

THE OLD BRADFORDIAN

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WELCOME



Ken Wootton
(1964-71)

... from the President

I'm writing this just a few days before the whole School gathers to remember the centennial of the first day of the Battle of the Somme and to commemorate the 14 Old Bradfordians who died in France that day.

The WW1 project has been an astounding success and has attracted attention from the press and TV, both locally and nationally. We are accustomed to welcoming either the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor of Bradford to our regular commemorations at the School war memorial and the OBA and the School are grateful for the support of them and the local authority.

Bradford Grammar School has always taught commitment and the sacrifice of those Old Bradfordians was the ultimate. So many other OBs have also made sacrifices, in many different ways, for country, community, and School; the list is almost endless.

As the OBA moves forward it is looking to strengthen the ties of all OBs to the School and their contemporaries. I've found that meeting old friends after many years has had a time traveller effect as the period since our last meeting just disappears.

On that note, I'd like to encourage all of you to attend, if possible, an OBA reunion at the School. For those of you who haven't returned for some time, I'm sure you'll find that so much has changed, yet so much remains the same.

Ken Wootton

... from the Head

It is an honour, as the 29th Headmaster of our great School, to have the opportunity to provide a few words of introduction to this latest edition of the Old Bradfordian magazine.

Dr Simon Hinchliffe
BA, MEd, PhD, FRSA

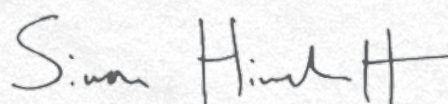
This is the end of my second year having originally picked up the reins as Deputy Head when Mike Sharpe retired; since New Year things have changed and I've taken up the reign following another retirement, Kevin Riley this time.

These past two years have been hectic. Two new jobs, two house moves, two new schools for Katy our eldest (5 years), the latest being Clock House which we are hugely excited about, and one new addition to the family, Ben aged nearly 2 years who popped into the world 48 hours after our move (and born a Yorkshireman like his dad - 'strong in the arm, ... etc ...!'). The dust hasn't settled on home life but one thing is clear, we all feel very much part of the BGS family and it is a privilege to be associated with a magnificent, but also grounded, honest and friendly school.

To do justice to all that has happened at BGS this past year, or indeed during any given week, is impossible in few simple words. We hold true to our tradition of developing the whole child and an education at BGS nurtures mind, body and spirit – we help build character and our current pupils, just like our OBs, are characterful (!); long may that continue. Opportunities in sports, arts, intellectual societies and volunteering abound and there is a great deal going on. At the same time, last summer we had our best set of GCSE results for years and the Yorkshire Post scored us as the top-performing school in the county at A Level.

I've had the great pleasure of getting to know OBs in various parts of the UK and look forward to meeting our friends overseas in due course. The affection that former pupils feel towards their alma mater is palpable and one of our many strengths, and I am deeply grateful to those OBs who have supported the school this past year by giving talks, offering work experience, helping to organise City of London visits and attending careers events. Some OBs also donate generously to our bursary programme and there is now a giving page on our website should anyone feel able to contribute to BGS in this way by affording bright and hardworking children from all quarters of our community an opportunity to benefit from an education BGS style. Bursaries are transformational and widening access to a school like ours remains at the core of our values and purpose – thank you to those of you who work with us supporting this important work.

So, to close, I'm sure you will enjoy this latest edition of the OB magazine and I look forward to meeting more of you during my time as the Headmaster of one of the iconic schools of the north.



Louis d'Arcy
(1987-95)



Old Bradfordian returns as new Deputy Headmaster

More than two decades after leaving the halls of Bradford Grammar School, OB Louis d'Arcy has returned as its new Deputy Headmaster. He replaces Simon Hinchliffe, now the School's Headmaster.

Following his time at BGS, Louis studied Chemistry at Oxford University, then went into management consultancy at Accenture. The call of teaching was strong, though, and he joined Whitgift School in Croydon in 2002 to teach Mathematics followed by various roles including Assistant Head of Sixth Form. He left to join Ipswich School where he was the Head of Sixth Form.

When reflecting on his time as a pupil at BGS, he said: 'I was privileged to be a pupil here and was a proud member of the famous Cross Country Club, as well as the Rugby 2nd and 3rd XVs and involved with the Senior Choir amongst other things.'

Simon Hinchliffe said: 'Being an Old Bradfordian Louis clearly has a great deal of affection for BGS – quite rightly. We are both excited about working with Old Bradfordians and building connections with BGS alumni of all ages. In short, it is great to have Louis on board at BGS'.



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Hello from BGS

I have worked at BGS now for over two years and have continued to enjoy meeting OBs at various events: concerts, reunions, networking and tours of the School.

Over the coming years, I am particularly looking forward to the new archive room (in the new Library) and our developing careers programme; both of which I hope OBs with embrace and support.

As you can see from the photo below, I was delighted to meet Alistair and Jonny Brownlee when they came back to School to rename the Pavilion last September. I hope to meet many more Old Bradfordians during the next year.

Please get in touch if you would like to get involved in our careers programme or if you would like to visit the School or just to let us know what you are up to.

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Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the 2016 edition of the Old Bradfordian – the news magazine for the OBA. Many thanks to everyone who has helped, especially Louise, who has always been there, answering my questions and providing information when required.

The OBA and the School continue to remember the soldiers from BGS who fell during the First World War with a small ceremony on the anniversary of each death. Relatives of those who lost their lives have attended ceremonies after hearing about the project through local papers and online research. All biographies are available to view on the School website and will be uploaded as and when they are written by the former Head of History, Nick Hooper.

Apologies for the late arrival of this edition of the magazine; I hope that you enjoy the new format. I look forward to receiving more articles for next year's magazine by Friday 12 May 2017.

We plan to 'go digital' from next year, so please do get in touch with Louise to tell us if you would like to continue to receive a printed copy of the magazine.

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Introducing our Vision and Values



Bradford Grammar School

This is Bradford Grammar School's new visual identity. It has been updated following thorough research, consultation and a sensitive approach to the vital ingredients that make BGS a school of academic, sporting and creative excellence.

Rediscovering our unique heritage

We are justifiably proud of our Yorkshire roots, so for the first time in our history we have incorporated the Yorkshire Rose into the School crest alongside redesigned iconography from the original version.

With a book to represent education; horn to symbolise the legend of the Bradford boar; and chevron offering the notion of protection, we believe that these elements will allow us to successfully promote and enhance the School's brand and reputation in a consistent and considered way, locally and nationally too.

Our motto 'Hoc Age' is moved to pride of place on a ribbon and will be used, promoted and explained wherever possible. Its meaning, that we 'get on and do it', is as important and relevant now as it ever was.

Our Values

Excellence

We are committed to achieving the very best in everything we do.

Compassion

We treat every individual in a thoughtful and compassionate way.

Determination

Our School motto, Hoc Age inspires us to 'get on and do it'.

Opportunity

We embrace and promote opportunities for ourselves and others.

Service

We understand that by giving to others we enrich our own lives.



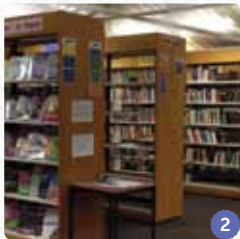
The Clarkson Library Archives

by Lesley Purcell, Clarkson Library Manager

Many months after packing the material we held in the old library, the task of unpacking, accessioning, cataloguing and preserving the BGS archive is now well underway.



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Having attended a conference for school archivists at Kirkham Grammar School 18 months ago, I can say that once everything is in place BGS will have one of the best school archive facilities – certainly in the North of England, if not beyond.

As the cataloguing process moves forward, we will scan photographs making them available digitally. We hope to share these images with Old Bradfordians so that you could help us identify faces we cannot put names to. Such information would be invaluable to us, and we hope the process would prove to be interesting, and fun for you.

At this stage we have around half the stock back in the library – carrying out the work as we continue our daily library routines. Once all items are catalogued, we will move on to logging and cataloguing items around school, but not in the archive. We also need to search the Footings for objects that should be stored with us.

We are purchasing archive quality, chemically inert storage boxes etc. for all our material. This will halt any degradation that may already have occurred and preserve objects as they are.

Treasures are already surfacing, my favourite being a Luftwaffe map of Manningham, presented to the OBA by historian Alan Bullock (OB).

We hope pupils, staff, researchers, and of course OBs will enjoy the archive and its contents once our work is done. A 'handling collection' for pupils will be put together, hopefully including a facsimile copy of the Luftwaffe map.

With lots still to do and discover, I will keep you all posted ...



1. The Sixth Form area of the new Clarkson Library
2. The Library before its refurbishment

Astrophysicist by Accident

by Professor John Richer



Professor
John Richer
(1975-83)

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Professor of
Astrophysics in the
Department of Physics

Director of
Undergraduate
Teaching in Physics

Teaching Fellow
of Physics at Downing
College, Cambridge

How did the Earth, our Sun, and the whole solar system form? We know this happened about 4.5 billion years ago, when an interstellar cloud of cold, molecular gas collapsed, pulled together by gravity.

But the details of this process are still unknown, and in particular how the collapse leads to the formation of planets remains an important scientific problem, with obvious human interest. In my research at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge, I use radio



telescopes operating at high frequencies to detect the emission from the dust and molecules that make up these gas clouds, and try to develop and test physical theories of star and planet formation.

I became an astrophysicist/astronomer/physicist (take your pick!) somewhat by accident. But Fred Hoyle and Bradford Grammar School must take some of the blame. At BGS, I was taught with great rigour and enthusiasm, and was constantly challenged with ever more difficult problems and concepts. I thrived on it. My A Level teachers in particular – Brian Parker, John Harrington, Hugh Fricker, Andrew Jobbings, Peter Palmer among others – kept me interested and keen for more science and mathematics. That desire to understand nature at a deep level has never left me. I also read, with little understanding but much excitement, the books by Fred Hoyle on the nature of cosmology, and those ideas must have taken root.

I won a place at Queens' College, Cambridge to study Natural Sciences, for entry in 1984. But my teacher John Harrington's enormous enthusiasm for all things chemical, and perhaps a desire to escape the somewhat dreary Bradford suburbs of the 80s, led me first to take up a pre-University job at ICI Pharmaceuticals at Alderley Park. I intended to specialise in Chemistry at Cambridge, but perhaps because my chemistry teachers at BGS had taught us so much University Chemistry already, I found the first-year Chemistry course didn't inspire me; in contrast, the Physics course was very difficult and less well taught, but I enjoyed the mystery and the challenge, and the mathematical language it was expressed in.

Long story short: I graduated in Physics and pursued a PhD in radio astronomy, and after many years of postdoctoral research work, a lectureship, and a readership, I am now a Professor of Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory, and a Fellow of Downing College.

My research career has been focused on using high-frequency radio telescopes to make images and molecular spectra of interstellar gas clouds. As a young PhD student, I had the good fortune to be one of the first users of a new telescope in Hawaii, the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope, designed by my PhD supervisor, Richard Hills. This telescope helped revolutionize our understanding of how stars form, and I spent many happy nights sitting in the observatory, atop the dormant volcano Mauna Kea, making the telescope do my bidding and coming home with vast quantities of data to analyse

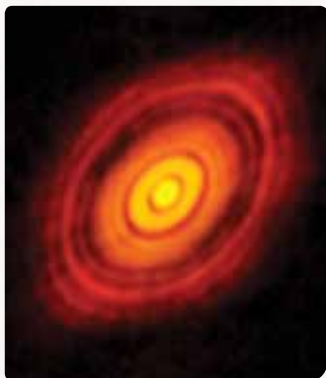
Above: John in 2011 on the Chajnantor plateau in northern Chile – 5,000m above sea level. Antennas of the Atacama Large Millimetre Array (ALMA) can be seen in the background.

and publish. Results came thick and fast and fuelled my PhD, a research fellowship at Queens' College, a Royal Society University Research Fellowship, and finally a University position.

But bigger is better in astronomy, and when ideas for a much larger telescope began to be discussed, I saw an opportunity and got involved in a project that became ALMA, the Atacama Large Millimetre Array. From 1998 onwards, I acted as the UK's lead scientist on the international ALMA project, and saw it through to its completion in 2013. ALMA is an audacious human undertaking, the most expensive and

complex observatory built on planet Earth to date: 66 high precision radio antennas, constructed of carbon fibre materials, operate in unison on a 5,000m high plateau in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile. The terrain is literally and figuratively breathtaking – the high altitude allows the faint radio signals through the atmosphere but presents real challenges to those working on the site.

The early results from ALMA have been incredible, and are transforming our understanding of how everything in the Universe formed, from stars and planets, to black holes and galaxies. The image below is perhaps one of the most exciting to date – a disc of dust and molecular gas forming a rotating protoplanetary disc around a very young star, HL Tau: the new star is itself less than one million years old, and in its disc we see several dark rings, which we think are the tell-tale signs that planets are



Above: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO) and ESO, of the protoplanetary disk, with gaps, around the young star HL Tauri. The star is at the centre of the image, and the outer edge of the disk is at a similar distance as Pluto is from our Sun.

‘But bigger is better in astronomy, and when ideas for a much larger telescope began to be discussed, I saw an opportunity and got involved ...’

starting to condense within the cold disc of material. Perhaps our own solar system looked like this 4.5 billion years ago. By studying images such as these, we develop a deep understanding of the physics of star and planet formation, and of our solar system’s evolution.

As well as pursuing my research, I also spend a lot of my time at the laboratory and in my college involved in teaching Physics to our undergraduates. As Director of Teaching in Physics at the University, I am responsible for our teaching programme in all 4 years of our Physics degree. Gratifyingly, we have never been so popular: we have record numbers choosing to specialise in Physics, and it is a fascinating challenge to maintain and develop a high quality degree programme in Physics for this large cohort of some of the most talented young students in the country. Our teaching labs and lecture theatres are packed to capacity, and our lecturing staff busier than ever. With support from the University and government, we also have the excitement of a new Cavendish laboratory to design, and hope to start construction of ‘Cavendish III’ in the next year or so: envisaging the teaching needs in Physics in the new era of digital education requires careful thought, and some guesswork, but we are looking forward to a modern building worthy of our department’s high ambitions and reputation – one that will inspire the next generation of students and research staff.

Looking back, there is no doubt that I have been incredibly fortunate to have benefitted from a fantastic education at every stage, and one that I enjoyed throughout. It’s enabled me to do things that would never have been possible for my parents and grandparents, and I feel enormously grateful to those educational establishments that gave me these opportunities. And I still play a bit of cricket and ride bikes, two activities I enjoyed at BGS.





Gordon Green
(1953-61)

Discovering my ancestry

by Gordon Green

How many times did I walk past the War Memorial during my years at BGS? It was a main route to and from the Chemistry Corridor and the Thornton Lecture Room which at the time served as an additional Chemistry classroom as well as being the venue for Tuesday afternoon detention.

Never in all that time did I realise that inscribed on that War Memorial were the names of two of my Great Uncles, Frank Clough Mitchell and George Felvus Mitchell. I knew of Great Uncle George; his name was read out each year on Remembrance Sunday at St Barnabas' Church Heaton. Of Great Uncle Frank I knew nothing.

Frank (the older of the two) and George were the sons of William and Eliza Mitchell, who had a further five children including my late Grandfather Edgar (who died of tuberculosis in 1915) and two 'maiden Aunts' who I remember well and who may well have remained unmarried as a result of the loss of so many young men in the Great War.

Their father, William, an Accountant, was the Secretary of what was then the Bradford Third Equitable Building Society, later to become Abbey National.

Frank was born in 1875 and was therefore 39 at the outbreak of War. Frank married Laura Garnett (one of the Garnett textile family of Idle) in 1904 and set up home in Saltaire where he was a member of the Saltaire Congregational Church adjacent to Salt's Mill where his name is inscribed on the War Memorial. He was a keen tennis player and he worked as Stuff or Piece merchant in the Bradford Textile trade. There were no children of the marriage.

Although over military age Frank enlisted as a Private Soldier (9561) in the Honorary Artillery Company (HAC) on 1st December 1916. This choice of unit is in itself unusual, the HAC being an elite City of London regiment which can trace its origins back to the days of Elizabeth I. It raised two infantry battalions, the 1st going to France in September 1914 and the 2nd although formed in 1914 only going in October 1916. Frank was posted to this battalion on 14th February 1917 and was killed in action on 15th March 1917 between Puisieux and Bucquoy where he was first buried. Subsequently his remains were re-buried at the Gommecourt number 2 British cemetery Hebuterne near Arras in grave in Plot 18 Row K.

George (born in 1883) was married in 1906 to Lucy Maud Bowyer (to me Auntie Maudie) whose father Alfred Wilkes Bowyer was onetime Second Master at Bradford Grammar School. They set up home in Heaton and they had two children, one of whom died aged 2, and Nancy, my Mother's cousin, who survived.

At the outbreak of war George was 31 and was working as a Wool Merchant. He enlisted as a Private Soldier and was posted to a Scottish Regiment, the 1st/4th Seaforth Highlanders, who were part of the 51st Highland Division. He gained promotion to Lance Corporal and was killed in Action at the Battle of Arras (Vimy Ridge) on 9th April 1917, less than a month after his brother. Unfortunately, his full Army Record has been lost. His Army number was 201924.

He is buried in the Roelincourt Valley Cemetery Plot 3 Row C. There are no surviving photographs of either brother in uniform.



The 'immense musicality' of William Green

with thanks to Francesca Bridgewater

William Green was born and brought up in Yorkshire and graduated with First Class Honours degree in Music from Christ Church, Oxford, in June 2013.

William Green (1999-2009)

He was offered an Arts and Humanities Research Council scholarship from the University of Oxford for a Master's in Musicology, but decided to carry on straight to PhD work. He is currently studying for a PhD in Music Analysis at the University of Liverpool, where he was awarded the prestigious Duncan Norman Research scholarship, along with a Society for Music Analysis Studentship.

William studied the piano with Mark Fitton between the ages of 11 and 18. At the Junior Royal Northern College of Music he studied the piano with John Gough, and conducting with Dane Lam and Ewa Strusinska. He is currently continuing his lessons privately with John Gough. The Huddersfield Examiner wrote in 2011 that William is 'obviously possessed of immense musicality as well as technical skill, ensuring him a bright future either as a soloist or on the podium'.

William has performed concertos with amateur and semi-professional orchestras including the Leeds Symphony Orchestra, the Huddersfield Philharmonic and the Harrogate Philharmonic, among others. His repertoire includes the concertos of Ravel and Rachmaninoff's Second and Third Piano Concertos. In 2011-12 he was the conductor of the

Oxford University String Ensemble, performing such difficult works Stravinsky's Apollon Musagete and Bartok's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta. He conducted Christ Church College Orchestra for two years, performing symphonies by Beethoven and Brahms, concertos by Beethoven and Mendelssohn, and other works by Wagner, Debussy, and Stravinsky.

His piano trio in Oxford performed in the Sheldonian Theatre as part of the Young Artists' Concert Platform, in association with the Oxford Philomusica. William has participated in master classes given by Susan Tomes, Roy Howat, Roger Vignoles, and Dame Fanny Waterman. Future concerts include performances of the Piano Quintet minor by Brahms with members of the Royal Liverpool philharmonic Orchestra, Rachmaninoff's Sonata for Cello and Piano, a Mozart concerto with the Leeds Haydn Players, and Brahms's Second Piano Concerto with the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra. Last year he played with the Airedale Symphony Orchestra, performing works by Schubert, Beethoven and Brahms.





Memories of BGS

by Dr Harry Pulman

In Peter Lumb's obituary (2015 magazine) we read that he was a great lover of the outdoors. He certainly was, and I remember how on a few occasions in the mid-1940s I was coerced to join him 'beagling' on Ilkley Moor. Instead of chasing foxes on horseback, you just chased rabbits and hares on foot! A long way from today's child-obesity problems.

Dr Harry Pulman
(1942-47)

As well as having access to the new school's playgrounds during the war, we had access to a patch of land in which we 'dug for victory' on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. I don't remember whether it was compulsory or volunteered. There was a reluctant master present to supervise. I well remember I was doing this on Tuesday 6 June 1944 when news of D-Day landings came through.





Paul Smith
– pictured left
(1954-59)

Gordon Green
(1953-61)

A committed Old Bradfordian: Paul Smith (1943-2016)

by Gordon Green

Paul Smith, the long-serving Treasurer of the Old Bradfordians Association, died on 12 February 2016 after a short illness. Although his health had not been good for several months his unexpected passing came as a shock to his family and many friends.

Paul came to BGS from St Barnabas' Primary School and would be the first to say that his School career was unremarkable, although he was a member of the BGS Second Scout Troop.

Nevertheless, BGS had provided him with a good all-round education, which had instilled in him those qualities of loyalty and ethics, that fitted him both for business and life in general. It had also given him a love of and great pride in Bradford Grammar School which led to him being an active member of the OBA, joining the committee and becoming Treasurer in 1983, a post which he still held at the time of his death, having served for 32 years.

His funeral was extremely well attended, the OBA being represented by President Ken Wootton and no fewer than seven Past Presidents of the Association.

The following is an edited version of the eulogy given at the service by Paul's youngest brother Julian, which gives some insight into Paul's life.

Paul made many friendships at School which lasted for the rest of his life – his circle of friends growing ever larger through his learning to dance at Dorothy Braybrooks' School of Dancing, and at St. Barnabas' Youth Fellowship in Heaton.

After leaving School Paul entered the Insurance industry, until a heart attack in 2001 brought an end to his working life. A conscientious worker, he worked long hours and also devoted much of his time to various organisations.

On the cultural front he loved classical music and opera, attending many concerts and recitals and operatic performances. He was a member of Opera North and supported the Leeds International Piano Competition. He followed in his parents' footsteps and became involved in amateur theatre, being involved with Heaton and Bradford Amateurs in the capacities of performer, 'props' and committee member. At home he enjoyed growing vegetables and many of his friends benefitted from his gifts of courgettes and marrows.

He was a voracious reader of both local and national newspapers – his nickname being 'Telegraph and P Smith' – and he was famous (or indeed infamous) for his newspaper cuttings on a range of subjects – notably health, politics, Bradford and in particular anything or anybody with a connection to Bradford Grammar School.

Perhaps his greatest love was sport, both as a participant and as a spectator, which in itself was remarkable as he (being the first to admit it) did not have an eye for a ball or hand/eye co-ordination. In his younger days he went on skiing trips, and in his later years would play the odd round of golf, snooker with his great friend from school days, the late David Hill, tennis - playing only a week before he died, and cricket. He was involved with the West Riding Cricket Club and was Team Secretary for many years. He was a long time season ticket holder at Bradford City, attending all home games with his brother and friends.

Paul Smith was a great supporter of both the OBA and the School and we are poorer for his passing at such an early age. The Association and his many friends will miss him.

We extend our sympathy to his brothers Stephen (1952-63) and Julian (1960-69).





Above: OB and Performance Analyst for the Team GB Cycling team Deborah Sides (2004-06) with Alistair and Jonny Brownlee

Congratulations to Alistair (1998-2006) and Jonny Brownlee (1998-2008) who won Gold and Silver at June's World Series Triathlon in Leeds, after planning the race route themselves.

As the magazine is coming out slightly later this year, it would be odd if we didn't mention the incredible feat of OBs Alistair and Jonny Brownlee at this year's Olympics. Representing Bradford, Yorkshire and Great Britain in their classically impressive yet down-to-earth style, Alistair and Jonny won Gold and Silver – congratulations to both brothers for this amazing achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to extend our best wishes to the following Old Bradfordians ...

Congratulations to **Rachel Varley (2007-14)** who was elected to Bingley Town Council in May this year.

Good luck to **Charlie Hodgson (1991-99)**, former rugby player and highest premiership points scorer, in his retirement.

Congratulations to **Rt Revd Paul Slater (1969-76)**, who became the first Bishop of Richmond in almost 100 years.

Congratulations to **Alan Jerome (1943-53)** who has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to education. A governor and benefactor of BGS and Vice-Chairman of Corporation for Bradford College, Alan was honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June.

Congratulations to **Right Worshipful Brother Sir David Wootton (1960-69)**, Old Bradfordian and Governor of BGS, on becoming the Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. A full article about Sir David Wootton can be found at www.arena.londonmasons.org

BRADFORD NOW

2015-16 saw some interesting news in Bradford with links to Old Bradfordians ...

Drummond Mills Fire

On 28 January 2016 Bradford's historic Drummond Mill was the casualty of a devastating fire, totally destroying the iconic building.

Old Bradfordian James Drummond died in 1911 and was the President of the Old Bradfordians Club (London). He left a considerable endowment, the James and Eliza Drummond Studentship Fund, which still supports former pupils of BGS who are interested in pursuing post-graduate studies.

Works of Art to be moved from Bradford to London

In March this year, leading cultural figures signed a petition to reverse the decision to transfer over 400,000 items from the National Media Museum in Bradford to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

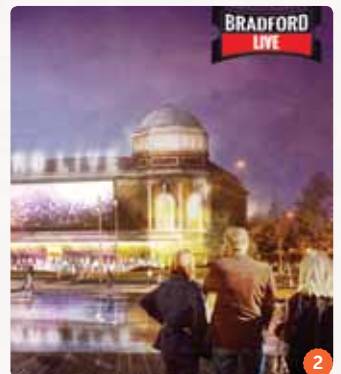
Old Bradfordian David Hockney (1948-52) was one of the figures who collectively said the move was '... a backward step in our understanding of the importance of visual culture.'

A New Lease of Life for the Bradford Odeon

Old Bradfordian Lee Craven (1981-88) leads the not-for-profit group 'Bradford Live', which is working to transform the old Odeon building into a live music venue.

Lee says, 'The roots of my interest can be traced to my time at BGS: my Economics teacher, Malcolm Greenwood, took a group of us to see an old pupil, Jonathan Silver, at Salts Mill. I was inspired by the whole idea of bringing a magnificent but abandoned building back into use.'

If you would like to contact Lee directly to find out more, please get in touch at lee.craven@jessgrove.co.uk.



1. The fire at Drummond Mill, image courtesy of Tim Green, with thanks
2. Bradford Live is working to transform the old Odeon building
3. David Hockney's work whilst at BGS

RISING STARS



We caught up with a few Old Bradfordians at various stages of their careers beyond BGS.

Here they reflect on their experiences and how BGS prepared them.

LIZZY

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What have you been up to since leaving BGS?

Having finished my degree in History of Art, I decided to follow a full time online career I started as a hobby while at University. I am now a full time fashion blogger, utilising social media, YouTube and my own blog site to work with some of the biggest brands in the UK.

What do you consider your biggest achievement to date?

Graduating with a 1st Class Degree with a business of my own ready to develop into a full time career.

What's your fondest memory of BGS?

The friendships I created and still have five years after leaving school, and the incredibly supportive staff, especially within the Art department. I look back on my school years with such fondness and I am so grateful for the skills BGS equipped me with.

Lizzy Hadfield
(2004-11)

—
History of Art, Leeds

—
Fashion blogger

How important do you think career development is for a school like BGS?

Very important, and I think it is important for pupils to understand the varied paths that are available, and the opportunities after school aside from just University.

How did BGS prepare you for further study/your career?

BGS set me up with the work ethic, confidence, and set of skills for University and my career. BGS gave me the confidence to believe that I could achieve whatever I set my mind to, and the appreciation for the hard work it would take.

Where do you hope to see yourself in the future?

Growing my own business online, and developing my online presence. I hope to continue to work for myself, and carve out my own career.



I think blogging is a great hobby to start while at school, and adds so much to your CV and your personal statement. It shows an incredible set of skills, especially the motivation and dedication to run something alongside full time education. It can bring incredible opportunities and contacts that are so valuable, and open up new career possibilities aside from blogging.

ELIZABETH

Crolla

I was a Sixth Form student at BGS from 2002. I chose A Levels which I enjoyed rather than those which were necessary for a particular university course. At this point, I didn't have a definite career plan and so I felt choosing subjects which were stimulating was more important.

I was keen to involve myself in extra-curricular activities, both for the enjoyment and also to meet new people. My involvement with the netball team meant that I was chosen to go on a tour to South Africa. This phenomenal experience gave me the opportunity to improve my skills in netball whilst competing against fellow South African students. I was also able to visit beautiful destinations as well as tasting beautiful cuisine.

My other interests were performing. I was part of several productions during my time as BGS, with the most memorable being the 'Beatles' concert and 'Oliver the Musical'.



Elizabeth Crolla
(2002-04)

–
MBChB, Liverpool

–
Trainee Clinical Oncologist

How did BGS prepare you for further study/your career?

By seeing the success of hard working fellow students, it gave me the confidence and passion to aim high. The school embedded formalities and traditions as part of the working day. This environment encouraged students to conduct themselves professionally and was a platform for success in future careers.

What is your biggest achievement to date?

My biggest achievement was getting into medical school and following my success at A Level, I went on to attain MBChB at Liverpool Medical School. My medical career started as a Foundation Doctor and I chose to continue my training in core medicine. My interest in Oncology started during these first four years and I am now a training Clinical Oncologist in Merseyside.

What support did you receive to attend BGS?

My place was funded by an Ogden Trust Bursary and without this I would not have been able to attend BGS. For this reason, I was extremely appreciative of my place and this meant I was prepared for hard work and ensured I made the most of the many opportunities which were offered.

Achieving a bursary with the Ogden Trust meant that I could carry out my A Levels at BGS. The School made me realise my full educational potential and the opportunities were endless.

Amit Mistry (1997-2004)

BGS Rugby Union 1st XV
2001-04

BGS Swimming/Water Polo
Vice-captain 2003-04

Yorkshire Men's U18 Rugby
representative honours 2003



AMIT

Mistry

From 4th-6th December 2015, I represented Great Britain Men's Over 30's Rugby Tag at the International Tag Federation (ITF) Rugby Tag World Cup on the Sunshine Coast, Australia. The World Cup consisted of 21 nations, 168 teams and 3,360 players. For the first time ever, Team GB reached the Tag World Cup quarterfinal.

Tag Rugby is a nice step down from full contact Rugby. It is a minimal contact team game in which each player wears shorts with velcro patches with two tags attached to them. The mode of play is similar to Rugby League with attacking players attempting to dodge, evade and pass a rugby ball while defenders attempt to prevent them scoring by 'tagging' – pulling a Velcro attached tag from the ball carrier. Seven players in each team are allowed on the field at a time. The attacking team has six plays or tags to try to score a try or take the ball down field as close to the line as possible.

Apart from the on-field action, we raised the profile of Tag Rugby by holding workshops at several Australian schools. In addition, we were fortunate enough to participate in an Aboriginal cultural visit. Our GB team results are outlined below:

Game 1: Great Britain 4 Ireland 6

Game 2: Great Britain 5 New Zealand Maori 3

Game 3: Great Britain 2 Australian Barbarians 8

Game 4: Great Britain 13 Greece 5

Game 5: Great Britain 2 New Zealand 8

Game 6: Great Britain 6 Samoa 4

(GB finished second in our pool of six)

Quarter Final: Great Britain 4

Australian Indigenous 10



Hamish Irvine
(2003-14)

–
Photography, Leeds College
of Art
–
Photographer

Hamish is studying Photography at Leeds College of Art and has recently exhibited a new project, 'Việt Nam'. Images were taken from a month-long 2,000km motorbike journey through Vietnam.



HAMISH

Irvine

What makes the Vietnam photography project unique?

The technology is what makes it really interesting: I used a 1952 Rolleiflex camera which photographs squares onto medium format film. Not many photographers shoot film anymore.

I'm inspired by documentary black and white photography, such as the War Photographers that used to get out there in the thick of it. I really wanted to pay homage to that kind of style. The exhibition is photographed on a camera that actually dates back to before the Vietnam War itself and that's what really makes it unique.

What were the highlights of the trip?

The breath-taking long distance rides were really the highlight. I covered 150km at a time on a 110cc motorbike that was almost falling apart. But it was totally worth it; seeing the contrast between the big cities, then straight into serious poverty and capturing that on camera was amazing.

What's your fondest memory of BGS?

Wednesday afternoons and co-curricular activities at BGS inspired me to join different clubs at Leeds University through a close collaboration with Leeds College of Art. At school I made time to try everything and if I could give advice to pupils at BGS now it would be to just do as much as possible because you don't get these opportunities afterwards – you really don't. At BGS I was rowing (coaching and competing), I was a wedding photographer, playing hockey, doing tech team and playing my saxophone. It shocks my friends at University how much I know about a lot of different things and it surprises them even more that I learnt it all at school. The sheer variety of the subjects, clubs and societies is something I'll never forget.

How did BGS prepare you for further study/your career?

100% it's the drive the teachers and staff instil in you. You're in an environment where you're constantly being pushed to your maximum potential: ultimately I did well in subjects I was poor at and got straight A's across the board. It's only after leaving school when you meet a wide mix of other people the same age at university and you compare your work ethic. I really didn't realise just how good my work ethic was.

Matt Celaire
(2004-13)

—
Dentistry, Liverpool

MATT

Celaire

Tell us about your time at BGS?

Outside the classroom I took part in a number of extra-curricular activities ranging from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme to a few cameo appearances in some of the drama productions, however I spent the majority of my time playing cricket for the School.

What have you done since you left?

I left BGS in 2013 and from there I went to the University of Liverpool to study Dentistry. I am currently in my third year, where there's a very challenging mix of treating a wide variety of patients under supervision while studying hard for the exams at the same time. I have represented the University playing for both the football and the cricket teams.



REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL ON THE CRICKET TOUR TO GRENADA AND THE GRENADINES WAS THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME AND A GREAT HONOUR

What is your biggest achievement to date?

I would say that my biggest achievement was obtaining a place on the BGS Cricket tour to Grenada and the Grenadines in 2011. It was a huge opportunity to represent the school on an international level and I look back on it as the trip of a lifetime. The people over there really love their cricket and it was a great honour to share that passion with them for two weeks.

How did BGS prepare you for further study/your career?

All the way up the School the learning facilities and teaching were excellent, however I felt that being in the Sixth Form had the biggest impact on me. At Sixth Form you are encouraged to become independent and make the transition from pupil to student, whilst still being fully supported by all the staff. You are given free periods and with them the opportunity to be proactive and do further reading; a factor which I think has helped me manage my busy timetable up to this point.

Why did you choose BGS?

I started BGS in September 2006 after going to a free primary school in the heart of Bradford. My parents spent a very long time carefully assessing the different secondary school options, but once they found out about the School's bursary scheme there was only one place that I was going to go. I really enjoyed my first few months at BGS and I settled in very well. My first thoughts were immediately on creating some sort of map as I found myself lost many times! But the older students and the staff were very welcoming and I very quickly found myself happy and settled into life at BGS.

What support did you receive to enable you to attend Bradford Grammar School?

I received a bursary while at BGS. One half of my bursary came from the HSBC scholar scheme. I did not realise just how many people were supported in this way until in Year 7 where I was given the opportunity to go down to London and see HSBC's headquarters in Canary Wharf, where I met some of the other scholars from schools around the country.

The other half of my bursary came from the Norfolk scholar scheme. The benefactor was former student Mr. Richer, who had named the scheme after one of his friends who had sadly passed away. He supported several students from BGS and we were able to meet with him on several occasions on Benefactors' Day.

It goes without saying that the bursary scheme has had a profound effect on me. I count myself as very fortunate that there are benefactors and businesses out there that are willing to support people like myself who would otherwise be unable to afford the school fees. Having a bursary at BGS made me value education that much more and really gave me motivation to maximise my potential as best as possible.

I am one of three brothers and we are all the first generation of our family to go to university. My older brother studied Pharmacy and graduated from the University of Manchester in 2013, and my younger brother was a BGS pupil (left in 2015) and is now in his first year studying medicine at the University of Birmingham.

EVENTS



London Club Annual Dinner 2015

As always, the culmination of the London Club's year is the Annual Dinner. The Annual Dinner was held on Friday 27 November 2015, continuing our long history and tradition with The Carlton Club, London, where we welcomed over 70 OBs and guests, representing a wide cross-section of all ages.

As is now customary, the evening began with a champagne reception in the drawing room, before being invited by the President, James Williams, to the Churchill Room for Dinner at 7.30pm.

The Club was honoured to welcome OB and author Neil Hanson (1957-66) as the principal speaker for the evening. As well as being an acclaimed author, Neil is former editor of the Good Beer Guide, a broadcaster and has travelled round the world twice, amongst many other adventures!

Marc Silverside, BGS Director of Communications, Development and Marketing, responded with an update on the School, and the President closed the Dinner by thanking OBs and their guests for a superb evening, and the Carlton Club for their consistently excellent service.

If we don't currently hold your email address or it's recently changed, please email the Hon. Membership Secretary Deborah Williams at dcw7238@aol.com

James Williams (1980-90)
London Club President

Rowing Reunion

A get-together of Rowing Old Bradfordians took place on 28 April 2016 at the Leander Club, Henley.

The reunion was made up of the original BGS Four, Ian Wilson (1947-56), Ted Edmondson (1948-56) and Malcolm Taylor (1948-56), who were the first to compete after the founding of the BGS Boat Club in the 1950s, and a fourth, John Hill (1943-55), who came in to the crew at a slightly later date. As Ian was over for the recent 40s reunion we all then met at Leander Club for lunch on 28 April. The cox Chris Dyson who also lives in Australia was unable to get to the reunion this year but hopes to be there at a future occasion.



OBA Annual Dinner and AGM

The OBA was honoured to host three Old Bradfordians as guest speakers at this year's Annual Dinner. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the School's CCF, a parade was held on School grounds, followed by the traditional Dinner. We welcomed Air Cdre Simon Richardson (1976-83), Col Richard Green (1975-83) and Col Nick Richardson (1971-83) back to BGS to entertain us with tales of their time at School and in the forces thereafter.

1. Simon, Richard and Nick at the Annual Dinner;
2. Class of 2015 reunion;
3. Members of the original BGS Four Rowing squad;
4. Year 13 Leavers' Lunch;
5. Neil Hanson at Speech Day 2016;
6. Peter Higgins at Speech Day 2015

Clarkson Library Opening

Our brand new library was opened by Axel Scheffler, co-creator and illustrator of *The Gruffalo*. Throughout the day, a mini literature festival took place, led by author Saci Lloyd, author and Old Bradfordian Nick Toczek, and sculptor Anthony Padgett, who recently created a sculpture of Old Bradfordian and 1920s poet Humbert Wolfe.

Year 13 Leavers' Lunch

The annual lunch for Year 13 students took place on 20 May 2016, just before they left for exam leave. After a slideshow of nostalgic photos and messages, the traditional Tug of War took place on the Governors Lawn. Good luck for the future to the newest Old Bradfordians.

Speech Day

BGS was delighted to be joined by two Old Bradfordians at Speech Day 2015 and 2016. Peter Higgins (1971-81) was our guest speaker in 2015 and shared his experience as Chairman of clothing retailer Cath Kidston, co-founder of Charles Tyrwhitt Shirts, and Director of charity Mary's Meals.

This year we were joined by Neil Hanson (1957-66), who has had a varied and interesting career as author and speaker, as well as running the highest Inn in the country and travelling the world.

Brownlee Pavilion Renaming

September 2015 saw Alistair and Jonny join us back at BGS as we renamed the Pavilion in their honour. Following a race in Lister Park, the brothers joined guests in the Pavilion to open the new exhibition which documents their journey at BGS and their various achievements over the years.

OBA 1940s Reunion

The annual 1940s Reunion took place in April 2016. Now in its 22nd year, there were some new faces who came back to School for the first time in over 60 years. Thank you to all OBs for their continued support of this longstanding event.

Class of 2007

To mark the ten year anniversary of the Class of 2007 leaving BGS, a reunion is being planned by Tom Peel and Charlie Procter (both at BGS 1997-07) for May/June 2017. Please contact Louise at events@bradfordgrammar.com to register your interest.

Class of 2015 Reunion

On 29 June 2016, last year's Year 13 leavers came back to BGS for their first reunion. After having lunch and a few drinks, they spoke to teachers and took home a token from BGS – their first ever school report!



Toronto Reunion

Over the past 14 years we have welcomed OBs from several Provinces and American States to our spring reunions in Toronto. Our reunion followed the usual format but included a change of venue to the Squire and Firkin English Pub, where the food was both enjoyable and reasonably priced.

After the Saturday dinner, most of the participants joined Helen and me at our condo – just across the road – for a nightcap and continued recollections from our days at BGS.

Attendees this year included: Chris Kelk (Toronto), Martin Seekings (Cobourg, Ontario), Martin White (Ann Arbor, Michigan), Brian and Renee Cousins (Burlington, Ontario) and John and Helen Thwaite (Toronto). Regrets from David and Ceri Harris (London, Ontario), Miles and Caroline Atkinson (Oakville, Ontario) and Dave and Eleanor Huggins (Annapolis, Maryland).

Helen and I also visited regulars Peter and Janet Jackson in St John, New Brunswick, the following week.

John Thwaite (1951-57)

1. OBs and former staff at the annual Cross Country reunion; 2. Mick Firth (1970-77) speaks to pupils at the latest careers lunch; 3. Chris Down (1971-79) speaks to pupils at the latest careers lunch



Cross Country Reunion 2015

August bank holiday weekend saw the Old Bradfordians Cross Country Club gather for an enjoyable weekend of running, walking, a BBQ and tales from yesteryear. We had some beautiful weather down in Westwell, Kent.

Attending were Selby Brock, Tony Kingham, Geoff Smith, Andrew Seal and guests. We were delighted to welcome Tim Soutar (1964-74) who made a huge effort to join us for an evening at the Wheel. Thanks Tim and congratulations on being recently elected as a non-executive Director on the board of England Athletics!

As the 50th anniversary is approaching in 2018/19, I would ask all Old Bradfordians from the Cross Country Club to pencil in their diaries the August bank holiday weekend. It really is something to celebrate and enjoy.

Andrew Seal
(1966-76)

Careers and networking

Thank you to all Old Bradfordians who have returned to School to offer careers advice to current pupils.

Recent events at the School have included a networking lunch on the Natural and Built Environment and our biennial careers evening. Old Bradfordians James Parker (1970-77) and Dave Archer (1984-94) also organised an 'Introduction to the City' event last November at which a group of BGS pupils travelled down to the RBS headquarters for a day of shadowing and speaking to recent graduates about the sector. This was followed by an evening networking event for OBs.

Our Careers Evening for Years 11 and 12 took place in November 2015. Thank you to all OBs who came along and presented to pupils about their sector.

If you are interested in offering placements, shadowing, advice or attending a networking event, please contact Sarah Flaherty, Head of Careers and Higher Education, at careers@bradfordgrammar.com



SPORTS

BGS v Old Bradfordians Swimming and Water Polo Match

Old Bradfordians came back to the Adrian Moorhouse Pool to once again challenge the school swimming and water polo teams on Saturday 19 March 2016.



After the family swim, the races began and BGS got off to a win in the 50m Freestyle but the Old Bradfordians managed to finish 2nd (Steve Moorhouse 1974-84) and 3rd (Nigel Wilson 1981-90).

The 4 x 1 Individual Medley came next and George Mack (2000-11) managed to win with David Brown (2004-12) finishing a close 3rd for the former pupils. Two lengths backstroke came next and Iron Man Tim Hobbs (1978-88) won, with Kenny Kershaw just missing out in 4th.

Nixon brothers, Chris (1978-85) and Mike (1976-83), were up next in the breaststroke for the Old Bradfordians and came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

After some cajoling Johnny Gill (1988-97) and Nick Turner (1968-78) agreed to do the 50m Butterfly and came in 3rd and 4th.

100m freestyle was next and the Old Bradfordians put out their best with George Mack and Jen Bonson (2007-12) taking a 1-2.

Relays next and the Old Bradfordians A teams won the Medley and Freestyle relays convincingly, but the B teams swam very well and there were very creditable swims from Ian Walker (1990-95), James Hart (1977-84), Jonathan Priestley (1974-84) and Steve Purdy.

The Canon was the last event and School managed to get their revenge, but it was great to see Peter Ackroyd (1959-68) and James Williams (1980-90) take part.

Water Polo next, and after only narrowly winning last year, the Old Bradfordians wanted to keep their 32 year winning streak going.

Without a regular goalkeeper Chris Nixon stepped in and performed very well, up front Steve Moorhouse, George Mack, Nigel Wilson and Nick Turner once again showed off their skills and the Old Bradfordians came out on top 10-7.

Another great day; many thanks to all the supporters and especially Bryan Townsend for running the day – it's great to see new and old Bradfordians take on the School.

Mike Nixon (1976-83)

Richard Birkett Memorial Rugby Match 2016



Above: A selection of images from last year's 2015 Richard Birkett Memorial Rugby Match

On Sunday 1 May the 25th annual Richard Birkett Memorial Game was hosted by Bradford Salem Rugby Club. The match marks the 25th anniversary of the death of Richard who passed away suddenly in 1992. He was an Old Bradfordian and a loyal member of Bradford Salem Rugby Club.

The BGS/OBA team was mainly made up of recent BGS leavers from the past 3 years as well as guest appearances from Mr Pullen and Mr Scarbrough. The game was played in an open Barbarian rugby style, sympathetically refereed, as befitting the occasion. It was a high scoring game, with George (Bertie) Worthington (2010-15) darting over the line to score the first try for the Maroon of BGS. We raced to a comfortable lead after 30 minutes of play until some of the bigger, older and uglier Salem Select team realised their size and started to use it to their advantage. Salem pulled back the score to within a try until the youth, pace and fitness of BGS took its toll on a tiring Salem.

We ended the match as eventual winners 52-37. The game was most certainly played in the right spirit and was a fitting tribute to Richard.

OBS have been victorious on the last two occasions, with last year being the closest result at 49-48. Bradford Salem now have 15 wins, BGS 9 wins and there has been 1 draw.

Richard's wife Marilyn came to watch the game and was overwhelmed by the support of the players and spectators and the spirit in which the game was played. Richard would also have been very proud of the School and the club for the continued success of this fixture.

Thank you for everyone who took part and we hope to see more OBS in support of these matches in the coming years.

Dan Scarbrough (1989-94)
and Graham Reid (1944-52)

BGS v Old Bradfordians Cricket Match

Friday 24 June 2016

Old Bradfordians

D J Groom (Captain), N R Cockcroft, B Hinchliffe, D Heslop, J M Celaire, R M Harland, J Appleyard, D G Scarborough, B Appleyard, I E Walker, P R Booth

BGS won by 3 wickets

OBS 241-5
(Groom 101 no, Hinchliffe 45, Cockcroft 39, M Patel 3-35)

BGS 243-7
(R Williams 76, S van Berckel 64, W Heard 47 no)

Jack Ashby Memorial Trophy for Man of the Match

Will Heard

This year's match between the School 1st XI and the Old Bradfordians proved to be a high scoring and extremely entertaining encounter with the School emerging victorious with a six struck off the first ball of the final over. Batting

first Nick Cockcroft (1993-2000) and David Heslop (2004-14) put on a rapid 47 for the first wicket which was built upon by some hard hitting from Brad Hinchliffe (1999-2005). The School managed to stem the run rate in the middle overs with tight spells from Milan Patel and Charlie Andrews but captain Danny Groom (1987-94) accelerated the rate and seemed to have put an impregnable total on the board when he struck 30 from the last over to bring up his century. The School started impressively with Scott van Berckel leading the chase with a well struck 64. Robbie Williams was also going well but a cluster of wickets fell in the middle overs and when Will Heard came to the wicket 78 runs were needed from 46 balls. His earlier punishment with the ball obviously rankled and some clean hitting and good support from Jawad Shad saw the School home with 5 balls to spare.



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Bacchus Cup Golf Competition

ShIPLEY Golf Club
 Wednesday 22 July 2015 and
 Wednesday 20 July 2016

It is always a pleasure to play at ShIPLEY and the course was in good condition in 2015 and we were lucky to have some lovely weather this year.

2015 saw some excellent scores; the winner of the Bacchus Cup was Jimmy Greaves with 40 points. Andrew Seal was the runner-up with 35 points with David Ramsbottom (1968-77) coming third on 34 points. The Guest's prize was won by Alistair Smith. Nicholas Smith (Alistair's brother) had a hole-in-one on the 17th.

This year, when all the scorecards had been checked, a unique situation arose. David Illingworth (1955-61) and Bob Dinsdale (1952-59) both had 35 points and after a countback on the first 9 holes, then the first 6 holes and then the first 3 holes their scores could still not be separated. A tie was therefore declared. Runner-up on 33 points was John Driver. The Guest prize was won by Alistair Smith with 37 points.

If you are interested in playing for the Bacchus Cup in 2017, or at any other golf event, please contact Louise Allen at the School on lisa@bradfordgrammar.com or contact Roy Aspinall on 01226 725409 or email royasp26@aol.com.

Roy Aspinall (1956-65)

1-4. OBs take on BGS at the annual cricket match; 5. Roy Aspinall presenting the trophy to the Winner Jimmy Greaves; 6. Paul Anderson (Guest), Steve Weir, Robert Ackroyd; 7. Nicholas Smith (Guest), Peter Smith, Alistair Smith (Guest); 8. James Barker, David Ramsbottom, Andrew Seal; 9. Roy Aspinall, Andrew Simonett; 10. Neville Core, Jimmy Greaves

REMEMBERING ...

We record with sadness the deaths of the following Old Bradfordians and offer our deepest sympathy to their families.

Obituaries

With thanks to
David Moore,
Obituaries Editor

David R Brown (1943-51)

David R Brown, a long-serving Committee member of the OB Club (London), treasurer from 1989 to 2000 and President 2003-05, died in September 2015. David, a real stalwart of the London Club, had a successful career in the Ministry of Defence. He will be greatly missed by London Bradfordians and friends.

Roger Collison (1943-51)

'Scientist, musician, Dales walker, Roger was my friend from 1945 when we were both members of 4A and faced that eccentric Maths teacher, Mr. Jones. After BGS, Roger joined me, Bill Morgan and Alan Fox at Sheffield where he stayed for six years and gained a PhD in Chemistry. His lecturing career ended at Huddersfield University and he spent his final years living in Meltham. From a musical family, Roger was a talented cellist, and for many years played string quartet with former BGS Head Boy Peter Leach, and also joined the Huddersfield Philharmonic Orchestra. We had many walks and cycling holidays in the Dales, the Lake District and Shropshire. A quiet, faithful friend, he will be much missed by his wife Jean, his musical daughter and a brood of musical grandchildren.'

Written by John L
Greenwood (1944-51),
BGS Master 1960-65



Dr J Gavin Craig (1954-63)

Dr J Gavin Craig, long-serving member of the OBA Committee and twice President of the OBA, died aged 69 in July 2015. 'Doc Gav', as his fellow Bradfordians called him, was a loyal pillar of the OBA Committee for many years – a cheerful yet forthright member, Gavin was always a reassuringly welcoming presence, with clear views borne of much experience. As a GP in Shipley for 40 years, his professional influence was widespread: he worked in the medical practice founded by his father for 40 years, joining the practice in 1976, which is now known as the Westcliffe Medical Practice. Over the years he has treated many Bradfordians and some former teachers.

After BGS, Gavin studied medicine at Queen's University Belfast, spending three years in Belfast after qualification during the height of the 'Troubles'. Transferring to Leeds as a hospital registrar, he gained membership to the Royal College of Physicians. Gavin's dynamism and drive led to the expansion and growth of the Shipley practice, which was to become a GP training centre in the 1980s. He became a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and mentored many

trainee doctors in the locality. Additionally, he developed specialist interests – in minor surgery, diabetes and urology; he established the Bradford community diabetic service and took a major role in managing the care of diabetic patients within the practice. He also served as an active member of the Local Medical Committee, taking his turn as the chairman. His influence in medical circles and within the community was widespread and deeply appreciated.

Gavin married Anita Mann in 1971 and he was a devoted family man – happy to combine one of his favourite pastimes of sailing with family holidays, having bought a part share in a yacht called Stroller which was moored in the Gulf of St Tropez. He was also an active Rotarian and chairman of the Bradford Cyrenians. Gavin is survived by his wife Anita, their four children, Sarah, Patrick, Sam and Hannah, and nine grandchildren.



Harry Davis (1961-91)

Harry Davis, a former teacher and Head of Modern Languages (1961-91), died in early December 2015, aged 84.

Tony Lumb (OB 1953-58 and Master 1975-2001), and Rosi Davis, Harry's daughter, write:

'Harry grew up in Newcastle and was a pupil at Royal Grammar School there from 1939 until 1949. He spent his National Service in Berlin, and then studied French and German at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He taught Modern Languages at Redcar for five years and joined the BGS staff in 1961, when the Rev. J.P. Newell was Headmaster. Seven years

later he became Head of Modern Languages, when George Nicholls retired.

Harry loved above all in his teaching of French, passing on to his Sixth Form his deep love of the language and its literature. He would have been the first to admit that he and his department enjoyed 30 halcyon years bringing out the best in a host of supremely gifted scholars at the School, who went on to achieve prominent positions in the Civil Service, commerce and academia.

True to the beliefs of the real pedagogue, Harry found it right to nurture the other side of a pupil's nature outside the confines of the classroom. He was deeply attached to the Debating Society, though not a debater himself. The Davis-Moxon Cup, which thrives today at BGS, was set up by the School in honour of Harry and his close colleague Tony Moxon, who taught History. Harry was also for many years involved in the CCF contingent. He devoted much of his time to music within the School, playing in the orchestra and singing in the choirs and Gilbert & Sullivan productions.

Harry was a kind and true gentleman, a Romantic at heart, steeped in the great French and German Literature and Music, which stretched from Racine through the excesses of the Sturm und Drang and Romantics to the glories of Berlioz and Richard Wagner. Harry's very character seemed to be reflected in his artistic alliances. A self-effacing person, he could not abide conceitedness, boastfulness, fuss or indeed melodrama in others. How relevant that he once commented that he was not overkeen on Pavarotti, whose style he found rather overblown! Rather for Harry was the subtle delivery of a Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau in a Schubert piece or a Barenboim in a

Beethoven Piano Sonata. Germane too that his requested retirement gift from his Modern Language colleagues was the music score from Fidelio with its sublime anti-hero.

Harry was never one to provoke or annoy in the pursuit of personal gain. Never ambitious for self, he sought success for others through his own strong work ethic and quiet example.

Twenty-five years in retirement was not a problem for Harry. With Janet, his wife of over fifty years, he found contentedness.

With their children, Rosi, Neil and Susan, they learnt with a keen eye of a new generation's hopes and fears. Friends were moved and humbled in the later years of their retirement by Harry's compassionate and gentle care of Janet.



Lord Denis Winston Healey (1926-36)

Lord Denis Winston Healey PC, CH, MBE, Secretary of State for Defence, 1964-70, and Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1974-79, died on 3 October 2015, aged 98. Denis Healey is arguably the most distinguished 20th century politician that BGS has ever produced: a veritable giant of post-war politics in the Labour Party. A believer in central socialist values in terms of education, the NHS and welfare, by nature belligerent and strongly anti-nuclear disarmament, he was certainly to prove too right of centre in a party which at the time was deeply split between right and left: hence he was to earn the label 'the best prime minister the Labour Party never had'.

He had a sharp and biting humour, seen

at its best (or worst) in parliamentary debate: a true Bradfordian, he was never lost for words! His bushy eyebrows were a gift for cartoonists and the satirists of 'Spitting Image'. He never allowed himself to be submerged by the setbacks along the way, writing tellingly in his autobiography ('The Time of my Life'):

Politics is bound to bring frustrations and disappointments which may ruin a man's happiness unless he can live in other worlds as well... I have been able to escape to nature and the arts, but the main anchor of my equilibrium has been the love of my family.

He married Edna May Edmunds in 1945 – a happy and secure marriage which produced three children, Jenny, Tim and Cressida. He was a keen amateur photographer, and on his death there was an archive of 40,000 photographs in the Sussex family home – for him a place of joy and repose.

In his autobiography he writes briefly but vividly about his time at BGS, freely acknowledging its influence as well as pointing to its shortcomings – for example, forcing successful university candidates to stay on at school, much to his boredom. A scholarship boy, he entered BGS at the age of 8 in 1926 – part of the first intake of the then Junior School at Thornville; he left with a classical exhibition to Balliol College Oxford in 1936.

BGS, then, gave an important impetus to his personal development – he was a genuinely rounded individual. After BGS he was able to finish his degree before being commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1941, serving in N Africa and Italy, and in the process becoming fluent in Italian. He also displayed

considerable courage, being appointed MBE for his war service.

In the final chapter of his autobiography, he writes: 'Politics has never been the whole of my life... Nothing is more dangerous than a politician who uses politics as a surrogate for an unsatisfactory personal life...' Perhaps today's politicians should take note!

John Malcolm Holmes-Walker (1946-53)

John Malcolm Holmes-Walker died in May 2015, aged 78.

John was an identical twin born in Roundhay, Leeds – a Yorkshireman through and through. He passed the entrance exam to Bradford Grammar School and from there went on to win an engineering scholarship to De Havilland Aeronautical College, becoming a qualified aeronautical and mechanical engineer, working on designing various aircraft and future projects. After 20 years in the aircraft industry, John spent the next 20 years with Sea Containers where he became General Manager of Engineering and an expert on refrigerated marine containers. He left Sea Containers to set up his own management consultancy – Seagull Technology – and worked until he finally retired at the age of 74.

All his life he enjoyed sports: he was an excellent cross country runner, swimmer, boxer and rugby player and a stylish cricketer and golfer. He sang in his school choir and was a member of the Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir for 20 years.

John was an optimist who had great courage, strength and determination to live life to the full despite his illness. He was a true

gentleman, had time for everyone and was loved and respected by all who knew him; he had a great sense of humour and fun. All through his life right to the end, everyone knew him for his great smile. He leaves a wife, three daughters and three grandsons.



Herbert Lewis Jowett (1928-35)

Herbert Lewis Jowett attended BGS from 1928 to 1935 and enjoyed keeping track of 'Old Boys' through the annual magazine, which usually lay, for reference purposes, on the coffee table. He joined his father's letterpress business on leaving school and became the 'S and Son' of Craven Jowett and Son Ltd. He took over the firm shortly before his father's death in 1965 and ran it, with Dorothy's help, until his own retirement in the 1980s. This early training in the printing industry, perhaps led to his attention to detail, always able to spot errors both spelling and grammatical in the newspaper!

Herbert was a long serving member of the Prince of Wales Lodge in Bradford, joining in 1951 and becoming Grand Master in 1965. Herbert had a love of walking, climbing and skiing, visiting the Lake District, Scotland and the Alps for many years. He married Dorothy Dobson in 1963 and many friends joined them in 2013 to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

In retirement Herbert became a volunteer driver for 'Meals on Wheels' service. He was a Yorkshireman through and through and one of life's true gentlemen.

Taken from Herbert's eulogy.

Derek Howard Jubb (1937-44)

A former scholarship boy at BGS – for which he always remained deeply grateful – died in November 2015. A graduate of London University, Howard followed a career in chemical engineering.

Ralph Nettleton-Denby (1931-39)

Ralph was brought up in Bradford, attending Bradford Grammar School where he enjoyed playing cricket and rugby. He then went on to read Classics at Clare College, Cambridge. It was there that he met his future wife, Kathleen, a student. His time at Cambridge was cut short, due to the war and after just two years got his degree. Ralph joined the navy, becoming a lieutenant. He sailed in Arctic waters and spent time in the Far East. After the war, he was presented with several medals, including the recent Arctic Star.

Ralph and Kathleen married in 1946 and then left England to join the Colonial Service in the Gold Coast. They served three tours, before it was given independence and became Ghana. Ralph was a district commissioner.

Ralph worked tirelessly for the Royal British Legion for many years and it is poignant that he passed away on Trafalgar Day and was buried around Poppy Day. Ralph died knowing that he was loved by his family, Kathleen, his wife of nearly 70 years, his daughters, Anna, Kate his three granddaughters, Nicola, Rosalie, Talitha and son in law Craig.

Donald Piggott (1930-38)

Donald died on 6 March 2016 aged 95. Donald was born in Bradford in 1920. His

lifelong friend was Ray Priestley, who started at BGS in the same year, 1930. They were both musicians, sportsmen and academically able, and both enjoyed the opportunities the school offered. Donald's mother was a brilliant pianist and piano teacher, and Donald had the same gift. He excelled in athletics, and his 6' 5" lithe frame made him a natural sprinter: inevitably he represented the school in athletics.

In 1938, Donald won a scholarship to Cambridge University to read Economics at Christ's College. Donald gained a double Blue in Athletics, and in due course became an Honours graduate.

In 1941 he joined the army, and served in the Royal Army Service Corps, rising to the rank of Major, serving in north west Europe, and India where he was seconded to the Education Corps. In 1951 he joined BP; after various promotions, he was appointed in 1967 as manager of the Development Division, working in international marketing. He retired in 1973, having travelled the world.

He applied to and joined the British Red Cross, rising to become Director General in 1980, a post he held until retirement in 1985. He found this stage of his working life the most rewarding. In the same year he married his dear wife, Kathryn.

The Bradford Old Boys remained the focal point of an annual get together for Donald and his close friends: he used to attend the Old Boys Dinner on the first Friday evening in January, and then the Annual Ball on the Saturday night, dancing the night away to the music of Victor Sylvester and his orchestra, in the days when it used to be so. Donald Piggott will be greatly missed by his many close friends.

Tony Gadsby Peet (1964-73)

Tony died suddenly in December 2015.

His lifelong friend, Phil Woodhead (1966-74), writes:

Tony was the Captain of the 1972-73 1st XV which enjoyed an unbeaten season and became known as the 'dream team'. He led the team from the second row enjoying the physical support of his younger brother in the back row and the vocal support his father on the touchline. A jovial and robust individual, he was always happy to lead the way for his junior team members; usually straight down the middle. He was also generous in nature. A year ahead of me at Oxford, he gave me a lift there at the beginning of my first year. He then let me stay for the first three weeks of the five-week pre-season rugby training at his college accommodation. His love of BGS and school rugby was apparent when he initiated and organised the 30-year rugby reunion in 2003, which was well supported by players and coaching staff alike.



Guida Rufina (1994-96)

Guida has died, aged 38, in tragic circumstances in autumn 2015.

'Guida and I first sat next to each other in Mr Tony Kingham's Spanish class. Being a native Portuguese speaker, Guida was a natural linguist and was almost fluent in Spanish from day one. Guida was also studying German and Russian A Level and Economics. We quickly became good friends and in our final year at BGS we were in Mr Kewley's form together. Guida's little brother David Rufino was also studying at BGS during this time

and Guida felt it was very much her duty to look out for him, particularly in the school playground.

It was not unusual to find Guida in the cloak room reading Dostoyevsky during free periods and I remember spending lunch breaks discussing the Russian classics together! It was Guida who persuaded me to join her on Mr Davis' Russian trip, where we visited Moscow and St Petersburg. This trip cemented a friendship which would last for over 20 years and became the first of many worldwide adventures for us together.

Guida was passionate about learning and travel and was successful in every area of her life. She completed many sporting achievements, travelled the world, continued to study and was eternally on a quest to further her knowledge.

Guida completed a MA in Economics and Philosophy at Glasgow University and spent a number of years travelling. After returning to Leeds, Guida worked in what was meant to be a temporary post in an occupational health clinic. During this time the business fell into insolvency but Guida could see that the business had potential if run differently. Guida and her business partner decided to buy the company back, going on to build a successful occupational health business.

Guida also felt passionate about helping people and, having recently qualified as a councillor, she was in the process of also establishing her own counselling practice.

Without doubt, Guida's greatest achievement and love was her daughter Isabel, who is now two years old. Nothing brought Guida more joy than her beautiful little girl.

Guida was an incredible lady, loved by many

people and she is greatly missed. Guida is survived by her daughter Isabel, her loving parents and brother, her wider family and many close friends.'

Written by Suzie Farnell (1994-96)

Harry Esmond Saxby (1941-46)

Harry died peacefully after a short illness, aged 84, at home with his family on 21 November 2015. Harry was a scholarship boy and went to study pharmacy at the University of Bradford. He then spent three years at Aldershot and in Germany in the Royal Medical Corps, after which he worked in West Africa. During a spell in Lagos he used the opportunity to travel extensively in Nigeria. Returning to the UK in 1962, he worked in Rotherham for Harry S Allen, and subsequently in 1970, by then a married man with a family, moved to Bridlington where he worked for Seles Dispensing Chemists for more than 25 years. A keen outdoor man, Harry enjoyed cricket, yachting, golf, cycling and walking. He is survived by his widow, four children and six grandchildren.

John Shaw (1935-45)

John died peacefully following a stroke at Gloucester Royal Hospital on 14 October 2015, aged 88. A long-term member of the OB Club (London), John had led an excellent and active life.

Bernard L Smith (1959-66)

Bernard died aged 67 on 4 June 2015. A graduate of Leicester University, Bernard taught Classics at what is now Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth 1st College, Leicester, retiring from there as Vice Principal (Finance).

David Richard Starkey (1959-66)

David died in October 2015.

George Neville Streets (1938-48)

George died on 28 June 2015. Always known as Neville, he was a proud member of BGS and a regular at 1940s reunions. He attended Thornville as a junior pupil and went on to obtain his Higher School Certificate. A keen athlete, he enjoyed cross country and rugby. After BGS he moved to Scarborough where he owned his own greengrocery business for 49 years. The school colours displayed at his funeral underlined his affection for BGS.



Keith Whitaker (1940-50)

Keith died in April 2016.

His daughter Lynne writes:

'A regular attendee at the OBA 1940s Reunion, Keith Whitaker attended BGS from 1940 to 1950. He was renowned for his athletics prowess whilst at the school, reigning supreme in all distances from the 100-yard sprint to Cross Country. After BGS, he graduated with a BA in Commerce from Manchester University, and whilst there he represented English Universities, winning a silver medal in the 400 metres in the European Student Games in Germany in 1953. His athletic achievements were to continue: during National Service at Catterick, he became the Army 440-yard champion.

At age of 23, he married a fellow athlete, Maureen Long, and, with a young

family to support, he joined the Bradford-based mail order company, Empire Stores, as a management trainee. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a Company Director. He was also a Director of the Land Registry Trust.

His job was at times extremely stressful, and he found the perfect antidote in athletics. Inspired by the rise of veterans' athletics in the early 1970's, he began to train again in earnest and was soon competing once again. In 1971 he won the British Veterans 400 metres title and in 1973, he set a new world age best whilst winning the US Masters 400 metres in San Diego in a time of 51.1 seconds. He went on to win numerous European and World Masters medals.

Keith also found time to give back to the sport: he was a coach at his local athletics club, now known as Bradford Airedale, and was a regular timekeeper and starter at athletics events. His contribution was recognised by UK Athletics, who recently wrote to congratulate him on 40 years as a qualified official.

Maureen pre-deceased him; he is survived by his sons Michael and Ian, and his daughter Lynne.'



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