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From the Chairman of The Old Greshamian Club

Dear OGs,

Welcome to the 2024 Old Greshamian Magazine.

I write as I approach the end of my first year as Chairman of this wonderful club. In that time, I have enjoyed attending many OG events and reunions for year groups, some who have only recently left and some that finished their time at School before I was born.

Whilst the current political, societal and financial barometers continue to swing as seemingly often as the wind changes, it is ever more important that we look for some consistency and stability.

Under Douglas Robb's leadership the School is providing just that for the student body and the academic, co-curricular and pastoral provision has never been better.

Continued thanks to Richard Peaver for his work in collating the excellent contributions to this magazine and making it such an interesting read. Also, to Jo Thomas-Howard for keeping me and the Committee in order and ensuring that the Club remains engaged with all those who support this magazine.

The Club is in good shape, and we continue to facilitate and support a number of regular and one-off events for OGs throughout the year and across the world. There are many ways which we can help you reconnect. I hope that after reading this magazine, replete with updates from fellow OGs, you may be encouraged to join us at one of these events. Or even better, come to see how well the School is doing for yourself.

Best wishes.



Howard Olby (k & F 1987 – 97)

From the Headmaster



Dear OGs,

I hope you will enjoy reading about the activities of the OG Club during the past year. The number of events and reunions seems to continue to grow every year and the Club is certainly in good health. I would congratulate Robert Dale for his excellent tenure as Chair and he handed over to Howard Olby, who has certainly made his mark.

The School continues to thrive, with record numbers and fantastic new facilities. Please do come and visit if you are ever able to return to Norfolk. You will receive a warm welcome.

With all good wishes,

Douglas Robb

Abbreviations

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

Headmaster's Speech Day Speech, 2024



Guest Speaker Nigel, Mr. Renter Warden, Mr. Chairman and his fellow Governors, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning and welcome to Speech Day 2024. Please do make yourself comfortable; it has been a warm week, and I am sure some of you can take off your jackets if you wish, as I will try, and almost certainly fail, again to break the sub-one hour mark for speeches.

2023 – 24 has been yet another vintage year at Gresham's and we have continued to see great progress in all areas of school life. The harmony of excellent pastoral support, outstanding extra-curricular opportunities and performances, with an increasingly ambitious academic education here is clearly hitting the right note. Demand for places at Gresham's has never been higher and we are bucking the trend both regionally and nationally. This is the end of my tenth year at Gresham's and as I look around me, I could not be more delighted with the progress that I can see that has taken place during this decade. The quality of education that the pupils now receive, in all areas of their school lives, is of the very highest standard and that is what makes me so proud. The estate has, of course, changed a great deal and we have been so fortunate to have been able to embark on such an extraordinary programme, in large part due to the support of our great benefactor, Sir James Dyson. His continuing investment has allowed us to begin the construction of a brand-new Prep. School at Holt Hall. This amazing new project,

due to be completed and in use by September 2026, will further enhance the reputation of this School, whilst not burdening parents with the costs associated with such a massive investment. We are all hugely indebted to him and his continuing commitment to Gresham's; in his absence, please can you give him a round of applause.

I attended a conference at the British Library recently and spoke in Chapel afterwards about the message that had been given to delegates that day. The Director of the International Baccalaureate fed back to headteachers on a survey that had been conducted across dozens of countries and to over 650,000 young people. The message was incredibly gloomy, with expectation, hope and aspiration for young people at a really low point. Of course, this gloom is positively fired at them by the mainstream and social medias. They are bombarded with climate crisis, housing crisis, pensions crisis, economic crisis, war in Europe, artificial intelligence replacing almost everyone and then taking over the world – they really are harassed with extraordinary negativity. We certainly cannot look to politics for optimism and any solutions. Whether Mr. Punch or Mr. Judy wins on Thursday, I wouldn't hold your breath for a wave of enthusiasm and common sense. So where do young people turn to? I hope they turn to you their parents, to their community and also, most importantly, to each other. I have always been a massive believer in the power of humanity to overcome challenges. I have never been more optimistic about the young people we have in this school; they are hugely impressive and I have no doubt have the capacity to lead us all into the future.





I really do want our Gresham's pupils to be driven and ambitious, but most importantly happy. We have always been clear that our primary goal is for the pupils here to develop a sense of identity and purpose, to be supported in their development and then be ready to move on to their next adventure. I do hope that the leavers here today feel ready,

perhaps a little sad to be leaving Gresham's, but excited about the wider world full of opportunities. If you can turn up on time, smile, look smart and work hard you will be way ahead of your peer group and you will have a bright future. I believe that the opportunity to shine and flourish has never been greater. You will hear shortly from two of them and Spike and Jemima represent to me the very best that a Gresham's education can offer. They have humour, energy (a lot of energy!), talent and originality. I think they are world beaters and future world leaders. This whole U6th year group brims with talent and drive and I feel they are ready to change and improve this society and the wider world. I could not be more proud to be the headmaster of these young people. Please could you give all of them a round of applause.

I would like to thank those of the Gresham's team who are leaving us today. Jack Colpin has supported the music team for a year. Alicia Emily has supported drama for two years. Sam Higgs has been a brilliant teacher of RS and an assistant housemaster in Woodlands for three years; he moves to New Hall School as a housemaster. Tom Carr has



been a brilliant member of the music team for four years and moves on to Cheltenham Ladies' College. Camilla Sharrock has been a super Head of English for five years. She has led the department with real care for her colleagues and has demanded high standards from the pupils. She has now decided the time has come to focus on her young family. Please could you give them all a round of applause.



Katie

Katie Walton joined Gresham's in 1987 as a fresh-faced hockey coach and CCF officer. She leaves us after 37 years as a fresh-faced Duke of Edinburgh supremo. Gresham's has championed the D. of E. Award and Katie has been the driving force behind literally thousands of Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Katie will not mind me saying that she is of the old

school and remembers with a real grin evacuating the Deputy Chair of Governors from a hypothermic event on a Dale in her early years. She recently described Miranda Robb to me as "a bit of an airhead", but Katie got her through her Gold and on to her day at Buckingham Palace! We will all miss Katie and her forthright views; please could she come forward to receive a small token of our gratitude and a round of applause.

On to our Governing Body; a number have retired this year: Alex de Capell Brooke chaired the Estates Committee, Sir William Goodenough helped us with our new branding, Nick Youngs helped us with school sport, and they have all served their term and retired. Please give them all a round of applause. Stephen Oldfield has served for many terms, particularly on the Audit and Risk Committee, which he chaired, and has been a great servant of his old school through good times and, shall we say, less good times; Stephen is a devotee of his old boarding house, OSH, and so we have a small token for him, if he could come forward.

Michael Goff (F 1968 – 73) has served as Chair of Governors for the last six years. Michael has been an absolute dynamo in this role. He joined every sub-committee and has thrown himself into every aspect of school life. Always supported by Julia, he has made a huge effort and has been a demanding, supportive and brilliant Chair. The School has enjoyed its most successful period in recent history under his guidance, and it has been a huge pleasure to work with him during this time. I have commissioned a gift for him to mark his time as Chair and would ask him and Julia to come forward to receive our thanks.

As you all enjoy your lunch, I would make a familiar plea to the young people: it is very important that you acknowledge the opportunity that your parents have given you to attend this school – please do find a moment to say thank you. They really will appreciate it, and you certainly owe it to them. I hope you all manage to have a lovely summer. If

you are leaving us, please do carry Gresham's in your heart and if you are returning in September, remember to be honest, be kind and work hard, and – most importantly – no filthy mullets or Domestos haircuts in September, please.

*The Guest of Honour, **Nigel Dick** (c & F 1964 – 72), then spoke, describing his early days in the music and film industry, his key role in Bob Geldof's famous Band Aid concert, his involvement with shooting a crucial Celine Dion video, and the lessons he had learned along the way. The important message he imparted was: "To succeed, you must be prepared to fail brilliantly." Nigel's inspiring speech can be heard, and read, on the OG website. (He has recently been invited to join the Recording Academy, an American learned academy of musicians, producers, recording engineers, and other musical professionals. Based in Santa Monica, California, it is widely known for its Grammy Awards, which recognise achievements in the music industry worldwide.)*



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Reunions and Events in the Past Year

London Drinks

The annual London drinks party in Fishmongers' Hall in October 2023 attracted a large number of OGs of different vintages.



Mid-1960s Leavers Reunion

After a series of false starts, on 12th March 2024 nine Old Greshamians who left Gresham's School in the mid-60s assembled for lunch at The Wallace Collection in London. Some had met in recent months, some had kept in touch over the years, some had not seen each

other since leaving the school! Some who were unable to attend sent messages: Henry Saltmarsh wrote regretfully that he “should have been there but was let down by a railway problem” on the day, while Peter Darbishire was excusably prevented from attending by the fact that he was thousands of miles away!



Generally, we were a respectable bunch: one clergyman (previously a lawyer), two other lawyers, two accountants, a chartered secretary and three engaged in education at various levels. We were obviously greyer and bulkier (in some cases considerably so) than we had been on leaving school, but there was no real issue with recognising the guests even after a large time gap.

Conversation was general rather than nostalgic – not much of “I wonder what happened to so-and-so?” One of the group brought some photos, including house and school plays, and form lists, which awakened memories. Plays did have photographic records in a way that other school activities did not (it is probably as well that there are no recordings of the string quartet that one of us played in).

On breaking up after a leisurely lunch, some diligent people went to view the Wallace Collection. The rest made their way home. On this experience other groups can certainly be recommended to make the experiment. Organisation was a team effort: Michael did a lot of preliminary assessment of venues and handled liaison with OGS; Richard handled liaison with the restaurant. Thanks to both.

The picture shows, from left to right: Dru Brooke-Taylor, Robin Shawyer, Stephen Hinde, Jeremy Tomlinson, Richard Simon, Mike Wiltshire, Ian Aldous, Jeremy Dowler, Michael Womack.

Michael Womack (k & F)

Tallis 60th Anniversary

To mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of Tallis in 1963 by Sir Colin Anderson, Chairman of the Governors (and grandfather of Airlie Inglis, O 1980 – 85), a tea party was held at the house in September 2023, many former members of the house returning to see what changes had been wrought in the interior of the building since their day. Back



Sir Colin opens the new house



in the 1960s, Tallis was regarded as very modern, having only two small dormitories for junior boys, with most pupils being accommodated in single study-bedrooms.

Over-60s Lunch

On an unseasonably warm October day in 2023, well over 60 (appropriately!) over-60 OGs and their partners gathered for a reunion lunch at the school. The venue had to be changed at the last minute from Big School to “Tig’s” (the tuckshop), due to a water leak, but the caterers and school administrative staff coped calmly and efficiently with this unexpected disruption and, as it turned out, “Tig’s” proved to be a very suitable alternative location. The proceedings started with a short Chapel service, at which members of the choir sang with their customary skill and the quality of the new digital organ was admired. After an excellent meal, several of the Old Boys were given a tour of some of the recent developments at the school, the final OGs departing at 4.00pm, having spent an enjoyable and, for some, nostalgic day at their *alma mater*.



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1973 Leavers Reunion



A select band of those who left in 1973 returned in September 2024 to mark the half-century (actually 51 years!) since they had left. Some had travelled long distances to attend and after drinks in the Headmaster's new study an excellent lunch was enjoyed in the Dining Hall ("CFB").

Oakeley 1982 Leavers Reunion



Despite the horrendously wet weather, twelve of the 21-strong 1982 6th form Oakeley House leavers met in Norwich for lunch in October 2023. A number of us manage to meet regularly but this occasion was made particularly special by Heather Forbes and Mellany Ambrose joining us for the first time in 41 years. Many happy hours spent catching up!

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Yorkshire Reunion

On Saturday 27th April 2024 an Old Greshamian Yorkshire reunion took place at The West Park Hotel in Harrogate. More than 20 Old Greshamians and friends of the School came along, some of whom had not seen each other for several years. It was a perfect setting for OGs to catch up and talk Gresham's past and present.

The Yorkshire reunion is the second regional OG lunch in as many years, with the intention of hosting many more in the years ahead – an OG Lincolnshire reunion will be taking place in early November. The recent lunches and other such events are part-funded by the Old Greshamian Club. If you are keen to see if a similar event could take place in another area of the UK outside of Norfolk, please contact the OG Club on 01263 714620 or email ogclub@greshams.com

1984 Leavers Reunion



In June 2024, several OGs of the generation who left in 1984 gathered once again at the school for drinks, a barbeque, tours of the school and finally a quiz! We are extremely grateful to **Robert Dale** (T) for organising this very enjoyable occasion.

1989 Leavers Reunion



Excellence is not an act but a habit, said Aristotle. And so, following the 10th, 25th, 32nd (by Zoom to celebrate turning 50 years old in COVID) it was again time for some excellence, with a 35th Reunion for the illustrious Class of 1989.

It did not disappoint, with over 25 classmates and partners still keen to gather and share stories old and new. From Dubai, Italy, Spain and Cyprus to Wales, Lancashire and even Sheringham, people commuted by car, motorbike and – impressively – a private plane into Snoring airfield. The day was planned and the tickets booked with the usual professionalism of the OG team, Jo, Mary and Ed, and our secret weapon of James “Mutley” Morgan, steering operations in the background with his unparalleled passion as a serving Governor for the School.

We started with welcome drinks in the Auden Theatre, with no need for any name badges, joined by our legendary French and Physics teachers Richard Peaver and George Heaney. A quick sit-down buffet, some banter on VAT, family, careers, those early joint pains and then group photos before it was already time to explore the school grounds and check in on some of the rugby and hockey matches on that day.

The tours covered mainly the new Dyson STEAM building, the refurbished Reith Block, Big School (of course) and then across to Woodlands and Howson’s, with a few favourite spots added in here and there. The facilities today are truly impressive and generated a genuine WOW factor with all the alumni – even those who have been or still are putting their own children through the school. Reminiscing back to 1989, we were one of the first cohorts to tackle the novel idea of “Computing Studies” on the original BBC-B machines

with black and red keys – how things have developed, and how rewarding to see both the Gresham’s legacy and future school plans all in fine fettle.

After the tours, we headed into town, some of us doing the memorable OSH walk in the Norfolk sunshine. The usual meeting point was The Feathers pub for drinks and dinner, all the time (nearly...?) keeping our hard-wired teenage behaviours in check, as best we could for the night. The smiles in the photos of the day capture the reality – Class of 1989 grew up together at a special time in the world, with stories and bonds that last a lifetime. Plans for the next get-together are already underway.

With thanks again to the School for supporting the Reunion programmes.

Ed Adshead-Grant (OSH)

1993 Leavers Reunion



On 6th October 2023, 32 of the ‘93 leavers group came together at The Lighterman in King’s Cross for our 30-year reunion. Pillars of society representing a broad variety of occupations from Formula 1 to recruitment, HR, teaching, farming, the Law, psychotherapy, insurance and life sciences enjoyed sharing memories of halcyon days. Answers were found, or made up, to some key existential questions: Who was still called by their school nickname? Are 8-o’clocks, wedgies, croquet hooping and “Cromer crabs”

still legal? Did Mr. Worrall's dog, Seamus, really eat our sick during particularly strenuous rugby training? Who was it that buttered the metal strips of Howson's main staircase?

A big thank you to Jo Thomas-Howard from the OG Club for all her help, practical and financial support, and for Ed Margetson coming along to reassure us the school was in such good hands. It was a great event and wonderful to connect with so many people. Onwards to Fishmongers' Hall on 28th November this year.

Ali Wallace (W) and **Gareth Williams (T)**

1998 Leavers Reunion



I soon discovered that taking on responsibility to arrange a school reunion is almost as scary as going to one! It had been a mere 25 years since leaving school, and even though I had ended up working back at Gresham's, the prospect was daunting. You never know if your peers will be enthusiastic, uninterested or simply incommunicado. But it seemed like a good idea and initial discussions suggested that a wider audience would be keen. Despite that, I still anticipated a tumbleweed moment on social media channels where nobody responds!

The first challenge was to track down those I didn't have direct contact with, but social media is a wonderful thing and additional help from the Club and the OG database meant I was able to connect with the vast majority of our year group. The next hurdle was getting a date which suited the masses – nigh on impossible, given young families, holidays, and the busy lives of 40-somethings.

We opted for a local to Holt reunion as many of my cohort were keen to visit the School and see how it had developed since they left. Many of them had not set foot on the grounds

since their final Speech Day! On 28th October 2023 eighteen 1998 leavers assembled on the Parade Ground in front of the CFB for a trip down memory lane. Visiting the boarding houses you never went into whilst at school was a real novelty for some. There were rooms we remembered fondly in Oakeley that no longer existed, and parts of the house that simply weren't there. We marvelled at new buildings, especially the Dyson Building and reminisced in the old ones. One of the group member's young son said that Big School reminded him of Hogwarts, which only served to remind us all of what a special place Gresham's was and is.

Following the tour, we descended on the Hunny Bell for a lovely dinner and the opportunity to catch up on each other's lives over the past couple of decades. It was a wonderful evening with people from almost all houses – Tallis was the notable exception! Connections and friendships were re-established, and a real enthusiasm was felt for the one common bond that we all have.

A huge thanks goes to the OG Club, and Jo in particular, for supporting the event and assisting with the School tour. I hope that we don't leave it another 25 years until the next one.

Kate Olby (née Seymour) (O)

1999 Leavers Reunion



A large number of the 1999 cohort – an impressive total of over 60 of the year group – came together at the school in May 2024 for a reunion to mark a quarter of a century since they left Gresham’s. It was a highly enjoyable occasion, and the OG Club is very grateful to **Hayley Dixon (née Bevin)** (E) for the hard work she put in to organise the event.

2014 Leavers Reunion



Georgie Lomax (c & B) arranged an excellent reunion in September 2024 for those who left in 2014 to celebrate their tenth “anniversary”.



Germany

Despite the very heavy snow, our Germany drinks reception took place in December 2023 at The Charles Hotel in Munich. We were pleased to see the parents, OGs and friends who attended and met Douglas Robb (Headmaster) and Sue Richmond (Deputy Head).

Forthcoming Events

London Drinks at Fishmongers' Hall, 28th November 2024 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

If you would like to organise a reunion in 2025, please get in touch. We need some OGs to help the following year groups:

Class of 2015 – 10-year reunion – Organiser needed

Class of 2005 – 20-year reunion – Organiser needed

Class of 2000 – 25-year reunion – Sophie Stardust (née Jewry) and William Salter

Class of 1995 – 30-year reunion – Joe Beardshaw

Class of 1990 – 25-year reunion – Nick Seecharan

Class of 1985 – 40-year reunion – Organiser wanted



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Development and The Gresham's Foundation

Dear Old Greshamians,

It has been another eventful and successful academic year at Gresham's. Outside of the classroom and away from the sports fields, the year began with the opening of Arkell House, the School's new day house, in September 2023. This significant and most pleasing development saw us welcome 12 pupils into Year 12 (Lower 6th) last year, with an additional 13 pupils joining us this September, establishing Arkell House as a new home for a number of the School's 6th Form pupils. Plans to make Holt Hall the new home for the Prep. School remain ongoing and on track for the opening in September 2026, while the Reith Block has also been completely upgraded and is now a hugely impressive building that complements Big School next door. The estate is looking splendid. I hope many of you will have the chance to come back and see it for yourselves before long.



The Development Team has been involved in organising a considerable number of OG events and reunions which have taken place at School, across the country and overseas. It is always pleasing to see OGs reconnect and hear about the strong affinity and affection so many of you hold for your school. Thank you to everyone who helped organise these events and ensured great turnouts.

On a very different note, I wanted to take this opportunity to write a little about the impending VAT policy on independent schools, which I thought might be of interest. The School has been planning carefully for this eventuality for quite some time. We have remained in constant dialogue with current parents as to how we will do all that we can to limit the rise in school fees where possible and continue supporting Gresham's families with bursaries, scholarships, and financial support in times of hardship. I am pleased to say the School remains in fine shape and good financial health. This, combined with an increased level of support from the Gresham's Foundation, means we are well placed to carefully navigate the impending changes.

You will have heard me say before how the support of the Gresham's Foundation, and thereby the generosity of all donors, is playing an increasingly important role in supporting the School's access and outreach objectives. The School would not be able to afford anywhere near as many bursary awards each year without the support of donors.

This will only continue over the coming years, meaning all supporters of the Foundation's Bursary, Bruce-Lockhart and Unrestricted funds are helping to ensure young people from less affluent backgrounds can come to Gresham's.

Furthermore, this year will see the Foundation playing its most significant role yet: Close to half of the bursary programme in the Senior School will be funded by donations to the Gresham's Foundation. Although this is largely a result of the aforementioned policy change, I hope donors and the wider Gresham's community will be pleased to hear of the increased importance and impact of donations to the Foundation. I think this an encouraging and powerful statistic, knowing that donors are playing such a vital role and helping to provide a large number of Gresham's families with bursary support. I hope this might also encourage many OGs and the wider School community to consider being so kind as to donate, or renew their support, to the Gresham's Foundation. All support, whatever the size and whether a one-off or recurring gift, has a considerable impact on the School and helps to further its charitable objectives.

On a final note, with regards to bursaries, I am delighted to report that a significant legacy gift to the Gresham's Foundation was received at the start of the year that will fund up to two full bursary awards at Gresham's every year. It is a remarkable contribution that will only help to secure the future of the bursary programme at Gresham's. We are immensely grateful for this support.

As ever, we hope to see many of you back at School or at a Gresham's event outside of Holt this academic year. Please remember that you are always welcome to visit and have a tour of your old school.

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Careers Department

It's been another superb year of OG support and help with a diversity of careers events: Enrichment speaker talks; Bi-annual Careers Fair; Mentoring; Gap Year experiences; Degree Apprenticeships; Work Experience and more, including -

- The now annual event, the Gresham's Agriculture Conference
- Talking and encouraging current 6th formers at the Business Breakfast
- A fantastic Drama and Music Day with George Stiles returning to give insight to his theatre journey and taking workshops with current Drama and Music students
- Lots of online talks to groups or individual pupils on particular employment sectors, work experience opportunities, mentoring, summer jobs.

To have the support of the Old Greshamian community to give knowledge, help and opportunity to current Gresham's students is outstanding. Thank you to all who have supported this academic year. I apologise now if I have been remiss and missed you from the list.

Please do reach out to me at sosborne@greshams.com if you would like to be involved with "giving back".

OGs who have helped the Careers Department over the past year

Michaelmas 2023	
Suzu Astbury	Discussion with careers re future enrichment talk on the publishing sector
Susie Ashfield	U6 talk on changing pathway & CPD presentation skills session to staff
Irenosen Okojie	Q&A talk with L6 pupil for Black History Month
Anna Flint	Teams call with U6 student re Veterinary Medicine study
Camilla Foster	Enrichment U6 talk on achieving your career goal
Garrison Tsang	Discussion with careers re future talk on computer science pathways
Frederick Todd	Presentation re his degree apprenticeship at JP Morgan
Alex Claybourn	Presentation re his degree apprenticeship at James Lang LaSalle
Rupert Child	Finance Mentor to L6 student
Marcus Maddison-White	Assistance with Enrichment motivational speaker
Josh Oldfield	Teams call with L6 student re Computer Science study
Calvin Chan	Talk for STEAM week on future opportunities with National Air Traffic control
William Osborne	Talk to drama student on screen writing industry
Paul Mygalvanam	Teams talk to L6 students re Law study
Elyzia Wong	Teams talk to L6 student on Law study at Durham University
Edward Sidgwick	Represented Barratt & Cooke at Careers Fair
Paddy Downing	Represented Sworders at Careers Fair
Hannah Cliffe	Represented James Lang LaSalle Norwich at Careers Fair
John Cushing	Drama students' opportunity to attend Thursford

Charles Cushing	Drama students' opportunity to attend Thursford
George Cushing	Drama students' opportunity to attend Thursford
Lent Term 2024	
Deborah Wilson	U6 talk on Inclusion & Diversity to Barclays Wealth Management Team
Jonathan Beckett	Work experience assistance with brokering at Burgess Yachts
Duncan Baker	Opened Gresham's Agriculture Conference
James Athill	Represented Norfolk Seaweed at Gresham's Agriculture Conference
Stephen Oldfield	Represented TIAH at Gresham's Agriculture Conference
Tom Dye	Speaker as former CEO Albanwise Ltd at Gresham's Agriculture Conference
Jack Spencer-Ashworth	Hudson Architects, Business Breakfast
Mark Walker	KLM, Business Breakfast
Jamie Seaman	Brown & Co, Business Breakfast
Henry Cockerton	Brown & Co, Business Breakfast
Edward Plumb	Brown & Co, Business Breakfast
Sophie Girling	Kelling Designs, Business Breakfast
Sam Matthews	Barratt & Cooke, Business Breakfast
Edward Sidgwick	Barratt & Cooke, Business Breakfast
Maddie Gainher	Gap Year Information Session
Lara King	Gap Year Information Session
Phoebe Worrall	Gap Year Information Session
Katy Warren	Opportunity of Leap into Law Insight Day with Watson, Farley & Williams
Summer Term 2024	
George Stiles	Presentation Q&A and drama workshops on his career journey to a West End Theatre Director
Deborah Wilson	Virtual call Working in the Financial Sector
Frederick van Hasselt	Teams call with L6 student advising on applying to study in the USA
Fraser Muir	Teams call with L6 student advising on applying to study in the USA
Mark Joll	Opportunity of work experience in the food manufacture sector
Henry Li	Discussion re future speaker at STEAM week 2024
Lisa Simon	Carter Jonas – Assistance to students wanting to work in the property sector
Hattie Reynolds	L6 talk re study & athletics running training at Duke University, N. Carolina
Joe Oxtoby	Talk to L6 student re his gap year with Virgin Airlines to now studying at LSE
Isabelle Reading	Talk to L6 student about her JP Morgan apprenticeship
Lottie Alston	Talk to L6 students about her study & work journey in Graphic Design
Jack Stewart-Richardson	Talked to students interested in joining the Marines
Work Experience Summer 2024	
Sam Matthews	Work Experience with Stockbrokers Barratt & Cooke, Norwich
Edward Sidgwick	Work Experience with Stockbrokers Barratt & Cooke, Norwich
Jonathan Beckett	Work Experience with Burgess Yachts, London Office
Mark Walker	KLM work experience at Norwich Airport
Mark Joll	Work Experience at Sponge Cakes Ltd
James Glennie	Work Experience at Holt Festival German Expressionists Exhibition
Juliet Mary Donovan	Work Experience at Thomas More Chambers

Sue Osborne

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Honours and Distinctions

Richard Millman (k & T 1970 – 77) won the English Open Over-65 Singles Pickleball Championships in Telford this summer. Last year he and his partner had won the English National Mens Over-60 Doubles. Richard points out that pickleball is a rapidly-growing sport, with more than 40 million people playing worldwide. Using a badminton-sized court, the game is, he says, easily accessible to anyone aged 6 to 96, regardless of athletic ability (or lack of it!). Richard and his wife Pat have built up a group of around 70 aficionados at Cromer Tennis and Racquet Club. He suggests that some friendlies would be an excellent OG, school or staff activity and would welcome enquiries on millmansquash@gmail.com.

Commodore David Pond MBE (S 1978 – 80) was awarded the MBE in the 2023 King's Birthday Honours for his work with disability sport, including twelve years as CEO of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby and Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby.



Andrew

Andrew Nelstrop (H 1985 – 89) has had a busy twelve months, having released England's oldest whisky at The English Distillery in November 2023. The distillery's Sherry Cask whisky went on to win the industry's highest accolade, picking up "World's Best Single Malt" in the prestigious World Whisky Awards. This award is

given after being blind tasted against over 1,200 single malts from all around the world. The distillery celebrates its 18th anniversary this year.

Nick Acheson (W 1987 – 92) won the East Anglian Book of the Year for his book, *The Meaning of Geese*.



Nick

Tom Appleton (T 1997 – 2002) was awarded "Freelancer of the Year" at the West Suffolk Business Awards in October 2023.



Tom



Alex

Alexandra Wallace DL (née Paske) (E 2004 – 08) has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Northamptonshire.

Bradley Smith (k & W 2001 – 11) of the Royal Cromer Golf Club won the ISPS Handa Irish Open Championship in June 2023.



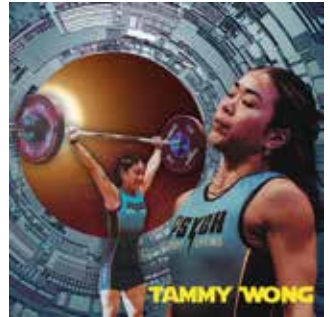
Brad Smith

Antonia Niehaus (O 2010 – 12) received a Special Mention for the best Master's thesis and examination performance in her MBA from Düsseldorf Business School at Heinrich-Heine University.

Tammy Wong (c & B 2008 – 15) became British Weightlifting Champion in the Senior Women 49kg category in August 2023.

George Ward (k & F 2009 – 18) graduated in 2022 with a 1st Class BA in English from the University of Exeter.

Archie Eke (k & W 2012 – 19) was awarded a Distinction in 2023 in his LLM in Legal Practice at The University of Law (his 1st Class LLB from the UEA having been recorded in the 2022 OG Magazine).



Tammy

Andrew Kinder (k & T 2005 – 21) graduated in 2024 with a 1st Class BA in Social Sciences (Politics and Philosophy) from the University of Manchester.

Lula Smith (O 2019 – 21) graduated in 2024 with a 1st Class BSc in Mathematics from the University of East Anglia.

Elizabeth Faye (O 2015 – 20) graduated in 2024 with a 1st Class BA in Education from the University of Lincoln. She is now undertaking a PGCE in Primary Education.

Charlotte Odlin (E 2018 – 20) graduated in 2024 with a 1st Class MSc in Physics from Queen Mary University of London.

Engagements, Marriages and Births

We are delighted to announce these happy events. It is assumed that when they are published in the press, or on social media, OGs are willing for us to record them in the Magazine.

Engagements

Thanesh Armugam (k 1990 – 98)
is engaged to Lauren Seeney.

Timothy Gates (k & T 1995 – 2002)
is engaged to Isabelle Szewczuk.

William Aldridge (k & H 1994 – 2004)
is engaged to Dr. Jamilah Lindo.

Thomas Sands (W 2001 – 04) is engaged
to Anya Cawdron.

William Harrold (W 2001 – 04) is engaged
to **Eleanor-Rose Stamp** (O 2006 – 07).

Matt Osborne (k & F 2002 – 07)
is engaged to **Abbey Turner** (B 2007 – 09).

Charles Davies (F 2003 – 07) is engaged
to April Compaan.

Gabby Saleh (O 2003 – 07) is engaged to
Steve Cooper.

Georgiana Siddall (c & O 2001 – 09)
is engaged to Peter Mason.

Lauren Sheridan (B 2006 – 09)
is engaged to Luke Johnson.

Rob Stilgoe (k & W 1999 – 2010)
is engaged to Candice Yearsley.

Dr. Hugh Roberts (k & T 2001 – 10)
is engaged to Lucie Hall.

George Cushing (W 2005 – 10)
is engaged to Mimi Emmett.

Charlie Fiddian (k & H 2003 – 11)
is engaged to Alice Fellows.

Josh Brewer (k & W 2006 – 11)
is engaged to Elly Haworth.

William Briscoe (F 2009 – 12) is engaged
to Scarlet Donohoe.

Jenny Hammond (B 1999 – 2013)
is engaged to Matt Billing.

Poppy Richings (c & E 2004 – 13)
is engaged to Max Artiushenko.

Rupert Knight (k & F 2008 – 15)
is engaged to Icona Francavilla.

Christopher Woodhouse (W 2010 – 15)
is engaged to Evie Fuller.

Robert Woodhouse (k & H 2007 – 16)
is engaged to **Tilly Ward** (O 2012 – 16).

Harry Simmons (k & W 2007 – 16) is engaged to Lauren Howes.

Amelie Thomas (c & E 2002 – 17) is engaged to Spencer Nash.

Chloe McCarthy (E 2016 – 18) is engaged to Sacha Todd.

Marriages

Charlotte McDougall (O 1982 – 87) married Mark Kitto in May 2024.



Duncan and Louise

Louise Brown (née Mitchell) (O & E 1986 – 88) married Duncan Brown in June 2024.

Thomas Chapman (k & W 1986 – 1994) married Niki Schafer in August 2024. They



Niki and Thomas

have since returned to Perth, Australia, where they met and live. They both work in the mining industry.



Gabby and Edward

Gabrielle King (O 2004 – 09) married Edward Watkiss in June 2024.

William Knights (W 2006 – 09) married Grace Angus in August 2024.

Dr. Emily Moore (E 2007 – 09) married Joe Collins in October 2023.



Angus and Olivia

Bryony Shipsey (E 2008 – 10) married Jamie Perry-Warnes in September 2024.

Henry Baker (W 2006 – 11) married Alexandra Hacking in October 2023.



Rory and Ellie

Angus Clogg (F 2003 – 10) married Olivia Seymour in July 2024.

Rory Fryer (k & T 2005 – 12) married **Ellie Sadler** (c & E 2007 – 14)



Philippa and Matt



Joe and Pin Ying Koo

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

Dr. Pin Ying Koo (B 2010 – 12) married Joe Frazer in October 2023.

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Giles Thompson (k & T 2005 – 13) married Hattie Bottom in June 2024.



Holly and Matt

Holly Farnell (2008 – 13) married Matt Spiers in July 2023.



Sophie and Tom

Tom Denny (H 2010 – 13) married Sophie Coles in November 2023.

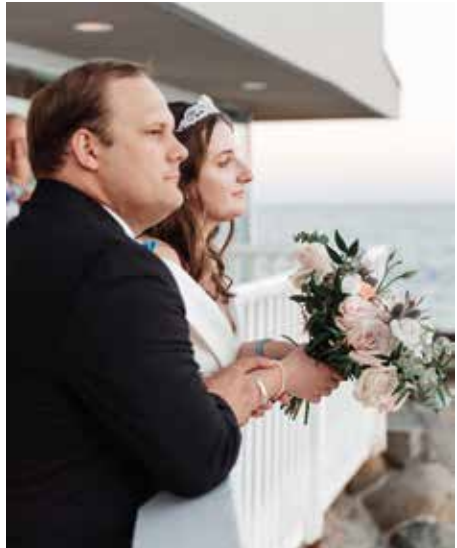


Clare and Harrison

Lieutenant Clare Mawson RN (c & B 2003 – 14) married Lieutenant Harrison Holland RN in June 2024.

Matthew Barker (H 2012 – 14) married **Jenny Kelsey** (c & O 2003 – 15) in 2024.

Esme Haywood (c & E 2006 – 15) married **Gabriel Standen** (S 2013 – 15) in June 2024.



Thomas and Sally

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

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Births

Congratulations to **Thomas Greenwood-Mears** (T 1999 – 2002) and Maya on the birth of Bruno in March 2024.

Congratulations to **Shelly Connolly** (c & B 1995 – 2004) and Jason on the birth of Edward Adam in February 2024.

Congratulations to **Olivia Curl** (O 2004) and **Hugh Cabbell Manners** (T 2007 – 12) on the birth of William in 2024.

Congratulations to **Kimberley Halton-Farrow** (c & B 1992 – 2006) and Ben on the birth of William Thomas in March 2024.

Congratulations to **Tom Hawes** (k & F 1995 – 2006) and Rachael on the birth of Dilys Mara in January 2024.

Congratulations to **Annie Harper (née Willmore)** (c & E 1999 – 2006) and George on the birth of Frederick Robert de Larrinaga.

Congratulations to **Mark Farmer-Wright** (k & F 1999 – 2007) and Daisy on the birth of Bertie Peter in June 2024.

Congratulations to **Thomas Stoker** (F 2001 – 07) and Robyn on the birth of Florence in July 2024.

Congratulations to **Dominic Boshier** (F 2002 – 07) and Kristy-Lee on the birth of Teddy in Australia in August 2024.

Congratulations to **Emily Pointer** (O 2002 – 07) and Charlie on the birth of twins Peggy and Florence in March 2024.

Congratulations to **Katie Brown** (c 2002 – 09) and Callum the birth of Alfie in July 2024.

Congratulations to **Lauren Sheridan** B (2006 – 09) and Luke on the birth of Arabella Olivia in March 2024.

Congratulations to **Hannah Cliffe** (E 2006 – 09) and Ben on the birth of Henry John in June 2024.

Congratulations to **Emily Williamson** (B 2009 – 10) and Jahid on the birth of Isaac Noah Ali in November 2023.

Congratulations to **Henry Harrison** (k & T 2004 – 12) and Alice on the birth of Elsie Olivia in March 2024.

Congratulations to **Scarlett Knights** (E 2009 – 13) and **Benji Austin-Fell** (k & W 2003 – 17) on the birth of Tallulah.

Congratulations to **Emily Wiley** (B 2013 – 15) and David on the birth of Jireh Jonas in January 2024.

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



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OG News

Lord Judge, the former Lord Chief Justice, who died in 2023, was quoted in his obituary in *The Times* as saying that the wisest counsel he ever received was from the late **Judge Robert Lybery QC** (o, K & OSH 1933 – 39), who “said that if I did not stop work and come out of the study when my small children came to collect me, they would stop coming”.

The obituary in *The Daily Telegraph* of Richard Sherman, whose *oeuvre* included “I Wanna Be Like You” and “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”, and who died in 2024, drew attention to the famous songwriter’s admiration for the work of **George Stiles** (H 1974 – 79) and Anthony Drewe. Their new compositions for the London stage musical “Mary Poppins” had opened to critical acclaim in 2004. When Sherman met Drewe and Stiles in London to hear the restructured score, he was moved to tears. “I said, Great – some of the best songs I ever wrote.”

Mike Platten (c, k & OSH 1944 – 52) recalls some – to modern eyes, alarming! – events of his schooldays. While he was birdnesting one day in the school woods with **David Sankey** (c & OSH 1944 – 53) and **Tim Aldiss** (k & W 1949 – 56), an unfortunate mishap occurred when Tim caught his leg on a branch and sustained a deep cut. The boys had to carry the blood-soaked casualty back to the San. Luckily, no permanent damage was caused, and Tim went on to be Chairman of Aldiss of Fakenham and

Norwich. Mike is the proud possessor of a Magistrate’s Commendation, awarded when he apprehended a thief in the act of stealing a poultry house and wheeling it away on a trolley. On another occasion, Mike and David were following a fire engine on their bicycles when they were stopped by the police and told off for doing so. When the policeman was, as they thought, safely out of the way, the boys continued their pursuit of the fire brigade. However, the crafty copper returned almost straight away, and this time he was only mollified by the offer of a brace of pheasants. On a less happy note, Mike remembers being harshly beaten by a Mathematics teacher, **J. P. McCullough** (S 1945). McCullough disappeared from the school soon afterwards. Mike has acted as Master of the Old Greshamian Lodge five times, and, like his fellow members of the Craft, would welcome more OGs to the Lodge.

Michael Brett (H 1953 – 58) was particularly interested by the article on Professor Michael Lindsay (**2nd Baron Lindsay of Birker**, F 1922 – 30) in last year’s OG Magazine, since, by chance, a business acquaintance of his in the catering equipment sector had studied under Professor Lord Lindsay at Newcastle University. Michael and his friend John had met in 2022, when John enthused about a book written by Michael Lindsay’s wife, Hsiao Li, Lady Lindsay. The book, *Bold Plum* (2002, ISBN 97814 3030 2926), gives a remarkable account of the Lindsays’ courageous guerrilla years developing

shortwave radios behind Japanese lines in China between 1942 and 45. (*After Michael's death, Lady Lindsay moved back to Beijing, where she died in 2010 – Ed.*) Michael Brett recalls being at Gresham's during the last two terms of **Martin Olivier** (HM 1944 – 55), which was followed by the interregnum of **Bruce Douglas** (S 1922 – 63) and subsequently by the arrival of **Logie Bruce-Lockhart** (HM 1955 – 82). He and a few contemporaries used to enjoy taking Logie out to lunch at Blakeney and Morston, up until the Covid lockdown.



Ruary and Bill

Bill Studd (F 1957 – 60) and **Ruary MacKenzie Dodds** (H 1960 – 64) enjoyed an OG reunion in New Zealand.

Robert Heppenstall (F 1957 – 62) has taken advantage of retirement from working in the retail sector to carry out what he modestly describes as “a little” research on behalf of some Jamaican friends, the result being a book, *A Short History of Jamaica* (Amazon, 2022/23) which is actually a comprehensive account of that island's history from the earliest times to the present day. Robert has kindly donated a copy to the School Library.



Patrick

Patrick Peal MBE DL (1967 – 71) has been appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees of Air Ambulances UK.



Victoria

Dr. Victoria Holliday (G 1971 – 73) has been elected as Chairman of North Norfolk

District Council. Following her retirement from medical practice, Victoria has spent a number of years serving as a local government councillor.



The Commodore in uniform



...and out

Jeremy Ives (H 1970 – 75) is in his third year as Commodore of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club. A lawyer by profession, he attended the University of Leicester and the College of Law, Chester. After a period with an

international company in management, he entered private practice and joined a long-established Norfolk firm, in which he became a Partner and later a Consultant. He was introduced to the sea at a young age, as his father was an Honorary Member of the Club, having been elected for services to yachting in the region. Jeremy's maritime experience includes dinghy and keelboat racing, inland water race management, international cruising yacht charter, powerboating and narrowboat cruising. He is also a former Flag Officer and Commodore of an inland water yacht racing Club. Over time, he has visited many reciprocal Clubs of the RN&SYC in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Canada and the Caribbean, as well as in London and around the UK.



George with pupils

George Stiles (H 1974 – 79) came back to Gresham's, along with **Stephen Jefford** (k & H 1974 – 81), to give a special presentation on his career in musical theatre to both our pupils and pupils from local schools. George also conducted two workshops, focussing on audition room performances and the process by which you conceive and develop a score or script for the stage. After a long day, he met up with several former teachers to reminisce about life at Gresham's in the 70s!



George with Richard Copas, Steve Benson, Stephen Jefford and Richard Peaver

George is a prolific composer and producer and has made significant contributions to musical theatre. Collaborating with Anthony Drewe, he crafted successful shows like "Honk!" and "Mary Poppins." As a producer, his co-production of "Six - The Musical" continues to be a global sensation, earning multiple awards and full houses around the world. His work has earned critical acclaim, including an Olivier Award and Tony nominations, showcasing his talent for creating memorable melodies and engaging productions.



Col. Alex and a French colleague

Major Alexander Masson VR (Nizetic) (OSH 1978 – 83) has been redeployed to Chad in the acting rank of Lieutenant Colonel, as part of Op TURUS, the British Army's mission to support Nigeria's fight against extremist terrorism.

Paddy O'Connell (F 1979 – 84) is a Charity Ambassador for RMA-The Royal Marines Charity, having several years ago been elected Chairman of the 47 Royal Marine Commando Association. Paddy's father, a Captain in the Corps, fought from D-Day throughout the whole North-West Europe campaign. Paddy fronted much of the BBC's coverage of the D-Day 80th anniversary events.



Ben Tufnell

Ben Tufnell (k & F 1979 – 87) has brought out a new book, *The North Shore*, set on the Norfolk coast.



Rory and Jan

Jan Faulkner-Smith (W 1984 – 87) was pleased to meet up in February with **Rory Greene** (c & W 1977 – 87) at Rory's rugby club in Abu Dhabi.

Justin Davies (T 1987 – 89) has been a Consultant Colorectal and General Surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge since 2007 and is Deputy Medical Director there. At the same time, he is an Affiliated Associate Professor at the University of Cambridge, a Fellow of Downing College, President of The Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland, and President of The Royal Society of Medicine Section of Coloproctology.



Chris and Leanne

Chris Taylor (c & H 1980 – 90) and Leanne McCollm have taken over the lifestyle store "Make Holt", which showcases the work

of more than 50 local artists, designers and makers. The products for sale include ceramics, glass, textiles, paintings, prints, artwork, candles, books, hand-turned wooden vessels and greeting cards. Chris and Leanne are both members of the Sheringham RNLI lifeboat crew.



Paul

Paul Marriage (k & T 1982 – 90) has been appointed Chairman of the Governors of Gresham's School from July 2024, in succession to **Michael Goff** (F 1968 – 73), who has stepped down after a six-year tenure. Paul is a Liveryman of the Fishmongers' Company and he became a Governor in 2012. Having read Modern History at University College, Oxford, he began his career in the insurance market before entering the investment industry in 1997. Having run leading specialist UK equity funds at Cazenove Capital and Schroders, he founded Tellworth Investments in 2017.



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Alistair

Alistair Warren (c & OSH 1985 – 90) helped the British team win the New York Canoe Club International Challenge Cup in August 2024 in a boat of his own design, *Roobarb*. The IC canoe is a single-handed sailing canoe with a narrow hull, rounded transom and sliding seat, a mainsail and a jib. Alistair achieved his victory at the Travemünde Week Regatta in Germany, an event that has been held most years since 1886.



Claire and Irenosen

Irenosen Okojie (PPS & c 1985 – 91) was glad to meet up with **Claire Stevens** (née

Chapman) (c & O 1985 - 99) when she returned to the Prep. School as part of Black History Month to talk about embracing dual culture, as well as speaking about the authors who have inspired her.



Claire

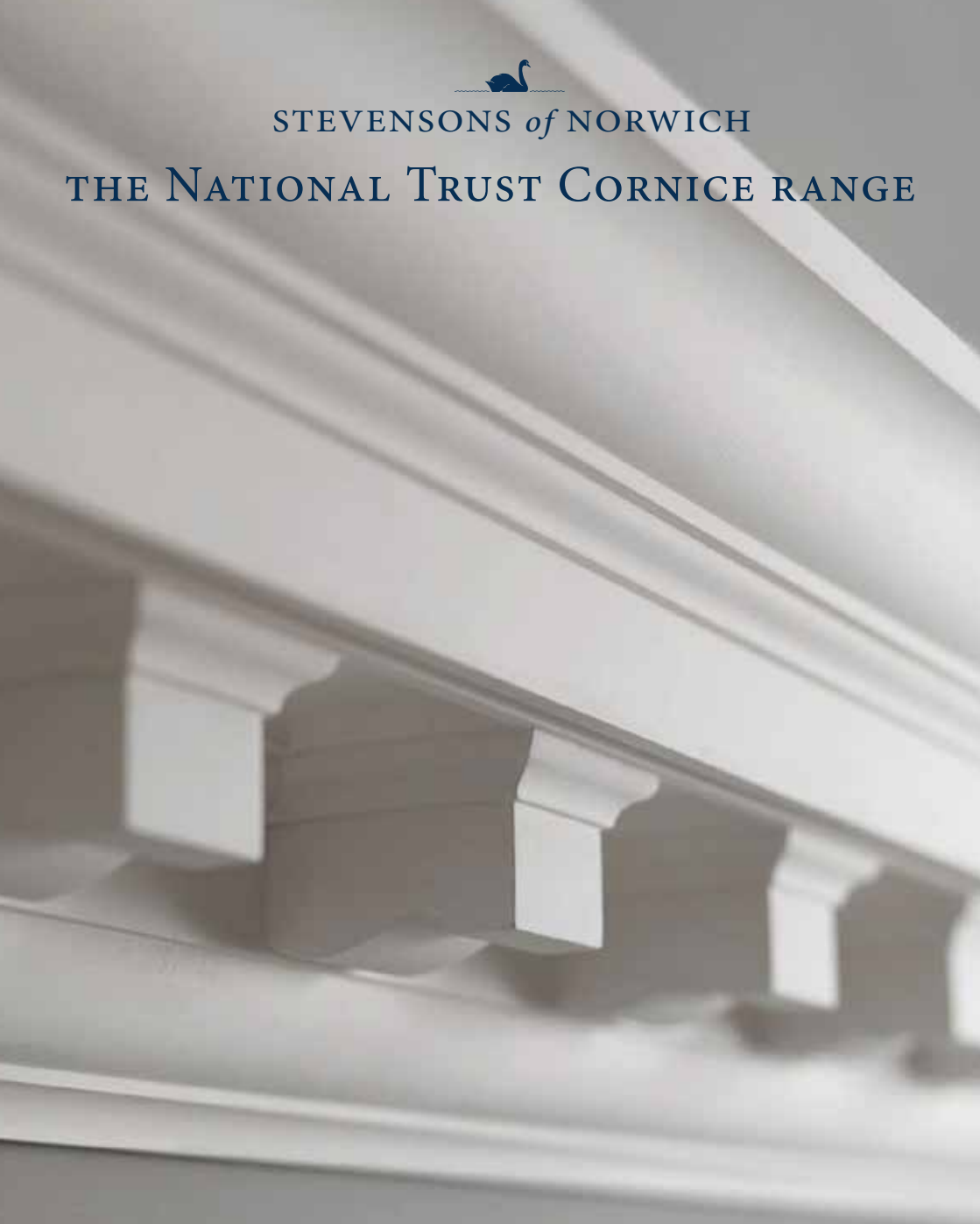
Dr. Claire Pollard (E 1990 – 92) is a clinical psychologist, working with the NHS, while also acting as a volunteer at Back Up, a charity that aims to help those affected by spinal cord injury to get the most out of life. A quarter of a century ago, Claire was involved in a serious accident and to mark her 50th birthday, and the 50th anniversary of her injury, Claire and a team of friends and family took part in June 2024 in “The Push” – Back Up’s toughest fundraising challenge, where teams, each including one wheelchair user, climb Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa), the highest mountain in Wales, to raise funds for Back Up’s vital services. The event raised over £70,000.

Olivia Colman CBE (1990 – 92) serves as UNICEF’s UK President.



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Henry

Henry Layte (k & T 1987 – 95) saw his Norwich bookshop named by the international publishing house Faber and Faber as its bookshop of the month in February 2024, describing The Book Hive as a "Norwich institution". When Henry opened the shop in 2009, Norwich had no "indies" – just two branches of well-known high street bookstores. It seemed amazing to Henry that, for a city which is so steeped in literary history and activity, there was currently none. The shop tends to stock only one of each title, giving it a huge variety of options for its size. Henry's shop was previously named The Best Small Bookshop in Britain by *The Daily Telegraph* in 2011 and was nominated as The British Book Award's Best Independent Bookshop in the East of England in 2018 and 2020.



The SkiJeep

Tim Bridge (F 1989 – 96) is Technical Director of NUNCATS, an electric aircraft company that he co-founded in 2019.

The aim of the firm, which is based at Old Buckenham Aerodrome in Norfolk, is to develop additional ways for humanitarian and healthcare providers to reach isolated communities across the globe. Electric planes can provide an easy-to-service, cheap-to-operate alternative for places where petrol is unobtainable, and aircraft maintenance facilities are limited. In May this year the NUNCATS Electric SkyJeep prototype started its final round of flight tests, prior to gaining UK approval. Unlike other electric aircraft, the Electric SkyJeep is a simple, basic and cheap workhorse for owner-operators. It takes a tried and tested light aircraft from US firm Zenith Aircraft Company, replaces its internal combustion engine with an electric motor, and its fuel tanks with batteries.

Julia Sands (née Gillick) (c & O 1989–98) and her co-swimmers, "The Blue-Footed Boobies", swam the English Channel in June 2024, raising funds for The Sussex Kelp Recovery Projects.



The bemedalled Duncan

Duncan Baker (W 1993 – 98) ran the 2024 London Marathon followed by the Norfolk

Marathon one week later, this achievement meaning that he has made a total of over £114,000 for local charities while serving as Member of Parliament for North Norfolk. Having represented the constituency from 2019 until this year, he lost his seat in the 2024 General Election. Duncan has now been appointed a non-executive director at the Great Yarmouth firm ATI Tank Hire.



Kate

Kate McDougall (E 1995 – 98) is an acupuncturist based in Norwich. In her spare time, she enjoys keeping fit – running, cycling, squash, swimming, and plenty of yoga! She has raised funds for equipment and volunteered in a clinic in West Bengal, and also was involved in the setting up of Norwich's first multi-bed pain clinic through a grant awarded by UnLtd. She is the co-founder of The Norwich Natural Fertility Partnership. Her areas of interest include female-related infertility, gynaecological complaints and musculoskeletal pain.

Mollie Pert (née Garnier) (O 1994 – 99) was recently commissioned by Gresham's to paint

a view of the school, which was presented to **Michael Goff** (F 1968 – 73), Chairman of Governors, on his retirement from that role (as mentioned in the Headmaster's Speech Day speech on p.11).



Bex

Rebecca Morrison-Corley (B 1997 – 99) had a children's book published in 2023, *Leaping Beauty* – the first of a trilogy. She writes under the *nom de plume* Rebecca Fox. Bex is raising money for a local charity close to her heart, Ormiston Families. For the first two years, 10% of all sales will be donated to the work they do in the region with young people and families who have not had the best start in life. The book is suitable for readers aged 10 to 99 years and follows the adventures of Red Felian, a tomboy princess with a huge heart and spirit on a quest to escape her selfish step-guardians, to forgive and find her father the King, who has abandoned the kingdom, and to forge some new friendships along

her way. The entire publication was created in Suffolk and Norfolk, including the work of the illustrator, the map creator and the front cover designer.



Ronan as Ferryman

Ronan Collett (k & F 1989 – 2000) has much enjoyed singing the role of Ferryman in Benjamin Britten's "church parable" *Curlew River*, Op.71, in both the Theatre Aachen and the Stadttheater Giessen over the last few months. Britten (**Baron Britten of Aldborough OM CH**, F 1928 – 30) is Ronan's favourite composer. A Norfolk lad himself, Ronan grew up not far away from the very same Fens that feature throughout *Curlew River*. And being a fellow Farfield boy, Ronan feels Britten's music is especially close to his heart, and the landscape that inspired the composer is in his mind when he sings.



The Youngs cousins

Tom Youngs (k & T 1995 – 2004) and his cousin **George** (k & F 1998 –

2012) jointly run their family farm and won the 2024 Norfolk Farm Business Competition. After his glittering rugby career, Tom retired from the sport two years ago and, along with George, returned to take over the management of the farm from their parents.

Dr. Josephine Murphy (née Barton) (c & O 1996 – 2004) is living in Sheffield with her husband Kieran and their two daughters. (There was an incorrect reference to Josie in the Engagements column of last year's Magazine; we apologise for this error.)



Luke

Luke Sobek Levitt (k & T 1997 – 2004) and his wife Hannah have opened a new personal training and yoga studio in Holt – The Feel Good Space.

James Corley (F 1999 – 2004) saw his second play, *What It Means*, finish a run at Wilton's Music Hall in London, where it enjoyed rave reviews.



Brad Williams

Brad Williams (T 2000 – 04) launched his company, Club 100, in 2021. Club 100 works with hotels to open their gyms to the public, providing exclusive memberships. Next year the company hopes to grow further by reaching more hotels in the USA.

member to take to the court, she has received cap No.1 – the very first! – for France. (She is, of course, British.) Celia, whose position is GS/GA, has accumulated six caps playing for *Les Bleus*.



Ben Youngs

Ben Youngs (k & T 1996 – 2006) has been appointed to the role of Head of Performance Sport at Gresham's and will at the same time serve as an ambassador for the school.



Celia

Celia Dupont (c & B 1995 – 2005) played for the French National Netball Team in 2023, scoring the first ever goal for France, as recorded in last year's Magazine. As the goal shooter is always the first team



Letitia

Letitia Randell (c & B 1998 – 2006) is Managing Director at LRPM Block and Estate Management, working with fellow OG **Lucie Thomas** (c & E 2005 – 21). The Norfolk-based company, with an “accidentally” all

female team, has quadrupled its business over the past two years.

Tom Templar (Killingbeck) (W 2002 – 07) is frontman for the stoner doom band Green Lung. Described as “Green Lung’s shamanistic singer”, he was interviewed in August 2024 in the music webzine and quarterly magazine *Kerrang!* about the ten songs that changed his life.



Jessie

Jessie Jermany (née Hacking) (Oak 2005 – 07) runs The Collective Edition, a company in the new sector of home life management. She acts as a personal project manager, helping to plan, deliver and maintain projects that relate to a client’s home life, from renovation and refurbishment, to relocating and securing day-to-day help, to event planning and holidays, through to bespoke furniture and space planning.

Hannah Clark (c 2003 – 09) and **Katie Brown** (c 2002 – 09) both run businesses that have been recognised as featuring in

the Top 5 in Norfolk for the second year running, in Hannah’s case one of the Top 5 Best Lifestyle Stores and Katie among the Top 5 Best Children’s Businesses.



Frankie

Frankie Hall (E 2004 – 09) rounded off a dominant DAS-Hutchinson-Brother UK Team performance as she soloed to victory at the Lancaster Grand Prix in August 2024.



Flip, her mother and the trophy

Flip (Felicity) Dugdale (née Foulds) (O 2005 – 09) was the first female helm to win

the 2024 Norfolk Wroxham Week Regatta Gold Cup, crewed by her mother. She was also the youngest winner in the past three decades. Flip's husband, Richie, finished in second place!



Jamie

Jamie Wright (F 2005 – 09) performed in Messiaen's *Turangalila* Symphony at the BBC Promenade Concerts this summer. He is a baritone and vocal percussionist with The Swingles.

Major Harriet Bennett (c & B 2003 – 10) of the Royal Logistic Corps is probably only the second female OG to have achieved field rank to date, the first being **Major Claire Sapwell** (O 1985 – 90), a reservist serving in the same Corps.

Dr. Lucy Hare (c & O 2005 – 12) has been awarded a Doctorate by the University of Cambridge at Pembroke College, the subject of her thesis being drug resistance in paediatric lymphoma. The research was funded by Cancer Research UK.



Ellie (L) with Mimi

Ellie Sadler (c & E 2007 – 14) has launched, together with her colleague Mimi Emmett, a new business venture in Norfolk – The Seed, based at Creake Abbey. It is a stylish coworking office and event space for the Burnham Market area, tailored for creative entrepreneurs, wellness professionals, freelancers, and anyone working remotely in rural Norfolk. It is designed to be a space where people can meet, make friends, network, work and support each other. Plans are also in place to organise creative workshops, networking events, and fitness classes.

Dr. Constance Osborne (E 2012 – 14) is in her final two years of GP training at Homerton Hospital. Aside from her own studies, multiple qualifications and awards, mentoring and teaching experience, she has a particular interest in Wilderness Medicine. In 2024 she completed an expedition to Madagascar as the expedition doctor.



Matthew front L

Matthew Bromham (H 2010 – 15) is planning to row 3,000 miles across the Atlantic in December 2024 from La Gomera, Canary Islands, to Antigua as part of a team of four, taking part in the World's Toughest Row (formerly Talisker Atlantic Challenge). They are raising money for Tusk, The Clocktower Foundation and the My Name's Doddie Foundation.

Henry Li (H 2011 – 15) is working in Bristol as a Senior Building Services Electrical Engineer at Hydrock, an integrated design, energy and sustainability consultancy.



Matthew

Matthew May (H 2012 – 15) is beginning his flying career as a pilot with Ryanair.


Alexandra Thomas (B 2011 – 16) is part of a Leeds-based soul(ish) band, Glass Frogs. Their debut single, "Lemonade", can be downloaded via all the usual channels.



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Marietta Hickman (B 2012 – 16) appeared on Dragons' Den showcasing “Cheeky Nibble”, which she founded in her parents' kitchen some three years ago. Marietta's pitch included describing to the “Dragons” her entrepreneurial journey and her commitment to creating allergen-free foods.



Nikol

Dulcie Osborne (E 2012 – 17) will qualify as a solicitor in February 2026, thus becoming the third generation of lawyers in the Osborne family. She is currently on a training contract with Thompsons in London doing employment law, but will also cover crime and medical and personal injury. She completed two years of paralegal training with Stewarts in London at the end of April 2024.

Nikol Koleva (c & E 2011 – 18) is the Executive Director of the Space Generation Advisory Council, supporting the United Nations Programme on Space Applications. The Council is a global non-governmental, non-profit organisation and network which aims to connect and represent university students and young space professionals aged 18 – 35 to the United Nations, space agencies, industry, and academia. Nikol recently flew on a Zero Gravity flight researching the grounding techniques which could be used by astronauts in microgravity.



Romy

Romy Sipek (c & E 2004 – 19) has been appearing in the Belle Epoque-style “La

Nouvelle Eve” cabaret show in Montmartre, performing the longest continuous can-can routine of any of the revues—a feat demanding great skill and athleticism. The picture shows her making her guest appearance on vocals with Shear Brass at a concert in the Auden Theatre in September 2024.



Amelia

Amelia Fox (c & E 2010 – 19) has been fronting Faithless, an English dance music

band, on tour this summer. Dates included Glastonbury, Bestival and Wilderness.

Amelia Doran (c & Q 2012 – 19) is undertaking a PhD studentship at Northumbria University to research Social Justice, Creativity and Learning to Fail in the Centre for Life in Newcastle.

Edgar Osborne (k & T 2012 – 19) returned to London in September 2024 after a month-long Japanese language course, before embarking upon a TEFAL course. He hopes to go back to Japan to live and work as a language teacher in 2025.

Harry Taylor (c & H 2012 – 19) was selected to compete in the England Athletics Senior Men's 4x100m relay in May 2024.

Frank Osborne (k & T 2012 – 22) is undertaking a History degree at Manchester University.

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Our First MP

Over the years, several OGs have sat in Parliament, both in the House of Commons and the House of Lords, the most recent being **Duncan Baker** (W 1993 – 98). The first Old Greshamian MP was **Robert Brightiffe (or Britiffe)** (1676 – ?), born in about 1666, who is described in the School Register as “son of Edmund Brightiffe, Gent., of Baconsthorpe”. An older **Harbord Brittiffe** (sic), son of Simon Brittiffe of Cley, probably a relative, is recorded as entering the school in 1670.

Robert proceeded from Gresham’s at the age of 16 to Caius College, Cambridge, subsequently entering the Middle Temple in 1682 and being called to the Bar in 1688. He married, first, Judith Edgar, who died young in 1705, leaving a daughter, also called Judith. His second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Rant of Thorpe Market, also died young, in 1712, though not before providing Robert with another daughter. Robert’s third wife, whom he married some time after 1735, was Elizabeth, widow of the Bishop of St. Asaph.

In the 18th century, anyone seeking advancement or preferment in society or politics needed to obtain patronage. Although Robert came from a prosperous background – as a “Gentleman”, his father occupied a station in society above “Yeoman” and below that of “Esquire” – he was nonetheless a commoner. However, through his law practice in Norwich, Robert came to act as the legal advisor – we would today say the solicitor – to the powerful Norfolk Whig families of Townshend and Walpole, in due course becoming the confidant of Sir Robert Walpole, later Earl of Orford, regarded as the first “prime minister” of Great Britain.



Sir Robert Walpole

Probably as a result of this influential patronage, Robert entered Parliament in 1715, sitting as MP for Norwich until 1734, and also serving as Recorder of Norwich from 1737 to 1743. (The School Register states that he was Recorder of Norwich from 1704 to 1730, but this earlier period probably relates to his time as Recorder of Lynn, which preceded his appointment in Norwich).

Clearly, Robert's legal practice flourished, since when Judith, his elder daughter, married Sir John Hobart in 1717, she came with an immense dowry of £15,000, the equivalent today of approximately £1m. Judith's new sister-in-law, Henrietta Hobart, later Countess of Suffolk, achieved fame as a mistress of King George II, her influence at Court proving sufficiently great to obtain a barony in 1728, and later an earldom, for her brother, Sir John. Unfortunately, Judith must have died before her husband's ennoblement, since Sir John, presumably by then a widower, remarried in 1728.



Henrietta Howard, née Hobart



Robert's son-in-law John Hobart, Earl of Buckinghamshire



Sir William Harbord

Robert Brightiffe's younger daughter, Judith's half-sister Elizabeth, made an equally advantageous marriage in 1732, in her case to Sir William Harbord KCB MP, 1st Bt., from whom the Barons Suffield are descended.

During the 1720s, Robert Brightiffe had helped his first son-in-law, Sir John Hobart, to increase the size of the Blickling estate by buying up several adjoining farms, while also consolidating his own estate at the villages of Hunworth, Hempstead, Stody and Edgefield. Robert had acquired the latter holdings from his brother, Edmund (who does not seem to have attended Gresham's). Edmund appears to have suffered some major financial crisis in

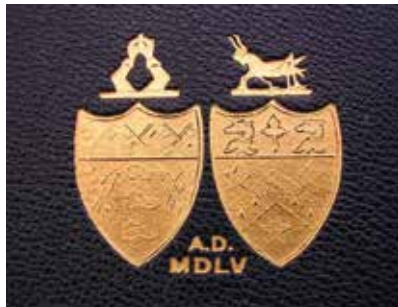
the early 1700s and was bought out by Robert, which allowed Edmund to continue living at his home, Hunworth Hall, until his death in 1726.

Managing estates was as demanding in the 18th century as in modern times, as is illustrated by a rather strange incident in Robert's life. In 1702, he had bought 15 acres of land for £30 from "Edward Butler, a clergyman who went to Virginia and there died". Thirty-one years later, as a Member of Parliament, Robert received a letter from a woman called Ann Gatchell, in which she explained that she was the Rev. Edward Butler's widow, that she had remarried, to a master mariner, that her second husband had been captured by "Yee Spaniards and ye Pirats" and that he had eventually died. After a five-month voyage home from America, during which she had suffered "a great deal of fatigue and five months sickness", she had now returned to Norfolk to enjoy the 15-acre field that she claimed her first husband had settled on her. Though Robert had a full discharge from Edward Butler dated 1703, he took counsel's opinion. Mr. B. Hall of Clifford's Inn, one of the Inns of Chancery, explained the potential legal process, observing that "poor people are most troublesome and she is very poor". Accordingly, Robert took the probably sensible, and certainly generous, decision to settle the widow's spurious claim for "the sum of five shillings of good and lawful money".

Robert died in 1749. The School Register states that "he left his large fortune to his son-in-law, the first Earl of Buckinghamshire". Robert's son, another **Robert** (1705 – ?) followed his father to Gresham's and thence to Caius College, Cambridge. The family connection with the school then ceased until it was renewed in 1921, when Robert's great-great-great-great-grandson, **John, 8th Baron Suffield** (W 1921 – 24) entered Woodlands.

I am indebted to the late Robin Carver, former Governor of Gresham's and father of **Airlie Inglis (née Carver)** (O 1980 – 85) for much of the information in this article, drawn from his 2000 monograph *Hempstead, a Norfolk Village*.

Richard Peaver (S 1971 – 2008)





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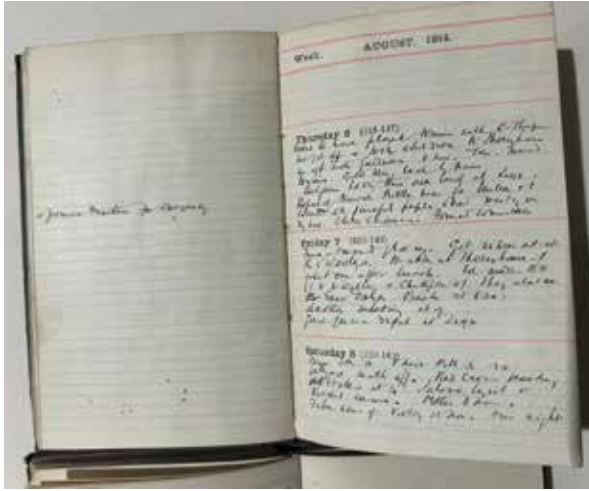
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Wynne Willson Diaries



The family of **Dallas Wynne Willson** (S 1905 – 25), who was Housemaster of The Old School House, at that time containing junior boys, have kindly donated his diaries and photographs to the Archives. Wynne Willson, like his Headmaster **George Howson** (HM 1901 – 19), was deeply affected by the loss of many of his pupils during the First World War. His diaries of course include that period.





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A War Grave Discovered



John Kempson



HMS Hawke

Midshipman John Kempson (OSH 1909 – 10) was the first Old Greshamian to die in the First World War, and the youngest, being aged just 17. He went down with his ship, the cruiser HMS *Hawke*, when it was torpedoed in the North Sea on 15th October 1914. There were only 70 survivors out of the ship's complement of nearly 600. The location of the wreck was unknown until August 2024, when a team of divers found her, in remarkable condition, in 360ft of water 70 miles east of Fraserburgh.



A contemporary German illustration of the sinking



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From the Salerooms

An unusual artefact belonging to a war hero turns up in an auction.



In May 2024, a Gresham's OTC swagger stick dating from the 1930s was put up for auction by Hansons Auctioneers in Derby. It was said to have been found "in the back of an airing cupboard by a plumber" during repair work. On one side it bears, above the words "O.T.C. Gresham (sic) School", the badge of the Norfolk Regiment (which Gresham's OTC had been permitted to continue to wear following the setting up of the Officers Training Corps in 1908). On the other side, the name "Zillessen II" has been scratched. The auctioneers announced that the stick belonged to **Marcel Zillessen** (K 1930 – 33), the oldest of three brothers, whose family worked in the textile trade in Bradford and Germany. This attribution is perhaps open to question, since the inscription "Zillessen II" would theoretically refer to Marcel's younger brother, **Walter** (o & K 1930 – 35), who was later killed in the War. It is possible, of course, that Marcel may have passed on the stick to Walter, who added the "II". At auction, the swagger stick went for £1,000, many times its estimate of £100 - £150.

The significance of this item lies in the fact that Flight Lieutenant Marcel Zillessen RAFVR was one of the participants in the famous 1944 "Great Escape" from Stalag Luft III, a PoW camp in Silesia for Allied air force officers. He was supposedly the model for the character Flight Lieutenant Hendley, played by James Garner in the 1963 film "The Great Escape".

After flying training in Rhodesia, Marcel was posted to North Africa, where he flew a Hurricane in low-level sorties against Afrika Korps armour in the Western Desert. He was shot down on several occasions and was finally captured in April 1943 at Wadi Akarit, near Tunis, shortly before the end of the North African campaign, being sent eventually to Stalag Luft III.

Marcel Zillessen was a key organiser of the escape system at the camp, and was due to be one of the last to go through the tunnel. A fluent German-speaker, it was



The site of one tunnel

thought he stood a reasonable chance of avoiding being identified as an escaped PoW. However, as it turned out, it was fortunate that at the last minute he was unable to use the tunnel, since 50 of the 76 officers who got out were murdered by the Gestapo after their recapture. Only three officers made a “home run”, two Norwegians and a Dutchman managing to reach Sweden and Gibraltar respectively.

During his incarceration, Marcel kept a diary, along with his translations of the poems of Rainer Maria Rilke. These were left behind when the camp was closed after the mass escape. Instead, he chose to save his diary, which had been written in the form of letters to his brother, who was missing in action. Marcel only discovered after his release that Walter had been killed on a reconnaissance mission over France.

After the war, Marcel returned to civilian life with his family firm. He died in 1999.

Richard Peaver



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A Life Owed

Gareth Burnell, erstwhile Head of Classics, Head of 6th Form, and, as Lieutenant Commander RNR(CCF), first OC of the RN Section CCF, tells how he in effect “owes his life” to an OG who fell in the Second World War.

Enter the Memorial Chapel through the south porch and you will find the list of the WWI fallen on wooden boards to your right; if you then proceed straight across to the far wall and look up, you will see the WW2 Roll of Honour engraved in stone. To this memorial my father, James Burnell, two years after I'd joined the teaching staff in 2004, took me and, pointing out a name in the last column, made the poignant and somewhat astounding statement: “For your today, he gave his yesterday. And I mean that quite literally – if he had not died in the war, you would simply not exist.”

Who was this man? How could his death in the war have had any possible bearing on my birth a full 15 years later? Obviously, at the time, my father gave a brief explanation. With this I would regale my RN CCF cadets each November to inspire them to attend Remembrance Day Parade but, over the recent lockdowns, having transcribed all my father's wartime courtship letters to my mother from his various ships, I found myself moved to look further into Wilkinson's story, beyond that he died on 14th February 1942 – in Singapore.

Dennis Wilfrid Wilkinson (F 1932 – 37), born on 17th September 1918, was a boarder in Farfield, the middle of three brothers to attend the school. Their father, Frederic, headed the family firm of Chartered Accountants, Wilkinson and Mellor, of Leadenhall Street in the City of London.



Dennis played a soldier in the 1936 production of Henry V

Dennis, like his elder brother **Jack** (F 1929 – 32), left school to become a professional soldier and he entered the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, to be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery on 26th January 1939. Six months later, and he found himself part of the British Expeditionary Force, our country's first response to the aggression of Hitler's ambitions in Europe. He was in the 6th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment, comprising the 3rd, 12th and 15th Batteries. The day after war was officially declared (4th September 1939) they were transported from Southampton to Cherbourg in the recently launched (and immediately requisitioned) cross-channel ferry MV *Royal Daffodil*. Initially responsible for defending Le Mans, his regiment moved on to Bellancourt on the Somme, where they suffered the tedium and inaction of the "phoney" war. In the meantime, on 1st January 1940, Dennis was promoted Lieutenant in the 3rd Battery, as Gun Position Officer. Then on 10th May, the Battle for France brought a sudden reality to their purpose and his unit advanced into Belgium to take up position along the Dyle, required to defend forward routes, protect roads and bridges. After the Battle of Sedan (27th May to 4th June) and the capitulation of Belgium, those BEF, French, and Belgian forces caught north of the Somme were rapidly driven back through some of those infamous WW1 battlefields, to the French coast. On the way, all artillery units were ordered to disable and abandon their heavy guns but some Troops either failed to receive, or ignored, this order and fought to the last shell, all the way back to La Panne, their guns retrained from aircraft to tanks, "firing over sights". There is even a report of one disabled gun being retrieved from a canal and reassembled in order to protect the vulnerable troops on the beach.

From this beach Dennis was evacuated, amazingly by the same ship, MV *Royal Daffodil*, which had taken his regiment out to France in September. On this, her last of seven mercy crossings, she took a bomb straight through all three decks and hull, there to explode, blowing a sizeable hole in the starboard side. The Master ordered all servicemen to the port rails in order to bring the starboard hole over the waterline where the crew stuffed it with old mattresses. At this angle *Royal Daffodil* limped into Ramsgate, discharged her thankful charges, and continued under her own steam to Deptford for repair. Nearly half a million troops were rescued by the Royal Navy and its flotilla of "Little Ships" in Operation Dynamo (26th May to 4th June), but the BEF lost a total of 66,426 men, killed, wounded, missing or captured. Amongst the latter was his brother Jack, also in the Royal Artillery, who became a prisoner of war in Poland for the duration of the war (and then had to endure one of the "Long Marches" in the depth of winter in 1945; his privations probably led to an early death, aged 38).

As he stepped ashore in Ramsgate, Dennis was informed that the BEF had been officially disbanded at the end of May and he was now under the auspices of the Home Forces. He had to report back to base for re-arming, re-training, and re-posting. No time for the usual Rs!

6th HAA was re-equipped with 3.7-inch guns, its most immediate task to defend London and its adjacent airfields during the Battle of Britain (10th July to 31st October). In the course of this conflict, Dennis' father's office took a direct hit, luckily at night when unoccupied. From there, in November, 6th HAA redeployed to Wolverhampton in the Midlands to counter the onslaught of the Blitz (7th September 1940 to 11th May 1941) against our industrial heartlands.

In September 1941, 6th HAA Regiment was ordered to the Middle East, to defend the oil refineries at Basra in Iraq. They embarked in Gourock, Glasgow on the *Monarch of Bermuda* as part of a large troop Convoy, WS12. But on 8th December the Japanese invaded Malaya, the prelude to their attack on Pearl Harbour, and the convoy, still *en route* from Durban, was split, with 6th HAA diverted to Singapore. Rather unfortunately, much of their artillery proceeded to Basra. So they arrived in Singapore, on 13th January 1942, minus their requisite guns (normally eight per battery). While 12 and 15 Batteries were immediately deployed to Sumatra to defend the two airfields supporting the Dutch Pladjoe oil refinery, Dennis' 3rd Battery was tasked with defending Singapore island itself.

Much has been written about the Fall of Singapore, purportedly Churchill's lowest point of the war. Singapore had been considered an impregnable fortress, and so she might have proved if she'd been attacked from the sea towards which her great guns pointed. But the Japanese chose to fight their way through Malaya, which was to prove Singapore's "Achilles' Heel". They crossed the Strait of Johore at multiple points on 8th February. Under heavy air attack, Allied forces put up a stiff defence, but bit by bit they were pushed back to a defensive line around Singapore Town itself, from whose Keppel Harbour a frantic evacuation of civilians and (and some military) was taking place.



Singapore under fire

3 Battery was without its full complement of guns and had to beg, steal and borrow ammunition, some of which was not specifically designed for the gun they had in front of them; dangerous misfirings were common. In the evening of 10th/11th February, Dennis' Troop came under air attack in their trenches on the Pasir Penang road. "They

received a direct hit which killed several men. Lt. Barney and Gunners Morgan W. C., Mercer W. and Jones N. were killed. Lt. Wilkinson D. W. was severely wounded from shrapnel and blast effects. He had to be rapidly evacuated from the position towards a First Aid post further down the Pasir Penang road.” (Patrick Walker: *The 6th HAA Regiment, Royal Artillery*).

Dennis’ death is recorded as 14th February, the day before Singapore formally capitulated. The deaths of another dozen of his Battery are attributed to the same date, and for a rather chilling reason. Severely wounded soldiers, like Dennis, were taken to the Alexandra Hospital for specialised treatment, and on 14th



Alexandra Hospital after the war

February the Japanese forces overran the hospital. Under orders to take no prisoners, they ranged through the wards shooting or bayonetting all patients, doctors and orderlies. This has since been named the “Alexandra Massacre”, but somehow escaped the gaze of the War Crimes Tribunals. The next day the rest of his Battery, along with all other Allied forces on the island, became Prisoners of War. The Japanese despised soldiers who didn’t fight to the death, hence the terrible privations these POWs had to endure for the next three years. Of Dennis’ Battery of 300, only 192 were to survive the war in

the Far East. Another eleven died with him in that poor sanctuary of a hospital on that Valentine’s Day. To add to the many 3rd Battery POWs who died on the Burma Railway and the Sandakan Death Marches, were 15 in the Allied sinking of the unmarked prison ship *Kachidoki Maru* and 13 in the covered-up atrocity of the Ballale Island Airstrip, following whose completed construction 600 Allied POWs were executed. The only soldier of the 6th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment to escape death or capture in the Far East campaign of 1942 – 1945 was its Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. F. Baillie.



Plaque commemorating the hospital massacre

Dennis Wilkinson is commemorated at Special Memorial 15 A 14 at Kranji War Cemetery.

My father, though a scholarship boy, had to leave school at 14, to support the family. He went to work as a junior clerk for Dennis' father. He was appointed on his merits as a mathematician as demonstrated by his distinction in the School Certificate, and the accuracy and care he applied to the scoring statistics for the Winchmore Hill Men's Cricket XI. In 1942, aged 17, he approached Mr. Wilkinson to ask whether he could join the Royal Navy and, if he did, whether he'd have a job to come back to after the war. Mr. Wilkinson – with one son, Jack, a POW, another, Dennis, killed in the Far East, and a third, Peter, about to be sent into the fray (he was later to be awarded an immediate Military Cross in Italy and flown by glider into Arnhem on Operation Market Garden), assured him on all fronts: yes, of course he should join up; yes, he would have a job on his return and, what is more, he personally would fund his articles as a Chartered Accountant proper, in memory of his Dennis.

When my father was demobbed in 1946, he returned to study for his articles (alongside Dennis' younger brother **Peter Wilkinson MC**, F 1936 – 40). He repaid Mr. Wilkinson's trust by excelling in his accountancy exams and by the age of 30 was made a junior partner in the firm. He had fully proved his worth not only to his benefactor, but also to a certain young lady, of a "better" family, whom he courted throughout the war – my mother. Having married, they went on to have four children, none of which would never have been financially possible without his stepping up this significant rung on the professional ladder.



Capt. Peter Wilkinson MC

I am number three in that line-up, hence my putative existential dependence on Dennis' sad demise.

Rest in peace, Dennis. My siblings and I thank you for your sacrifice.

Gareth Burnell (S 2004 – 16)

Peter Wilkinson's book, "The Gunners of Arnhem" can be found in the School Library.

In his memoirs, partly quoted in the 2010 OG Magazine, Peter writes: 'It was during this school holiday that my parents decided to take a short break and we spent a few days in a simple pub in a village north of Henley. Dennis, on leave from his regiment, came too. It was high in the Chilterns, and I remember we could see over toward London and hear the noise of the bombing when we were out for a walk one afternoon. That was the last time I saw my brother. Through 1941 I was busy with my army training. His regiment was to be shipped to Egypt via the Cape at the end of the year but was diverted



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to Singapore and he was killed in action when it fell to the Japanese in February. His fate was not known for certain for some long time. My parents bore the uncertainty and the loss with impressive and remarkable fortitude. He was four years older than me, so we were not particularly close. But we had a high regard and respect for each other, and his loss created a sorrowful gap in our family life. He is buried with so many other victims of that campaign in the beautifully maintained war cemetery on the island of Singapore. June and I were able to visit it when we were on our way to Australia in 1982.'

GJB

The Horne Prize

A new prize for chess has been instituted at the school. Much thought was given to what the award might be called (other than “The Chess Prize”!). It did not take long to decide to name it after **Dennis Horne** (W 1934 – 39).

Horne served in the Second World War as a captain in the Army and then went up to Oxford, where he became seriously interested in chess. In the 1948 Plymouth International Chess Tournament, he beat the former World Chess Champion Max Euwe (who later became President of FIDE, the World Chess Federation). In 1949 he achieved 2nd place in the Swiss-system British Chess Championship and came 3rd in the 1949 36th British Chess Championships. He was subsequently a member of the English team in the 1952 Chess Olympiad, where he won an individual Silver Medal.

A brief obituary of Horne appeared in the 2015 OG Magazine, following notification of his death by his nephew (who vouchsafed the information that his uncle was “a committed anti-progressive”!).

The first winner of the Horne Prize was Mikhail Z., who won a clean 5/5 games in the English Chess Federation Standard Play Rules tournament run at school during the Lent Term 2024.



Richard Peaver

Mikhail with the trophy



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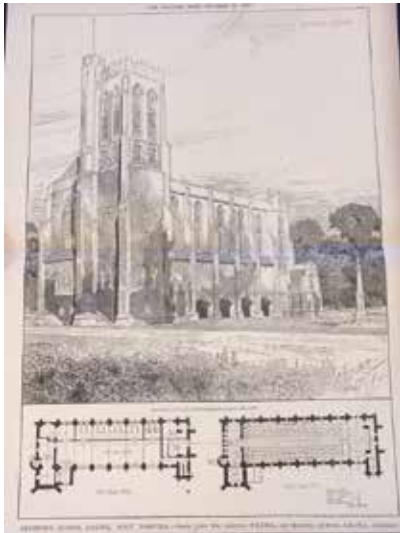
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Altar Frontal



The frontal which has adorned the altar in Chapel for over a century has been carefully restored thanks to a kind donation from the OG Club. The work was expertly carried out by the Broderers Guild at Norwich Cathedral and is the culmination of three years of planning and hard work by the Guild's volunteers, who have also created new green, purple and gold frontals to match the seasons of the Church's year. Old Greshamians are welcome to view these works of art at any of the school's half-termly public choral services (or, indeed, simply to drop in to the OG Office and ask to see them).



Early Chapel Plans

Christopher Newbury (H 1970 – 74) came across an early sketch for the School Chapel by Simpson and Ayrtton. This London-based architectural partnership was formed in 1905 and dissolved in 1928. The plan appeared in *Building News* of 24th October 1913. Although the chapel as eventually constructed bears little resemblance to this rather grandiose edifice – possibly due to the wartime conditions when it was built – there is a discernible likeness to Big School, which was itself designed by Sir John Simpson (1858 – 1933), who was knighted for his work on the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in 1924 – 25.

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Seventy-Two Years Ago



Tony

When I read of the remarkable gift to the school from **James Dyson** (OSH 1956 – 65) not long ago and the utilisation of some of this money to construct a combined science and art building, I was particularly intrigued. Until relatively recently before the use of CAD (Computer Aided Design), art and science were like chalk and cheese, they did not mix. The art 'department' at Gresham's in the 1950s was a single room in what is now the Library Building on the south side of the old Cromer Road, run by Mr. Webster (**J. S. Webster**, S 1945 – 71) the art teacher. I cannot recall where the sciences were.

I totally endorse this combined approach which will benefit both disciplines. Mind you, 'art' is very different at Gresham's now as I discovered when I was generously guided round the school in December last year (2023) by Ed Margetson, the Director of Development, during a pre-arranged visit. Yes, there was some excellent hand created work on display, but the art room was more like NASA's control room with electronic equipment, screens, printers and stuff I didn't recognise – more like a science lab!

There is a massive question mark hanging over hand created art (i.e. not computer aided or generated) with the development of AI and its ability to create works indistinguishable from the real thing. A family member just retired at 60 is a highly gifted artist and has made his living through CAD in later years but fortunately retains his natural gifts. I am concerned for those students who have now grown up with CAD, can they or will they develop natural artistic skills, why bother?

Writing personally, I have spent over 50 years as a career designer, although I was able to employ CAD operators when it became the way of business, but the discipline of providing drawings to exact detail to enable others to build from is a difficult attribute to discard. I was good at art at Gresham's. I recall Mr. Webster betting me a 1/- I couldn't copy a detailed photo of buildings – he won, but not by a mile! Now I struggle to regain my earlier skills with the pen and palette in semi-retirement.

Returning to my visit to the school. So much has changed, young ladies are now in evidence... My prep-school boarding house Kenwyn is no longer, the original house still stands on the junction between Cromer Road and Kelling Road, but the grounds are now full of bungalows. Diagonally across the road Crossways, the other prep-school boarding

house at the time, has extended greatly, the site now offering a proposed mixed boarding house and other facilities. OSH (Old School House) is now the Gresham's pre-prep school, the interior unrecognisable from the bare boards and metal beds of the 1950s. There have been many other commendable developments.

Alongside you will see a quick sketch I made during my visit. I started with a biro but the ink froze – it was minus 1°. I recall walking down this path which runs from near to the church doorway straight down to the old Cromer Road. It was part of the walk we made from OSH to Big School each morning to 'Chapel' carrying our books for the morning lessons, then back again for lunch. Presumably we



Tony's sketch

made the same trip for afternoon lessons? Can anyone confirm? Despite the sub-zero temperature and driving sleet I declined Ed Margetson's offer to collect me from The Feathers, and opted to do the walk. It took about 20 minutes. Did we really walk that walk four times a day whatever the weather?

The school appeared vibrant, the head boy and deputy head girl who I met were excellent ambassadors, and staff who guided me around were exceptionally courteous and friendly. Schools such as Gresham's now offer an invaluable opportunity to many children irrespective of parental wealth to receive an unrivalled education. As I write there is a threat to remove the VAT concession on fees, not a very enlightened idea.

I would be most interested to hear from contemporaries who may have a better memory of those times.

Commemorating a Distinguished Climber

Phil Hawes celebrates the centenary of one of England's greatest mountaineers

Tom Bourdillon (H 1938 – 42) was England's foremost rock climber and mountaineer of the immediate post-war period. The 16th March 2024 was the centenary of his birth.

Together with Hamish Nicol, Tom made the first British ascent of the North Face of the Petit Dru in the Chamonix Alps in 1950: the first British ascent of a North Face – a breakthrough climb. He will forever be linked with the Everest Reconnaissance Expedition and its first ascent in 1953. Tragically, he died climbing in the Alps at just 32 years of age, leaving a wife and two young children.

Tom was educated from the age of eleven at Gresham's School, going on to study Physics at Balliol College, Oxford. A modest and shy man, he was fascinated from a young age by flight and climbing. Inspired by the three Greshamians who had gone to Everest in the 1930s, **Sir Percy Wyn Harris KCMG MBE KStJ** (1917 – 22) (later Governor and Commander-in-Chief of The Gambia), **Michael Spender** (o & H 1917 – 25) (later an expert in photo-reconnaissance, who was killed five days before the end of the war when his aircraft crashed in Germany) and **Peter Lloyd CBE** (H 1921 – 25) (later President of the Alpine Club), it was no surprise that as an adult he became a rocket scientist, engineer and Everest mountaineer.

Bourdillon was at the vanguard of a revolution in British climbing by setting new standards on English and Welsh rock and taking British climbing to a new level in the Alps. Such demanding and technical climbs had hitherto been the preserve of the Continentals. Pushing for a change in attitudes, he became the first president of the meritorious Alpine Climbing Group; an elite corps of British mountaineers, election to which was judged simply by ability and record rather than by gender or social background.

Tom was a key member of the 1951 Everest Reconnaissance Expedition, putting up his own money to make it possible, and with his father Robert, Tom developed a revolutionary high-powered experimental closed-circuit oxygen apparatus that offered superior performance above 8,000 metres. It was in 1953 that together with Charles Evans, he made the expedition's first summit attempt. Denied the high camp afforded to

Hillary and Tensing and curtailed by what might be termed a simple twist of fate that caused Evans's closed-circuit oxygen set to malfunction, they might easily have stood on the summit three days earlier than the triumphant pair. Tom, alone, would most likely have made it.

As it was, on the 26th May 1953, they became the first to reach Everest's South Summit, just 100 metres of technical difficulties shy of their objective before being forced to turn back.



Tom at the South Summit

With the approval of the Bourdillon family, at noon on Sunday 10th March 2024, Gresham's held a brief service of remembrance at the foot of the 30m tall climbing tower that bears his name. It was attended by pupils and staff of the Senior School and flowers were laid in his memory. In addition, Tom Bourdillon's life was remembered at the Prep. School's Family Service that took place in the Chapel on Saturday 6th April.



The service at the Bourdillon Tower

OG Travel Grant

Trip to Ghana

I was meant to leave Gresham's in the summer of 2020, with the intention of taking a gap year before going to university. However, all that changed when Covid hit, so I left school in March 2020. Because of Covid I was unable to plan a gap year, so instead I went straight to university. Now fast forward three years; I graduated from the University of Nottingham in Physiotherapy in July 2023. I knew full well I did not want to face the real world just yet, so a gap year it was!

I secured the classic summer job working in a local café to save up for my travels to Australia, but that wasn't until April, which would be a long time in Norfolk with most of my friends still away. At the start of the academic year in 2023 I needed some interim travel plans. I had always wanted to go to Africa. So I Googled "volunteering in Africa" and found the organisation "Plan My Gap Year", who offered a medical programme which made sense, having done a Physio degree. I signed up to go to Ghana in mid-October for a month.

In Ghana there were around fifteen volunteers with four of us doing the medical programme. All the people I met in Ghana were all so friendly and some of the happiest people I have been with.



On my first day in the hospital, I wasn't expecting too much from it, other than quietly settling in. Nothing of it, I was on the labour ward, where I watched a lady give birth on zero medication and an obvious and shocking lack of patient care. It was an eye-opening start! I spent the rest of the four weeks in the Physiotherapy department working with some other student physios, to see how they do things differently. I was able to give some massages to patients, which was good to get stuck in and show them some of the skills I had learned.

Outside of the hospital work, there were two weekend trips whilst I was

there. For the first one, we travelled around eight hours north on potholed roads in 40° heat to a safari park, where we were able to do a walking and jeep safari. The highlight was seeing elephants! We visited a village, where we were shown round and saw how they make remedies from natural things for their medicine. We were also able to make shea butter, which we took back to the house with us. We then handed out donations to the children, which was very overwhelming with hands coming from everywhere and grabbing as much as they could.



For the second trip, we headed south to the Cape Coast to go surfing, and to have a tour of the Cape Coast castle museum to see where slaves were brought to. We completed a canopy walk high up in the trees, with the most beautiful views and trees. We stayed in a hideaway hotel, where we had no service and felt very detached from the outside world. The hotel was right on the beach, so I couldn't complain!

There was never a moment of boredom or a time where there nothing to do. We could go to markets to browse around hundreds of different stalls, including many with materials where local dressmakers could tailor make clothes for us. We played games and chatted with the women who looked after us in the communal house. We had to be creative as power cuts were regular. Once we had one for over 24 hours, which also meant we had no water! We would be taken on day trips to get involved with local people, such as going to a football game or going to birthday parties and weddings.

The local people were so welcoming of us; they were always very inquisitive of our lives back in our home countries, but they also taught us their language to be more respectful of their country and culture. We realised just how fortunate we are to live where we do. The other volunteers were also so friendly – we still stay in touch. We will always have a shared experience. I am so glad I put myself out of my comfort zone to go alone to Ghana to be part of the volunteer experience. It is something I will always remember.



Bhubesi Pride

Thanks to the OG Club, last summer I had the incredible opportunity to embark on a volunteering trip to Malawi in 2023 with the Bhubesi Pride Foundation. This unique charity brings together volunteers from around the world to teach sports, empower communities and make a difference to the lives of children in rural Africa. During my time in Malawi, I was fortunate enough to teach rugby and netball to children in villages outside of Lilongwe, the capital, as well as make improvements to the new Bhubesi Pride Centre. It was an experience that not only gave me a new perspective on life but also reinforced the power of sport as a tool for change.

Bhubesi Pride is dedicated to using sport to uplift communities, and I was thrilled to be a part of their mission. Over the course of my stay, I worked closely with local children who had limited access to formal sports training. The joy they experienced when learning new skills, playing matches, and simply being active was unforgettable.

Rugby was an especially big hit, even though the concept of tackling was foreign to many at first. Seeing the excitement in their eyes as they grasped the rules and gave their all on the field was incredibly rewarding.

In addition to teaching sports, I was also involved in making improvements to Bhubesi Pride's community centre. This centre serves as a hub for education and empowerment programmes. Working alongside other volunteers and residents, we spent time digging a new allotment and providing it with irrigation. We also spent time organising kit donations so that it could be distributed to local schools and youth centres.





We allocated most afternoons during my stay to visiting local centres and schools to donate what shirts we had as well as taking the children outside so they can participate in physical activity. On our trips to the schools, we looked into classrooms to see the conditions they were teaching and learning in. The centres we visited included the local rugby club and netball club as well as various youth

centres. On our visits to the sports clubs, we were told to put out a team of our volunteers against them. On both occasions we, as the coaches were humbled by their ability.

This journey with Bhubesi Pride was an eye-opening experience that showed me the impact of sports and education has in uplifting communities. The children I worked with may have come from humble backgrounds, but their enthusiasm and determination were limitless. I was constantly reminded of the importance of giving back and how even small actions, like teaching a child how to pass a rugby ball or donating a team shirt, can have a lasting impact.

I owe a huge thank you to the OG Club, whose generosity made this trip possible. Without their help, I wouldn't have had the chance to partake in such a transformative and rewarding experience.



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Geelong College Gap Student Experience

Between the months of February and April 2023 I had the pleasure of being a gap student at Geelong College, an Australian co-educational boarding school located in Newtown, a suburb of Geelong, Victoria. I went with the hope of gaining experience in teaching, and by doing this in another cultural environment I hoped to see first-hand how different the style of teaching was, while also having the opportunity to help individuals reach their full potential and discover their passions and skills. I hoped to learn teaching techniques that I could use in the future to educate others, and I can confidently say now that I did.

I learnt a variety of life skills throughout the journey, the first being how to navigate my way from Suffolk, England to Melbourne, Australia and to say I was nervous would be an understatement. After multiple flight connections (near missed flights), taxis and trains I landed in Sydney. I travelled around Sydney for a few weeks, living in hostels and seeing as many tourist attractions as I could, including Bondi beach and the Sydney opera house, before making my way to my new home in Geelong.



Geelong College

My first few days at Geelong College were packed full of induction activities and meeting other staff (being considered staff myself prior to leaving school six months earlier was a fascinating concept). I was allocated to work at the middle school which I was very thrilled about, as that was the age group I had initially hoped to be helping with. After being supplied with my new sports uniform, staff ID card and desk in the sports office I was ready to get working.

Adapting to a new way of living had to be done quite quickly, as I was only staying at the school for a short period of time and although I boarded weekly at school and had experienced living away from home, I soon realised living independently was quite dissimilar to boarding school. However, I learnt to love it and the freedom that came alongside it, whilst it also prepared me for heading to university in September.

I would love to say that it was hot throughout my time there and I did have a preconception that it would be, but this soon changed when I experience flash flooding on one of my first days and was later told “you get all four seasons in one day here in Geelong, just like England”. I am sad to confirm this was true, although luckily we did have the occasional scorcher, which sometimes resulted in serious sunburn (even after applying factor 50

sun cream). It was amazing to see how unaffected the students were to the heat and surprisingly I rarely heard them complaining about it. During recess teachers would be on yard duty, making sure everyone was behaving but most importantly that the students were wearing their sun hats because there is a rule in Australia stating that school children must wear hats whilst outside on school property, all year round. This is because of the sun's intensity and how dangerous it can be when you are not engaging in sun safety.

I worked mostly with Year 4 and 5 pupils but occasionally went on school trips with the older years to places like the MCG (Melbourne cricket ground) to have a tour of the empty stadium. I went on to watch an Aussie football game here later in the term and experienced a sports atmosphere like no other. However, it is a lot harder to play than it looks and I found this out the hard way after I got tackled by a Year 5 during recess, which resulted in me being sat with the nurse for a few hours.



MCG

I was given a timetable, just like the students, which told me where to be and at what time. It specified that I would mostly be helping with Art and PE but also with electives such as the great outdoors, cooking and river walks. After a week or so of settling in, I had got my bearings and had begun to form a bond with a group of Year 5 girls, who thought of me more as a friend than a teaching assistant. As a result of this during my Art lessons with the Year 5 cohort, I didn't end up helping them with their work but instead they helped me with mine, after persuading me to join in with the tasks and even sometimes managing to convince me that some of their paintings were considerably better than mine. In PE I helped with a variety of sports and activities. Some of these included dodgeball, tennis, fitness circuits, swimming and sometimes, if they were lucky, we would end a session with just dance. Swimming was definitely my favourite sport to help with as I am a swimmer myself, so it came naturally when giving advice on stroke development or



The courtroom

helping the beginners with the basic skills. Cooking with the Year 4s on Tuesday mornings was a great way to start the day as they were always so eager and bubbly to get baking, but also because the session usually ended with tasting their creations, whether that be a jam scone or an apple crumble made from apples picked in the garden.

I was very lucky to be able to experience Year 6 camp in Melbourne and year 9 camp in Cape Otway in the last week of my stay. Year 6 camp was only a few days long and included various historical activities within Melbourne city; one of these activities was re-enacting a court case in the courtroom that it originally took place in.



Some locals

Cape Otway was such an amazing experience to finish off my time at Geelong because it allowed me to reflect on the past few months and realise how far I had come physically and mentally. Year 9 is the first year of senior school at the college, so the aim of the camp is to form relationships and bond with your new classmates and the other students in your house. I stayed at the camp for two weeks while various house groups rotated through. We alternated between staying in a cabin one night and then staying in a tent the following night. During the day we went on long walks to the beach and surrounding countryside and did teamwork activities to help with communication. In the evenings we had dinner together, which was great bonding time; this included making pizzas or eating fish and chips which the campsite had provided. After dinner we would sit around the campfire and chat while the students had the opportunity to write in the journals they were encouraged to make.



Cape Otway

The end of this camp meant it was the end of my time being a gap student at Geelong College and along with that came lots of tears. I didn't think that I would have got as attached to this Australian experience as I did and so leaving was sad, but I knew it was my time to go, and after I said my goodbyes it was time to head to Indonesia for a little bit more travelling because when you are that close to Bali who wouldn't want to?

Being a gap student at Geelong College was such a great experience; it gave me a sense of personal reward and allowed me to learn so much about another culture. This experience would not have been possible without the grant I was given from the Philip Newell Memorial Fund and so I am extremely thankful for their generosity. I will remember this experience for years to come and recommend it to anyone debating going.



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Bali and Cambodia

We are extremely grateful to both the OG Club and the Philip Newell Memorial Fund for supporting us in our volunteering programmes in Bali and Cambodia. Our first project was with the “Akasa Foundation” in Bali. We were living in a volunteer house amongst the locals in a rural village called Tabanan. Each day we would visit two different schools. In the mornings we would visit a primary school equivalent, where we would teach basic English, such as the alphabet, phonics and numbers.



In the afternoons we would visit middle school equivalent children who varied in ability, making it challenging at times. We would therefore often split into much smaller groups amongst the volunteers to make learning a more positive experience for the children. This would generally consist of teaching hobbies, body parts, and the solar system for those more advanced! A huge challenge that we had to overcome was, of course, the language barrier; there was no mutual language between us. Not only were we trying to teach new concepts, we were speaking to them in a foreign language.

Our second volunteer project was with “Hope Agency” in Takeo Province, Cambodia. This was a completely different experience for us. We were staying on site, living at the school 24/7. There was no aircon in the dorms, no cold water during the day and we were an hour from any major civilisation. Our volunteering fell over the South East Asian heat wave, reaching 46° daily for two weeks, with the Cambodian government advising locals to keep their children at home. Our teaching day would be from 1pm until 7pm each day. The children would walk from their Cambodian school, which they attend throughout the morning, to the Hope School purely to learn English. For these children, English is a gateway to a better life once they become adults. This school is completely optional for every child and the fact that classes are full most days shows the value of these lessons to them.

Children range from the age of two years up until eighteen years. In the Kindergarten, the children learn the absolute fundamentals of English. These are taught on repeat for a few years until the children become competent enough to enter more advanced syllabuses. Therefore, the language barrier was much less of an issue, purely because these children have had the basics taught from a young age.




Aside from the teaching programme, we took time out to help the local food bank deliver food parcels to some of the more vulnerable families. This was one of the most eye-opening experiences we had on our trip. We would donate a 20kg bag of rice, local vegetables and cleaning products, once a month. For some, this is all they have. These living conditions would resonate in the children, as some would come to school with no equipment, mouldy and ripped clothing and no clean drinking water; yet they were some of the happiest children you'd ever meet.



We also took up the responsibility of teaching a 17-year-old boy called Rasin. We had the challenge of teaching him A-Level Chemistry and Maths. His English was great, as he'd been taught at the Hope Agency from a young age. The main difficulty we came across was the Khmer language not having direct translations for more complex terminology, such as integration and titrations, yet he was expected to learn these concepts for his exams. He is hoping to pass his exams this summer and go to a Thai University. This would not be possible without the commitment and support of the volunteers who assist Hope Agency, and we hope Rasin is one of the many success stories to come from this teaching project in Cambodia.

Lily Coubrough (c & E 2012 – 23) and **George Betts** (k & H 2015 – 23)



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African Travels

Travelling through Kenya and Zimbabwe was a fantastic experience which I'll never forget. Seeing the different cultures, people, environment and animals was amazing to witness and contribute to them. Spending a month in Zimbabwe taught me about how hunting on conservancies is run, and how beneficial they are towards the environment and the locals compared to safari conservancies. However, spending two months in Kenya has shown me why hunting is banned and how safari provides plenty of benefits towards the local people.

I had lots of lovely moments on this trip, from seeing a black leopard, where only twelve of them are left on the world, to staying on a snake-infested island in Lake Baringo. There were also a few heartbreaking moments that I saw, from the extreme poverty to the four-year drought, causing problems with the children whom we taught in the local schools.



I travelled via a company called Africa Gap, which is run by Annabelle Carey and Simon Dugdale. These two people were amazing for organising the trip. We had seen things that many people from all over the world would pay thousands to see and we had the most amazing guides looking after us through the whole three months. I would recommend this trip to a lot of people.

Harry Bidwell (H 2018 – 22)



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OG Sport

OG Rugby, October 2023

With the over-25s looking light on numbers, it was decided to mix up the squads to make a game of it (the writer of this report didn't fancy a hiding!). With the teams decided and the standard rules of 13-a-side, four in the break down, last try wins and 25 minutes each way agreed, it was time for kick-off. Ages ranged from 18 to 53, with the now world-famous oldest man in club rugby, Dave Bailey, taking the honours. Both sides showed early promise, with the half-backs of Claybourn, Brooke and Mann and Goose really putting some shape on the attacks and making many tired bodies look surprisingly good! Tries came from distance as a result of flair, with Goose's chip and gather a particular highlight, but there were also those from closer range. Bailey's effort from 30 was straight MV, as they would say in the Physics Department (30cm for clarification).



The day continued with Felsted at home, followed by England-Samoa in various pubs, and then the over-30s retired to Blakeney for some high-quality singing around the piano with Crick, Pardoe, Fryer *et al* putting a new slant on a few Adele classics. Many had made huge efforts to be there, travelling back from university and others risked divorce for "just one more game", but it was worth it!

The squad numbers made the occasion just bearable, but we all look forward to a squad of 40+ next year to make things more pleasurable. Fresh "merch" was also on show, and thank you to the OG Club for joining Caley Farms in sponsoring the new U25 kit. There is chat of sevens again this summer, an opportunity I personally will give a miss after a near-death experience against the Marines in the quarter-finals two years ago, but get in touch if you want to get involved. Thank you again to all that made the effort to make it a great day once again.

The players:

C. Cotterill, D. Bailey, A. Taylor, B. Brooke, H. Wastnage, J. Crick, F. Gebbett, D. Watt, F. Todd, R. Mackenzie, H. Flint, C. Howard, T. Ellis, J. Ward, W. Morrissey, R. Mann, F. Papworth, S. Curtis, J. Small, R. Lochore, L. Boynes, A. Claybourn, G. Searle, F. Searle, B. Gill, T. Goose, C. Huntridge, B. Gedney, T. Rhodes

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

OG Hockey

HOGS v. Piglets



On Thursday 2nd November 2023, the HOGS (Over 25s) took on the Piglets (Under 25s) in monsoon conditions. The weather could not deter 24 OGs from turning up to play, and what a game it was! The Piglets took an early lead after some good work by Henry Baker, but this was soon cancelled out by the HOGS, with Guy McNamara getting on the score sheet. The game was end to end and the rain unrelenting, creating a great show of sporting grit. Thomas Ling scored for the Piglets from a penalty corner to set up a 3-2 lead, but it was the HOGS that had the last squeal when Georgie Scragg dribbled into the D, finding Charlie Mack unmarked, who duly tucked home to tie the match at 3-3 with the final touch of the game. A great game played in great spirits. Well done to all for turning out in the biblical conditions!

Charlie Mack (k & F 1988 – 2003 & S 2015 –)

OGs v. Norwich Exiles Old Boys

On a mercifully dry, but blustery morning, 19th November 2023, over 30 players and a terrific crowd turned out to see some rather ancient hockey between an OG side v. Exiles Old Boys. The occasion was to celebrate and raise money for Blood Cancer UK, organised for **Tom Cowper-Johnson** (T 1968 – 72), who was there to bully off and then watch from the touchline. Tom was captain of hockey back in the day and a founding HOG and also a committed Exile.



The OGs triumphed 4 - 1 in a haze of deep heat, over four quarters, with much needed sustenance of oranges and some rather fine port, consumed during the breaks. The school kindly made available Tig's café for a warming-up lunch, sponsored partly by the OG Club, where we listened to a wonderfully emotional speech from Tom.

None of this would have happened if it wasn't for the sterling efforts of **Chris Deane** (H 1979 – 84). Big thanks to Gresham's School, the OG Club and all the people who helped make this such a memorable event. The event raised approximately £4,000 for Blood Cancer UK.

Ali Cargill (F 1984 – 89)

OG Cricket

Despite no OG cricket matches played at School in 2024 it has been a busy cricketing year for the OG community. Charlie Hood, Ben Panter and Lucas Triffitt went to Australia to play for local clubs and experience cricket on the other side of the world. During



Ben and Charlie

the summer of 2024 Gresham's had 3 OGs playing for Norfolk CCC. Arthur Wilcox, Boys 1st XI Captain (2024), Charlie Hood, Boys' 1st XI Captain (2023) and Ben Wilcox, Boys' 1st XI Captain (2021 & 22) all played in the 3-day, T20 and 50 over teams.

In the final of the NCCA Trophy (50 over cup) Norfolk beat Cheshire by 6 wickets. At 99-4 chasing 258 Norfolk were in a spot of bother but a wonderful 159 partnership between Ben (135*) and Charlie (73*) led them to victory for the first time since 2009.

Dominic Atkinson (S 2008 –)

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Firstly, it is with great sadness that I have to report the passing in August 2023 of Mike Barnard, former Captain of the Golf Society, winner of many of our trophies and regular attendee at our matches. Mike was a stalwart of the Society and will be sadly missed – we send our condolences to his wife, Val, and his family.

We have had another busy 12 months with a couple of new fixtures and welcome returns to



Secretary, Chairman and President

regular venues. As ever, we continue to seek new recruits, both long-standing OGs and those who may have only left school recently - please do get in touch, details at the foot of this report.

We remain very grateful to the OG Club for their continuing support for OG Golf; it is very much appreciated.

An update on recent activity:

- The 2023 Autumn Meeting was held at Hunstanton with the Guy Marsom Memorial Trophy being won by Malcolm Baker with a score of 38 points, closely followed by new recruit, Roger "Doris" Day, with 37 points.
- In September we played against the Old Norvicensians for the first time, at Sheringham, with the OGs prevailing, and there is the anticipation that this will become a regular feature in the OG calendar.
- The 4 Schools Match, due to be played in October, was postponed due to torrential rain leaving parts of Royal Worlington under water for much of the day. When we reconvened in April, Gresham's beat Uppingham in the morning before winning the final against Tonbridge in the afternoon.
- Our first event of the 2024 season saw the OGs play for the Fishmongers' Trophy at Royal Worlington, at our Spring meeting in mid-March, where Roger Day went one better than in the Autumn, winning with 38 points, closely followed by our President, Jeremy Mumby, who scored 37 points.



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- April 2024 saw the 100th Anniversary of the playing of the Halford Hewitt, a scratch foursomes golf tournament between alumni of 64 public schools, played at Royal Cinque Ports and at Royal St. George's. Gresham's have played in the Halford Hewitt since 1937 and up until 2024 had reached the third round on just two occasions, firstly in 1950, courtesy of a bye in the 1st round, and secondly in 2010, when two matches were won for the first time. This year saw another return to the 3rd round, with impressive victories over Taunton and Westminster, before succumbing to Cranleigh. The team of 10 golfers was led by Tristan Hedley and featured a number of seasoned campaigners alongside a couple of newer recruits. This success bodes well for the future, as the OG Golfing Society endeavours to attract more golfers from the school into its ranks.
- Early May saw our inaugural match against the Old Leysians, played at Royal Worlington, from which the OGs emerged victorious. Again, it is anticipated that this match will become an annual fixture.
- The OGs were once again unsuccessful in the qualifying round of the Grafton Morrish but, playing at a new venue, Worplesdon, the team played with great credit, only missing out on a passage to the finals by 3 stableford points.
- The Summer Meeting at Sheringham in mid-June included staff and pupils from the school as well as OGs. Adam writes: On a Normal for Norfolk blustery day at Sheringham, 16 hopeful and enthusiastic souls prepared to have their dreams dissolved in the golf course's surprisingly long summer rough. However, fescue problems aside, Sheringham remains one of the few courses where the sea can be seen from a point on every hole and was in tip-top condition for the time of year. Stableford was the game of the day, and the standard of play matched the eventual June sunshine and a winning score of 37 points was realised by Louis (Malcolm) Baker. As for the Senior prize, this was received by Graeme Pollok; although it was debated whether he met the criteria, as he looked so very well in his untucked shirt. Finally, Seb B. picked up the pupil award with a combination of long driving and putting. Unbelievably, Adam Smith managed a hole in one on the 11th hole, which sailed into the cup without bouncing and without really being seen by his fellow OSH schoolmates of Doug Adshead-Grant and Tom Allison, although a faint tinny noise on the tee did hint at the



Graeme and his trophy



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improbable finish. Thus, the afternoon was well enjoyed, with hearty food and heart-warming liquid refreshment. Thank you to OGs, staff and pupils for attending, and to Sheringham for welcoming us with open arms once again.

- Later in the month the Cyril Gray team suffered a first-round loss against Liverpool before overcoming Wellingborough in the first round of the Plate. Sadly, King's Canterbury proved too strong in the second round.
- The OGs enjoyed success in our annual match against the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers at Brancaster in early July, prevailing by 4½-1½.
- Late July saw us host the Old Haileyburians at Aldeburgh, with the OGs again coming out on top, winning the match 5-3.

Our season finishes with the return match against the Old Norvicensians on Sunday 15th September at Eaton GC, the 4 Schools Match at Royal Worlington on Friday 25th October and the Autumn Meeting at Woodhall Spa on Friday 1st - Saturday 2nd November.

Provisional fixtures for 2025

Wednesday 15th January – Halford Hewitt AGM & 2025 competition draw at the East India Club, London.

Friday 21st March – Spring Meeting, Royal Worlington.

Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th April – Halford Hewitt, Royal Cinque Ports & Royal St. George's (practice day, Wednesday 9th April).

May, date to be confirmed – Match vs Old Leysians, Royal Worlington.

Sunday 18th May (tbc) – Grafton Morrish Qualifying – Worplesdon GC.

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

Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th June – Cyril Gray, Worplesdon (practice day Tuesday 24th June).

Monday 30th June (tbc) – Match vs Fishmongers' Golf Society – Royal West Norfolk.

Monday 7th July – Match vs Old Haileyburians, Royal St George's.

September – Match vs Old Norvicensians, date and venue to be confirmed.

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

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

Friday 24th October – 4 Schools Match, Royal Worlington.

As ever, the OG Golf Society is always looking for new members, of all abilities. We enjoy our golf, the Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings are played off handicap, as are the matches, whilst the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Cyril Gray are played off scratch. We actively encourage golfers of all ages, genders and abilities to join us, so if you are already a member but haven't been to any of our meetings, now is the time to change all that and if you are not a member but would like to join, please contact the Hon Secretary at the address above.

Richard Stevens (k & T 1969 – 77)
(Hon. Sec., OG Golfing Society)

OG Tennis



Despite an horrendous forecast, eight OGs tipped up on the 15th of June for the annual boys' OG tennis. Although there was heavy rain earlier to put the grass courts out of play, the matches began as scheduled at 2pm on the astros in blazing sunshine. After the first round the OGs led 42 games to 38 but the school fought back to go into the final round

two up. Rain stopped play at 3.30 but a quick trip to the Wendy house for cakes and drinks gave the sun a chance to come back out and the final round finished with the OGs coming out victorious by four games. Pair of the day were Year 10s Connor and Ted, who won two of their three matches and player of the day was School Captain Seb Bjuro. Most improved OG was Alex Lam, with least improved being tied by Sam Curtis and Ozzy Harrison. Great fun was had by all as always with some show-stopping rallies and some equally surprising calls! Let's hope 2025 brings back the sunshine and an actual summer term.

OG Team: O. Croft, J. Holmes, A. Claybourn, O. Harrison, S. Curtis, A. Lam, W. O'Connell, L. Clabburn

Thanks to all for turning up and get in touch if you would like to join us next year.

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

OGRE – Old Greshamian Rifle Establishment

This year's target rifle season began with the annual Piglet Shield match; a smallbore competition between OGRE and the Gresham's Rifle Club (GRC). With Pete Holden on side, who scored a 195/200, OGRE won both the team of IV and team of III competition to take home the shield for a second year running. However, in the rapid shoot competition, the GRC put up an impressive fight, with three pupils all shooting 93/100, outperforming the OGRE team. Well done to all the students involved, we look forward to seeing you again next year.



July saw the most anticipated event of the target rifle season, the Imperial Meeting. This weeklong competition held in Bisley is home to over 650 competitors from around the world. OGRE started the week with its annual AGM, where club captancy was handed over to Ben Danziger from Adam Partridge and five new members were welcomed to the club: George Baker, Harry Purslow, Olly Rankin, Alex Shine, and Johnny Weir.

The rifle team went on to have a very successful week, with the most noticeable result being Chloe Evans winning the Grand Aggregate, dropping just 9 points over the week. This is a huge feat, as it combines all the scores shot through the week. To win the prize, Chloe had to top some of the best target rifle shooters in the world, including Commonwealth champions. Massive congratulations to Chloe!



Chloe and her silverware

It was not just Chloe who performed well in the Grand; we were also happy to see Rich Stewart at 15th, Chris Heales at 29th and Toby Cubitt at 61st.

In the King's Prize competition, perhaps the most prestigious competition in the sport, we were thrilled to see Toby Cubitt win the first stage, dropping only 2 V-Bulls. In the final, we supported Pete Holden, Chloe Evans and Clare Holland, where Pete Holden came 12th to bring home our best result.

The St George's competition saw a large OGRE cohort make it to the final. Chloe Evans came 12th in the competition, dropping just 1 point. She was followed by Toby Cubitt, Rich Stewart, Louis Horseman Carpenter, Ben Danziger and Pete Holden.

In the National Match, Rich Stewart and Chris Heales represented the Club and the country, with Chris not dropping a single point through the match. In close second to England was Wales, where Chloe Evans was top shot on the team, followed closely by Toby Little, both of whom did not drop a point.

OGRE had a fantastic meeting when it came to the concurrent team matches. Of the three team competitions OGRE entered, we won all three: The Marlingham, The Bank of England and The Steward. Well done to Chloe Evans, Rich Stewart, Chris Heales, Toby Cubitt, Pete Holden, Clare Holland and Jeremy Hinde, who took part in these.

The Imperial Meeting was concluded with the annual OGRE BBQ. It was great to see more than 30 OGREs attend. A great way to finish the meeting.

Finally, we want to wish all the best to Chris Heales, Pete Holden, Clare Holland, Matthew Purdy and Rich Stewart, who were all selected for the Great Britain Rifle Team tour to Canada in 2025. This is an impressive turnout for the OGRE Club and represents a large chunk of the overall team. We look forward to hearing some great results.

A big thank you to Freddie Grounds and the GRC for the consistent production of talented shots that has made OGRE one of the top performing clubs in the target rifle sport.

Ben Danziger (k & W 2013 – 20)

Erratum: The article in last year's Magazine on OGREs at The Palma Match omitted the photograph of **Dr. Hamish Pollock** (H 1986 – 91) on p.113. We apologise for this omission and include it below.



Hamish on the firing point



Glyn Barnett

Dr. Glyn Barnett (k & W 1981 – 89), along with several other Old Greshamians, participated in the World Long Range Championships in South Africa. In the Individual Championships, Glyn was leading going into the Final at 900m. The competitors had previously fired nine separate shoots at distances of 700, 800 and 900m and Glyn was a single point clear on his closest competitor. The Final was extremely close, with the lead going backwards and forwards, but despite finishing on exactly the same score, the Australian Ashe Bidgood won the Gold Medal as a result of having six more central bullseyes than Glyn, who thus won the Silver Medal.

Earlier in the Championships, **Toby Cubitt** (k & H 2014 – 21) and **Toby Little** (k & W 2010 – 18) were both members of the GB team that became the U25 World Long Range Champions for 2024. The team were 2 points off the pace after 800m but outshot and outcoached the opposition at 900m for a solid victory.



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England Rifle Team

Alastair Brown, Jeremy Hinde and Pete Holden spent ten days in early September 2024 touring Colorado and New Mexico as members of a 20-person England Rifle Team competing in the Spirit of America Matches at Raton Ranges. These are situated on the Santa Fe trail in New Mexico at 7,500 feet above sea level, so this took a few days to acclimatise to. The matches combined individual and team shooting events. England quickly took the lead, winning all of the first three team events, which were shot at short and long range. There was also individual success along the way, with Pete winning the Freedom of America individual match, shot at 300, 500, 600 and 900 yards and Jeremy leading the short range aggregate after Day 3.



Jeremy, Pete and Alastair

The final match of the series was the America Match 2024, shot over 300, 600, 900 and 100 yards. Alastair, Jeremy and Pete were all selected for this 12-man team. America, England and Scotland were in competition and England quickly took the lead at 300 and 600 yards. The home advantage, coupled with some pretty unreadable wind conditions, meant that despite our best efforts, the Americans took a significant lead at 900

yards. England came back to win the 1,000 yard range, but the damage was done, and in a very tense end to the match, that came down to the last shot of the last American shooter at 1,000 yards, the Americans won the match by 2 points to England in second place. America 4719.227; England 4717.219; Scotland 4653.178

We had a superb time away and would like to thank the OG Club for the sponsorship and support.

1968 Revisited

Robert Dossor recalls shooting triumphs of the 1960s

Reading Henry Howard's, Glyn Barnett's and Marijcke Veltman-Grisenthwaite's OGRE Reports in the November 2020 and November 2022 OG Magazines got me thinking. Recent shooting has been impressive, but we seem to have forgotten that this success has its foundations in 1968. Somewhere in a dusty attic I had the 1968 Public Schools Rifle Matches

Association Yearbook for 1969 and some other memorabilia from that momentous year when Gresham's won the Ashburton for the first time, although we had come 4th some years before.

These articles also made me reflect how different things were in the 1960s compared to the 2020s. We from OSH were largely removed from the goings-on down the Cromer Road. We walked it several times a day, along with our biscuit tin full of Marmite sandwiches and in some respects were not involved in the school mainstream. Tallis was brand-new and the Corry brothers were having a ball. James Dyson had us running round The Lowes and occasionally led the hymns for us in House Prayers with his bassoon. Attitudes were less relaxed and rules enforced, no Dyson Centres and amazing sports facilities.



DBO overseeing matters at Bisley

Shooting was a minority sport and regarded as lightweight, even by Dick Copas, OSH House Tutor, and until we started winning Logie was supportive only from a distance. It was **Dick Bagnall-Oakeley** who kept it going in his inimitable way, based on the 30-yard outdoor range on the edge of the woods; open-fronted firing points and minimal lighting. We shot the Country Life almost in the dark as he spotted the rural targets with his scope. Those were the days of No.8 rifles (military rifles with .22 inserts fitted into the barrels) and military issue ammunition in square cardboard boxes.

The 1968 Team came together over the previous two years, making great strides when the new .22 range was built in 1967 near the Armoury – now a groundsmen's shed. The Lent 1968 *Gresham* noted that extra heaters were installed and not before time. Us shooters had fitted that building out with lights, baffles, target racks and seating on very limited funds – the first of several ranges I've built since. Most of our shooting effort was at 25 yards with military Regulation No.8 rifles, until the BSA Martini action Mark 3s arrived in 1967 – several of us had our own and they were transformational.



Dick coaching Tim Webster

That 1968 Lent *Gresham* also notes the 1st and 2nd IVs for the Junior Spring .22 competition which formed the core of the full-bore team for the Summer Term, when we had two days a week on the range at Horsford, the senior members travelling with the rifles and ammo in Dick's Volvo estate and always with his sheepskin jacket, even in the summer. Now reduced to 100 yards for fullbore, Horsford was a lovely range, going back originally to 600 yards. We often followed the Army there and played with their Bren guns and GPMGs – if we filled the magazines or re-built the belts. Occasionally we would shoot at Thetford or Swaffham if we couldn't get an allocation at Horsford. Swaffham – now a supermarket and wind turbine site – had a very short backstop, so spent rounds would often whizz around the markers' feet.



Tim with the No.4 rifle, the Donegal Trophy, 1968

Summer 1968 was an exceptionally fine one and the Summer *Gresham* – whoever wrote the piece – fully describes our successful year and the Ashburton day itself – the final outcome decided not by Bagnall-Oakeley's score of 66 but by Brown's steady 32 at 500 yards, giving him 64 and Tim Webster's 33 giving him 65. Those were the days when you did your own wind corrections with a bit of guidance – no-one adjusted your sights for you. As Captain I had the top score of 67 and then we had the famous photograph.



Jeremy Bagnall-Oakeley, Tim Scott, Robert Dossor, Adrian Corry & the Junior Spring or Country Life trophy c1966

That article isn't exactly correct – we won The Devon and The Country Life and had four shooters in the "Schools Hundred", and – by the way – it was Dick who sent the telegram to LBL, and the Chairman of the Governors who sent me the congratulations cable to the London Scottish clubhouse, and I was awarded a Coryphaena for distinction in shooting.



Robert's telegram



The 1968 winning Ashburton team

The team lost several members in 1969 and it took a long time to rebuild, but so it did and long may it continue. Tim Webster and I put together the 2018 reunion and re-shoot, when almost everyone came back to Bisley and again we put up a very creditable score!



Nick Orchard, Tim Webster, Stephen Corry, Robert Dossor & Tom Wrinch of the 1968 Ashburton team with their 2018 successors

And from that 1968 team Tim Webster (now 74) still competes annually at Bisley and has recently taken up very-long range shooting – at 1200 yards – mainly because you can use a telescopic sight! I was a GB Dewar and County level .22 shooter for years in Yorkshire and Suffolk, only recently retiring to 50m bench-rest air rifle.

For most, shooting is more than full-bore at Bisley. If you live nearby, it's natural to compete there, but many of us are further afield, where 7.62 is very expensive and ranges hard to access, so continue with .22. Gresham's has been well represented in that section, with David Bowden being an Atheling in 1962 and competing for Bury St. Edmunds for many years.

So, we succeeded against the odds in a minority sport which has now become mainstream at Gresham's, built on all that success over 50 years ago, and the OGRE Pavilion Appeal will help to maintain that tradition.

Robert Dossor (OSH 1964 – 68)

*(The outstanding Gresham's tradition of marksmanship success started in 1907 when, under Captain [later Major] **John Chambré Miller** [later the first Housemaster of Farfield, and subsequently Second Master], the VIII were 2nd out of 82 in the "Schools of the Empire" Competition, coming a close 2nd to Brisbane Grammar School! Miller himself came 1st out of 106 officers in his OTC musketry course at Hythe that same Easter – Ed.)*



The first Bisley VIII (& reserve) with Capt. Miller, 1905

Round Norfolk Relay



The Round Norfolk Relay event is a race which mirrors the county boundary over approximately 200 miles, divided into seventeen unequal stages. The race presents not only a tough physical challenge, but also a test of the organisational abilities of a club. Running over 24 hours, without a break (and carrying a baton), the event is much more than just a normal relay because it

requires special preparation, planning and support. It is not an event for a club without spirit of adventure. The mere fact that we have to register as an athletics club simply to enter provides an indicator of our general *joie de vivre* and approach to this event.

In the preparatory stages leading up to the OGs' fourteenth appearance in the RNR my meticulous plans were thankfully unthwarted by injury or absence. Very soon after securing an entry I assembled a competent, experienced, and enthusiastic team including the usual smattering of school staff.

Gold Command, comprising of Captain (me) and Official Timekeeper **Kate Olby (née Seymour)** (c & O 1991 – 98, S 2015 –) set out the strategy early this year, delegating more operational aspects to the troops in order to alleviate the pressure.



James MacBrayne on Snettisham beach

Another 4am alarm call on Saturday 14th September and we were off in the pre-packed Gresham's minibus to collect our first runner **James MacBrayne** (k & F 1987 – 97) a.k.a. "The Aberdeen Arrow". In keeping with the season James' mother had baked a batch of "Babs' Famous Mince Pies" – a welcome gift that left me debating not whether it was too early in the year to have a mince pie, but whether it was too early in the

day! The atmosphere when we arrived at LynnSport, King's Lynn was as sleepy as ever, with first stage runners wandering in all directions and support cyclists doing last minute bike maintenance. The start gun sounded at 0530hrs and we were off in a wine-gum fuelled flash. This year James had opted for a longer run, or had otherwise been bullied into it by me, so we could take advantage of his stride-length. We waved him off solo at Wolferton and barely made it to Snettisham in time to see him screech across the sandbank. A second breakfast of mince pies done, and we headed to Hunstanton Lighthouse for the changeover.

On the clifftops we met up with Team King – **Grant King** (k & H 1986 – 96) and **Anne-Marie King** (c, E & B 1989 – 98). Grant was the next runner up, but more importantly Anne-Marie had provided a small mountain of homemade cake for the Team – a third breakfast. As the front-runners legged it pass the lighthouse, James had put in a solid run putting us nearly seven minutes ahead of time. Through the dunes Grant dashed and out of sight until we picked him up again in Thornham. Here I resumed the cycle support and conversation in a hope to take Grant's mind off the never-ending sea bank yet to come.



Grant King (nearly) in Brancaster

On the roads Grant was making excellent progress and there weren't many other teams in sight. From here on it was another solo run whilst the support team pushed ahead to the quay at Burnham Overy. Next baton-carrier was **Louis Clabburn** (F 1987 – 92). Louis is an RNR veteran and selflessly took on the shortest leg this year from Burnham Overy Staithe to Wells-next-the-Sea. The only snag being that it's along the beach! Once again Louis was faithfully supported by wife, **Jo Clabburn (née Harrison)** (O 1994 – 98). Following several false-sightings of not-Grant he finally appeared down Quay Lane and passed the sweaty baton on to Louis. Whilst Louis had the short leg (geographically) it doesn't provide much opportunity for support along the way. However, as a Norfolk Superhero regular he would have to try hard to get lost. Thankfully the tide was out, and Louis made light work of the six miles. Ahead at the Beach Road carpark in Wells, Team Tovey had once again turned out en masse. **Lisa Tovey** (née Woodrow) (E 1995 – 97) was next and husband **James Tovey** (k & T 1986 – 97) was scheduled to run immediately afterwards. The Tovey children (Alastair and Annabelle) helped me to tackle some of Anne-Marie's ginger cake and with mouths full cheered their mum on as she headed into town.

Stage 4 to Cley is just over 11 miles and Lisa coasted along the coastal path through Stiffkey and Morston. We continued to make good progress whilst the sun shone on a beautiful September morning. The conditions were nigh on perfect, and morale was high amongst all the team. It really is a strange affair with all the support vehicles shuffling between the villages and the hi-vis bibbed runners dodging their way around polka-dot-pant-wearing-walkers completing a charity challenge.



Lisa Tovey (with support) in Morston

Flying on to the shingle on Cley beach Lisa handed the baton to husband James, whilst in the background a competing runner was left stranded with nobody to hand over to – a failing in command no doubt! In another selfless act (or masochism) James had more than three miles of shingle beach to wade through before all the climbs onto the cliffs, Skelding Hill, Beeston Bump and then on to Cromer. Stage 5 is feared, and often underestimated by those visiting

teams who think Norfolk is flat. For James however, he and I had run this path many times so I was expecting great things. Around half-past one a sweaty mess appeared in the distance of the Runton Road car park and to raucous cheers James shuffled through the final few metres. An heroic run and all the more commendable knowing that he had a nightshift on the support crew ahead of him.



James Tovey and Jason Snook at the Cromer Changeover

Snatching in the baton next was **Jason Snook** (c & W 1976 – 86). Snooky had taken a leave of absence in 2023 but was now back on the team, albeit on an unfamiliar stage which proved evident only a short while later.

As me and Kate moved ahead through Cromer and onto the Overstrand Road a lonely runner came into view. This was most unusual as this wasn't part of

the RNR route. After sounding the horn on the minibus (quite a lot) Snooky stopped running and we ordered him back to the cliffs. With a metaphorical tail between his legs, he skulked off and we promised not to mention his diversion to the rest of the team. Thankfully his OG grit, determination and beaming smile made quick work of the rolling hills through Overstrand, Sidestrand and Trimmingham. Ahead at the Coronation Hall in Mundesley I managed to befriend a couple of WI members on the cake stall and after a short, confusing chat about allergens they gleefully accepted a donation of one of Anne-Marie's cakes for their fundraising efforts. It's not all about the running!

Team Dale: **Robert Dale** (T 1979 – 84), **Emma Dale (née Coleman)** (O 1982 – 84) and daughter **Alice Dale** (O 2012 – 17) turned up to cheer Snooky in see our next runner off. Next comrade on the team sheet was **Duncan Baker** (W 1993 – 98), fast becoming a RNR regular. With rested legs following a number of fantastic fundraising marathon efforts earlier the year Duncan was pleased to be running a short nine miles this weekend. As Snooky



Duncan Baker at Walcott

thundered into the changeover, Duncan skipped away with his support cyclist in tow, and we were now four minutes behind our projected time.

A thankfully uneventful but solid run from Duncan kept us in 3rd position at this early stage in the race and we had clawed back some of the time lost earlier, but we knew the faster teams were on their way. The next changeover point took us slightly back inland to the village of Lessingham where a new runner was waiting to make their debut. **Victoria Neville** (c & O 1994 – 2004) probably had no idea what she had let herself in for, so it was understandable that she had brought along another OG contemporary as her



Victoria Neville and Alice Dale at Horsey ('Hobbs' in the background)

support cyclist, **Georgie Rodwell** (B 1998 – 2002). The newcomers' enthusiasm and energy were clear to see, and they were itching to take the baton from Duncan. Stage 8, Lessingham to Horsey, is traditionally a quick leg where we have often made significant progress and gained a few places – Victoria certainly didn't disappoint. With the support crew and Team Dale fighting with the car park chaos at Horsey Mill we didn't have long before the first runner appeared and to our delight it was Victoria (and Georgie) still both smiling from ear to ear. By the end of her blistering run we were now in 1st place and 14 minutes ahead.

It was now nearing 5pm and Saturday afternoon had come and gone in a sweaty, sunny, smile-filled mobile reunion. Primed for a run into the twilight on the next stage was **Alice Dale** (O 2012 – 17), more than ably supported by parent Robert ("Hobbs") on two wheels and Emma in the car. As we moved onto the longer stages of the event it gave the support team an opportunity for some reflection and refreshment. So, fed up with cake, Kate and I headed to Gorleston for fish and chips on the seafront. Alice made steady progress through Scratby and as the sun set on Gt. Yarmouth we headed west to Belton. Another brilliant performance from Alice putting us 23 minutes ahead. Whilst waiting in Belton we had a chance encounter with another OG, **Charlotte Hodgson** (c & O 1993 – 2002). Running for a rival team, we kept relations cordial.

Keenly waiting in Belton was **Nick Hood** (W 1990 – 95), who had returned for a second appearance running the same stage as 2023, but this time with a new finish line in Ditchingham. Team Hood, wife **Anna Hood (née French)** (E 1990 – 93) and daughters Evie and Lottie fresh back from a school hockey match seemed less reluctant in support for Nick this year which was good to see. As a rousing 1990s



Alice Dale and Nick Hood in Belton

playlist boomed from the Hood support car Nick ate up the dark 17-plus miles along the A143. Heading into the new changeover it was a blur of logistical confusion as the baton-

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swap takes place out of sight of the support drivers. Meanwhile the next runner **Andy Fields** (c & T 1985 – 91), after help getting dressed from Kate, was bouncing around like a nervous Tigger. As Nick steamed in and Andy rushed out he was, for a moment, somewhat devoid of a support car. A few frantic phone calls and assistance from another team soon safely resolved the situation. Nick had increased the gap to 40 minutes ahead of schedule and the Team Tovey support vehicle, crewed by James and Alastair picked up the amber beacon back stop.



Dave Saker (L) and Andy Fields (R) at Scole

After the mayhem of Ditchingham the team settled into the proper night-time hours. It was now past 10pm and the often-busy A-roads were thankfully quiet. Andy got on with the job in hand and was soon halfway through his 15-mile stage. Less fuss and more effort was a simple mantra to follow and with two miles to go Andy put on the afterburners in a sprint finish. Ahead at Scole was our first staff member **Dave Saker** (S 2010 –), who had been taxied in by another RNR faithful **Simon Cooper** (c & H 1976 – 83).

In the Breckland darkness Dave's speedy legs made light work of the miles and with regular updates and motivation from Team Tovey it wasn't long before he was careering into the car park of Tesco in Thetford. Clearly "*every little (bit of OG support) helps*".

Anthony Tovey (k & T 1985 – 95) was back for a second appearance on Stage 13. An adventurous start from Ant as he skipped over the A11 roundabout with some disregard for the HGVs also making the manoeuvre. Supported by brother James and nephew Alastair he managed to overtake yet more teams that had come past us on previous stages. The A134 has more hills than you would think, but thankfully for Ant he couldn't see them in the dark. This is where the support crews come into their own and I am sure James had some positive words of encouragement for Ant. Following a lot of frantic mobile WhatsApp'ing we managed a rolling change of support vehicles with **Ade Rutterford** (c & OSH 1972 – 78) joining us just before Feltwell.

After a police-imposed ban on Stage 14 last year, **Mark Jones** (S 1994 – 2015 & 2020 –) had some unfinished business. At 4am under the sodium-light glow from the military base at Feltwell Mark paced about in a staccato fashion ready to get his run done before a morning church service back in Holt. Ant had bagged more minutes and we were now 50 minutes ahead and getting slightly nervous that our early morning runners might not

have set their alarms early enough. Rolling into the agricultural flatlands at Wissington Mark's run came to a crescendo and in one big sweaty mess (and almost a collapse) the baton was handed over to **Anne-Marie King** (c & E & B 1989 – 98). Freshly rested and chaperoned by brother Grant, they met us in Wissington for a second morning early start. Anne-Marie had run this leg in 2022 and despite having not done any recent training (much to the annoyance Grant) was more than ready for the 10 miles ahead. A non-sense run from Anne-Marie and the delights of watching the sun come up over the A10 left very little to write about. Kate and I were both rather tired by now and getting nervous about the absence of our next runner at the changeover. Some confusion on WhatsApp between minutes and miles by me was thankfully unfounded when **Robert Hurst** (k & H 1991 – 97) appeared out of the bushes.

In his 10th appearance in the RNR Bob was going to take us from Downham Market for a short “recovery” stage for him following a nasty hockey injury earlier in the year. A slick handover with the team reunited and we made our first crossing of the river in the shadows of Heygates.



Me (on bike), Ade Rutterford (in car), Anne-Marie King, Bob Hurst, Kate Olby (in bobble hat)

Bob is probably the runner that talks the most during his stage, but it doesn't seem to impact his pace, quite the opposite. I was grateful to get back on the bike for some fresh air and the big skies across the western flatlands were magnificent. As Bob crossed the Ouse for the handover, there was a crowd of people and vehicles, and we

were only able to pick out our next runner thanks to Kate's multi-coloured big bobble hat (a regular RNR feature).

Chris Cox (S 2013 –), desperate to get a place on the OG Team for several years, finally got his shot at stardom. I'm not sure Mrs. Cox and the children appreciated being dragged out to Stowbridge for the early morning start, though. After leaving him by the river, I caught up with Chris on the outskirts of King's Lynn and guided him through the town, keen to keep ahead of the runners behind. I primed Kate and family Cox to prepare themselves for a big finish. The event ends with the Stage 17 runners going around the outside of the 400m track at Lynn Sport and then entering through a gate or a sprint finish along the 100m straight. I guess Chris was just so task focussed in finishing, or dog-tired, that he missed the gate and continued to run around the back of the grandstand. The race commentator screamed over the PA system but to no avail. After what seemed like minutes but was probably only seconds Chris appeared and was literally back on track. A final dash to the finish line tape and we were done.

Finishing more than an hour ahead of our projected time and in a respectable 36th place out of 60 teams it wasn't a bad effort for a non-running running Club. More importantly we beat the Old Culfordians team. It took me and Kate at good two days to recover from the lack of sleep, cake and emotional anguish of making sure everybody was where they needed to be at the right time. But our collective and personal successes made it all worthwhile.

Next year's event is scheduled to take place on 13th/14th September 2025. We would love to welcome more members to our OG RNR family. If you would like to get involved as a runner, support driver or cake-eater, please get in touch with me (howardeolby@hotmail.com) or through the OG Club.



Chris Cox at the Finish, LynnSport

Howard Olby (k & F 1987 – 97)

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Obituaries

Anthony Gregory (H 1940 – 45) has died.



Mike Peacock

Dr. Mike Peacock (W 1940 – 45) died in December 2023. The following is taken from an online obituary written by his family: Michael was born in London in 1927 to an English father and French mother. He attended Gresham's School in England and went on to Glasgow University. While growing up, he spent a lot of time in France and it became his favourite holiday destination.

He spent time in the British Military during the Allied occupation of Germany from 1946 to 1949 and then returned to Glasgow University, where he earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Doctor of Medicine. He moved to the United States and worked at Sloane Kettering and Johns Hopkins hospitals and returned to Scotland in 1959 to work at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

In 1967, he moved to Canada and spent 23 years as Pathologist at the Port Colborne General Hospital and Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie. After retirement in 1990, he enjoyed travelling. He was also an avid gardener, loved painting, pottery, and spending his time with his family.

David Michell (W 1942 – 46) has died.

Harold Hannant (W 1945 – 48) died in 2019.

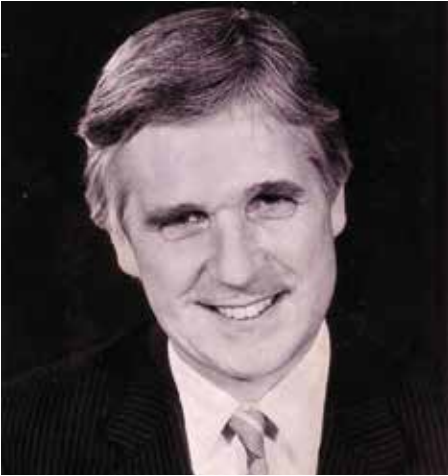
Adrian Lupton (k & F 1941 – 50) died in June 2022.

Roger Collins (OSH 1948 – 51) died in September 2023.

Arnold Hitchcock CBE (k & OSH 1945 – 52) died in February 2017. He was an Almoner, Honorary Archivist and Senior Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Farmers.

Geoffrey Copeman CBE JP DL (k & OSH 1946 – 54) died in January 2024. The following obituary is adapted from one that appeared in the *Eastern Daily Press*.

Mr. Copeman spent 45 years with the parent company of the EDP, overseeing key changes and playing a powerful role in the newspaper industry and wider Norfolk life. Born in Norwich, he attended Gresham's School in Holt and spent much of his holidays sailing on the Norfolk Broads. After his education, his early career saw him take on an apprenticeship as a



Geoffrey Copeman

mechanical engineer with J. J. Colman Ltd. – now Reckitt & Colman – at Carrow Works in the city. Down the road, his father, Will Copeman, was then Chairman of Eastern Counties Newspapers (ECN). Having already embarked on another career, his son had no intention of getting involved with newspapers. But after seven happy years there, it was the lure of a big challenge that encouraged him to think about a change. He was given the opportunity of a major engineering challenge; managing the build of Prospect House and the company's move from Redwell Street to the Rouen Road headquarters. He joined ECN in 1961 as a works manager, a move which led him to become group chief executive. He retired as deputy chairman of Archant, as ECN had become, in 2006, following a 45-year career.

The family, which can trace its roots back to 1620 in Norfolk, was one of the three founders of an “independent” newspaper to campaign for more “radical or liberal”

views. On 9th November 1844, members representing the Colman, Copeman and Tillett families had an informal meeting, which eventually led to the launch of the Norfolk News in 1845 and the EDP in 1870. A deep and abiding enthusiasm for newspapers led Geoffrey Copeman to expand his role outside East Anglia to serve as a director of the Newspaper Society and a board member of the Press Association. Then he represented the society as President of the World Association of Newspapers.

He was appointed CBE for services to the newspaper industry in the 2001 New Year's Honours and became a recipient of the Newspaper Society's President's Prize. A magistrate, he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk in 1989 and also served on the board of Norwich Union, Suffolk Group Radio, Radio Broadland, and East Anglia Radio. He was also chair of AMRA, a London-based advertisement sales presentations agency, and was involved in planning the successful management buy-out. He was a President of the Norfolk & Waveney Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulation, Chairman of the Governors of Norwich School, and a trustee of Norwich's Assembly House and the Forum Trust. He was also the chairman of the Excelsior Trust, which operates the last remaining Lowestoft fishing smack as a tall ship with an emphasis on sail training.

While newspapers were the family business, Mr. Copeman always had

wider interests, including sailing on the Broads and at sea, playing hockey, riding, motorcycle riding, tennis and croquet. He could often be seen in the lanes of Norfolk in his Westfield kit car. Additionally, he spent much time during the 1980s and 1990s tending livestock on his smallholding near Norwich. His later in life interest in tennis led him to become President of the Norfolk Lawn Tennis Association. He leaves behind his wife Bridget and their four children.

David Sadler (c & F 1946 – 54) died in July 2023. A talented sportsman and retired Science teacher, he enjoyed participating in and coaching many sports. His passion for birdwatching and ringing saw him travel extensively.

John (James) Woolner (c & H 1947 – 54) died in February 2023.

Antony Dean (W 1950 – 54) has died.



Nigel Ridley Thomas

Professor Nigel Ridley Thomas (H 1949 – 55) died in April 2024. His friend and colleague Geoff Holland writes: After

leaving Gresham's, Nigel went to read Geology at the University of Oxford. In 1972 Nigel (at the time working with Wimpey Laboratories) came to Hong Kong for the seabed mapping survey of the vessel named *Seawise University* (formerly the RMS *Queen Elizabeth*), which caught fire and sank in Victoria Harbour; here he gained his first impression of Hong Kong.

In 1974, he and his friend John Jopling formed an independent company based near Heathrow Airport named Electronic and Geophysical Services. EGS was established in the UK in June 1974 and in Hong Kong in September that year. From then on, the company grew and became a global company with offices around the world. One of the survey vessels they operate around the world is called the *Ridley-Thomas*. This year marks 50 years of EGS in Hong Kong.

Nigel never married and was quite a character, often seen walking the streets of Hong Kong complete with his Sherlock Holmes deerstalker hat. In the open plan office, he had an upright piano, and Beethoven's 5th could often be heard being bashed out with gusto during lunch breaks!

Nigel was certainly one of the great characters of the industry and will be sadly missed. The young staff, when working away on projects with Nigel, treated him almost like a grandfather figure.

Dr. Donald King (F 1951 – 55) died in November 2023.

Michael Culver (H 1952 – 56) died in February 2024. The following obituary is adapted from one that appeared in *The Guardian*.



Michael Culver

You might say of the actor Michael Culver that, in Harold Wilson's great phrase about Tony Benn, he immatured with age. He became more radical, more dyspeptic and more angry with politicians who get involved in foreign wars, especially those following meekly in the footsteps of the United States.

Although Culver, who has died aged 85, hailed from an upper middle-class background, and a theatrical one, too, his fire was lit by his participation in the so-called tribunal plays of the 1990s at the Tricycle (now the Kiln) in Kilburn, north London, where he was prominent in three riveting dramatic transcripts edited by

Richard Norton-Taylor and directed by Nicolas Kent. These were *Half the Picture* (1994), a brilliantly condensed recreation of the Scott inquiry into the sale of arms to Iraq; *Nuremberg*, in which he played a rambling but ultimately sympathetic Albert Speer, who acknowledged his culpability for war crimes and received a sentence of just 20 years' imprisonment; and *The Colour of Justice* (both 1996), about the murder of Stephen Lawrence, over which he presided as the humane Sir William Macpherson – "as if to the manner born", said one critic – asking for 60 seconds of silence at the end for which the cast, the critics and the audience, unbidden, stood.

During the Iraq war, Culver became a fervent supporter of the anti-war protester Brian Haw, who camped out in Parliament Square for 10 years in protest at Britain's part in the conflict. "A deeply impressive human being," said Culver of Haw, who died in 2011.

Last year, Culver joined his fellow actor Mark Rylance in successfully campaigning for a statue of Haw – designed by Culver's second wife, Amanda Ward – to be placed outside the Imperial War Museum in south London.

His first real recognition as an actor, he said, came in 1977, playing **Donald Maclean** (o & W 1923 – 31) in a documentary drama about the Cambridge spies scripted by Ian Curteis, with Derek Jacobi as Guy Burgess and Anthony Bate as Kim Philby. In the same year, he made perhaps an even bigger impact as Major

Erwin Brandt in the first of three series (he appeared in two) of *Secret Army*, a drama set in a fictional resistance in occupied Belgium aiming to return allied airmen shot down by the Luftwaffe to the UK (this set-up was later parodied in the hit comedy series 'Allo 'Allo). This new prominence led to the role – albeit a small, if memorable, one – of Captain Needa in the second *Star Wars* movie (and fifth in the chronology), *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980).

He graced another notable film, David Lean's *A Passage to India* (1984), playing a bigoted police inspector, Major McBryde, in a cast headed by Peggy Ashcroft, Judi Davis, James Fox and Alec Guinness. *The Colour of Justice* became a television movie, earning him one more credit in a television career that had begun in 1961 with an appearance in *Maigret*, starring Rupert Davies and Ewen Solon, and continued through to the afternoon soap *Doctors* in 2013. In between, there was a wonderfully sneery *Squire Armstrong* – he resembled an even cleaner-cut version of Patrick McGoohan with a touch of Christopher Plummer – in *The Adventures of Black Beauty* (1972-74), and 13 episodes of *Cadfael* (1994-98), starring Derek Jacobi, as Prior Robert.

Born in Hampstead, north London, Michael was the first son of the distinguished West End actor Roland Culver and his wife, Daphne Rye, a casting director who discovered – for Binkie Beaumont, the leading West End producer of the day – Richard Burton and Stanley Baker, and who opened the still popular *Daphne's*

restaurant in Chelsea in 1964. He was educated at Gresham's School in Norfolk and trained at London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

In 1959 he joined the Dundee Rep, then under the artistic directorship of Anthony Page, where the company included Glenda Jackson and Nicol Williamson, and appeared in 35 plays over two years in a repertoire of Oscar Wilde, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, J. B. Priestley and Noël Coward. He then joined the Old Vic under Michael Benthall and played the Duke of Bedford in *Henry VI*, making his Broadway debut when the production crossed over to New York. His West End debut followed in 1962 when he appeared in the biblical story of *Judith* (and *Holofernes*) by Jean Giraudoux, translated by Christopher Fry and directed by Harold Clurman, at the Haymarket, followed in 1963 by Priestley's adaptation of Iris Murdoch's *A Severed Head*, directed by Val May, at the Criterion. On tour in 1966 he played the outwardly charming but ingrained reprobate Mr. Wickham in *Pride and Prejudice*, a great role, directed by Sheila Hancock.

His extensive work in repertory included *Lord Goring*, the dandy philosopher ("Morality is simply the attitude we adopt towards people we personally dislike"), in Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in 1979, and the polar explorer Roald Amundsen in Michael Attenborough's fine production of *Ted Tally's Terra Nova* (1982) at the Watford Palace. After TV appearances in *Casualty* (1986) and *Emmerdale* (as Philip Wallace

in 1992), he was notable in *Spooks* (2004) and in the first episode of *Kenneth Branagh's Wallander* (2008).

Culver had a fine, sometimes fruity, baritone voice and was a familiar on BBC radio drama in many productions, among them voicing Rachmaninov in Melvyn Bragg's portrait of the Russian composer (which also featured the pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy and soprano Joan Rodgers) and in Robert Harris's *Fatherland* (1997), in one of those classic BBC radio casts that included Anton Lesser, Eleanor Bron, Stratford Johns and Ned Sherrin.

A keen golfer, and a stalwart and accomplished member of The Stage Golfing society, Culver was twice married: to the actor Lucinda Curtis in 1962, divorced in 1986; and to Ward, a sculptor, in 2004. Ward survives him, as do two sons from his first marriage, Roderic and Justin, a daughter, Susan, from an earlier relationship, and four grandchildren, Cameron, Isabella, Grace and Sabina.

Anthony Alton (W 1953 – 57) died in December 2023. His brother, **Roger** (c & W 1956 – 62) writes: Tony was the first of three brothers, bring followed by **Barrie** (W 1955 – 60) and myself. There was a larger contingent from Nottinghamshire at Gresham's before Beeching than after, when travelling became more difficult. Anthony enjoyed his time there; apart from the academics he loved hockey, squash and playing violin in the school orchestra. He attained two good A Levels, but his future was destined to be with his family's cigar manufacturing business,

E. Alton & Co., which eventually became the final survivor of over thirty UK private cigar making businesses.



Tony carrying out quality control

He modernised and mechanised production with Swedish Arenco cigar machines, but there were still plenty of hand rollers and sorters making and finishing the products by hand. He enjoyed, too, being head of quality control.

He followed his father in membership of the Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders Livery Company, joining their Court and eventually becoming their Master in 1993. He loved the tobacco trade and made many life-long friends through it. As a Livery friend Richard Tranter wrote, "Those who had the good fortune to be acquainted with Anthony will remember his depth of knowledge, his dedication to his craft, the trade and the

Livery. They will recall his kindly nature, his great sense of humour and infectious laugh. Above all, I shall always think of him as that rarest of things, a true gentleman in business and one of my earliest and dearest friends”.



Tony as Master

Though his violin soon gathered dust, his enjoyment of hockey and squash continued for many years. He enjoyed, too, his tennis in the summer and bridge in the darker months. He had a large garden, his lifelong pride and joy. I can't remember seeing any tobacco plants, though. He was a great elder brother to have and I miss him very much. He is survived by his wife Jeanette and children, Nicholas and Sarah.

Harvey Easton (k & F 1951 – 58) died in October 2023. This obituary is adapted from a tribute published by the Cathedral Isle of Man:

We are deeply saddened to receive the news of the death of Harvey Easton, who

held the position of cathedral organist from 1995 to 2001. His tenure was marked by a profound dedication to his craft and a deep appreciation for the rich musical heritage of the cathedral. His skilful musicianship filled the sacred space with melodic beauty, enhancing the spiritual experience of all who gathered for worship and contemplation. Beyond his remarkable musical talents, Harvey was known for his warmth, generosity, and devotion to the community he served. He touched the lives of many with his music and his compassionate presence, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. **Alan Mallett** (F 1953 – 58) adds: Easton moved up to Farfield in September 1953, having already sat, and passed, about 10 subjects at GCE O Level. Hence he spent the next five years, until leaving, in the 6th form. He went on to Cambridge, but I have no idea what he did there. He was distinguished at school particularly for his musical talent, leading Farfield to win the inter-house music contest in 1958. He also took a leading part in school choral activities, enhanced by the absence of **Hubert Hales** (S 1924 – 28 & 1936 – 63?) through illness and as such was almost a part-time teacher, along with **Colin** (nicknamed Clarence by us) **Leakey** F 1947 – 52. He was House Captain of Farfield in 1958, succeeding **Martin Prentice** (F 1953 – 58).

I have no recollection of Easton ever participating in OG activities, although, curiously, he did telephone me out of the blue about 20 years ago, asking about the OG Masonic Lodge, adding that he was organist to a number of Lodges on the Isle of Man.

However, although I gave him a favourable reply, I never heard any more. I do know that in the mid-1960s he was teaching at a preparatory school in Dorset, and assume he moved to the Isle at some stage after that.

John Bradbury, 3rd Baron Bradbury (H 1953 – 58) died in August 2023. Shortly before his death, Lord Bradbury had kindly hosted an OG South-West reunion on a beautiful June day at his Dorset home.

Peter Foster (W 1956 – 61) died in February 2024.

Ralph Pointer (W 1957 – 61) died in April 2024.

John Ireland (F 1957 – 62) died in March 2023. The following obituary is taken from an online tribute in *Centre Daily Times*, State College, Pennsylvania:



John Ireland

A bilingual leader, John built a successful international healthcare management career in countries such as Mexico, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Spain. He was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the middle child and only son of Lillian Clark Ireland and Russell Morgan Ireland of London, England. He was educated on the Caribbean Island of Barbados before enrolling at Gresham's School in Holt, Norfolk, England. Acceptance to Cornell University brought him to Ithaca, NY, where he majored in hotel administration. After graduation, he served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army, primarily stationed in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended George Washington University on the GI Bill, earning a Master's degree in Business Administration and Management.

Early in his career, John had a long tenure as CEO of Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock, PA, where he became an American citizen. He was known for longtime leadership within the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania and for supporting several nonprofits including United Way. John eventually relocated to State College, PA, where he ran Clearfield Hospital, then moved to Mexico as President of ABC Medical Center in Mexico City. From there, he spent decades working on all major continents as an operations, restructuring, and reinvention expert, most recently CEO of Teknon Medical Center in Barcelona.

A natural athlete and sports lover, John enjoyed running, coaching soccer, fitness classes, tennis, and supporting Barça

futbol. He brought fun to every room and shone warmth and acceptance onto so many people.

Mike Brunt (c & W 1956 – 63) died in 2023.

Jeremy Cameron (F 1960 – 64) died in May 2024. The following obituary is adapted from one that appeared in *The Guardian*.

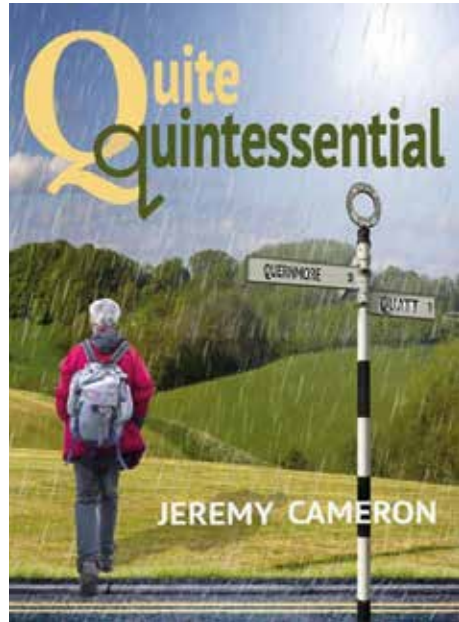


Jeremy Cameron

Jeremy Cameron, who has died suddenly aged 76, during a holiday watching cricket in Grenada and Trinidad, was a former probation officer, an author, a tennis aficionado, cross-continental walker, socialist and vegetarian. His tennis maxim – “keep fit and get the ball back once more than your opponent” – underpinned his approach more generally.

Jeremy started his working life in the 1970s helping homeless young people in Manchester and emotionally damaged children in Norwich. After qualifying as a probation officer at Brunel University in 1981, he started work in Walthamstow in east London. He was a fearless and inspirational officer, and active in the NAPO trade union, where his AGM speeches were lauded for their passion and wit. In 1995, he became a national rep

in disciplinary proceedings and continued this work even after resigning from the Probation Service in 2002.



Quite Quintessential

Jeremy Cameron’s 2019 book *Quite Quintessential* recounted his long-distance walk to visit all the places in England beginning with the letter Q. He also played club cricket, tennis for Norfolk and walked solo across Europe and America. Even so, he found time to write 10 books: six crime novels, of which *It Was an Accident* (1997) was made into a 2000 film; two about his long-distance walks, *Never Again: A Walk from Hook of Holland to Istanbul* (2014) and *Quite Quintessential* (2019), an account of his attempt to visit all the places in England beginning with Q; one on local cricket in west Norfolk; and *How to Be President – of Norfolk Lawn Tennis Association* (2013), an office which Jeremy attained, serving

from 2012 to 2014. He also edited *Tales of the Probation Service* (2019), an amusing collection of anecdotes from retired staff.

The younger son of Peggy (née Majolier) and Leslie Cameron, Jeremy was born in Buxton, Derbyshire, but only three weeks later moved with his family to Norfolk, where his father was the agent/manager of Westacre estate, near Swaffham, and his mother a local magistrate. Jeremy grew up valuing rural life. At East Walton village primary and Nowton Court prep. schools, Jeremy was known as a shy, bookish lad. At Gresham's School, Holt, he excelled academically and in tennis, cricket and hockey. Thereafter he studied History at Magdalen College, Oxford.

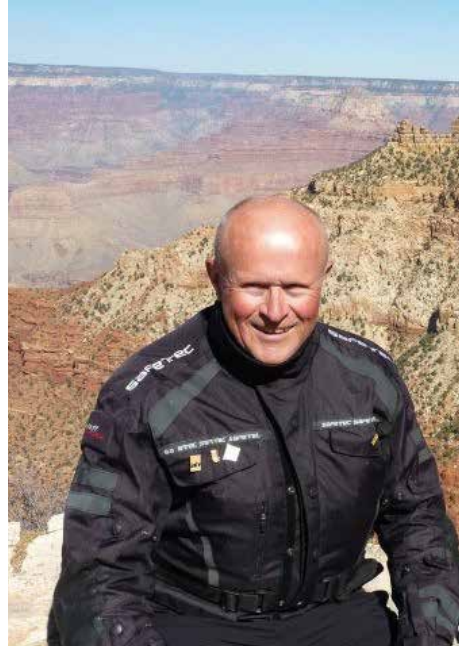
Back in Westacre in retirement, despite being diagnosed with a heart problem and then Parkinson's disease, Jeremy refused to be slowed down; he added parish councillor to his list of achievements and activities, and set up a village library in his suitably adapted garage.

Jeremy spent ten happy years in a relationship with Belinda Mara. After her death in 2008 Jeremy remained actively involved in the lives of Belinda's daughters, Alice and Emily, and their children. He also spent time with a partner, Hilary Rock, up to 2019; they remained good friends thereafter.

Jeremy's brother Michael predeceased him. He is survived by his sisters, Susan and Sarah, and their children; and by Michael's son.

David Sykes (H 1961 – 65) died in January 2023.

William (Ben) Young (c & F 1960 – 67) died in December 2023. His wife, Debbie, has provided the following obituary:



Ben Young

Ben, as he was known to all of us, was born in Sheringham. After leaving Gresham's, he went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to read Law. His father had hopes of him becoming a barrister and whilst Ben had a thorough understanding of legal process, he chose instead to spend time with the homeless of London and worked for Hammersmith Cyrenians, offering housing and support to the homeless and vulnerable often struggling with mental illness or alcohol addiction. This was the beginning of

a varied career spanning overseas development with VSO, local politics and housing management.

In Lombok, Indonesia, as part of a VSO project in the late 1970s, he worked to ensure that water containers that could withstand earth tremors were developed across the island. He was well loved by the locals, his ability to learn their language and customs endearing him to all. Later, in the early 1980s, he was involved in a project in Jordan. Funded by the World Bank, it was to provide decent basic accommodation for refugees. His readiness to learn basic Arabic and interact with the locals meant he was able to work well with them.

He was also an exceptional, if reluctant, local councillor. He only agreed to stand for Kingston Council in the Hook ward in May 1986 for the then SDP to make up the numbers. Ben threw everything into serving the public and became a committee chair. He campaigned to protect open spaces, for conserving energy, for recycling and for cleaning up the Thames and Hogsmill.

People at the council remember how he was concerned about the environment and green issues before it was popular. It was Ben who pushed the council campaign for new litter bins across the borough. As a result, he was often referred to as Cllr. "Bin" Young – the sort of appalling pun he would have made himself! He worked across various housing associations before leading the not-for-profit housing association RLHA until he retired in July 2011.

Ben was a committed father, and his children grew up with a strong sense of what is right, but also a keen interest in all things fun. He was a keen skier and sailor, which he shared with them, as well as a love of board games – Risk in particular. He supported Tottenham Hotspur through thick and thin!

In 2000 he took a year off work and joined Robin Knox-Johnston's Clipper Race around the world. Ben was a dinghy sailor primarily, so he knew the wind and could trim sails, but light air sailing was his true passion. That was a real skill. The Clipper boats were heavy, probably 30 tons fully laden. If they stopped, it was very hard to get them going again, but Ben loved that challenge of teasing out the forward momentum.

On retirement in 2011, Ben and a friend hatched up a three-month USA Route 66 trip on Harley Davidsons. They had a wonderful adventure across an amazing landscape. Ben followed this up by doing a boatbuilding course in Lowestoft the following year, but by then a tremor that had become symptomatic after Route 66 became more problematic and he underwent several medical investigations. His diagnosis of Parkinson's dates from November 2012. He and his new wife Debbie retired to Norfolk from Surrey and decided to make the most of things while they could. Travelling widely, pottering about on the Broads, sailing and cruising and joining in community events. Until he became too ill, Ben was a keen seal warden with Friends of Horsey Seals on the North Norfolk coast.

His funeral was attended by well over 100 people, who came from far and wide to remember the wonderful person that was William Maxwell Benedick Young.



Andrew Neale

Andrew Neale (H 1963 – 68) died in April 2024. **Commodore Hugh Whitaker CBE** (k & H 1960 – 68)) writes: Andrew was born to John and Molly on 24th November 1950 in Sheffield. He came to Gresham's from Westbourne Prep. School. At Gresham's he excelled at Maths and as someone used to accomplishing things at speed, was a strong runner and an accomplished squash player, but no match for **Logie Bruce-Lockhart** (HM 1955 – 82), who regularly gave him a good run around the squash court!

His contribution to school life included being a Chapel Warden which, as keeper of the Chapel keys, on one occasion, enabled himself and two friends to undertake a nighttime "assault" on the Chapel roof. Equally "high up" the list of his fond memories from his time at the

school was the 2% he was awarded for his Geography O-Level. Shortly after writing his name on the paper and casting his eye over the questions, he decided to go fishing instead. Ironically, he never even really liked fishing and even more that it was Geography he stepped out of, given his love of travelling and later career deployments.

After A Levels and leaving Gresham's, Andrew was one of 60 British teenagers who embarked on a seven-week expedition to Newfoundland's Northern Peninsula in 1969. The trip was organised by what was then known as the British Schools Exploring Society. The group was meant to camp, learn survival skills and assist in gathering scientific samples. While the trip was by all accounts beset by cold, wet conditions, swarms of insects and heavy backpacks, Andrew always reflected on it as a hugely positive experience and enjoyed seeing more than half of the original participants at a reunion in 2020. On his return from Newfoundland, Andrew studied Engineering at Southampton University, where he satisfied his need for speed by flying gliders, playing lots of squash and driving a Lotus.

On graduating from Southampton, he moved to Merseyside as a Graduate Trainee with Unilever. Andrew and his Lotus spent plenty of time back and forth seeing family and friends in Sheffield, where on one occasion, at a friend's 21st birthday party, he met Victoria (Vicky). Shortly after, and having done some quick maths on his expenses, Andrew

concluded that she was the keeper and the Lotus had to go. New wheels were purchased – a Renault 4, affectionately known as “Puddle-jumper” – and a long-distance romance blossomed, where they saw each other for weekends of partying, including one awkward occasion when, after a clandestine visit to Sheffield, of which he hadn’t informed his parents, a call to his father was necessary having crashed “Puddle-jumper” on the A6 near Chapel-en-le-Frith on an early Monday morning “dash” back to Merseyside.

Andrew and Vicky were married in September 1974, at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield. Married life began on the Wirral, before moving to Doncaster where James (later to become Jim) arrived in July 1979 and then on to Basingstoke where Jennie was born in April 1982.

Despite the diagnosis of MS in his thirties, Andrew was determined that the disease would not define his life. Five months after Jennie’s arrival, Andrew moved the family to Zaire for two years as Unilever needed a margarine factory to be built. Outside of work, lots of squash and tennis at the British Club passed the time, while ‘bushbashing’ in Land Rovers around the rivers and forests of upstate Kinshasa quenched his thirst for adventure.

Returning to the UK and Basingstoke for a year, Andrew was on the move again, joining Glaxo in 1986 and moving to Downlands in Royston. Three years later, with the family settled, he was off to Thailand for a year, supervising the construction and opening

of a Glaxo plant, and with Bangkok, fast, hot and the people enchanting, Thailand was right up his street. Occasionally being mistaken for Prince Charles also had its benefits; queue-jumping being the main one. With another factory built, Andrew returned to the UK, where he project managed the IMC building by the A10 at Ware for Glaxo before early retirement in 2005. Travelling with work may now have been off the cards, but retirement enabled more exploring on holiday with many memorable trips including New Zealand with Jennie in 2010, an Alaska cruise and a full deep dive into the West Coast of the US, to name but a few. Not even three failed trips to see the Northern Lights and a global pandemic could dampen his adventurous spirit, with a trip to South Africa as recently as 2022.

Of course, there were stages along the way where MS held Andrew back. Despite increasing mobility issues, he remained quick-witted and wouldn’t let it slow him down any more than it absolutely had to. His disability was visible to all, but so was his smile and his courage; at no point was he going to let MS define him. Whilst frustrated at times, he remained easy-going and humorous, even when suffering intense physical discomfort. So important in retirement, some hobbies weren’t easy to access. However, his work at the MS Society, where he was a national board member and Chairman of the Cambridge branch, combined with the likes of archery (from his mobility chair), Probus, and U3A lunches at the golf club all provided great challenge and stimulation for Andrew and he was able to engage in one of

his favourite pastimes: communicating with people. Alongside his friendships, Andrew's family had grown with Kirsten and Conor joining the fray, followed by his four grandsons, Charlie, Ned, Cillian and Daniel, who quickly became the apples of his eye. He loved spending time with them, watching what they got up to whilst peering over a magazine and equally they loved taking rides on "Grandpa's scooter".

Throughout his long illness and increasing disability, Vicky's support and strength matched his; her commitment and support were unwavering, in sickness and in health. Both determined that Andrew's MS wouldn't limit him or them. Vicky's strength and steadfastness enabled them to travel together until October 2023 and Vicky cared for him at home until early 2024.

In his last couple of months, Andrew's speech deserted him, making his world a little smaller, but his huge heart and unique sense of humour remained. Whilst in hospital, the crossword in the paper became a daily contest to complete, with the help of a letter pad and pointer. This interchange, shortly before he died, sums up the man to a tee:

Vicky: "Right, Andrew, 5 letters, person who does not consume animal products" (clearly looking for the word VEGAN).

Andrew: "I - D - I - O - T."

Humorous to the last, he always thought differently and was very happy to share a view.

John Davies (k & F 1963 – 70) has died.

Steve Wiles (OSH 1967 – 72) died in December 2020. The following obituary is taken from *The Glaven Valley Newsletter*.

Steve was born on a farm in Lamas near Buxton. He had two older brothers and a younger sister. He loved playing on the farm as a child, helping with the work on the farm and also in the kitchen with the cook. He was sent to boarding school at Old Buckingham Hall when he was seven. Steve always described this as "being sent to prison"!

When he was 12, Steve was sent to Gresham's School as a boarder. While he was at Gresham's, he bought a fire engine for the vehicle maintenance course and had it delivered to the school, then proceeded to drive it around the grounds, much to the delight of his mates and the dismay of his teachers! At 15 years old, Steve passed his A Levels early and at the same time got expelled for going to the pub, which he was always very proud of!

Steve married his first wife, Polly, in 1982 and they lived in Gunthorpe. They had two sons, Jack and Harry. Steve had many jobs, including working in a sawmill, working on the Holkham estate, catching and selling shrimps on the boats in Wells and starting his own business, "Steve Wiles Furniture". In 1990, Steve bought some old barns in Letheringsett, which he and many talented friends converted into beautiful homes. Steve moved into one of the converted barns. He married his second wife Lyn in 1994 and they had a daughter Emily.

Steve was editor of *The Glaven Valley Newsletter* for a while and was inspired to create the Glaven Valley website in 2000, which promoted holiday homes in Norfolk, and still does. Steve loved North Norfolk and especially enjoyed sailing his Albacore dinghy around Morston and Blakeney. He was also very involved with the Blakeney Dinghy Park Committee. Steve was never happier than when he filled the house with friends and made food for them. He loved a good party: it encompassed everything that was important to him: family, friends, food and music. Steve was in many bands over the years, playing bass, keyboard, saxophone and double bass, often teaching himself how to play. He encouraged many people to develop their musicality and built up their confidence with his encouragement and enthusiasm.

When Steve was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia in 2014, he maintained his love for food, friends, family and music and definitely kept his sense of humour. He started a band called "Playing For Cake" ("So that we get paid in the right currency!"). Steve continued playing the double bass with them for a few years even after his diagnosis.

Life was never boring around Steve. He always believed there was a solution to every problem and found ways to make exciting things happen (such as travelling around New Zealand for six months in a campervan called Shirley!). He has left a very big hole in many people's lives and we will miss him terribly.

Philip King (c & OSH 1965 – 74) died in June 2024 following a long illness. His brother, **Andrew** (c & OSH 1967 – 76), writes: The Norfolk into which Philip was born on 28th November 1955 was an entirely different world to the one we know now. Rationing had only ended the previous year when he began life at Pippin Heath, between Holt and Hunworth; but by the time I was born two and a half years later, we had moved into the flat above the electrical business in Holt that our father, Tony, had started in the early 1950s. During the freezing winter of 1962 – 63 we moved again to a new house on Riverside Road in Letheringsett, and it's here that I first became conscious of the importance of an elder brother. Now we had a huge area to explore around the house, though what our mother Jean later transformed into a beautiful garden was at first little more than a wasteland.

There was an old H. A. King van in the garden, the back of which Philip turned into a venue for ghost stories on dark evenings. Bizarrely, he accompanied his readings with incongruous records played on an ancient wind-up gramophone, and to this day I cannot hear "The Flight of the Bumblebee" without a feeling of uneasy horror.

As a good elder brother should be, Philip was a tireless organiser and source of extravagant ideas. For some reason, we had acquired a large wartime inflatable dinghy, and Philip captained this good ship up and down the Glaven, between the ford and the mill. We swam in the river and explored the muddy shallows

– unsupervised, of course – during what seemed to me like many summers.

In January 1967 our simple lives came to an abrupt end with the death of our father. I was eight and Philip was eleven, and although I didn't realise it at the time, our lives began to move in different directions. Philip became known as “the practical one”, following in his father's footsteps towards an Electrical Engineering degree and ultimately into running and expanding the family business. I moved towards books and sport.

Yet life always goes on and Philip had by now won an academic scholarship to Gresham's School and a new friend joined in our adventures. **Martin Brealey** (c & T 1965 – 74) was to become a lifelong friend to us both, joining us on family holidays and being the best man at both our weddings.



Philip (R) with Martin

Years passed, and I certainly benefited from having an elder brother when I followed Philip to Gresham's. As he grew older, Philip began to love long distance walks, while his electrical knowhow led to the creation of early pocket calculators and the building of amateur radio sets that enabled him to expand his contacts all over the world. When he was unwisely given permission to turn one of the attics in Old School House into a radio room, he also set about preparing for university life by hiding kegs of home brew behind the equipment. Meanwhile, with first a Honda 50 moped – which you were allowed to drive at age 16 – and then a flashy red Triumph Spitfire sports car, he pointed me the way into a new teenage world of music and parties. He also – aided especially by **Stephen Mack** (k & H 1964 – 73) – introduced me to a type of Norfolk pub that has now gone forever. A great night out could still be had for £1, with Watneys Norwich bitter at 25p a pint. The King's Head in Letheringsett then consisted of only one small room, with Eddie in his chair by the door and Arthur or Michael Chapman behind the bar.

And then suddenly he had gone away to university, before moving to work near London. There he met and married Ann, and before long they were back in Norfolk with **Annabel** (c & O 1989 – 2004) and **Juliette Parry (née King)** (c & E 1991 – 2005). Philip adored his children and the girls have remained beside him, helping him especially over the past few years when he needed their love most.

Every one of us will have different, cherished memories of Philip, but he will always be an inventive, ingenious and charismatic elder brother to the child in me.

Henry Papworth (c & W 1966 – 75) died in February 2021.

Shaun Hill (c & F 1967 – 75) died in January 2024. **George Harcourt** (c & F 1967 – 75) writes: Shaun was diagnosed with brain cancer in September last year, but it may have been latent for longer. He died peacefully at home in Upwell with his wife Anne and son Alex present. I knew Shaun as a schoolboy, scholar at Gresham's, Cambridge History graduate, shopkeeper and good friend. After university, he joined the family business and managed to install and run what were probably the first scanning checkout tills with computerised stock control in Norfolk in their shops in Blakeney and Cley. As a family-owned business, this came to an end as such ventures often do, which left him seriously saddened.

Even when there was the responsibility of the business to manage, Shaun still found time to play and coach football in Blakeney and resurrect and play in goal for Cromer (later Holt Harlequins) hockey team, which included a number of OGs over the years. He inspired many youngsters, old hacks and "B" team players to come and participate (including me) – he was one of those people it was sometimes difficult to say "no" to, but one never regretted it, even when the team suffered a resounding

defeat. There was always the next match to plan for.

Shaun's wife Anne taught at the Blakeney village school and when it became difficult to find a sports coach, Shaun stepped in. As ever, he coached inspired and taught; I have a memory of my boys, playing for much larger Langham village school, being given a near hiding by Shaun's Blakeney team consisting mainly of much younger girls!

Another of Shaun's passions was the Blakeney 12. This is a social organisation consisting of twelve pillars of the community who look after the older and more vulnerable members. The retiring collection at his funeral was in aid of this group and many attending were either past or present office holders.

Shaun and Anne left Blakeney and moved to Outwell, which was a great success but must have been a terrible wrench at the time. Not one to sit still for long, Shaun was soon volunteering to work in the prison service, assisting with rehabilitating young offenders, the prison reform board (I think), witness protection and more. While at Outwell, Shaun acquired a narrow boat and proceeded to navigate many of this country's inland waterways, often with his family or friends.

Shaun had a great love of rock music and an extensive and meticulously catalogued collection of recordings. Played at his funeral service were tracks from Hawkwind and Guns 'n Roses (Knocking on Heaven's Door). He leaves a wife, Anne, daughter

Emily, son Alex, brother **Brent** (c & F 1969 – 77) and five sisters.

Patrick Searle-Barnes (c & W 1968 – 75) died in January 2022.

Timothy Zillessen (H 1972 – 76) died in August 2024. Tim was the youngest of the four sons of Marcel Zillessen, mentioned in the article “From the Salerooms” in this edition.



Philip Sampson

Lieutenant Colonel Philip Sampson RM (k & T 1971 – 77) died in October 2023. This obituary is adapted from an online tribute posted by his wife: Phil was an extraordinary man who lived a truly blessed and wonderful life. He once told our daughter Hattie that he had no fear of death, knowing he would die way before his time. He said he was truly happy and at peace as he had lived life to the full and was proud of what he had achieved and how many people he had helped.

Phil was born in Kenya and joined the Royal Marines in 1978. He always said he had a normal Royal Marine career but he was truly proud of the years he spent in Whitehall. During this time he was responsible for counter-terrorism in the MOD when 9/11 happened and went on to play a prominent role in founding the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) and spending time in the security services in the UK and US.

Phil left the Royal Marines in 2009 and we founded Sampson Hall, Ltd. This is where Phil will be remembered by so many in the business community for his phenomenal strategic brain, his vision, his leadership, his outstanding coaching and mentoring ability and his lively, engaging and dynamic character. Phil has left a positive impact on so many people’s lives and his love of his work meant he continued to work until June 2023.

Phil will leave a massive hole in all the lives of those he loved and cherished and these ripples will be felt far and wide. He was forever an optimist and his positive attitude to life never failed him. Upon receiving his diagnosis in 2019 he wanted to know “the plan”. He said to me, “I am going to live for as long as I can”. He was never a victim to his disease, he just kept going and kept living. His work gave him, in equal measures, a great purpose and great reward. Through all his devastating cancer treatments he had a reason to get up every morning. The amazing, the extraordinary, the funny, the larger-than-life Phil Sampson may have departed this life but his legacy and his spirit will always live on.

Richard Millman (k & T 1970 – 77) adds: Just recently I attended the 60th anniversary of the opening of Tallis and was delighted to read a short piece by Phil Sampson in the pamphlet *The Kestrel* about his life in the Royal Marines and his founding of a number of entities. This brought me great joy as I had lost touch with him. Four of us spent a good deal of time together in Tallis: **Richard Leman** (T 1972 – 77), Phil, **Anthony Coleman** (k & T 1969 – 77) and myself. I remember being sad and disappointed on Speech Day 1977 that we would likely never see each other again – having become good mates over the previous eight years. Phil was a unique individual, perhaps a non-conformist but a steady and consistent person with great athletic abilities. We were first thrown together in Kenwyn in 1971, along with his family friend from Kenya (where they both lived) **Ian Powrie** (k & T 1970 – 77) (also sadly gone in the terrible incident where the Korean 747 airliner he was travelling on in the Far East was shot down by a Soviet missile).

I was a confused and loud little boy, trying to find my way and made the mistake of trying to push Phil (who was a lot bigger than me) around. He promptly put me in my place, but having done so never bore me a grudge – viz. our long association in the senior school. I am tremendously sad at this loss – much too soon – of a singular individual of great character, whose comradeship I benefitted from, albeit too briefly. Fortunately for society he was evidently able to make a wonderful contribution and has left the world a better place for his having been in it.



Bob Stern

Professor Robert Stern FBA (OSH 1975 – 80) died in September 2024. The following obituary, written by Dr. Joshua Forstenzer, appeared in *The Guardian*: My colleague and friend Robert Stern, who has died aged 62 from brain cancer, spent 34 years at the University of Sheffield. He was one of the leading British philosophers of his generation, combining critical precision with generosity, and helped to overturn the well-established dichotomy between “analytic” and “continental” philosophy. His interests included figures such as Kant, Kierkegaard, Murdoch, Levinas, Peirce and Luther. He provided original interpretations of complex and sometimes confusing philosophical arguments. Bob was best known for reintroducing neglected figures from the history of philosophy. Hegel was the first among these. Before the 1980s, Hegel was regarded with scorn by some analytic philosophers, representing all that was wrong with what they disparagingly called continental philosophy. Through meticulous reconstruction of Hegel’s

arguments, Bob recovered a Hegel who was not only intelligible but also remarkably interesting and credible. Neither dogmatist nor mystic, his Hegel offers a holistic metaphysics, which recognises both the achievements of reason and the crucial value of tradition and ordinary morality. He also played a key role in reviving international interest in KE Løgstrup, who, although “world-famous in Denmark” (as Bob used to joke), had been largely ignored in English-speaking philosophy until he published his 2019 book *The Radical Demand in Løgstrup’s Ethics*.

Born in Norwich, Bob was the son of Jack, who ran a jewellery shop, and Isabel (née Cohen). Bob went to Gresham’s School in Holt, Norfolk, and studied philosophy at St. John’s College, Cambridge for his BA and PhD, before taking up a post in the philosophy department at Sheffield University in 1989, where he was my doctoral supervisor.

He was made a professor in 2000 and served as chair of the [Philosophy Research Excellence Framework Panel](#), as president of the Aristotelian Society and the British Philosophical Association, and as editor of the *European Journal of Philosophy* and the *Hegel Bulletin*. He was also president of the British Society for the History of Philosophy and was elected a fellow of the British Academy in 2019.

Bob enthusiastically supported student initiatives (including Philosophy in the

City, an outreach programme) and spearheaded the yearly Philosophy Rocks! concert (probably inspired by his love for Bob Dylan), during which philosophy students and staff play music together. He met his wife, Crosby (née Stevens), while they were students at Cambridge, and they married in 1988. They made their home in Sheffield, where he was a stalwart presence at the weekly Endcliffe parkrun. He is survived by Crosby and their children, Adam and Lucy.

Andrew Fison (F 1979–84) died in January 2021. The following obituary is adapted from Broussard’s Crematorium online:



Andrew Fison

Andrew Fison was born in Epping, Essex, England, but had lived in the United States for over twenty years. Survivors include his partner of six years, Christy

Hernandez, and his stepchildren. Andrew was a local DJ who built a reputation as the epitome of the live music scene in Beaumont, Texas. He was a booking manager and a prominent fixture in the hospitality industry who played a pivotal role in cultivating the heavy metal scene in Southeast Texas. Andrew was known for his outgoing personality, British charm and flamboyant style. He was also a big supporter of the LGBTQ community and worked closely with the local PRIDE and PFLAG groups. He had a love for animals and at one time had as many as eight rescue dogs.

Andrew was a big man with a bigger than life personality, and a huge heart. He was the first to meet the neighbours, and first to offer help to anyone who needed it. He had a loud, booming laugh, and would dress as a Superhero if the occasion allowed.

John Smart (S 1985 – 2006) died in July 2024. John was educated at Nottingham High School and Hertford College, Oxford, where he was awarded an Open Scholarship to read English and gained a Half Blue in croquet. After his first degree, he stayed on to take a B.Litt., choosing as his subject Thomas Carlyle, the 19th century essayist, historian and philosopher. Following a PGCE at Durham University, his first post was at Market Rasen Grammar School. He proceeded from there to Oundle, where he had the good fortune to meet Sue, whom he married in 1984, becoming a devoted stepfather to Isabel and Olivia. In



John Smart

1985 John and Sue moved to Gresham's, starting joint careers at the school that enriched the lives of all with whom they had dealings.

John became Head of English and subsequently Head of Arts. He had a deep love for literature and an instinctive understanding of how to bring it to life for young people. He inspired several of his pupils to train as English teachers themselves, and, as Carolyn Thomas put it, will have been "personally responsible for the inspiration of countless lifetime bookworms...He lit up any gathering at which he was present. Being a member of John's English Department was like being a member of an exclusive

club and paid for it into the bargain". Amongst the many letters and messages received with memories of John, one of the strongest themes is his capacity to instil confidence and teach skills that far surpassed the requirements of any examination syllabus. Colleagues and pupils have a shared recollection of John as a person who would always see, and subsequently bring out, the best in those he encountered. His friend and former colleague Michael Aubrey writes that: "With a few unassuming words he would illuminate a text, drawing on his extensive reading so diffidently that one was tempted to overlook the scholarship which informed his comments. Rarely can learning have been so effortless. The same was true of his conversation: the words were few but the style, with his explosive chuckle, so light that it was only on reflection that one realised the depth of his remarks."

John loved cricket, both as spectator and player, and at one stage kept wicket for the Nocturnes. His constitutional inability to say "no" to any request sometimes led to confusion as to his whereabouts, since he had undertaken to be in several locations at the same time. An expert bridge player, he was also a keen birdwatcher and Norfolk provided him with many opportunities to pursue this pastime. He loved the natural world and was devoted to the preservation of environments for birds in particular, being never happier than when on the Cley Marshes with knowledgeable friends and a pair of binoculars.

When Sue became housemistress of Oakeley, and then Deputy Head, John provided her with unfailing support. After the tragic death of Olivia, they moved back with Isabel to their house in Thornage and finally retired there in 2006, enabling John to develop his career as a writer. He won the *New Writing Ventures* non-fiction award for *Tarantula's Web*, his biography of the bibliophile and Old Greshamian **John Hayward** (W 1918 – 22) who had been involved in the fine tuning of T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*. The book was critically acclaimed, and with the support of D. J. Taylor, was shortlisted for the Fisher First Biography Prize in 2013. His second biography, *Shores of Paradise*, concerned the poet and man of letters J. C. Squire. His last article was published in the *Thomas Hardy Society Journal* a few weeks before he died, just ten days before his and Sue's 40th wedding anniversary.

While in retirement, John took a leading role in organising celebrations for W. H. Auden and Benjamin Britten and, in particular, the memorable "Inventing the Future" exhibition in 2018. He also edited the *Old Greshamian Magazine* for several years. He never stopped thinking and writing about literature and recently enjoyed putting together presentations about the lives of poets to accompany music in Cley church, alongside cherished friends he had known for many years, as well as those he only met towards the end of his life. He will be remembered with the greatest affection by the many friends and pupils whose lives he enriched.

Letters



Dear Richard,

Once again, a splendid magazine, which I and indeed all OGs greatly appreciate. Thank you for your efforts.

I can't pretend that it all made happy reading. I counted eight of my contemporaries whom I remembered, plus **David Colman**, whom I knew well, and **Colin Leakey**. Still, at 83 one must expect these things.

Leakey, I recall, stood in as a temporary music master in the summer term of 1958, as well as joining the choir. He was noted for his elderly car and youthful passion for one of the junior mistresses. He, and the car, were immortalised in the Farfield version of "Uncle Tom Cobley", sung at the House Supper that year.

Still on contemporaries, it was good to read of **Cushing's** and **Frears'** successes. I shared a study with Frears and well remember the work put in by **Hoult Taylor** (S 1928 – 43 & 1944 – 60) to start his notable career in show business. I regularly see **Platten** and **Stott** at the OG Lodge Meetings in the summer. I also remember **Lord Bradbury**.

My main reason for writing was the reference to **Humphrey Hinton** (F 1951 – 56) in Curtis' article. Hinton was one of the great characters of the decade. He had a warm but essentially shy personality and at times was surprisingly naïve.

Hinton's work with regard to the electrics involved in the annual House Plays almost

go without saying. But there was rather more to him. When I arrived in 1954, he was at the explosive stage, which culminated when he detonated a device which I think consisted of a magnesium flare inside a bottle. The explosion woke the whole house, and ABD (**Bruce Douglas**, S 1921 – 63) came storming through in his pyjamas and dressing gown, calling, "Where's Hinton", sending the prefects out to find him. Some time later, he was found, sound asleep, in his bed, to which he had retired, satisfied with the result of his experiment.

Later, he distinguished himself by cooking up fudge in the Chemistry Lab. This proved highly popular and sold quite well, especially as he branched out into various flavours, strawberry, raspberry, etc. Perhaps fortunately, Health and Safety were not around to check the hygiene of the equipment used, or perhaps our Farfield diets rendered us inured to any dangers.

But radio was his metier. During the 1955 General Election, mock elections were held in all the houses and Hinton's contribution was to enable each of the parties contesting the Farfield election to enjoy a Party Political Broadcast. The range of the transmitter was little over one mile, but it was clearly receivable in and around the house. Unfortunately, Hinton broadcast on the medium wave around 400 metres and the broadcast took place at 8.00am. At that time the BBC Home Service had a News Bulletin. Norfolk lay

technically within the Midland Service, broadcasting on around 286m, but for some technical or atmospheric reason which I do not understand reception was better on the North Home Service, broadcasting on, yes, 400m. Listeners hoping for the news were instead entertained to a hearty and somewhat ribald song by the Farfield Liberty Party, followed by some propaganda. ABD had a sense of humour, but it was not evident as he stormed through to stop the broadcast before too many heard it.

For the record, Howson's, predictably, elected a Conservative, OSH a Communist (**Nick Day**, k & OSH 1948 – 57), I forget who Woodlands voted for, and Farfield the Fascists, led by **Clive Reynolds** (c & F 1949 – 56) and **Charlton Gedge** (c & F 1950 – 57).

After leaving in 1956, Hinton was a regular visitor for a couple of years, turning up in his 1937 Austin 7, which on one occasion he used to bring **Tom Percival** and myself back from a day's sailing at Barton Broad, getting us back with two minutes to spare thanks to some exhilarating driving, including 60mph on the Wroxham to Coltishall road! Sunday night traffic was lighter in those days. Then, for some reason, his visits dropped off. I have a vague idea that he has since died, in which case, rest in peace, old friend. (*Sadly, Humphrey Hinton has indeed died, in 1996 – Ed.*)

Sincerely,

Alan Mallett (F 1953 – 58)



Dear Mr. Peaver,

I wonder if anyone else remembers a remarkable history lesson with **Dr. Wilfred Andrews** (S 1950 – 74) back in 1961 whilst revising for A Levels. As he entered the classroom in the Library Building we all dutifully stood. In silence he motioned with his hand for us all to sit, and with books from shelves at the back of the room we all went about our business. As the bell went forty minutes later, the good Doctor was able to remark: "Well, boys, that is the first time in my long career at this school that for an entire class period nobody, including myself, has spoken a single word". He had obviously stimulated in his students more than enough curiosity about the subject during the previous year.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Heppenstall (F 1957 – 62)



Dear Richard,

I write this contribution for the OG Magazine from the Cotswold home of my old Howson's friend **Rupert Perry CBE** (H 1962 – 64) while on a visit to England from Australia. **Tim Ewart's** (k & OSH 1960 – 64) account of "illegal" cinema visits at Gresham's (OG Magazine No.162) has triggered vivid memories of another extracurricular activity while we were at Gresham's at around the same time as Tim.

It was the Big Freeze winter of 1963 – Norwich were playing Leicester City in the

Quarter-Final of the FA Cup. The crowd of 43,984 broke the record for Carrow Road – and we were among them, thanks to two tickets acquired by Howson's resident Norwich fanatic **Nick Duval** (H 1960 – 64?). We'd travelled undetected by train to Norwich, enjoyed a thrilling cup tie (Norwich 0, Leicester 2) and returned to Holt when we made the mistake of rounding off a great day out by ordering fish and chips before returning to Howson's by the evening curfew. Caught out of bounds by Tallis housemaster **J. K. Coleridge** (S 1952 - 85) we were instructed to report our rule-breaking to our housemaster, **Logie Bruce-Lockhart**. It's possible Logie believed we'd been whiling away our afternoon at a famous watering hole within easy cycling distance of Holt run by a certain Major Sutherland ("Oi told that Headmaster those Gresham's boys are safe with me"). It was untrue on this occasion. It didn't matter. LBL was convinced we'd been up to no good and set us the most challenging assignment of our years at Gresham's: "Write 1,000 words on Norfolk night life".

Footnote: Although he didn't enjoy writing essays at school, later in life Rupert as a President of EMI made a major contribution to: *Northern Songs – The True Story of the Beatles' Song Publishing Empire* by Brian Southall.

Regards,

Nick Franklin (H 1961 – 66)

 Dear Richard,

OGs from the 60s & 70s, who were in that section on CCF afternoons, or those who just strayed on to the Eccles Field (whilst not believing what they saw) will recall the RAF cadets attempting to get the "Grasshopper" glider in flight. Although most of the time it seemed to just skid along the grass.



The RAF issue Slingsby T38 glider (a.k.a. SB38 or TX-1) was an extraordinary construction of wood, wire and canvas (and possibly chewing gum). Under the then command of Dick Copas (**Richard Copas BEM**, S 1963 – 2001) the "flat packed" aircraft would emerge from its storage garage, to be assembled, the rigging wires tightened and then two groups of (not very willing) cadets would haul away on the biggest bungee catapult you ever saw, to try to get it off the ground.

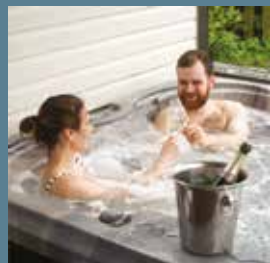
I did actually get it to take off and fly one time, with a lucky gust of head wind I think, certainly not through any skill of mine. I was scared by how impossibly high it seemed to go and how I might



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The art work is signed by A. D. C. Bell (a sixth former), E. C. Rouse (a fifth former), J. Vulliamy (perhaps the J. E. Vulliamy in the Upper Fourth), F. H. King (in the Remove), C. E. G. S. (probably C. E. G. Simmons), and D. F. Cary.

It may be that by 1919 the Sixth Form was losing no boys to the armed forces, but I guess it's more likely that there were then no year groups and boys were moved up to fill gaps.

My gentle research found that Arthur Hood Spiers was baptised on 25th September 1853 and was the ninth of twelve children of Richard James Spiers, "China & Glass Merchant, Fancy Manufacturer, Stationer, Perfumier, Alderman & Magistrate", who was Mayor of Oxford for 1853 – 1854. So Arthur Hood Spiers was about 65 when he retired from the school. He lived on until 2nd January 1940 and died in Kilburn, Middlesex.

Sold with the school's address was a 16th-century grant of arms to an Oxfordshire Spears, perhaps an ancestor, illuminated on vellum, which I still have.

Kind regards,

Christopher Newbury (H 1970 – 74)

The address is signed by nineteen masters and 235 boys, with a page for each form. They appear to be all the boys in the school, as apart from the First and Second Forms (seventeen and twenty-two boys) every other form (Remove, Lower Third, Upper Third, Lower Fourth, Middle Fourth, Upper Fourth, Fifth, Sixth) has either twenty-four or twenty-five boys in it.



Dear Richard,

I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoyed reading your book *History of Gresham's School Combined Cadet Force*, sent to me recently by my nephew David Aldis.



Sidney Steer in 1910

RSM **Sidney George Steer** (S 1901 – 15) was my grandfather. In his later years, he and my grandmother lived two doors away from us in Brighton, which was a sheer joy to me. I was a very frequent "visitor" to

their house, crawling on hands and knees (before I could walk!) to their house and sharing meals with my loving grandparents!

Grandad would later tell me stories about his time serving in the Scots Guards, especially his time in the South African War (as he called it). I have very fond memories of him, which I remember clearly to this day.

The photographs of him in your book, I have never seen before and are greatly appreciated, the only photo of him during his time at Gresham's being one published in the book *I Will Plant Me a Tree* by **Steve Benson** (S 1963 – 84).

My best wishes to you.

Roy Davis



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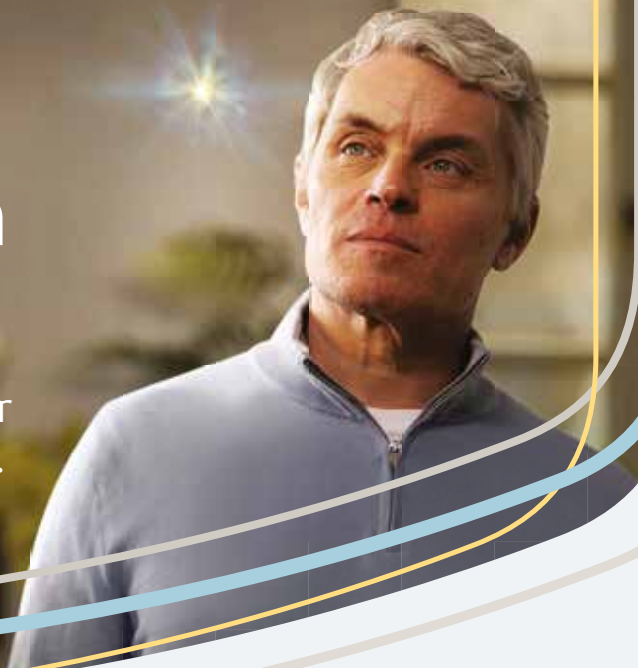
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