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WELCOME



... from the President

They say that as you grow older time moves faster and this year has been no exception. It has been a good year and there have been changes particularly in the way we manage the OBA Committee.

The autumn term saw the appointment of a new Director of Development and External Relations, Ms Lindsey Davis, who has re-organised the 'front office' so we now have a Development and Old Bradfordians' Office. The team (Lindsey, Rebecca, Emma and Jess) do an absolutely wonderful job of promoting the school and events. This has made my job easier and more enjoyable.

The year started off with the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel where my brother, Mr Stuart M. Holland (1969), entertained us all with veterinary tales – a most enjoyable evening, the only disappointment being a rather poor attendance. This, I am told, was primarily due to the function not being held in school – it is sad to realise that the school building is more important than fellowship with old friends. The Church tries to impress upon us that it is the people who are the relevant body, though I have to admit some buildings do claim the limelight!

The good news is that in 2019 we returned to school, courtesy of the Headmaster, Simon, and we welcomed one of the first girls to attend BGS, Helen Millichap (1993), as our guest speaker. It was a great evening! On the subject of dinners, I was also able to attend the 2018 London Club Dinner, which was, as always, a great success with all seats occupied and some interesting comments from the member of the New World! During my first year, I did my best to attend as many functions as possible, from Founders' Day and Speech Day to a lecture from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). However, the functions I should like to highlight are the re-vamped 40s/50s reunion and the organ recital given by Daniel Moulton. Firstly, the reunion was moved to a 'school day' and this coincided with the 70th Anniversary of the School moving into the present building, allowing members to attend the celebration and join the school at work. A superb buffet was enjoyed in the Douglas Hamilton (DH) Room and everyone was fascinated by the exhibition put on by Lindsey's team – well done team!

**Ian Holland
(1966)**
OBA Committee
President

The other event which is one of many that warrant mention was the organ recital given by Daniel Moulton, 'Hands, Feet and Pipes,' which was the brainchild of John Hammond. It was seen as an opportunity to encourage pupils to take up the organ. I must say a great time was had by all and some amazing sounds heard. The standard of music at school goes from strength to strength and it is always an honour to attend concerts and performances. Sorry sportsmen and sportswomen, I have not mentioned your interests, but I think we shall be hearing more from these quarters as the sports centre develops. However, congratulations to all the school teams, you do a splendid job! As those who know me appreciate, my 'build' is not that of a sporting physique.

In order to avoid the wrath of the editor, I must draw this rambling to a close but not before making a plea for the membership to get involved with its Association. This, of course, refers to both the gentlemen and the ladies. I have been delighted this year to welcome Helen Haigh onto the committee. In the meantime, your committee is here and happy to receive ideas and comments, and looks forward to another great year working with the school and Lindsey's team for the benefit of all members, both past and present. In doing so, we will carry forward our traditions, but we must always be aware that as we move through the century we continue to adapt to the needs of future generations. We face some uncertain challenges in the coming years, but I have confidence that working together we can overcome these.

I should like to thank the school and Simon for his support and for the wonderful help received from Lindsey, Rebecca, Emma and Jess. Thank you for reading this ramble and I look forward to meeting some of you in the coming year.



Dr Simon Hinchliffe
BA, MEd, PhD, FRSA
Headmaster

... from the Headmaster

Welcome to the latest edition of the Old Bradfordians Association magazine.

I hope you enjoy reading all that follows as much as I did. Many thanks to everyone, OBs and BGS colleagues, who make this excellent publication possible.

BGS is in great shape. Students are respected and their welfare is our priority. Exam results are





strong and improving. Co-curricular programmes are thriving and the attention we devote to personal development reflects our liberal values and keen sense of proportion. We continue to nurture capable, decent young people of character: individuals ready to play a full role in the world beyond our gates.

At this year's Speech Day, I shared the belief of everyone at BGS that an inspiring education changes lives. It kindles intellectual and emotional curiosity, fosters physical and mental wellbeing, and provides the tools, moral code and good manners to make a valuable contribution to society.

BGS aims to equip young people with the aspirations, confidence, and resilience to make a difference at school and in later life. There is no more powerful expression of this than the positive impact Old Bradfordians make in the wider world: internationally, domestically and much closer to home – not least here in Bradford.

We are proud to offer such a rich and empowering education and remain sincerely grateful to our benefactors, whose generous support enables us to extend such transformative opportunities to the widest possible cross section of families. We are always seeking to make a difference by fostering needed social integration and mobility in Bradford and the north: to 'light fires' and invest in the future of our school, county, and country.



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Simon Hinchliffe, Headmaster



Lindsey Davis, our new Director of Development and External Relations, is currently preparing initiatives to increase the number of assisted places at BGS. This is laudable work, building on the successes of previous fundraising campaigns. We intend to establish a transformative Assisted Places Fund, offering sustainable and long-term funding opportunities for deserving pupils.

Lindsey is well known to many OBs. In April, she and her team organised a hugely successful Old Bradfordians 1940s Reunion, during which OBs mingled with Governors, teachers and pupils. The occasion provided a chance to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the opening of the current school campus by Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Conversation flowed, memories exchanged, and music, fine food and drink were enjoyed. As if this weren't memorable enough, it being a 'normal' school day, OBs were once again able to experience an end of term assembly in the Price Hall. 2019 also marks another significant anniversary: 35 years since girls entered the Sixth Form and twenty years since BGS became fully co-educational.

The anniversaries illustrate how schools can evolve whilst remaining true to their core values. In my speeches (by now some lucky readers will have sat patiently through a few of these!), I characterise BGS as defined by both our heritage and forward-looking approach: this is physically articulated through the walk from the Price Hall to the Clarkson Library. BGS is traditional in many respects, but never afraid to innovate. Our forthcoming co-educational anniversary signals that BGS has never been squeamish about moving forwards.

I am lucky and enjoy the privilege of meeting Old Bradfordians of varied vintage. The school they remember has not stood still. OBs recall subtly different schools, each of their era. Collectively, they describe a pattern of informed growth, sensitivity to external context and responsive educational vision. This is why, after nearly 500 years of history, BGS remains a relevant and important asset to UK economy, polity and culture.

Perhaps, however, there is one fixed trait?

A characteristic of the north, of Yorkshire, that reaches full expression in the bedrock of Bradford and BGS: our motto 'Hoc Age'. Translated roughly as 'get on and do it' – no nonsense, unfussy – it guides us still. Change ... but continuity too. In many senses, our ambition to embed benefaction and assisted places at the heart of BGS for the long term is very much a 'back to the future' moment, as we invoke the direct grant days of yesteryear, a time when schools like BGS were characterised as engine houses of social progression. We would see those days renewed.

It remains a rare privilege to lead Bradford Grammar School. This past year I have once again enjoyed the robust good company of OBs and friends of BGS in the UK, mainland Europe and North America. The warmth, fellowship and common good sense of the wider BGS family is something that I cherish. The challenges faced by UK independent schools like BGS are increasingly acute. Nevertheless, we stay true to our heritage and community, champion the virtues of good learning and strive to be an asset to our community. In so doing we continue to enact our shared vision for BGS. Hoc Age!



Simon Hinchliffe

Jed Boardman
Deputy Head



... from the Deputy Head

I have worked at Bradford Grammar School for more than 20 years and took on this new and exciting role in April 2019.

I began my career as a police officer in Manchester before moving into teaching. I taught physics at St Peter's School in York, for three years before becoming Head of Physics at Fulneck School, in Pudsey, where I stayed for five years. I joined BGS 20 years ago and have held various positions including Head of Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11, and Head of Physics.

I'm delighted to take up this privileged position. BGS is a great place to work. It provides a world class education for its students and all the staff members, both teaching and non-teaching, form a first-class team. The teachers are specialists in their fields and are passionate about the art of teaching.

BGS students are fantastic. They are academically and emotionally intelligent and have a genuine thirst for knowledge, coupled with a desire to succeed. I am extremely proud of BGS and look forward to bumping into many OBs over the coming years.

○ J.D.B.

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**Brian Parker
(1976-2005)**
Editor and former
Chemistry teacher



Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the 2018-19 edition of 'The Old Bradfordian' – the news magazine for the OBA.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped, especially Rebecca who has sent me reminders and ideas and Emma, who has collected articles for the magazine throughout the year.

2018 was the second year the magazine went digital with only 300 copies being printed. I would be very interested to hear from OBs on this topic. Also, if there are any OBs who did not receive a hard copy and would like to, please contact the school or me. The full magazine is available to read on the school's website. It is nice to know that some people read my little piece as the article from Simon Preston (whom I last taught in 1981) shows.

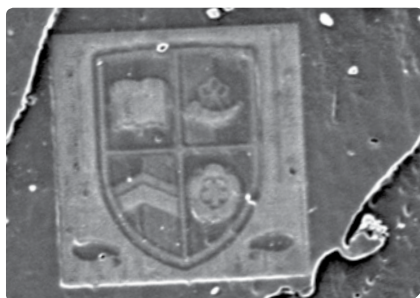
I look forward to receiving articles from OBs for next year's magazine.

I attended a Physics lecture at school in June by the speaker Professor Paul Brown from Nottingham University. His talk was essentially about how a very small object can now be observed. He concluded with several pictures showing the school logo on a human hair, one is shown below!

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Right: The BGS crest
on a human hair



Hello from BGS

A year passes very quickly – more quickly, in schools! A new Development Director spends much of their first year in post planning and strategising; the counter to this desk-bound work is, without doubt, making new friends and connections. Thank you for making me so welcome!

The newly badged Development and Old Bradfordians' Office is much more than just gift wrap – it testifies to the school's deep appreciation for all that Old Bradfordians do for BGS. It is also a call to arms. We want to maintain our strong ties with you, wherever you are! I've met OBs who have visited school from as far afield as the antipodes and others who are just down the road in Shipley. Some of you can still remember the Manor Road Building(!), others can speak to recent experiences of university life at networking lunches. What connects you all is the pride in your faces when you step back into the Price Hall (plus something of the childlike awe you must have first experienced).

Former teachers are another important part of the BGS family, as our piece on Courtenay Lloyd demonstrates. It is said that it is the people who make the place, and nowhere is this truer than at BGS. Please do stay in touch and keep an eye on our new events webpage to have a look at our fast-expanding events programme – we'd love to see you at our New Year drinks in Leeds, in January.

Recent events have proven extremely popular. We celebrated two significant anniversaries this year: our 70th anniversary at Frizinghall tie-in with the 1940s and 50s Reunion was a sell-out, and we were thrilled to welcome female OBs back to school for our Leading Ladies event marking 35 years since girls entered the Sixth Form and twenty years since BGS became fully co-educational.

Of course, you can't always be here in person. Which is why this year we took the decision to rebrand our professional networking site, BGS-Alumni, as Beyond Bradford. Membership now stands at over 1,600 members strong, thanks to the site's new and more interactive functionality, so please encourage others to sign up if they haven't already – it's a great space to share photos, work opportunities, and keep up-to-date with school news!

Speaking of news ... thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey. I look forward to sharing the results over the coming months. Looking ahead, we aim to share more details about our fundraising plans for assisted places.

The educational and social reform triggered by Bradford MP WE Forster's 1870 Education Act saw BGS at the forefront of change – where else?! Forster himself endowed a scholarship and prize here, deeming BGS 'an institution fraught with the greatest possible benefits to all classes'. It is now over to us to pick up where he left off. Through the myriad contributions OBs make to school life, our community partnerships, and working to preserve our school's historic mission: to be accessible to all with the talent to thrive here.

I look forward to working with you to strengthen and grow the Old Bradfordian community – and to ensure that successive generations of Old Bradfordians follow in your footsteps.

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I have worked at BGS for four years, leading on the school's marketing and communications strategy. Working closely with Lindsey Davis, our new Director of Development, my role is to increase BGS's public profile and engagement with key stakeholders, locally and nationally.

It was a pleasure to work on our recent 'Leading Ladies' campaign and event. We have seen women's movements exert their influence as powerful agents of change, something that BGS's heritage also reflects, with its innovative and forward-looking approach. As part of my role within the Development Team, I am responsible for all BGS publications.

This magazine is truly unique. We take great pride in thanking our OBs for contributing much to the school's development. 'The Old Bradfordian' honestly reflects the positive impact they have at BGS and with the wider community. I hope you enjoy all that follows and do get in touch with your ideas for our next edition – we're always looking for fresh content!

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I am the school's first port of call for our Old Bradfordian Community and work closely with the Old Bradfordian Association Committee. I look after the contact database, Beyond Bradford, and the OB section of the website.

We are thrilled to have welcomed Old Bradfordian speakers this year for both our Senior and Junior Speech Days, Ashley Metcalfe (1982) and Hamish Irvine (2014). We are currently working on a full programme of Old Bradfordian events for 2020 – it's a really exciting year with key anniversaries of the school becoming co-educational (35 years for the Sixth Form and 20 years for the whole school).

Please get in touch if you would like to visit the School, if you have any news or suggestions for the OB events programme, or if you'd like to offer to speak or support our careers support programme for pupils at BGS.

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NEWS

International pop star Ed Sheeran has teamed up with Old Bradfordian, Will Baugh, to produce a range of affordable acoustic guitars which will inspire more young people to play music.

OB TEAMS UP WITH ED SHEERAN

The world-famous singer-songwriter was approached by the County Down guitar firm, Lowden Guitars, where OB pupil Will Baugh, now an eminent product and furniture designer, works.

Will said: 'George Lowden has been friends with Ed Sheeran for a number of years after designing and making a small unique guitar for Ed called 'The Wee Lowden'. The aim of the collaboration is to get really great, affordable guitars into the hands of aspiring, young (and old) musicians! With that in mind, we had to start from the ground up, re-designing a new workshop along with all the tooling and fixtures to enable us to make this new range of guitars.'

Will began working as a part-maker at Lowden Guitars two years ago after moving to Northern Ireland from Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It involved processing timbers from around the world to make all the small components that are needed to produce the incredible Lowden Guitars.

'During this time, I also worked on some limited-edition guitars in a project with Bushmills whisky, inlaying the actual copper from the whisky stills as artwork on the guitars. This latest project, 'Sheeran by Lowden' has been our biggest challenge but in many ways has been the most rewarding,' said Will.

The partnership was confirmed at the National Association of Music Merchants 2019 show in California, where Sheeran gave a surprise performance at a private event and the 'Sheeran by Lowden' was revealed.

Will continued: 'During my design career, I've been lucky enough to exhibit at trade shows in New York, where my work was recognised by the Museum of Modern





Art and the Guggenheim. I'm very proud that they now stock some of my product range. However, more recently it has been a real achievement to hear the first Ed Sheeran guitars have been produced using this new production line.

'As a child, I was always fascinated by the things my Grandpa would make in the garage at home, and wherever possible, I would try and help. This enthusiasm grew through my years at Bradford Grammar School, and with the support of some great teachers and lecturers at Northumbria University, I was inspired to pursue my career as a product and furniture designer.'

Head of Design Technology at Bradford Grammar School, Stuart Taylor, said: 'Our students have good, really interesting careers ahead of them, just like Will, where they can make a real difference. They can end up travelling and working abroad on fantastic projects and with innovative companies. Design technology gives them a flavour of that.'

Will reflected on his time at school: 'The skill set and experiences I gained throughout my time at BGS have proved invaluable to my career. The amazing DT facilities, and the opportunities that I was given, really allowed me to pursue my goals with incredible support from the staff.'

'I believe the most valuable things I learnt were drive and discipline, while balancing my subjects and extracurricular activities with rugby training at lunch! These values have kept me focused and given me direction throughout my design career.'

Lowden guitars are sold across the world.



Above (L-R): Michael Morgan, George Lowden, Ed Sheeran, John Moore, Colin Marren and Will Baugh



INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED CRICKETER INSPIRES STUDENTS

Acclaimed former Yorkshire batsman and OB told BGS students to 'work hard, learn the value of resilience and enjoy life' during Yorkshire Tea National Cricket Week.

Ashley Metcalfe, a renowned former first-class cricketer, and current chief executive of British Weightlifting, spoke to an audience of students, parents and staff during Bradford Grammar School's prestigious annual Speech Day.

Ashley said: 'When I was asked by the headmaster to talk about the advice that really made a difference to my life, I referred to a colleague who said she

'woke up every morning and chose her own attitude' – she chose to be positive. I think this is very powerful, that you can chose to maximise opportunities and you're in the driving seat.

'I've always found the notion of success interesting. It means different things to different people. To one person they may associate it with career progression. Personally, I like to leave a business in a stronger position than when I first started – to build something. If you can learn to deal with failure the same way you deal with success, then the world's your oyster.'

The school has recently seen major upgrades to its cricket, netball, tennis and hockey facilities as well as a new sports enclosure.

Ashley added: 'I can see this is an exciting time for sport at Bradford Grammar School. My years as a professional cricketer

provided me with a solid foundation for camaraderie and team spirit. I can see this at BGS. The sport also gives their students the self-confidence to learn from their mistakes and adapt quickly to changing circumstances. This instils resilience, both physical and mental, which is invaluable for adult life.'

After leaving BGS, Ashley played for Yorkshire County Cricket Club from 1983 to 1995. He won his Yorkshire cap in 1986, the year he was voted the Cricket Writers' Club 'Young Cricketer of the Year' and scored a half century in his only appearance for England Young Cricketers in 1983. His professional playing career saw him amass 11,938 runs for Yorkshire and latterly Nottinghamshire.

Returning to his Yorkshire roots, he said: 'It was a great honour to be back at Bradford Grammar School and a real pleasure to see how the school has developed over the years, particularly the new sporting facilities. It was lovely to speak to such genuinely enthusiastic students.'

Simon Hinchliffe, Headmaster, said: 'We were delighted to welcome Ashley back to BGS. His visit has been a great success with overwhelmingly positive feedback. He is a compelling speaker with a wealth of experience and wisdom drawn from his professional and personal life.'



Above (L-R): Head Girl Emily Fewlass Jones, Headmaster Simon Hinchliffe, Cricketer Ashley Metcalfe and Head Boy Tom Austin



EVENT MARKS 35 YEARS OF BGS CO-EDUCATION

Leading ladies from across Yorkshire were guests of honour at a special event held to mark 35 years since Bradford Grammar School (BGS) first welcomed girls through its doors.

The school saw girls enter the Sixth Form in 1984, before going fully co-educational 15 years later. Many female Old Bradfordians have gone on to have thriving careers and lives following their time at BGS.

To mark the start of a year of celebrations, the Leading Ladies event saw six Old Bradfordians and Bradfordians take part in a panel discussion in the school's historic Price Hall in front of an audience of more than 66.

The panel, which had 'What Makes a Leading Lady in 2019?' as its theme included:

Sabbiyah Pervez

BBC Look North's Communities Reporter

Abby-Mae Parkinson

Team GB Cyclist

Helen Haigh

Army Reserve Captain and Senior Project Manager

Suzanne Watson

President of Bradford Chamber of Commerce and owner of Approach PR

Jane Chapman

BGS's Assistant Head (Pastoral)

Jaya Krishna

BGS Sixth Form student and women's rights ambassador

Lindsey Davis, Director of Development, said:

'There are so many inspirational, strong women who have forged great careers and lives following their time at Bradford Grammar School. We're looking forward to celebrating the role they've played in school life this year and marking their significant achievements through our programme of events.'

Simon Hinchliffe, Headmaster, said:

'Successful schools move with the times and BGS is one such example, with a school community today balanced between boys and girls. The Leading Ladies event was a great way to celebrate the role that women have played in school life, both at BGS and in the wider world. It was wonderful, personally, to meet so many female Old Bradfordians and see how they have embodied the school motto 'Hoc Age', meaning 'get on and do it.'



Helen has led major projects during her career, from the planning and delivery of transport readiness for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, to ensuring the safe passage of deliveries on the main supply routes through Afghanistan as an Engineer Intelligence Officer.

How have you found working in such male dominated industries?

I grew up surrounded by brothers, so I've never felt uncomfortable working in a male dominated environment. To me, the workplace has been a place with equal opportunities and people treating you with respect for doing a good job. In the Army, a lot of it is about being fit and strong.

I've always enjoyed the fitness side and found I could always hold my own. I never witnessed sexism as such because I kept fit and active so I was seen as an equal. I've had great male and female line managers in the military, and you take what you want to learn from each of them. I think naturally there's always a pecking order with promotions and how you're noticed and it's about keeping abreast of healthy competition. There are always particular people who will help you or hinder you.

What are your thoughts on gender balance in the Armed forces?

As of October last year, all roles are now open to women in the Army. Seeing more women in top positions is not going to happen overnight but, in time, it will happen. It's a big old wheel which needs to turn.

There's always going to be pauses in women's careers if they have children but that's not to say they can't come back afterwards and, over time, slot back in. Having equality with men means there's more opportunities for them to take paternity leave, for example.

What makes a leading lady in 2019?

To me it's about being a leader rather than a leading lady. My niece is eight now but when she was three I remember running with her around the field and saying 'keep going, never give up, don't doubt yourself, always believe in you...'

If you allow yourself to think you can't do something, then you never will.

Old Bradfordian, Helen Haigh (2000), spent ten years in the Armed Forces. She is a Captain in the Reserve Army and project manager for WYG.

Meef
**HELEN
HAIGH**





Meet Martha O'Sullivan

Martha has just completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Leicester studying Genetics, during which time she has led the university's incredibly successful Big Band.

Tell us a bit about your musical achievements at Leicester ...

I was Principal Clarinettist from my first term in the first year where I got to play the 'Rhapsody In Blue' solo in the first concert.

I have since performed the Bruch Concerto and Mozart's Clarinet Concerto with them too. I have just started my third year as President of the Big Band, which plays at corporate events across the city and regular gigs at well known music venues. We have twice taken to the stage at Gent Fest where we have shared the line up with the likes of Tom Jones, and our most recent achievement was playing at The Royal Albert Hall as part of the Youth Proms.

I organised a 12 hour live music marathon last year, which involved more than 200 students, and we raised more than £1,000 for Myeloma UK. I have also made connections in Leicester which have allowed me to play for shows and other orchestras, in a successful functions band and play on tracks for independent recording artists.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES VERY RARELY ALLOW STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AS MUCH AS BGS DOES

What is your biggest achievement to date?

Getting our Big Band to play The Royal Albert Hall and close the Youth Proms!

It's entirely student led and student run; none of us study music so we get no external help. The buzz around it was incredible too. I am now a frequent guest on BBC Radio Leicester and because of the group's success under my presidency, I have made a lot of important connections with people not only in the music industry, but across other fields too.

How did BGS prepare you for all this?

I played in the orchestra concert band and big band at BGS for seven years, and joined the saxophone group when I was 'old enough'!

As much as I moaned at the time, I also enjoyed singing in the choirs on Founders' Day and the carol service etc. In my last two years, I started up a Soul Band at the school that had players right from Year 7 through to Upper Sixth. Being involved in the music department at BGS for so long meant I was used to working with different groups of people. This gave me the skills to search for groups when I left the area and gave me the confidence

to know I had the ability to run and develop such groups too.

Overall, BGS prepared me well for what I'm doing currently, as it proved to me that I was capable of balancing work with music, maintaining a high standard in both, and never letting one slip to benefit the other.

What are your fondest memories of BGS?

Schools and colleges very rarely allow students to explore their extra-curricular activities as much as BGS does.

They usually concentrate on the academic side of a child's education and nothing else. My weeks were so busy with music rehearsals, hockey training and trying to get something that looked halfway artistic to my art teachers, but things like that are so good for your mind. Yes I was busy, but I was busy with things I loved, which made my brain healthy and 'ready to go' in my academic lessons.

I have to mention my wonderful Biology teacher of four years, Mrs Dunn, if I'm talking about my fondest memories. What a fantastic, inspiring teacher she is. She sees potential in every student that walks through her door and will work with each one to make sure they do the best they can. I wouldn't be where I am today had she not been my teacher – meaning I wouldn't be studying Genetics at a fantastic university, but I also wouldn't have the drive that I do, that she instilled in me.



I'm working as a Programme Adviser, focusing on education, on the Girls' Education South Sudan (GESS) Programme. GESS is a programme to transform the lives of a generation of children in South Sudan – especially girls – through education. It's an initiative of the Ministry of General Education and Instruction of South Sudan and funded by the UK Government.

How did BGS prepare you for this career?

As a pupil at BGS, I was inspired by my teachers and other pupils to realise how important education is.

Both as a teacher and as an Education Adviser, I often look back on my time at BGS for examples of good teaching practice and a model of how to create an effective learning environment. My teachers at BGS also encouraged me to follow my interests and gave me a lot of responsibility. I learned good time management from an early age, through participating in multiple extra-curricular activities and keeping up with studies. This helped me a lot at university, when I had to balance my degree with multiple part time jobs, and has helped me in my career.

How did you get to where you are today?

I believed in the importance of education from very early on, and when I was in school, my ambition was to become an English teacher.

As soon as I finished school, I did the Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL) Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) qualification. Before going to the University of St Andrews to study English Language and Literature, I spent a year working as a Kindergarten Teacher at Dulwich College Beijing, in China. In my university holidays, I taught in Cambodia, and took a leave of absence in between my second and third year to teach in Colombia for a year.

As I gained more teaching experience in different countries, I felt I could increase the impact I was having by working higher up in the education system. I also decided that I wanted to work in low-income countries where improved education systems would impact the lives of the most marginalised children. I went on to do a Masters in Education, Gender and International Development to build on my practical experience and improve my understanding of the education and international development sector.

What is your biggest achievement to date?

Conducting research with children with disabilities in very remote locations in Sierra Leone.

I investigated how their experiences of gender and disabilities affected their experiences of formal education. There is still very little research on children with disabilities in Sierra Leone. My research enabled a Disabled Person's Organisation to create interventions that enabled children with disabilities to access quality education and reduce social stigma.

Another big achievement has been working alongside the GESS programme that has enabled me to contribute to the fantastic achievement of reaching 1.6 million enrolment of learners in South Sudan in May 2018. This is a record for South Sudan, and has been achieved despite the consequences of conflict that have left four million people displaced, and more than half the population food insecure. There has also been a positive trend in female student enrolment; as of July 2018, girls made up a record proportion of total enrolment, currently at 46.06 percent, compared to 39.96 percent in 2014.

What are your fondest memories of BGS?

It's hard to choose one memory in particular as I really enjoyed my years at BGS. I had many different extra-curricular interests, and was encouraged by teachers to take part in as many activities as I wanted.

I really enjoyed being part of different music groups: the orchestra, big band, string quartet and a baroque ensemble. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to perform in the string quartet at the 2006 'Delius Inspired' Festival, where I met Tasmin Little and Julian Lloyd Webber.

What advice would you give to current pupils at BGS?

Dream big and take advantage of everything BGS has to offer!

You don't already have to decide what career you want to follow after school. Get as much experience as you can in different areas; it will all be good learning and helpful for your future.



Meet
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BGS WINS NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AWARD

In 2019, BGS won a national award for its 'Happiness' campaign, designated to promote wellbeing among its students, staff and local community.

Bradford Grammar School scooped the IDPE (the Institute of Development Professionals in Education) Engagement Campaign of the Year Award for its Happiness campaign, which tackled mental health issues in young people by providing resources and tools to promote wellbeing.

The campaign brought together more than 35 leading national charities including Time to Change, Rethink Mental Illness, Anxiety UK and No Panic and was praised for making an important contribution to the school's wider community. At the heart of the campaign was a publicly available website which featured mental health stories told through the voices of parents, pupils, teachers and staff.

Right: Receiving the award (L-R) John Batistich Sponsor of award, Lindsey Davis BGS Development Director, Emma Wragg BGS Communications Manager and Comedian Dominic Holland



The IDPE judging panel said: 'It was a remarkable programme that successfully captured interest on an important topic from new audiences. While it raised the profile of the school, this engagement campaign also provided a platform for continued positive engagement within the school's wider community.'

Simon Hinchliffe, BGS Headmaster, said: 'We're acutely aware that members of the public, young people, parents and teachers, all have important stories to tell about happiness and wellbeing in school, and in their everyday lives. We wanted to play our part by sharing our voices, through this public resource, to benefit everyone and to help raise awareness within our local community, Yorkshire and nationwide.'

'We were delighted to receive this award in recognition of our work to foster wellbeing at BGS. Lots of colleagues, students and BGS families supported this activity which has made a lasting positive difference to our school community. A special thank you goes to colleague Emma Wragg who led on the campaign and produced the supporting materials and media.'

Lindsey Davis, BGS's Development Director, said: 'We're absolutely thrilled and honoured that such a meaningful campaign has received such recognition – not least, because this award was voted for by peers from across the UK's school development community.'

'Happiness reflects the strong commitment of everyone in school to the wellbeing of our students and the local community. In an age of growing fears about the pressures put on young people to succeed, this award helps to highlight and lead the way in combatting the stigma that still surrounds mental health.'

The IDPE Development Awards recognise innovation and creativity in the schools' development sector.

The campaign has also been shortlisted for the wellbeing initiative of the year award, in the 2020 Tes Independent School Awards. Find out more about Happiness at happiness.bradfordgrammar.com



FORMER TEACHER WHO TAUGHT SPIES AFTER THE WAR TURNS 100



In his 100 years, genial English gentleman Charles Courtenay Lloyd helped to liberate Norway from Nazi invasion; trained Cold War spies; married a penniless Russian princess and taught foreign languages to generations of Yorkshire's youngsters.

The veteran officer celebrated his centenary in Madrid, where he now lives, but was nowhere more at home than wandering the hills of his beloved Ilkley Moor during his time at Bradford Grammar School.

His daughter Masha Lloyd has spoken of her pride at her father still being able to celebrate his birth on what is the 80th anniversary year of the Second World War beginning.

'There are so few (of them) left to tell the story,' she said. 'For me, the most important thing about reaching his century is to get him recognition for what he did in World War Two.'

But also noteworthy is his part in the Cold War, when he became a teacher of Russian at the Joint Services School of Linguists (JSSL), which taught thousands of National Service conscripts languages to meet the needs of Britain's intelligence operations.

The Russian-language State Security Committee (KGB) dubbed it 'the spy school' and it was where Mr Lloyd met his future wife, Elena Von Lieven, a princess whose family had fled the Russian Revolution, said his daughter Masha, 62.

Born near Tamworth in what is now Staffordshire, Mr Lloyd was later a day boy at Clifton College in Bristol. He went on to read modern languages at Selwyn College, Cambridge, in 1938, but his studies were halted by war.

He signed up as a seaman in 1940, but was made a British Liaison Officer of the Royal Navy on board the loaned HMS Mansfield in Norway. Mr Lloyd's job was to pass on messages and instructions from the British Admiralty to the Norwegian Navy and later took part in a raid on a fish oil factory in German hands near Hammerfest, for which he was awarded the Liberty Medal from King Haakon VII.

He then helped supervise the surrender of the enemy forces in Norway before working as a post-war intelligence officer in Germany between 1946 and 1948.

The polyglot – who speaks German, Russian, French, Norwegian and Spanish, and is well acquainted with Icelandic, Finnish, Dutch, Swedish and Danish – returned to his university and in 1953 achieved an MA in modern languages with a distinction in Norwegian.

It was after this that he joined the JSSL, before he took up his post as a languages teacher at Bradford Grammar School between 1964 and 1983, living in the city until his departure to Spain in 2005. His wife died in 1999.

Mr Lloyd is a great fan of Charlotte Bronte and his family, who lived in Heaton Grove, often visited Haworth.



Charles Courtenay Lloyd
– often referred to as
'Clarence' by his pupils
(Former teacher, 1983)

Extract from 'The Life and
Loves of Anne Lister'

By Rebecca Woods, BBC

In the 1890s, reading by candlelight inside one of Shibden's many dark, oak-paneled rooms, John Lister stared at the rows of unintelligible squiggles spread across the leather-bound book before him. The key to the strange code that littered his ancestor Anne Lister's journals had evaded him for years. Tonight he was resolved to crack it.

He had enlisted the help of a friend, former BGS teacher Arthur Burrell. After borrowing some of the diaries he was confident he had worked out two coded letters – h and e. A tiny bit of paper, scribbled on by Anne and found hidden behind the manor house's deeds, confirmed his suspicions.

'In God is my ...', it began, the final four-letter word in code. 'We saw at once the word must be 'hope'; and the h and e corresponded with



OB DECODED ANNE LISTER'S 'GENTLEMAN JACK'S' SECRET DIARIES



WITH THESE FOUR INDIVIDUAL LETTERS ALMOST CERTAIN, WE BEGAN VERY LATE AT NIGHT TO FIND THE REMAINING CLUES ...



my guess,’ Arthur later recalled. ‘With these four letters almost certain, we began very late at night to find the remaining clues.’ A few hours later, the shocked men learned what Anne Lister had been hiding from the world – her detailed and plentiful accounts of sex with her friends.

‘Hardly any one of them escaped her,’ an appalled Arthur later recalled. He implored his friend to burn the diaries to avoid bringing scandal on the proud Lister name. But while dismayed at the contents, which would humiliate his family if published, John could not bring himself to destroy them.

Instead he hid all 26 volumes on shelves concealed behind Shibden’s wood panelling, where they remained until his death in 1933. In the following years, with the hall now in public ownership, Anne’s diaries were discovered and gifted to Halifax Library. A reluctant Arthur Burrell, by then in his 80s, decided he was honour-bound to give the council details of the code.

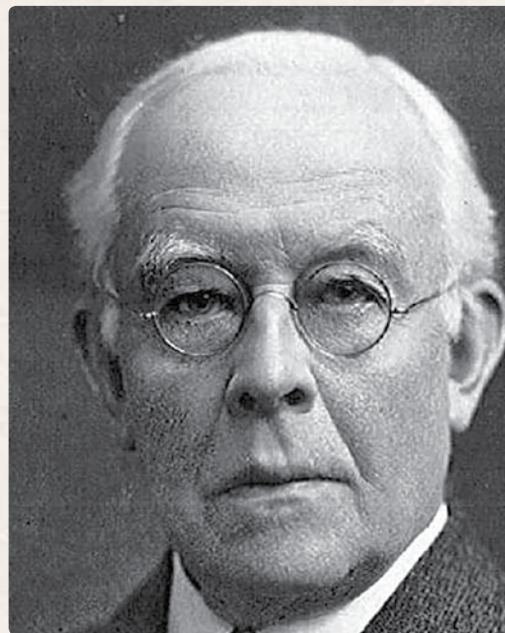
‘My copy of the clue will be burnt later,’ he told them. In the decades that followed, a small number of researchers studied Anne’s letters and journals. However, a council committee demanded to see their work first to remove any ‘unsuitable material’. The academics acquiesced to the cover-up, leaving the secret hidden.

In a room in Halifax Library, the hefty microfilm machine whirred into action. It was 1982 and Helena Whitbread, a 52-year-old teacher, was staring at line after line of tiny, unfathomable symbols flashing before her. Helena, who had recently completed a history degree, had been looking for a subject for a book and was intrigued by Anne’s story.

As she gazed at the microfilm she noticed the code sometimes filled entire pages. On other occasions it would be interspersed with sentences in English. ‘I was hooked,’ she says. ‘What was she hiding?’ A library worker gave her a photocopy of Arthur’s code. This time, no-one requested to scrutinise what Helena might discover. She took home Anne’s 1817 diary to begin unravelling the mystery.

Modern understanding of lesbian history – and the next four decades of Helena’s life – would be shaped by what she discovered. The work was painstaking. In 34 years, Anne had written an exhausting five million words in 26 volumes, with a further 14 travel diaries on top of that. About a sixth of this was written in cipher.

At first, there were only subtle clues to the nature of Anne’s secret. In a coded passage in 1817, Anne confided she was wearing ‘gentleman’s braces’ to hold up her drawers. Other hidden sentences were about money issues. Mariana’s name began to appear in code, and while it was obvious the women had a deep friendship, the true nature of their relationship was unclear.



It was when Helena deciphered the passage of 12 December 1817, when Anne was in York to see Mariana for the first time since her honeymoon and had crept into her room, that her secret was revealed. ‘I took off my pelisse and drawers, got into bed and had a very good kiss, she showing all due inclination and in less than seven minutes, the door was unbolted and we were all right again,’ Anne had written. Helena realised that ‘kiss’ was in fact code for sex, while a Q with a curl denoted a sexual experience.

She deduced that ‘incurred a cross’ was a reference to Anne’s orgasms, which were frequently marked in the margins with an X. The depth of Anne’s relationship with Mariana had become clear. Anne also often referred in detail to ‘grubbling’ – or groping – a word that appeared time and again. ‘Of all the things I thought she was hiding, it wasn’t sex with other women,’ says Helena. ‘I think the feeling was ... “Oh my God – here is an absolutely truthful – I’m sure it was truthful – account of lesbian sex”.’

After five years spent poring over diaries written between 1817 to 1824, Helena published a book detailing the fraught relationship with Mariana and Anne’s tangled web of lovers across Yorkshire. When ‘I Know My Own Heart’ was published in 1988 it caused a sensation.

Until then, clear evidence of sex between women had been absent from the historical record. Anne’s journals detailed a lesbian lifestyle many thought had not existed in the past. Her promiscuity showed not only that women found her attractive but that sexual lesbian desire had been far more commonplace than was thought. Anne’s diaries and their explicit sexual details were so shocking that some even believed they were a hoax.

It was no exaggeration when the writer and historian Emma Donoghue described the Lister diaries as ‘the Dead Sea Scrolls’ of lesbian history. ‘Anne leaves us this voluminous record that’s quite difficult to work with but tells us so much about lesbian life in the 1800s,’ says Dr Caroline Gonda, of Cambridge University.

‘She tells us about relationships that don’t fit the idea of ‘romantic friendship’ in the 1800s – it’s not all chaste hand-holding, pressing flowers and braiding each other’s hair. It’s so important that she goes into so much detail about her sex life. Women’s sexuality has always either defined us entirely or been thought to be completely absent.’

But what is also crucial about Anne’s story is that she was not alone.

‘People say she was a one-off but there’s a community there,’ says Dr Gonda. ‘She’s not the only gay in the village. Although Anne is a bit of a bad lass, a bedpost notcher, and a terrible snob, she tells us so much about sexual desire in lesbian history.’



Above:
(Top) Former BGS teacher
Arthur Burrell

(Bottom left) OB John Hollingworth as
Mr Abbott in ‘Gentleman Jack’

(Bottom right) OB Vincent Franklin as
Christopher Rawson in ‘Gentleman Jack’



Above: 'I would like to share with you a remarkable story, which I've always believed would make a great blockbuster movie.'

A REMARKABLE FRIENDSHIP

By Richard Stroud

I would like to share with you a remarkable story, which I've always believed would make a great blockbuster movie.

It is a tale of true friendship that was formed between two young boys from Bradford ... one the grandson of the first Rabbi in Bradford and the other, the eldest son of a Protestant Christian Knight of the Realm. The boys, one being my late father Roy Stroud and the other Bill Bulmer, met at the age of eight in 1928, at Thornville School, in Bradford.

I quote Bill, when he kindly wrote the forward for a book about my father, saying: 'We were both fit and rather chubby and we liked each other instantly'. As their friendship blossomed, they coincidentally both came to live as neighbours on Park Drive, in Bradford, and attended Bradford Grammar School together. They parted company at 13 to attend their respective boarding schools.

However, they did maintain their friendship by frequently meeting during the school holidays playing squash at their local Tennis club, rugby at Bradford Lidget Green and other pursuits. They had both been in the Officers' Training Corps at school and as war approached, they joined the Territorial Army Gunner Unit, in Halifax.





According to my father they both grew bored as there was nothing but marching drills and no guns. This spurred them into volunteering for the Royal Artillery Supplementary Reserve and were Commissioned 2nd lieutenants for a full time course.

Bill was sent to the 7th Field Regiment RA, at Catterick, and my father to the 19th Field Regiment RA, at Borden. One day, in late August 1939, my father's commanding officer informed him he was being posted to the Middle East and he was to report the next day to the docks at Greenock and it was top secret.

He was to go home, pack and depart immediately without time to say goodbye to his colleagues or friends. That evening, after speaking with his parents, he walked up Park Drive to say goodbye to Bill's parents and, low and behold, he met Bill on his way to say goodbye to my grandparents, Ossie and Clare Stroud.

These two young teenagers discovered by an incredible twist of fate that they had both been given identical travel orders! So early the next morning, they travelled by train to Greenock where they boarded the cruise liner, SS Orion, which had just been equipped for a five Star cruise to the Far East and was now commandeered by the War Office for about 2,000 troops and nurses to be taken to the Middle East.

Bill and Roy as officers shared a luxury stateroom and, at the innocent age of 18, danced their way to war in luxury. War was declared on 1 September 1939 as they passed Gibraltar. They disembarked at Alexandria and both men were put in a top hotel in Cairo before eventually being posted to their regiment.

In the dawn of war they decided, whilst waiting for their posting, that they would jointly buy a car. So, for £35 they found an old Bentley and the two young British officers travelled around Cairo enjoying themselves. Eventually, after several weeks, they were given their units and reality appeared as they fought together as part of the 8th Army, against the Italians and Germans in the North African Desert when the allied troops were heavily outnumbered in soldiers and equipment.

In 1942, during a battle in the desert against Rommel's troops, they parted company ... both believing at this point that it was forever. My father was the commander of D Troop, and responsible for around 100 men with artillery guns, and Bill was only half a mile on his right flank commanding A Troop. They were operating behind enemy lines attacking their troops and tanks.



As Bill later wrote: 'Roy was under attack by German tanks. I spotted him through my field glasses with his head phones on leaning into the back of the 8cwt truck. There was a shell explosion on the back of the truck and I thought, so sadly, farewell best friend'.

Fortunately, Bill later discovered that my father had survived the attack. However, it was some years before they were to meet again. During this battle, where my father was severely wounded, a British army ambulance managed to get to him and his badly injured second in command as well as one of his gunners.

The Green Goddess ambulance, with Red Crosses on it and with no escort, set off for the safety of British lines but, in complete contravention of the Geneva Convention, it was machine gunned by German and Italian troops.

The ambulance driver, my father's second in command and the gunner, were all killed. My father was left for dead suffering multiple machine gun wounds, on top of his previous horrendous injuries. But, miraculously, a small metal cigarette case given to him by



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Above: Michael 'Towards the end of May 1943, they reached the British lines and with 130 other escapees – among them Jewish refugees and German deserters – climbed up the ramp of a British landing craft and set off for Tèrmoli ...'

his father was in his left breast pocket. It was only later realised this had a bullet dent in it and that this had saved his life. We still have that cigarette case today.

It is hard to imagine a 21 year old lying in a machine-gunned ambulance with three dead men around him in the middle of the desert. Fortunately, he wasn't conscious and again, by miraculous fortune, he was found by British troops. The field hospital couldn't deal with his wounds so he was taken by train to Cairo and then subsequently moved to South Africa for rehabilitation, which took 18 months.

He suffered the consequences of those wounds for the rest of his life but with a very positive attitude and never complaining. He still had shrapnel in his body when he died and, incidentally, could never go through an airport x-ray without setting it off!

In 1944, he re-joined his unit and was posted to Europe as a staff officer ending the war in Germany with the rank of Major. Bill spent 18 months as a prisoner of war at an empty monastery in Italy. By September 1943, he was in a POW camp at Bologna, which the Germans had taken over with the firm intention of transferring the British offices to camps in Germany.

Bill took part in a mass escape, with four brother officers. They spent the night hidden in the roof space over the wash rooms sleeping on concrete beams only nine inches wide and the next evening, at dusk, they made a run for it, forcing their way under the perimeter wire fences without being spotted by the sentries. With the help of a band of Yugoslav escapees from a forced labour camp, they robbed banks and raided the houses of prominent fascists believed to be collaborating with the Germans and took their weapons and vehicles.

Towards the end of May 1943, they reached the British lines and with 130 other escapees – among them Jewish refugees and German deserters – climbed up the ramp of a British landing craft and set off for Tèrmoli, some 100 miles to the south and safely behind the Allied lines. Bill was demobilised in 1945 having been promoted to Captain.

Reunited after the war, in Bradford, my father and Bill worked for their family textile businesses both started by their respective fathers after the First World War. In the evening, they studied together back at the Bradford Technical College. As you can imagine this was a real culture shock and a far cry from the incredible journey they had been on.





My father said at the time: 'I was one of the youngest Majors in the British Army with battle experience, given up for dead by Rommel, survived several operations in hospitals in Egypt and South Africa and survived a war where I lost many of my friends. However, I realised I had a lot to learn about the textile industry and had to start at the bottom so I went back to technical college with Bill and we started on a weekly salary of £5.'

In that time, Roy and Bill both met their respective wives, Reka and Betty. Eventually Roy was best man for Bill in Malham Church and, sometime later, Bill returned Bill returning the compliment for Roy in the West London Synagogue.



... BILL AND ROY STARTED A DISCUSSION GROUP TO REKINDLE THEIR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR OTHER FRIENDS THAT SURVIVED THE WAR ...



Later, Roy became godfather to Bill and Betty's son, James. Bill and Betty established a very strong friendship with my parents and Betty and my late mother, Reka, shared a wonderful friendship of their own. In 1950 Bill became godfather to my brother Robert.

During their long involvement of more than 40 years in the textile industry they had almost daily contact and served on many of the industries organisations, working together to make sure the industry was heard in Whitehall and the Government. In those days, the wool industry was one of the top four exporting industries in the UK. How things have changed!

In 1946, Bill and Roy started a discussion group to rekindle their social relationships with other friends who survived the war. Over a period of 50 years they met every month in one of their homes to discuss the industry and politics, usually with a guest speaker. Then, once a year, they took their wives to the Langdale Chase Hotel, in Windermere for a weekend away to thank them for all their support.

In 1974, Bill was knighted and Roy received an OBE for their work in the textile industry. In 1984, Bill was appointed by The Queen Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and Roy was appointed Deputy Lieutenant.

In 1996, 'The London Gazette' announced that the Queen had awarded Capt Bill Bulmer and Major Roy Stroud the Emergency Reserve Decoration (ERD) for their heroic services as British



Army officers. Both men gave unstinting voluntary commitment and dedication to what they did. My father was President of the Bradford JIA, Honorary member of AJEX and Chairman of the Bradford Magistrates as well as a keen painter, swimmer and golfer.

Their strong friendship remained throughout the years and their amazing determination to see one another continued, even, though they lived so far apart, as Bill moved to Jersey on his retirement. Taking it in turns to call one another, they spoke religiously every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

In 2010 I remember Bill visiting my dad. He was showing him his latest mobility electric bike with all its gadgets. They were so both excited, giddy 80 year olds, and it made me think of how similar the picture must have been when they bought their first car in Cairo when they were 18. Sadly, that was the last time they were to see one another. They both passed on shortly after, both in their 90s.

Their friendship was truly remarkable and their interlinked lives quite incredible. In the words of Bill, when speaking about my father, he said: 'A best friend is a rare asset which should always be cherished'. And until the day they died they truly did.



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Each year, we want to
take a moment to honour
distinguished and inspirational
Old Bradfordians ...

Could you be our next 'Bradford Beacon'?

We want to share stories of Old Bradfordians like Tim Bateson, whose achievements in their chosen field inspire others to succeed. This is your chance to celebrate OBs who embody the BGS values of excellence, service, and that quintessentially northern characteristic, 'grit'.

Bradford Beacons will be selected directly by the Old Bradfordian community and featured in annual editions of the Old Bradfordian magazine and on the Old Bradfordians' webpages.

Nominations are open across all sectors and generations, and can include individuals or groups of Old Bradfordians who have collectively made a positive contribution to their community.

If you would like to make a submission, this must include the name of your nominee(s), the name of the nominee(s), the year they left school, and their current occupation. This should be accompanied by a written summary of their achievements (maximum 200 words) explaining why you believe the nominee should be selected as a Bradford Beacon.



Tim Bateson (1980)

BRADFORD BEACON

As he embarks on his retirement, we have learnt that Tim has spent 39 years of his life at BGS. As a boy he lived over the road at the bottom of Emm Lane, and attended the School for nine years before gaining a place at The Queen's College, Oxford to read Classics in 1980.

By Jane Chapman,
Assistant Head (Pastoral)

Tim lingered in Oxford beyond his four-year course, doing postgraduate research into Magic in Roman Egypt, and learning Coptic en route, before the call to return to his roots proved too strong to ignore. He returned to School in 1989 to take up a job teaching Latin and Greek (the same year I joined the School, in a revamped Classics department where all but one of us were new appointments).

BGS was a very different place in those days. Tim and I were among seven new starters on the teaching staff, at a time when staff turnover was very much less than today. We must have looked rather fresh and young (or wet behind the ears?) – the Sixth Form magazine styled us the 'Brat Pack'; the numbers taking Latin and Greek were not quite as they had been in Tim's own school days but they were healthy, and we had some very bright young men (and gradually a few women) taking both Latin and Greek to A level, with plenty of Oxbridge success.

Tim is a very capable classicist with a considerable depth of knowledge in both language and literature, and a penchant for teaching the less obvious where he can. His teaching style is traditional (not for him fads of modern pedagogy), his investment in the pupils is clear, and he has inspired many BGS boys and girls to take classical subjects on into the sixth form and beyond.

He is a versatile classicist too. As well as Latin and Greek, Tim has taught Ancient History A Level and, over the past 10 years, has delivered Classical Civilisation modules too, from Homer and Virgil to Classical Comedy and latterly Athenian Democracy. He worked for Oxford, Cambridge and RSA (OCR) for 20 years, twelve of them as Principal Examiner for the Latin prose composition paper.

But so much of his contribution to School has extended far beyond the Classics department.

It is probably a little known fact, but Tim taught IT for many years. In fact, he was something of a pioneer – he teamed up with our Head Librarian in the early 90s to introduce a Sixth Form IT GCSE short course, the first IT public exam offered at BGS. He also taught IT more widely for a number of years, even stepping up to be Acting Head of IT for a term.

More importantly, he was Head of Higher Education for 16 years (2000-16) and was the Assistant HE adviser for three years before that. Despite the stresses of processing university applications in the Autumn Term, Tim really enjoyed this role. What he particularly liked about the job was that he was involved with every single student in the year group – so that for almost two decades no one left the sixth form without having been helped through their university application by Tim.

Two other areas of Tim's career at BGS need mention: Wargames and Debating. Tim tells me that he played wargames as a lad at school (but in a pupil run club) and started the Wargames Society (later Games Society) as soon as he arrived at the school. This has since been an important feature of school co-curricular life – it has always been on the margins, and attended by a small band, but for many of the regular participants it has been their favourite time in the school week, and a comfort zone away from the more mainstream alternatives.

Tim was involved with the Debating Society from the moment he arrived. He has run it for 29 years, giving up hours to after school coaching, weekly debates, and weekend competitions, even taking his senior debaters on tour to Italy once in the mid-90s (though some unruly student behaviour in the Bay of Naples put him off overseas trips for life!).



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**I LOOK AT THE SCHOOL ACROSS THE GOVERNORS
LAWN AND THINK ‘I WORK THERE!’**

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Tim is a man of many parts. A friend and mentor to generations of shy, earnest gamers but also to confident, high-profile, articulate debaters – very different student profiles but with a shared affection and admiration for Mr B. I think the students see Tim as a one-off. They embrace his quirkiness, his slipper-wearing, his exotic waistcoats, LOTs, and ‘Bob the Rough Tranny’ (TCB shorthand for ‘back of your book rough translation work’). They have loved his wry (mischievous) sense of humour, his deep subject knowledge, and his idiosyncrasies too.

Self-styled ‘the Classics Curmudgeon’, he has always been a Yorkshireman who says it how he sees it. He has a strong moral compass and keen sense of fairness. In recent years, he has been enormously supportive to his colleagues as the Information and Consultation Forum (ICF) rep, Union rep and Common Room Secretary, always prepared to speak his mind and challenge when he disagrees.

He is famed for his early starts – Tim says that if he arrives at school after 6am he regards it as a late start to the day. His early morning routine always includes a swim in the pool, with the hard-core BGS swimming fraternity relying on him to coordinate arrangements for swimming through the holidays too. It is part of his daily routine and if you have ever looked in on his classroom (H8) when passing, you will have noticed his swimming kit drying quietly on a cloths prop just behind the heads of the back row of pupils.

I feel that I need to give particular mention to Tim’s wonderful waistcoats (sometimes with matching bow ties!) – 24 of them in total (and counting!)

Tim said at his ‘exit interview’ that seeing the front of this School as he drives in (at some ungodly hour!) in the mornings still gives him a lift, a buzz. He feels that BGS is an inspiring place to work – in his own words ‘I look at the school across the Governor’s Lawn and think “I work there!”.’

He has done so for thirty years and is now teaching the children of OBs he taught in the 90s. He feels the time has come to step away and embark on the next stage of his life.

So, what does retirement hold for Mr Bateson? I know that he is going to make the most of it and enjoy himself. He is taking up Tai Chi. He intends to give more time to walking and more time to gaming. He has not held a passport for many years, so I had assumed that foreign travel probably wouldn’t be on the cards, but he surprised me by telling me that he had applied for one – so who knows where that may take him?

And I am pleased to say that he won’t be a stranger to BGS (plans are already afoot to have him back to judge debating competitions).

I know you will all join me in wishing Tim a long, healthy and happy retirement.



Simon Preston (1973-81) writes ...

The 2017-18 edition of ‘The Old Bradfordian’ contained obituaries of four former Masters from my time at BGS (Mssrs Haigh, Harrington, Shaw-Smith and West).

The Editor’s memoir of John Harrington accurately captured the era when the annual number of Oxbridge admissions was the school’s primary performance metric. I think I was one of 30 at the end of 1981, just before the all-time record year you described. John’s talents were ideally suited for this. He boasted that the content of his lessons would not be constrained by any syllabus and reminded us that A levels were just a minor milestone on the way to ‘open schools’.

His enthusiasm for chemistry was inspirational and influenced my degree choice. He coached us to think about the fundamentals of a problem and work logically to get to the solution, an important skill that has helped me throughout my subsequent career.

After my DPhil at Oxford I joined what was then ICI Pharmaceuticals, in Cheshire, as a process development chemist. I have remained with the organisation throughout its evolution to become AstraZeneca and now work in the Development Pipeline Strategy & Management Group. Although I now deal with plans, spreadsheets and portfolio models rather than chemicals and glassware, the ‘Hoc Age’ approach is very relevant.

I have an involvement in education through being a governor at Tytherington School, in Macclesfield, where my daughter is in Year 10, and take up the challenge as chair of the finance committee after Christmas.

I am still in touch with Richard Higgins and Robert Fielden, both teachers and heads of their respective departments (science and classics). We fondly reminisce about BGS masters when we have chance to meet.



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**WE FONDLY
REMINISCE ABOUT
BGS MASTERS**

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Old Bradfordians North America 2018 Reunion, Orlando, Florida

By Len Audaer (2004)

This was the first of, what we hope, will be many reunions spent with the Headmaster, Simon Hinchliffe, and his delightful family.

It would not be a BGS reunion without David and Eleanor Huggins who drove from Annapolis. Len Audaer and Rachael Lamorte flew down from New York, Philip and Jackie Brown flew in from Dallas, Brian Cousins represented Toronto and we were delighted to have Barry Bower from Delray Beach, Florida who joined us for the first time.

The host hotel, The Embassy Suites, located in downtown Orlando, gave everyone the opportunity to experience a side of Orlando not always seen by tourists who usually visit Orlando just for the theme parks. On Friday evening, we all met in the hotel lobby for 'happy hour' and then walked to the 310 Lakeside Restaurant for dinner. It was a beautiful evening, so we were able to eat al fresco and enjoy a leisurely dinner capped off with a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday to Philip.

The next morning, after breakfast, the group met across the road at the Orlando Public Library. Simon talked about the school's recent accomplishments and ongoing construction projects. He was particularly proud that Bradford Grammar School had been named 'The Sunday Times' North Independent Secondary School of the Year in 2018. He emphasised that although BGS was flourishing, there was a good deal of uncertainty about the future of independent schools in the political arena. There were several questions and the meeting lasted until after 11.30am when we broke for lunch.



Above: 'It was a joy to catch up on old friendships and to make new friends.'

In the afternoon, we drove to nearby Winter Park. Most of the group joined a private tour of the Morse Museum to view the spectacular collection of Tiffany glass. Following the museum tour, the group reunited for a pontoon boat ride of three of the Winter Park lakes. During the one hour tour, we were able to admire the lake side view of some of Winter Park's most luxurious and expensive homes, while enjoying the warm and sunny Florida weather. Dinner that night was at SOCO, a short drive from the hotel. The restaurant specialises in contemporary southern cooking and several members tried a variety of unusual cocktails and cuisine. Bacon flavoured ice-cream anyone? It was a joy to catch up on old friendships and to make new friends. Most of the group took advantage of the warm evening and walked back to the hotel.

Almost the entire group met for one last time at breakfast the next morning. Brian had already left, but the rest of us had a chance to say our farewells and make plans for the next reunion in Toronto.



Richard Birkett Memorial Match 2019

By Neil G Klenk (1979),
Chairman, Bradford Salem RFC



However, inspired by Salem's man of the match, Richard Tafa, the former Bradford and Bingley player who is now playing for York RI, the hosts rather ran away with it to triumph 55 to 41.

Tafa scored two and laid one on a plate for Dan Watson, and further tries came from Walker, the lively Jacob Smillie and Will Collins, plus conversions by Tafa, Smillie, Collins and Watson.

Trailing 41-17 at one point, the Old Boys, for whom 40-something Bradford Grammar School teachers Dan Scarbrough (England RU) and Glenn Morrison (Bradford Bulls, Wakefield Trinity and several NRL clubs) showed their abilities, again hit back.

Luke Sandiford, Murphy, Morrison and Harry Bolland bagged tries, with conversions coming from Sandiford and Bolland.

The match, in memory of Salem stalwart Richard Birkett, was watched by a healthy crowd and was played in a competitive spirit that never tipped over into anything underhand.

Birkett, a former BGS Old Boy who rightly earned the nickname 'Mr Salem' died in August 1992 and his widow Marilyn Blunsom presented the trophy to Salem skipper, Jake Green, in the clubhouse.

It was Salem's 17th success, with the Old Boys having won ten and one match being drawn.



BGS's victory over Ruthin School on their Welsh tour in the 1962-63 season

This interesting newspaper report was recently discovered by Chris Lunn (OB 1964). It describes BGS's victory over Ruthin School on their Welsh tour in the 1962-63 season. Chris figured prominently as fly-half in the win, ably assisted by his inside centre Phil Jaggar (OB 1963). Chris also captained the first XV rugby, and Phil the first XI cricket.

Both went on to careers in teaching, and Phil is presently Emeritus Professor of West African Linguistics in the University of London (SOAS). Together with Professor A. J. B. (Tony) Hope (OB 1962), a fine all-round sportsman himself, they remain inseparable friends.

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'Bradford G.S. start tour with a win.

Ruthin School 3, Bradford G.S. 25.

Bradford G.S. Rugby team started their two match tour in Wales with a win. The Bradford forwards, who dominated the first half, were well held for most of the second half by Ruthin, but the game was decided by some very fine play between the Bradford fly-half and centres.

From the beginning, Bradford went straight into the attack and from a lineout centre Jaggar scored for Kellett to convert.

Bradford maintained their pressure and only very good defensive play by the Ruthin backs, and in particular Whitney at full-back, kept Bradford out. In the 25th minute, fly-half Lunn broke through the Ruthin defence to score under the posts, Kellett again converting.

Before half-time Jaggar again scored after a very fine break, and went on to make his tally four tries. Kellett landed three conversions.

Roberts scored Ruthin's points with a penalty.

Today, Bradford meet the unbeaten Christ College, Brecon.'



Southampton City Art Gallery will be holding a 'Eurich family' exhibition in the spring of 2021 that will feature works by Richard, his photographer son Crispin, and his painter daughters, Caroline Martin and Philippa Bambach.

All the known works of Richard Eurich have been added to a working version of the online catalogue raisonné, but it is still very much in development and will be made public sometime after the book and website launches.

In the meantime, Jamie Anderson of Waterhouse and Dodd will be showing Eurichs at key art fairs this summer (Masterpiece 226 June-3 July and British Art Fair 3-6 July). He will also mount a major exhibition exploring Richard's

BGS vs Old Bradfordians Swimming and Water polo

By Mike Nixon (1983)

The Old Bradfordians came back once again to challenge the school's boys' and girls' swimming and water polo team on Saturday 23 March 1919.

After the family swim, the swimming match began and school got off to a win in the 50m freestyle with the school gaining a 1-2, but with notable swims from Jonathan Priestley and Nick Kershaw.

The individual medley came next, one length of each stroke, Tim Hobbs fighting off the school to win on the touch and Henry Stonelake coming third. Two lengths backstroke came next with Chris Nixon and Neil Lloyd coming a creditable third and fourth.

Jo Blayney and Ewan Craig were up next in the breaststroke for the Old Bradfordians (OBs) and Jo, with all his Masters Swimming Experience, just managed to hold off school's challenge to win, and it was great to see Ewan back finishing third. After some cajoling, Roger Greenwood and Nick Turner agreed to do the 50m butterfly and came in second and fourth.

100m freestyle was next and the OBs selected Nigel Wilson and teacher, Bryan Townsend, who both narrowly lost to school.

In the relays the OB team came a creditable second with Tim Hobbs, Jo Blayney, Frankie Williams and Henry Stonelake in the medley relay. The OBs achieved second and third in the freestyle relay with A team Nigel Wilson, Tim Hobbs, Roger Greenwood and Jo Blayney with very creditable swims in the B team from former teacher Bryan Townsend, Jonathan Priestley, Nick Kershaw and Neil Lloyd.

The canon was the last event and the school team managed to win with the Old Bradfordians in second. The Old Bradfordians once again had their oldest boy and former swimming teacher Peter Ackroyd back to swim.

Water polo next, and with the OBs missing their former Great Britain player Steve Moorhouse, could the school stop the winning streak going back till 1984?

It was great to welcome Roger Greenwood back, after not seeing him for several years, and he showed that class never fades. Neil Lloyd was on goalkeeping duties and made some excellent saves. Current players Jo Blayney and Nigel Wilson were simply too strong for school and the OBs won the first half easily 6-1. In the second half, other players Chris Nixon, Frankie Williams, Nick Turner and Bryan Townsend all showed their skill and strength and after two tight quarters the Old Bradfordians were 4-1 up, and then moved away to win 10-5.

It was another great day. Many thanks to all the supporters and especially Craig Robinson (BGS Specialist Sports Coach – Swimming) and Nick Honey (BGS Graduate Sports Assistant) for running the day. It was great to see new and old OBs take on the school. Hopefully some of the newer OBs can make it next year, to give the school a closer swimming match.



late work in October this year to be followed by a celebratory exhibition for the book launch in 2020.

If you would like more information about fairs and events relating to Richard Eurich at Waterhouse and Dodd please contact Jamie Anderson at jamie@waterhousedodd.com to be added to their mailing list. The gallery's inventory of Eurich works can be viewed at waterhousedodd.com/richard-eurich



**SOUTHAMPTON
CITY ART GALLERY:
'EURICH FAMILY'
EXHIBITION**



Largely as a response to some activity on Twitter, and subsequent discussions about a reunion, Mike McCartney (Master in Charge of Cross Country) and David Potter (Club Captain 1979-80) set the date for Saturday 6 April 2019.

CROSS COUNTRY REUNION

By Mike McCartney, Lead teacher for Cross Country

There was a great response and although some could not make it, the same weekend was reserved for 2020 so this could be added to people's calendars early!

It was great to see Selby Brock and Tony Kingham and all our runners arriving at the Brownlee Pavilion, before meeting at the traditional starting point on Redburn Road. There were two run options, with the hope of catering for different levels of current fitness. The longer version was two laps of Heaton Woods (the old Senior Course), or just one lap. On the day, almost everyone chose to have a crack at the longer option. Richard Nerurkar and Andrew Leach crossed the line together (in just over 27 minutes, aficionados may like to note), with Amelie Lane the first current club member home.

Afterwards, everyone reconvened in the Pavilion to reminisce over memorabilia and enjoy a portion of fish and chips. The event went on into the evening for some, and later on we were joined by Alistair and Jonny Brownlee.

This event becomes a regular fixture in our OB calendar and will take place on the first Saturday of the school's Easter holidays each year, making it Saturday 4 April in 2020.



**THANK YOU FOR ORGANISING A
BRILLIANT REUNION. IT WAS A TREAT
IN ALL RESPECTS. IT OVERFLOWED
WITH NOSTALGIA, LAUGHS AND THE
PLEASURE OF RECONNECTING ...**



REMEMBERING ...

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

OBITUARIES

With thanks to John Bennett, Obituaries Editor

William Henry Scott (1941-45)

William, known to his family as Bill, left school to start his working life with his father, who sadly died at the age of 55. He was a Wool Merchant with offices in Manchester, so along with his mother and younger brother James they went to live in Southport. Bill then went to work in Lagos, Nigeria for Unilever. He learnt how to weave cloth and so spent the rest of his life working in textiles, going to Ireland in 1967 to work with Associated Tailors in Dublin. Here he met Ann, through her aunt, and they married in August 1969. A daughter Suzanne was born in December 1970 and a son David in February 1973, with five grandchildren following. Bill started his own business with Ann in Manchester in 1976 (a wholesale button and trimmings merchant), where they worked together until retirement. Ann writes that Bill was very proud of the excellent education he received at the School, and to this day a Bradford Grammar School shield adorns their lounge wall. He was very disappointed he could not attend the last gathering but was too ill and passed away on 25 May 2018.

Derric G Webster (1946-1946)

As a child, Derric was first evacuated (for a month) to Ambleside, and then to Australia, returning in 1945. The long sea voyages confirmed his desire to have a career at sea. He considered that he was accepted by BGS on the basis of qualifications obtained in Australia. Unfortunately, he had 'no Greek, no history (having opted for French) and an understanding of Latin way below my peers'. His memoirs relate 'the grammar school went to a great deal of trouble to fit me in to the school curriculum'. Set on a life at sea, he stayed only to obtain his school certificate. He managed this with a distinction in art for his drawing of a ship in a storm! He had a successful Merchant Navy career and was also deeply involved in the inland shipping group of the British Waterways Board, eventually becoming Chairman. He leaves three sons, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Kenneth (Ken) Binks (1935-47)

Following BGS, Ken attended Leeds University where he read Electrical Engineering, gaining his BSc (Hons) in 1951 and afterwards his AMIEE. Ken was immensely proud of his association with the School and enjoyed the occasions when he attended the Old Boys' Dinner – the last occasion being in 2015, when he was able to share some of his memories with Simon Hinchliffe.

Rex A Blythe (1937-48)

Rex was born in Frizinghall, the only son of Sydney Blythe (stained glass window maker) and Florence. He started at BGS in September 1939 on a minor scholarship (special place), following the classical stream. He won a scholarship in Classics at Trinity College, Cambridge, and afterwards did his National Service. In 1953, he married Rae (with whom he had three children, Helen, Sarah and Peter) and also joined the Inland Revenue as an Inspector of Taxes. He worked at this, latterly as an Under Secretary at Somerset House in London, until he retired

at the age of 57. He was very proud of having attended BGS and was always interested to meet fellow ex pupils. He would always check the Bradford City score before anything else on a Saturday afternoon!

Geoff N Hicks (1945-50)

Geoff was born in Baildon and attended BGS from 1945-50. On leaving school, he joined the Queens Road Garage family business his father shared with the father of Ross Jones, OB. To start with, this dealt with second hand cars, but eventually Honda in its early UK days. When the business closed, Geoff then ran an electrical parts wholesale business until retirement. During his time in the RAF, he served as a technician for the Queen's flight. He led an active life and was a Rotarian, first in Bradford then Aireborough. Several years ago he suffered a series of strokes and eventually, after years in care, died. He was always cheerful and well liked; the funeral service was very well attended.

Keith D Robinson (1943-52)

Keith Robinson died in July 2017. Keith went from BGS to Edinburgh University where he completed his medical degree. He was a keen sportsman, representing the University at rugby and captaining the cricket first XI. After his national service, he continued his medical career in Bradford where he was a general practitioner for 40 years. He married Barbara in 1957 and had two sons, Paul and Mark, who both went to BGS, and a daughter Diane (who went to BGGs). He played cricket in the Bradford League with Great Horton for many years and was also a big supporter of Freemasonry in the Bradford area. He leaves his wife Barbara, three children, and five grandchildren.

J Chris Day (1943-53)

Chris Day was an outstanding Head Boy in J.P.Newell's first year at the School. When, 20 years ago, his near contemporaries of the Classical VIth started an annual series of reunions, which continues to the present, Chris still stood out for his interest in everyone around him

and for his dry humour, as well as the distinctly unconventional choice of the life he wanted to live. He remained the central figure of the early gatherings of the group.

Chris's father, George, was in wool and a notable sportsman who had represented Yorkshire in uncoun ted fields. They lived in Shipley off Moorhead Lane and his mother Nora still tobogganed in her fifties on the winter slopes above the house. Chris's two brothers followed him to BGS.

In those days, under R.B.Graham, clever boys did Classics, unless they were both positively committed to another discipline and also obstinately determined to resist pressure from above. Chris was conventionally clever, won prizes for French and so forth, and was a good enough Classicist to do his duty by the School and win a Hastings Scholarship to read the subject at the Queen's College, Oxford. Whether his heart was in it seems more doubtful.

He was, indeed, an all-rounder. He played stand-off half in an unbeaten first XV and was a notable athlete, especially as a distance and cross country

runner: together with Leonard Atkinson, Divinity Master extraordinary, he made the latter sport one that was taken seriously at the school for the first time. Anyone delving into Old Bradfordian archives will also find evidence of wider talent: an elegant article on the merits of Italic script, a nicely judged report of a BGS inter-school athletics success, and by no means least, an account of a 1952 school trip taken by eight boys led by Leonard Atkinson to postwar Italy, returning via Paris.

This account is notable for its tact, whether precocious or imposed. It records hospitality for the dishevelled party in Capri but omits to say that the impromptu hostess was Gracie Fields. A decade later, in 1962, Chris provided a remarkably judicious obituary of R.B.Graham.

Chris did National Service in the Navy before Oxford. It changed his life. For much of his two years, he was at sea as a rating in minesweepers, ending as an RNVR Sub-Lieutenant, a well-earned commission, and with a lifelong love of the sea, boats and ships. He arrived at Queen's no longer a gifted boy but a

grown man. He was not ready to return to the Sixth Form chores of Latin and Greek translation and, after five terms, switched to PPP, 'Modern Greats' with its Psychology component his interest. He enjoyed Oxford, won his half blue for cross country, and made many friends but he had outgrown undergraduate pursuits.

He took his Psychology into what would now be human resources, initially as a manager, later as a consultant. What interested him was people and what made them tick, with a keen eye for the absurdities of life. For a Yorkshireman he was notably indifferent to the importance of money and showed no interest in any corporate rat race. Having married a Scot, he moved by stages with Valerie to what became his natural and spiritual home in Argyll, specifically Ardfarn, where Valerie ran the Post Office. The steps en route included Glasgow, where Chris stayed to oversee the education of two brilliant and gifted boys, both notable choristers, before the final transfer to a life of boatbuilding, sailing, beekeeping, poetry writing and poetry festivals, mostly around the Galley

of Lorne, the local centre for all forms of celebration.

Many Bradfordians leave the city to build their lives elsewhere. Most, surely, like the Scots go South to seek their fortune. Chris left for a quite different life in Ardfarn, a unique place, half Whisky Galore, half Marin County hippiedom, sometime base for George Orwell, where he was in his chosen element, doing enough consultancy to keep body and soul together, a notable member of a remarkably diverse community, from which he emerged from time to time as for the Classical reunions, still unchanged as the most generous, kind, and amusing of men.

Nothing lasts for ever and for Chris the last chapter was very harsh. His elder son Angus, an Edinburgh Attorney, died in a road accident. He separated from Valerie and his new partner Roxana died of cancer as did his younger brother Tim. He himself suffered a severe stroke in 2004 and spent the remainder of his life in sheltered accommodation in Lochgilphead, near enough to see his remaining son Rory and his family regularly. His last major outing was to

Rory's fairytale wedding in Ronda, Andalucia.

Chris leaves important memories for innumerable Bradfordian and other friends, both contemporaries and the host of younger people whom he helped and guided on their way.

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George E Smart (1943-54)

George first attended St Peter's Church School, Saltair. Once at BGS, he embraced enthusiastically all that the school had to offer, becoming a Scout and eventually Troop Leader. In 1949, he entered the 'new' school building which was recovering from its war-time use. Following school, he went to Edinburgh University Medical School where he not only continued to excel at sports but also discovered local churches. He was appointed to Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Edinburgh where he continued to thrive, being appointed examiner for the College and President of the Edinburgh Obstetrics Society.

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John Glew (1945-55)

John was the son of Robert Glew, a knitting wool manufacturer with a mill at Apperley Bridge selling under the well known name of 'Robin Wools'. The family lived in Wilmer Drive off Elm Lane. He entered via Thornville, was in the scout troop of W E Clarkson and left ten years later from 6SB. He then did his National Service in the RAF with a posting to Singapore. After this, he went to Oxford to graduate in Philosophy, Politics and Economics followed by a two year postgraduate course with Rolls Royce at Derby. Later, he moved to London, joining Gillettes and taking a Diploma in engineering.

In 1966, he joined the OB Club (London) and remained a member for the rest of his life. He was a regular attendee of London events and after moving to Bristol, would still drive up for the occasional dinner.

At some time after doing his diploma, John switched careers and embarked, in his late 20s, on dentistry at the Clinical School of UCS. After qualifying, he joined the dental department at Bristol Hospital, moving on to a local practice before setting up on his own

until retiring in 2002. He became the dentist to Bristol Gaol.

Outside of dentistry, his main interests were cars, ballooning and holidays to distant parts. He revelled in old cars and would turn up before Bristol days in a pre-war banger to meet up near Ingleton with other Old Bradfordians doing the Three Peaks Walks. Later, he acquired an Austin 7, which he still owned at his death. He also ran more modern sports cars. He took up hot air ballooning and took part in the annual Bristol Balloon Fiesta. He had his own balloon, held by a company he set up: Flambe Balloons Ltd.

For his holidays, he travelled worldwide to places off the tourist trail – South America, China, Turkey (where he met up with John Warman, a contemporary from Thornville days), and train holidays. According to his contemporary, Michael Waugh, 'he could do this because he never married, so was free to do what he wanted'.

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Brian J Catley (1945-55)

Starting at Netherleigh School, Brian was at Bradford Grammar School 1945-1955, and had happy memories of his boy scouting days. He was awarded a Bradford City Scholarship to Oxford. Before taking up his place at St Catherine's College, he did National Service in the RAF (1955-1957). Much of his time was as a radio controller in 656 Squadron flying Austers over the Malayan jungle, doing reconnaissance and dropping supplies.

He read Inorganic Chemistry from 1957-1961 and met Oxford City girl, Elizabeth Eyres, whom he married in 1963. After a brief period as Research Chemist at Ilford Films, Ltd, he changed to Biochemistry, studying under Dr Bill Whelan, first at the Lister Institute then the Royal Free Hospital. His post-doctoral year was spent at the Rockefeller University, New York, under the Nobel Prize winners, Professor Moore and Professor Stein. Meanwhile, Dr Bill Whelan had moved with his research team to the University of Miami so Brian and his family moved there for four years. He then moved to the

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, where he eventually became Senior Lecturer and then Deputy Head of Department of Biological Sciences. Colleagues and students alike found Brian fair, considerate and gentlemanly. In retirement, he enjoyed voluntary work at the National Museum of Scotland. Having been always absorbed by the study of maps, he participated in his local History Society mapping projects. During his last two years, he suffered from an oedema which led to heart valve surgery, from which he was unable to recover. He leaves his wife Elizabeth, son Christopher and his wife, and their three little girls. Very sadly, his daughter Nicola died just three weeks after her father.

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Stephen Tendlow (1947-55)

Michael Waugh, a contemporary and good friend writes:

I clearly remember his warm personality and delightful smile. We were together for German with Herr Krips in Room 10 but I am not sure what year that was, probably 1951. At that time there were more pupils than seats

so we shared a desk together – great fun!

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Geoffrey T D Wilmore (1951-55)

Geoffrey lived all his life in Keighley, where he was born in the old Keighley Victoria Hospital, apart from a brief period in Bradford. His interest in botany was sparked by the gift of two books at the age of ten. He left BGS at 14 to work in the family business manufacturing bleach. This was bought by the Jeyes Group in the 1960s and he became a junior executive. He continued his education at night school and day release, obtaining a certificate in Business Studies in 1965. From 1970, he was a mature student studying Geography at Leeds University. This was followed by work at Cliff Castle Museum, Keighley, as 'temporary museum assistant'. Later, he was a key worker in the biological data bank, taking voluntary redundancy in 1995. He was chairman of Bradford Botany Group and its recorder for 30 years retiring in 2017. His obituary in the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland stated that 'he will be regarded by future generations of

naturalists as a giant of Yorkshire botany'.

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Malcolm S Taylor (1948-56)

Malcolm Siddon Taylor was always known as 'Sid' at school. Siddon was his mother's family name and the family believed a distant ancestor was Sarah Siddons. He lived in Eccleshill, as did David Hockney, who joined BGS at the same time. They walked to school together and were in the same local scout troop.

Malcolm finished in 6 Modern and was a Prefect, Treasurer of the European Society and Secretary of the Rowing Club. He and Ian Wilson were the original members of the Rowing Club and rowing was later to become one of his favourite pastimes. After school he did his National Service in the Army, being stationed first in Crail (Scotland) and then Germany, where he learnt Czech. Then he went to Oxford to graduate in modern languages in 1961. In 1962, Malcolm moved to London to join the London County Council (LCC), later Greater London Council (GLC).

Rowing on the Thames was a favourite activity and he was a member of the

Thames Tradesmen Rowing Club at Dukes Meadows Chiswick. In 1990, he was one of the crew of a Coxless four which won the Boston Marathon river race – an arduous rowing race of 30 miles from Lincoln to Boston lasting over three hours. He sculled regularly in a skiff on the Thames until a few years before his death when the doctor advised him to ease back. He was a winner four times of the sculls.

Skiing was another sporting activity, leading to meeting Marcelle in France, whom he married. They lived in Ealing, but took a flat in Macon to be near Marcelle's family for their holidays. Later they had a summer house in the Auvergne, where they spent many of their holidays with their two boys.

After moving to London, Malcolm joined the OB Club (London) in 1963 and was a regular attender at the monthly dinners, until 2016, when chemotherapy treatment prevented his attendance.

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Peter J M Fidler (1954-59)

Peter passed away peacefully on 31 January 2019, aged 76, surrounded by family after a long illness. Sadly, missed by his wife, Barbara, his son, David, and his step-children, Katherine and Richard.

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J Gordon Lodge (1954-61 and OBA Past President 1989)

Gordon won a scholarship to Bradford Grammar School which led to a very successful career at Bradford and Bingley Building Society. He became one of the youngest Assistant Branch Managers, before quickly progressing through the ranks to achieve his final position as General Manager. Relocation came with the job, from Bradford, Northampton, Blackpool, Morecambe, Hull, Bristol, Wokingham and finally returning to Bingley in 1983. His commitment and hard work paid off and allowed him the luxury of retirement in 1997 at 53, following 37 years' service.

After his retirement, Gordon's role in 57 Squadron (east Kirkby) saw him become pivotal to the annual Squadron Reunion held each year at The

Petwood Hotel in Woodall Spa. When the Squadron's honourable secretary Mervyn Davies decided to step aside in 2003 after 23 years' service (since the Association was founded back in 1980), Gordon took on the tremendous honour of representing an Association formed to commemorate the Squadron his father once served in.

Gordon was a member of Shipley Golf Club for 36 years and in 1985 he transcended his standard membership status to become treasurer. Likewise, as a member of the Old Bradfordians Association since leaving school, he joined the Committee in 1984 as Assistant Treasurer, becoming Vice President in 1988 and President in 1989. He continued as an active member of the Committee into the 1990s.

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Peter G Widd (1955-63)

Peter was not an academic success at School, leaving with only one O Level, which was not sufficient to get him into the Royal Navy. He was, however, accepted by Shell Tankers and achieved considerable academic success in later years:

Master Mariner by the age of 27, BSc Maths, an MA and PhD at Greenwich University. This was almost all done whilst working full time on the Thames as a pilot. He also wrote a book 'Human Rights and the Seafarer'. He was passionate about education, encouraging several local people to study for degrees when their lives hit the buffers. He was the (unpaid) education officer for the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, a mentor to several young naval officers, and taught maths at the local primary school every week voluntarily up until the day he died.

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John H Williams (1962-69)

After leaving BGS, John went to Padgate Teacher Training College in Warrington. He studied German, French, English and History before taking a post at Golbourne High School in the Wigan Authority. He eventually became Head of Modern Foreign Languages and combined this with being an external moderator marking GCSE, AS level and A Level German papers. Unfortunately, in 2000 he had to retire from teaching following a

heart attack and a triple heart bypass. He did continue examining and took on the role of external examiner for the oral exams. In 2010, John was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and soon had to step down from the exam work. His health deteriorated and, in 2014, he was also diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. When home care became too difficult, he went into a nursing home in February 2017 and died 13 January, 2019.

John married in 1979 and had two children, a son, now 37, and a daughter, 34. He loved travel and railways and if he could combine the two, that was the perfect holiday!

John was a Christian and very involved in church life, leading youth work, singing in choirs and being a church elder, trustee and treasurer until the illnesses took over. He had a quick sense of humour and a very good mathematical brain. He is remembered by friends as someone who could tell you the day of the week that you were born on just by knowing the date.

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**Tim R Shackleton
(1964-71)**

Tim grew up in Manningham, attending Lilycroft Primary School. After BGS he obtained a Business Studies degree at the Bradford University Management School. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant and worked in a number of sectors of industry. After retiring, he lived for several years in Scarborough. Following a recent spell of ill health, he moved to Waterloo, Merseyside, to be closer to his brother Martin and sister-in-law Deborah. He was a keen guitarist, playing in a number of rock and blues bands, and a supporter of CAMRA. He was briefly married in his twenties but did not have any children.

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**Keith Thomson
(Master)
(1965-72)**

Mr Thomson will be remembered by many boys for his geography teaching – and the exceptionally long and difficult homework he gave! After leaving BGS, he went to teach at a local comprehensive, Grange School, Wibsey. He became Headmaster there two years later, until retirement in 1989. He was a Labour

Councillor for Wibsey and wrote a weekly column, Envirowatch, for the 'Telegraph & Argus'.

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**Andrew Jobbings
(1976-2003)**

Andrew Jobbings, a former teacher and Head of Mathematics, died in July 2019, aged 68.

Andrew was educated at Aireborough Grammar School and Durham University, where he gained a first class degree in Mathematics and his PhD. In a different economic climate, with more H.E. recruitment of mathematicians, Andrew might well have devoted his life to academia, but their loss was a huge gain for BGS.

He joined the school straight from university at the age of 25 in 1976. At this time BGS was, and had been for decades, one of the top ten schools in the country for Oxbridge entry success. When Denis Ward, the serving Head of Department (HoD), retired in 1989, Andrew was the automatic choice to replace him in charge of the Maths department. Described later by a member of the department as the most gifted mathematician

he had ever met, Andrew thrived on the challenges his pupils set him, and he repaid them with a profound grasp of his subject.

It was not in Andrew's make-up to spoon-feed, but to challenge. Because of this he basically had little faith in public exams. He therefore worked also, and indeed for the rest of his life, as a volunteer for the United Kingdom Maths Trust (UKMT) whilst naturally continuing to maintain the highest standards at all exam levels and producing outstanding young mathematicians for Oxford and Cambridge.

Looking back to the years before the 1970s, the school had a thriving House System, where pupils came together to enjoy sport and other activities outside the classroom. Andrew would have thrived in such a situation as Housemaster, for example, in Keeling, King's or Lister, for he never focused solely on teaching his subject. Physically and spiritually Andrew needed much more from life as a pedagogue and gifted scholar. He found it right and impossible not to nurture the other dimensions of a pupil's make-up by devoting

a huge amount of time and effort to sharing his life's interests: he oversaw the Cycling Club, was assistant leader of scouts, time-keeper at swimming events, stage manager for Dramatic Society events and cared for and replaced the trees in the grounds of the school.

Andrew's love of the outdoors meant first and foremost, he had a need to be in the hills and mountains, usually with colleagues, who rightly described him as a fearless mountaineer. He said that maths and mountains were his two greatest joys in life. Lakeland and the Alps drew him constantly.

Andrew left BGS after 27 years of devoted service as a teacher and as a special friend to many colleagues. In retirement he remained as dedicated to maths for 15 years. With great energy and application, he continued and expanded his work with UKMT. He was their Vice-Chairman for many years and UK representative at meetings of the European Kangaroo Competition, which took him abroad to many countries.

Between 2004 and 2018 Andrew wrote several books on

mathematics for the general reader or for teachers and students.

He was one of the most memorable members of staff at the School during his tenure, and second only in physical stature to David Smith, the Headmaster who appointed him. Andrew strode strongly into your presence, business-like, convivially, a twinkle in his eye. A giant of a mathematician.

Note from the editor: Andrew started at BGS on the same day as I did in January 1976. As new boys, we became friends and faced the common room together. Later, I followed Andrew as 'Lighting Manager' for school productions, starting with the fabulous production of 'Oliver' which ran for four or five nights.

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**Eve Clements
(nee Hughes)
(2008-09)**

Eve passed away in August 2018 at age 27.

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The Editor has also been informed of the following recent deaths ...

**William (Bill)
H Scott
(1941-45)**

**John Wales
(1942-47)**

**John Robertshaw
(1942-46)**

**D Ian Hamilton
(1959-65)**

