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Paul Fisher

## From the President

In February this year John Weitzel was able to acquire for the school the Sidney Russell Pullinger archive which had become available on eBay. It proved to be a treasure trove of press cuttings and memorabilia collected in chronological order with SRP's own handwritten annotations and it stretches across the whole 29 years of his headship. More details of this will emerge as our archivists go to work but it is a wonderful and very timely acquisition in the year that the Pullinger Building, restored in its new guise, will take its place at the centre of the Science Park that has emerged on the east side of the Walks.

***Our boys have reached the national final six times in a row***



*The Tower seen between Red House and the refurbished Pullinger Block*

This summer boys will return to their Maths lessons in Pullinger and will look out at the splendid Science buildings which surround them from an equally splendid Maths environment - a fitting context for an astonishingly successful department. Our Maths results in public examinations last year were outstanding, over a hundred boys gaining A\* at GCSE and over 50 gaining A\* and A at A level; moreover it is our most popular and successful Sixth Form subject and our national profile is confirmed by the success of our Senior Team in the National Maths Challenge. Our boys have reached the national final six times in a row and in four of those we have been in the top dozen – and we have just come a very creditable 11<sup>th</sup> this year. I should mention also the singular achievements of Matei Mandache in Year 13 who is one of only two students in the country to get full marks in the British Mathematics Olympiad. He has been selected to represent the UK in the elite Romanian Master of Mathematics competition in Bucharest, the third time he has represented the UK this year.

***up-grading our boarding accommodation in both School House and Denton***

The Ireland Building (Physics) was opened by Professor Ian White, Master of Jesus College, Cambridge last October, and we are very fortunate to be able to maintain so positively that link with Jesus College which Norman Walter re-established in the 1960s. Norman's own name is of course attached to the Chemistry building and with the Millward extension to the Murray Building (Biology) we have three of SRP's successors in formation around him.

Boarding places here are in great demand and we are expanding and up-grading our boarding accommodation in both School House and Denton. A very substantial extension has been added to the back of Denton which will enable it to become an all-age House while School House, which is undergoing a staged programme of refurbishment, will become a two-year Sixth Form boarding house. We are spending over £1 million on this boarding project which recognises the contribution made by the boarders to the school in all sorts of ways but most certainly, in recent years, on the academic front.

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*The Pullinger Archive*

Our boys continue to go to the best Universities in the country on the courses of their choice. There is some case for saying

that last summer's results were the strongest the school has ever achieved and with the quality of our new facilities I suppose we might expect only further improvement! Of course it is people, teachers and boys, who produce results and that special alchemy seems to be alive and well in the Walks. We are delighted with all that has been built over recent years but all of us are looking forward to September when for the first time in quite a while there will be peace across the campus and no construction in sight.

## From the Chairman

Roger Perrett



Well, that was quite a year! The London Dinner at the House of Lords was a perfect way to celebrate the OLA's 125th anniversary – we are extremely grateful to Lord Elton for making this possible and for being such a gracious host on the evening. Thanks also to Neil Rowbotham for doing



*The Loughborough Dinner 2012*

such a fantastic job of organising the event, and to all OLA's who attended on the evening and who helped to make it a really memorable occasion.

The Loughborough Dinner was a terrific success again this year, with Charlotte Smith, presenter of BBC Radio 4's "Farming Today" and "Countryfile" on BBC 1, proving to be very popular speaker, with a really humorous insight into the trials and tribulations of broadcasting.

I am pleased to confirm that the OLA remains in excellent shape and the number of OLA's reconnected with each other and with the school continues to grow. A huge thank you to all those serving on the OLA Committee, to Henry Mount for joining us, and to Susie and her team at the Development Office (Mark, Eloise, Hannah and Polly) for helping to deliver such a full and successful programme of events over the past year.

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### ***we continue to extend our reach by increasing the number of events and communications***

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Richard Dalton-Moore has stepped down from the OLA committee after many years and we are grateful to him for all that he has done in helping to further the OLA's cause. Susie Bromwich, Director of Development and External Relations, is leaving to take up a new challenge. She has given tremendous support to the OLA over the last 5 years and we wish her well in her new appointment. As we continue to extend our reach by increasing the number of events and communications, the admin-

istration function has continued to grow. The Development and External Relations Office, therefore, continues to be a huge help.

To facilitate delivery of the OLA programme, the committee has set up focus groups covering finance, communications, dinners, events, careers, membership matters and

merchandise. We have allocated three OLA's to each group but we could do with a little more assistance if any local OLA's have some time available – the commitment is not onerous. We are also looking into the logistics of setting up a London OLA Hub. Sam Waterfall has kindly offered to help in getting this off the ground, so if you live or work in London and can help, please contact him on [sam@samwaterfall.com](mailto:sam@samwaterfall.com).

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### ***we are also looking into the logistics of setting up a London OLA Hub***

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Careers feedback/assistance is so important to boys when making difficult choices with regard to university courses and career options. A huge thank you to those OLA's who have come forward to help with the hugely successful Careers Dinner, the Careers Convention later this year or to assist in any other way possible. The feedback from boys has been fantastic and it is great to see us putting this huge network to such good advantage.

Please remember to visit [www.olaoga.co.uk](http://www.olaoga.co.uk) when you get a spare minute or two to find out what is going on – the online booking system has been a great success. We are always keen to hear from you if you have any suggestions on events that may fit well into our calendar, alongside other scheduled events.

All the very best for the year ahead and I hope to see you at an OLA event soon.

## From the Editor

Tony Cox



As the chimes of Big Ben struck 11 on Friday October 26th I suddenly realised that this was no time signal on the BBC, it was from the clock some three hundred feet above my head. I, along with almost two hundred OLs, had just spent the previous five hours in the centre of British political power. Where a king had been put on trial, where James II had celebrated his coronation, where Oliver Cromwell had taken the oath as Lord Protector, where Sir Winston Churchill's body had once lain in state, there we had begun our evening with a tour of the Palace of Westminster. Where laws had once been made for an Empire covering one fifth of the world's population, where today laws affecting every part of our nation are enacted, there we had celebrated 125 years of the OLA. It was a



*"Our clock" for one night only!*

### *where Sir Winston Churchill's body had once lain in state*

fantastic evening for which we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Secretary, Neil Rowbotham. Read about it yourself in the special report on the centre pages of this edition where several of those present reflect on their experience and others place that London Dinner in the context of earlier dinners in the life of the OLA.

Compiling these reports and reviewing the hundreds of photos, I cannot escape the phrase from our school hymn, "One family unbroken". LGS is a school that attracts loyalty down the generations. Our OL dinners are often the occasions for fathers and sons, brothers (without their sisters!) to get to-



Roger Perrett

**Congratulations** to our Chairman who has been awarded the Loughborough Business Person of the Year in the Pride of Loughborough awards – *'For genuine entrepreneurial spirit and overall contribution to the business community in Loughborough.'*

gether, and the House of Lords was no exception. But that phrase has also struck home on less grand occasions this year. When we met up in much smaller numbers in Edinburgh and Putney, my abiding impression is of the ease with which former pupils of both schools mingled despite age gaps extending over many decades. Read the reminiscences of OLs in our ten pages of Old Boys' Notes and time and time again there are references to those with whom we shared those formative years (at both ends!) of Burton Walks. Our schools do indeed create an amazing sense of family, and not always metaphorically!

For many years the Old Boys' Notes have been compiled by Ed Thorpe who has endowed them with his own distinctive Celtic wit and formidable memory. Ed has now retired from the editorial team and we thank him for his immense contribution down the years.

The Old Boys' Notes for 2013 have been ably compiled by John Mellors ("Ziggy" or "Black Marauder" to many of you!). John retired in 2011 after thirty

### *our schools do indeed create an amazing sense of family, and not always metaphorically!*

seven years in the Modern Languages Department. We welcome him to the editorial team. Please send your news to him on [jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk). We rely on you to contact us with the kind of intelligence that you would wish to gain concerning your contemporaries. The Old Boys' Notes are the heart of this magazine. We rely on you to keep it beating.

In a literal sense we rely on many of you as members of the **medical profession** to keep us fit and healthy. LGS has made a huge contribution to the health of the nation down the years. For the 2014 edition we want to hear your opinions and your news, both personal and professional, at a crucial time for the NHS. Our deadline is Jan 31st 2014. Please don't wait for the bleep to go off. E-mail us your news on [honeditorola@googlemail.com](mailto:honeditorola@googlemail.com).

# LGS and the Law

Edited by Tony Cox



*Nev Metson*

**Nev Metson (1971-79) writes:** "In November 1981, I found myself as a trainee police recruit at Hendon and, after scraping through the academic side of training school, I was posted to Albany Street Police Station in Camden Town. Albany St. has been described as a village police station in the heart of Lon-

## *some notorious council estates*

don. It varied from half of Regent's Park and Crown Estate property on one side to Euston, St Pancras and King's Cross station on the other side, quite a heady mix.

In 1990 with three stripes on my arm, I paraded for duty at West Hendon Police station. This was a different style of policing with few officers and a much larger area, including some notorious council estates. In 1996 I took over the small policing team that covered Brent Cross Shopping Centre. Now I don't think there's a single method of shoplifting that I don't know about!

After seven years and due to my wife's poor health, we moved to West Wales and I transferred to Dyfed-Powys Police as a divisional Detective Sergeant. Living and working as a copper in such a rural and sparsely populated area was an absolute joy and unlike the Met, you really



*Bob Broomhall*

did feel that you could make a difference in people's lives. I took early retirement in January 2010 to care for my wife and manage our little smallholding."

## **Bob Broomhall (1948-53)**

*recalls his time as a juror:* "My first visit to Winchester Crown Court had been as a spectator at a murder trial. I was there to see the judge don his 'black cap'. It was in 1958 when capital punishment was about to be abolished and the man was eventually reprieved. Years later, I joined the seven men and five women of the jury who sat

## *to see the judge don his 'black cap'*

through a case of alleged rape and a lesser charge involving indecent photographs. When we retired to consider our verdict I found myself appointed foreman of the jury. A couple of the jurors pressed for a quick decision because they wanted to get back to work but my view was that I did not want anyone to be railroaded into a decision that might later play upon their consciences so I insisted that we take our time. I think the judge became somewhat impatient because he indicated that he would accept a 10-2 verdict. We found the accused guilty of the minor charge but not guilty of rape. I am



*Nick Robinson*

pleased that I had the experience of being a juror and glad that nobody in 'my' jury had been forced to come to a decision with which they did not fully agree."

**Nick Robinson (1994-2001) has shared his news:** "Since leaving LGS I completed a law degree at Durham with a year studying international law in Fribourg, Switzerland. I was called to the Bar in 2007 and now

## *the need to think on your feet*

practise as a barrister in Nottingham at Ropewalk Chambers. My practice is in Civil Law ranging from commercial work through fraud work, employment law, property and personal injury. I represent clients from individuals to large companies including Aviva and BT. My work takes me across the length and breadth of the country from Newcastle to Bristol and everywhere in between. I appear in court on a daily basis and I enjoy the variety of the work and relish the challenge presented by the adversarial nature of Court and the need to think on your feet that advocacy brings."



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Michael Napier CBE, QC

**Michael Napier (1957-64) writes:** “After LGS and a Law degree at Manchester I was articled to Malcolm Moss, former Chairman of the Governors of LGS, but moved back to Manchester to marry Denise and practise trade union law. In 1972 I joined Irwin Mitchell, a small high street firm of solicitors. When I retired forty years later it had 150 partners, 2500 staff and a turnover of £180m. In the 1980s/90s I was also a partner in Pannone Napier, a specialist firm that represented the bereaved and injured victims of the many disasters of that era. I was President of the Law Society in 2000 and currently I am the Attorney-General’s pro bono envoy. I’m also Vice Chairman of the Thalidomide Trust and a Queen’s Counsel (Honoris Causa).”



Karl Jansen

**Karl Jansen (1977-84) recounts his time in the Law:**

“In 1984 I headed down to London to study Law at the LSE. Three years later and I was on my way up to Chester for my Law Society Finals, but shortly before packing my bags for Cheshire I met Emma Whall, who had just finished Sixth Form at LHS. 12 months later and it was back down to London to join Davies Arnold Cooper as an Articled Clerk (now known as a trainee solicitor). During my 2 years’ articles, two things became clear. Firstly, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in corporate law (basically buying and selling businesses). Secondly, I realised that there was no way that Emma would move to London! So when I qualified in 1990, I decided to head back to Leicestershire and joined Freeth Cartwright, a ten-partner law firm in Nottingham with around 100 staff. In 2010 I celebrated 20 years at the firm, but it’s changed a huge amount since then. We’re now over 100 partners with more than 600 staff based in ten offices stretching from London to Manchester, and I am Head of Corporate and a member of the firm’s Management Board. If anyone questions the quality of legal work outside London, I can assure them it’s getting better and better. We act for the likes of Lafarge, Aldi and Experian and we’ve just completed our biggest ever corporate transaction, acting for Lafarge on a £272m sale. I married Emma in 1993 and we now live in Cropston with our 2 children, Poppy and Toby.”

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## A Barrister’s Week to Remember

### Monday

At Law Society’s Hall, London as chairman of Question Time debate “Is something always better than nothing?” anticipating greater need for pro bono legal help when legal aid for welfare law is withdrawn.

### Tuesday

At rooms of Speaker of House of Commons for Attorney-General’s reception for MPs and pro bono champions and presentation to parents of solicitor killed in Nepal air crash.

### Wednesday

Speech to law students at University of East London on “Who wants to be a (pro bono) lawyer?”

### Thursday

Talk to students at Loughborough High School about a career in the law (success at last after 50 years finally to enter the hallowed portals of LHS, firmly barred against LGS boys in the 50s/60s). Used as a prop to the talk my personal copy of Robert Bolt’s play “A Man for All Seasons” with school-boy margin annotations of Sir Thomas More’s famous speech that everyone (even the devil) is entitled to the protection of the law, or in modern parlance “The Rule of Law”. Used the props as an example to encourage the students to reflect on what had sparked their interest in a legal career. Discovered that the Attorney-General’s parliamentary private secretary, Jessica Lee MP, who is also a member of his pro bono committee, is a former Head Girl of LHS – small world!

### Friday

In Manchester at charity ball in aid of Spinal Injuries Association.

### Saturday

Speech at Manchester University to national assembly of law students and tutors involved in clinical (pro bono) legal education.

Michael Napier



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Philip Godfrey

**Philip Godfrey (1996-2003) has shared his news. He writes:**

"I was called to the Bar in 2010 at Grays Inn, having read Law at the University of Nottingham.

I am currently practising at Ropewalk Chambers in Nottingham. I specialise in the whole range of civil law (essentially anything that isn't crime or fami-

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ly), with a particular interest in employment law, housing and personal injury. I work for both Claimants and Defendants in broadly equal measures. My Chambers has a national practice, which means that we have to travel a lot. Any illusions of glamour at the Bar are swiftly shattered when you have your 10 am hearing at Carlisle County Court... It's a lot of long days and late nights, but it's great fun and I get to indulge my argumentative side!"

**Mike Cliff (1944-52) writes of his life with the police:**

"I joined the Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary in 1962, stationed as a village bobby in Narborough. I played rugby for the Force at scrum half, which came in handy when I transferred to the Derby Borough Police in 1966. Derby needed a



Mike Cliff

scrum half and although I was half an inch below minimum height for Derby I was accepted. Derby policing was a real shock, compared with my rural beat in Leicestershire, so in 1967 when the force was amalgamated with Derbyshire, I knuckled down and was the top student in the County for the Sergeant exams. However, I was whisked away into the Prosecution Department and onto CID Administration. After nine years of being cooped up in an office job I managed to escape back to Derby Division as a beat Sergeant and subsequently as a patrol Inspector. Again I was

***Derby policing was a real shock***

snatched away from real policing to Headquarters at Ripley as an Inspector where I worked through the 18 months of the miners' strike in 1984, looking after the 1000 police officers seconded to Derbyshire from other forces. I was working anything up to 20 hours a day, sometimes with a camp bed in my office at Headquarters. Following this stressful period I managed to return to outside shift policing as a patrol Inspector in Derby West Division, where I remained until 1990 when I took early retirement from the Force."



James Flynn

**James Flynn QC (1964-74) writes:**

"I am a barrister specialising in competition law. I worked in Paris, Luxembourg (for the British Judge at the European Court) and Brussels before resuming practice at the Bar in 1996. I took silk in 2003. Competition law focuses on market power, whether enjoyed

***fines or damages are often enormous***

by a single firm like Microsoft or potentially arising through merger. My work can derive from regulatory investigations by authorities such as the Office of Fair Trading or the European Commission or involve litigation in the High Court (such as damage claims for overcharging by a suppliers' cartel). The sums at stake, in fines or damages, are often enormous, and the cases are long, hard-fought and interesting. Recent clients include Sky (regulation of pay-TV channels showing Premier League football) and Aer Lingus in its corporate struggle with Ryanair. The excellent grounding in languages at LGS has been a great asset in practice. I try to play the piano and write poetry, and walk on the South Downs from my house in Lewes."



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John Bryson

**John Bryson (1962-74)** writes “I retired from the Met. in September 2006. Jane had intended to retire from her role as Manager of the Outpatients Department at the private hospital in Sawbridgeworth at the end of 2012, with a view to moving to Leicestershire in 2013, but after Jane’s stroke on Maundy Thursday she brought her retirement forward to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2012, and we moved to Loughborough just under two months later.”



Joseph Moore

**Joseph Moore (1994-2001)** has shared his news of life in the Law. He writes: “Following school I accepted a place to study Modern History at the University of St. Andrews and found myself in the same year as Prince William. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at this ancient university and left with an MA. After a brief period teaching, I studied for a Graduate Diploma in Law at Nottingham Law School and went on to complete the Bar

Vocational Course. This involved joining one of the Inns of Court, in my case, The Honourable Society of The Middle Temple and attending the necessary number of dining sessions to be called to the Bar. I was awarded a major scholarship to assist me in forging my legal career. I began searching for pupillage and at the same time I trained as an advocate for the National Youth Advocacy Service. This proved to be an invaluable experience as I developed my knowledge of the Children Act and advocated on behalf of teenagers who needed representation. This led into pupillage at chambers in the heart of the Temple. Pupillage included training in all aspects of family law including: Care, Adoption, Private Law Children, Financial Remedy, International Child Abduction and Court of Protection work. I spent a great deal of time in the High Court, the Court of Appeal and was lucky enough to spend a week with an eminent silk from chambers in the Supreme Court. Following the successful completion of pupillage I was taken on as a tenant at 1 Garden Court. I have a practice in all aspects of family law and find myself in court most days attempting to persuade curmudgeonly District Judges.”

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## A Policeman’s Week to Remember

*Less than a year and a half before my retirement from the Metropolitan Police, I was a member of the Support Team to the Chief Inspector at the Communications Branch Command Centre, New Scotland Yard.*

### Monday

9 am at New Scotland Yard to chat with Clive who oversees the Branch’s Forward Command vehicles. One of my roles is managing them, no easy task considering their age.

Spent afternoon arranging visits to the Communications Branch which is larger than a lot of County Police forces.

### Tuesday

Surprise visit from Sir Ian Blair. The Commissioner arrived 2 pm and spent the afternoon visiting the Information Room and Special Operations Room due to be open on the following Saturday for the wedding of the Prince of Wales in Windsor. Sir Ian commented that when he was Acting Commissioner Prince William’s 21st birthday party had been gatecrashed by a ‘comedy terrorist’, and hoped something like that wouldn’t happen again.

### Wednesday

9 am. Sir Ian’s hopes foiled! A national newspaper had got a white van into Windsor Castle with an empty box in the back with the word ‘bomb’ on it! All over the front page of that newspaper today. More visits both morning and afternoon.

### Thursday

Summoned to Windsor Castle. Events into overdrive after the ‘empty box’ experience. Liaise with Met. Police staff and the Prince’s personal representative to upgrade Communications at Windsor Castle. I was introduced to the Prince’s personal representative as the ‘Metropolitan Police Forward Command Vehicle Consultant’!

### Friday

8 am Extra visit to Lambeth to finalise vehicle operations with Clive.

### Saturday

Windsor went well!!!

John Bryson

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Philip Tomlinson (r) at the opening of the Queen's Building

Christopher Baker

Barrie Percival

**Philip Tomlinson (1942-48)** served as a Governor of LES for 30 years, for 18 of which he was Chairman. He now writes of his law career: "After law school I joined a firm of solicitors which was local, relatively large, practised widely and was held in high regard. I remained with the firm throughout my career and

## *violent, sudden and unexplained deaths*

eventually became Senior Partner. I was fortunate enough to be appointed to a number of part-time judicial offices principally County Coroner and legal adviser to the local division of Tax Commissioners. Their proceedings were quite different: the former is in public, often emotive and with much media interest, and the latter is in private where the proceedings rarely provoked the emotions.

A Coroner inquires into violent, sudden and unexplained deaths and the work could be challenging; none more so than the inquest I conducted into the Kegworth air crash. A Coroner also deals with potential treasure finds and my jurisdiction often recorded high numbers of potential finds. These inquests were a welcome change from inquiries into deaths. When I retired I had completed 20 years as Coroner and 29 years with

the Tax Commissioners. Our children never showed any desire to be lawyers. I'm glad that I did."

**Christopher Baker (1968-79)** has sent his news: "I was called to the Bar in 1984, having studied Law at St John's College, Cambridge.

In 1993, I was one of the founder members of Arden Chambers in London, a specialist set for housing and local government work. In April 2013, I will become Head of Chambers.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to be instructed in many interesting and important cases, acting mainly for local authorities and housing associations, but also for central government and private clients, including appellate work up to the Supreme Court. Much of my work is concerned with public law and judicial review, including human rights, and is often at the cutting

## *acting mainly for local authorities and housing associations*

-edge of legal developments. In 2009, I took a case to the House of Lords which re-wrote the law on housing allocations.

Alongside legal practice, I lecture and have authored or co-authored several legal textbooks on housing, human rights

and local government, and I am presently an editor of the Community Care Law Reports (Legal Action Group)."

**Barrie Percival** taught Mathematics at LGS from 1959. He was Deputy Head from 1975 until 1999. He writes: "My first official visit to HMP Leicester (Welford Road) as member of the Independent Monitoring Board was in July 1999. The Board should have 15 members but we seldom reached that number. Each week two members of the Board would be on duty and as such they had to be

## *the same lunch as the prisoners*

available at any time - day or night - and routine visits were made once or twice a week. Reports had to be written after each visit to be discussed at the monthly Board meeting.

During routine visits it was our duty to speak to any prisoner who had put in a request, visit all parts of the prison - the landings, the Vulnerable Persons Unit, the Hospital, education and activities including any work, the Segregation Unit and the kitchens. We also ate the same lunch as the prisoners."



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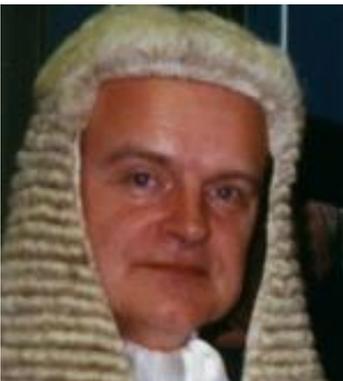
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Rex Walker

*With a background in education, Rex Walker (1993-2000) writes of his work as a magistrate: "After leaving LGS in 2000, I spent the next ten years in London, first as an undergraduate at the LSE then as a teacher in a Hackney secondary school for two years in the initial cohort of the Teach First graduate scheme. It is debatable who learned more – me or the kids. I then moved on to a*

job with the RFU, developing rugby in South East London. My next job involved improving the quality of school sport, particularly in primary schools. I moved back 'home' to Nottingham in 2009 to join our family property business, and have settled down to family life. I married my wife Jen in 2010 and our son Felix was born last November. Although no longer working in sport, I enjoy refereeing rugby, learning golf and watching ice hockey."



Robert Moore

*Robert Moore (1956-65) writes of his legal career: "After studying Law at Manchester University I joined Grays Inn where bar students had to attend three dinners per term, three terms a year for four years which was neither easy nor affordable from Manchester! I began my pupillage at 2 New Street, Leicester with Geoffrey Jones. He moved to Temple Chambers, London, so I followed him. On a case in Lin-*

coln we met Peter Baker of Sheffield Chambers who needed a pupil so I moved there in 1971 to finish pupillage and stayed until 1980. I married Susan in 1979 and we are still together .

In 1980 I moved to 11 King's Bench Walk, London to practise all over the North Eastern Circuit between Newcastle and Sheffield and eight years later became Assistant Recorder, sitting occasional weeks on minor Crown Court cases. 1993 brought me to the position of Recorder, sitting more weeks in the Crown Court on both criminal and civil cases. In 1995 I became a Circuit Judge at Sheffield, where I can continue until the age of 70. I enjoy judging, have great respect for the Bar, who are now seriously underfunded, and still look forward to coming to work. Anyway, my wife does not want me at home all day!"



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## A Magistrate's Week to Remember

### Monday – Sentencing

Our sentencing powers range from an absolute discharge to 26 weeks custody. There are guidelines for the appropriate level of sentence for an offence. Today we fined a man after he had been previously convicted of a minor assault. This was in despite of his claim for diplomatic immunity on the grounds that he was the 'Vice President of the Republic of Jesus.'

### Tuesday – First Appearances

All criminal matters, regardless of seriousness, start life in the Magistrates Court. Today we agonised over whether the defendant (who was charged with harassing his neighbours) might commit further offences if made to live 5 miles away.

### Wednesday – Training

Whilst we are not required to have any formal legal qualifications, there is an on-going programme of training. Today's event explained much about the difficulties that victims of domestic violence face in speaking up, giving evidence in court and extricating themselves from abusive relationships.

### Thursday – TV Licensing

Various agencies other than the Crown Prosecution Service bring charges in the Magistrates Courts, Council Tax evasion, rail fare dodging, fly tipping and such like are seen by many to be the less glamorous side of the job. Today it is TV Licence evasion and there are 83 cases listed. 4 defendants turn up. The remainder have the cases proved in their absence and are fined.

### Friday – Trials

The centrepiece of our criminal justice system – have the prosecution proved their case beyond reasonable doubt? Today we found a man charged with exposing himself on the balcony of his flat not guilty. The witness' evidence was too inconsistent and there appeared to be an underlying dispute between the two parties.

Rex Walker

# Answering Their Country's Call

Karen Ette

A special project to research the Grammar School's Roll of Honour from the Great War is being undertaken by Karen Ette in conjunction with her post-graduate research.

The front page of *The Loughburian*, from the autumn term 1914, reads:

**"Since the end of last term, our Nation and Empire have been involved in the most terrible war the world has ever known. Boys at school are too young to fight the enemy in the line of battle, but they also have their part to play." The Headmaster continues: "The duty of self-sacrifice is one of the needed lessons which we believe this war is intended to teach a Nation only too inclined of late to be eager for ease and comfort."**

The article lists the early recruits and many of these names appear on the Roll of Honour which hangs on the wall in the Tower and in the Hodson Hall.



Karen Ette with a picture of W.F. Jelley MC



## Members of Loughborough Grammar School who gave their lives in the 1914-1918 War

J. Allsopp	A. L. Harris	F. B. Paul
C. F. Ball	R. Hay	A. Perkins
H. C. Barrau	A. S. Heward	N. G. Perkins
W. F. Bowne	F. Holland	F. B. Pitts
F. B. Carter	W. L. Holt	E. S. Plumb
A. D. Chapman	A. G. Hutton-Balfour	H. H. Proudfoot
H. F. Chapman	W. F. Jelley	A. W. H. Purnell
J. Chapman	W. F. Kent	H. W. Reynolds
H. C. Clarke	C. E. Lancaster	A. Rowbotham
W. F. Clarke	A. W. Leslie	H. Smalley
J. H. Corah	J. F. M. Lewis	W. P. Sullins
S. Corah	J. F. McCarthy	A. R. Tinsley
F. Cresswell	L. J. Mair	R. B. Turner
A. L. Dawson	F. W. Moss	A. W. Whittaker
J. R. Eaton	G. A. Moss	W. H. White
M. Findlay	H. J. H. Moss	R. Wilkinson
J. S. Fuller	J. C. Needham	J. H. Wilson
W. H. H. Gibbs	J. J. F. Oldershaw	L. B. Wouldidge
H. Grudgings	A. F. Palmer	

The research project will honour these brave men today. Each of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice is being carefully researched and their story included in a book together with school events of the time, which is hoped to be published in 2014. Significant progress has already been made from school and local records, but much family detail and background information remains to be found. Perhaps readers can help here?

 **A list of names and brief details can be found on [www.olaoga.co.uk](http://www.olaoga.co.uk)**

If anyone has family history, photographs, etc. relating to those Loughburians who bravely answered their country's call, we would really like to hear from you.

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Photograph courtesy Mr K Mitchell

The grave of W.F. Jelley MC

# The View from 1945

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*Among the Pullinger Archive, we found this Prize Giving speech from 1945, given by W.H. Coates. This is an edited version.*

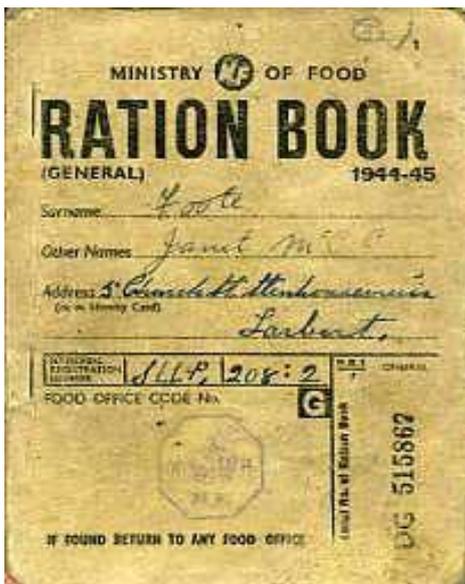
“Mr Chairman of the Governors, Mr Pullinger, my young friends, ladies and gentlemen: I am home again, for I was a boy here 50 years ago and have throughout in some measure kept my contact with the school. We are celebrating the first prize-giving since 1938 and the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reputed foundation of the school. There are some contrasts and similarities between those early times and the position today.

When the School was founded, the Wars of the Roses were not long over. These civil struggles had brought bloodshed and misery in their train. The burning of towns, people being put to flight, the land

## *the first prize-giving since 1938 and the 450th anniversary of the foundation of the school*

ravaged and trade ruined. Men were looking to build a new society. Today we do the same, after the Second World War, in which whole countries have been ravaged, the instruments of production destroyed, and world shortages created.

At the close of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, men and women were moving out of the old rigid social groups and could choose their own life and not be bound by the

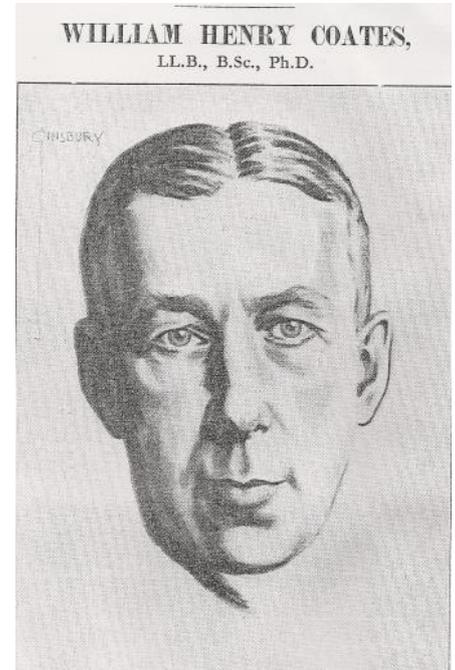


*Ration coupons from 1945*

class of birth and their fathers. Today, the greater complexities of our time, in some senses, are moving us back to some of these older conceptions. The social conscience has brought to us, or is bringing, the concept of the minimum wage, the minimum standard of living, controlled rates of interest, fixed profit margins and the just price. Now we need coupons to supplement our money.

Today we move more towards the planned economy, and shortages created by war necessitate the imposition on us – we hope only temporarily – of far greater control of our individual liberty. Indeed we live in difficult times, and the years ahead to those who are boys today will prove a testing time. We shall need all the native ability inherent in our people, trained and developed to its fullest skill.

Above all, we must preserve our liberty. We must equally beware of the dangerous fallacy of the entire equality of men. Any system of rewards or national scales of pay for this widely varying ability, whether in industry, the Civil Service, the universities, or the professions, may lead us astray unless that range suffices to link high ability with high remuneration. Zeal, energy, skill and talent are too precious to be lost in any deadening levelling downward.



*From the Financial News*

## *today we move more towards the planned economy*

Yet in looking to the future we may take comfort in the wonderful progress that has been made during the fifty years over which I look back. The telegraph, telephone, radio and radar have shrunk the distances of the ocean and the continents. Transport has been revolutionised by the internal combustion engine. Motor vehicles, steam and gas turbines, airplanes, jet-propulsion and rockets have become common sources of power. And now atomic energy is on our threshold. Medicine and surgery have had put at their disposal the x-ray, radium and the miraculous powers of the Sulfa range of drugs and the latest wonders of penicillin.

What will you not yet see during the next 50 years? The boys of today have a great part to play therein. I wish them all good fortune and success.”



## Old Boys' Notes

Compiled and edited by John Mellors

*It will be no easy task for me to fill the shoes of those distinguished former colleagues who have previously edited The Old Boys' Notes section of the Old Loughburian. The most recent was my old friend Ed Thorpe whose Welsh garrulousness stood him in very good stead when communicating with Old Boys of all generations, and we owe him a massive thank you for his efforts over the years.*

### **Ziggy or the Black Marauder**

*Thanks to my thirty seven years of teaching at LGS many of you may have dim memories of stimulating French lessons in the Barrow Block with me. You may remember me as Ziggy or the Black Marauder, or indeed, by some other nickname not yet revealed to me. Whether we shared a classroom or not, I shall be delighted to hear from any of you who wish to communicate with your former schoolmates, sharing memories of life in the Walks, or offering an update of your whereabouts and career so far. Please write to me on [jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmellors1-ola@yahoo.co.uk).*

**Sam Waterfall** (1988-95) is living in London and working internationally as a global branding consultant to the Food & Beverage industry. Sam welcomes reconnections, social and business enquiries through his website [www.samwaterfall.com](http://www.samwaterfall.com). Sam has also established two businesses in the field of Recruitment & Selection [www.interviewdoctor.com](http://www.interviewdoctor.com) and [www.telephoneinterview.net](http://www.telephoneinterview.net) which provide professional CV writing and interview success coaching.



*Richard Allen*

**Richard Allen** (1957-64) son of Philip Allen, the renowned teacher of English at LGS for over forty years, wrote to update us on his writing career:

"I thought you might be interested in a rare bit of news from the Allens. I had a book published in August last year, entitled "The Waterguard", now available on Amazon. I spent 25 years of my career in Customs & Excise and have always felt that their activities have been poorly represent-

### **book published in August last year**

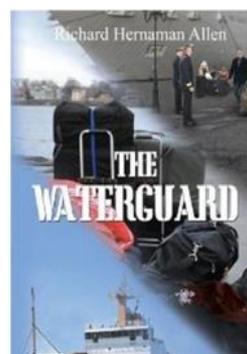
ed both in fiction and on TV. After I retired and found I enjoyed writing detective fiction, I started to write stories about Customs. I finally found a publisher who'd publish the first one, set in 1964, a story containing detective work, action and love interest about diamond smuggling and the KGB. I started writing

aged about 14 while I was still at LGS, inspired by my father **Philip H Allen**, who, of course, taught there from 1926-69 and whose knowledge of English literature seemed almost encyclopaedic.

My mother, Dorothy, who taught at LHS for over 20 years, finally died from old age just after her 95th birthday last December. Shortly before she died, I had a

### **trying to get down from T2 and T1**

wander around the town - not least LGS. There were so many buildings I remembered with so many stories like trying to get down from T2 and T1 when the



next classes were coming up the stairs. But I was also enormously impressed by the new buildings and the tremendous facilities.

What I wouldn't have done with a squash court - or even a modern swimming pool! And the all-weather hockey pitch - wow!"

*Richard also provided this picture of the Under 13 rugby team of 1961-62. Can you put names to the faces?*



*Under 13 rugby team of 1961-62*

# Old Boys' Notes

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**Terry Diaper** (1961-1969) responded to JM's request for a contribution to the Old Boys' Notes with the following memories which others will probably share:

"My time at LGS was very happy. From day one of my school career I was known as "Dabs" due to my very first form master (Mr Scott, I think it was) mis-hearing the very quiet utterance of my surname, Diaper. However, having such a surname could have resulted in much worse nicknames, I suppose!

Two memories of LGS stick in the mind: school dinners, and in

## "Mrs Benskin's Bullets"

particular "Mrs Benskin's Bullets" (peas, to the uninitiated) which, if flicked with the correct technique, would stick to the dining room ceiling, and rugby, which I hated. I used to hover



Terry Diaper

around the touchline, desperately avoiding contact with players and the ball. However once, by some peculiar fluke, I was passed the ball. Realising I had to do something, I ran like hell. When no-one tried to stop me I thought I must be amazingly good at the game. It was only repeated blasts on the master's whistle that brought me to a halt. I had been running the wrong way. How embarrassing! However, later on I discovered the delights of hockey (except in the

annual blood fest that was the LGS vs High School match) and I ended up playing in the school team.

After LGS I went to Bath University to do a 4 year sandwich course in Applied Physics, graduating in 1973. After a period at British Aerospace and Davy Morris Cranes in Loughborough as a software developer, I took a job in Saudi Arabia, where I lived and worked for 8 years. I loved it. I met lots of interesting people, had access to all the latest computer technology and managed to do lots of travel to all sorts of exotic places: India, China, Egypt, Africa and so on. The world was my oyster. Before I returned to the UK I had a free health check and thank goodness I did. It was discovered I had advanced colon can-

## years of being foot-loose and fancy free

cer. I was operated on within a week and then flown to the Royal Marsden in London for radiotherapy follow up treatment. Over two decades later I'm still going strong. After years of being footloose and fancy free I eventually married in 2004 and now have a wonderful wife, three great stepchildren and a beautiful grandson. It just goes to show - you can't keep an OL down!"

**Terry's brother Malcolm Diaper** (1957-63) added his own memories:

"I am grateful for the opportunity I had in 1957 to gain a scholarship to LGS. My time at the school, whilst uneventful, was happy and what I learnt there helped me in later life.

I can remember most of the teachers including the scary Mrs Mulcahy and the formidable

Colin Tivey. Harry Bowen taught us physics and he walked along the line of boys swinging a



Malcolm and Terry Diaper

length of rubber tubing before shouting "lead on Macspindle knee".

I was in the CCF and remember marching up and down the Burton Walks. I also recall a boy called Croft shooting a blank round into his foot!

I left school with a clutch of O Levels and secured a post in the Town Clerk's Department of Loughborough Corporation. That started a forty year career in Local Government. I was fortunate to obtain regular promotion having gained the relevant experience and qualifications. I gained a law degree from London University and subsequently qualified as a barrister and a solicitor in that order. The pinnacle of my career was appoint-

## "lead on Macspindle knee!"

ment to the post of Chief Executive to the North West Leicestershire District Council.

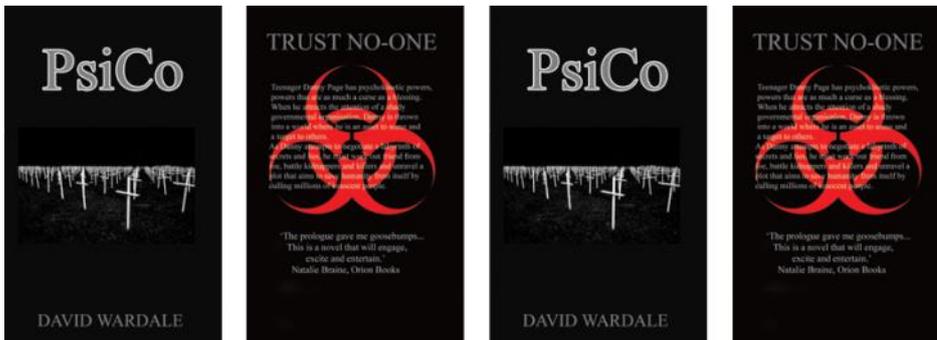
Following retirement I researched my family tree and discovered many interesting ancestors. My great uncle survived the sinking of the Titanic. However another relative was not so fortunate - he was Richard Parker, a cabin boy, who was eaten by his shipwrecked colleagues."

## Old Boys' Notes

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Old Loughburians are clearly a very literary bunch — in recent years we have heard of quite a number of successful writers emerging from their ranks.

The latest prize-winning author to emerge, **David Wardale** (1977-84) has been in touch with news of his burgeoning career as a novelist: "I won the Children's Book of the Year award on an Arts Council-



funded website called "You Write On in 2011." The book was a young adult thriller called "PsiCo" and the prize was publication through another Arts Council site, "FeedARead." "PsiCo" is aimed at the 12+ readership but is definitely more adult than child in its use of language and themes so would appeal to the more mature, bill-paying reader as well.

"PsiCo" is now out and in need of as much publicity as it can get. It is available on Amazon, and it would be much appreciated if any OLS would check it out and pass on a recommendation. This link will take you to a summary of the storyline which features a teenager with psychokinetic powers who falls foul of the Government: [www.feedaread.com/books/PsiCo-9781782991724.aspx](http://www.feedaread.com/books/PsiCo-9781782991724.aspx)

**the more mature,  
bill-paying reader**

After completing a Music degree at Leeds, **Jonathan Love** (2000-07) took some time out to go mountaineering in Chile before following the well-trodden path to London in search of a job. He spent a year in an Islington publishing company which introduced him to a commercial sales environment where he thrived. He later joined Hays Recruitment in their Construction and Property arm, and writes:



**Edward Day and Jonathan Love**  
climbing in the Chilean Andes

"This was, at the time, just what I was after - the opportunity to join a large multinational company with room for progression. I had never considered recruitment as a career option, however, since joining them 7 months ago I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Hays - the variety offered day to day, the opportunity to meet a lot of people and make a real difference to people's lives and businesses is great, and I would highly recommend it!"

**Nigel Hoult** (1965-72) wrote recently:

"Last April I retired from Thales Research & Technology (UK) after a third of a century working there (though the company changed its name several times, it was part of Racal when I

**training to become  
a coach**

joined back in 1978 after leaving Cambridge). This has given me more time to devote to travel



**Nigel Hoult**

and running, and I've combined the two to run in three overseas races over the last year. Much to my surprise, I picked up a 2nd prize in my age category in the Cologne half marathon. I've also started training to become a coach - I qualified as a Coaching Assistant back in March - and am hoping to progress to the full qualification later this year."

**Tony Illsley** (1967-74) has sent news of his business career:

"After a successful spell in senior marketing with Colgate Palmolive and Pepsi Co, I moved on to Telewest plc as CEO. I left Telewest in 2000 and served as Senior Independent Director of easyJet for five years. I am now Chairman of Plastic Logic Ltd, and Datalase Ltd"

# Old Boys' Notes

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**Nick Easton** (1997–2000) left LGS to do his sixth form studies at Rawlins in Quorn, and for several years he has been working for the BBC.

“Even before my days at LGS I was a naturalist. My late grandma, my parents, a string of great



Biology teachers and, most of all, garden birds fuelled my interest. Inevitably, Sir David Attenborough became a key role model, and wildlife filmmaking my aspiration. I'm lucky that a

## **on location researching and directing for the BBC1 Africa series**

school like LGS equips you with the confidence and self-motivation you need to realize your ambitions. As such, five years ago, I started work at the BBC's Natural History Unit; for the last four years, I have been on location, researching and directing for the BBC1 “Africa” series.

My most vivid LGS memories are those from the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Fellow alumnus Lawrence Duck and I did all six expeditions together. We recall the stories often, including the day we scaled a boulder-strewn stream purporting to be a footpath. Having negotiated a mile or two of the trail we were approaching the junction with another that would lead us home. Except... a recent flood had caused a landslip, terminating the path with a 50 ft cliff. Our options considered, we scaled the valley wall, similar in height

but slightly less precipitous. With gritted teeth we had averted a late return.

During the making of “Africa” I have come face to face with bull elephants, desert lions and AK-47s – but the experiences during my teenage years were no less challenging and perhaps more edifying, enriching and important than anything since. And for the record, Sir David is just as charming in person as on screen.”



*Nick Easton with  
Sir David Attenborough*

*What Nick has modestly omitted to tell our readers is that he was very much involved with the filming of the unforgettable “fighting giraffes” sequence shown in Episode 1 of “Africa” - JM*

*The LGS PE Department will enjoy reading this news from **Jamie Johnston** (1989-96) about his sporting career since leaving the School:*

“I have taken an unusual path after a degree in English. After a few brief forays into various careers, I joined England Hockey in 2002 in a Sports Development role. As a sportsman I have competed at a national level in hockey and running, and, although my job at England Hockey was close to what I believed I wanted to do, I felt the need to be more active on a day to day basis and so left England Hockey and qualified as a Personal Trainer and sports coach (hockey & football). I then set up my own Personal Training company, and, as a sports and conditioning coach, have worked with several athletes up to junior international level in a variety of sports. I therefore feel I would have something to offer any boys interested in roles within sport.

Over the last seven years I have also built up my Personal Training company, franchising it in 2009. I now have eight franchised trainers across the country and in 2012 have started a partnership with the largest UK training provider for Personal Trainers, so I am anticipating rapid growth this year.

My latest enterprises include a cycling scheme to teach fitness and safety to young cyclists, and a coaching and strength conditioning club for junior athletes up to international standard, including a Paralympian swimmer who is the youngest recipient of lottery funding in the country. If anyone is seeking advice on business start-up, especially franchising, I feel I would have something to offer. I might also be a relevant example that a degree does not have to limit you to one related career path.”



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# Old Boys' Notes

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*Harry Allcock*

**Harry Allcock (1943-50)** looks back with fondness on the start in life provided by LGS in the post-war years, and the illustrious career which followed:

"I left LGS in 1950 armed with an excellent education in the Sciences and Geography, an interest in writing, and a working knowledge of French and German, all of which proved to be of vital importance in the coming years. I studied Chemistry and Biology at University College, Leicester (then a post-war satellite campus of the University of London) obtaining a BSc degree in 1953 and then, after three years of research, I graduated in 1956 with a London PhD degree in Chemistry. An offer of a one-year postdoctoral research position in the USA took me to Indiana in the Middle West, and then to a second postdoctoral appointment in Ottawa at the Canadian National Research Council. It was during this time that I met my wife, and we were married in Ottawa, before moving south in 1961 to a research position in the laboratories of a multi-national chemical company in Connecticut, thirty miles from New York. It was there that I made some of the discoveries that started my career as a polymer chemist and materials scientist. In 1966, after five years in industry, I was offered an academic position in the Chemistry Department at

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the Pennsylvania State University, which is one of the large public research university systems in the US. This has been my professional home since then, and for the last thirty years I have held a senior professorship in Chemistry, with secondary connections in Chemical Engineering and Bioengineering. Over the years my responsibilities have included lecturing to undergraduates and post-graduates, handling the usual committee and administrative duties, and especially leading a research team of postdoctorals, PhD candidates, and undergraduates. In recent years most of this research has involved the development of new materials for medical devices and aerospace applications. I have also had the interesting experience of advising companies who are developing different materials that have emerged from our research programme. All this requires a great deal of technical writing – scientific articles, books, and funding proposals – so the strong writing emphasis at LGS proved to have long-term benefits. My career has also involved a great deal of travelling in North America, Europe, and Asia to give talks, attend conferences, and discuss research results with other groups.

I passed my 80th birthday earlier this year, and I consider myself exceedingly fortunate to be still working full time in a career that I enjoy. I am also aware that the groundwork for what has been accomplished was established during my time at LGS. As an educator for the past forty six years I can appreciate the talents of the LGS staff, and the benefit of being taught by them. The Headmaster, Sidney Russell Pullinger, seemed a formidable figure, but he was the individual who generated places at LGS for a number of us from the war-stressed local junior schools. These things make a difference."

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On a recent visit to school, **Jack Williams (2003-10)** informed us that he has successfully completed his degree in Neuroscience at Manchester University, and that he has been offered a place at Manchester to do a 4 year PhD in Biology.



*Jack Williams*

# Old Boys' Notes

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**David Sharpe (1961-68)** contacted us after reading the articles about former Headmaster, Norman Walter, and LGS' links with Sri Lanka in the last edition of Quad.

"I'm now a Chartered Educational Assessor, Principal Examiner, and Reviser at GCSE in RE (or Religious Studies as the Government insist on calling it), and Chair of Examiners for Pathways, as well as Chair of Leicestershire SACRE for the last 8 years. I read with interest the articles (in *Quad*) on Norman Walter and Time gentlemen please.

It should be noted that not long after Norman came to LGS he engaged the Chaplain, John Elliott, from Sri Lanka as the Chaplain at LGS - I believe in 1961. Secondly LGS has not always prided itself on the absence of bells at the beginning and end of lessons. Whilst they were unnecessary in the quad because of the school clock, in N block and S block

**the allotments on Leicester Road being turned into sports fields**

it was S5) always rang an electric bell because the school clock could not be clearly heard. Similarly the school bell always was rung 5 minutes before both school sessions and the end of break to cause movement to Assembly or lessons.

Amongst my other reminiscences I can recall the Science Block being built in Denton garden, my early days in N block, and the allotments on Leicester Road being turned into sports fields. Ironically, having nearly failed A level French, despite the work of Colin Tivey, I

have been appointed Senior Consultant Moderator for Pathways French - part of Humanities - for WJEC and am married with a wife, whose mother was half French. Visiting relations in France necessitates French speaking all the time, so Colin's work was not wasted.

A suggestion for future editions could be "unheard of professions" such as CEAs, since most people have never heard of them - there are fewer than a thousand in all and I was one of the first to qualify."



**David Sharpe**

**Mike Cliff (1947-52)** wrote in with his early memories of Loughborough and sport at LGS. Mike's old classmates knew him as Sam at school. After 10 years as a farmer here and in Denmark, he spent 28 years in the police force and retired as an Inspector in Derby. After a decade as an Accident Investigator he retired fully in 1999 to a cottage in North Devon, close to his children and grandchildren.

"I have enjoyed reading *The Old Loughburian* and noted that an old boy, Alan Mee, went to the Grammar School from Cobden. I presume he means Cobden Street Junior School, which is where I went prior to my 5 years at LGS. He also refers to the jitties in

Loughborough, which brought back so many memories of walking to school at

**late on many occasions as I watched the American military hardware trundle along the main A6 road**

Cobden Street from Park Road down the jitties, being late on many occasions as I watched the American military hardware trundle along the main A6 road during the war.

I was sad to read that Tony Culley and Clive Priestley had passed on to higher planes. Reading Tony's obituary brought back memories of our time together in the ATC Corps as I was also a member of the Gymnastic Display Team under Geffin Williams.

On the year mentioned, 1952, prior to our 14 days at White Waltham, Maidenhead, (where Prince Philip learned to fly) we had spent 14 days at RAF Dyce, Aberdeen, on a camp and practising for the display in Maidenhead. We not only represented the school but the country, as all the other teams there were from other countries around the world. In that year I was East House Captain for gymnastics, which I loved. We had a boxing club and I suffered many a bloody nose in the gym. I was scrum half for the U15 team and went onto play rugby for Derby, Ashbourne, Oakham, Leicestershire Police, and Derby Police. Hector Doel was our hero, good at sport, good at his studies and good looking, he had the lot. Nice to see he is still active in the OLA."



**Mike Cliff (aka Sam)**

# Old Boys' Notes

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The article concerning Norman Walter in Quad prompted another Old Boy's recollection of a remarkable meeting in the hills of Sri Lanka:

**Andy Lowings (1962-69)** studied Civil Engineering and now runs an archaeological music project connected to the Middle East:

"I'm not sure that our teachers ever realise just how far the ripples of their influence spread out, over time. I was lucky enough to work in the early days of Dubai. I helped build the city from scratch in the 80s. Holiday time there let us go off exploring further east and one time my wife and I decided to take



*Andy Lowings*

a look at Sri Lanka.

We jetted off and enjoyed the sea-side, palm-beaches, and the train trips up into the foggy, cool hills. It was a perfect contrast to the blistering heat of the desert. And it was fun to meet the endearing locals who,

though poor, were kindly and ever-helpful.

When the bus to Trincomali ran out of petrol and the petrol filler cap was found to be padlocked, we realised this was as far as we were going. The others

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another bus came by, and though not going in our direction, the driver (and presumably the passengers too) were quite happy to take us where we wanted. How nice, we thought. We've commandeered a bus! It was as if the Loughborough-to-Leicester bus, was to suddenly divert.....via Kegworth!

Later on we found ourselves in the misty hills awaiting another bus and, as often happens in Sri Lanka, an elderly gentleman soon appeared asking if we needed a hotel perhaps? Or a souvenir perhaps? Or a guide to see an elephant?

"No thanks we're waiting for the bus!" As is often the

case in Asia a "No" is not really enough. Maybe we might need a car? Or a taxi, or perhaps I might just donate a soft-loan?

But it was all rather unpressurised and easy-going, and he continued to talk, explaining how he was fluent in the English language as his parents had been doing the needful sending him to good-school. "Yes", he gossiped on "Mr Walter was being very, very, inspiring to me at my schooldays!"

And I suddenly pricked my ears

up and dusted off a vague memory 20 years ago in LGS. Wasn't there some connection or other to Ceylon? "Who was your teacher again?" I asked "Mr Norman Walter the English man", he answered.

"And did you perhaps have a Mr Elliot also?" "Oh yes, the Reverend

***maybe we might need a car? Or a taxi, or perhaps I might just donate a soft-loan?***

Elliot was my form master, and he taught me literature and was a great, great man..."

I suddenly realised that this raggedy old man, standing in the foggy warm drizzle was, in some quirky sense, my school-mate, for Reverend Elliot had been my form master too. And indeed he had been a great, great man. So we talked, and he filled in more of both their Ceylonese background days, of which I was sadly only half aware during my years at LGS. The bus came along. Some foreign-aid changed hands, and we parted for ever."



*The honours board at Trinity College, Kandy showing Norman Walter as its first Principal*



*Sri Lanka aka Ceylon*

## Old Boys' Notes

continued

We have been delighted to hear from **Gordon Wilson** (1939-46). He tells us:

"I joined ICI Plastics division from University in 1954 and spent fourteen years in PVC and polythene research at both Welwyn and Wilton. I subsequently became manager of ICI's plastics licensing operations worldwide and travelled over 15 million miles, visiting most major countries in the world. I was in the Port Harcourt region of Nigeria shortly after the end of the Biafran war, in the Argentine when the

**a plane door coming open at 20,000 ft over Poland**

UK was still at war over the Falklands issue, and in Libya when the US air force shot down Libyan planes over the Gulf of Sirte. I visited most of the Iron Curtain countries prior to the collapse of Communism in my role as Licensing Manager for ICI. Similarly I visited the Chinese petrochemical operations in central China during the period when the Red Guards were active. During the whole of my last 20 years I was privileged to meet Government ministers, industrialists and bankers from many countries and regard this period as being among the most interesting and productive of my career.

There have been a few hairy incidents whilst flying, including a plane door coming open at 20,000 ft over Poland, wheels bursting into flame at Delhi and a wing tip touching the ground at Marseilles whilst landing in a sudden storm - as well as being struck by lightning several times. I still enjoy flying! I was chairman of the third International United Nations Industrial Development Organization World Conference on petrochemicals in Vienna in 1986. After retiring early from ICI in 1988 I set up my own consultancy business in technology licensing and continued travelling the world.

I played tennis for the Welwyn Garden City Orchard Tennis club until just prior to having a second hip replacement and continue to enjoy foreign travel - especially archaeological tours and cruises, opera and the theatre and looking after a large garden. I had my third hip operation in January 2012 but suffered from leg and ankle problems subsequently which has reduced my mobility, although I still manage to continue gardening with a stick in one hand and a swoe in the other!"



**Gordon Wilson**

**Andrew Page** (1954-60) has contacted us from Uruguay.

"I qualified as a chartered accountant in Leicester in 1965 and decided to broaden my experience by working in London. I did not really settle down in London, and so I accepted a position with the same firm in Uruguay. I went to Uruguay with no Spanish on a three year contract with home leave of three months at the end. At that time communication was not what it is today. In those three years I never spoke on the telephone to my parents, even when I decided to get married to a local girl. At the end of the three years I married in Uruguay and then we went on our extended honeymoon to England to meet my parents, quite an experience for my wife - fortunately everything went well. On my return to South America I transferred to Argentina where I stayed for 11 years until destiny decided that U.K. and Argentina go to war over islands in the South Atlantic. This was a difficult situation, especially with colleagues and clients who were mainly Argentine, so I left Argentina and went to Uruguay. After a hiatus of about 15 months, I received an offer from the same firm to go to work in Bolivia. The pay was meager and at that time inflation in Bolivia was over 1,000% per annum (it later rose to over 29,000% per annum). But I needed a job and it was the right decision. Bolivia is a very poor country but it treated me very well. The people were very friendly and the job, although very challenging at times - in Bolivia sometimes business ethics are even worse than those of a London bank trader - was very interesting. My children went to the American school in La Paz and then to university in the USA (the curriculum was not adequate for UK universities). In 2003 I retired and in 2004 my wife and I decided to return to Uruguay to live. My children are now married and live in USA and Panama. I often compare their experiences to mine when I left England. We can speak on Skype whenever we like at little cost and we travel to see them at least once a year and they visit us. It is amazing the changes in just forty odd short years."



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## Old Boys' Notes

continued

**Anthony Lees-Smith (1988-95)** wrote with news of a move back to his home county:



*Reverend Anthony Lees-Smith with the Bishop of Leicester*

"I have been appointed as Vicar of St Denys, Evington in Leicester. I really enjoyed my curacy in Cambridge and have had lots of wonderful opportunities, but it is good to feel settled for a bit longer in one place and I am delighted that I shall have just one church to look after, not something many of my contemporaries can say."

Prompted by a recent communication from Keith West in Hong Kong, **Jim Macdonald (1954-61)** sent us his early memories of LGS in the fifties:

"I remember Keith West very well. His father owned an electrician's shop; he married Hazel Spawold and we were both associated with the Loughborough Evangelical Mission.

I remember that the school dining hall in the south block also doubled up as a music room in which Reg Shields required each Form 1 boy to sing up and down a scale. (I didn't make the choir!) At lunchtime the standard answer given by the kitchen staff if you asked for a larger portion was "They're all the same, my dear."

On the same side just below the dining hall was the room in which Mrs Mulcahy (from Edinburgh) taught us English and Latin. She was a small lady who, when you sat at your desk, made eye to eye contact with you. She really scared the life out of us in Year 1, along with Colin

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his rough book to draw very amusing cartoons. In this case Matron's dog was riding the bike and bumping into Len Major.

Rough books came in handy in Ticker Allen's English class – we used to draw running tracks in them and bring in ladybirds to race around the track! Another activity (inherited from my brother's class) was the Ticker Stakes – the object being to move on your chair around the outside of the desks in the library so as to achieve one complete circuit during the English lesson.

Declamations were standard in the Sixth Form and I made the final, declaiming on the topic that 'Boys attending LGS should not have to attend school on Saturday mornings'. It started "In these modern days of the Welfare State and the forty hour week, why should the future talent of this country be permitted to over-tax their mental capacities by attending school on Saturday morning?"

Tivey (French), whose favourite expression was "jazz it up boy!". Len Major (Art) was once unseated from his bicycle by Matron's dog! We had an able cartoonist in our class who used

In our last issue we reported that **Bill Brookman (1966-73)** was embarking on a new charitable project in Somalia. The extreme danger of his work was clearly shown in this very modest account:

"Most days for these past two weeks I would wait to pass through the check-point close to the Ethiopian Embassy into Villa Somalia where most of the Somali government offices are based and where my team and I would hold meetings with the Somali Minister of Defence, the

**it is my good fortune  
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Minister of Information, the Minister of Development and the Somali Prime Minister, Abdi Farah Shirdon Saaid.

It is my good fortune to have missed by days the suicide bomber who blew himself up killing several people around him on Tuesday morning 29th January 2013 at this spot.

I was privileged to be one of the few Westerners to see the ruins of Mogadishu so soon after the African Union and United Nations Amisom forces have largely liberated the city."

*Bill's project is continuing.*



*Bill Brookman in Mogadishu*

# Old Boys' Notes

continued

**David Jackson (1952-59)** sent us details of his life and career after LGS:

"On leaving Oxford I came up to the North East for my first job as Tutor Organiser for County Durham with the Workers' Educational Association. After a year at Durham University doing research into communication within industrial relations, I joined Plessey Telecommunications Group in Liverpool as an Industrial Relations Officer and then a year later came back to County Durham as a Personnel Manager with Plessey. From there I moved to site Personnel Manager with Wilkinson Sword and then Company Personnel Manager at High Wycombe.

In 1979 the Company merged with British Match, so I moved back to Northumberland as a self-employed Personnel Adviser, specialising in helping small firms to expand. I have extended my services to include Quality, Environment, Health and Training advice, and re-titled my company QUEST Advisers Ltd. 8 years ago my wife and I moved into a Georgian rectory in the tiny coastal village of Howick, near to Alnwick, where we run a 5 Star Gold Award bed & breakfast business. We would love to see any OLs wanting a holiday on our beautiful coast. I was last in Loughborough in January 2011 for my 70th birthday celebration with my family on the Charnwood Forester Dining car on the Great Central Railway. We had a great night. On board with the party were OLs **Dick Ingram (1949-57)**, **Nigel Grist (1949-59)** and **Bill Hughes (1951-59)**."

**a 5 Star Gold Award bed & breakfast business**

We are most grateful to **Robert Tansey (1982-89)** for his (Sky) news: "I've been working at Sky for 9 years now and, just before the Beijing Olympics, I was the architect of our partnership with British Cycling. When we then formed Team Sky I became Chairman of the Operating Board and have loved committing part of my time to fulfilling those duties and seeing how to create, from scratch, a high-performing sports team. We set ourselves the twin goals of winning the Tour de France with a British rider within 5 years and inspiring a million more Britons to cycle regularly – both of which were achieved early. The target for this year is to win the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France and you'll be able to follow the team's progress on a combination of Sky Sports, Eurosport and ITV4. Another OL and friend from my year, **Rob Kingston (1982-89)**, has worked for Sky since 1994 and is now the Finance Director of our TV channels. Mickey-taking has to be kept to a minimum or he might cut my budget! In other news, my elder brother **Mike Tansey (1981-88)** is a partner at IBM and **Tom Tansey (1987-94)** is the Events Manager for the Australian Chamber Orchestra in Sydney."



*Robert Tansey*

**to win the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France**



*Robert Kingston*

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**John Birkin (1957-64)** reports that he was Head Boy in his final year at LGS and remains in touch with his Greek teacher, **John Howes (1959-61)** as well as his old friends **Paul Harfitt (1962-68)**, **Mike Newton (1965-67)** and **Ron Atkin (1955-63)**.

His best memories of LGS are of his achievements in Classics; he won an Hellenic Travel Society scholarship – a two-week cruise around Greece. He was also a star in the cross-country team and on the track, where he ran 800 metres in under two minutes, and was part of the record-breaking 4 x 400m relay team.

After graduating at Pembroke College, Oxford, John signed up for the PGCE course at the Institute of Education in London. His first teaching



*John Birkin*

job was on the beautiful Greek Island of Spetse, and then in 1970 he began his thirty five year Classics teaching career at Magdalen College School, Oxford, becoming Head of Department in 1977. He is rightly proud of the part he played in the school's academic achievements, and the development of its fine reputation, and he remembers fondly his brightest pupils and the time he spent with the cross-country and tennis teams during the 70s and 80s.

**his thirty five year Classics teaching career**



For John's full account visit [www.olaoga.co.uk](http://www.olaoga.co.uk)

# The London Dinner 2012

**Neil Rowbotham writes:**

Once the committee realised that 2012 marked the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Association – and yes we know it was moribund for a while – we felt that the London Dinner had to be something different and were delighted when The Lord Elton offered to sponsor a dinner at the House of Lords. As Rodney Elton he taught at LGS from 1962 to '67. He was tremendously helpful in making sure that we met the right people and had their full support.

There has never, in my time, been such a demand for an Association event and it quickly became clear that we were over-subscribed. Long negotiations with the House of Lords' authorities ensued and we were eventually able to offer 193 places. To do this meant that we took over the whole of the ground floor at that end of the Palace of Westminster – the Cholmondeley Room, the Terrace, the bar, the Attlee Room, the Home Room and for the first time ever Committee Room One. Many were intrigued to find Stephen de Winton, who taught at LGS 1970 to '78, as one of the guides in his post-retirement period.

The dinner went well with all rooms operating as

***we felt that the London Dinner had to be something different***

separate dining rooms – Roger chaired the 128 in Cholmondeley, Robert Hallam the slightly

more challenging 41 in the magnificent Home Room and Azam Mamujee chaired one long table of 24 in the Attlee Room – normally reserved as the Peers Dining Room. As good food, ample wine, brandy and port flowed so did the conversations around all the tables and the determination of many to meet up with former colleagues or staff. For the speeches the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre had provided a TV camera team who relayed the sound and pictures through to the Home Room so that no-one missed out. After Roger's presentation to Pauline Cumine on her retirement, Lord Elton spoke about the work of Parliament and toasted the school and Michael Pearson responded and there was

still ample time for a very convivial conversation around the rooms. By 11.30 the security team were becoming edgy and we made our way out – some home, some to their hotel and some goodness knows where!

Many images will stay with me: –



*David Allen*

– visiting the House on one of my preparatory visits by entering the Peers' entrance; watching and listening as it dawned on OLs that they were the only ones at that end of Parliament; the emotional comment from one group that they had viewed the House from a riverboat many times but here they were on the terrace looking across to the London Eye – on the inside looking out!

We know this venue was special but the event is always this much fun as you meet other OLs. We have learned that OLs like to arrange tables for their group so from now on the dinner will be in that format and now is about the right time to start getting 8 or 10 together for the 2013 dinner. The RAF Club is smaller and less prestigious than the House of Lords but still very exclusive and only available to us through the kind auspices of Wing Commander Peter Sergeant. We look forward to seeing you on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

***still ample time for a very convivial conversation around the rooms***



*Scott Charlish, Andrew Baker, Jason Morris*

# The London Dinner 2012

continued



*Achilleas Hatjiosif, Richard Usher, Richard Beaton*

**Peter van der Feltz (1951-62) writes:**

“Not having visited the Palace of Westminster before, I was delighted to learn from Neil Rowbotham’s e-mail that the OLA 2012 London Dinner was to be held in the House of Lords. It promised to be an ideal venue for what is always one of my ‘not to be missed’ events of the year.

So it turned out, and it was pleasing to see so many OLs in the Cholmondely Room after the enjoyable and informative guided tours on arrival. The meal and the speeches complemented entirely the occasion and the venue.

I do wonder, however, whether the Terrace Restaurant in late October had quite the same appeal as it would have done on a warm summer evening. For me it did not compare favourably with the elegance of the Plaisterers’ Hall or the friendly comfort of the RAF Club. The most lasting memory of the evening was when my old (very old!) friend, David Lanaway and I were making our way out of the Palace of Westminster and found ourselves entirely alone in Westminster Hall, no doubt being watched by ‘Big Brother’, but with not another soul in sight.

I hope that the splendid success of this occasion will encourage those OLs who have been absent from the Dinner in recent years to attend in future.

***to soak up the atmosphere of a place where so many notable events in English history have taken place***

What better way to finish a splendid evening, than to soak up the atmosphere of a place where so many notable events in English history have taken place.”

**Brian Wilson (1940-46) writes:**

“The food was considerably better than LGS meals in 1946. The company was of a much wider age and generally professing to be much wiser. Just as in 1946, I seemed to be in the older category. What was so interesting was the wide diversity of careers. As with other OLA events, I was struck by the ease with which the ages happily conversed with each other. All these are marks of the education we all enjoyed. May we all continue to support the schools and make it possible for more children to benefit as we did. The speeches were stimulating. Our Host made a compelling case for retaining the many benefits of an Upper House not dominated by elected members.”



*Jerry Deakin, Martin Latimer*

***the ease with which the ages happily conversed with each other***



*Timothy Riggott, Simon Jones, Ian Wilkinson*

# OLA London Dinner



*Gary Scottorn, Tony Scottorn, Derek Greasley, Neil Wilkinson*



*Roger Perrett*



*William Holmes, Scott Stafford, Russell Taylor, Jonathan Chandler, J*



*Jeremy Marriott, David Eley, Mike Eley, Steve Hatfield*



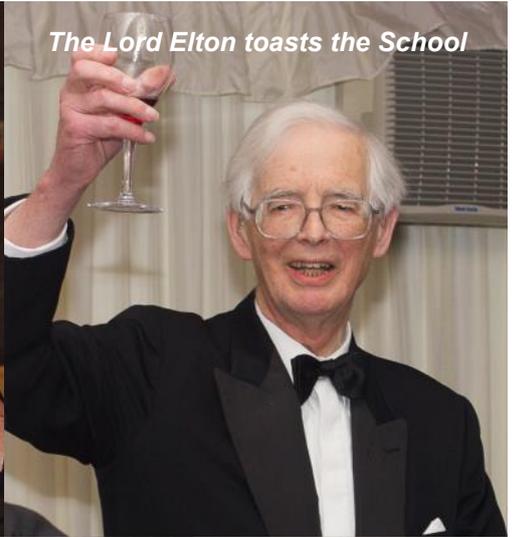
*Mark Hammond, John Hammond, Paul Hammond*



*Bill Brookman*



*Pauline Cumine*



*The Lord Elton toasts the School*



*Michael Pearson*



*Tom Kirkman, Ed Thorpe*



*Andrew Adcock, Andrew Frekelton, Matthew Freckelton,  
Graham Freckelton*

## London Dinners in the Past

**Roger Duffell (1945-54) writes:**

"In October 2012 we celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the OLA. In October of 2013 it will be fifty years since the post-war London Dinner was reinstated by myself, assisted by Ron Hill (1947-57) and Stan Whyman (1927-32). So under the Chair of the late Dr John Saxton (1925-33) flanked by Norman Walter, Headmaster (1959-73) and Sidney Pullinger, a former Headmaster (1926-55), forty five sat down for dinner at the Rubens Hotel in Buckingham Palace Road SW1. I recall



*Ron Hill in 1963*

one contingent

of staff (including the late Bill Redden and Harry Bowen), not fancying the Rubens Hotel prices, repairing to the hostelry on the opposite side of the road before 'time gentlemen please' rang out and the bus headed back to Loughborough arriving I am told at 3 am!

The feature of these dinners was undoubtedly the support enjoyed by OLs in London and SE Region by the presence of the 'Loughborough contingent' who travelled down by coach as has been the custom ever since. They, above all, provided the 'cement' which held the function together. I think, without exception, the Loughborough contingent always had the President (the Headmaster), the OLA Chairman, several of the OLA Vice Presidents and, of

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*Roger Duffell and Sidney Pullinger in 1963*

course, members of the staff both past and current. By 1983 the dinner had moved on to the Plaisters' Hall, No 1 London Wall. This was courtesy of the late Harry Humber (1919-24) sometime President of that Worshipful Livery Company. Harry was to be our exceedingly generous and genial host for ten of these occasions. When it was first held there the cost was £18 per head with wine and increased by £1 a year to still under £30 when Harry passed away in 1993.

In 1989 no less than a then record one hundred and thirty OLs

***our exceedingly generous and genial host***

were welcomed by Harry who was again thanked 'for allowing the OLA to dine in such magnificent surroundings' This was topped in the Quincentenary year with one hundred and sixty two attending and was addressed by the indefatigable Don Wood (1950-84), our august past Hon Secretary.

In more recent years a happy relationship has been established with the Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly, thanks to Wing Commander Kieran Shaw (LES Bursar 1995-2012) aided by Jeremy Walsh (1966-72) and

### The Curious Incident of the Bus in the Road

**Michael Pearson (1953-58) writes:**

"By some remarkable process, I still have my file for the 1978 London Dinner! It was indeed the first of the revived events in London and I can tell you who was there, the menu and the speakers! It was held at the East India Devonshire Sports & Public Schools Club in St James's Square. Reading the file has reminded me that the bus from Loughborough was due to set out at 4.30 pm, to reach central London at about 7 pm. In retrospect, this was a completely unrealistic timetable for a Friday evening journey down the M1 motorway – even 35 years ago. Ever since, the bus has left at 2.30 pm so has a safety margin built in – which can easily be utilised for refreshment purposes. But I digress. We were already running late when the bus driver tried to enter St James's Square (I think from Regent Street) and got stuck among parked cars. There we sat, probably about 100 yards from our destination, whilst various members of the party offered advice on how to extricate ourselves. Half an hour passed before anyone suggested that we leave the driver to sort out the problem and go and enjoy our dinner!"

# London Dinners in the Past

continued



Venue for the 1963 OLA dinner

in 1997 around eighty OLs gathered for dinner. Interestingly, the London Dinner has featured prominently since 1996 in every issue of *The Old Loughburian* and the reporter of the '99 dinner recorded the fact that the room there was full to its capacity of one hundred but with the footnote:

*"Please note that the price of this year's dinner will be increased to £40 in order to keep up with London prices - and is*

***the price was maintained at £45 but only by limiting the free bar before the meal to a single drink***

*still including all your drinks"!!* However the gremlins set in a trifle in 2001, because only eighty nine made it due to some cancellations for all manner of reasons. Eighty five were there the following year. And then in 2003, seventy five according to the records by scribe, Roy Wood (1963-94) who was the organiser for many years with great success. But then calamity: *"only fifty five attended in 2004, the lowest ever, partly through a smaller number of table groups generated by energetic arm twisters"*. In 2005 it got down to its nadir of forty seven *"when the price was maintained at £45 but only by*

*limiting the free bar before the meal to a single drink."*  
Then at last the rot stopped, be-

***From the Daily Telegraph of Dec 9 1930 discovered in the Pullinger archive***

## OLD LOUGHBURIANS ASSOCIATION

### FIRST LONDON DINNER

"The eight years I spent at the school remain today the period of my life of which I have by far the clearest memory, and by far the most delightful recollections," said Mr. C. A. MCCURDY in responding to the toast of his health, proposed by Mr CYPRIAN SNOW, at the first London dinner of the Old Loughburians' Association at the Cheshire Cheese on Saturday.

Mr. MCCURDY, who presided at the gathering, said that it was half a century ago that he went to the school, and he was delighted to see around him eight of his old schoolfellows.

Mr S. R. PULLINGER, headmaster of Loughborough School and president of the association, responding to the toast of "Success to the School," given by Mr WALTER FENNELL, ex-Mayor of Ripon, said the school now had the record number of 320 boys, and he rejoiced that a larger number of pupils were admitted from the elementary schools, for they added to the mental tone.

Dr SAMPSON HANDLEY proposed the toast of "The Old Loughburian Association."

Mr A. H. DAVIS, replying, urged that the London dinner should be made a permanent function.

A feature of the evening was the "calling of the roll", each member rising, giving his name, the period he was at the school, and his nickname there.

Those present included:

Mr E. A. C McCurdy, Mr Hugh E. Tollemache, Dr C Dudley Bishop, Mr J. F Crew, Mr W. T. Chapman, Mr M. E. Wigg, Mr L. V. Murphy, Mr C. C. Upton, Dr G. H. Beeby, Mr W. A. Deakin (hon. sec.), Mr G. T. E. Chamberlain (asst. hon. sec.), Mr E. T. Alcock, Mr F. C. Haynes, Mr F. M. Clemerson, Mr L. J. L. Ward, and Mr Charles Knowles.

cause seventy four sat down the following year and numbers just exceeded one hundred in 2007. At that dinner Roy handed over the mantle after twelve years as organiser and was greeted with acclaim and heartfelt thanks by Neil Rowbotham (1973-2005) our current OLA Hon Secretary.

And so here we are looking forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 'restoration' of the OLA London Dinner to be held back at the RAF Club this coming October 25<sup>th</sup>. We have hopefully all grown older and wiser in the intervening years and we remember with affection our contemporaries who are no longer with us, but graced us with their presence many times over the years in London and Loughborough.

Will you be there to celebrate these 50 years?



Venue for the 1930 OLA dinner

***50th Anniversary of the 'restoration' of the OLA London Dinner to be held back at the RAF Club this coming October 25th***

## The LES 20 year Reunion

Marcus Wood

Twenty years since we left LGS? Really? Yes, the day had arrived to return to school for the first time since I left. I had arranged to give Henry Mount a lift to the reunion and as he sat in the car recalling all the names he remembered, I wondered if we had been in different years, as I was



*Miss Harvatt and Mr Ireland head up the guests*

struggling to remember any of them. This didn't bode well for the rest of the evening!

We arrived at LGS to meet the others in the Orangery. We were met by John Weitzel who greeted us all and proceeded to give us a tour of the new improved LGS (The Super LGS). New buildings were everywhere! Music now had a multi-million pound building shared by all 3 schools. Chemistry, Biology and Physics all were now housed in separate multi-million pound buildings. We showed our age during the tour with comments such as, "In our day this

was fields!", "Laptops instead of books?!" The lasting impression of the tour was that a lot of money had been spent to provide the pupils with state of the art technology to rival many University departments!

The drinks reception followed and gave everyone a chance to discuss school

days over a drink and it was nice to see some of my old teachers again, David Mouncer and Neil Rowbotham, as well as Neville Ireland and Barrie Percival, who were on fine form. After the drinks reception and obligatory photo opportunity, we headed towards the dinner and found we were seated in the style of the P.A. Disco! (Men on separate tables to the women). The food was excellent and the wine flowed freely for some!

The reunion was excellent - I look forward to the next one in 10 years time!

## The LES at Edinburgh 2012

Tom Summerscales

Being a recent leaver of the Grammar School (2011), the Edinburgh OLA lunch was to be my first real experience of the OLA as an Old Boy, and as a student, the prospect of a lunch that wasn't some form of 'meal deal' from a supermarket was a huge attraction.

On arrival at the Hotel Du Vin on a very unusually hot day in Edinburgh, I was greeted by Susie Bromwich and Eloise Hipwell, passed a name tag, and instantaneously welcomed into conversation with a group of OLA members.

Soon after, we were led to a fantastic buffet lunch



*Alisdair Love, Tom Summerscales, Tom Faulds*

where conversation and fond memories flowed. Some words of thanks were given, and also an address regarding the current state of the Grammar and High School. It was pleasing to hear of the continuing development of the science buildings, with some heated discussion also shortly following the announcement of LHS girls joining the Combined Cadet Force.

Being the first OLA event north of the border, there were many young and slightly less young alike, for whom this was their first OLA event. A few impromptu words of thanks by an OLA member, who had never previously attended an OLA event, really highlighted the spirit of the Association, mentioning he would continue to attend in the future.

Finally, I'd just like to add a further thanks to OLA and the organisers of the event for a superb afternoon.



*Tim Willis*

## The LES Loughborough Dinner 2012

Scott Charlish  
Andrew Baker

We were delighted to welcome in excess of one hundred and sixty Old Boys, Old Girls, their spouses and partners along with current and former teaching staff to the 2012 Loughborough Dinner. A similar format was followed to previous years in that canapés and drinks were served



*Dave Munday, Richard Harrison, Andrew Hatfield, Richard Davies, John Adam, Tim Wragg, Jason Whowell*

presenter on the BBC's "Countryfile" programme. As organisers, it is always rewarding to see the enjoyment of friendships being maintained and in many cases, re-ignited, and we hope to build on the success of this year's dinner. As always, our thanks go to the school catering staff and to the

continued assistance and support we receive from the Development Office.

in the Burton Hall during which time we were entertained by current pupil Jacob Leeson, playing classical guitar. Our numbers were swelled further this year courtesy of John Weitzel's reunion of his highly successful U14 rugby team, which scored in excess of 1,000 points in the 1981/2 season, and our guest speaker, OG Charlotte Smith, who gave an entertaining insight into the trials and tribulations of being a



*Michael Downward*



*Nick Hardy, Steven Harvey, Paul Mercer*

## The LES at Putney 2012

Aroop Tanna

It was the second year in a row that I attended the LES Alumni Putney event. I still regularly meet up with several school friends in London so I went to last year's event thinking it would be just another night out with the usual crowd. After a really enjoyable chat with Paul Fisher about how much the school has changed, I decided I would make much



*Baljinder Singh, Richard Hoole, Paul Toon, Aroop Tanna, Andy Patten, Simon Sawbridge, Jim Bliss, Jeremy Krantz, Elspeth Wilson, Roger Perrett, Ben Hubbard*

more of an effort to circulate this year. It is 25 years since my year group left LGS so it was great to catch up with several people I hadn't seen since that final farewell in the Three Nuns. John Weitzel enlightened me on how smartphones are very much an accepted part of day-to-day life at LGS for teachers and pupils as well as sharing the imminent, roll out of iPads as a tool for teaching and learning. I shared fond memories with Peter Sergeant about 'The Siege of Krishnapur', major toe operations and a controversial lbw decision at a certain staff cricket match. I even managed to find time to speak to other members of the LES alumni. I left with a feeling of satisfaction that I had met my objective. Thanks to Susie, Eloise and the Association team for organising another great evening.

## Going, Going, Gone!

**Pauline Cumine**



Pauline Cumine joined the Art Department in January 1988 in place of Elaine Gillard. From the first, her Liverpoolian warmth and spirit were obvious as was her dedication to her subject and to the pupils

### *her Liverpoolian warmth and spirit*

in her care. Pauline settled very quickly into the East Midlands, the Department and the life of the school as a whole, willingly contributing to – amongst many other things – Staff Cabarets (singing and dancing) as well as teaching Year 7s how to move on stage in the then traditional First Year Evenings where huge song and dance numbers were often required. In 1992, following the decision of Peter Twombly to retire early, Pauline rose to the challenge of taking on the Head of Department's job at which she excelled, encouraging budding artists to stretch their talents to the limit and inspiring them to produce outstanding works of art, not only for examination purposes but also for their own intellectual and artistic satisfaction. Her vision of pupils' artwork being displayed all around the school has come to fruition with appreciation being shown not only by visitors but also by other pupils who have been inspired to emulate the work of their peers and betters.

As for the academic achievements of the department, under Pauline's guidance these have gone from strength to strength and it is a rare event to find much below an A grade over the past few years. Pauline's immense contribution to her pupils' achievements not only involved her ability to inspire creativity but her willingness to put in a huge amount of her own time to ensure that their work was shown to its best advantage in the exhibitions for assessment purposes.

*Peter Sergeant*

**Adrian Ballentyne**



Adrian Ballentyne joined Loughborough Grammar School 19 years ago as Head of History. Adrian had the highest intellectual standards and, driven by his determination to ensure the best possible results, he led the History Department by example, demanding academic excellence from students and colleagues alike. Adrian recruited strong personalities to teach History and he encouraged them to innovate and enthuse in lessons in as imaginative ways as possible. That so many of his junior colleagues have gone on to senior positions at this and other schools is testimony to his ability to identify and nurture potential in others.

### *a dynamic History Department promoting Historical studies before Hitler and Stalin*

Enthused by all aspects of History, Adrian transmitted this love to generations of students and he enjoyed enormous success in securing elite university entry for History year-on-year while admissions tutors were unstinting in their praise of how well-prepared these students were and how refreshing it was to find a dynamic History Department promoting Historical studies before Hitler and Stalin.

Away from A level, Adrian presided over superb GCSE scores for which he refused to claim any credit, preferring instead always to ascribe any successes achieved to the good work of the boys themselves. Adrian's individualistic lessons were always exciting and boys never tired of his passion and iconoclastic approach to studies. He was a most supportive Head of Department, always offering sage advice and unstinting support to his colleagues; we will all miss discussing History with him, as his excitement in examining the past both inspired and educated staff as well as students.

*Craig Walker*

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## Going, Going, Gone!

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**Trevor Lax**



Wherever and whenever former pupils gather and music is discussed, the degree of affection and respect they have for Trevor's musical abilities and his leadership quickly becomes apparent. Not one to see teaching at the school as a quick route to get somewhere else, Trevor willingly devoted the major part of his musical career to nurture and develop musical talent at both senior schools. The number of pupils who have been through Trevor's various ensembles and have achieved distinction at the highest level in music is testament to his constant musical guidance and encouragement to generations of Loughborough pupils. Many will have fond memories of major (and minor) musical performances at all kinds of venues, ranging from very grand professional concert halls to cold churches and church halls, and they will also remember the meticulous and well-planned arrangements that

***constant musical guidance and encouragement to generations of Loughborough pupils***

characterised Trevor's consummately professional approach to music making. Within the Music department, Trevor's organisation of all instrumental teaching was similarly well-ordered, ensuring that all tutors were treated fairly and in a suitable professional manner. As a colleague, he was a very reliable source of advice and support, and his presence will be very much missed.

When LGS received its first inspection in 2000, the Lead Inspector (who was also the Inspector for Music) referred to the work done by Trevor as "remarkable". A very large group of immensely grateful pupils and colleagues would agree wholeheartedly with that assessment of Trevor's contribution to Music (and also to school-mastering) at Loughborough.

*Peter Underwood*

**Trevor Tunncliffe**



Trevor was the first ever cricket professional at LGS in 1995. A graduate of Loughborough University, he was a professional cricketer with Nottinghamshire CCC and enjoyed overseas cricket at Alberton CC and Jeppe Old Boys in South Africa.

Trevor's first 1st XI at LGS would break virtually every batting record in existence....highest individual total, record stand, record sixth wicket stand, top

***benefited from his passion and the simple fact that he cares***

team total. Trevor has always encouraged his teams to play exciting, positive cricket and this is reflected by the statistics of the teams he has coached. An analysis of results shows the playing of 1501 matches of which 1042 were won, 151 drawn and only 308 lost! Through his expertise and willingness to enthuse, motivate and give freely of his time. Trevor has produced Varsity cricketers, County Cricketers, England age group players and a One Day International. He was also instrumental in developing the concept of overseas tours which have included destinations such as Barbados, South Africa, Grenada, Antigua, the West Indies and will lead a further tour to Sri Lanka in Easter 2013.

Further analysis of the time Trevor has devoted to cricket outside the classroom is staggering. During his tenure he gave 2256 man hours to the actual playing of cricket matches. That's 179 continuous 24 hour days of non stop cricket! Put another way, if Trevor had started that game on July 1st and they played continually for those 2256 hours that game would not end until the last day of December! (sic) Trevor loves the game of cricket and has passed on that love to those who have been fortunate to pass through his hands. All have benefited from his passion and the simple fact that he cares.

*Mike Broadley*

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## LGS in 1998 *Changing the Guard*

Compiled by Roger Willson

Our national history is defined by reigns, a school's history is defined by Headmasters, and 15 years ago we were coming to the end of the 'Ireland Era', by any stretch of the imagination one of the great 'eras' at LGS. In his tribute to Neville in *The Loughburian* Barrie Percival said it all: "If one was looking for an aloof, dignified, typical Headmaster then Neville was not that person...He has proved to be great fun as a colleague and as a Headmaster .... Unique ...Larger than life." It had been 14 years of tremendous expansion, both in plant and in number of pupils. The Art and Design Centre, the Burton Hall and kitchens, the Sports Field and pavilion at Quorn, the Queen's Building and Drama Studio just

***"We must always make sure that we are dreaming a little, and that we always believe things can get better."***

to remind ourselves of the major additions. And then there were the highlights of the Quincentenary Year in 1995 and the Queen's visit in 1996. But it was not just buildings and events: the emphasis on community, on making it a happy and successful school, the encouragement of talent and of busy involvement, these were all part of the "Ireland package". To quote Neville Ireland himself, "We must always make sure that we are dreaming a little, and that we always believe things can get better." Typical are two pictures in the magazine: 'Engine' Driver Ireland reassuring his First Year passengers as he is about to help drive a steam train on the Great Central Railway, a retirement surprise for him; and a few weeks earlier, the Headmaster, who had been given the honour of reviewing the CCF at its annual inspection and parade, exiting the quad in an open-top red



*The Leavers' Ball*

Landrover looking for all the world like a 'Pope-mobile'.

Other comings and goings remind us that with the growth in school numbers, turnover of teaching staff was bound to be higher. Leaving in 1998 were Messrs Eddon, Paddock and Kerr, all of whom had contributed to school life way beyond their classrooms and on a more 'school family' note, three well-loved people retired: Cec Sharman from the Of-



*Neville Ireland by an unknown artist*

ice, Albert Youngs who as Estates Officer was not only superb at his job but also had a real love for the buildings, and Matron, Brenda McConachie. On a sad note, one obituary recording the death of John Millward, 1973-84. Each Headmaster leaves his own legacy and John Millward's was unquestionably good scholarship and a school with a greatly enhanced reputation as it had moved from Direct Grant status to full independence in 1976, a real risk at the time. 1998 meant the arrival of a new Headmaster of course, and so the 'Fisher era' began. Other arrivals on the teaching staff during the academic year were Messrs Broadley, Healey, Leiper, Lyons and Walsh, and the latter had soon taken over the editorship of the magazine making a very fine job of it. Now *The Loughburian* was A4 size, on glossy paper, packed with news and reviews, 124 pages, and not only full of colour illustrations but with twelve pages of literary contributions in prose and poetry thus going back to a long tradition in the magazines of earlier decades. And congratulations also to his editorial board of ten senior pupils, three cartoonists, three photographers, and even an Advertising Manager!

I said above that the other principal feature of the Ireland years was the expansion of the School, and so many articles on clubs and activities suggest an enormous burgeoning of numbers involved: two Year 7JSP adventure holidays involving 44 boys (Jeremy Parton also took over the House-mastering of Denton in 1998); 175 involved in the DofE Award scheme with no less than 7 Gold Awardees during

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the year: Messrs Brown, Cleaver, Osborn, Tansey, E.Thorpe, J.Thorpe and Wilmot; a full Scout Troop (1998/9 was to be David Mouncer's final year in charge after so many successful years of service); "the largest party ever to brave the rigours of this traditional jaunt" to Paris and Brittany; the VSU's membership increasing to over 70; over 100 boys wanting to play table tennis regularly; the canoe Club "almost overwhelmed with new members"; and these are just the tip of the iceberg.

And the 1998 edition of *The Loughburian* is impressively divided into sections. One of the highlights of the School Life section (which included Round the Houses, Abney being the Champion House for the second year running, and reports on Chemistry Week and Engineering) was the 25th Anniversary of Hadrian's Wall trips (They became Year 8 trips in 1974), but I cannot resist including the Junior Ski Trip to La Clusaz, where David Miles' "excellent skiing resulted in a major crash and a broken collar bone"! The usual very busy year was apparent in the Arts section. With full colour now, original works of art by pupils could be included. Peter Twombly assessed the House Art Competition and had no doubt that the outstanding piece in an impressive show was Mark Hud-

**his "excellent skiing resulted in a major crash and a broken collar bone"!**

ston's oil painting of mechanical oil diggers at work. Productions in the Drama Studio included *Toad of Toad Hall* (the UVlth reviewers were particularly impressed by Tom Parrish and Charles Partridge) and *A Man for All Seasons* "superb acting. We were extremely impressed with the set". Particular mention of Ben James and Mark Smith in the lead roles. In December it was the last year of the sort of First Year Evening we had grown used to, what Jeremy Parton described as a cross between Surreal Theatre, Pantomime and Carry On film! This was a performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk* though pupils, staff involved and audiences will vouch for how loosely the traditional story was ever followed, but what fun we had over the years, and what a rite of passage at the end of a pupil's first term in the School. And musically the School was in fine form with two highlights being A Grand Night, a gala concert by home-grown talent at Stanford Hall Theatre to mark the Headmaster's retirement, and no less than 54 Endowed Schools musicians on a Concert Band tour of Germany and Austria.



*Sports Day at Quorn*

Finally to the Sports section. What is most impressive is the sheer number of teams turning out in all of the major sports. It does not seem to have been all that outstanding a Rugby season until we get to the Under 16 and Under 13 XV's, and especially the two Under 12 teams having an outstanding season. But it was also Rugby that took the senior squad that summer to the very different world of South America (player of the tour - Rob Allison). The summer sports seem to have suffered from wet weather for the second consecutive year: nine 1st XI matches abandoned, for instance (Tom Gauterin kept us happy with comparing the 1948 and 1998 school cricket seasons. He had just completed a masterly analysis of cricket statistics.) Even Athletics reported un-summerlike conditions. The Sports Day Victores Ludorum were, by years: T. Faust, L. Gregory, A.Long/C.Thomas, D.Watts, and W.Sbitany. And how good to see reports from Basketball, Badminton, Fencing, Canoeing and even Staff Soccer! And last but certainly not least yet another extremely successful Karting Club Year, LGS being School National Champions for the third year running.

### Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1998.

- 3 Mar Construction of Millennium Dome begins
- 10 Apr Good Friday Agreement signed in N Ireland
- 15 Jun Two pound coin issued
- 15 Aug Car bomb in Omagh kills 29
- 15 Sep Leicestershire CCC win County Championship
- 27 Sep Afghan forces routed as Kabul falls to Taliban

## LGS in 1988 *The First Comic Relief Day*

Schools are bound to have very sad as well as many very enjoyable occasions. The New Year of 1988 began with the shock of hearing that one of the youngest members of the teaching staff, Simon Wheddon, had been killed in a car crash on the M5 on New Year's Eve. Here was someone at just the start of such a promising career who had shown himself to be not only a very professional Geography teacher but also someone involved in school life with total dedication. OLS will particularly remember him if they were members of the School Scout Troop or if they were in the Senior Boarding House. He had been with us for just two years but in those had brought such energy and commitment.

Commitment by members of staff is a way in which LGS has been so fortunate over the years, and one of the stalwarts who had served the School for 34 years was Brian Webb, who retired in the summer of 1988. Brian brought his pride and pleasure in skilled craftsmanship to the woodwork room and, as a superb cricketer, took charge

of school cricket over many years. There were also the projects he master-minded, themselves part of the School history, among them the building of the workshop extensions, the laying of the Beacon Road cricket pitch, the erection of the pavilion on the 10-Acre Field, the stage for the Old Gymnasium where school productions often took place in those days and furniture for the Hodson Hall. Mention of the Old Gym, (and many OLS will have their memories of P.E. lessons and of other activities they were involved in there) is a reminder that 25 years ago, having been kept as a useful extra space after the opening of the Sports Hall in 1981, it was being demolished to make way for the new Art Block. One

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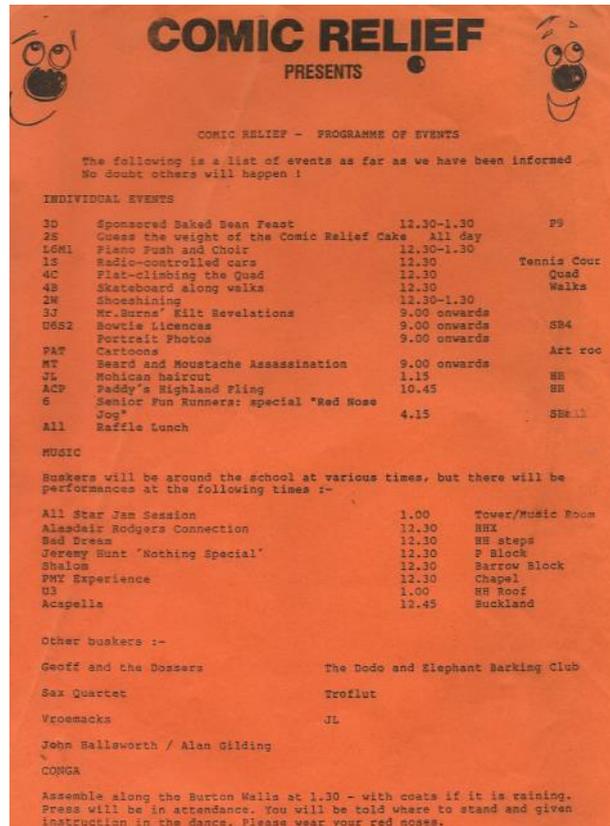
day someone may find the time capsule which the scouts buried in the new foundations.

There were the usual comings and goings of other members of staff: OLS will remember Mrs Elaine Gillard and Mr Paul Illott. Among the arrivals were two ladies who have both been long-serving members of the school community: Pauline Cumine in the Art department, and Valerie Bunn, who over 25

years has revolutionised the appearance of the School Library and turned it into such an integral part of school life. Arriving in September 1988 were Messrs Crookes, R E Davies, Delahunty, O'Connor, Paddock and Parton so one of them will be celebrating his silver jubilee this year! And a big apology to none other than our honorary editor, Canon Tony Cox. He should have been mentioned as joining the staff 25 years ago **last** year, but unfortunately *The Loughburian* of the time got it wrong and so did !!! It is a shame that a long tradition of 'Salvete' and 'Valeté' lists was not maintained at this period, so important for later researchers.

1988 was a very busy year as usual, but from the contents of *The Loughburian* it looks as if the editor did not always

receive reports of events and activities and there are gaps: no report on the CCF Review for instance! There is a picture of the School's new minibus, the 'E-bus', provided by the Parents' Association and also of Red Nose, Comic Relief Day. We seem to have gone to town over this and £4000 was raised for Ethiopian famine relief: hundreds of roses were worn, some staff appeared in strange garb, and at lunchtime a giant conga with the High School made its way around the campus, headed by Messrs Aram and Beazley plus assorted brass players and percussionists. Musical events get quite a mention in the magazine. A new venture was a Gala Concert of Instrumental Music given at the Town Hall featuring the Concert Band under David Tallent, the Orchestra under John Moore and the Big Band, then at the end of its second successful year under John Aram. OLS will have their own memories of their involvement in these. Simon Scoggins wrote the report on the Peter Underwood-led Choir, commenting how much had changed dur-



*The first Comic Relief Day at LGS*

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ing his school career: “the choir is now as much in the limelight as the 1<sup>st</sup> XV or the Oxbridge candidates”. The ‘Junior Musical Extravaganza’ was the musical *Rats* with a 65-strong cast and starring Tom Tansey as the Pied Piper. *The Loughborough Echo* wrote a glowing report of it, informing us also that the evening closed with the CCF Corps of Drums beating Retreat, floodlit in the quadrangle. John Weitzel not only masterminded this production but also took over direction of the season’s big ‘blockbuster’, the LES Opera Group’s *Annie Get Your Gun*, another triumphant success in the tradition of lavish productions in the Hodson Hall. Among the leading LGS pupils on stage were Messrs Sutcliffe, Mayo, Brennan, Airey, Turnidge, Hopkins, Webber and M. Smith. *The Loughburian* reporter commented on “the professionalism of all aspects of the production”, and there was a similar verdict on the main drama of the year, Anouilh’s *Antigone*.



A Chair made by Brian Webb

Junior and Senior skiing trips enjoyed excellent weather and perfect snow conditions; there was another Endowed Schools’ holiday in California, based on host families in Fresno, and just after Christmas a Tony Cullingford-led joint-school tour to what Matthew Padmore described as “the idiosyncratic world of the USSR”; a CCF Outward Bound course in North Wales; RAF camp in West Germany; and a few hectic days in Paris at Easter involving Messrs Dyson and Twombly as well as the inimitable, Howard Bullock!

And sport? Once again, not far short of half of *The Loughburian* for 1988 was taken up by House and team reports. One of the best records ever for the Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV with Captain Ian Bell and Vice-Captain Scott Pickering mentioning so many ‘stars’ in the team that it would be invidious to start naming names. But it was a splendid rugby season right across the board from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV under Paul Bennett to the U12 XV captained by James Woodward. Ced Davies was able to report on yet another outstanding athletics season with the teams winning 61 out of 62 ‘matches’, “probably the most successful ever.” 8 county champions, 12 new school rec-



“Annie get your Gun”

ords, prominent among the names being Messrs Razek, Gandy, Timson, Shore, Duncombe and Hames, and no less than 6 representing the county in the All England Championships. Rob Griffiths particularly mentioned Messrs Murphy, Moffat and Haythornthwaite in his Cross Country Report, and Miles Breeley and Jonathan Watson were singled out in Tennis. Simon Reese, who left the School 25 years ago, writing about the last Sports Day he was in overall charge of at LGS, taking place on Ten Acre, of course commented on what a perfect day it was and congratulated particularly the three Victores Ludorum: Ben Murphy, James Murphy and Chris Shore.

But the most amusing comment of the lot came in Geraint Webb’s Croquet report: “The strength of this club

## the mysterious disappearance of the croquet set

has somewhat dwindled following the mysterious disappearance of the croquet set. Play will resume when the guilty party returns it!” A reminder of how such things as straw boaters and the privilege of playing croquet on the Quad grass as Prefects’ ‘perks’ have come and gone over the years, and perhaps of how important little ‘idiosyncrasies’ like this are in a school like ours, among staff as well as pupils.

### Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1988.

- 4 Mar House prices rise 16.7% in one year
- 16 May GCSE replaces O levels
- 19 May Unemployment falls below 2,500,000
- 5 July Women allowed to become priests in C of E
- 2 Oct Seoul Olympics close - GB wins 5 golds
- 21 Dec 270 die in terrorist attack on Pan Am 103

## LGS in 1963 *A new Science Block*

How often one has heard at meetings over the years from long-serving colleagues that if you stay at the School long enough, most things come round full circle, and that is true about the first items recorded in two bumper editions of *The Loughburian* of 1963. The old 'Big School' had been split in half with a floor: "the upper storey consists of a new Music Room which will be able to be converted into a Chapel for the boarders at weekends (some OLs will know this as H1); downstairs there will be two common-rooms, one for School Monitors, the other for the Upper Sixth". On the other side of Burton Walks the new Science Block was nearing completion. At a cost of £54,000 this was to provide ten full laboratories and several store-rooms. *The Loughburian* commented that, "although not particularly pleasing to the sight, it is extremely practical and will successfully cope with the needs of the extremely large Science Sixth". Two articles in the December magazine are entitled 'The New Science Block: A pupil's view and a master's view'. According to the pupil, "Though the exterior has a rather functional appearance, the interior of the building is very pleasantly finished in pastel shades and polished wood, well lit and promising to be warm in winter without supplementary Bunsen heating as was necessary at times in the old block". How ironic then that 50 years on, part of the floor has been removed beneath H1 to create a mezzanine level for an enlarged Sixth Form Centre, and that the School has just re-clad and completely re-furbished the 1963 Science Building as the new Ireland Building entirely devoted to Physics teaching. Further changes in 1963 were to the grounds: the old allotments near the entrance lodge on the Leicester Road were ploughed up and sown with grass for a hockey pitch (now the car park), and "the north side of the Burton Walks was also sown with grass. The finished result is a lovely vista from Leicester



*The new Music Room*

***there will be two common-rooms,  
one for School Monitors,  
the other for the Upper Sixth***

Road". This comes as a reminder that in 1963 the Walks still came full circle round past where the Sports Hall now stands to a parallel avenue roughly two thirds across the 1<sup>st</sup> XI field beyond the Tower Block (see back cover). At Ten Acre Sports Field (now a housing estate) "a splendid sports pavilion, erected by a group of stalwart fathers from the Parents' Association, was at last opened".

Much else to report in the School Notes of 1963:



*The school party departs for Austria*

The School "seems to have been particularly active in the sphere of dancing (!) and in raising money for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign; yet another

Sixth Form magazine was brought out, this one being called 'Antiseptic', an uncensored magazine that strikes the happy medium between being outrageous

or not outrageous enough" (Difficult!!) The school play was *'The Admirable Crichton'* and John Moore had begun to make his mark as Head of Music with the first of his many Gilbert and Sullivan productions, *'The Pirates of Penzance'*, which played to capacity audiences in the new Hodson Hall. The academic side of School life had not been neglected: *The Loughburian* was "happy to record that no less than 22 boys have gained places at universities". So pleased were the Governors with the 22 that the whole school was granted an extra half-day holiday! Schools always have to say goodbyes and to extend welcomes, not only of pupils but also of staff. Among the departures in July 1963 was one of the long-serving 'giants' of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Frank Srawley. He had taken up his post in 1925 as a young Physics master and taught that subject, apart from war service, till 1963. He had also been passionate about the theatre, responsible for "a series of fine productions, brilliantly overcoming the very real difficulties of converting Big School into a theatre". Among the welcomes in the September term was Roy Wood to take over Physics

## LGS in 1963

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teaching, and many OLs will remember him not just for his teaching but for his pastoral role as a Sixth Form form-master. The other new member of staff, and one who has liked to steer clear of any public recognition, was John Salter. He

was another of the great servants of the School. He is remembered not only for his Maths teaching but also, with his wife Angelita, as House-parents in Denton. He was master in charge of the School Scout Troop and, year after year, produced the School timetable. Interestingly, *The Loughburian* records that at the beginning of the same term the number of boys in the School reached 737 while the number of boarders “has soared up to 99 with the fuller use of Red House”. Such a busy school 50 years ago: the full range of sports fixtures (though with 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby it was “difficult to assess the season’s results when nearly half of the games had to be cancelled because of hard and snow-bound grounds” – a reminder to us of just how cold and prolonged the winter months of early 1963 were, one of the hardest winters of the century); a House competition in full-swing, with just four Houses still (named after the masters in charge, Redden’s, Murray’s, Bowen’s and James’, so notice, no separate School House competing yet); a CCF of 160 cadets, newly affiliated to the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry and with a new Civil Defence Platoon; a post-Christmas skiing trip to Austria, still the days when this involved an overnight train journey across France, and other school trips to Epinal and Bavaria; hosting a Commonwealth Conference for seven neighbouring grammar schools – “The Commonwealth and the Common Market was on everyone’s lips after Britain’s failure to join the EEC.”

There are always some touches of humour, intended or unintended, and some reminders of just how much things have changed in *The Loughburian*. School House Notes tell us that it had been decided to rent a television: “thus at the modest fee of three shillings a term, the ‘TV group’ can watch on Saturday and Sunday evening”. Meanwhile Red House



“The Admirable Crichton”

reported difficulties such as “a six inch square TV picture”. And another reminder of how we take modern technology for granted: “Mr. Redden organised a trip to the College to see their computer at work” (who remembers the giant computer in the downstairs room of

the Pullinger Block?). And the latest dance craze? According to one boy in form 1a in the Lower School (No boys at Fairfield yet, the younger boys were still an integral part of LGS), “After tea we started twisting and I thought Fatty would burst because he had had such a big tea”.

And an important Golden Anniversary in the December magazine: “The OLA London Dinner was revived on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Rubens Hotel in Buckingham Palace Road. The Association was represented by 45 members. The evening was a great success. It is hoped that the London Dinner will now become an annual event” and thus it has proved to be.

But finally, one of the entries records a moment of history that all of us who were alive in 1963 will never forget. The two History Societies, senior and junior, were having a candlelit evening service in Staunton Harold Church as it might have taken place in 1653 when that church was built: “when we left the church after the service we were shocked by the news of the death of President Kennedy. Whilst we had been trying to feel a piece of history, history was in the making and perhaps the most important single action of our time had taken place”.

**the number of boarders has  
soared up to 99  
with the fuller use of Red House**

#### Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1963.

- 23 Jan Kim Philby defects to USSR
- 22 Mar *Please Please Me* released by Beatles
- 5 June John Profumo resigns over Keeler affair
- 8 Aug Great Train Robbery
- 22 Nov President Kennedy assassinated
- 23 Nov First episode of Dr Who broadcast on BBC

## LGS in 1913 *That perfect summer*

If one thing seems to contemporary eyes to epitomize England in those final years before the First World War it is surely a day of sunshine replete with a carefree summer garden party and sport. It wasn't all like that, of course, but to judge from *The Loughburian* of 1913 there were days when it was true. The School decided to hold its

Sports Day at the end of May for the first time rather than in the colder Easter week when, apparently, "the lads were more alert generally: but now no more delightful venue for such an event could be chosen than the school cricket ground now that May is here. The turf was of the greenest and the leafage was luxuriant in its verdure. One of the most noticeable things on the field was the popularity of the camera. They were snapping on all sides, from the Headmaster (Mr. Turner) with his elegant 'Goerz' to the junior with his 'Brownie'. From a femi-



*An early postcard shows the quad prepared for tennis*

school, the magazine records an interesting football match against Ashby which "was due to start at 3 pm, so several of our brilliant (sic) internationals turned up about half-past. However, about 4 o'clock we received an intimation that the Ashby team were really coming!"

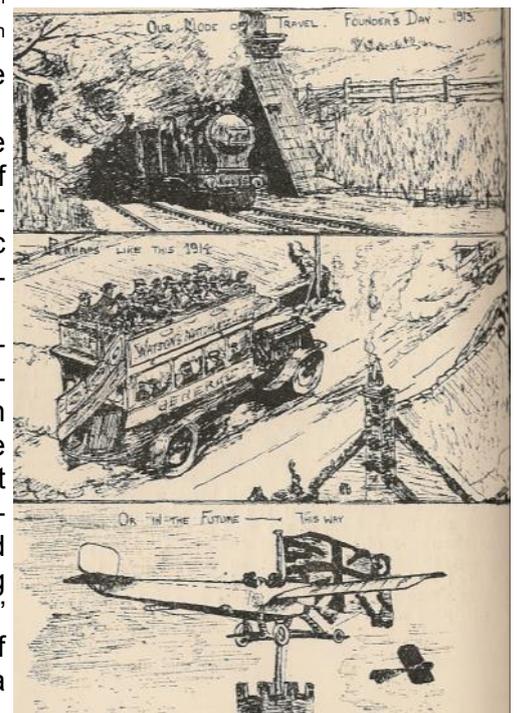
Despite the absence of an organised Cadet Corps, there was a Rifle

Shooting season which had had to be postponed owing to a "delay in the return of the rifles which have been sent away to have the barrels re-bored. They should shoot all the better if held straight!!" The death of a distinguished OL was reported, Sir Walter Howell, KCB, who had been a prominent witness at the enquiry into the Titanic disaster of the previous year and, in 1907, one of the committee which made the arrangements for the Hague International Peace Conference. On a much lighter note, a poem in the magazine entitled 'Decline and Fall' celebrated the fact that "members of the Sixth Form, those demi-gods (sic) have recently been observed playing leap frog during break!" A musical play, *King Hal*, was presented with great success:

"April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ought to be red-letter days in the calendars of the music-loving public of Loughborough....

The audience applauded frantically even though one realised that one's carriage had been waiting half an hour."

As a result of the play, a second bookcase was added to the



*W F Cartwright's sketches ominously foretell the transport of 1914-18*

### *a day of sunshine replete with a carefree summer garden party and sport*

nine point of view, it was a charmingly dressed assembly, whilst the Territorial's Band made suitable music in the enclosure." What a shame that no-one thought to save such photographs for the School Archives, a reminder that what survives is so much the result of accident and chance.

Just a fortnight later, on June 12th, Founder's Day, the school excursion to Matlock was revived. After the annual service (in Big School, the theme of the sermon was *The Importance of Discipline!*) a photograph of the whole school was taken and then about 80 pupils and staff "made their way to the station and entrained for Matlock. The weather was beautiful, everyone enjoyed himself. W.F.Cartwright shows in his clever drawing how we hope to go another year".

It has recently come to light that Harry Linacre OL, had regularly kept goal for Nottingham Forest and, on two occasions in 1905, for England, which might partly explain the comment in *The Loughburian* of May 1913. Several years after Harry had left the

## LGS in 1913

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Reading Room of a few years old – and it is still there. We are told that the School Library “is probably one of the oldest in Loughborough. It contains books presented in the year 1724. Originally the Library must have been housed in the buildings in Church Gate which formerly constituted the Grammar School; when the present buildings were erected it was placed in the classroom in the Tower which is now used by the Headmaster. When the Reading Room was built in 1904 the funds were not sufficient to provide bookcases, but thanks to the theatrical effort organised by Mr James bookcases were obtained and the Library moved to its present position”. It was still a very small school because *The Loughburian* reports a football game Form IV v the Rest of the School which Form IV won by one to nil. The Games Committee (of senior boys) decided that in future “the Cups for the Blue v White matches be awarded for points gained during the Winter and Spring terms,” so this looks like the inauguration of a Champion House Competition. But what did the magazine mean by “The Thorpe Races, the Monitors’ Championship to be run on June 31<sup>st</sup> (!) at 12 pm. Horses to assemble at the Garage with chauffeurs and



*Mr and Mrs Turner and the boarders of School House*

sentation of a German’s first encounter with a telephone and brought the House, which had tottered dangerously throughout the programme, down by his irresistible ‘My Wife’s Cake.’” Good, innocent fun but at least five of the senior pupils involved on that night were, within a year or two, to become victims of the Great War.

Finally, *The Loughburian* included a long article entitled ‘In Blunderland’, a catalogue of schoolboy howlers. Do pupils still make them I wonder? We have all heard of the *Papal Bull which is a sort of cow, only larger and does not give milk*, but what about *Noah’s wife, whose name was Joan of Arc or Rome stands on the Tiger?*

There was no OLA during these years: although it had been founded in 1880s, the sacking by the Governors of Headmaster Colgrove in 1893 and his subsequent founding of his own school across the Leicester Road, taking several pupils with him, had led to its demise until a re-founding in 1921 under Headmaster Stimson. However, it was a custom to ask an OL at Oxford or Cambridge to write a letter back to the magazine reporting on university life and giving advice: the anonymous writer of 1913 trusted “that the Fair was distinctly banned by the present generation of monitors following the noble example of their predecessors and hoped that the School organisations are flourishing and that the numbers of the Anti-Work Club have not increased!”

***at least five of the senior pupils involved on that night were, within a year or two, to become victims of the Great War***

jockeys. Members of the Sardine Society are reminded that yachting on the sludge is forbidden”.

*The Loughburian* of September 1913 tells us that the School was still collecting towards the Barnardo Emigrant Fund and the next edition names the boy whom the School was now sponsoring as 13 year old orphan George Haynes who, in a letter back from Canada, promised “to try and do my best to get on and get a farm of my own.” Empire Day was commemorated in the School as usual but this year “the Union Jack was draped over the east window of Big School as the cord of the flag staff had given way.” The keynote of Mr Turner’s address was responsibility and duty. Once again *News of OLs* reports several going out to various points of the Empire. The Christmas term ended with another annual fixture, the End of Term Concert where it is clear that staff and Headmaster were as actively involved in the entertainment as pupils: Mr. Plumb sang a humorous military song, *It’s Going to be a Serious Thing for England*; Mr Smith gave a “life-like repre-

### Meanwhile, in the rest of the world in 1913.

- 15 Jan Unemployment benefit introduced in UK
- 28 Mar Morris Oxford goes on sale for £175
- 4 June Emily Davison killed by King’s Derby horse
- 6 Sept Arsenal FC move from Plumstead to Highbury
- 4 Oct 439 die in S. Wales colliery disaster
- 9 Nov Gandhi arrested on protest march in S Africa

# The LGS House system to WW1

by Roger Willson

New buildings in a Tudor style; uniform; a school badge; school sport and matches with other schools; a cricket field and a first XI; masters wearing gowns and mortar-boards; Science coming into a curriculum which was still geared to the Classics;

*typical of old-established grammar schools such as LGS*

prize and speech days: all these were typical of old-established grammar schools such as LGS in the second half of the Victorian period as they took on many of the characteristics of the major public schools which themselves were undergoing a revival.



Burton House Football team 1897

And along with these features came Houses as a way of introducing internal competition in sports.

The 1891 *Loughburian* magazine mentions a tripartite division of the School: School House (the boarders who lived in with the Headmaster, Colgrove at this time, in School House), Burton House (a second boarding house situated in Gregory Street), and Day Boys. Captains of each were elected at a 'committee meeting held at the beginning of the Michaelmas term' (1890). We have to remember just how small the school was at the time compared with nowadays: less than 100 pupils was the norm. The magazine also mentions that the school football team had been 'decked out once more in the old School colours – blue and white: the shirts are quartered',

colours which were to become very relevant when the first re-arrangement of School Houses took place



Burton House in Gregory Street

eighteen years later. Challenge Cups between the Houses seem also to have been introduced in 1890 ('after much deliberation, the inscriptions and the

cups themselves have been determined on. Ingenious members of the committee even made designs after their own heart in which figured a pair of legs in deadly collision over a ball'), so perhaps this was the start of competitive House matches. The next page of the magazine records Challenge Cup football matches, the names of team members, reports on the first and second round matches, and victory in the Challenge Cup for Football for the Day Boys, who were undefeated in all their matches. Reports on inter-House cricket and tennis follow in *The Loughburian* for December 1891 when it appears that the Day Boy House had already been divided into South and North Day Boys, presumably reflecting where local boys lived.

The first major change in the organisation of Houses

*the School was to be divided into two Sections*

took place in 1907 under Headmaster Turner, when we learn from *The Loughburian* that there was to be a 're-arrangement of Cup Ties', proposed by the Games Committee. The School was to be divided into two Sections and it was soon decided that 'the names of the sets should be Blue and White: 'shirts and jerseys of these colours to be worn by the respective sets....In future the 1<sup>st</sup> XI



School House Cricket team 1890s

must wear the blue and white shirt in School matches, the school badge to be worn on the shirt as soon as any member of

the XI has received his colours'. Inter-'Set' competitions were to be held at senior, middle and junior levels. The School magazine soon begins to report on Cup Tie matches between Blues and Whites: football, swimming sports, which took place in the town Memorial Baths, now the Museum in Queen's Park ('The team race between the Blues and the Whites was splendidly fought out amidst deafening shouts from the onlookers') and cricket (interestingly, a two innings match played on a Saturday and a Wednesday) in the summer of 1907, and by 1908, rifle club matches which continued to take place up till the First World War.

## Who's Who?



**Alan Toone (1943-1951)** has been in touch concerning the photo we printed in the 2012 edition of the *Loughburian*. He writes:

"I felt that I had seen this photograph before and a search amongst the detritus accumulated during a lifetime proved successful – I did have a copy of the photograph with the caption '**Form Upper Remove B in the Swimming Pool 1947.**'

I set about putting names to faces, to which operation an unreliable memory and the mists of time proved to be a handicap. Further, as a number of boys in the form are not on the photograph, the process of 'elimination' could not be used.

### Back row - left to right

Claude Chipping, Jock MacGhee, ?Palmer, David Gadd, Albert Bowley, Alan Campbell, Peter Marriott, Harry Allcock, (see page 16)

### Middle row - left to right

Piers Dutton, Ray Wix, Roger Topping, Peter Coran, Peter Brayshaw, Giles Jarram, Roger Cramp, ? Somers-Joce

### Front row - left to right

Derek Shipley, Peter Pridmore, David Brockhurst, Ken Stevenson, Reg Barrows, Alan Toone, ?Hanam Michael Walsh, Henry Taylor.

### Staff

Mr "Dickie" Dain, and a student from Nigeria on placement from Loughborough College.

*Alan has provided a short note about each of the characters. He does apologise for any resulting errors.*



For Alan's full account of these OLs, visit [www.olaoga.co.uk](http://www.olaoga.co.uk)

**David Jackson (1952-59)** was attracted by the recent article concerning LGS Rowing. He writes:

I was so taken with Colin Billyard's article in the last issue of *The Old Loughburian* that I was moved to look out the attached photograph of the School First IV of 1959. It consists of (from the left) John Charles (stroke), David Jackson (3), (John?) Mortimer (Cox), Ray Hampson (Bow) and 'Dutch' Holland (2). Our rowing coach was John Kitching, but the master at the back of the photo is Jim Watts, recently down from Queen's College Oxford and doing a bit of work experience during the end of the LGS Summer Term. The trophies we are holding are the Maiden Fours at Worcester Regatta, the Junior Fours at Boston Regatta, the School Fours at Newark Regatta and the pennant for the fastest clinker four at Northwich Regatta. I think that qualifies us as the best LGS crew ever - although others might disagree.



*School First IV of 1959*

I met up again with Ray Hampson when we both went up to Oxford, he to New College and me to Worcester. He was in the New College First Eight in the Summer Eights in 1961 when he won his oar by achieving 4 bumps. I was in the Worcester Eight that contributed to that achievement!



*Who are these men, any offers?*

# Obituaries

Compiled and edited by Tony Cox



David Halford

*We are grateful to John Weitzel for permission to reproduce this tribute to **David Halford** who died on 30th September 2012. This was given to the School Assembly in the Hodson Hall on the following day:*

“As you came into school this morning you will have seen that the flag is flying at half-mast. Yesterday morning I arrived at school to be greeted with the news that David Halford, who was the caretaker responsible for this hall, had suffered a massive heart attack whilst emptying his caravan on the East Coast, had never regained consciousness and had died shortly afterwards.

Most of you – especially those towards the senior end of the school – would know David well. For twenty seven years David had total responsibility for this hall – that is more than half the time it has been built, the Extension and also the Burton Hall. You only ever came directly into contact with him when you came to ask for the coat you had left in assembly or the phone you had left in the trays after an exam. However his influence on all your lives was much greater than that. For all his time here he worked with Sue coping with the continual reconfiguration of this hall, being set out one way, then another, having exam desks put up or building the tiered seating. It was a continual job and that extended to the Burton Hall where every day he cleared up after you had eaten. A school of a thousand boys creates massive cleaning problems but if you think about it every time you entered these buildings they were clean and tidy – whatever the state you had left them in a few hours earlier – with the chairs always set out and that was entirely down to Dave and Sue.

Some of the biggest challenges would come after Parents’ Evenings when we needed Assembly the following morning and he was often here, starting work at 9.30 pm and working until midnight to get the hall ready for use.

The challenges you created for David were matched by my colleagues on the teaching staff. In addition to getting their mail to them twice a day he was also responsible for keeping their common room clean and tidy...which I can tell you is a continual battle. However, nothing was ever too much trouble for him – ask him to put up a tent for refreshments for the Art show, and he would do it; ask him to update our honours boards and they would be done; ask him to set up for Prize Givings and instantaneously chairs and tables would appear in the right place...with trophies polished ready for presentation.

For those of you on the support staff David was a dear colleague and friend none more so than to Sue who he worked alongside everyday here. Wherever he was needed on campus he would be there - helping put up the marquee for the Sixth Form Ball; sitting for hours on end in his car guarding your parents’ cars in the car park or setting up barbecues wherever they were needed.

Outside the School he was a great volunteer. In particular he worked with the Scouting movement and many of you will have seen him with

his troop as they marched alongside you at Remembrance Day Parades each November or at St George’s Day parades in April.

For me David has been, for those twenty seven years, a close and valued friend. When he arrived I used to do major productions in this hall – one each term – and the chaos and extra demands these made on him were considerable. David was always there to offer help.

1995 and the Quincentenary provided real demands on all of our caretaking staff and I know one of David’s happiest memories here was the day in London when he joined up with fellow caretakers Don and Ken to be with us in St Paul’s Cathedral and then at *Les Miserables*. However that was nothing compared to the following year when the Queen came – which led to my abiding memory of him... supervising the police search teams as they put away the exam desks for him...the only time he ever had any help..he was so pleased!

David would have been 64 tomorrow. He was talking enthusiastically about the prospects of retirement next summer and being able to spend more time with his wife, son, daughter and especially grandson in a new caravan. David was simply a good man...one of the very best.”

*We have been saddened to hear of the deaths of:*

**Peter Austin (1998-2004)** who died on 31st July 2012 due to complications following surgery.

**David Face (1940-49)** who died on 21st March 2012. He leaves his wife Carole, son, Simon (1980-87) and daughter, Caroline (LHS 1983-90).

# Obituaries

continued



*David Simpson*

*We were sorry to hear of the death of **David Simpson** (1942-50) who died on 25th November 2012. Peter Simpson (1942-48) writes of his brother:*

“David had a great affection for Loughborough Grammar School, especially for the sports which he very much enjoyed. He was a member of the first Rugby Football Team, when the school changed from playing soccer to rugby under the guidance of Harry Bowen. He was also an excellent wicket keeper for the school cricket team.

He took a BA degree at Leicester University, and, after National Service, continued his career as an Education Officer in the Royal Air Force, serving in Germany, Australia and finally at Cranwell, where he retired as a Squadron Leader.

David spent his retirement in Metheringham, Lincolnshire, where he became an enthusiastic golfer, serving his club as Secretary and Captain. He was also a keen Bridge player.

In 1956 David married Joan Barker, a former pupil of Loughborough High School, and, after her tragically early death, he married Jean Armitage, also a Squadron Leader in the RAF, who survives him, together with three of his four sons.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.”

*We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of **Jake McCarthy** (1998-2006) who died on 24th December 2012. His brother, Josh (1996-2003) offered this account of his life:*

“Whilst on holiday in Thailand with his brother, Josh, one morning Jake didn’t awake from sleep and tragically never regained consciousness. Jake had fallen victim of an aggressive brain tumour that no one knew he had, sadly losing his battle on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

As his family we always knew how special Jake was, but the last few months of receiving kind words and heartfelt letters has showcased just how far and wide Jake’s warmth of character truly stretched. His breadth of talents, interests and sense of humour made for a potent cocktail of likeability that left Jake with a wide reaching group of friends, still holding dear many close friends from his LGS days. Primarily this was because Jake was great company. Anyone young or old who shared time with him would know he’d be the first person you’d want to share a drink with. Whether it was a careful, considered ear or just someone to enjoy a laugh and a joke with – he was there.

But it wasn’t just his infectious personality that made him unique; Jake was lucky enough to be a man of many talents [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmP6auloSuo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmP6auloSuo). Jake had a depth many people didn’t perhaps realise. Just flicking through his moleskin notepad he carried around with him would showcase what a deep, emotional and loving character he was. It was jammed full of beautiful drawings he’d done, amazing poems and lyrics he’d written himself.

Jake was a fantastic singer and professional musician. His bold, beautiful voice would captivate rooms of whatever size. His alluring words hit the big stage thanks to the graceful, romantic pop he played with our other hugely talented brother, Rory, in their band Hot Horizons [www.hothorizons.com](http://www.hothorizons.com). We’re all delighted that those recordings of him exist because through that music he’ll live forever.

We’ve not even touched on his sporting life, a great runner, a strong cyclist and an energiser bunny of a footballer. Nor have we mentioned his eye for a beautiful photo, his design skill, skateboarding tricks. Jake really was a completely unique character and the world really will be a poorer place without him.”

*In the Old Loughburian of 2012 we announced the death of **John Farmer** (1938-43). We are grateful to his wife, Dorothy Farmer, for the following additional information:*

“John was called up a short time either before the war ended or just after. He spent most of his Royal Air Force time in India. On his return he became a partner in his father’s yarn agency business. He was a keen sportsman and was the youngest captain ever appointed at Rothley Park Golf Club. Due to an unknown neurological disease he gradually lost the use of his legs and finally surrendered to a wheelchair, which meant that he could no longer even play bowls. He is greatly missed by his wife, Dorothy, his son (Jonathan) and daughter (Anni).”



*Jake McCarthy*

# Obituaries

continued



*Ken Butcher*

*We are indebted to Bob Green (1942-50) for this tribute to **Ken Butcher** (1942-47) who died on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012, aged 81.*

Ken entered the school in 1942, in the depths of World War II, in the company of a small group of boys from Cobden Street Junior School who had been awarded scholarships to LGS on their results in the Annual Schools Examination. For the first three years, during the rest of the war, conditions at the school were very difficult. Many of the younger members of staff had been called up

into the armed forces, leaving a depleted number of old 'war horses' to carry on teaching, together with a constantly changing collection of staff members of very mixed abilities. The lower forms bore the brunt of them; there is no doubt that some subjects were very inadequately taught, and discipline suffered.

Fortunately, after 1945, some of the old members of staff returned from the forces, others were recruited, and standards went up remarkably. As a result, when the results of the School Certificate arrived two years later, the whole of the form had gained the certificate and virtually the whole form had achieved Matriculation Exemption, entitling them to university, which was unprecedented. Of course for most boys this was financially impossible without remaining at the school for a further 2-3 years to obtain a further scholarship on the results of the Higher School Certificate. It was by no means certain that one would obtain one as university places were only available to a very small proportion of pupils.

In those days there were other routes towards joining a profession, and Ken left the school at 16, becoming articled to a Loughborough firm of accountants, where he worked and studied until he qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He saw his future in industrial accountancy and obtained a post with Fisons in Loughborough, with which group he continued for the whole of his working life, in a number of roles, sometimes involving travel and work all over the world, but remaining always based in Loughborough.

His marriage to Muriel brought him three children and in due course a number of grandchildren. Tragically, Muriel was taken ill and died when the children were still young, and for a time life was very difficult, but so greatly eased when he married Pearl, a widow with grown-up children, who survives him, after a marriage lasting many years.

Ken's main interests, apart from his work, were photography, philately, gardening, long distance walking, the Methodist Church, and family life. For some years after retirement he served as Treasurer for Christian Aid in the area. In his younger life he had spent holidays walking in many of the mountainous areas of Europe and much later, when his health was compromised by heart problems, he still continued to take long weekly walks. In his retirement he was instrumental in promoting reunions of members of his year in Upper 5A, who met for weekends in various centres, living, eating, walking and reminiscing together. Sadly

numbers started to decrease as members' ages proceeded through their 70s and several fell by the wayside. In the last few years Ken's activities were increasingly restricted by the progress of Parkinson's disease, from which he had suffered for some time, and reunions had to be restricted to the Loughborough area. Finally Ken had to give up driving his car and was restricted more and more to his home, until for a blessedly short period he was in hospital in Leicester, where he died.

The ethos of LGS in our time, apart from learning how to think, was to learn, not to maximise one's future income, but to be able to be of greater service, as the words of the school hymn say so well. Ken exemplified this through his work for Fisons, not only for the business but also voluntarily for employees' organisations and for other causes and by his lifelong devotion to the Methodist Church in Loughborough, where a packed congregation representing all Ken's life and many activities gathered to celebrate his life. He is survived by his wife, Pearl and his sons, Neil (1975-79) and Graham (1977-81).

*Caroline Poole née Heath (LHS 1974-1981) has brought us the sad news of the death of her brother, **Andrew Heath** (1970-77).*

Andrew died on the 1st September 2012 at the age of 53 from a sudden heart attack. He leaves a wife, Camilla, and 4 young daughters. He had worked in the City in latter years and often referred to LGS friends, especially Richard Bradley (1970-78), Eric Bradley (1968-78), Mark Slaski (1970-77) and Neil and Lorna Campbell (LHS 1968-76).

## OL Golf Society 2012

Robert Hallam



*Old Loughburians v the School*

### Spring Trophy at Longcliffe GC

Chris Wreggit was the winner of the 20<sup>th</sup> competition for The Guy Baker Spring Trophy with 39 points, with Jon Allen runner up on 35. A 2 net 1 for 4 points at the 1<sup>st</sup> set the tone for Chris to complete the 1<sup>st</sup> nine in 25 points. The realisation of this achievement created his only blank at the 10<sup>th</sup> after which he cruised home for a comfortable win. Jon Allen was on good form until a blank at the 17<sup>th</sup> cost him the chance to win. A 3 at the very difficult 7<sup>th</sup> was the highlight of Ian Agar's steady round. Presentations were made by Susie Bromwich at the dinner afterwards.

### The Quincentennial Trophy at Rothley Park GC

Jon Soars with 35 points was the leading OL from Nick Preston and Dave Barnett on 34. The highlight of the day was the entry of so many boys in the competition and, at the same time, the 2012 Boys' championship, which was won by Ben Johnson on the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine after a tie with Elliot Maddison. One shot back on 37 points was Ed Lowe. The highlight of Ben's round was a par 4 at the difficult 3<sup>rd</sup>. After disasters at 14 and 15 he recovered well to finish on 38 points. The OLGS gave a new Trophy for the championship,

which was presented at School Assembly.

### Autumn Trophy at Lingdale GC

Chris Drane had a steady round to win by 2 points from Steve Foister (33), who had a birdie 3 at the difficult 17<sup>th</sup> to make 21 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine. Dave Bramwell also had a 3 at 17 and Neil Davidson had a good 19 points for his second nine.

### Grafton Morrish Trophy at The Leicestershire

After last year's success the team were very disappointed not to qualify for the finals.

### Burton Trophy at Longcliffe GC

The School beat the Old Boys by 3½ to 1½ on a very enjoyable afternoon with a meal afterwards.

### The Old Loughburians beat The Old Nottinghamians 3-0 at Longcliffe GC

## OL Clay Pigeon Shooting 2012

Roger Stone

We managed to raise one team for The British Schools' Championships (The Nationals) at High Wycombe on 28th April. The team comprised Roger Stone, Nick Jennings and Joseph Page.

The day was wet and windy, and the course had a number of challenging targets. Once again, we failed to distinguish ourselves with a fairly poor 64 ex 150 (Roger Stone 27). First place went to Rendcomb Old Pupils 1, with a respectable 101 ex 150. However, we are not discouraged and over the post-event drinks decided that we all need more practice, so we'll be organising an LGS shooters' event



*Nick Jennings, Joseph Page, Roger Stone*

around the end of July. We're hoping this can be at Orston, not far from Loughborough, to be followed up by a pub meal and the usual post-event analysis. I'll also see if we can have a private shoot against some other OB teams.

Thanks to everyone for turning up, including the three 'supporters'. Hoping for better things next time! If anyone fancies shooting for the team or just on a social basis, please drop me a note - [roger.stone@1qv.co.uk](mailto:roger.stone@1qv.co.uk)

# Annual Accounts

## OLD LOUGHBURIANS ASSOCIATION

### Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31 May 2012

	2012	2011
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Instalments received	36,372	18,116
Annual subscriptions	3,662	3,808
Income from investments: net	667	121
	<u>40,711</u>	<u>22,045</u>
Loughborough Dinner	(2,880)	(657)
London Dinner	(1,850)	(838)
	<u>(4,730)</u>	<u>(1,495)</u>
	<u>35,981</u>	<u>20,550</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Cost of Old Loughburian and OLA programme	7,845	6,722
Postage, printing and stationery	939	1,902
School prizes	950	1,100
Golf Society donation/expenses	630	603
Bank charges	13	-
Cost of newsletter	2,661	2,661
Miscellaneous	372	153
Barbecue	157	330
Secretary's Honorarium	500	500
Treasurer's Honorarium	300	300
Presentation gifts	452	1,798
Insurance	157	146
Donor Strategy	2,612	2,347
Reunion support	1,661	1,481
Promotional expenses	2,699	-
Editor's Honorarium	500	-
	<u>22,432</u>	<u>20,043</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>13,549</u>	<u>507</u>

## OLD LOUGHBURIANS ASSOCIATION

### Balance Sheet - 31 May 2012

	2012	2011
	£	£
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Barclays Bank Plc Ordinary shares (1,148)	4,807	4,807
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Balance at Bank	9,796	6,072
- Current account	11,975	5,746
- No. 2 account	87,370	86,762
- Deposit accounts	2,509	1,187
Stock of ties and cufflinks	15,532	6,517
Debtors	<u>127,182</u>	<u>106,284</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	8,396	1,047
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>118,786</u>	<u>105,237</u>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>		
General reserve re: shares	123,593	110,044
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance as at 1 June 2010	102,244	101,737
Surplus for the year	13,549	507
	<u>115,793</u>	<u>102,244</u>
<b>General reserve re: shares</b>	<u>7,800</u>	<u>7,800</u>
	<u>123,593</u>	<u>110,044</u>

**A M LANE**  
HONORARY TREASURER

Date: 19 November 2012

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

**A.W. ROOT** FCCA  
Date: 19 November 2012



For Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 visit [www.olaqa.co.uk](http://www.olaqa.co.uk)

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## My Loughborough

Tony Dakin (1948-53)



Tony Dakin

### ***My memories of the first day at LGS are still very vivid.***

I had arranged with Don Storer, who lived opposite our house, that we meet up and walk together the 50 yards to catch the Barton's double-decker bus. It stopped at Kegworth garage en route from Long Eaton where it had picked up about a dozen boys and girls from outlying villages.

We were all dropped off at the northern end of Burton Walks which led to the school. Then there was a quick 100-yards along this splendid avenue of towering horse-chestnut, elm and lime trees which were, little did anyone know at the time, either badly diseased or rotting away. A few minutes later we were walking to the eastern end of a huge quadrangle at the end of which was a towered building with a Westminster clock chiming nine. Once inside we were ushered into a high-ceilinged, dark wood-panelled assembly room and pushed by 17 and 18-year-old prefects into ranks alongside ninety other nail-biting youngsters and told to stand to attention. A few minutes later a long line of black-robed men and one tiny, wizened old woman, filed past us onto the stage where they took their seat with all the pomp and ceremony of Church of England bishops.

### ***a few minutes later we were walking to the eastern end of a huge quadrangle***

Three of the cloaked figures were at an old refectory table in the centre while the others sat on dark

brown dining chairs at the side. In the middle was a thin old man all emaciated and grey with a mortar board on his head and a pair of National Health glasses pushed right back against his eyes. He looked a bit like Clement Atlee years after he had left Downing Street. Huge bags under his eyes. He looked totally worn out. How wrong can you be? Two years later he told me to bend over in his study and gave me six strokes on my bottom. All I did was to throw an ice cream out at another LGS guy who was also poking his head out of the train at the next window. I was happy because we had been playing away at cricket and I had taken seven wickets. He was not as fragile and weak as he looked. Sydney Russell Pullinger greeted us in his precise diction (he was a Classicist) and then a secretary detailed which classes and which houses we were in. There were ninety of us and we would be in three classes—A, B and C. The names of the houses were, boringly, North, South, East and West. I was 3C and West and the other three from Kegworth were all in 3B. At the time I thought the selection was arbitrary. Only later did it occur to me that our forms were based on how well we had done in the 11-plus.

After the `cloaks` moved out of the room we were chaperoned back to the quadrangle and along to our new classrooms which were little more than badly built Nissen huts with asbestos roofs and rotting windows. Nothing like the main quadrangle. The first thing that struck me about our new teacher was the extraordinarily careful way he took to pronounce his words constantly showing a full set of teeth and a strong jaw line in the process. He showed us how handy he was with his long ruler particularly as a means of helping us to decline our French verbs.

### ***he showed us how handy he was with his long ruler***

I recall one incident from that day nearly 60 years ago. We had lunch in an enormous Nissen hut. It was, in fact, the music room. Lunch was taken in two sittings. There were long lines of tables. At the head of each table was a sixth-form prefect who was there to keep order, issue punishment lists where appropriate and to decide who had second helpings. On the first day I sat at the end of one of the tables with Bas Hardy. The main course was minced beef and Bas' first fork-full disturbed a caterpillar which crawled to the side of his plate. Bas did not put his hand up for a second helping and it put me off cabbage until I was way over thirty. That was my first day. Was I lucky?

## Old Loughburians' Association Programme of Events 2013

### April

Thurs 18 **Lichfield Cathedral**  
Reception at 6.30 pm following  
Choral Evensong

### June

Thurs 6 **Evening by the Thames**  
London Rowing Club, Putney  
Bridge OLA and OGA 6.30 pm

Sat 15 **2003 Leavers' 10 Year Reunion**  
Loughborough Grammar School  
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

### June

Sun 30 **LES Music School Al Fresco**  
Garden Party at No 2, The Walks,  
for local OGs, OLs and their families,  
3-4.30 pm

### September

Sat 14 **1993 Leavers' 20 Year Reunion**  
Loughborough Grammar School  
OLA and OGA 7.00 pm

### October

Fri 25 **OLA London Dinner**  
RAF Club, Piccadilly

**Did you leave LGS in 1974 or 1984? Are you interested in a Reunion in 2014?**  
Contact Neil Rowbotham on [honsecola@lesgrammar.org](mailto:honsecola@lesgrammar.org)

## The London Dinner - Friday 25th October

Now is about the right time to start getting 8 or 10 together for the 2013 Dinner. The RAF Club is smaller and less prestigious than the House of Lords but still very exclusive and only available to us through the kind auspices of Wing Commander Peter Sergeant.

We look forward to seeing you there on 25th October.

## Old Loughburians' Golf Society Fixtures 2013

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Thurs 9th May	Spring Meeting	Longcliffe GC.	2.30 to 3.30 pm
Sun 12th May	Grafton Morrish Qualifying	Gog Magog GC.	
Mon 10th June	Match v School	Longcliffe GC.	4.30 to 5 pm
Sat 29th June	Quincentennial Trophy	Rothley Park GC.	8 am to 2.30 pm
Wed 3rd July	Old Nottinghamians	Longcliffe GC.	4 to 4.30 pm
27-29 Sept	Grafton Morrish Finals		
Wed 2nd Oct	Autumn Meeting	Charnwood Forest GC.	1.30 to 2 pm

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