope to deliver five more lagoons in UK waters in the coming years. If you'd like to find out more, visit: www.tidallagoonswanseabay.com

The Bottom Line continued

Roger Pratt (1958-65) is one of our most distinguished OLS in the world of the Arts. He has been typically modest about his career as a cinematographer which has included an Oscar nomination for his work on "The End of the Affair" and nominations from the British Society of Cinematographers for "Shadowlands" and again for "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein". He has worked with a number of Great Britain's famous directors, including Mike Leigh, Sir Richard Attenborough, Neil Jordan and Sir Kenneth Branagh. He writes, "As you probably know I became a director of photography. After forty or so films I am semi-retired now. However not so long ago I made a film with Maxine Peak called *Keeping Rosy* which has been received quite well so far."



Roger Pratt

We are grateful for **Mark Hopewell's** (1974-79) account of a career in the water industry. "I am in my twenty-eighth year within the water treatment industry and a full member of the Water Management Society. I have enjoyed various roles during my career to date, all revolving around sales, culminating in my current role as Business Development Manager with *MA Solutions*, based in Lincoln."



Mark Hopewell

"*MA Solutions* is an independent water treatment consultancy specialising in the design and provision of water treatment programmes together with compliance with health and safety legislation for legionella control. We advise our clients on all aspects of the control of legionella bacteria in water systems."

"I am living in East Leake with wife, Sally, and our two sons, Max (15) and Joe (12), all attending East Leake Academy, Sally as a teaching assistant. I am still riding motorcycles, both new and old, and avidly watch road racing. Both sons play football for local teams. I often get called upon to 'run the line' and occasionally referee – but this is limited to the younger age group – I can no longer run around at the pace of fifteen year olds. This may also be due to my fondness for a beer!"

Richard Rees (1963-70) writes of his career as an architectural illustrator. "After five years at Sheffield University and a further two years' practical experience to become an architect, I went off to work in Hong Kong for nine years. There I did major masterplans and sports work on the Hong Kong Jockey Club in Shatin. I was lucky enough to meet my future wife Gloria, a lawyer, backstage at a pantomime where I had designed the set (she was operating the smoke machine for

the witch's entrance). We travelled around the world together and, when we got back to the UK, settled in London where we have been ever since. I joined *Building Design Partnership* in 1990 and stayed there for twenty-two years, eventually becoming a director."

"My sports experience won BDP the design of the Wimbledon Masterplan in the mid 90's and yes – I was responsible for Henman Hill! The Olympic Tennis Centres in Sydney and Athens followed plus major mixed-use masterplans in city centres – Liverpool One and Waterfront City in Melbourne being the two most well-known. Two years ago I left BDP to become a consultant and to concentrate on illustration and painting."



Richard Rees

"Although I became a Fellow of the Society of Architectural Illustration in the 1980s I have only recently fully embraced the Society and I am now the President. In my paintings and drawings I now specialise in aerial views of cities in oil pastel. I have a West End solo exhibition in June – details on my website artyrees.com and have had work in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, the Curwen Gallery and the New English Art Club. I still go out painting with **Glyn Saunders** (1963-70) and both of us hope to do a lot more in the future!"

Ian Cruickshank (1984-91) has sent us news of life in the peer-to-peer lending industry. "After leaving LGS (and subsequently Newcastle University), I went into the dubious world of advertising. Not just that, financial advertising for the big banks! Thankfully I found redemption in the form of *RateSetter*, a peer-to-peer lending company that takes the old school savings and loans market and updates it for the modern world. Cutting out the cost and inefficiencies of the high-street and sharing the savings with customers. In summary, savers earn more, borrowers pay less and the banks? Well, they get nothing!"



Ian Cruickshank

"Four years on and it's proving very popular with over half a billion lent out, not a penny lost and a customer satisfaction rate of 98% – so we must be doing something right! Not to mention winning a host of industry awards from the likes of the *The FT*, *Moneywise* and *Money.net* to name but a few".

"To help Old Loughburians try out *RateSetter* for themselves use the link below and they will get £25 bonus when they deposit £1,000 or more. T&C apply <http://link.ratesetter.com/sz5xtuy> If you're not quite ready to give it a go, check out the website www.ratesetter.com for more information."

Richard Bailey (1989-96) writes of his life in farming. "I took over the day-to-day management of the farm when I was nineteen. Since then, alongside my mother, who is also my business partner, we have been looking at ways to develop the business, a business which now would be unrecognisable to my grandfather who started farming in 1924".

"Although being self-employed brings with it a variety of stresses and strains it does bring with it freedom. It gives Lynn and myself freedom and flexibility to spend time with our two year old



Lynn and Richard Bailey

daughter, Annabelle, and also for me to pursue my hobbies of clay pigeon shooting and following the Leicester Tigers".



My Best and Hardest Decision



Richard Bailey, Farmer

My Best Decision was to diversify our business away from farming (which still remains the bedrock of what we do). In 2003 we developed our redundant farm buildings into offices and workshops, now occupied by eight different businesses, ranging from camper-van rental to gin distilling. Five years later we planted 25,000 trees on thirty acres of ground. These form a great backdrop for the small caravan site we opened four years ago. Then there is a 50 kW solar array located on the barn roofs and luxury toilet hire for outside events.

Our latest venture draws on the skills of my wife, Lynn, as we share our home by way of hosting marquee and tipis weddings. This gives couples an amazing setting in which celebrate their day with friends and family. Please follow *Bawdon Lodge Farm* on Facebook for more information.



My Hardest Decision was to sell our cattle in 2000. Up to this point we had milked around 150 cows and produced 800,000 litres of milk every year. We also had a further 350 head of cattle. These cattle were the culmination of two generations' work by my grandfather and my late father. (Both of whom were OLs). In the late 90s milk production was going through a very bad patch. At one point we were being paid as little as 11p per litre. Our cost of production was 16p per litre, which meant that we were losing around £1,500 per week. No business can survive like that for long, so we took the decision to sell the herd, and move into an arable-based business.

The Bottom Line continued



Andrew Adey

Andrew Adey (1992-99) became group Managing Director of *Adey Steel* in 2013. At present the firm is kept busy with the electrification of the Great Western Line between London and Cardiff. Adey Steel are providing the full set of structures to be installed on the project which is due to run to 2017. OLS in London will see Adey Steel at work on the refurbishment of Selfridges on Oxford Street while those who study at University College, London will find the new façade to the Roberts Building supported by Adey Steel. The snow leopards at Twycross Zoo now live under a structure supported by steel from Andrew's firm who also built the new Visitor Centre at the Zoo. Andrew and his wife, Victoria, live in Quorn with son, Arthur, and a daughter, Holly. Only a week or two ago they got together with many OLS at the wedding of **Mark Winfield** (1992-99).

Richard Cooke (1998-2004) has made his career in the family business. He writes: "Since January 2010 I have had the pleasure to work for the family business, Lauren Richards Ltd, a UK based company that designs and imports fashion accessories, handbags, knitwear, casual footwear, for UK retailers out of China".

"My position back in January 2010 was that of a sales assistant. Over the last five years I have progressed to the position of Senior Sales manager and I am currently responsible for securing orders with our largest customer. This generally involves a lot of face to face meetings with the buyers of each individual department and subsequently lots of haggling with my colleagues in China – 'I would like this, this and this, but I need your price to be lower' would be a typical quote from said meetings between myself and customer and then myself and factory! After all the negotiations I confirm buy and sell prices, sign margin off, agree a delivery and tell the factory to proceed. Then I'm off to another customer with the latest developments to start the process again."

"I tend to visit China four or five times a year, to check on sample development, order status and probably, most importantly, to maintain and develop relationships with factory bosses and sales people, which can involve copious amounts of both food and drink. This does provide a great opportunity to sample different regional delicacies, most of which are fantastic, but a few are definitely an acquired taste – Sea cucumber being a good example of the latter!"

"Over the last five years I have developed quite an extensive knowledge of knitwear trends and techniques, handbag construction and find myself keeping an eye on fashion magazines and blogs - things I did not envisage in my days at LGS! However the job is hugely rewarding and it feels great to be given the opportunity to help continue the family business, see different parts of the world and I spend two or three days away a week from a computer!"

Paul Alexander (1986-91) is keeping an eye on our shopping. He writes: "After graduating I headed straight into a career in advertising, working with some amazing companies and brands all over the world. I even produced a CD, *The World's Best Beer Songs* which went triple platinum in Australia (!) and won me a global media award. Advertising was wonderful, but, having studied Econometrics, I was often frustrated by the lack of data in the advertising industry, so I jumped from being a (M)ad man to data geek and ended up in the leadership team of a company called *dunnhumby*, most famous for its data work with the Tesco Clubcard. After Tesco bought the business in 2007, I started *Beyond Analysis*. We analyse large volumes of transaction data to understand what people are doing and what they aren't doing but should be."



Paul Alexander

"One of our clients - Visa - bought a minority stake in us in 2011 and we're now responsible for commercialising - selling - insight into the Visa data (20 billion transactions over two years - £1 in every £2.50 spent in the UK is on a Visa card) to 200,000 retailers across Europe. We have offices in London, Sydney and Singapore, with plans to go to the USA later this year."

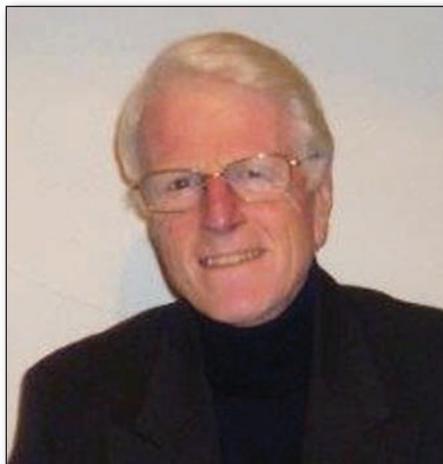
The Bottom Line - Opinion Piece

It is striking that of the twenty two contributions from OLs in business, only three have any link with manufacturing industry in any form. **Jeremy (Jem) Cook** (1952-58) has sent us the following plea for OLs to reconnect with a nation which was once "the workshop of the world".

"I have spent my working life marketing and selling British manufactured products overseas. In my early days I recall the national balance of payment figures being announced each month. The difference up or down was usually marginal. The decline in manufacturing industry began slowly but already the balance of payments reflected the trend. The downward spiral continued at an ever-increasing rate to the point when the unfavourable balance of payments ceased to be made public, I suspect, at least partly for political reasons. It was thought that the financial sector, mainly in the City of London, would retrieve the situation or, at worst, hold it steady. I do not need to report here on the country's banking and financial performance over recent years, not to mention some highly questionable practices. Suffice to

Each succeeding government, whatever its colour, threatens to clear the deficit...

say, the UK is now in massive debt. Each succeeding government, whatever its colour, threatens to clear the deficit within the span of a single parliament. In today's trading climate this is not going to happen. Pay the police less to give more to the NHS? Tax the wealthy more heavily to relieve the poor?



Jem Cook

Shuffling money around like a demented gambler is not the answer."

"The most successful post-war European economy is undoubtedly that of Germany. They manufacture goods in popular demand at home but more important they are sought after abroad. The car industry is a prime example. German cars are made by German-owned companies and sold throughout the world including the UK. The UK car industry is now almost exclusively foreign owned. Ship building, steel and endless traditional British manufacturing industries have virtually ceased to exist. The saddest fact to record is our failure to manufacture specialist goods that the likes of China, India and other labour intensive countries are unable to produce. Such a small country as the Netherlands recognised this and saw it as an opportunity to

prosper. All the pumps required during the West Country flooding crisis, for instance, were imported from the Netherlands at vast cost to the UK economy."

"I wonder how many boys in their final year at LGS are considering a career in manufacturing industry? A few years ago I spoke to them and LHS on "The Importance of Foreign Languages in the Commercial World." The former German Chancellor Willy Brandt, when addressing German manufacturers, implored them to speak the language of the country to which they were offering their products a) out of courtesy and b) to secure a better chance of making a sale. This is only one important aspect. I would add energy, desire and ambition."



Towles, once a thriving hosiery factory, now converted to flats for students and young professionals.

"To quote Lord Bhattacharyya 'Young people leaving school today, none want to go into manufacturing. We should encourage them. Our British universities are second to none. We have the best scientific base but we just don't cross the road to make an impact.' To quote another Lord, Lord Kitchener, 'Your country needs you.'"

Old Boys' Notes

Compiled and edited
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Adam Roberts

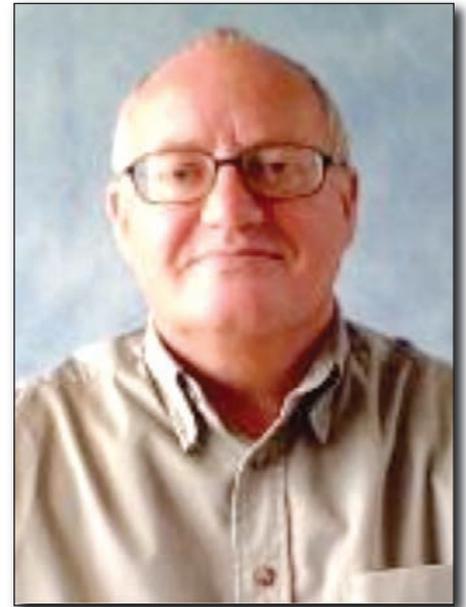
Adam Roberts (1966-76) sent us a lengthy account of his life since leaving LGS, which we have edited here: After LGS, Adam studied Law at Manchester University and Guildford College, before specialising in criminal defence work working for Goodman & Co in London. The mid-Eighties brought a change of career into prosecuting, a move back to Manchester and a marriage to Amanda, who was also training to be a lawyer. After a number of job and home changes, Adam and Amanda settled in Brentford. In the Nineties they made an exciting move to the Cayman Islands where Adam, at the young

age of 33, had a position prosecuting in the higher courts, dealing with murder, rape etc. All went smoothly for ten years or so – by 2004 the family had grown to three children, they had purchased property and Adam's career was progressing well.

And then came Hurricane Ivan, which devastated the whole island, with every building damaged, some swept into the ocean, power lines destroyed and overall damage in billions of dollars. Adam was forced to live at home without electricity, to work in makeshift offices and to attend court cases in the dark, while Amanda and the children had to re-locate to Miami for three months while repairs were undertaken.

In 2005 Adam was prosecuting a well-known criminal for attempted murder when police uncovered a plot to kill the Chief Justice, the Attorney General and Adam! He was placed under armed guard 24 hours a day for a period of about nine months and life became unbearable. The family tried to move to Miami but their visas were refused, and then the government removed all security measures.

After a succession of family accidents, health problems and hurricane warnings Adam found himself diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and undergoing counselling. Eventually restored to health, Adam has now given up prosecuting, though he still works for the government as a magistrate and an advisor to the anti-money-laundering unit. Outside of his work, he is an International Swimming Federation-listed swimming referee - he has officiated in international competitions in America and Europe, and will be heading to the Pan-American games in Toronto this July. Unfortunately, his siblings have moved away from Loughborough and Adam has lost touch with most of his peers, but he would be delighted to hear from any old friends on his e-mail at: caymanswimref@gmail.com



Tony Harris

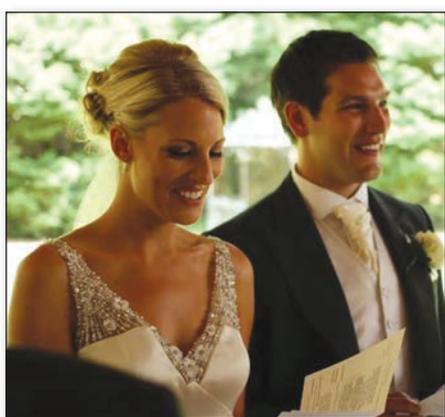
Tony Harris (1966-1973) left LGS to work in Local Government in Derby, before moving on to Beverley, Birmingham and North Nottinghamshire. He was appointed CEO of a local authority in Derbyshire before retiring from that sector in 2004 to live with his wife, Jose, near St Ives in Cornwall. After an enjoyable (and lazy) sabbatical, Tony now undertakes project management work dealing with European funding for skills training providers in Cornwall. He still follows Leicester City when he can, and loves cricket, rugby and golf. His main pastime is walking his dog along the coastal footpath on most days.

He is involved in local charity work and enjoys the local pub quiz. Tony would very much like to hear what his old school friends are up to and where they are living. Aside from rare contacts with one or two class mates, he has not heard from any of them since leaving school.



Jonathan Lewis

We are grateful to **Graham Campbell** (1972-2003) who keeps us up to date with snippets of news from Facebook. He reports the latest on **Jonathan Lewis** (1996-2003). Jonathan graduated at Cambridge University in 2006, with an MA in Music, followed by an MPhil in Philosophy from King's College, London in 2009. In 2012 he married Paula Carson. He is now a Tutor at the University of Cambridge, at the City Literary Institute and a Visiting Tutor at Royal Holloway, University of London.



Julie and Richard Worrall

Another "spot" by **Graham Campbell** on Facebook: **Richard Worrall** (1996-2004) married Julie on 13th July 2014. Now living in Scotland, he recently opened his new business venture - *Edinburgh Sports and Spinal Physiotherapy*.

We have news of **Richard Simons** (1963-70) who works as a surgeon in British Columbia, Canada. Vancouver Coastal Health has announced that Dr Richard Simons has received the Meritorious Achievement Award of the American College of Surgeons, for his many significant contributions to trauma in general, to trauma systems' development in Canada, and for his services as an ACS Committee on Trauma regional chief. Richard received his award during the spring meeting on March 20, 2014 in Philadelphia. He was recognised primarily for his work in trauma systems' development in British Columbia and Canada. No regional trauma systems existed in BC prior to his arrival in Vancouver in 1996 but, with the assistance of a committed team at Vancouver General Hospital and later from representatives from around the province, he was able to establish Ministry support for a province-wide, regionalised trauma system, ensuring rapid access to care for injured patients throughout the province. BC's regionalised trauma system is now one of



Richard Simons (left) receives his award

the most highly developed in North America. Later, in his work with the Trauma Association of Canada and later with Accreditation Canada, he was instrumental in developing national guidelines for trauma systems and performance guidelines for trauma centres. His focus has now shifted to supporting trauma systems' development in the developing world, primarily Ethiopia and other parts of Africa. He is the past president of the Trauma Association of Canada as well as the recent Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada McLaughlin-Gallie visiting professor promoting trauma systems of care in Canada.

Tim Sollis (1988-95) got in touch from Amsterdam with his latest news and a family photo:

"I thought that since it is twenty years this year since I left LGS, it would be good to surface with an update! So here goes...Next year I will be celebrating my tenth year living in Amsterdam with my Dutch wife, Nynke. The last two years



Tim Sollis and family

have been particularly busy as we were married and then quickly welcomed our daughter, Kate, and son, James, into the world, both born early and on the same date exactly one year apart. Work is equally busy, with a role for the last two years in marketing strategy for the audio system manufacturer, Bose. I am very pleased to report that my years toiling away in karting club have finally paid off as I am currently in the midst of managing a partnership for the corporation with a Formula One racing team. I'm looking forward to catching up with old friends at some future OLA event."

Old Boys' Notes continued



Raymond Lee

From his office high up in the breathtaking Bitexco Tower in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), **Raymond Lee** (1996-2000) sent us this report of his life since leaving the sanctuary of School House: "Upon leaving LGS, I took on a three year adventure at Durham University. Incidentally there were about 14 of us from our year that went to Durham so I frequently walked past familiar faces on the way to lectures. It was possibly the most fun I ever had, living the university life, and it was very much unforgettable."

"When I finished my degree in 2003 I was struggling to find myself a direction to kick start my career. It eventually led me to the Isle of Wight where I was leading GCSE and A level Geography field trips for schools from all over UK. There I was in the outdoor leisure and education industry for the next eight years, taking students to the Norfolk Broads, Snowdonia in North Wales and the Peak District. Looking back, it really taught me how to appreciate the outdoors like never before. Most people I spoke to agreed that they could only dream about living in the hills of North Wales, listening to birds, looking at badger tracks in the winter and going gorge walking, kayaking and climbing on our days off."

"Whilst I was enjoying my new-found lifestyle, I realized that I was accumulating some excess monthly income. I started teaching myself investing and it became a very keen hobby of mine. As time went by I slowly realized that, whilst I can enjoy the outdoors in my free time, I was better suited as an investor and would prefer to spend my day talking to clients about it. The industry, however, was shrinking at an alarming rate in the wake of the global financial crisis. I knew I had to be prepared to take an opportunity outside the UK if I was serious about this change in career direction. I took up a position with an offshore financial consultancy in Vietnam in November 2012 and now I am currently residing in Ho Chi Minh City. Life is as exciting as ever and I cannot wait to find out what 2015 has in store for me."



The Bitexco Tower, Ho Chi Minh City

Ian Yeomans (1969-75) sent us this message: "I am writing to update the magazine on my progress so far. My retail store management career came to an end on December 31st 2010 when the store *Yeomans Leisure* (no relation) went into administration and the store closed on New Year's Eve. Then followed three years of unemployment, plenty of interviews but age, this time, was against me. After 35 years in retail management it looks as if it's now over and I have a job in community transport, working for John Storer House, a local charity based in Loughborough. I drive the minibuses and much larger 22 seater buses, transporting the elderly to lunch functions, people to work schemes and children to visit their real parents from their foster homes at a local day centre. I still play trumpet in my own traditional jazz band, the *Blue Garden Dixie Ramblers*, and former teachers **Tony Field** and **George Beazley** should be in attendance at the next gig at the Priory Jazz Club."

In June last year **Stefan Siemieniuch** (1991-99) was married to Harri Pierson in the chapel at Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. The happy couple exited beneath the customary guard of honour.



Stefan Siemieniuch and Harri

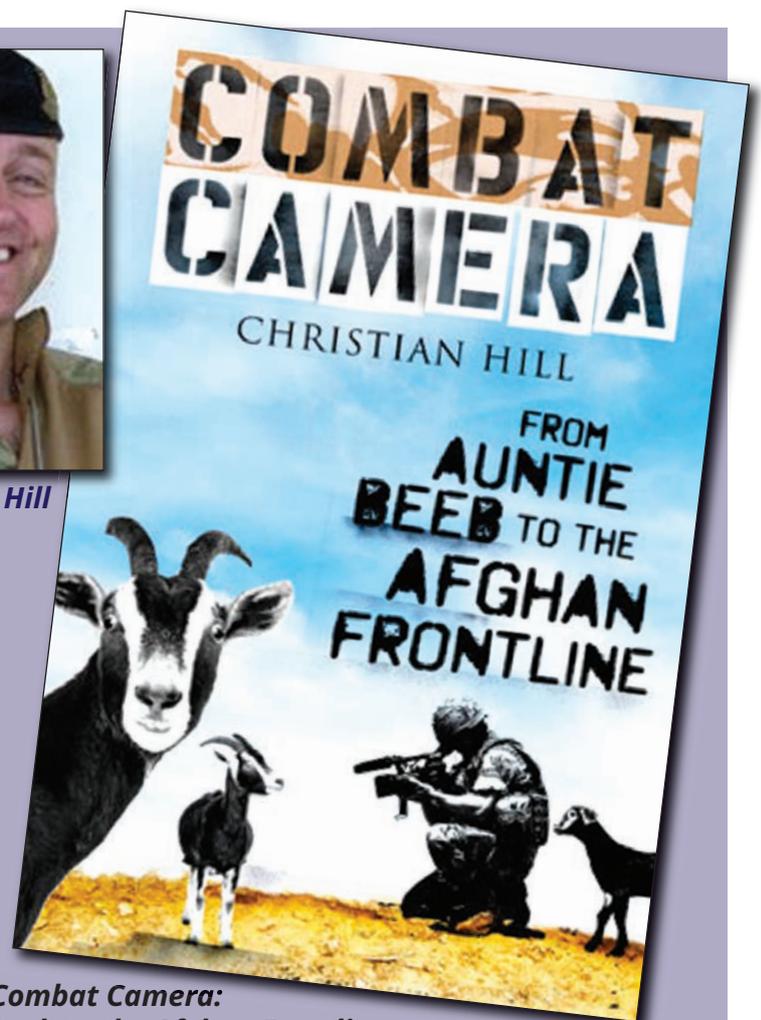
Christian Hill (1984-91) has sent us this fascinating insight into his involvement in the war in Afghanistan: "I went to Afghanistan in the spring of 2011 to write a book. Simple as that! Most of my friends thought I was suffering from a mid-life crisis – maybe they were right, I was 37 – but my literary motives I kept to myself. It sounded a bit mercenary, going to war just so that you could write a book. Plus, there was already a glut of Afghan war-memoirs on the market. Only a fool would go out there and try to write another one."

"As puffed-up as it sounds, I felt I had something important to say about the war. I was a BBC journalist, serving as a reservist in the British Army's Media Operations Group, put in charge of a Combat Camera Team. We were flying all over Afghanistan, promoting the efforts of British troops in the fight against the Taliban. It was a fascinating role, straddling both the media and the military. I kept a journal throughout my tour, detailing all the fear, humour and boredom of life in a warzone. The Ministry of Defence wasn't happy about the resulting book – my take on the requirement for 'selective reporting' was considered incompatible with my position in the Media Operations Group, so I had to resign my commission."

"I'm still at the BBC, currently working at *Inside Out* in Nottingham. The book itself is doing well, with all my royalties going to charity. I'm no great believer in God and the afterlife, but thanks to a promise I made in Helmand (there are no atheists in foxholes, remember), I'm giving my proceeds to Combat Stress. Sales are good so far, and to date, the book has raised over £2000."



Christian Hill



Extract from *Combat Camera: From Auntie Beeb to the Afghan Frontline*

"It was a long way from the comforting world of BBC local radio, warm and fuzzy with its homely procession of shallow councillors, miserable trade unionists and confused pensioners. Quiet desperation had been enough to unseat me from my news desk in Leicester, tipping me out into the middle of the Afghan desert. Like thousands of actual proper soldiers before me, staggered throughout the last decade, I had traded boredom for potential horror. In less than a week I was due out on the first big operation of the summer, highlighting the efforts of British troops in the latest round of the war. A lot of the Taliban would get killed, and some of us would get shot and blown up too."



Christian Hill and cameraman

(Combat Camera: From Auntie Beeb to the Afghan Frontline is published by Alma Books in paperback at £7.99.)

Old Boys' Notes continued



Dave Mackay

After leaving LGS, **Dave Mackay** (2002-09) studied at the Royal College of Music Junior Department and later at Berklee College of Music in Boston, USA. He is now pursuing a musical career in New York City. Pianist, composer and producer, Dave has performed on stage and in the studio with many leading musicians including Grace Weber, Anthony Hall, Fran Cathcart, JP Bouvet, Patrice Rushen, Bobby McFerrin and Melanie Lynx. He has toured throughout Europe and the US, with performances at The Lincoln Centre, New York; Rockwood Music Hall, New York; Exit/In, Nashville; Cadogan Hall and Westminster Abbey, London.

He has also performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Warped Tour, Sundance Film Festival, Summit Series and the London Jazz Festival. As a music director, he currently leads *The Full Circle Band*, a pop/rock band which has raised over \$500,000 for music outreach programs through their fundraising work in the Boston community. Dave has a portfolio, spanning the worlds of television, theatre, instrumental music and contemporary songs. He currently composes and produces tracks for internationally renowned drummer/educator Mike Johnston, while also writing extensively for his solo project, *Dave Mackay Group* – described by one critic as “an attempt at combining very different musical ingredients in a big pot with the hope of making some tasty musical soup. Combining delicate piano melodies, heavy guitars, gritty synth lines and dynamic drum solos, *Dave Mackay Group* makes for a unique, gripping listening experience. This group of forward thinking musicians are redefining instrumental music, one epic production at a time.”

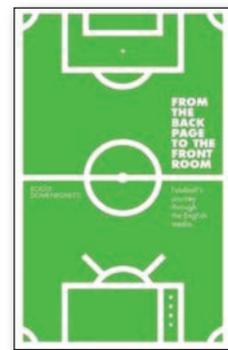
Dave's solo music has been streamed in 155 countries around the world since 2013 and his first two albums *What We Become* and *Flood* both reached the Top 5 of Bandcamp's instrumental music chart. In September 2013, he embarked on a highly successful nationwide tour of the US, performing clinics and shows across the country with his band. He will be recording his third album and touring the UK and Europe in 2015. Dave returned to Loughborough in April 2015 to run a workshop at LES Music School.

Roger Domeneghetti (1985-92) tells us that he is a freelance writer, journalist and lecturer in the north east. He has lectured in journalism and the sociology of sport at Teesside and Sunderland Universities. He lives in Durham with his two daughters and a tortoise. He published his first book in June 2014



Roger Domeneghetti

called *From the Back Page to the Front Room: Football's Journey through the English Media*. Roger says: “It's broadly chronological, running from the days before the sport was codified to the present



Roger's new book

day, with some thematic chapters also. I have interviewed many people connected with sport and the media for the project including, for example, Greg Dyke, Melvyn Bragg, Jacqui Oatley and Hope Powell.” A review in the *New Statesman* was highly complimentary: “Thoroughly researched, ambitious in its scope, written with an obvious love of the media and all its foibles as well as an understanding of sport's appeal, and packed with comment from many of the key figures in the sporting media over the last 40 years, this deserves to be the standard text on the subject.” *Roger can be contacted via his website: www.whoateallthegoals.com*

Simon Leese, (1981-2003) long serving teacher, Head of School House and Head of Sixth Form, sent us an update of his latest news (with a surprise twist!) from Christchurch, New Zealand, where he is currently Headmaster of Christ's College: "In the last year I have met a number of OLS:

Mark James (1993-2000), now an engineer with BECCA here in NZ, **Robert Wix** (1975-85), whom I taught in my early years at LGS and who kindly tells me he went into teaching following my suggestion and **Josh Sananes** (1996-2003), who Jane and I randomly bumped into on two different tube trains in London - on the same day!"



**Peter Horter
and Simon Leese**

"Our next visitor was **Peter Horter** (1992-99) who came to look round the school during his travels around the country. Peter is Head of Physics at a Nottingham High School "

"The surprise twist? I have resigned from here, and we are going to Penang in Malaysia on a three year contract as Principal of the Prince of Wales Island International School. I needed a contrast - and it could not be more so. At the same time, we are relocating our stuff back to the UK and will be spending more time back in the Loughborough area. Lovin' it!"

In the News

News from the media: a number of OLS have appeared in the national and local press recently – perhaps seeing their name in our illustrious magazine will prompt them to share their latest news with their peers!

Chris Wreghitt (1970-78) found fame after LGS as an international cross-country cyclist (and more notably, as the first boy to receive a "minor" from me at LGS – JM). He now lives and works in Worcestershire, and appeared in a *Sunday Times* article investigating the rising price of property, and associated problems.



Chris Wreghitt

The Loughborough Echo reports that **Norman Dabell** (1956-60) has now retired from his career as a journalist and golf correspondent for Radio Five Live, and has turned his hand to writing novels. His second book, *Plum Jam and Pot Mess*, featured in the *Loughborough Echo's* Looking Back page, includes accounts of his escapades at LGS and portraits of the teachers he remembers."

His publisher, *Austin Macauley* fills in the picture: "After a twelve-year career in the Royal Navy, 18 months in the Foreign Office and six months selling semi-conductors, Norman finally achieved his dream of becoming a journalist and, eventually, an author. Following

spells on weekly, then daily, newspapers he launched a freelance golf journalism and broadcasting career in 1989, during which he worked notably for BBC 'Five Live' and BBC Radio Ulster, *The Observer*, *The Daily Telegraph*, all of Ireland's major newspapers and Reuters. In *Plum Jam and Pot Mess* Norman now tells the story of his life before the pen and ink. As a youngster he was often in a jam; when he served in the Royal Navy, he was nearly always in a mess. This is an hilarious and nostalgic look from the '40s to the '70s through the eyes of a real-life *Adrian Mole* who became a *Jonah*. Norman now lives with wife, Sharon, also an author, peacefully (but always wary of fate) in the Highlands of Scotland."



Norman-Dabell

Congratulations to **David Collier** (1962-73) who was a top cricketer at LGS, and, not surprisingly, after graduating from Loughborough University and a successful spell in the business world, ended up in sports management, reaching the position of Chief Executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board and Chairman of the International Hockey Rules Board. Last year he was made an Honorary Doctor of his old university, and received an OBE in the New Year's Honours for his outstanding contribution to sport. Recently, David has moved on to become the CEO of the Rugby League International Federation.

In the News

Compiled and edited by Tony Cox

Another Coalition!

With coalitions in the news, it should come as no surprise that LES has gone into coalition with Our Lady's Convent School. Back in March Loughborough Endowed Schools announced the arrangement to take effect from 1st September 2015. Its statement went on to say, "OLCS will become the fourth school in the Foundation, and will retain the distinct ethos and Christian values which are at its heart."



offering for children of all ages."

"The Governors of Loughborough Endowed Schools and OLCS, and the Heads of all four schools, fully support the decision, which provides a more secure future for OLCS pupils and staff. By being part of the Foundation, OLCS pupils will immediately benefit from access to a wider range of facilities and resources."

Foundation Secretary and Treasurer, Jim Doherty, commented: "We have always enjoyed an excellent relationship with our neighbours at OLCS. By bringing all the independent schools in Loughborough into one organisation, that relationship can be developed further to broaden our educational and extra-curricular

On its website the Convent added, "The synergy generated by uniting four excellent local independent schools, each with different strengths, within the Loughborough Endowed Schools family will undoubtedly benefit all our students. This is a new and exciting chapter in the long and rich history of our very special and distinctive School."

Perrett for No 10

Roger Perrett, (1980-87) was spotted making a visit to the Prime Minister at No 10 in January. Denying all rumours that he was to be offered the Business Enterprise portfolio in the new cabinet (well he would say that, wouldn't he?), he was reported by the *Loughborough Echo* as being honoured as ex-chair of *Business Improvement District* for his work in the town. He was nominated by Loughborough MP, Nicky Morgan, to attend a reception for Community Champions in recognition of his work in the community and for bringing about improvements to the town centre. Roger was reported as saying "The invitation came as a huge

surprise - it was fascinating to see what lies behind the famous black door and to tread in the footsteps of so many famous people."



Roger Perrett and colleague at 10 Downing Street

The Navy's Here!

Seventy five years ago, when **Don Wood** (1950-84) was a mere teenager, sailors of the Royal Navy rescued almost three hundred British prisoners of war, held on a German tanker in a Norwegian fiord. The sailors' cry that "the Navy's here" summed up the incident and did much to raise morale in wartime Britain. Don Wood reports on an occasion when **Admiral Sir Trevor Soar** (1968-75) was true to naval tradition in being in the right place at the right time and explaining an earlier triumph at sea.



Sir Trevor Soar

"I was delighted in October 2014 when an OL, with a most distinguished career in the Royal Navy, was the guest speaker at this year's annual Trafalgar Dinner which was held by the Leicestershire Branch of the Royal Society of St George at the Leicestershire Cricket Club. Admiral Sir Trevor Soar was gracious enough to accept an invitation to speak at the dinner and we were not disappointed. An upstanding figure in uniform, he gave an excellent speech in which he clearly explained Admiral Lord Nelson's strategy in winning the battle off Cape Trafalgar. Sir Trevor was accompanied by his wife, Anne who many OLs will remember from her years in the LES Bursary."

Going, Going, Gone!



David Steele

David Steele joined the school in September 1983. Over the next 31 years he undertook virtually every job outside the

classroom possible, whilst delivering quality biology lessons - often to our most challenging boys - day in, day out. He was Head of Hockey; a Housemaster, first with Colgrove and then under the present system as the first Housemaster of Pulteney; Head of Years Ten and Eleven for fourteen years; a Major and 2nd i/c in the CCF. He ran trips to Peru, Ecuador, Iceland, Bolivia and the USA; was in charge of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and finally ended up on the Senior Management team, taking on a wide range of responsibilities especially as the School's Child Protection Officer.

When he was appointed, the then Headmaster wrote 'Seems sensible and modest'. How right he was!

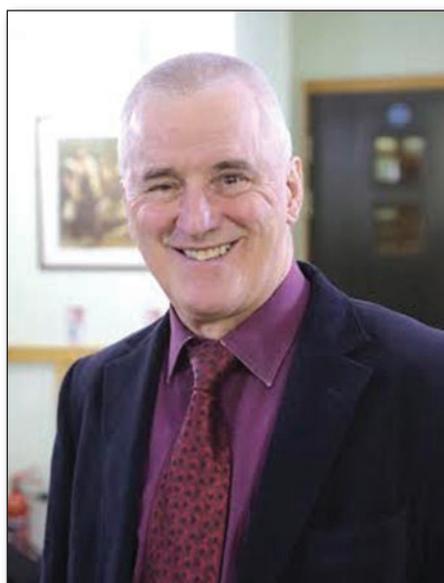
John Weitzel

David Steele was commissioned into the Army Section of the CCF in December 1984, retiring from school and Contingent at the end of the Summer Term 2014. David served the Contingent with exemplary distinction, taking part in Adventurous Training camps in the UK and in Germany as well as Army Central Camps, the length and breadth of this country, and in recent years was the Commanding Officer of the Royal Engineers' Section. As Second in Command of the Contingent and as a Contingent officer, David was always an unflappable source of sound advice and common sense as, indeed, he was in all things throughout his time at the school. We shall miss his practical skills, his camaraderie and his companionship.

Peter Sergeant

Julian Rees joined us in 1991 after completing a PhD on the works of William Blake and working at the University of London. He put in a few years at Latymer Upper School in West London before emigrating to the East Midlands.

In other words he was not new to teaching and he had decided views about many things including his major new responsibility at the Grammar School where he was appointed Head of Drama, the first in the school's history. For a quiet man with an inclination towards meditation and peace, he seized Drama by the throat and launched a volcanic series of productions which embraced riot, grievous bodily harm and the tough language from the



Julian Rees

mean streets which gave the plays their edge. His English teaching groups always felt they knew and could trust him and he possessed the true teacher's

essential skill of giving a bit of himself to them.

As a colleague he was curious, friendly, and supportive with a spark of mischief which was often displayed in his penchant for dressing up on festive occasions. Top hats and the jester's cap and bells were favoured. He underplayed his authentic scholarship in a gracious way and he was invariably warm-hearted and courteously positive about English departmental events. In a busy world he had the most attractive gift of reflecting and coming back to colleagues with a kind word about something they had planned, carried out and moved on from. He was the department's gentleman and we will miss him more than we know.

Brendan McCabe

The Forgotten

Welsh Wizard

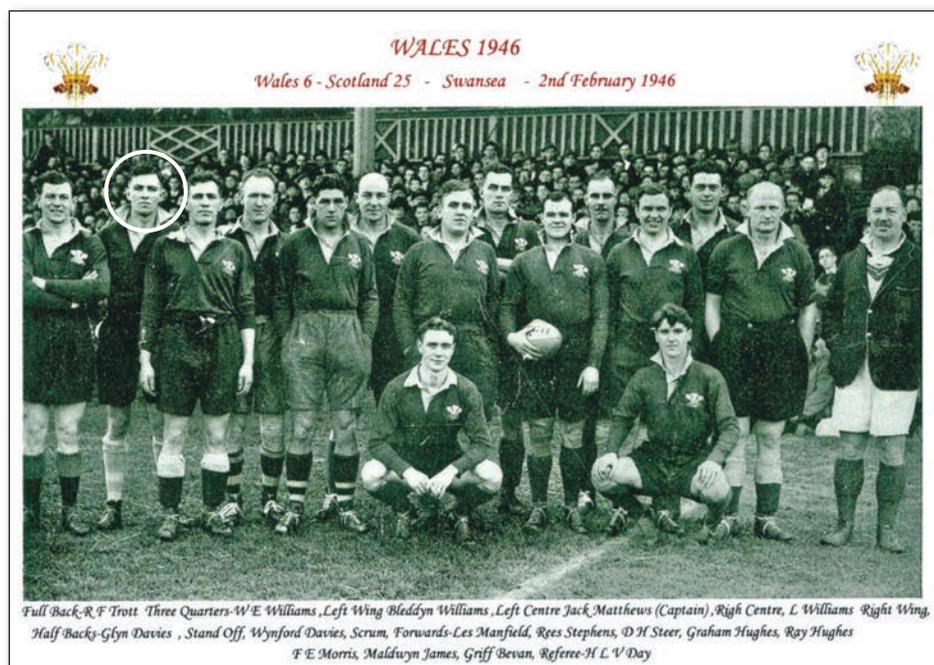


Peter Walton (1947-55) writes of his life after LGS. "After school, I was commissioned in the Royal Air Force and completed pilot training in Canada in 1957. A variety of flying posts followed on Vampires, Meteors and Canberras which covered Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa during the early period of the Cold War. Eventually, I became a flying instructor at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell flying Jet Provosts before a Ground Tour with Radio and Radar Apprentices at Cosford. My final post was Research and Development with the Royal Radar Establishment at Malvern, developing airborne systems for the TSR2 and the Phantom and Photographic Reconnaissance based at Pershore."

"Fortunately, sport was an important part of Service life and I enjoyed playing for Flying Training and Bomber Commands at rugby. Having settled in Shropshire in the 70s I then retired from the RAF and joined a small Company on Wenlock Edge producing material for the construction industry until we were successfully taken over by a multinational 20 years later."

"I have much to thank the School ATC for and it gives me tremendous pleasure to be able to thank **Don Wood** for his enthusiasm and encouragement after 60 years."

Some years ago, while driving to South Wales, I stopped at a pub, near Brecon for a spot of lunch. At one end of the bar, I couldn't help noticing a pile of programmes describing past Welsh International Rugby fixtures including the names of every team going back to just after the war. Thumbing through the programmes who should I see but my hero and rugby mentor at Loughborough Grammar School in the early 50's, **W. E. Williams (1950-62)**.



I had forgotten who told me while at school that WEW was a Welsh international, but to see his name prompted a flood of memories of just how influential his special talents were in shaping our approach to this game which the school had recently adopted as its principal winter sport. It was hardly surprising therefore that with the enthusiastic support from **Harry Bowen** who taught Science and **Gethin Williams**, (see p 37) our PE master, the school's rugby teams reached a high standard after only a few seasons.

I shall always remember one game in particular which comprised a mix of the First and Second XVs and included our three coaches. I could never forget WEW's flashes of brilliance as he ran through our defence with such pace and elegance. His handling, positional play and a flair for being in the right place at the right time were simply inspirational and although he was not a big man physically, I do remember being on the receiving end of his tackling which was just like running into a brick wall. In short, it was a master class for those of us lucky enough to be involved. Furthermore during those exciting years, no fewer than eight members of the School first XV were selected to play for the England Air Training Corps national team.

Without question, the name W E Williams deserves an important place in the school rugby archives; his track record surely speaks for itself.

Peter Walton

The Forgotten

Welsh Wizard 2

Bas Hardy (1948-55) takes up the story. "Billy came to LGS with the specific task of building the Under 15 XV. He was the most enthusiastic and inspirational rugby coach I ever met, who, in his first season (1951-2) built an LGS team which only lost one match, against Henry Mellish Under 15s by 3-0. It was simply down to Billy's coaching skills that, for the following season, six of that team, then only in Year 10, had gone on to consistently play for the LGS 1st XV."

"During our training Billy used to wear his Welsh jersey but it was difficult to extract the details. Only later on in my school days did he 'confess' that in 1947 he left Newport RFC to play Rugby League for Swinton, making 53 appearances on the wing and scoring 22 tries. During the 1950s, any "traitor" who had left Union to play League was *persona non grata* anywhere where Union was played."



Billy Williams (left) v England 1946

"So what about our hero? Billy played for Newport from 1944-47, and also worked at the pit as a Bevin Boy - all of rugby was amateur in those days, although the needy did find a few quid in their boots after a good game! Billy played for Wales against France in the Victory International on 22 April 1946, and may well have played in other international test matches around that time. These were classed as Test Matches for which full international caps were not awarded; however I was thrilled to read that the Welsh Rugby Union put things right when, in November 2013, during the match against Tonga, Billy, along with other former Test Match players was posthumously awarded a full cap, known as the Presidential Cap."

"In 1960, Billy left LGS to teach at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, sometime after his very first LGS boys had already left the school. We lost track of him after he left Ramsgate, discovering only that he had died on 27 December 2007. We are currently trying to locate his daughter Rebecca (born in Loughborough in 1956), as we wish to send her these tributes and tell her how much we admired her Dad, and how important he had been in our development."

Bas Hardy



Bas Hardy writes. "After five enjoyable years, (rugby, rock-climbing & other student activities, and some studies), at Liverpool University I graduated in July 1960. After 15 years in veterinary practice, I sold my practice and joined the pharmaceutical industry. Initially based in the UK, I lived in the Netherlands for five years, with my work taking me to Japan, the Far East, USA and across Europe. (I should here express profound thanks to LGS language masters for a GCE in French and Don Wood's two periods of German per week in Lower & Upper 6A - each bolstered by a short, company-sponsored, intensive course - because business meetings in France always had to be conducted in French, and I even managed to chair a tele-vised product launch in Hamburg."

"I took early retirement in 1996 and established my consultancy which still provides services to six pharmaceutical companies."

"In October 2013, I returned to live in Loughborough where I am an active member of the Thomas Burton Lodge, and enjoy the various get-togethers of the Class of 48 (entrants into LGS in 1948)."

"And I am thrilled that my grandson recently became the third generation of the family to attend the Endowed Schools."

Plans for the s

- as recorded in *The Ill*

Notice the chapel (left) that was never built and the



School in 1850

Illustrated London News

the peaks of the Charnwood Forest in the background.



COMMERCIAL SCHOOL AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The OLA/OGA Loughborough Dinner 2014

Andrew Baker (1978-85)



Left to right: Ian Swift, Jason Dring-Morris, Scott Charlish

I have been involved in the organisation of the Loughborough Dinner for a decade or so. It all starts about six months beforehand at which point menus are agreed, the bar is booked, car park security is arranged and a whole host of tasks are allocated between the four of us. Once the initial groundwork is done, we heave a sigh of relief when bookings start to appear and at this point, preliminary seating plans are formulated, dietary requirements are noted and your organisers seem to get more and more irritable!

The weeks grind forward and, although we have a final booking date, we rarely seem to stick to it these days and, as a result, we take bookings right up until the last minute. This plays havoc with our seating plans but we do love a challenge!

After many weeks of emails, meetings and phone calls, the day arrives and all the effort made up to this point starts to feel worthwhile.

As has become customary, we held a drinks reception in the Burton Hall before sitting down for dinner at 8.00 pm and during this part of the evening, we were entertained by a Year 12 High School harpist, Emma de Salis Young and we pass on our thanks to her. As some of you will be aware, the OGA celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2014 and a cake was presented by Jane Matthews. After dinner our guest speaker, **Rachel Parris (OG 1995-2002)** entertained us. She even provided us with a further musical interlude which included a humorous look at the High School. It also seemed a fitting occasion to ask **Michael Pearson (1953-58)** to say a few words and to toast the schools and Associations as he was to step down as Chairman of Governors in April 2014.

Many people are involved in the organisation of the evening and I pass on my thanks to everyone who has helped. As always, we pass on our thanks to Helen North and the school catering team who provided us with an excellent meal and ensured that the evening



Left to right: Tony Cox, Mark Tanner, Andy Mayo

went smoothly. Messrs Sergeant and Evans, the latter ensuring that we have lasting reminders of the evening and John Weitzel who never seems to be able to take enough punishment from us.

Finally, thank you at all who attended. It is hugely rewarding to see OLs, OGs and partners getting together, new friendships being made and being in an environment where 120 people share a common bond. It is vitally important that these events continue to be held and it is important that your committees work with the schools and the Development Office to ensure that the next few decades are as successful as the last one.



Left to right: Peter Sergeant, Pauline and Peter Hopkins

The London Dinner 2014

Sam Jackson (2001-08)

Some five, six, seven, even ten years after leaving LGS a group of ten decided to book a table at the Old Loughburians' dinner at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Despite a lot of OLs heading down to the capital, we still find it difficult to find time to get together. An OLA dinner seemed like the perfect opportunity.

Special thanks must go to chief organiser, **Nik Simon** (2000-07) for rallying the group, although he didn't quite make it himself. Don't feel too sorry for him! He was in Cardiff, covering the autumn internationals!

The evening started with a drinks reception following a warm welcome from **Neil Rowbotham**. We were all struck by how many familiar faces the room contained. Teachers we remember fondly allowed the evening to quickly descend into reminiscing about school days. As many of us struggle to head back for many weekends around the Loughborough area, seeing our former Headmaster and deputy Headmaster was a pleasure indeed.

The food was exquisite, fantastic service and a great serving of wine to accompany the meal. The guest speakers included the newly-retired **David Steele** (1983-2014) who added a nice touch to the evening as we all remembered our Biology days. Finally a round of the school hymn was sung at full volume.

As a group we all came away declaring this will not be our last OLA dinner. A big thank you to the OLA for organising the evening!



Left to right: Shiv Thakkar, Edward Allen, Thomas Smith, Thomas Rye, Thomas Harker, Sam Charlton

The OLA/OGA Loughborough Dinner 2015

Jaykar R. Panchmatia (1990-97)

The City of Leicester was re-united with King Richard III on 22nd March 2015. Fifteen miles north and a day earlier, an altogether different reunion took place: the annual OLA/OGA Loughborough Dinner. It was my first OLA/OGA Dinner, and the last dinner with Paul Fisher as OLA President. We were also told the exciting news that the Convent School will be joining the Endowed Schools this year.



Left to right: Nick Andrew; Sam Bowden; Sam Ferraby; John Weitzel; Charlie Richardson

The event kicked off with a tour of the school led by John Weitzel. Starting in the Orangery and ending in the Burton Hall, we were shown the school's revamped Sixth Form Common

Room, Music School, extended Denton House and new Science Park.

The dinner itself was attended by OLs and OGs from the Fifties through to the Noughties, making one feel young and old at the same time. The current school captain, a former Commander-in-Chief Fleet of the Royal Navy, physicians, musicians, lawyers and university undergrads freely swapped tales of the years they spent on the Walks. On a personal note, it was great to see a large number of OLs (both pupils and masters) from the Nineties in attendance, including a fellow spinal surgeon!

A special mention goes to **Sam Sweeney** (1999-2007) of the folk band, *Bellowhead*. Following dinner, he delivered a moving speech and performance. Particularly poignant was his tribute to luthier, Richard Spencer Howard, fatally wounded in Battle of Messines, Belgium. Pianists Alex Huntley and Rhea Suribhatla, both current pupils at the school, provided further entertainment. The memorable evening was rounded off by toasts and promises to meet again in the not-too-distant future. Many thanks to all who organised this wonderful event.

LGS in 1990 – All change in the Houses

Compiled by Roger Willson

The autumn term of 1990 saw Briggs, Colgrove, Kaye, School, Turner and Wallace “morph” into the present-day Abney, Davys, Pulteney and Yates. These names were chosen to reflect the centuries of the school’s history and the variety of careers occupied by OLs. Sir Thomas Abney was a financier and Lord Mayor of London; Richard Pulteney was an 18th century botanist and Fellow of the Royal Society; George Davys was tutor to Queen Victoria and Bishop of Peterborough; while George Yates was an outstanding linguist who worked as a missionary in India. Henceforth competitions were to take place in year groups instead of the broad Junior/Intermediate/Senior categories enabling more boys to represent their Houses. And the new Housemasters? Messrs Bunting, R.E. Davies, Jennings and Steele. New staff arriving twenty-five years ago, so now “celebrating” their silver jubilees, were Messrs Collington, Haigh, Kerr and Starkings, and many OLs, especially those who were in the CCF, will remember Mr Ian Fraser who became its new SSI. And a belated farewell to Messrs Flynn, Tallent and Bullock who left to take up other posts in 1989. A long list of new boys who arrived in 1990 includes eighteen in the 10+ Form (Year 6). Was that its first year - does anyone remember? Head Boys were Christopher Wilkins followed by Brian Hecks, and the new House Captains were James Murphy, Ian Partridge, Tim Green and Jeremy Malpas.



New Housemasters l-r David Steele, Pat Bunting, Mike Jennings, Richard Davies

Two changes to the school campus were underway in 1990. The Scout troop had lost its home, the Old Gym, so, construction of the new Scout Headquarters began, and this involved some major weekends with scouts, parents and friends as “voluntary labour”. The new Burton Hall was also well on the way to

completion, the second instalment of the DNI era’s additions to the buildings on the Walks, following the new Art Building, which was opened in 1989.

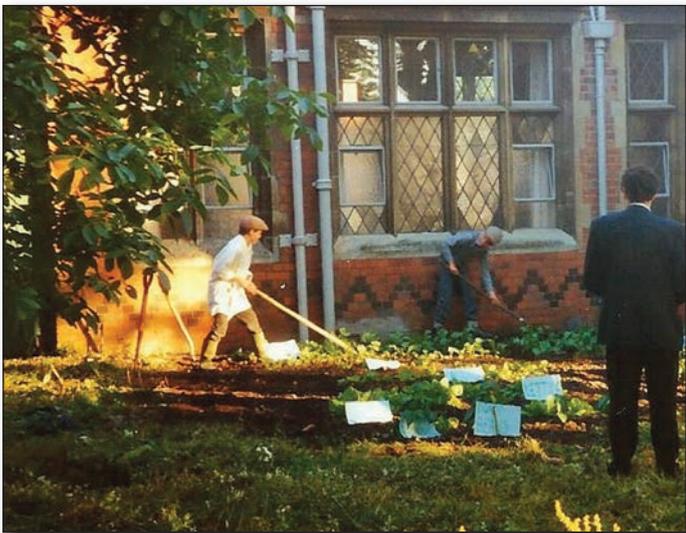
It was a typically busy year for events. The major LES dramatic production was Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and Christopher Wardle, the reviewer, found “the rude mechanicals hilarious”! Sixth Formers from both schools produced what was described by *The Loughborough Echo* no less as a “dazzling piece of theatre” at the Town Hall, “*Little Shop of Horrors*” directed by Tim Foster and Simon Wood. The orchestra gave two concerts and the Concert Band, according to Edward Anderson “showed that all good things improve with age”. Niall Maxwell and Matthew York reported on another busy and happy year for the School Choir under Peter Underwood: *Chatanooga Choo-choo* and *The Teddy Bears Picnic* will bring back many (happy?) memories to ex-choristers! It was an impressive year for fund raising for charities, events including £1,500 raised by Years 6 to 8 for a sponsored “Readathon”. There was a huge Second Year charity event which also included families having picnics on the quad grass on an idyllic summer evening. To commemorate fifty years on from 1940, the school had a “History Day” when everyone who could come in historical costume, paying £1 for pre-WW2 clothes and £2 for anything after: apparently Bob Griffiths came as a Spartan soldier, and two members of the Sixth as female punks but £2,000 was contributed to All Saints’ Church Tower Appeal as a result. Not to be outdone, the First Year put on a Home Front evening, the author, Robert Westall, making a guest appearance, and the following day

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THE CAST	
AUDREY.....	VICKI LANE
SEYMOUR.....	DANIEL READ
MURDOGH.....	GORDON YOUNG
CRYSTAL.....	SARAH BRAY
GRIFTON.....	NATASHA BIDEWOOD
RONNETTE.....	SASCHA OSBORN
COOK/PATRICK MARTIN.....	JIM BROWN
BERNSTEIN/LUCE/SOP.....	BEN BOWDEN
UNDERSTUDIES.....	MERRETH TAYLOR & TIM FOSTER
THE BAND	
MUSICAL DIRECTOR..... EDWARD ANDERSON	
KEYBOARD.....	JOHNNA GRIFFITHS
GUITAR.....	SIMON WOOD
BASE.....	SARAH HERRING
PERCUSSION.....	CHARLES BRIAN
PIANO.....	EDWARD ANDERSON
THE PLANTS	
DESIGNED AND CREATED BY MARTIN HINKINS	
AUDREY'S VOICE.....	BEN BOWDEN
AUDREY'S MANIPULATION.....	JULIAN FIELDWICK
COMPANY STAGE MANAGER..... MARTIN HINKINS	
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER.....	MERRETH TAYLOR & EDWARD MALTEY
THEATRE TECHNICIAN.....	KEVIN CUTTS
LIGHTING.....	MATTHEW LYNNHAM, CHRISTIAN DALY & RICHARD CARVELL
SOUND.....	SIMON WOOD
PROPERTIES.....	MERRETH TAYLOR & FAYE WOODWARD
SET.....	MARTIN HINKINS, SIMON WOOD, TIM FOSTER, MARTIN PALLOU, JAMES BURCHELL & ROBERT HARRIS
MAKE UP.....	BEVIE STINGWELLLOW, SOPHIE GOLDEN & SARAH HERRING
BOX OFFICE.....	LUCY DENHAM & MICHELLE VINCENT
MUSICAL SUPERVISION.....JEAN DALTON FRAWLE	

Little Shop of Horrors

they were all evacuated to Rothley for the afternoon on the Great Central Railway, the Headmaster, dressed as Winston Churchill, waving all off with their gas masks.

School trips, clubs and societies followed their well-tried formulae. The LES annual visit to the USSR (Communism had not collapsed yet) with the Cullingford partnership, included, not just the usual Leningrad and Moscow, but also Kiev. Nine second formers walked Hadrian's Wall with the Payne family, the report written by one "B.A. Masochist"!; Daniel Lowe and Dale McManus wrote on behalf of the forty six who went on the Battlefields Tour to Arnhem, the Maginot Line, Verdun, Reims and Vimy Ridge; Simon Ward reported on the Dyson/Kirk/Bullock/Mouncer holiday in Paris and Normandy. Among the clubs and



History Day allotments 50 years on

activities, Toby Lewis wrote very entertainingly about the 20th Century Society whose members were obviously having a good time eating as well as debating; not to be outdone, Colin Hopkins tells us that the Middle School Debating Society had had twenty eight debates with an average attendance of forty seven. Bill Phillips (always alias "Elvis") reported on an "excellent year" for the VSU, seventy boys now involved with weekly visiting, a sponsored wheelchair push to raise funds for multiple sclerosis, and taking fifty senior citizens to Newstead Abbey. The Scout Troop, David Mouncer reported, was up to capacity and with a waiting list; a new venture was the formation of a LES Venture Unit, and Alex Roberts and, poignantly, Nigel Balmbra gained their Chief Scout's Award.

Almost half of the 1990 *Loughburian* was taken up with the CCF and school sport. (The Easter Adventure Training Camp took place on the Isle of Man and there were reports on, among other activities, the Adventure Training Section headed by Captains

Crookes and Steele and the Signals Section led by Flt Lt Lane; in the RN Section Sub Lt Bishop took over the helm from "Admiral" Payne; but no mention of Inspection Day). Ced Davies reported both on a very successful 1st XV season and a rugby tour of Canada, centred on Vancouver: the captains were Dan Eveleigh and Nick Andrew. Seven of the team were selected for the County Under 18, and Ayman Razek gained an England Under 16 International Cap, scoring four tries in three matches. The 2nd XV under captains Hubner and Jones had a record season, 384 points for, 117 against. The lower school teams showed a great deal of promise for the future. Ed Thorpe summarised a very creditable cricket season and said how much pleasure the 1990 team had given him under Chris Hawkes' leadership, singling out for their contributions Meesrs Gidley, Manwaring, Partridge, Hill, Malpas, Noon and Leeson. The senior cross country team was virtually invincible all season. That it was another very successful athletics season almost goes without saying with six athletes (Messrs Kenny, Razek, Gandy, Shepherd, Murphy and Taylor)



The conga on the first Red Nose Day

representing the county in the All England Championships. James Murphy, Matthew Harries and Achall Khanna won the Victor Ludorum titles on Sports Day: the Junior (won by Turner's) and Intermediate (won by School) events were held at Ten Acre, but the Seniors (won by School) had to suffer atrocious weather conditions at the University Track, Ten Acre "beginning to resemble a paddy field"!

Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1990

- 9 May Brixton riots against community charge
- 11 May Inflation stands at 9.4%
- 17 July First Aldi store in UK opens
- 20 July IRA bomb at London Stock Exchange
- 22 Nov Thatcher resigns as Prime Minister

LGS in 1965 – A new look for a growing school

50 years on and some of the organisational changes made in 1965 are still with us. It was the first year of the Headmaster not being in charge of School House as he traditionally had been, and *The Loughburian* now reported that “The Headmaster and Miss Talbot (the HM’s secretary) had transferred their offices to Buckland” which, from now on, became the administrative hub of the school. No longer was the Headmaster’s Study to be approached up the infamous Golden Staircase from the quad as generations of pupils had known it. Another important change reported was the new uniform. The idea was to distinguish the Sixth Forms “and the overall effect should be to smarten considerably the appearance of the Sixth.” Although there was little change to report in school buildings, by the end of the year “the echoes of pneumatic drills echoing round the quad have announced to all and sundry that work is now well under way in the covering of our swimming pool”. It was also the first year of the new school Library situated in what had been laboratories in the L Block: the magazine comments on how “spacious and attractive” it was and Librarian, Mr Taylor had introduced a 3d fine as a deterrent for the many overdue books! The only other reference to the school buildings and grounds is to the surprising “opening of



Newly covered swimming pool in action

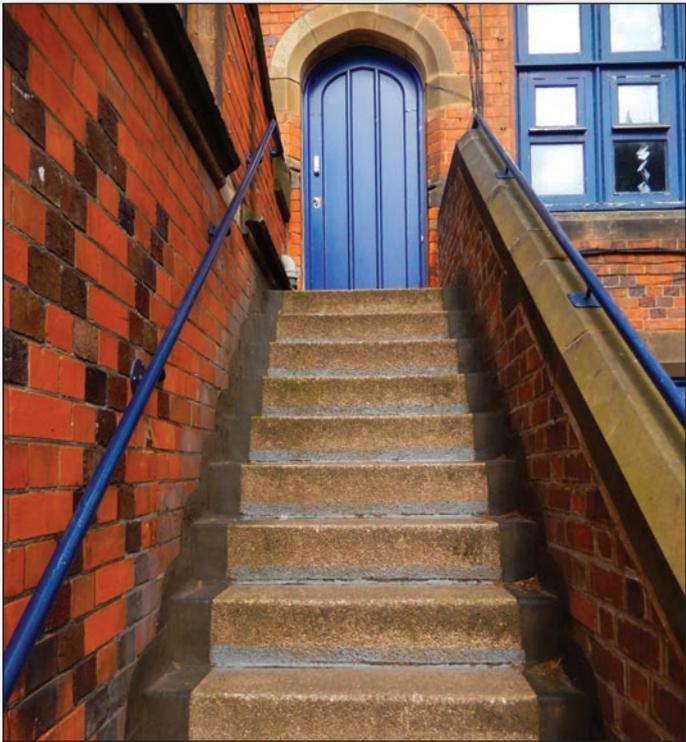
the barrier at the High School end of Burton Walks, which had led to a dangerous flow of traffic along the Walks,” and a sure sign of times to come: “Another problem that will arise soon is that of the Sixth Form cars as a number of boys in the Sixth Form are now coming to school in their own cars”.

At the start of the September term the number of boys on the School Roll totalled 777 so the School was still expanding. There were 600 in the Upper School, of whom 167 were in the Sixth Form, and 177 in the Lower School. “Lower School Life” was still a feature of every *Loughburian* magazine with delightfully “innocent” reports on trips to such places as Whipnade Zoo where “we had to be very careful our caps were not pinched when we visited the elephants”, a reminder that wearing full school uniform including the cap was obligatory for some years to come. There were film shows in the comparatively new Hodson Hall and an annual visit to the November Fair where one pupil “lost a lot of pennies at the machines”! Interesting nomenclature of the Lower School forms: who remembers 1Alpha and 1A, 2Alpha and 2A? At the other end of the school, lectures to give Sixth Formers a broader education continued apace and it must have been a real coup to get The Rt Hon. Enoch Powell to come and talk on Parliamentary Institutions! The Sixth Form also continued the compulsory tradition of taking part



Junior sports day 1965

in the annual Declamations Competition, at least in the preliminary rounds: the winner from the six finalists was R J Moore with a dissertation on the "absurdities of the British legal system, a model of sarcasm well used"! A sure sign of the continued expansion of the school was the reorganisation of the House system, two new Houses being formed making six in all: Wood's House and a separate School House for the boarders joining Bowen's, Moretti's, Murray's and Redden's, and more than one correspondent in the magazine commented on a revival of "House spirit" as a result and the intention to add non-athletic activities to the list of competitions.



Up the Golden Staircase

Five of the Houses were named after long-serving members of staff, and many OLs will still remember one of the "giants" of 20th century LGS who died 50 years ago this year. Ernest Foxon had come to the School in 1920 after service in the First World War and did not retire from active teaching until 1961. He was typical of the many who have made a long career in the one school and given it unstinted service: not only was he "a clear and vigorous teacher and an excellent disciplinarian" but he had also been a Housemaster, a keen sportsman, Commanding Officer of the original Cadet Corps of the school, overseer of the newly-formed Scout Troop in the 1930s and Deputy and for a short time Acting Headmaster.

Both the 1965 *Loughburians* have a centre spread of photographs, and between them, these reflect several of the chief events of another typical and busy school year. Stewart and Lloyds had given the school a canal narrow boat which was brought to

Loughborough from Halesowen by several boarders and there was a two-year plan to fit it out for cruising (Do any OLs remember anything about this?); two pictures of Sports Day on the 1st XI Field and three pictures of CCF inspection day which included a parachute demonstration and the firing of the 25 pounder field gun which had recently arrived. Local residents had to be warned when it was being fired as nearby windows were in danger! In the December edition we see the cast of *Murder in the Cathedral* which was performed in All Saints' Parish Church, the school rowing crew which won the Loughborough Regatta, and three pictures of a "Hopkins cycle tour".

These were not the only way in which school life was recorded however: there is mention of "LGS's first school film, *Green and Dying*" a 30 minute black and white film produced by sixth former Roger Pratt. "Many facets of a boy's life at LGS are depicted in this faintly humorous film: rising early to catch a bus or train (sic); being severely reprimanded by a master for being improperly dressed; having to sit through prayers; or drawing weird pictures of masters in a rough book as well as working. Out of School activities such as The 20th Century Society (Is there a 21st Century Society?) and the fabulous Boarders' Pop Group are also featured together with a brief glimpse at the School's sport activities". How fascinating it would be for both present and past pupils to watch this snapshot of school life 50 years on!

And two touches of the humour which has always been part and parcel of school life and the school magazine. "Pearly Drops: Epigrams from 4A" thought that "Some masters issue orders like Generals in the strife. But oh! to see them when at home, taking orders from the wife!" "Yet again, idiocy prevailed" in the customary School Revue and "First Impressions in September" included one pupil who "had heard hair-raising stories of masters hitting boys with rubber tubing (!)...I do not believe such stories now".



That school cap

Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1965

- 21 Feb Malcolm X is assassinated in New York
- 8 Mar US combat troops land in Vietnam
- 8 July Ronnie Biggs escapes from prison
- 19 Sep BP strikes oil in the North Sea
- 8 Nov Capital punishment suspended in UK

LGS in 1940 – A year of air raids and gas masks

Another anniversary; another world war. Although the July edition of *The Loughburian* suggested that “up to the time of going to press the school has felt little of the ravages of war,” it was already having considerably more impact than its predecessor on school life, due to the collapse of the British Expeditionary Force in France. Air-raid practices were held at intervals, a School Fire-Fighting Squad was formed and the school sought to augment the war effort by purchasing War Savings Certificates, collecting more than £300. As in World War I, the call-up had led to “the advent of two ladies on the staff.”



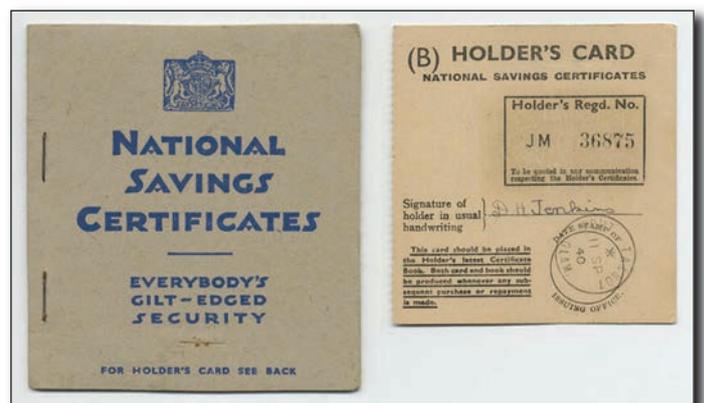
Gas mask and bag

Several masters, too old for call-up, joined the Home Guard. A staff v 1st XI cricket match held in July gives us a useful list of staff at this point: in batting order, Messrs Johnson, Allen, Russell, Murray, Saunders, Tivey, Foxon, Findlay, Atterbury (cricket coach), Mallinson and Srawley - several real LGS stalwarts there. Boys were still required to bring gas masks to school with periodic inspections to ensure that they “had not been taken to pieces out of sheer curiosity”. Several of the evacuees, taken in from Sheffield, had by now returned home, but “fourteen stalwarts have survived.” The Middle School “has given most effective aid to local farmers. Hoeing, singling, hand-weeding and haymaking have occupied several squads who have given up (actually they were paid sixpence a time, which undoubtedly helped volunteering) their half-days on Wednesdays and Saturdays”. Two allotments were acquired in the

Walks and were being cultivated by most forms in their PT periods; there was a fair promise of a good crop of vegetables. The senior boys were “honoured by the visit of the Chairman of the Americans-in-Britain Outpost of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies”, a reminder that, at this point in the war, the USA was still officially neutral. Old Boys’ Day was understandably celebrated on a severely restricted scale (conscription had been introduced for all men between the ages of 18 and 41), and *The Loughburian* included its first list of OLS “now serving in His Majesty’s Forces” 134 names, of whom almost a quarter were serving in the RAF. News that Summer Time was to be continued throughout the winter conjured up “visions of bleary-eyed scholars groping their way to school through Stygian darkness, and of Prayers conducted *intempesta nocte*.”

But school itself continued as routinely as was possible. The usual Burton Commemoration Service took place in June in the Parish church when the Captain of School and the Head Prefect at the High School laid a wreath on the Burton memorial, and despite “the lack of black-out facilities in Big School” a solid two and a half hours’ entertainment was enjoyed in the traditional Easter Concert. It had been a record year for Oxbridge awards, four being won. There were 385 boys on the School roll in July which had grown to 402 by the end of the year: “Big School cannot cope with the situation for Morning Prayers, and the Thirds must perform pray in austere and scientific seclusion”!

Almost all talk in the Easter 1940 *Loughburian*, however, was of a particularly prolonged cold snap



War Savings certificates

which was bad enough to cause considerable disorganisation in school routine. The football season had to be almost totally abandoned and the House Cup match was postponed almost a dozen times. Similarly the Scout Troop had to concentrate on theory rather than outdoor work inside "our excellently heated clubroom". Form notes, one of the features of *The Loughburian* which best gives an insight into what the boys themselves were thinking and experiencing, comment on the number of absentees from school due to the snow, and we hear of "a miniature skating rink on the Junior Field (now Fairfield)" when snow had melted and the ground had then re-frozen.

We have a delightful account of life at school during this year sent in by OL Leonard Bullock from the diary that he kept at the time in which the important



Dig for Victory

events of war in 1940 often come second to routines at school: "on 17th April, had 100 yards Open Heats. Came in 2nd from last", and on 24th "had Long Jump. Standley did 18ft"; "3rd May I was put in detention by Bill (Srawley) during Physics." Sports Day on 24th May in perfect conditions: "Our house, South, won. Did 17 feet 3 inches long jump." A week later German bombing came

second to a report on a school practice cricket match and no mention of the evacuation from Dunkirk. Saturday 22nd June: "saw 1st XI draw with Old Boys. Holden scored 45" (In fact, 1940 saw a full but not very successful cricket season). The following day, underlined heavily, "France signs armistice with Germany." On 25th June, "had first air raid overnight lasting from 12.30 to 3.34. We don't start until 11am if there's a warning the night before." 6th July: "Played North House 1st XI. I made 26 not out and retired after hitting ball into cemetery for second time (from Ten Acre)". 26th July: "Twenty-eight German planes brought down today (The Battle of Britain had begun); we broke up at 11 o'clock." When school re-started in mid-September, air-raid warnings were coming thick and fast culminating on 14th November with a nine hour warning, the reason – the devastating raid on Coventry: the entry for that day speaks of "one German bomber which crashed near here killing the crew." 18th November: "Saw funeral of four Nazi airmen pass here this afternoon." Then exams at the beginning of December, but on 3rd

"had a warning in the middle of the English exam. Missed some of the exam. Sang in shelter. John Richardson lost his voice!"

And some interesting, and in several cases amusing, snippets gleaned from the magazines. Two tennis tournaments were arranged with the High School. In the second, "we were kindly invited to play on the High School courts, where, with the aid of a really sumptuous feast, we upheld the prestige of our sex." A mass-observation test tried out on the Upper School drew some interesting results: 62% agreed with corporal punishment in schools, 92% supported wartime conscription, 86% were in favour of picking up German airmen shot down at sea, but "if you had to choose between Communism and Fascism which would you choose? Communism 6%, Fascism 84% - little did they know!"



Allotments between School and A6

Finally, on a much more appropriately sombre wartime note given the anniversaries this year of both World Wars, Headmaster Pullinger, at the prayers for the November Remembrance, suggested that "we should devote the brief minute when the chimes of Big Ben were broadcast just before the nine o'clock news each evening to quiet reflection."

Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1940

- 1 Jan Food rationing begins in Great Britain
- 7 Feb Disney releases *Pinocchio*
- 10 May Churchill becomes Prime Minister
- 26 May BEF evacuate Dunkirk
- 7 Sep London Blitz begins 57 nights of bombing

LGS in 1915 – Remembering the fallen

By the beginning of 1915 the war had started to have a direct impact on school life. With three members of staff out of seven 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 service, a lady had been appointed experimentally”! Miss Aveling thus became the first woman on the LGS staff, and although she was only there for a term, it set a precedent. Later in the year Miss Harvey, MSc Leeds University and First Class Honours in Maths at Cambridge, came and also Miss Brown, a graduate of London University. Although it seems that the school continued much as normal, most Wednesday afternoon football matches against other schools were cancelled as many of the teams with which the school generally had fixtures had been temporarily disbanded because they included adults who were now serving. This did not prevent, however, a thrashing for the school XI from Wyggeston: “School put a very weak team in the field...and time arrived with the score 11-0”! In the summer term the 1st cricket XI managed to be bowled out for just 12 runs by Derby School: is this an LGS record? Instead of games, on most Wednesday afternoons, the higher forms were now being instructed in “the rudiments of the new infantry drill whilst, simultaneously, shooting has been supervised by the Headmaster (Mr Turner) and by Mr Smith.”

Each day, for the rest of the war, for one minute at noon, on a few strokes of the school bell, boys and staff stood in their classrooms to remember in silence those who served. In the January 1915 edition of *The Loughburian* we see recorded the first of many

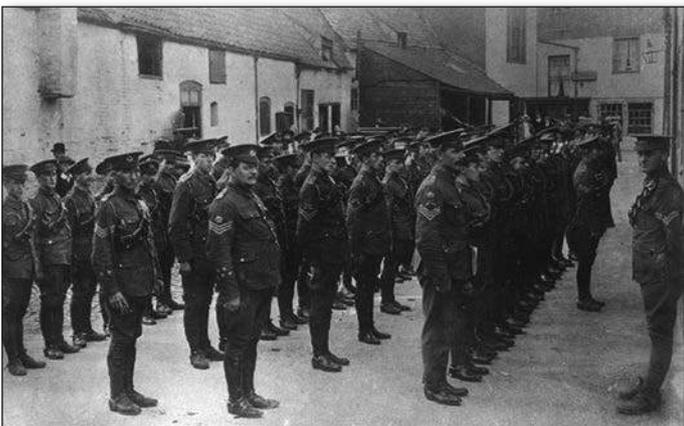
Rolls of Honour, OLs “serving in His Majesty’s Forces”. This was an astonishingly long list for a comparatively small school: 30 commissioned officers, mostly newly-appointed second lieutenants (an average of six weeks to live at one point if they were on the Front Line), and 83 NCOs and privates. By May 1915 the school had followed the example of many schools in setting up a uniformed Cadet Corps, the ancestor of today’s CCF. Staff members Smith and Watson were appointed officers as instructors. With Cadet Corps in other schools in the county, the school Corps formed a Cadet Battalion attached to the Leicestershire Regiment. Therefore, despite a gap in the 1930s and 40s, 2015 sees the centenary of a uniformed Cadet Corps at LGS. In 1915 the Corps celebrated Founder’s Day in June with “an attack and



Bedford House Cemetery in 1918

defence” exercise on Broombriggs Hill. Uniforms were difficult to obtain at first. By the end of the year an astonishing 84 pupils had joined the unit and they had even managed to borrow a Lee-Enfield rifle for practice. A regular course of lectures on Monday afternoons included map reading, entrenchments and observation as topics.

With major fighting on the Western Front at Ypres, and later on at Loos, involving OLs, and with others fighting in Gallipoli, we get the first record of OLs killed and wounded. What we now know as the Second Battle of Ypres had started at the end of April when the German army made the first full-scale use



Leicestershire Yeomanry drilling in Loughborough

of poison gas. Part of the holding-on operation that followed fell to local troops, the Leicestershire Yeomanry, in which several OLs had enlisted. Four were killed on the same day, May 13th, 1915, at what became known as the Battle of the Frezenberg Ridge. Private Henry Grudgings, originally listed as missing, Lance Corporal (trumpeter) W. Kent and Corporal J. Needham are all buried now in the same Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Bedford House, just south of Ypres. Private Leslie Moir's remains were never found and he is commemorated on a panel of the Menin Gate in Ypres. Charles Ball, who was making a name for himself in the world of horticulture (he propagated a variety of escallonia which is named after him at the Royal Botanic Garden in Dublin) lost his life during the ill-fated Gallipoli Campaign. Later in the year *The Loughburian* was able to publish a revised list of those serving (still

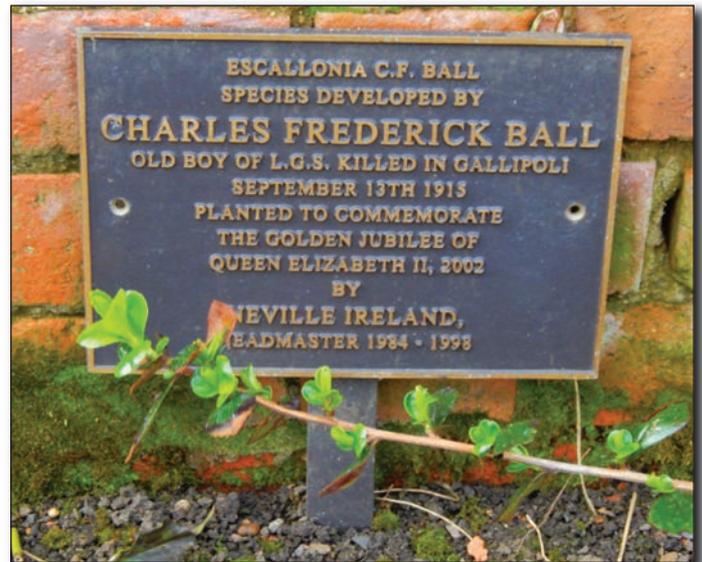
"It has been no easy matter to be cheerful amid all the misery I have seen..."

either regulars or volunteers) which by now included 45 commissioned officers, several of these subsequently victims of war, and 90 other ranks. The magazine began to print letters from OLs serving, among them one from the Headmaster's son, Roger Bingham Turner, written just before the evacuation from Gallipoli, "It has been no easy matter to be cheerful amid all the misery I have seen", and one from Thomas Paul, serving as a medic on the Mesopotamian Front at Basra. Within a few weeks of



Menin Gate, Ypres

his writing, his death was reported "from the effects of the climate". A portent of the future in World War II was *The Loughburian's* reporting of the first OL, R.G. Burder, to get his pilot's certificate for the infant Royal Flying Corps.



Plaque marking escallonia C F Ball

Inevitably with concentration on the war, there was little space in *The Loughburian* to include anything on the routine of normal school apart from long reports on 1st XI football and cricket games and the annual competition for the School Gymnastics VIII and news of the Rifle Club. We therefore have, unfortunately, no record of how news of the war, of OLs serving and of OL deaths, was communicated to the school by Headmaster Turner in assembly, but when it came to Prize Day, held in Big School in July, it was decided to "make this function as simple as could be under the unprecedented circumstances." The Headmaster reported that "the work of training had been entered into by the boys with utmost keenness. They had deserted their games and drilled almost without murmur and put their hearts into it, and he believed people would be struck by the promptness and smartness and keenness of the whole Corps." Wartime did not prevent the annual requirement to send statistics to the Board of Education: 124 on the school roll which included 12 boarders. There were 13 in the Sixth Form and overall 46 boys receiving free education for places awarded by the County Council or by the Governing Body. Nor did war stop a school inspection. The examiners formed "a very favourable impression of the efficiency of the teaching, and the work in Science continued to be worthy of high praise."

Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1915

- 17 May Asquith forms coalition government
- 31 May First Zeppelin raid on London
- 16 Jun Founding of the Women's Institute
- Aug John Buchan's *The 39 Steps* serialised
- 21 Sep Cecil Chubb buys Stonehenge for £6,600

Obituaries

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Andrew Barbour

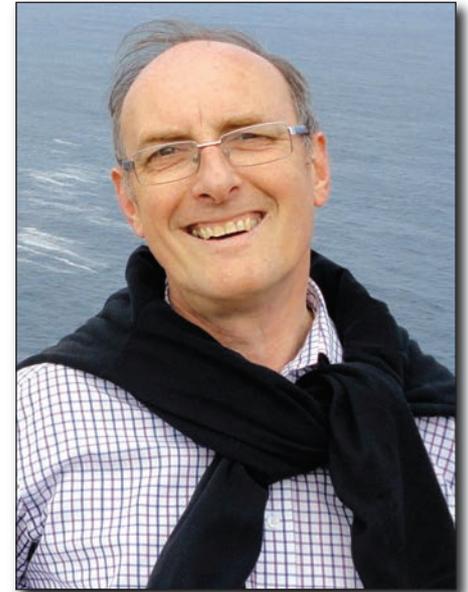
His flair for languages led to army career in the Intelligence Corps

Andrew Barbour (1966-73) passed away after a very short illness on 28th November, 2014 aged 59. A combination of the physical attributes, which he brought from his brief spell in the infantry, and his high level of intelligence and flair for languages quickly launched him on a military career during which he rapidly rose through the ranks and eventually achieved the ultimate pinnacle of Lieutenant Colonel.

As a young NCO Andrew saw routine service in 13th and 14th Signal Regiment, but also served in the very interesting world of

the British Commander-in-Chief's Mission to the Soviet Forces in Berlin. Later in his career, as the Cold War ended and other crises developed, he completed operational tours in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

It was while he was on his Long Russian Course at Beaconsfield that he met his wife, Rose. They had two children, Emma and Jonathan. Andrew retired from the army in 2010 where he joined Ove Arrup as a Consultant Security Specialist. In 2012 he moved to PA Consulting on their corporate side as Head of Security and Risk. He will be



Andrew Barbour

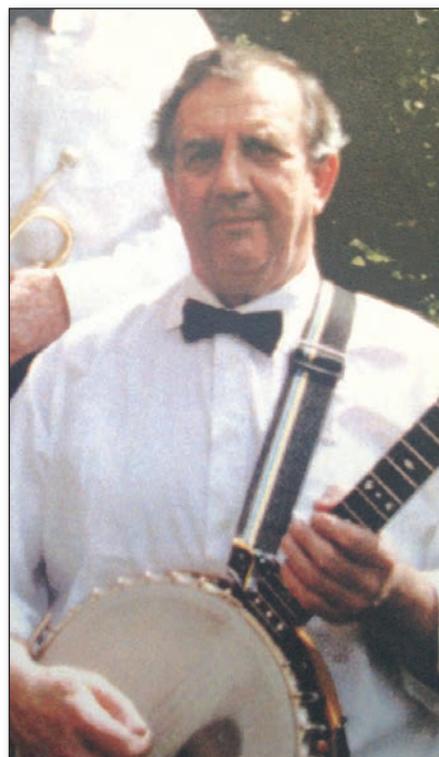
sadly missed by all. *We are indebted to his wife, Rose and to the British Legion Garats Hay for this tribute.*

Terence Coltman

Professional banjo player with a passion for amateur radio

Terence Coltman (1941-45) died after a long illness at the age of 84 on 28th December 2014. Terry was exceptionally proud of passing his 11+, of getting into the Grammar School and of the education he received there.

Terry spoke about his experience at LGS throughout his whole life. After leaving school Terry went on to join the RAF. However, he was always passionate about jazz music and played the banjo professionally with various bands throughout his life. It was at LGS where one of his peers had invited him along, to come and 'play some happy music!' This was where his jazz life all started. During his career in the RAF, he was in communications



Terence Coltman

and spent time in Malaya during the Malayan Emergency, which was part of the decolonisation of Asia and the Cold War. It was an incredibly turbulent time and he was shot at by bandits on more than one occasion.

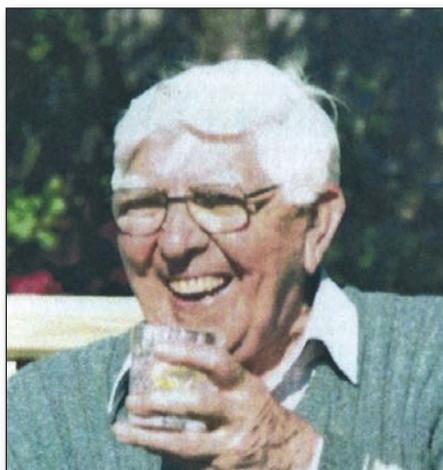
Terry continued to use Morse code in amateur radio throughout his life, and apart from his jazz band, being a radio ham was his great passion. His call sign was G3TTH. He left the RAF in 1955 and then went on to become a successful salesman, working for Yale Forklifts. He worked full time, but would also be out most evenings playing in his beloved jazz bands. Jazz took him all over the country and into Europe.

We are grateful to his widow, Dianne and his daughter, Elizabeth for these thoughts.

Gethin Williams

Popular PE teacher and Housemaster from the 1950s

Gethin Williams died on 15th September 2014 soon after his 90th birthday. Gethin was born in Rhymney in the valleys of South Wales. After war service in the RAF, he trained at Loughborough College and joined LGS in 1949 as a PE teacher and Housemaster. He was greatly respected by his pupils who took teenage delight in observing his courtship and marriage to Bettie Butcher, the music teacher at the High School. In 1956 he moved to



Gethin Williams

London as Head of Department but soon was back in Wales as a PE Inspector where he enjoyed a very successful career in education – not least, in helping to advise the Duke of Edinburgh himself on the setting-up of the award scheme. Brought up a Baptist, he later became a Steward of Llandaff Cathedral where he was buried on 29th September. Gethin lived his life, and his retirement to the full and is survived by his wife, daughters and grandchildren. *We are grateful to **Don Wood**, Gethin's Best man, for obtaining this tribute.*

Iain Twigg

Lived life to the full despite cancer diagnosis



Caroline and Iain Twigg

Iain Twigg (1992-99) passed away on the 7th December, 2014. Iain embodied everything that makes a "Grammar School boy" - he excelled academically but, more importantly, wholeheartedly threw himself into everything that the school offered - playing rugby, football, badminton and anything that he could get involved in. His brother-in-law, **Oliver Redrup** (1994-2001) recalls, "My fondest memory of Iain at school was when I was captain of the High

Adventure trekking competition and was short of a member. I called him up at the last minute. We went on to win the competition out of over 50 teams from around the country. I know for a fact it wouldn't have happened without Iain's drive, enthusiasm and never-ending good spirit."

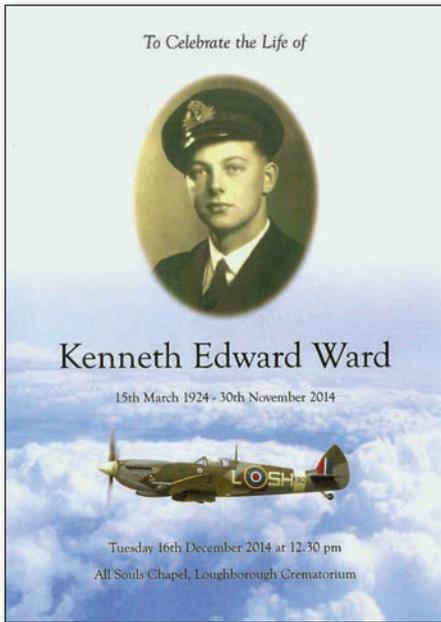
Iain was hugely popular across all year groups and forged lasting friendships. Upon leaving school, Iain returned to his home university in Sheffield to study Architecture. From there he joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Working for the FCO suited Iain's skills and allowed him to pursue his passion for travel and new experiences. He served in Geneva and Delhi as well as embarking on several other shorter postings including Iraq,

Moldova and New York (for UN negotiations on nuclear disarmament). Iain was diagnosed with brain cancer at the end of 2013 and he fought it to the end with his relentless vigour and passion. He continued to live life to the full: climbing mountains, playing tennis and working in the job he loved.

Iain's significant contributions to his job were highlighted in the messages of condolence received from such influential figures in Government and the Civil Service as Baroness Warsi. Iain leaves behind a wife, **Caroline** (OG 1992-99), his parents, a brother **Duncan** (1997-2004), a sister, and friends all over the world. His positivity and love of life touched many. Iain's friends are undertaking various fundraising activities for charities working to reduce brain tumour deaths and to support those impacted by cancer. Further details can be found at <https://itsbeenquality.wordpress.com/charities/> and Iain's year group at school is entering a team in his name to Robbie's Rugby Festival <http://www.robbiesrugbyfestival.com/> on 10th July. *We are indebted to **Oliver Redrup** for this tribute.*

Ken Ward

Long-serving and widely respected teacher



Ken Ward (1952-84) died on the 30th November, 2014. Born in Grantham in 1924, Ken attended King's School before enrolling as

a police cadet. In 1942 he signed up as a trainee pilot, and subsequently transferred to the Fleet Air Arm, where he served as a sub-lieutenant, flying in Seafires from the carrier *Indefatigable* in the Pacific war against the Japanese. He was awarded the DSC for his bravery in No. 887 squadron.

After the war, he trained as a teacher in Loughborough, and began his career as a metal-work master at LGS in 1952. His skill as a craftsman is still visible in the school – he designed and built the Quad gates, and the weather vane which he presented to former Headmaster S.R. Pullinger has been restored and erected in the school's new Science campus. Ken was very active outside the



Quad Gates made by Ken Ward in 1964.

classroom – he ran the school's Voluntary Service Unit for many years, he trained the Loughborough sea cadets at *TS Venomous*, and he did a great deal of charity work with the Loughborough Round Table and the Probus group. He leaves a son Martin and a daughter, Amanda. His wife of over 60 years, Dorothy, died in 2005. *We are indebted to Don Wood for this tribute.*

John Marriott

Passionate sportsman, GP and hospital surgeon

John Marriott (1951-58) died on 28th February aged 75. John was a GP and surgeon at Andover War Memorial Hospital from 1972 until his retirement in 1996.

John Marriott was born in Kenya just after the start of the Second World War. His family returned to the UK when he was 11 and he was educated at LGS, where he excelled at sport. He qualified in medicine at St George's Hospital Medical School before becoming surgical registrar at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital and then moving to Andover.

Deciding he wanted to spend more time with his family, John changed direction and became a GP while maintaining his links with Andover hospital where he operated every Thursday

afternoon until his retirement. Sport was one of his main passions. A life-long friend, Mr Lloyd-Davies said: "In his youth he had been an outstanding athlete and rugby player, being a member of the Harlequins RFC and also part of a very powerful second row for St George's. A fine countryman, he was a first class shot and made an annual trip to the Solway Firth for wildfowling and salmon fishing."

In 2007 John was diagnosed with a serious blood condition and, following a fall in which he broke his leg, he suffered recurring ill health. He leaves three children, Sarah, Andrew and Louise, as well as three step-daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven step-grandchildren. *This is a*



John Marriott

shortened version of the tribute which first appeared in the Andover Advertiser. Reproduced with permission.

Robert Sharp

A committed Christian, passionate about cricket and music



2nd XI 1956 Left to right: Back row: Whitmore; McHugh; Arthur; Robert Sharp; Marsh; Buckley; Ingram; Wisser. Front row: ?; Wilson; Murcott; Grist; Johnson.

Robert Sharp (1949-57) died on October 30th, 2013 a few weeks before his seventy-sixth birthday. Born in 1937 his childhood had been blighted by bone tuberculosis and adult life by its disabling legacy. Long periods in hospital meant much disruption of his schooling. Whilst at home, occasional appearances were made at Rosebery Street Primary School, pushed there in a wicker bath chair by his father, Frank. An 11 plus Scholarship and passage beyond the 'sacred portals' proved a salvation, particularly during the period after his father died prematurely. Robert drank deeply from the LGS wells of knowledge. The Grammar School also awakened a desire to entertain - school plays honing the mischievous mimic within. A committed Christian, music also formed an integral part of his faith, whether as a chorister, church organist or through his early involvement with the Loughborough Evangelical Mission.

Treasured memories of his LGS schooldays were seldom distant

from any conversation no matter what the subject. Surfacing seemingly at whim or via some tenuous, Goonish, connection to illuminate the moment, his warm, often humorous tales of **Don Wood, Colin Tivey, Mrs Mulcahy** (always 'Mrs' for some reason even after all the years!) and the legendary Headmaster, **Sid Pullinger** would envelop and entrance the listener.

On leaving LGS, Robert entered the Westminster Bank, spending 35 years behind the counter until ill-health forced early retirement. In 1962, he married **Diane Whitworth** (OG 1952-59) and they had four children, Philip, Graeme, Christopher (who tragically died in a shooting accident, aged 16) and Elizabeth. At LGS his disability had negated playing sport but Robert found some recompense by scoring for the school cricket teams and subsequently Loughborough Town CC. It would prove prophetic for the years ahead.

A final posting to NatWest's Skegness branch brought Robert and family to Burgh-le-Marsh in

Lincolnshire. His introduction to the local cricket club, Burgh & District, saw him minding the scorebook one afternoon and the legend of 'Bob on the Boundary' was born. He was to be *The Millers'* scorer for the next twenty one years as well as Club Treasurer (1997-98). Compiling the team's statistics and history led to him publishing a book in 2001, *Bats About Burgh*, the club's Millennium Project. He was still a Vice-President when he died. Involvement in local cricket didn't stop there - he and eldest son, Philip were instrumental in the evolution of the East Lindsey League.

Robert's years at LGS garnered more than just an excellent education or invaluable memories. Those years gave him long-standing friendships - **Paul 'Quem' Howe** (1947-57), **Gerald Archer** (1949-54), **Frank Holroyd** (1949-55), **Ken Pearce** (1948-56) to name but a few and one or two members of staff, **Don Wood** foremost amongst them. LGS allowed him to be himself and, as the ex-Mayor of Boston, George Danby put it, "he was unique, unforgettable, one of those characters simply irreplaceable." *This is an edited version of the memoir sent to us by Robert's son, Philip to whom we are most grateful.*

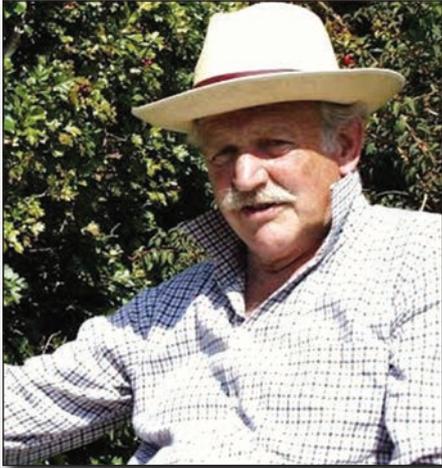
Geoffrey Gough

Keen member of the OLA

Geoffrey Gough (1939-44) died on the 26th November 2014. He was born in 1928 and was a member of the Old Loughburians' Association for many years. He attended a number of annual dinners until he no longer felt able to travel from his home in Norfolk. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, Simon and daughter, Zoe. *We are indebted to Geoffrey's son Simon Gough who sent us this news.*

Brian Webb

Cricketer and craftsman whose legacy can be seen all over LGS



Brian Webb

Brian Webb (1952-87) passed away on 1st April 2014 aged 90. Born and bred near Halifax, Brian was granted a trial for Yorkshire CC before going as a student to Worcester College, Oxford and playing rugby for the Greyhounds. War intervened to send him to Germany in the Royal Corps of Signals for five years, with experiences ranging from D Day to Arnhem and to skiing in the Black Forest.

Brian then studied Craft and Physical Education at Loughborough Colleges from 1948-51, where he became Captain of Cricket and Squash as well as establishing himself at full

back in the 1st XV. On graduating he was asked to join the Leicestershire CC playing staff but declined on the basis that the salary was rubbish and he would get paid more as a teacher (?)

His first teaching post was at Leicester Grammar School but soon a vacancy for cricket master and handicraft teacher was advertised at LGS, where he remained there for thirty five years until retirement in 1987.

Cricket coaching came immediately and by 1957 he was in charge of the 1st XI. Apart from the vast number of excellent players who passed through his hands, there were also the projects which he contributed to the school - the workshop extensions which he built; the new pitch on Beacon Road, the creation of the hockey pitches and new tennis courts; the erection of the pavilion at Ten Acre, the stage for the old gymnasium, modern

furniture for the Hodson Hall and Chapel, these were but a few.

Brian was a great organiser and generous with his time and skills for family, neighbours, friends and teaching colleagues. He had a very strong sense of social responsibility and to do what was right was very important to him. In retirement Brian's passions remained cabinet making, fly fishing, gardening and bee keeping. He was delighted when grandsons arrived and, although he never shared their passion for football, he grudgingly put up with many hours of Manchester United games. He leaves a wife, Pat and children, **Rosemary** (OG 1969-76), **Caroline** (OG 1972-79) and **Adrian** (1975-82). *We are indebted to his son, **Adrian** and **Don Wood** for this tribute.*



Hodson Hall furniture made by Brian Webb

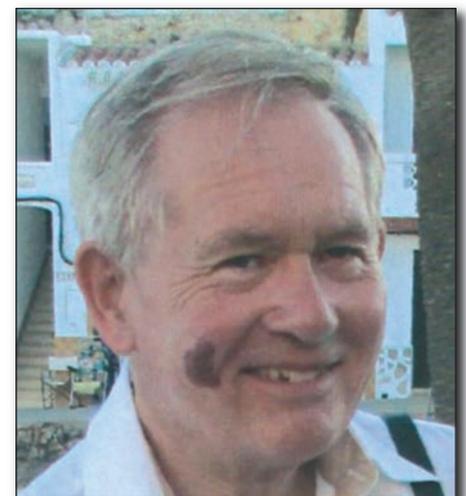
Roger Orill

Half a century in the transport business

Roger Orill (1953-62) died on December 14th 2014 at the age of 70. He entered the school as a boarder but switched to becoming a day boy. He excelled at sport: playing cricket for house and school and rugby for the 1st XV and later, for the Old Loughburians.

After LGS he joined a Loughborough accountancy firm

as an articled clerk. He moved on to join a small, local transport company, FG Sherwood, which grew from three lorries to a multi-million pound business. He spent fifty years with Sherwood's and was still working there at the time of his death. He was a widower and is survived by three step-children and their families. *We are indebted to Roger's brother, **Andrew** (1956-65) for these words.*



Roger Orill

Dick Sutton

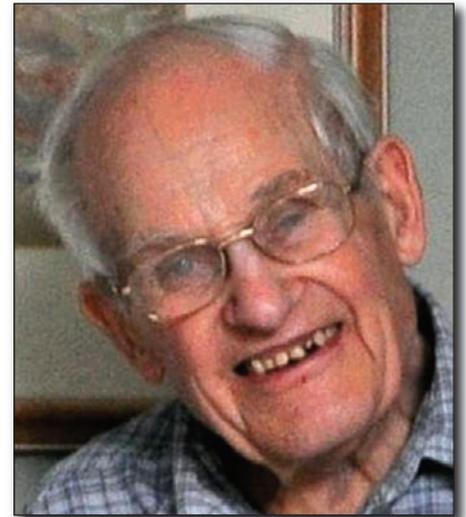
An inveterate battler who lived in constant hope of social change

Dick Sutton (1932-39) who has died at the age of 94 is described as a fiercely intelligent man and inveterate battler who lived in constant hope of social change. With his father redundant in the 1930s, Dick saw at first-hand the devastating effects of poverty and unemployment. When he left LGS, he became an articled clerk in Coalville, where he met Pat Moss, whom he married in 1947. Dick joined the army in 1940 and was mentioned in dispatches in 1946.

He studied hard to become a chartered accountant, joining the Manchester textile firm Tootal, and subsequently becoming its chief accountant. A takeover in

1963 resulted in redundancy for Dick but he responded with characteristic pragmatism, advising struggling firms on survival. In his 60s, always full of life, he set up his own company, offering accounting and technology services to the property management sector. He was, for over ten years, Treasurer of 42nd Street, the mental health charity.

He was interested in the lives of those around him right into his tenth decade. He was always on hand with a text or email that proffered advice, often humorously. His son, Richard, died in 1993, and Pat in 2014, but Dick is survived by their three



Dick Sutton

daughters, Hilary, Judy and Katherine, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. *This obituary appeared in The Guardian on February 19th, 2015, written by Dick's daughter, Katherine and reproduced in a shortened form, courtesy of Guardian News & Media Ltd.*

John Atkin

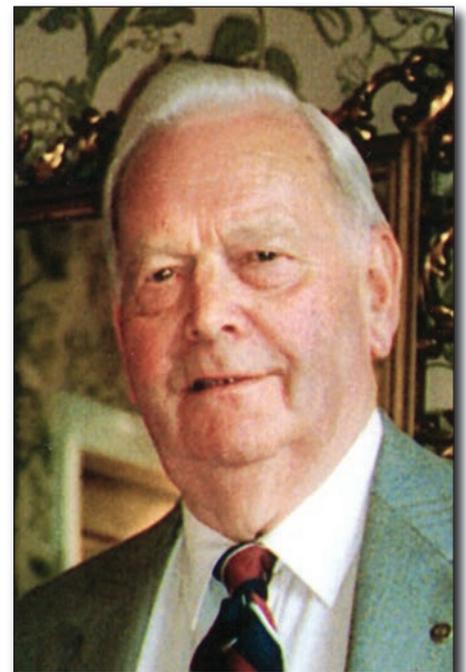
A lifetime devoted to the family firm and to the community of Shepshed

John Atkin (1932-41) died on 19th May 2014 shortly after his 89th birthday. John was born in Derby but lived in Shepshed for all of his life. In 1929 he attended Shepshed Council School and moved to LGS aged nine. He left school at sixteen and was articled to Thomas May and Co, a firm of accountants in Leicester. In 1943 he found himself in the RAF in the rear turret of a Vickers Warwick 5 and flew as air gunner on Coastal Command until he was demobbed in 1946. He then joined the family building and undertaking firm, Atkin Bros Ltd, founded by John's great grandfather in 1870 and where John remained until his retirement.

John met his wife, Vi, in the Forces

and they married in August 1948. They had three children and celebrated their Blue Sapphire (65 years) wedding anniversary in 2013. John was very much involved in community life in Shepshed and district – as a local councillor in Shepshed between 1970-74, as a Director and later Chairman of Shepshed Building Society from 1969-95. He was a school governor for forty years and a member of Shepshed Rotary Club for fifty. John served as a magistrate from 1976 until 2000.

As a life-long supporter of Leicester City, he went to every Wembley cup final that Leicester played in! On retirement in 1989 John continued working for the community as Treasurer of the Vine House Trust and a driver for



John Atkin

the Shepshed Volunteer Centre. *We are grateful to John's son, Edward, for this tribute.*

Richard McBride

A first-class Mathematician with a love of the outdoors

Richard McBride (1975-83) died on 6th March 2015 at the age of 88.

Richard began his education at Henry Mellish Grammar School, Bulwell before winning a scholarship to read Mathematics at Queen's College, Cambridge where he gained a 1st Class degree.

His teaching career began at King's School, Chester, but in 1975 LGS was advertising for a Head of Department. From the start, Richard demonstrated a real love and expertise in Mathematics which he was happy to share with both colleagues and boys. He was at his best tackling challenging problems from Oxbridge scholarship papers.

Besides Mathematics, Richard's great interest was in orienteering



Richard McBride

which he introduced to LGS with great success. Many boys spent their weekends with Richard at orienteering events around the country. For local events in the Outwoods or on Beacon Hill, in excess of a hundred boys and staff would be participating,

thanks to Richard's enthusiasm and hard work.

It was this enthusiasm for the outdoor life and his typical resolve which carried him through the loss of his first wife, Pam and subsequent early retirement in 1983. Supported and cared for by his second wife, Olive, Richard was re-energised. He became committed to the charity Water Aid and travelled to see its work in Uganda. The visits that he and Olive made with his grandchildren to Loughborough's twin towns of Epinal and Schwabisch Hall broadened their horizons and created lasting relationships particularly in Germany.

As a colleague wrote "He was a gentle man as well as a gentleman of great sensitivities." *We are indebted to Richard Meredith and **John Fernandez** (1974-2008) for assistance in drawing up this tribute.*

Tony Evans

An enthusiast for steam railways and cricket

Jack Anthony (Tony) Evans (1935-39) died on February 18th 2014 at the age of 89. Tony was born in Coventry but a family move to Loughborough meant schooling at Rosebery Street.

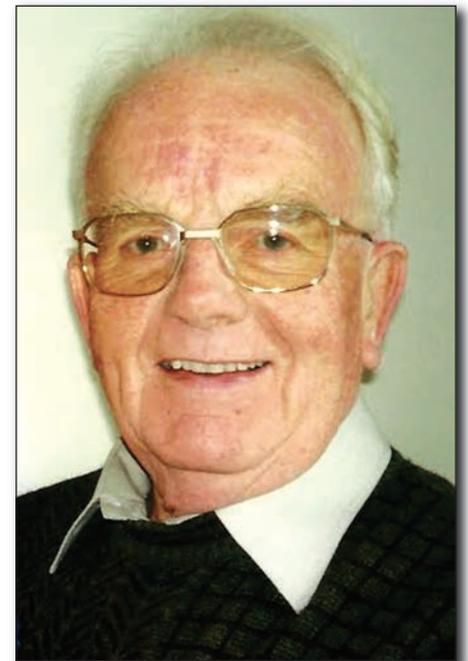
From there he progressed to LGS where he made many friends and adjusted to Saturday morning school, homework and developed a love for cricket and rugby.

He was due to go into the Sixth Form when the rumblings of World War II forced the family to move to Birmingham, so Tony transferred to Solihull Grammar School. At eighteen he joined the army and saw service in Normandy a few days after D-Day. It was 1947 before he was

demobbed and, on a visit to LGS, he was saddened to hear of the death of several of his friends whose names are on the plaque in the Hodson Hall.

Tony sat the Civil Service exams in Birmingham and trained as a Customs and Excise Officer. His love of cricket regularly took him to Edgbaston and it was there he met Dorothy whom he married in 1954. Soon they were able to return to Loughborough. Their three sons **Philip** (1968-75), **Robert** (1973-80) and **William** (1978-85) all attended LGS.

Tony had many interests including history, music (from jazz to classical) and steam railways, as a result of which there was always a model railway



Tony Evans

in either loft or garage. He is deeply missed by his wife, three sons and their families. *We are indebted to Tony's son, **William** for this tribute.*

Mark de Chazal

Created foundations of Compliance and Anti-Bribery and Corruption framework for Rolls Royce

Mark de Chazal (1991-95) died on 26th January 2014. After LGS Mark went on to read Economics at Durham University. After graduating he went to Loughborough University where he gained an MSc and also a PhD whilst working for Rolls Royce, a company which he both loved and respected. He put his phenomenal mind to learning the different businesses within Rolls Royce from Marine to the Nuclear Business and latterly in the International Business sector where he turned his hand to compliance. He developed the founding stone of Rolls Royce's Compliance and Anti Bribery and Corruption framework which is still used every day around the world.

His love of travel and food was legendary and he was keen to try new experiences with his fiancée, Sarah. One of his major passions was skiing and being in the dramatic peaks of the Austrian



Mark de Chazal

Alps and spent many happy family holidays there. He adored champagne and spent many happy hours tasting different vintage champagnes with his uncle with the aim of finding the perfect one. His sense of humour and lightness of touch meant that he was adored by all who knew him and he had the respect of everyone he worked with around the world.

It came as such a shock when he was diagnosed with a particularly

aggressive form of Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in June 2013. He faced this devastating news with a dignity and courage that all who knew him could only marvel at. Determined to beat his cancer he underwent four rounds of potent chemotherapy, full body irradiation and a bone marrow transplant, only to be told on New Year's Eve that the leukaemia had returned. Two weeks later, with a strength of purpose, he managed to realise his dream of marrying his fiancée, Sarah at the Guildhall in Leicester surrounded by his family and wonderful friends who had travelled from around the world to be with him.

*We are grateful to Mark's sister, **Gemma Desbarres**, (OG 1990-97) for this tribute. Gemma has recently run the London Marathon in memory of her brother, thus raising money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Her account will remain open until mid-July. Help beat blood cancers together <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Gemmadesbarres>*

Michael Smallman

Prominent local businessman and Freemason

Michael Smallman (1947-52) died on 1st March 2015 aged 79. Michael grew up in Tuckers Road, Loughborough, attending Shelthorpe School, and then moving on with a scholarship to LGS.

After LGS Michael trained as a quantity surveyor and was articled to William Moss and Sons. After National Service in the Royal Artillery, during which he successfully became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building, he moved to William Davis where he spent thirty two happy years, rising to Contract Director. He was President of the National Builders Federation and President of the

Loughborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

He loved the Thomas Burton Masonic Lodge which he joined in February 1975 and became Worshipful Master in 1989. He loved his Masonry, taking particular pride in the maintenance of the Masonic Hall and the careful performance of ritual as Chaplain.

A keen sportsman, he had represented the Army at judo, rugby and athletics, he took up tennis in later years. He loved music and, at any opportunity, would play his ukulele and guitar but the thing that mattered most



Michael Smallman

to Michael was his family. Michael was a generous man, he loved a joke, was always true and honest and most of all, a man of his word. *We are most grateful to Michael's son, **Richard Smallman** (1972-77) and to **Mel Cowley** (1940-47) for these words.*

Peter Harriss

Sports reporter for the Loughborough Echo for over 20 years

Peter Harriss (1944-50) passed away at the age of 81 on Friday, April 3rd 2015 after a suspected heart attack at his home near Norwich. He had moved there to work on the *Norwich Evening News* in 1976 after more than two decades with the *Echo*.

He leaves behind his wife, Val Harriss whom he met when she was a trainee journalist with the *Echo*. She said: "He didn't take any credit for anything. He loved everybody, spoke to everybody. He was very sporty and loved most sports, particularly rugby and football which he used to play, as he did cricket. He just enjoyed being outdoors."

He said, "I went to the *Echo* when I was 18 after having my National Service delayed. I did that 1952-54 and then came back to the *Echo*. I did a bit of general reporting, particularly when Les Kirk was on holiday, but it was mainly sports following Brush and Loughborough United as well as the Colleges, who had a good side including the likes of Bob Wilson and Dario Gradi."

"When I was a reporter at Brown's Lane stadium we used to have a table in the main wooden stand that could accommodate three or four reporters. There were also phone wires so we could telephone reports in. There wasn't much there, but you got on as best you could."

"Brown's Lane used to hold other sports including athletics meetings. I remember competing there as a pupil in the hurdles for Loughborough Grammar School and won my race. It led to me



Peter Harriss

being selected for the Leicestershire team and we went down to Eton for the finals. But I remember being really embarrassed at being beaten by another runner who ran bare-foot."

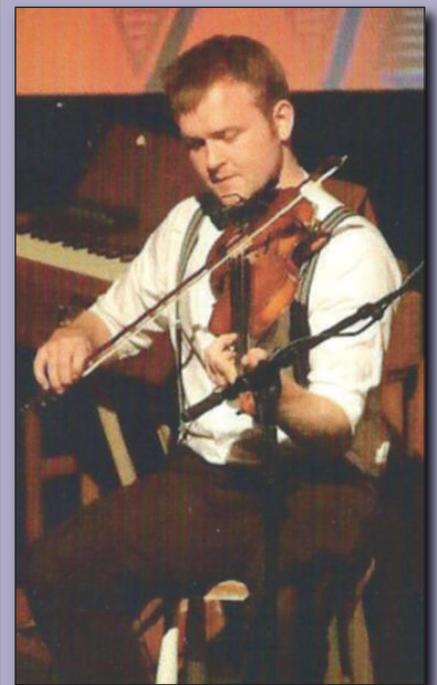
John Weitzel, Deputy Headmaster, told the *Echo*: "During his time at Loughborough Grammar School, Peter Harriss showed himself to be a fine athlete and always featured in Sports Day. His greatest triumph was when, at age 14, he won the Junior Victor Ludorum winning the 'Throwing the Cricket Ball' (javelins didn't exist in school then!) with a distance of 60 yards and one foot; the High Jump at 4ft 7in and the Long Jump at 16ft 9in. Of all of these performances, it was the Long Jump which was the most impressive - a school record at the time - and a record that then stood for 60 years."

John Rippin worked with Peter before replacing his father as editor of the *Loughborough Echo*. He said: "He was a really special

person. Throughout the years that I worked with him I never saw him in a bad mood. He was a great journalist and a particularly outstanding sports writer." *We are grateful to the Loughborough Echo for this picture and the tribute which is reproduced here in an edited form.*

STOP PRESS...

Sam Sweeney (1999-2007), guest speaker at this year's Loughborough Dinner, has won Musician of the Year at BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Sam was nominated for the Musician of the Year award for both of the last two years. This year he took the top spot while his 11 piece folk band, *Bellowhead*, was also nominated for Best Folk Band



Sam Sweeney

at the awards. On his blog, Sam wrote "I'm still a little overwhelmed by the whole experience, but it was an incredible night and it's an enormous honour to have such an award to my name."

OLA Golf

Dave Barnett

Grafton Morrish Trophy

Qualifying Round at Gog Magog GC.

Loughborough won the competition by a staggering 8 points from Oakham and Uppingham to lead the eight qualifiers for the finals.

David and Phil Saul 38 points. Nick Preedy and James Pretty 32. Nick Wainwright and Ian Anderson 29.

Loughborough reaches the Semi-finals at Hunstanton GC

Following a first round bye, St George's, Weybridge pulled out at the last minute to give us another bye. Our first round proper, early on Saturday morning brought an excellent win 2-1 against a very strong past winner in Solihull. The Saul brothers playing very good foursome golf to win 6/4 and Nick Preedy and James Pretty keeping very calm, hitting two superb shots to the 18th for a half and a win by one hole in the deciding match. Scott Hamilton and George Griffiths, playing in his first final, were unfortunate to lose their match, having played some good golf. None was overawed by the unusual and considerable contingent supporting Solihull.



James Pretty, Dave Saul, Phil Saul, Nick Preedy (capt), Scott Hamilton and George Griffiths.

Saturday afternoon, in the worst weather of the weekend, produced a comfortable win against Oakham with excellent wins for Nick and James 7/5, and the Saul Brothers 5/4 with Scott and George having a very close game. Bright sunshine and calm were so welcome on the Sunday as the team attempted to dry clothes, shoes and socks from the previous afternoon. This was the semi-final against a very good Sherborne team with the first pair of .02 handicap, 4 under par at half way but brought back to 1 up by Scott and George before winning 3/1. Phil and Dave Saul were not at their best, but still the result hung on two putts on 13 and 15. Captain Nick and James were on good form again to win their match 3/1

Congratulations to all the team and best wishes for more success in future years

Spring Trophy at the Nottinghamshire GC

There was sufficient water in the lakes, ponds and ditches without three storms and the wind to make golf

very difficult off the white tees. The conditions did not stop Achilleas Hatjosif having the best second nine of 21 points to win the Cup for the third time. Runner up was Adam Bolton with 33 points, his highlight being a 2 net 1 for 4 points on the 5th. After no winter golf, Dave Bramwell had the best first nine with 18 points, but eventually faded after sheltering from the storms.

OLGS v The School for The Burton Salver at Longcliffe GC

Dark clouds and strong winds faded away to provide a beautiful summer evening of golf, the last match at 9.45, to give the OLs a draw 3.5 to 3.5, but failing to win back the trophy for the second year running.

Scott Hamilton played some imperious golf to give his team the perfect lead with a resounding win. Jonathans Carlisle and Allen admitted they were extremely fortunate to win their match. Laurence and your correspondent had a close match, playing some of their best golf in the fading light.

This was another most enjoyable match involving OLs, masters and boys, finishing with an ideal buffet as Trevor Tunnicliff referred to the successful golf activities at school, and Dave Barnett likewise referred to the success of the OLs in the recent qualifying round of the Grafton Morrish Trophy.

Boys' Championship at Rothley Park GC

In conjunction with the Quincentennial Trophy, twelve boys entered the championship which was won by Joe Halfpenny with 36 points.

Match

The O Loughburians beat the O Nottinghamians by 4-2 at Rothley Park GC

Public Schools Golf Tournament at Luffenham Heath

Dave Barnett, Achilleas Hatjosif, Jon Soars, Tom Barton, Ian Agar and Chris Wreghitt played for the first time in the tournament. The best two scores to count in the morning and afternoon rounds.

Wellingburians	154
Stamfordians	149
Loughburians	135
Oundelians	125

Autumn Trophy at Longcliffe GC

Jon Soars	35
Simon Cockbill	34
Achilleas Hatjosif	32
Jon Allen	32

Quincentennial Trophy at Rothley Park GC

<i>Winner</i>	M Green	38
<i>Leading OL</i>	Steve Foster	37
	Joe Halfpenny	36
	Ian Anderson	35
	Roger Collins	35

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My Loughborough

Stephen Smith (1959-66)

My father had attended the school in the 1930s, and my grandmother had attended the High School pre-First World War, so it was almost a family tradition. We bought the uniform, and my mum was determined to put me in long trousers – but we then found out that first and second years had to wear shorts, so another visit was made to get me fitted with them – not a good look for an overweight 10 year old. The really new item was the cap – which at least at that point you could cram into your side pocket.

The comforting experience was the bus ride to school – with plenty of your mates (and High School girls). The trees and the

...overshadowed by those huge older boys and staff in gowns

railings - they dominate my first impressions. The grass which you weren't allowed to walk on: the first assembly – crammed into the Old Hall (H1), overshadowed by those huge older boys and staff in gowns: Harry Murray getting us to stand up for the Headmaster: Norman Walter (newly arrived like us) striding in with his gown and mortar board – all was completely overwhelming.

We were sorted into forms at random and after six months were then re-sorted into streams – to decide whether we were going to take four or five years to O level. This ultimately meant



Stephen Smith

that I took my O levels aged 14 and my A levels aged 16. However, I somehow dragged myself into the top stream. The staff were variable, and we gave some of them a rough ride (poor Mr Ruffhead in Maths!). Mind you, several of them got their own back. I missed the drama of the rubber tubing, but John Docherty began the LGS tradition (continued by Eddie Thorpe!) of

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insulting my sporting prowess and the length of my rugby shorts. We enjoyed our work, strange to say, with all its traditional predictability (though Bob Griffiths did not fit that mould – I still have my exercise book from 3S to prove it!!).

Monday afternoon was HELL!! We had Latin in H1 with Clare Mulcahy, as we were verbally

beaten into an understanding of Mentor. That was followed by a quick exit to Colin Tivey in B1. Colin was Shepshed born and bred: he named me Sam (which stuck right up to his death) and he regularly told me my father had been better at French than me. As 'Smith Minor' I was

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fortunately hidden by Philip (Smith Major) – much bigger than me and therefore often the butt of CPT's questions. After these two lessons we retreated slowly to the Dining Hall for music with Reggie Shields. After our previous 90 minutes of terror and control it was as though all our inbuilt tension was now released – not into music, but disorder. Did the timetable do it to him deliberately?

Four o'clock, and we rushed out to catch the bus back: the best was the one which was quaintly (as Ken James pointed out)

How reassuring at the end of a tough day!

signed 'Shepshed via Shepshed'. How reassuring at the end of a tough day! *Stephen returned to LGS from 1970 to 1993 to teach History, eventually becoming Head of Bedford Modern School from 1996-2009.*

Old Loughburians' Association Programme of Events 2015

June

Sat 13 **2005 Leavers' 10 Year Reunion**
Loughborough Grammar School
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

Tues 16 **Drinks Party**
Royal Society of Medicine
Wimpole Street 6.30-8.30 pm

Sat 20 **1989 Leavers' Reunion**
Loughborough Grammar School
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

July

Wed 1 **Theatre trip "Singing in the Rain"**
Kilworth Open Air Theatre tbc

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

September

Fri 11 **2012-15 Homecoming BBQ**
Details to follow

Sat 19 **1995 Leavers' 20 Year Reunion**
Loughborough Grammar School
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

November

Sat 4 **Hong Kong Reunion**
Details to follow

Sat 7 **1990 Leavers' 25 year Reunion**
Loughborough Grammar School
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

Fri 20 **OLA London Dinner**
RAF Club, Piccadilly

The London Dinner – Friday November 20th

Now is the right time to start getting a table of eight or ten together for the 2015 Dinner. The RAF Club provides a very exclusive venue and is only available to us through the kind auspices of Wing Commander Peter Sergeant.

We look forward to seeing you there on November 20th.

Old Loughburians' Golf Society Fixtures 2015

30th May 2015 - Quincentennial Trophy at Rothley Park GC. Tee Off 12.30am to 2.30pm
(Chance to play Rothley for discounted fee)

9th June 2015 - Match v School at Longcliffe GC. Tee Off 4.30pm to 5.15pm.
(There will be a cost for golf & meal)

25th to 27th September 2015 - Grafton Morrish Finals. (Single figure handicaps only)

30th September 2015 - Match & Nottingham High School Old Boys at Hollinwell. Tee off 1.00pm
(There will be a cost for golf & meal of about £50 - Market rate for this Championship Course is approx. £100).

15th October 2015 - 50 Year Anniversary Autumn meeting & Dinner at Rothley Park GC.
Tee off 12.30 to 1.30 (Approx. cost £40 for golf & meal for non-members. £15 for meal only)

If you would like to join the OLGS please contact:

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School Rules 1915

CONDUCT.

Every boy when he first enters a School at once takes upon himself new duties and responsibilities. If it is a good school, he is responsible for keeping it good; if it is not, he must do his best to make it good. This School will not do you all the good a school can do to the boys in it unless you can be justly proud of it. So try and let the School have, and deserve, a good name in the town and district.

Any intelligent boy who will keep this always in mind will know how he should act and how he should not act; but here are some suggestions about your general behaviour, your work, and your play.

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR.

Do nothing to lower the credit of the School.
 Be orderly in School and out.
 Don't make a noise in corridor or class-rooms, and behave properly going to and from School.
 Don't smoke, or travel in smoking carriages.
 Don't use bad or coarse language yourselves, and try and stop those who do.
 Don't hang about the streets, especially in the evening.
 Be respectful to others and make yourself respected.
 Be honest and truthful.
 Be kind and helpful.
 Don't disgrace the School Cap which you are required to wear.

Do nothing to harm others.
 Don't throw stones or use catapults or other dangerous weapons at School.
 Don't bicycle inside the grounds unless you are a monitor.
 Don't borrow things without leave or fail to return them.
 Don't sell or barter things to one another.
 Don't start, or join in, evil talk; the worst harm you can do to another boy is not the harm done to his body.

Do nothing to harm yourself.
 Take care of your health.
 Keep body and *mind* clean.
 Don't eat or drink between meals.
 Get all the fresh air you can, and keep out of the buildings at break.
 Don't get chills by not changing after games, or by looking on after playing without an overcoat.
 Don't leave what belongs to you lying about or omit to have your name on it.
 Mind the Rifle Club Rules.

Do nothing to harm the buildings, the furniture, or the grounds.
 Don't kick or throw stones or balls about in the court or against the buildings.
 Don't cut desks or make marks on any part of the buildings.
 Don't litter the place with paper, orange-peel, or the like.
 Don't trespass among the shrubs, or on the grass in the court.
 Don't misuse the seats in the field, or climb over railings.

Never be absent, except for illness, unless leave has been obtained.
 Be punctual.
 Bring into class all the books required and do not mislay them
 Be attentive in School and do your best to get your name on the Honour Board.
 Don't waste time when changing class-rooms.
 Give time enough in the evening to prepare your work properly.
 Don't get too much help, and never copy from another boy.
 No work at all is better than dishonest work.

WORK.

PLAY.

Play regularly.
 Play hard.
 Play fair.
 Start punctually.
 Keep your temper.
 Don't wrangle.
 Don't be in the grounds after 6-30 in the evening.
 Change before a game and immediately after football.
 Don't stand about in the clothes you have got ho in.
 In School Matches remember you are playing for the School and not for your self.
 Don't play for other Clubs during term time without permission.

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