

Old Herefordians' Newsletter 2013



Duke of Edinburgh 1996



School Plays: The Miser, 1949/50

Scene from Hereford Cathedral School's presentation of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" at the Bishop's Palace this week.

President's Report 2013

When reading through this year's Old Herefordians' Newsletter, or any previously, we see an update of former pupils from all generations and realise just how diverse and far spread we all are. Wherever we end up in the world, through jobs or family, we remain Old Herefordians and I think this bond from our time at school that ties us all is still as much a part of the school and its ethos today as it ever was.



The Old Herefordians' Club is continuing to move forward in a strong position through its committee and those involved with its work. A major part of the club's focus over the last couple of years has been the liaison with the school's Development Office, in order to bring up-to-date and make better use of the new database software that we now run.

Through working with the Development Office we have been able to put together reunions of varying size and specific interest throughout the year which you can read about in the following pages. These gatherings are regular and popular and it is a notable achievement of those involved that they go so well.

As well as the gatherings put on by the Development Office and the OH Committee, OH in London also has regular gatherings which always attract great numbers.

We continue archiving our history and progress on this massive task is steady and ongoing as we work back through decades of photographs and literature.

The OH Committee have regular meetings throughout the year to discuss all aspects of the club: recent reunions and up-coming ones, requests, club finance and archiving are just some of the agenda items. Many informal meetings also take place on an adhoc basis to keep the club running to its current high standard. Those who sit on this committee give much of their time and energy to all aspects of the running of the OH Club and they all deserve my sincere thanks.

This has been my last year as President of the Old Herefordians and after four years it is time to stand down. It has been a great honour to hold this post in the club and I hope to remain on the committee and be involved in the OH Club's future.

I am sure you will all enjoy reading the latest *OH Newsletter* so thank you to all the contributors and thanks to Clare Adamson for putting it all together: Top job ... again!

Andrew Davies

President, Old Herefordians' Club

From the Development Office:

Look Forward, Look Back, Remember and Dream.

As I reflect on the last twelve months, it is the sound of voices raised in excitement that comes most frequently to my mind and the echoes of OHs' remembrances of 'their time at School' as they re-visit School House, Old Block, the Library, No1 and Old Deanery. Eager and engaging conversations become robust, excited and loud as Helen Pearson and I escort groups around the buildings. Those places, still so familiar that are both different and unchanged by turns hold a power and magic; love it or hate it, time at school leaves a strong impression.

The School has hosted several gatherings including the OH Regatta, OH Day, Leavers of 1993, Leavers of 1984 (informal), and a gathering for all associated with No 1. In addition there has been a full programme in London including the *OH in London* gatherings and the Annual Dinner, this year at the marvellous Royal Academy of Arts where OHs ranging in age from 25 to 85 spent an enjoyable evening sharing their memories of School and their life beyond HCS.

Many OHs have assisted with careers and university conventions and an amazing Design and Technology Conference with no less than four young Old Herefordians, who are clearly becoming leaders in their fields, taking the stage and inspiring designers of the future.

This year we have also been able to unite lost friends: most remarkably Dr Kenneth Wilson (former pupil at HCS Prep School), and Ege Parker who met at prep school at Kingswood and lost touch some 30 years ago. Stranger still, as Randy Langford mourns the loss of his long-time friend of 75 years, Mr Russell, we were able to put him in touch with Georg Eisinger with whom he had been a good friend and with whom he had lost touch in 1945!

We have also seen the families of not one, but two former Headmasters return to the School, namely Mrs Brittain (née Hopewell) and Mrs Steele (née Peebles) and her brother Mr Charles Peebles, who was born in No 1. They have both endowed HCS with cups and prizes as lasting memorials to their fathers. Others who are helping us create a Bursary Fund through their donations to our Bursary Appeal were all invited to attend Commemoration Service and to join Staff and Governors for tea in the Common Room afterwards.

The ability to leave a memorial, to make a difference or to give something back is now available to all OHs as this year we add to the Bursary Appeal with our Legacy Information leaflet (see page 48). As you know the School has limited means and so, to improve facilities and help children from families with very modest incomes we need your help. Every £1 a day can make a difference and it is much more rewarding than half a cup of takeaway coffee or half a newspaper.

I am always very happy to discuss how you can make a donation, no matter how small, or leave a legacy and how you can benefit from the new tax breaks available for doing so; I can be reached on 01432 363590.

As I sit in 'Top Dorm' of Old Deanery, and review plans for 2014, I foresee an exciting and invigorating year, filled with connections, re-connections and new friends. Don't be shy even if no one from your era is at an event, you can be sure that the OH you meet with will be friendly, interested, generous and enthusiastic and have strong and abiding memories of their time in this special place. Helen and I look forward to hearing from you and to meeting you soon at an event.

Claire Morgan-Jones

Development Director

News

Sword of Honour

Sarah Hunter-Choat (OH 1999-2006) was presented with the prestigious Sword of Honour during her commissioning at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in December 2012. She is only the fourth woman in the history of the Academy to have been

presented with the Sword. Officer Cadet Hunter-Choat received the Sword of Honour from Defence Secretary Philip Hammond, who represented Her Majesty The Queen at the Sovereign's Parade.

The highly coveted award is given to the overall best Officer Cadet who is personally chosen by the Academy's Commandant. During forty-four weeks of training, each of the 200 cadets has their performance rigorously monitored. The top three candidates are carefully scrutinised during the final phase of their training, and are brought before the Commandant for a final interview. Sarah was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps and is currently serving on an operational deployment.

Sarah follows in the family tradition. Her mother is a former RAF officer and her late father, Brigadier Anthony Hunter-Choat OBE, had a long and distinguished military career. Unusually, he started out by joining the French Foreign Legion in the 1950s before commissioning into the British Army. Among his many very senior roles in the military he commanded 23 Special Air Service Regiment, was a senior staff officer at Nato headquarters and a special forces adviser to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe.



Sarah Hunter-Choat receives the Sword of Honour from Defence Secretary Philip Hammond

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CMG for Ex-Diplomat



Dr Dudley Ankersen (OH 1960-66), was awarded a CMG (Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George) "for furthering relations between the United Kingdom and South America" in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June.

Following his studies at Cambridge, Dudley served for thirty years in the Diplomatic Service. He has had postings in Buenos Aires, Mexico City, Madrid and Budapest dealing with a range of issues: from maintaining contact with guerrilla organisations in Central America to reporting on conflict in Balkan states. His last job in London, before leaving the service, was coordinating confidential briefings for the Cabinet on Asia and Latin America.

In 2006 Dudley was invited by BP Mexico to advise them on the country, leading him to resign from the Foreign Office and set up a consultancy company, Latin Insight Consulting. He has been providing BP with advice since then as well as acting as a consultant to various other British companies in Latin America. He has also been a Visiting Lecturer at the University of San Luis Potosi, Mexico and a Visiting Fellow at the Latin American Centre, Cambridge University. Since 2006 he has been a Special Adviser on Latin America to the British Foreign Office and was a Special Adviser to the Mexican Government between 2008 and 2012. Since 2011 he has also been acting as an adviser to the Colombian President.

See *OH Careers*, Page 18.

Baseball in the Time of Cholera

Baseball in the Time of Cholera, a documentary co-directed by **David Darg** (OH 1991-2001), won Best Documentary Short and was awarded a Special Jury Mention at the 2012 Tribeca Film Festival. The film has also recently won the Best Director, Documentary Short category, at the Social Impact Media Awards 2013.



David, who was named as one of *Esquire Magazine's* '2012 Americans of the Year', is Vice-President of International Operations for the charity Operation Blessing International (OBI). Following the disastrous 2010 earthquake in Haiti, David directed the relief operations there for OBI. With fellow aid worker Bryn Mooser, he worked in cholera treatment centres in the tent camps and installed water purification systems in the fight against cholera; in the evenings they coached a baseball team for the local children. They decided to make a documentary about the baseball team but the emphasis of the film changed when the mother of one boy, Joseph Alvyns, died from cholera. This quickly spreading epidemic brought death and tragedy to the lives of thousands of Haitians. *Baseball in the Time of Cholera* tells the story of the tragedy by focusing on the effect of cholera on one boy and his family. David's work in Haiti has also included micro-enterprise fish farming projects, and helping to establish a children's home for disabled and special needs orphans.

David has been a part of OBI's team since 2001 and began overseeing humanitarian programmes for the West African and European region in 2003. He has travelled to over 100 countries and his experiences have included aiding war refugees in Sudan, Kenya and Somalia; being one of the few aid workers permitted entry into cyclone-devastated Myanmar; and overseeing the rebuilding of a village in Yao Jin, China that was destroyed by an earthquake.

Not only has David spent the last decade as a first responder, he has also been a frontline contributor for Reuters, the BBC and CNN, covering some of the world's largest natural disasters and wars. With Bryn Mooser, David founded the news website RYOT, which enables readers to participate in events by linking every news story to an action. After leaving HCS, David studied Theology at Oxford University graduating in 2001. He also holds a GNVQ (General National Vocational Qualification) in sound engineering from Hereford Technology College. David currently resides in Virginia Beach with his wife Naomi.

View *Baseball in the Time of Cholera* - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BK318mYuBWg>; and check out Ryot News: <http://www.ryot.org>.



OH MP?



Michael Tomlinson (OH 1991-96) has been adopted as Conservative parliamentary candidate for mid-Dorset and North Poole. It is presently held by the Liberal Democrats with a 269 majority and is the second Tory Lib-Dem target seat in the country.

Michael is a barrister on the western circuit and has lived in the mid-Dorset constituency for the past ten years. He specialises in housing and property related work and his practice includes representing and advising private individuals, small companies and local authorities. As a student, he represented the Middle Temple in mooting competitions in California and the Far East. More recently, he was involved in the Conservative Party's Project Umubano (meaning friendship and co-operation) as a member of the justice team in Rwanda and Sierra Leone, helping to advise the emerging legal professions in those countries.

Michael has been active politically since his arrival in Dorset and was campaign manager for the constituency for the 2010 General Election. He has subsequently been elected chairman of the Dorset Conservative Association. He has high hopes of capturing the seat for the Tories – he needs a swing of only 0.29% - but given the strength of the local Lib-Dem organisation and the rise of UKIP knows that it will be a close call. In such circumstances, he would value the support of OHs living in the constituency!

You can find out more details from Michael's website: www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk or for those of you so inclined, he is on Twitter [@Michael4MDNP](https://twitter.com/Michael4MDNP).

Honorary MBA for Katie



Founder of FRANK Water, **Katie Alcott** (OH 1994-96) received the Honorary Degree of Master of Business Administration (MBA) from UWE Bristol in July, in recognition of her pioneering work. Since graduating from UWE with a degree in Fine Art, Katie has set up FRANK Water – a charity that funds life-saving clean water projects.

The honorary degree was conferred at the Award Ceremony of the Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries and Education in July at Bristol Cathedral.

Katie's interest in international issues, specifically access to drinking water, was sparked on a trip to India in 1997. During time spent teaching at a community school in Kashmir, Northern India, Katie suffered amoebic dysentery from drinking dirty water. This led her to realise how poor water quality affected the local communities, an experience which would later inspire her business.

In 2005, Katie founded FRANK Water, a social enterprise. Based on the concept of water for water, she sold her own ethical brand of bottled water to local shops, cafés and restaurants and donated the profits to clean water projects. In 2007, she established FRANK Water Projects, a registered charity that could receive direct donations. To date, FRANK Water has funded 104 clean water projects, providing access to sustainable, safe water to over quarter of a million people in rural India.

Bristol-based FRANK Water now has a team of five staff and over 40 dedicated volunteers, many of whom are involved in the innovative 'FreeFill' initiative which has been developed as a more sustainable drinking water solution for the UK festival market.

Katie has won numerous local and national entrepreneurship awards, and now balances her time between the trading arm (UK sales of bottled water and FreeFill) and the registered charity.

UWE has been a firm supporter of Katie as an alumna and of FRANK Water, stocking the bottled water and providing publicity and funding.

Katie grew up on the family farm in Herefordshire and attended HCS to take GCSEs and A levels. She recently moved back to Herefordshire where she lives with her husband Tom and three children Amelia, Reuben and Elodie.

For more information see www.frankwater.com.

Charity Fundraising



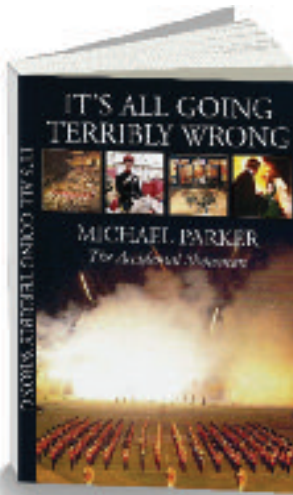
Randy Langford
(Copyright St Michael's Hospice)

Randy Langford (OH 1936-43) is St Michael's Hospice's longest serving collecting tins volunteer. Randy has been a volunteer for the Herefordshire Hospice since 1995 and has collected more than £200,000 in donations over the years. He played a key part in The Sunflower Appeal, a campaign to raise funds to build the Day Hospice. Randy continues with campaign work, distributing Christmas Bells and Michaelmas Daisies annually, and helping St Michael's reach its

fundraising targets by utilising his knowledge and experience and the long-established relationships he has built up with local businesses.

St Michael's currently has 400 yellow collecting tins in and around Herefordshire. On average one is emptied every day and contains £54, totalling almost £20,000 annually - enough money to pay for a nurse for a year.

Accidental Showman



It's All Going Terribly Wrong: The Accidental Showman is a memoir by **Sir Michael Parker** (OH 1954-59), who in a career spanning forty-six years has organised most of the British royal jubilees and birthday celebrations for The Queen and the Queen Mother.

The book is a series of amusing anecdotes recording both his triumphs and near-disasters, although

to the spectators and television audiences nothing may have appeared amiss!

His complex plans for the Queen's 1977 Silver Jubilee bonfires definitely did not go to plan, much to the Queen's amusement.

Sir Michael has organised royal events in Britain as well as royal weddings in countries such as Jordan; other events included London's G7 conference, victory commemorations, ship launches, charity events and some of the world's largest military tattoos - Berlin, Edinburgh and the London Tournament.

It's All Going Terribly Wrong: The Accidental Showman by Michael Parker; (Bene Factum Publishing) ISBN 978-1903071656, £20.

Vintage Violin



Kate Bliss and David Evans

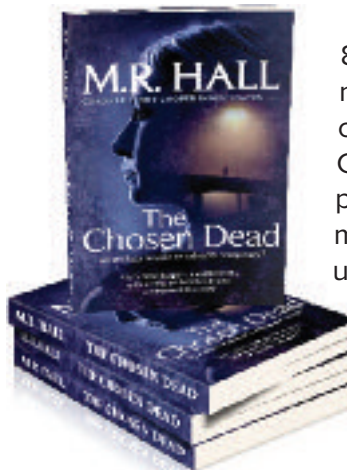
Antiques expert and TV presenter **Kate Bliss** (OH 1986-1993) returned to her old school to film an episode of the BBC One programme *Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is*.

In *Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is* celebrity dealers buy antiques from around the country to sell for a profit, and the proceeds go to charity; Kate's chosen charity was

Herefordshire Alzheimer's Society. Kate was filmed selling a violin for the Music School to HCS Director of Music, David Evans. Kate also brought her own violin along with her to try out a duet with Hannah Roper, the school's lead violinist.

The programme was broadcast in August. Kate, who lives in Herefordshire, is also a regular presenter on BBC Two's *Antiques Road Trip*.

The Chosen Dead



Matthew Hall (OH 1978-85) has published the fifth novel in his 'Jenny Cooper' crime series. The Bristol Coroner investigates the fatal plunge of a man from a motorway bridge. Is this an unlikely suicide or a deadly conspiracy?

The Chosen Dead by M R Hall; (Mantle Publishers) ISBN 978-0230752030, £12.99.

Carols from King's

Ruairi Bowen (OH) and **Patrick Dunachie** (OH), appeared in the BBC Two broadcast of the world-famous service Carols from King's on Christmas Eve 2012. For a school to have two of its former students singing as choral scholars at King's College is almost unprecedented and Ruairi's solo was particularly moving.

Celebrity Interviews

The Chalke Valley History Festival 2013, set in the beautiful Wiltshire countryside, is in its third year. **Xander Drury** (OH 2004-11), who is studying Classics at Durham University, was the lead reporter interviewing a glittering cast of well-known personalities appearing at the festival. Amongst others, Xander conducted exclusive interviews with actress Joanna Lumley, playwright Sir Tom Stoppard and actor Rupert Everett, London Mayor Boris Johnson, author Charlie Higson, broadcaster Neil Oliver, historian Anthony Beevor, and more.

Also taking part in the festival was Cathedral School's Head of English, James Petrie. James was one of the judges of the 2013 Chalke Valley History Prize; other members of the literary panel included Sebastian Faulks, Joanna Lumley and Charlie Higson.

See Xander's interviews on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/CVHF12>.

Designers of the Future



Four young OH professionals returned to the Cathedral School in March to participate in a Design and Technology Conference. Inspiring Designers of the Future was organised by the school for HCS pupils in Years 10 and 11 and for pupils invited from other Herefordshire secondary schools.

'Strive for Design Excellence' was the message delivered by **Matt Steels; Mike Corder** illustrated his talk, 'Form Follows Function' with examples of his work for Triumph Motorcycles; **James Shutt**, who is designing fashion and functional body jewellery for young people with health problems, was concerned with 'The Design Problem and Analysis'; and **Ben Mazur** looked at 'Computer Aided Design and Rapid Prototyping'.

To find out more about their careers see page 22.

OH Composers Concert

On 26 April, in St John's Church, Hereford, there was a rather unusual concert; all the music, or its lyrics, was written by OHs.

The seventeenth century musician John Bull, one of the most famous composers and performers of his time might not have recognised himself as such, nor the mystical poet Thomas Traherne, fifty years later, but Bull's contribution was represented by various school pianists and the Junior Chamber Choir, and Finzi's *Dies Natalis* (words by Traherne) was magnificently sung by OH Sarah Lingard. There were no contributions from the eighteenth century, but the nineteenth was marked by several ballads from the prolific Frederick Weatherly (1848-1929) who wrote several thousands popular songs, including *The Holy City*, *Roses of Picardy* and *Danny Boy*, sung by Sarah, together with recently retired English teacher Jeremy Crowhurst, and the Senior Chamber Choir. I could have enjoyed a whole evening just devoted to Weatherly!

The twentieth century was well represented: Michael Hankinson, recently returned from South Africa, wrote a wonderful pastiche setting of the School Song, and Alick Rowe provided the words for *Long the Night*, a carol set to a Ukranian tune, arranged by former cathedral organist Roy Massey. The school choir sang these splendidly, conducted by the Director of Music, David Evans.

Most fascinating for the writer was a carol sung by Sarah Lingard composed by Denis Aplvor, an OH whose father had been chaplain at the school for many years (and is, incidentally, buried by the high altar in All Saints' Church – the very church where Traherne was baptised over three hundred years earlier). Aplvor (1916-2004) was a really distinguished composer, who maintained a parallel career as a consultant anaesthetist. He wrote over a hundred works, and received commissions from the Royal Ballet, Sadler's Wells, and the BBC. Several works were performed at the Proms, and the BBC broadcast an entire opera of his, although it was never staged. I for one would have liked to hear more. Perhaps this occasion might be the catalyst for a reappraisal or revival of some of his work.

So it was a lovely evening, with fine singing by the choirs and soloists, and I really enjoyed putting the programme together. I was sorry that we were unable to provide anything from John Hardy (b. 1954) now Head of Contemporary Music at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, but perhaps this was at least partially put to rights by former Director of Music and former Deputy Head singing in the first performance of his *Venite* at the opening of the Gloucester Three Choirs Festival later in the year. I am in no doubt that, in a few years' time, more recent OHs could be included in a concert like this. The musical talent that has gone through the school in recent years is quite formidable, and I have always been in two minds as to whether HCS is missing a trick by not trumpeting this fact from the rooftops, as many more well known schools would do, or, as it does, modestly and quietly accepting it as part of the ethos and tradition that makes HCS the special school that it is.

Howard Tomlinson encouraged me to organise the event, and I want to thank David Evans for so enthusiastically responding to the suggestion.

John Williams

(Former Director of Music)

Historical Herefordshire

The Herefordshire branch of the Historical Association holds its regular monthly meetings in the Cathedral School's Gilbert Library. In October the invited speaker was **Kerrith Davies** (OH 1996-2003) who gave a talk entitled: *Forgotten Stories: Kings, Castles and Civil War in Twelfth Century Herefordshire*. Kerrith is a teacher of History at Eton College.

Old Herefordians who have previously given talks at an Association meeting in Hereford are Jonathan Arnold on the humanist and historian Polydore Vergil and Kent Rawlinson on the history of Hampton Court Palace.

The Chairman of the Herefordshire Historical Association is former HCS Headmaster, Canon Dr Howard Tomlinson. Further details of the 2013-2014 programme are available on the website: www.history.org.uk/resources/he_resources_17.html.

OH Day 2012



DINNER AT THE CASTLE HOUSE
Round off the day with an evening meal at Castle House Hotel, Hereford - £30 per head

Old Herefordians' Day

Saturday 7th December 2013 at 11.30am (Lunch)
at Old Deanery, The Cathedral Close, Hereford

Two Course Meal, Wine & Coffee

£15 per ticket (OH Day Rugby, Netball & Hockey available)

Claire Morgan-Jones or Helen Pearson, Development Office
01432 363566 development@herefordcs.com www.herefordcs.com

AGM at 10.30am



Number One Reunion

It seemed a good idea at the time – a Reunion to mark twenty years since the closure of No 1 as a Boarding House – but then I fell seriously ill. Would I get better in time? Would anyone turn up? Would the weather be kind?

Well it worked out fine – in spite of a meeting of OHs the previous month. A goodly gathering came to recall old times, see the new developments and Sports Hall and sample Sir's wine. It was good to meet three generations of Broads and to know the chorister gene still flourishes. There were also three generations of Coddys and Conyers-Silverthorn – and where one Silverthorn is present can another Silverthorn be far behind? I must say Councillor Mark Silverthorn still looked too young to be a father! Ex-choristers were plentiful – and Major Russell Atherton represented the Army splendidly.

It was not surprising to see Rupert and Brett in cahoots again – what were they up to now? They had been planning fun together since they were eight! Mrs Lawrence was there to sort them out as ever. What a champion! House tutors were in attendance – and Nick Wells produced a fascinating photo album to embarrass everybody. Mrs Ashford returned to administer medicine/discipline if required.

There was the charitable auction for the No 1 Fund. This tradition had started at the first party we held when the House closed. Was Brett the one who paid £60 for the dreaded hairbrush? We made over £1,000 – but what is it about brothers? The Hickeys and the Hungs went hammer and tong against each other for key items. It all helped to swell the coffers to support future choristers.

The Archive Room was much admired – and the many reminiscences of No 1 on display. Unfortunately my portrait, which I had hoped to see the last of, was purchased and cruelly presented to the Archives – so no escape after all! It was kind of the Headmaster to look in and for Juliette Austen Chandler to support us. I think a great time was had by all, thanks to the smooth organisation of Helen Pearson and Claire Morgan-Jones. I certainly enjoyed myself. Next one in ten years' time?!

Ege Parker

Those attending: Major Russell Guy Atherton, Rupert Broad & family, Edward Brown & family, Rex Conyers-Silverthorn & family, Alexander Hickey, George Hickey, Ludi Hung & family, Pak Wai Hung & family, Brett & Roberta Jesson & family, Conrad Lester & family, Noel Lester & family, Alexander Martin, Richard Moore, Marc Silverthorn & family.

Staff: Dr Howard & Dr Heather Tomlinson, Mr Alan Morris, Maj & Mrs R Broad, Mrs Greta Ashford, Mrs Marie Codd, Mr Giles Stanley Codd, Mr Jon Priday, Mr Nick Wells, Mr Patrick Storer, Mr John S Hawkins.



1993 Reunion and Tour of School

It was a very rainy day in June when we gathered for a tour of the school and after walking through the front door of No 1 and not getting into trouble, we knew we had aged – it felt like only yesterday that we were in school and not twenty years ago.

It was amazing to see new parts of the school such as the new gym and science block, which have been built at the back of No 1 lawn, where the pond and 'Jock's Cottage' used to stand. The classes where we started as 11 year-olds were exactly the same and it was lovely to see Mrs Wooderson who was a form tutor to some in 1N, and who incidentally doesn't look a day older! Some parts of the school are unrecognisable, especially School House where our sixth form studies were; the sixth formers now have their own building in Church Street (and rumours of a café...). The Maths block brought back bad memories for a few OHs who couldn't get out of there fast enough! Sadly the June weather was against us and our outdoor picnic was moved to the refectory. A special mention to Mrs Miles who, after all of us ladies apologised for the colour of our hair & what jewellery we were wearing replied that she was very glad we still had spirit!

Thank you so much to Helen Pearson and Claire Morgan-Jones from the OH Development Office for organising it all; the teachers who came even though they thought they had seen the back of us twenty years ago; the OHs/wives/husbands and children who made it back to Hereford for the day and those who made it to Saxty's in the evening. I look forward to the 30th anniversary!

Beckie Willcocks (Mathias)



Leavers of 1984

Leavers of 1984 dropped into HCS for an unscheduled reunion.

After a fantastic trip down memory lane, tour of the school and post-event drink, leavers of 1984 sent Roger Sweetman as their representative to thank Mrs Mary Lawrence for joining the tour, for all her memories and for the care she gave them way back when...



...and this year Mrs Lawrence celebrated 40 years of working at the school!

As if one trip to Britain was not enough, Jim McLuskie is flying over from Johannesburg again on Friday 6 December 2013 to re-join his pals from the '50s and '60s era for a further HCS reunion. They will meet in Hereford prior to attending OH Day at school on Saturday.

Jim had already toured Europe in the summer of 2013 with his wife Joan and managed to meet up with fellow OHs in London.

Randy Langford (1936-1943) has been reconnected with Georg Eisinger (1938-1943) after 70 Years.

They have spoken on the telephone and they are now writing to each other with life stories. Georg, who came from Vienna, is a retired doctor who lives in the United States.

Forthcoming Reunions '55 to '65 School House Reunion

The 50th anniversary reunion for leavers of 1962, held in Hereford in 2012 (refer to the 2012 Newsletter for details), was enjoyed so much that the ringleaders, all from School House, decided it would be fun to organise a "School House" reunion in 2014 for those who were "inmates" at any time between the years 1955 to 1965.

The plan is to gather at 1 Castle Street early in the afternoon of Wednesday 7 May; we will visit the OH Archive Room and take a guided tour of the school, old and new, which should prove very interesting to see. We will then be treated to an HCS afternoon tea. In the

evening there will be a dinner at the Castle House (formerly Pool) Hotel. A dinner, bed and breakfast package will be available for the Castle House Hotel.

The following morning, Thursday 8 May, it's a leisurely walk down (memory lane) to Wyese to witness the CCF General Inspection. It will also be an opportunity to have a look at the new (to us) pavilion.

If you would like join your fellow "inmates", several of whom have already committed to attend, and for details of Castle House b&b, please get in touch with Howard (HPG) Griffiths ('57-'62) as early as possible but by the end of January 2014 - email: hpgriffiths@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone: 01608 810440.



Upper Sixth Leavers' 2013 Reunion
Saturday 21st December 2013 at 12.30pm
at Sixth Form Cafe, Zimmerman Building

Curry from Mr Eatwell
Free of Charge

Claire Morgan-Jones or Helen Pearson, Development Office
01432 363566 development@herefordcs.com www.herefordcs.com



DINNER AT THE CASTLE HOUSE: Round off the day with an evening meal at the Castle House Hotel, Hereford - £30 per head



Leavers of 1984 Reunion
Saturday 5th July 2014 at 12.30pm
at Old Deanery Lawn, Hereford Cathedral School

Reunion, school tour, bring a picnic lunch
Families welcome

RSVP by 14th June 2014. Tim Conning on tim@apss.co.uk or
Helen Pearson on development@herefordcs.com / 01432 363566



1987 - 1989 Reunion

Jason Hicks is busy organising a 25th Anniversary reunion for 5th Form Leavers of 1987 and Sixth Form Leavers of 1989.

Join Jason and friends at HCS on **Saturday 17 May 2014, from 2.00pm. A picnic tea is planned, followed by a tour of the school and an evening function.**

For further details, contact:

Helen Pearson - development@hcjs.co.uk or check out the OH Facebook page.



Old Herefordians in London - OH Annual Dinner 2013

A diverse group enjoyed a superb meal and talked well into the night in the exquisite surroundings of the Royal Academy of Arts restaurant. Former pupils spanning 68 years of school life chatted amongst the sculptures and paintings when they met in April.

'A terrific venue and when I have the pleasure of speaking to our former pupils, I am always amazed by all they have done and achieved after HCS. There is such diversity in all they do,' said Headmaster Paul Smith.

HCS Development Director, Claire Morgan-Jones, who masterminded the event was pleased with the new venue: 'It was lovely to see so many new faces at this year's annual dinner and to enjoy another great venue. The service was seamless.'

OHs had gathered around 6.30pm for pre-dinner drinks in the reception beneath the main exhibition area before moving into the restaurant to dine. Towards the end of the three delicious courses and complementary wines, Club President Andrew Davies rose to welcome everyone and

to thank Claire Morgan-Jones, School Development Director, for organising the event. His speech was followed by a brief address from the Headmaster, who invited guests to take home copies of the spring edition of Blue & Gold, the school's termly newsletter. Peter Fairman-Bourn then took the opportunity to propose a joint toast: to Her Majesty The Queen (this being the 60th Anniversary of her Coronation) and to The School.

OHil Events 2014

Annual London Dinner

Friday 28 March

6.30 for 7.00pm

The Royal Academy of Arts,
Piccadilly, W1

Annual Spring Luncheon

Thursday 22 May

11.00am onwards

Terrace Bar

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Autumn Luncheon

Thursday 6 November

Thomas Doggett Bar

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OHil 1938 gathering. Photograph from Mick Kedge, whose father P J Kedge is standing on the far left.

OHIL Spring Luncheon 2013



OH Drama

Kaloi K'agathoi

As a long-standing supporter of and occasional participant in Kaloi K'agathoi productions, I was delighted to hear that their Medea, which was so well received by my sixth formers and those from other local schools at its March outing in Cheltenham, was to be revived for the ARLT summer school.

I was less enamoured with the idea of appearing as a daughter of Peleas, wearing a wig reminiscent of an '80s rockstar, in front of the group of Classics teachers with whom I had spent a week attending lectures, workshops and other activities, lest they might prove a tougher crowd than a group of teenagers! My worries were unfounded however as a production involving cross-dressing, riotous musical numbers and numerous Classical in-jokes was in fact just what the audience had hoped for, as I suppose I could have predicted if I had thought about it.

Highlights included the Director of the Summer School making a cameo appearance as one of Medea's doomed children and dying very convincingly "ob skene" in the manner of Greek Tragedy. I am sure that Kaloi K'agathoi will be asked to provide entertainment at another ARLT event soon, and I shall not hang up the blonde wig just yet in case I am again called upon to portray a villainous heiress whilst casually attending an educational training course!

Jodie Mallett (OH 1995-2002),

Head of Classics, St. Edward's School



OH Sport

OH Day Rugby

The annual fixture between the school 1st XV and the Old Herefordians and was played in a fantastic spirit on a beautiful day at Wyeseide; a large crowd enjoyed a competitive match with some excellent rugby played by both sides.

The OH opened the scoring with a try in the corner from James Bourdon-Pierre but the school came back strongly and scored five minutes later, with scrum-half Tom Price scoring a well-worked try. Max Porter kicked a penalty for the students, but Ed Tomkins replied with a try and the half-time score was 10-8.

The second half started slowly but the OH started to control the game and scored a well-worked try through Alex Patten and then James Bourdon-Pierre scored the try of the match, the ball being moved repeatedly through the backs and forwards in a move that started on the OH 22-metre line. Olly Cross added a conversion and Richard Skyrme sneaked over in the corner, near the end of the game, to finish the game with a 31-8 score line.

An excellent day from a rugby perspective, thanks to all the Old Herefordians, who returned to school, Mark Morrison (referee), the 1st XV, and all the spectators who supported the day.

Richard Skyrme



OH Squad & School 1st XV



OH Rugby Squad

Marches 7s

An outing from the local retirement home or a reunion of OH's at Wyeseide?

Barton (Tommy) Taylor organised a table at the Marches 7s on the 24 February 2013 for members of the 1962/63 1st XV team, of which he was captain, and five joined him.

What progress has been made at Wyeseide! Marquee, roast beef, wine, beer tent, comedy speech, good rugby and excellent company! What more could an old boy wish for?



Right to left: Charles Swabey (No 8), Karl Barras (second row), Andrew Singer (scrum half), Tommy Taylor (prop), Jack Beech (centre) and Angus Craig (fly half).

It was a very good day and, looking at the smiles on the heavily lined faces around me, the assembled company agreed, unless those smiles were symptoms of the early stages of dementia.

Karl Barras looked in very good form; back to work after a premature retirement is clearly very good for him. Wearing his HCS 1st XV colours scarf outside the beer tent was a very sensible way to be identified by those who had not seen him for 50 years. His principal recollection of his days at HCS seemed to be his record consumption of 63 prunes in 9 minutes leaving him "off games" for the next 3 days!

Lieutenant Colonel, Barrister at Law, Charles Swabey was as distinguished as ever, though his OH tie looked a little worn. He has clearly enjoyed his enigmatic career in war and law.

Jack Beech again manifested his encyclopedic knowledge of all things Herefordian. His recollection of Jimmy Rowlands backing Torrington, ridden by I R Brown OH, to win at 50/1 at Hereford races was fascinating.

Our poor relations and outstanding half backs, Andrew Singer and Angus Craig, outflanked the security guards with their usual enthusiasm to sneak into the marquee to cadge apple pie and custard. Nothing changes! Reg White and JPG were sadly missed but were, in their absence, the subject of some fascinating gossip.



HCS sadly lost to King's Worcester in the Quarter Final. KW (having beaten Millfield in the semi's) went on to win the final 52-0 against RGS Worcester. I thought HCS put up a very creditable performance in a very well-managed tournament.

Ah well, that's it for the next 50 years.

Barton Taylor



**Hereford
Cathedral School**

Marches 7s
Sunday 2 March 2014
Wyeside

A GREAT RUGBY EVENT!

OH Golf

The tenth meeting of the School House Invitation Golf Day took place at the Belmont Golf Club on Thursday 9 May 2013 and four teams competed for the prestigious cup which was awarded to the team of Angus Craig, Des Whetter and Richard Blott with a grand score. We were all pleased for Des as he was making his debut but fed up that Angus and Richard won again!

The photograph shows that our dress sense hasn't improved since leaving HCS but we are all looking happy. This is before a golf ball is struck, of course, and smiles soon disappeared after we started recording our scores. We also played in heavy rain which didn't help but, as all golfers know, we looked for the positives and I'm glad to report that the bacon rolls were excellent and the first pint of beer after we finished tasted even better.

Clive Mugridge travelled from Preston to play but tweaked his back in practice and had to withdraw on the day. Powell Price joined us for the post match supper and kept us entertained with his usual mixture of wit and pity for anyone who played golf!

We are doing it again next year and you are welcome to join us. It is open to anyone who enjoys golf, loves the Wye Valley in May and always looks on the bright side of life. Same place - Belmont, same price - £45, same day - Thursday, different date - 15 May 2014. Start around mid-day, supper at 6pm and all done by 8pm.

Andrew Singer

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Models for the new senior range at M&S or players in the Belmont Golf Day 2013?

Left to right: Stephen Williams 67-74, Des Whetter 57-61, Jeremy Clare 58-64, John Eade 51-58, Richard Blott 55-62, Howard Tomlinson (HM 87-05), Ray Harris 55-61, Andrew Williams 69-76, Roger Morgan 63-70, Andrew Singer 57-64, Angus Craig 60-65, John Oldman 57-64, Jack Beach 55-63.

Belmont Golf Day

Thursday 15 May 2014

Coffee & Bacon Rolls 10.30am

Round of Golf

Supper 6pm

Cost £45

Contact

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Hereford High School v Cathedral School Old Boys golf match at The Herefordshire Golf Club was played in testing conditions but in good spirits. HCS narrowly lost, despite checking the scores many times!



The photo shows from left to right Nick Bolt, John Oldman, Mark Ellis, John Matthews, Angus Craig, Harry Ellam and Jed Smith (Missing from the photo who also played were Joss Hancock and Bruce Budge).

OH Regatta

On the afternoon of Sunday 8 September, HCS hosted the OH Regatta at the Hereford Boat Club. It was our second year of hosting the event at the beginning of the school year, rather than the end, and the spirit and clear motivation to get back on the water after the long summer break was clear to see in the pupils who participated in the event!

After a series of heats and close semi-finals, the Symonds Cup was awarded to Jacob Milesen who rowed an outstanding race and was a deserving recipient of this trophy. The Plate final for the Senior Girls Single scull was deservedly won by Laura Mansfield, who finished sixth form last year but has stayed on as a gap student this year and was still qualified to row as a pupil competitor.

There was also much enthusiasm amongst the junior levels of rowing and specific mention must be made of Orlando Timmerman who managed to not only win the

junior single sculls but also be in the winning crews for the junior double sculls and the junior coxed quad – a potential future Symonds Cup winner may be on the cards here!

Then OHs who attended the event were given the opportunity to row and it was their coxed quad race that was the closing race of the event. This pitted a junior OH crew against a more senior OH crew, supported by Mrs Jane Smith as a parent and enthusiastic rower. The junior OH crew took to the boat as though they had been rowing in this crew for many a practice session and were able to capitalise on this by winning the race! Many thanks to Alex Deutsch, Joe Goldsmith, Simon Williamson, Emma Ticehurst, Graham Kemp, Charles Hulley, Laura Mansfield and Jane Smith for taking part in this race and finishing off the afternoon's racing.

All in all it was another lovely event down by the river, despite the rain, and we hope that the event continues to grow in popularity as the years continue.

Isla Whitmore



OH Careers**Bizarrely, I was regarded as an "expert"**

*By Dudley Ankerson,
OH 1960-1966*



When the editor, Clare Adamson, approached Dudley to write about his diplomatic career, he was very reluctant. However, when she suggested that sharing one's own experiences might be helpful to a younger generation of OHs he finally agreed.

Following my time at HCS I went to South Africa for six months to gain experience of the wider world. Such gap activity was less common then and the idea was suggested by the Rt Rev Mark Hodson, the Bishop of Hereford. It was a formative experience, including work in a mission hospital in a Bantustan in Bechuanaland as well as in a shop in Harare in Zimbabwe.

At Cambridge I read Classics for Part One of my degree. At the time I wondered how relevant it might be to any eventual career. In the event I have never regretted it as it proved to be an excellent intellectual discipline that has served me well in a variety of ways. This was followed by a year

in Spain – then still under Franco's dictatorial rule – where I went to learn the language. For Part Two I read Modern Languages, specialising in Latin American history and literature. This in turn led me to embark upon a Ph.D in history, a study of the Mexican Revolution of 1910, which took me to Mexico where I met my wife Silvia.

After seven years at university I applied for the Foreign Office in 1976 and somewhat to my surprise I was accepted.

My first overseas posting was to Buenos Aires, between 1978 and 1981, where I was First Secretary reporting on human rights and internal politics. Neither was straightforward as I arrived at a time of military government and towards the end of Argentina's notorious dirty war, in which perhaps as many as 15,000 people were "disappeared" i.e. murdered. Not surprisingly the military did not look kindly upon diplomats contacting civilian politicians or pursuing human rights enquiries. On one occasion, for example, I was detained and interrogated in a military base, in spite of having diplomatic immunity. Towards the end of my posting the government's situation deteriorated and the military looked for ways to deflect growing unrest. This eventually led them to occupy the Falklands Islands nine months after I left. I was drafted into the Foreign Office emergency unit dealing with the crisis, which involved attending regular meetings of the Cabinet current intelligence group. Such was the ignorance of Argentina in Whitehall circles that, bizarrely, I was regarded as an "expert" on the country.

My next posting was again to Latin America, this time to Mexico, where I was tasked to report upon

developments in Central America from the perspective of the various guerrilla organisations there (both right and left wing). I maintained contact with them both directly, in the region and indirectly through their offices in Mexico City. This was challenging if stimulating work, but also depressing as I witnessed the injustices and repression that characterised the countries of the isthmus. It also provided me an opportunity to witness superpower politics at first hand, not an attractive sight.

Following a spell in London I took a sabbatical to work for ICI in Mexico, preparing a report for their board on the forthcoming North America Free Trade Agreement. This was my first experience of the interface between politics and commercial work and I found it fascinating.

Thereafter I was posted to Madrid in 1993, where I was responsible for handling Third Pillar EU issues in the bi-lateral relationship, i.e. justice, home affairs and counter-terrorism. This latter subject embraced not only matters relating to the IRA and ETA but also co-ordinating policy towards what was even then the growing threat from Islamic terrorism.

My final post was in Hungary, where following the closure of the embassy in Belgrade I co-ordinated regional reporting on the conflict in the neighbouring Balkan states. This had its more bizarre moments – lunching with the Croatian Deputy Foreign Minister while his driver was held up at gun point outside the restaurant and his official car was stolen – as well as its more depressing aspects as it became clear that President Milosevich was not going to withdraw Serbian troops from Kosovo without

military action. (This became clear after I held talks with an emissary of his.)

My last job (in London) was coordinating confidential briefing for the Cabinet on Asia and Latin America. I then retired early to work as an adviser to BP in Mexico. This, in turn, led to consultancy work with other British companies in Latin America, which has kept me busy ever since. In recent years I have also acted as an adviser on Latin America to the Foreign Office as well as to both the Mexican and Colombian governments on security related issues.

Away from the Foreign Office I completed my PhD in 1981 while I was serving in Argentina. I later converted it into a book which was published in 1985 with Spanish editions in 1993 and 2009. I have given occasional lectures on Latin American topics at universities in both Mexico and Spain and in 2009 I took time off to spend a term as a Visiting Fellow at the Latin American Centre in Cambridge to prepare a paper on the Chávez administration in Venezuela.

What are the main lessons from all this that I believe may be relevant to those studying at HCS today? There are several but two in particular. Firstly, choose to study in the sixth form and at university what appeals to you and not what you think might be "relevant". One can always specialise later. And secondly, HCS may appear to be located in a quiet backwater, but the school provided me with a values system, a network of friends and an education which have served as an excellent springboard for facing the challenges of later life both at home and abroad.

Why Social Work?

*By Jo Gonciarz (née Soulsby),
OH 1990-1992*



In the late 1990s I worked as an agency typist at Social Services - over a decade later I am an experienced social worker.

Although I was there on a temporary basis, I applied to stay on with Herefordshire's fostering team as I found this sector much more interesting than some that I had temped for. However, I started to long to work directly with people rather than as an administrator and two years later left to seek a career in social work.

At that time, an aspiring social worker had to have at least one year's direct experience working in social care in order to be accepted onto social work training. I was fortunate enough to gain an opportunity for a year with a youth offending team through Community Service Volunteers. This was a sharp learning curve, as I was lone-working with some very unhappy children and teenagers, supervising them on their sentence programmes. These were exciting times though, as I could be facilitating them in painting community murals, helping them work on posters about crime and teen issues, discussing with them their circumstances and change, and facilitating litter picking! I then worked as a care assistant in a nursing home with profoundly disabled children and young adults.

This was for an excellent Herefordshire organisation called Martha Trust. In the meantime I gained a place on a social work masters course. Both work opportunities were great preparation for social work.

With local government cuts and negative media portrayal, why social work? I have a love of children, have always been interested in social issues and what makes people tick, and wanted to work towards social change. After qualifying as a social worker I worked in child protection and court social work. Inevitably my social work input was not always welcome, however I know that I made a difference with some of my interventions and relationships. Indeed it is relationship and communication that is at the heart of social work. It is the ability to find the key that will engage a child or adult into a human interaction with you, even if only for a short moment, particularly when doing a difficult and possibly dangerous task with them. A social worker also needs good written skills for analytical assessments and court reports. It was at HCS that I started to develop my analytical writing through arts and humanities A levels.

Over the last few years I have been working for Brighton and Hove's fostering team, having come full circle from my beginnings with a fostering team. I find foster carers for children and I supervise foster families in the rewarding but complex task of welcoming and integrating children into their families, often helping these children move onto adopters. I have also made links with a local university and am involved in selection of social work students and practice education. No one ever said that social work is easy, but it is very interesting work and it is certainly possible to start to see change in those you work with and their circumstances.

Two years in Sri Lanka

By Paul Knipe
OH 1993-2000



The Vanni in the dry season is brutally hot. From the Omanthai checkpoint the A9 highway alternates between new tarmac and worn, dusty potholes. We pass the turn to Mullaitivu, the epicentre of the last months of Sri Lanka's ferocious civil war in 2009.

I remember a visit during the monsoon and the piles of rusted bicycles and blown-up buses slowly rotting in the rising floods. In the comfort of the van, I remind myself that this journey would not have been possible only a few years ago.

Following the war, development is transforming the country. Infrastructure is being built in the north and east where the fighting was most intense; Colombo is in the midst of an ambitious beautification process involving new roads, pavements, skyscrapers, smart hotels and bars, and tourism is increasing across Sri Lanka. Yet despite business booming there remain serious challenges. The government is accused of overlooking human rights issues, preferring to focus on physical rather than social regeneration. And there is a worrying increase also in the tension between Sinhala, Tamil, and Muslim communities, bringing fear of a return to conflict.

I came to Sri Lanka with my partner in September 2011 through Voluntary Service Overseas, a charity that places people around

the world to share professional skills. I work with civil society groups around the country, as part of an EU-funded project to strengthen capacity and protect human rights. The highlight is the people we work with who have very little, yet are so positive and committed.

Even after such a long time, Sri Lanka never fails to make me smile. A typical month will be split between work in rural areas and the office in Rajagiriya, a suburb of Colombo. I love the chaos of the big city, with its swarms of tuk-tuks, battered commuter buses, and cows that wander nonchalantly through the streets, oblivious to the mayhem they are causing. The variety of the island's countryside and wildlife continues to astonish and surprise, be it the praying mantis on the window grate, the giant monitor lizard basking by the beach, or the firefly that's trapped in the mosquito net.

I should mention I married my partner here, and give thanks to the OHs who left the cold and wet English spring behind to attend...



Get lucky

By Guy Maughfling
OH 1973-1980



“You may find yourself in a beautiful house with a beautiful wife,

You may ask yourself, well, how did I get here?”

(Once in a Lifetime – Talking Heads, 1981)

I’m sitting writing this on the terrace of my house in Crete, where I’ve been for much of the last six months, with a view of the White Mountains, a gentle breeze blowing through the courtyard and the olive grove. So, how did I get here?

The basics are simple enough. After leaving HCS in 1980, a gap year and three years at Oxford, I trained as an accountant, then went straight into management consulting. I’ve been doing variations ever since – helping large organisations (electricity companies, banks, parts of government, that sort of thing) to do what they are already doing, only faster, better and cheaper.

Perhaps it’s surprising that organisations need to pay an outsider to tell them what to do, but there’s global demand for this advice; everyone in the World wants

to know how to get better at basic day-to-day tasks and how to organise themselves more effectively.

Once you’ve learnt how businesses work, what works well and what doesn’t, it’s not that much of a leap to standing in front of a Kenyan government minister and a large audience explaining ways to set up a company (how it will be organised, what tasks it will need to do) to improve the country’s power supply. You only need the ability to analyse sensibly, write clearly, talk persuasively, and get on with people. HCS taught me how to do each of these, luckily.

Here are some points that might be worth considering if you want to do this – or indeed that may help with any career you choose after leaving HCS.

1 Make the most of a gap year

Having a year before further study is a real privilege; if you can, take one. And use it. I worked on a kibbutz in Israel picking grapefruits, and grew up. In your first year at college, the ones lacking confidence with the juvenile attitudes are those who’ve come straight from school.

2 Get into the best university you can

Unless you wanted to become a doctor, vet or architect, it didn’t matter what subject you were reading; what was more important was where you were studying. It’s still the case: that work in your last year at school really can help you until you’re an old man like me.

3 There’s more to college than beer

Or wine. Or cider. There’s lots of that, but think a little bit in advance about what you’ll tell a future employer when asked what you’ve

been doing at university. Rightly, they want to hear about sports, clubs and societies. I did lots of unprintable things at college, but I was President of the Economics Society, so I got a budget to spend having dinners in fancy restaurants with eminent economists: nerve-wracking, but good fun and it helped with those awkward interview questions.

4 Often, a degree alone isn’t enough

I hated the dull training years to become an accountant but it was a good investment of time. It taught me how the insides of a business work, attention to detail, basic work discipline. And you get a qualification that never leaves you and gives some credibility when someone first meets you.

5 The World is your workplace

There’s more to life than Castle Street, or London, or Europe. After five years, I took my first overseas job in Kenya. It was brilliant, and not just the safaris. The business was smaller, so I was given responsibilities at an earlier age and learnt how to manage people.

6 Think of the next step

This is about understanding yourself. Maybe you want to stay in one place doing one job or maybe you’re permanently restless. Whatever, keep thinking ahead, maybe by setting goals each five years: “by the time I’m thirty I want to have...”. This can help you to run your job as a career, rather than drifting aimlessly.

7 Seize every opportunity

In 1999 someone mentioned casually that the Australia firm wanted people for six months. I was on the next plane: a chance to be

flown to work in Melbourne – a place you think you might never see. The same thing is true for work in Paris, Brussels (a year in each), Copenhagen (six months), Lagos (a week, hated it, never want to go back, but at least I've done it), Rio (a week, loved it), Addis Ababa (for a meeting for a day).....

8 Know when to leave

Everything has a shelf life. When I looked at people who'd been in Kenya for ten years, I could see the regret in their faces. Not wanting that I moved back to London in 1995. Something similar, plus seizing opportunities explains moving to Amsterdam in 2001, and going back to Kenya in 2005.

9 Listen to Daft Punk: Get Lucky

You could follow all these tips and still have a rotten career. It takes a huge amount of luck, being in the right place at the right time. What you must do is make the most of the luck you've been given.

10 Be true to yourself

I've been in Crete with the family resting, thinking about what to do next. In the end, when you've got the silly money job and the big office, you realise it's not what you want. Better to give it up and see if you can find something different.

Fear of the unknown is not nearly as bad as fear of doing the same hated thing day after day, month after month, year after year. Do what you want, not what others tell you. Just be sensible about it: HCS will have taught you that already.

Clare Adamson, who was kind (and brave) enough to ask me to do this, has my email; if you have a question, I'm normally quick at replying.

Careers Update

Alex Barnacle (OH1986-1990)

Alex Barnacle was the Guest Speaker at Hereford Cathedral School Speech Day in July 2013.

Alex is a paediatric interventional radiologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London.

She left Hereford Cathedral School in 1990 to study medicine at Southampton University. This included a three-month elective at a paediatric HIV hospital in Romania. After graduating in 1995, she completed a variety of junior doctor posts on the south coast of England, in Accident & Emergency medicine, neonatal intensive care and paediatric surgery. She then moved to London in 1998 to pursue a career in paediatrics, which has always been her passion. She completed posts at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington and Great Ormond Street Hospital and gained her Membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics in 1999. After a four-year training programme at Hammersmith and Charing Cross hospitals in

London, she gained her Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists and undertook two twelve-month Fellowship posts, firstly at Great Ormond Street Hospital and then at The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. She was appointed as a full-time consultant in paediatric interventional radiology at Great Ormond Street Hospital in 2006, only the second consultant to hold such a post in this emerging specialty in the UK.

Her main specialist interest is in the treatment of disfiguring and disabling birthmarks in children. She is the lead radiologist in this field in the UK and lectures widely in Europe and North America on the subject. She has written a number of scientific papers on paediatric interventional radiology and has contributed to several textbooks.

Outside work, she is a keen runner and triathlete and tries to keep up some of the artistic skills she learnt at Hereford Cathedral School.

Mike Corder (OH 2008) studied Automotive Engineering at the University of Leeds. He now works for Triumph Motorcycles as a Chassis Design Engineer.

Bethany Handoll (OH 1992-1999) married Gareth Williams in December 2010 and is living in San Francisco. Both she and her husband work in Technology PR.

Edward Handoll (HCS 1996-1998) is an Actor and Musician, working principally in Musical Theatre, and living in London.

Lt Cdr Guy Handoll (OH 1988-1995) is a Royal Naval Engineer in submarines and has joined HMS Vanguard up at the Faslane Naval Base, NW of Glasgow. HMS Vanguard is one of the four Nuclear Armed submarines which provide the UK's nuclear deterrent. He married Michelle Buck in August 2009 and they have a young son, Oscar.

Charles Hulley (OH 1991-1996) has been elected President of the Cornwall Law Society at the age of 35. A criminal lawyer with DB Law, he will become one of the Law Society's youngest regional presidents when he takes up office next year.

Ben Mazur (OH 2001-2004) studied at UWIC and has a BA in Product Design and an MSc in Advanced Product Development. Ben now runs his own Industrial Design and Rapid Prototyping consultancy in Bristol. He has also worked as a Design Engineer and as a CAD Artist and Animator in yacht design. Ben has won a number of awards.

James Shutt (OH 2005-2007) studied 3-D Design at Northumbria University. In 2010 he gained third place in a national competition: 'Refreshing Design'. James has recently created the 'Myostomy' brand, a new fashion lingerie range aimed at improving the quality of life for young people who wear colostomy bags. James has received national press coverage for his designs.

Matt Steels (OH 2008) studied 3-D Design: Product and Furniture at Northumbria University. Matt now works for Morgan, a top design and manufacture furniture company.

Academic Congratulations

India Benjamin gained a First Class Honours degree in Creative Writing from the University of Warwick.

Sarah Boulton achieved an MA Hons in Fine Art from Edinburgh University. Sarah has received several awards in recognition the high standard of her work: the 'Andrew Grant Bequest' for outstanding excellence in Fine Art Practise (2013) and the 'Barns Graham Trust Award' for Dissertation Research Proposal on Sound Art, 2012. Sarah has now taken up her place at the Slade School of Art to study Postgraduate MFA Fine Art Media.

Ruari Bowen has been awarded a 2:1 Honours Degree in Music from Cambridge University.

Joseph Fisher has been awarded a First Class Honours degree in Economics and History from Oxford University. Joseph achieved the top of mark of his year.

Sandie Middleton gained a 2.1 in Music from Cardiff University.

Greg Oke is living in New York, having been awarded a three-year scholarship to the prestigious New York Film Academy. Greg graduated from UCL in 2012 with a degree in History.

Ed Turner gained a 2.1 degree from Aberystwyth University.

Alice Wakeley gained a 2.1 degree in Geography from Exeter University.

Emily Witcher 'passed out' at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth on 10 October 2013 as a commissioned officer. She will now be based for a further three months at the college doing her initial warfare training and will then be posted to a ship for nine months to complete her training. From there, she will go on to specialised training to be a submariner; she is one of the first females to be heading in that direction!



Upper Sixth Leavers' 2013 Reunion
Saturday 21st December 2013 at 12.30pm
at Sixth Form Cafe, Zimmerman Building

Curry from Mr Eatwell
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DINNER AT THE CASTLE HOUSE: Round off the day with an evening meal at the Castle House Hotel, Hereford - £30 per head



Leavers of 1984 Reunion
Saturday 5th July 2014 at 12.30pm
at Old Deanery Lawn, Hereford Cathedral School

Reunion, school tour, bring a picnic lunch
Families welcome

RSVP by 14th June 2014. Tim Conning on tim@apss.co.uk or
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OH Weddings

Barney Bolt (OH 1996-2003) and **Holly Cashen**.



Barney and Holly were married on 27 December 2012 at Maunsel House, Somerset. Three generations of OH were in attendance; grandfather Michael Bolt, father Nick Bolt and of course the groom, Barney Bolt!

Best man was OH Mike Pollock and other OH guests included: Paul Morris, Lucy Morris, Fiona Bolt, James Phillips, Dean Williams and Christian Collison.

Holly and Barney spent New Year in Las Vegas for their honeymoon. They both now live and work in Herefordshire and are expecting their first baby at Christmas.

Thomas Cohn (OH 1997-2004) and **Katie McNabb**.



Thomas and Katie were married on 27 April 2013 at St. Mary's Church, Fownhope, Herefordshire. The reception was held at Dewsall Court. Various HCS friends helped them celebrate this special day.

Thomas gained a First Class Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering at UWIC in 2010 and now works near Bristol. Thomas and Katie live in Axbridge, Somerset.

Paul Knipe (OH 1993-2000) and **Katherine Gibney**.



Paul and Katherine were married on 30 March 2013, at a cinnamon plantation near Unawatuna, Galle District, Sri Lanka. The marriage was attended by Paul's OH friends!



Right to left: Tim Knipe, Chris Hallowell, Ben Andrews, Jamie Walker, Paul Knipe, Andrew Davies, James Morris, James Powell, Sarah Turpin, Tom Griffiths.

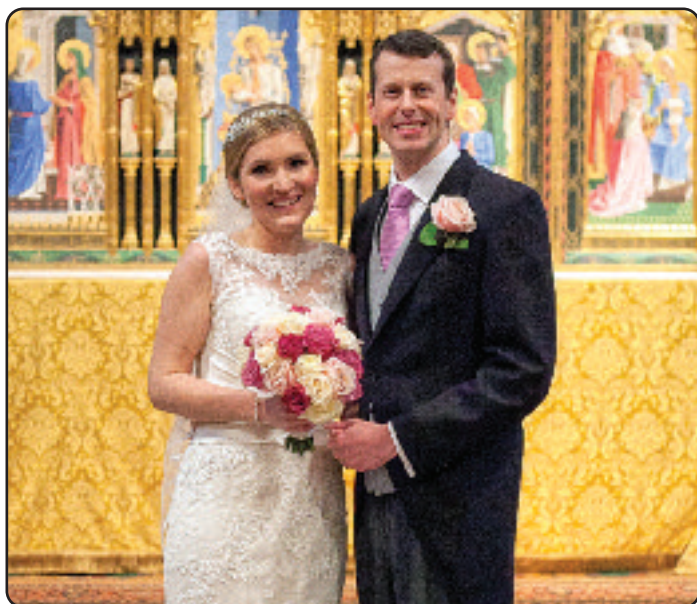
James Wall (OH 2008) and **Megan Howells**.



James and Megan, formerly a Music Administrator at HCS, were married at Great Malvern Priory on 17 August 2013. The bridesmaid was Mary Wall (OH) and the best man was Tom Shepherd who was a gap year student at HCJS.

James is Director of Music at Lucton School, where Megan also works, and they are in charge of a boarding house.

Sian Warren (OH 1995-2002) and **Mark Brand.**



Sian married Mark on 31 December 2012 at The Lady Chapel, Hereford Cathedral, followed by a reception bringing in the New Year at Clearwell Castle. Many OHs attended the wedding.

Sian was Head of School 2001-2002. She now lives in Cardiff and works as a Registrar (Doctor) in Sexual Health and HIV.

Baby Congratulations

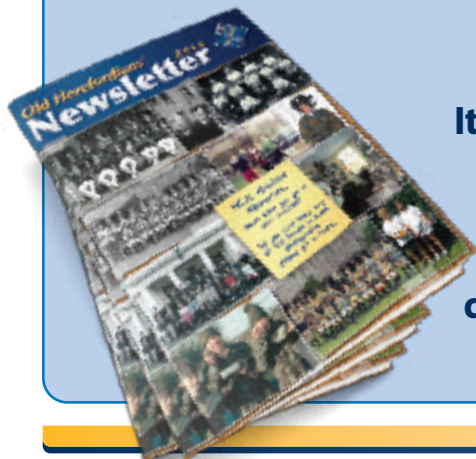
Nicholas Delicata (OH 1991-1996) and his partner Rose Lansbury have had a baby girl, Sofia, born on 12 August 2013.

Richard Edwards (OH 1990-1997) and his wife had a baby boy, Daniel, in February 2013.

Old Herefordians' Club

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OH Travel Paddle Peru

As I pushed off the river bank into the clear blue waters of the Rio Colca I had butterflies in my stomach.



Please take our boats! (Photo: Alby Roseveare).

How had we, five English kayakers, had the audacity to think that we could paddle down three days of difficult white water in a gorge twice as deep as the grand canyon? Would we spot the rapid we had read about downstream where the entire river flowed under a huge landslide? How had I been stupid enough to get myself into this situation, sat in a two metre long day-glow plastic tube two days from the nearest paved road? 🙄





conversation in the pub between myself and five other members of Imperial College Canoe Club. Fed up with a lack of paddling opportunities caused by the drought and our heavy workloads we agreed to organise a big kayaking trip. After a

The last question was the most easily answered. Paddle Peru 2012 began life on a dark January evening in London as a

huge amount of training, research and planning we settled on our final destination for the three month trip: Peru.

The first major challenge of the expedition was getting our boats half way around the world. Armed with a scrap of paper which stated that they were booked on we set about trying to blag our way onto the flight with one extra kayak and around 50kg of excess baggage. After the most nerve wracking twenty minutes of the whole trip a combination of flattery and tears did the trick and they eventually let us onto our flight.

Before we took on the Colca Canyon we spent a month in Peru getting used to the rivers. The main difference between them and those in the UK was the length of the sections; rarely did a Peruvian river take less than two days to kayak. This meant that we had to get used to paddling with boats laden with food and camping equipment. It also took us quite a long time to get used to getting boats onto Peruvian busses, although by the end we had become experts in this dark art. Below are a few photos of some of our more interesting boat transports.



Our journey down the Rio Colca actually began three days before even seeing the river. With our new found mastery of Peruvian public transport we booked a bus from the second city, Arequipa, to the small town of Cabanaconde. From there we took a second bus to the village of Huambo, a place that will live long in the memory of all the expedition members. Currently there is no road from Huambo down into the Colca Canyon and so we had to hire donkeys to carry our boats. Luckily the locals had plenty of donkeys, unluckily they thought we were a lot richer than we were.

After sending out a message over the town's loud speaker system (a totally awesome alternative to phones) we met a donkey owner, who tried to charge us the same amount as all our previous bus journeys in Peru combined. Somewhat nonplussed we set about finding out who else was around. Unfortunately that took all day, so with dwindling patience and cash we were forced to spend all day and a night in Huambo.

The next morning we decided we had to bite the bullet, handed over nearly all the cash we had and finally set off for the river! The trek

down took about six hours through barren desert descending nearly 2000 metres. The burros carried all of our equipment whilst we had the job of helping Grimaldo Chicicondor (our superbly named donkey herder) keep them on the path and attached to all their luggage. The novelty of the donkeys knocking each others boats off soon wore off and the trek down become a real struggle on very treacherous terrain, but all made it safely to the edge of the river and the beginning of the real adventure.

So that was how I came to be on the edge of the Rio Colca, nervously getting into my boat. As we moved out of the first eddy and down the river my worries eased a little; after a month of kayaking I knew how to do this! The first day began with simple rapids and slowly ramped up until we were forced to get out of our boats to look at what lay downstream. The first difficult rapids were fantastic and the blue water made for some great photos. After a full day's paddling we made camp at 4pm, just above a difficult Class 5 rapid. I opted to save this for a morning treat and soon we were tucking into our dinner of pasta with tomato sauce and sausage. When you have to carry all your food in a boat for several days your diet becomes somewhat restricted; every day for 40 days we ate the exact same thing. Breakfast was porridge made with river water. Lunch was pitta breads with tuna, dried fruit and chocolate and originally we had sardines for dinner, but after some terrible food poisoning these were swapped for the sausage.

The following two days on the river involved some stunning white water, deep within the canyon. The photo below shows the team paddling below the Condors shower, where the massive birds are said to fly through a waterfall. ☺



Donkey negotiations reach an impasse (Photo: Adam Holland).



Derek the donkey.



The First day of the Colca

Unfortunately we couldn't spot them but the view more than made up for it.

After a day and half of paddling we reached the un-kayakable rapid, Reparez. The whole river here

flushed under some boulders, making for some somewhat nervous moments above it and a long portage. The boats when fully loaded weigh about 50 kilograms, so carrying them is not exactly easy.

In order to complete this

walk around we had to rope the boats onto a cliff and then walk back to the river further down.

Finally, on the third day of kayaking (the sixth day of the trip) the canyon walls began to open out and we spotted a dirt road, we had made it through the deepest canyon on earth! All that lay ahead of us were a couple of bus rides and we could make it back to the hostel. What we didn't realise was that there was 80 kilometres of flat water kayaking between us and the main

road. The constant head wind made this arduous, but after about 9 hours we made it to a town. Negotiations and busses followed and we arrived back in Arequipa at 4am, looking forward to rest and the next adventure on our Peruvian odyssey.



Deep in the Canyon



Portaging Reparez

Tom became an OH in 2009 and subsequently studied Civil Engineering at Imperial College London, graduating in 2013. He is now employed as a subsea pipeline engineer for BP and is still an avid kayaker. More details of the Paddle Peru expedition can be found on the teams blog <http://paddleperu2012.blogspot.co.uk> and on the Imperial College Expedition Boards website: www3.imperial.ac.uk/expeditions/previous/2010s/2012peru.

OH History

Sixty Years Ago



The Choir of Hereford Cathedral,
July 1953.

Who's Who in the 1953 photograph:

Back Row L to R - Malcolm Greenwood, David Anwyl, Christopher Parry, Ian Harwood (All Probationers).

Middle Row L to R - Peter Barlow, Peter Fairman-Bourn, Barry Pugh (Prob), Brian Whitney, John Levitt, Richard Joyce, Michael Hiron (CB), Cedric Clinkett (HC), Mr Fitzjohn, Mr Gage, Mr Newton, Mr Isaac, (All Lay Clerks), Richard Vaughan (DHC), David Jarman (CB), Brian Lewis, Keith Floyd, Roger Ridler, Robert Hall, Keith Rippin.

Seated Front Row L to R - Mr Wilson (LC), Mr Brooke (LC), Rev Edwin D Preston (School Chaplain), Canon Jordan, Rt. Rev Dr Hedley Burrows (Dean), Meredith Davies (CM), Prebendary Geater, Ross Fink (Org), Mr Jinks (LC).

KEY: CM = Choirmaster, Org = Assistant Organist, LC = Lay Clerk, HC = Head Chorister, DHC = Deputy Head Chorister, CB = Corner Boy, Prob = Probationer.

Our thanks to Peter Fairman-Bourn for the photograph and the tremendous feat of memory in recalling all the names of the choir.

Elgar Storms Out

'How wonderful to learn that Dr Lindsay Lafford has reached his century! (OHN 2012).

I knew of Dr Lafford from my father who was at HCS in the 1930s (Reginald Davies). My father was a chorister in the Cathedral choir and sang in the 1931 Hereford Three Choirs' Festival when Dr Lafford was the organ scholar. My father told me that in a final practice for one piece composed and conducted by Edward Elgar the composer became very angry that the choir was simply not interpreting the music as he had written it. Elgar stormed out of the practice session declaring that he would not be

returning. Sir Percy Hull, the organist and master of choristers at Hereford Cathedral, had to go to great lengths to persuade Elgar to come back and was assisted by Dr Lafford in doing so. Eventually it all went well.

In 2009 I met Dr Lafford at the choristers' re-union at the Three Choirs' Festival. He didn't remember my father but did remember the incident with Elgar and confirmed the story my father had told me. It was just as my father, then a 11 year-old chorister, had described it. It was wonderful to talk with Dr Lafford who is still very sharp and a true gentleman.'

Howard Davies
(OH 1961-1968)

The Forge Mace

When the OH Newsletter publishes photographs from the school archives and invites Old Herefordians to 'put names to faces' we are generally reliant on the memories of former pupils. Sometimes their memories are not always accurate. So we are delighted that former Cathedral School Headmaster, Mr Barry Sutton, has been able to put the record straight.

Mr Sutton writes:

'It came as a shock when I looked at the key in the 2012 edition [of OHN] to find so much misinformation about the Forge Mace that it made me wonder if it has been lost or stolen. It was indeed made by Alan Johansson, a local GP and HCS parent who was also a skilled silversmith. The idea that HCS should have a mace to be carried by the Head of School in formal cathedral processions came from an anonymous benefaction of 1981 and by the time it was completed the School had suffered its one OH casualty in the Falklands War in the person of Major Michael Forge,

Royal Signals. It seemed appropriate therefore to dedicate it to his memory, which John Eastaugh duly did at the Commemoration Service in March 1983.

It is a fine piece of craftsmanship, consisting of four cathedral/cathedral school badges skilfully crafted for the head with the letters of the school motto above forming a balustrade. It is surmounted by a three-dimensional image of St Ethelbert (the patron saint of the cathedral) holding his head in his hands. The inspiration came from a small brass in the cathedral. The whole is in silver and Birmingham hall-marked. The shaft is turned from padouk.

Alan had three casts made of St Ethelbert: one for the mace; one for himself and a third is to this day on my mantelpiece. I can only think that whoever believed St Ethelbert was a jester and that he had something to do with the Mediaeval Fayre (27 June 1981) has never seen the real thing.

Forgive the old codger for going on, but Michael Forge deserves to be better remembered and honoured.'



Geoffrey Ineson Burgess (OH 1924-1932)

Geoffrey Burgess (OH) has sent a recollection of his father, Geoffrey Ineson Burgess (OH) and two very intriguing photographs!

'People say we remember our childhood through rose-tinted spectacles.

Here is proof that we did have some very good summers then (we also had cold winters and four seasons); Geoffrey Ineson Burgess OH walking down Downing Street in 1959 between two people who are not OHs. My father was a very fair-skinned person, but three weeks on the Kent Coast gave him Indian colouring. I have been shocked by how few recognise the two people in the foreground. On the right is Prime Minister Macmillan, the other, who makes the history books for two separate

reasons is the WWII Supreme Allied Commander, and later the 34th President of the United States of America: Dwight Eisenhower. How sad that somebody who made such a big contribution to 20th the Century, has already been forgotten.

My father reached a position in the Metropolitan Police that required he ride on ceremonial occasions (e.g. Trooping The Colour). However, he did not take well to riding, so the police found the oldest presentable mount, and even then he would have his Mounted Police escort ride the horse in Hyde Park for an hour before he would climb aboard. His official car was probably the only police car with a box of Tate & Lyle Cube Sugar in the glove compartment: used to bribe the horse. On one occasion he was out with his boss, who had been a cavalry officer, outside Buckingham

Palace when the guard was changed. The new guard marched by with band playing, which caused the boss's horse to rear (being an expert rider, he was not unseated). My father's mount stayed still, making him look the more skilled rider; what the crowd did not realise was the horse was too old to rear.

**Howard Davies
(OH 1961-1968)**



'Here is my father in ceremonial uniform outside a rather well known London address.'



Time in the CCF**by John Levitt (OH 1951-1959)****'I had a marvellous time in the CCF.**

I had to learn on which foot to start marching, saluting to the left with my right arm, all of which caused me grief. I learnt to sew on badges, and press our thick uniforms. The CCF was a great club, we were expected to get Cert A Part 1 in our second term and Part 2 the term after. Then we could go onto other things. I did a stint as a bugler, and then as a drummer, all the time shooting as much as possible. Originally. We used to carry the .22 from school to the range until some officious policeman noticed. Just imagine what it would have been like today! I became a marksman about the third time I went to the range and carried on with the .303 at Ross ranges. I remember one lad hitting a cow in a field nearby – he had aimed at it, but was very surprised when he hit it. The farmer was understanding, but discipline was firmly tightened.

Signals, organised by "Dotty" Morse, was a great success. We learnt to use various sets, including the 88 set, carried in ammunition pouches, but useless across hedges when we could hear the others talking but nothing on the radio. We ended up with an automatic exchange (made mainly from Meccano) connecting the boarding house studies. The GPO had kindly left an unused wire from Big School to the Headmaster's house, which was put into service as an aerial. We got contact as far away as Jersey until outraged emergency services complained about the interference to their networks.

Our beloved CO, "Joey" Lush, was a great organiser; annual camps, outward bounding courses, a course with the Small Arms Service Corps. He even managed to convince the Royal Artillery to send us a 25lb field gun, but they found out we had nowhere to keep it, so the arrival was aborted.

I passed through the ranks and ended up as Senior Under Officer.

A CCF party visited Germany; I had worn my father's flat hat and greatcoat, and was put into the first class carriage with Bill Glover. Our first night was in Belgium where there had been some trouble with the troops, so lots of MPs on patrol. Our driver created a panic by making his lorry backfire. The junior members on the trip went back to the camp on the lorry, but Bill Glover and a few seniors stayed behind for a drink at a bar. When we left, Bill and I had a difference of opinion about the direction back to camp. He pulled rank, but after half an hour, we turned back and finally made camp, diving into ditches every time a car came passed as we were in uniform. We managed to get into the camp without being seen, cold and tired. On the journey to barracks in Germany, we were in the back of

an army vehicle when a beer lorry pulled up behind us. By gestures, we begged for some beer, and were delighted to have a few bottles tossed up to us! Kindness never forgotten. [This is the same trip when the CCF visited a missile site.]

I gained entrance to Sandhurst, but my father persuaded me not to go, as he felt that I would not make it to senior rank, so I went to University and read Civil Engineering instead, a better decision, especially as I joined the University Air Squadron and learnt to fly, which I carried on in Zambia and back in the UK until I got married, 44 years ago.'

Dortmund 1959**by Geoffrey Burgess**

'I recall being in School House Tuckbox Room when somebody came in and said, "The Corps is going to Germany."

My first thought was, *literally*, things must be serious if HCS's CCF unit were needed to shore up NATO against the Warsaw Pact. Fortunately, it was only the start of cadet experience of life in the British Army of the Rhine [BAOR]. In 1959, HCS CCFs first visit to BAOR saw us quartered with 45 Field Regiment RA at West Riding Barracks, Dortmund.

Our troopship docked at the Hook of Holland, where we boarded a troop train to Eindhoven; then a trip across the border by 3-tonner into Belgium to our host battery's on-exercise, tented location beside the road to Leopoldsborg: the Belgian Army's equivalent of Aldershot (Martin Everett was to return there several times when in the TA). In the afternoon, we were taken to see 176th Battery deployed for action. The evening was spent in Leopoldsborg; I found communication in French was impossible, and blamed my lack of ability,



We visited nearby Napier Barracks, home to 47 GW Regt RA, where we were photographed in front of a Corporal Missile.

but later realised we were in a Flemish area. On the way back to camp, our 3-tonner backfired a couple of times, and we soon found a Belgian MP jeep on our tail. After the coldest night of my life, a 3-tonner took us to the 45th's barracks in Dortmund: thanks to a jokey comment annoying Lt Glover, a six-hour, non-stop trip in a crowded lorry. The neighbouring 170th Battery wore the United States Presidential Unit Citation for its fire support to the Glosters at the Imjin River battle in Korea 1951.

Apart from visits to the 2nd Canadian Guards and 47 GW Regiment RA, we didn't do much things-military. The visit to the Möhne Dam was poignant, as the film of the famous bouncing-bomb raid was fresh in my mind. Also, we were given a tour of a steel works, and a colleague of my father used Interpol connections to arrange a visit to Dortmund Police HQ. On the way back to the Hook of Holland, I was touched to see Dutch people come to the end of their gardens to wave to our troop train, 14 years after WWII ended.



2013 is the 70th anniversary of the famous Operation Chastise – more commonly known as the *Dambusters*. It is also the 70th anniversary of my birth. The picture links the two events, showing 15 year-old Cadet Geoffrey Burgess leaning nonchalantly on the parapet of the rebuilt Möhne Dam.'

Notable Old Herefordians

OH Somerset Scholars 6:

Anthony John Weston (OH 1949-56)

My seventh Somerset award-holder, who won his exhibition to St John's College, Cambridge, in 1955, is the most recognisable figure in Hereford and the last of his kind.



For this well-known local 'worthy' wears a different Bowler for each day of the week – black, black with red ribbon, brown, blue, grey, green and beige from Sunday to Saturday respectively. As befits his attire, Anthony Weston is a distinguished Old Herefordian: a scholar, lawyer and Christian gentleman, who despite his retirement from full-time professional work is still active in all three fields.

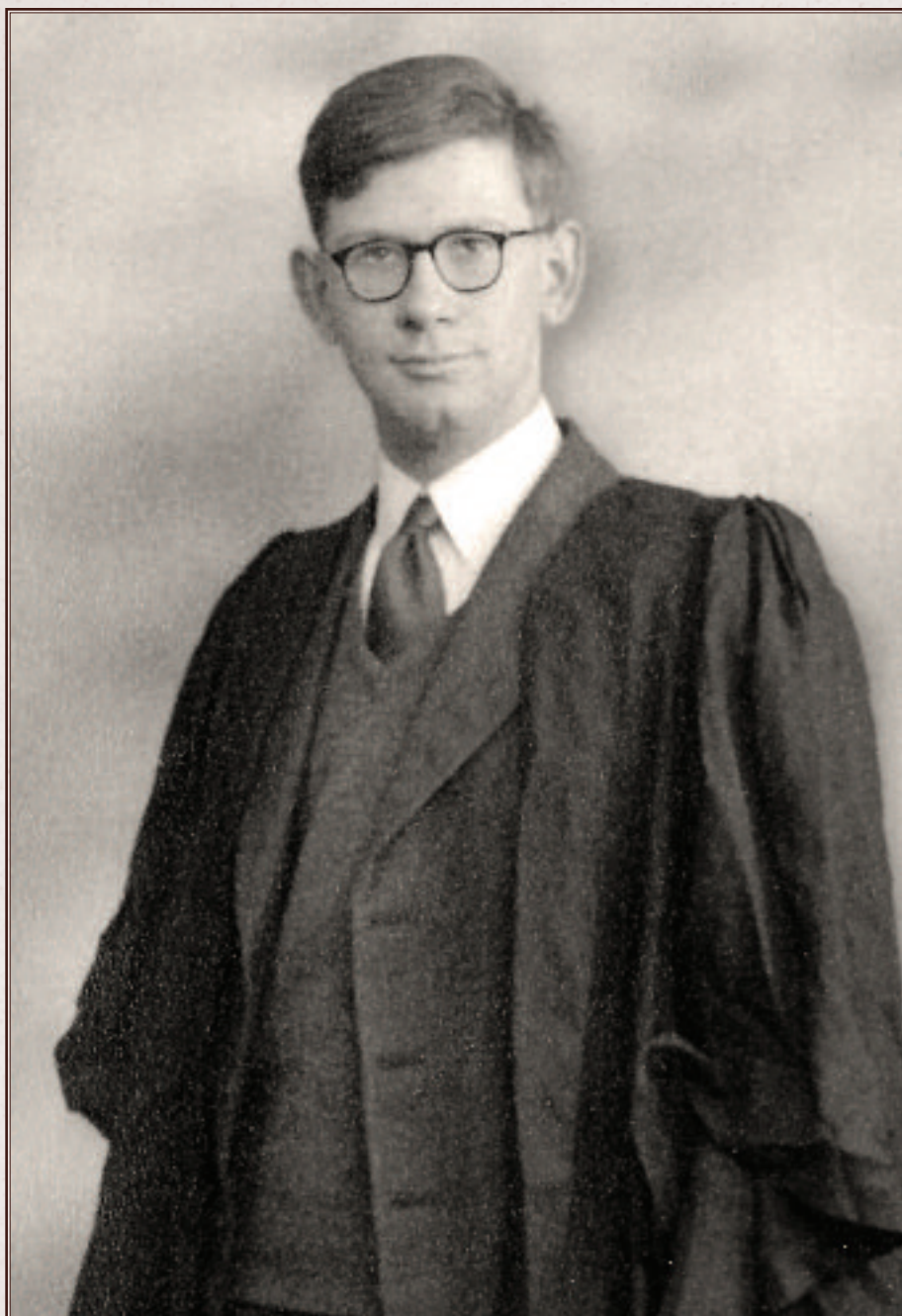
Anthony owes much and has given much to Hereford Cathedral School. A scholar of the old preparatory school, he was destined like most of his Somerset predecessors to become a classicist. His lack of science education – he never studied Chemistry and Biology and had only one year of Physics teaching – was compensated for by a rich (perhaps too rich) classical

Who are they?

Mrs Mages, widow of Byron Mages (OH 1948-1952), who died in June 2013, is curious to know about this photograph she has found amongst Byron's memorabilia.

Byron is standing at the back second from the right. Byron is the only one clearly wearing an HCS blazer; can any OHs name anyone in the picture or the reason for the photograph?





fare. With an advanced level diet of Greek, Latin and Ancient History, this was especially true in the sixth form, where he came under the influence of 'Tiger' Bell, an extraordinary schoolmaster whose record in the 'Oxbridge' stakes was second to none. Outside the old Gilbert Library, then the form-room of the classical sixth, Anthony played a full part in school life, rising to become a long-serving secretary of the debating society, school librarian and a prominent member of the Somerset society – a society founded by the

boys themselves to help promote the school's intellectual life. Anthony's elevation as Head of West House and School Monitor inevitably followed.

Anthony looks back with gratitude to his school days but he has served his old school and cathedral well in return as one-time correspondent of *The Herefordian*, OH Trustee, President of the Old Herefordian club and sometime Chapter Clerk. And for more than 50 years, he has practised – and is still practising – law as a solicitor in the city, specialising as a criminal defence counsel.

Anthony's Christian work and theological scholarship has been as remarkable as his jurisprudence. Church elder, Deacon and lay preacher, his ministry has been impressively wide-ranging. It has included youth work as a Sunday school teacher, owner of a study centre for young people, and regional organiser of the Scripture Union competition; support for ex-offenders; and work as a trustee of *Victory Outreach*, a Christian charity. And if you care to visit the Baptist church in the early hours of any Sunday morning, you will still see him ministering to the youth of this city.

Allied to this record of Christian outreach, has been Anthony's lifetime study of Theology and Christian Apologetics. He has been a member of (and, in succession to 'Tiger' Bell, now leads) a Greek New Testament study group for nearly 60 years; he has a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the University of London; and he has recently been awarded an American University doctorate – and at my count his sixth degree – following the completion of his thesis on 'The Application of the Doctrine of the Trinity from Nicaea to the Present'.

The fourth Duchess of Somerset, who (in part) founded her scholarships in the late seventeenth century for those who 'incline and dispose themselves to the study of Divinity', would have well approved of Anthony's life work. And so indeed do the present-day city fathers. For this autumn, Anthony has been made a Freeman of the city, a richly deserved and signal honour for this faithful son of Hereford who for more than half a century has nobly served – and is still serving – its citizens.

Howard Tomlinson

Old Herefordians' Newsletter 2012 Cover Photographs

Photo 1

1st XI Cricket Team (1973 or 1974)

Back row (left to right): Nick (or David) Rogers, ?, Dave Price, Mr R Rhodes, Frank Worthington, Robin Pritchard, ?

Seated: Sedgewick, Steve Howell, 'Digs' Long, Michael Feben-Smith, Rory Davies.

Photo 2

Richard Cope (whose father owned Cope's Shoes in High Town) and Peter R Harris (1947-56) on the right.

Photo 4

1st XV 1975/76

Back row (left to right): Mr Bob Talbot Coach (same old jacket), Paul Power, Johnny Caiger, ?, Nigel Towell, ?, 'Fuzzy' Mayers, Neil Thorburn, ?, ?, Barrett, Phil Howell.

Seated: Paul Hooper (Hoops), Mark Daniels, Dave Rogers, Frank Worthington (capt), Dave Price, Gus Williams, Kev Taylor.

Photo 6

Anita Henman.

Photo 7

Back row (left to right): James Hopkinson, Jake Lightowler, Michael Edwards, Simon Papworth, James Wray, Andrew Small, Byron Thomas.

Second row: Chris Braine (Prefect), Robin Hickey (Prefect), Ben Furnival, Sam Broad, Edward Brown, Daniel Darg, Jamie Walker, James Broom, Michael Brown, Toby Preston, Rex Conyers-Silverthorn (Prefect).

Adults: Jeremy Cummings (Gap Year Student from Canada), Nick Wells (Assistant Housemaster), Beryl Caine (Assistant Matron), Mrs Ruth Massey, Dr. Roy Massey (Choirmaster), Winston (Dr M's dog!), Mr Egerton Parker (Housemaster), Jon Priday (Assistant HM), Greta Ashford (Head Matron), Colin Wilkes (Assistant HM), Mrs Mary Lawrence (House Assistant), Sam Walker (Prefect).

Front row: Giles Papworth, George Hickey, Toby Whitmarsh, David Small, Stewart McKane, Jo Williams, Matthew Pochin.

Photo 9

Centre - Dave Thomas. Dave thinks the photo was taken on a UK Land Forces Leadership Course in 1977.

Photo 10

Back row (left to right): Phillip ('Brains') Sterling, Adam Sinclair, ?, Mike Rumsey, Philip Pridmore, Mr. Peter Skinner, Rich ('Ricardo') Rooke, Tim Godfrey, 'Bugsy' Hughes, 'Choco' Paul Davies, Mark Smith?
Seated: 'Taf' Francis Stafford, ?, Huw Williams, Andrew Thorburn (holding the ball), Perrott?, ? Hague, Tim Skipp.



Photo 11

Sisters Sophie and Emily Collett.

Photo 14

Brass Ensemble (descending stairs): Joe Goldsmith, Peter Rowat, Vaughan Hyett, Ben Murray-Watson, Ed Worthington, Alex Vaughan, Corinne Hart, Ed Goldsmith, Carolyn Pugh, and Ros Hart.

Mr John Williams (Head of Music 1985-2006) writes: 'This was a terrific ensemble which won lots of prizes and played in the cathedral for the Prince of Wales on one of his visits. Their trainer was John Pooley and the waistcoats were made by his wife, Liz Pooley.'

Photo 15

Left to right: Mark Norris, Stephen Price, Owen Hewlett, Jamie Layton, Richard Edwards.

Photo 17

Lucie Edwards (centre) and Mr P Towle instructing.

Photo 19

Back row (left to right): Neil Thorburn, Frank Worthington, Bob Talbot, Nigel Towell, Johnny Caiger.

Seated: John Hawkins, Dave Rogers, Dave Price.

Photo 22

Back row (left to right): Frank Worthington, Mr Bob Talbot, John Hawkins, Nige Towell, Kev Taylor, Gus Williams.

Seated: Paul Hooper, Dave Rogers, Dave Price.

Mr D. W. Theakston joined the school as a Master in 1958 and took charge of PE & Games. He apparently went on to revive the Marches Sevens Tournament.

Thanks to the following for putting names to faces:

Philip Cobb (4, 10, 19, 22); Peter Fairman-Bourn (2, 22); Michael Feben-Smith (1); Darryl Hinksman (1, 19); A M Pyke (2); R A Sweetman (2); Dave Thomas (9,10); Stuart Turpin, HCJS (6, 11, 14, 15); Nick Wells (7); John Williams (14).

Obituaries

The Club has been notified of the following Old Herefordians who, sadly, have passed away. We offer our condolences to their families and their friends.

David Aplvor OH 1929-37

The Club has been informed of the passing of Fr David Aplvor on 14 January 2013 in British Columbia, following a sudden heart attack.

After leaving HCS, David spent the war years in the army. Following the war he went out to Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) to work as an accountant in the Treasury of the Government; he was also organist of the cathedral in Salisbury SR (now Harare). In 1951, after training in South Africa, he was ordained and returned to Rhodesia where he served until 1960, and then on to Botswana. He was married to Elsie in the same year and his son Nicholas was born in 1963.

In 1965 David and his family returned to the UK before emigrating to Canada in 1968. He served the church in Saskatchewan and British Columbia until 1986. In retirement, David studied Musicology and played and taught Early Music, mainly on the recorder; he was also on the Honorary Staff of Christ Church Cathedral.

In November 2012 he had celebrated 60 years of ministry. Although well over 90 years of age, his passing nevertheless came as a shock to the Canadian community in which he now resided. He lived in an independent care home and had continued to live quite an active life right up to the end. Although his wife Elsie had already pre-deceased him some three years earlier, David will be much missed by his family and friends.

Richard John Beavan OH 1961-68

John Beavan, who died 19 November 2012, was a brilliant scientist with a prodigious appetite for work. His contributions to the understanding of plate tectonics and earthquake science will form a long-lasting legacy.

Born in 1950 and brought up in Hereford, he attended the Cathedral School from 1961 and excelled at science and maths. He developed a lifelong love for the game of squash often playing late into the evenings in the Friar Street courts. He was committed to Scouting and he participated in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Through these activities he developed the love of hill trekking and rock climbing that he would



combine so successfully with his later career in Earth Sciences.

Winning a place at St John's College, Cambridge, John ultimately gained a PhD in Geophysics and Geodesy, a highly specialised branch of earth science that deals with the measurement of the Earth's deformation. He also discovered that through Geodesy he could combine his two passions – being in wild and remote places and physics.

Career opportunities took him first to Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University in New York, and in the eighteen years he spent there he made major contributions to measuring the way tectonic forces deform the Earth's crust. When in 1980 scientists realised that they could use the new military GPS codes for high precision measurements, he rapidly adopted the technique and he became one of the leading scientists in the world at measuring tectonic deformation with GPS.

In 1994 he moved to New Zealand to work at GNS Science. There he dedicated himself to building a world class GPS network to investigate plate boundary movements in New Zealand. He pursued this work with incredible energy and focus and through his scientific leadership and his mentoring of others enabled New Zealand to recruit highly talented, early career scientists with whose help he built one of the world's most comprehensive networks for measuring the continuous deformation of the Earth's crust. John's career at GNS was marked by many notable achievements one of which was the measurement of subsidence in the region of Christchurch. This contributed to important decisions on 'retiring' areas from suburban development.

John Beavan's high international standing as a scientist, his sound judgement and his even temperament led him to be appointed to many international scientific bodies. He was also a valued editor of scientific journals.

Throughout his career John was regarded as a vibrant colleague and wonderful companion during field campaigns. He was known for his ability to work long hours and to remain cheerful in the most difficult of conditions and in all weathers.

His untimely passing leaves a gap that will be felt in the field of geophysics both in New Zealand and globally.

Sue Hyett (sister)

Obituaries

Owen Bruntnell OH 1984-1992

Owen sadly passed away in November 2012 much to the shock and surprise of everyone who knew him.

Owen Bruntnell was popular throughout his time at the school with both pupils and teachers alike. He was a true all-rounder at Wyese, a very talented artist and was always in possession of a huge smile and an even bigger personality.

Without the opportunity to formally pay our respects we decided to set up a Memorial Day where those who would be able could pay their respects and also mark his birthday on 29 January. Saturday 26 January 2013 brought ten Old Herefordians together to pay their respects and celebrate the life of one of the school's great characters.

A game of touch rugby in the new school sports centre with the soundtrack to his and our era seemed a fitting way to remember a great friend. He would have found our efforts enjoyable to watch, the old sparkle and flair long since departed! After two hours we realised that more time wouldn't improve our technique so we headed off to Saxty's to share some great stories and some equally fond memories.

Owen was a friend to many, he had an ability to make people feel special and always brought his infectious energy to every situation. Those who came, and a few who couldn't, kindly donated £130 which was given to Close House in Hereford, a young persons' charity which Owen would have appreciated.

We are hoping to turn this into an annual event that brings Owen's peer group together to remember our times together. If anyone else would like to join in next year just contact HCS Development Office and we will send out details closer to the time.

Colin Cobley OH 1965-1972

Sadly, Colin Cobley passed away in April 2013. Garth Lawson, an exact contemporary, writes:

'Colin Cobley was almost universally known by his friends at school as "Cobs". Seldom did I hear "Colin".

He was an enthusiastic footballer. The first thing you noticed about him were his knees. Those knees were scary and when he got into top gear they pumped up and down like pistons. You couldn't take your eyes off those knees. Whenever he



launched into a jarring tackle, the person tackled would have felt the full force of those knees. From whichever angle he came at you, you got caught by those knees. When he went off on a run with the ball (it was usually, in fact, without the ball), he kicked it a long way ahead of himself and sometimes got there first to continue the run... but not always. He tended to head the ball with his shoulder principally because he wore large-framed spectacles. He played with a big, big smile on his face. He loved it. He wasn't the most talented, but certainly the most committed. Indeed he should have been committed for some of those tackles.

Cobs, myself, Dave Keyte, Chris Caligari, Stephen Papacharalambous, John Watkins and the late Dave Benjamin were likely lads together on visits to the Hillside Hotel, Redhill. "Teen scene" on a Monday night. "Big" pop groups on a Friday (21.00-02.00), followed by school the next morning. Another disco on a Saturday (21.00-01.00). Maureen, my wife, remembers his smile: it was a very wide grin, which extended across the full width of his face. He liked the Stones and regretted they never came back to the Hotel. They were there once but we were a bit too young (1966, if I remember rightly), when we would have been twelve. "Brown Sugar" was his favourite. No talking when that was playing.

I remember him as a very speedy winger at rugby, his prowess as a sprinter offset by poor eyesight (contact lenses were in their infancy), one of the Alan Duggan or JJ Williams "chip and chase" school. The trouble was that if Colin chipped too far ahead he had difficulty in retrieving his kick principally because he couldn't see where it had landed. What a curious array of wingers we had in those days; Tom Goodwin who always caught the ball behind his back, Paul Tomlinson even fleeter of foot but, like Colin, so handicapped by myopia that he needed as many arms as a Hindu god to secure the ball.

I remember him better as an athlete without such trifles as catching or kicking a ball to incommode him. He was a very good 440 yard runner, reminiscent in his action of Tom Hanks as "*Forrest Gump*" in the scene where Gump traverses America (I recall watching the film in a cinema in Naunhof, a one-horse dorp; "one station stop", as they say on Virgin Rail these days, from Colditz in what was formerly the GDR, and exclaiming "Colin!" to a mystified audience of half-a-dozen). We represented HCS and Herefordshire at 440 yards, I at under-18 level, Colin at under-16. On one notable occasion we were the only runners to turn up for the Herefordshire finals and braved the wrath of the

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organisers and the elements to compete unopposed. Colin very magnanimously offered to accompany me round the cinder track but when I offered to reciprocate my gesture was dismissed by the Committee: "You're too old, this is the Under-16 final!"

From HCS Colin went to North Staffordshire Polytechnic where he read "Business Studies". He moved to Bristol to work for Aviva, improve his tennis, marry and to become a stalwart of the King Charles Cricket Club. It was for this team that Colin was to achieve his greatest triumphs. A social team of "good companions", a cricketing counterpart to Inigo Jollifant and his fellow touring thespians.

In its early days, the King Charles Cricket Club was the resort of the mellow and the sanctuary of incompetence. Colin had never been a cricketer at school but he found himself in the company of fellows of similarly modest attributes. Their most consistent batsman was "extras", boundaries were rarely scored off the bat, the fielders were exponents of the artistic missed catch, hurling themselves forwards, sideways, clawing the air with the desperation of drowning men, investing the palpable miss with the romance of the near-miracle. Gradually Colin began to realise that he was, by a combination of grit, determination and, above all, luck, destined to be a middle-order sticker, dogged and unprolific, but almost invariably there at the end, come triumph or ignominy.

The King Charles Cricket Club grew in both ambition and reputation, toured Cyprus, Ireland, the Caribbean and even the Forest of Dean. Their venerable wicket-keeper, whom legend had it had once represented the Combined Services, sensing "anno domini" encroaching, retired. Who but Colin should take his place? He was essentially a "stopper", Jim Parks to John Murray, Alec Stewart to Jack Russell (though to compare his predecessor to either of those august cricketers is more than a little unfair to all concerned), but an effective one. In later years he became an enthusiastic spectator and was looking forward with eager anticipation to the "Ashes" series.

He succumbed to cancer of the throat in 2011, fought the illness with customary fortitude and had recovered the power of speech, albeit not unaided, when cancer of a more pernicious variety struck at the beginning of this year. He died in April shortly after his 59th birthday.

This was, as John Arlott might have said, a rare man. A character in many millions. We should not mourn that he is gone from us: rather, rejoice that he existed among us.'

Donald Graham Cousins OH 1942-48

Donald Cousins passed away on 8 June 2013, aged 82.

Don was born and bred in Hereford and gained a scholarship to Hereford Cathedral School in September 1942. At school he was a prominent athlete gaining the *Victor Ludorum* Cup in 1948. He was a member of the second XV



Rugby team and played cricket for the school. Other activities included being a member of the Engineering Society and the Printing Club.

On leaving school he joined T A Matthews, the Solicitors, before enlisting for his eighteen-month National Service where he was a Sergeant in the Education Corp stationed in Cornwall.

In 1950 he entered St Paul's Teacher Training College in Cheltenham where he was Captain of the Athletics Club and played rugby and soccer for the second team. His first teaching post was at Hall Green Road Primary School, Birmingham and whilst there he joined Birchfield Harriers because of his passion for athletics. After a few years he returned to his beloved Herefordshire to teach first at Eardisley Primary School followed by Lord Scudamore School.

In 1962 he became Head of both the History and English Departments at Canon Frome Secondary School producing many school magazines and plays. A very popular, enthusiastic teacher he was Head of Cope House. Pupils fondly remember his keen sense of humour and held him in high regard.

Throughout his teaching career he enhanced his professional qualifications by gaining a Diploma in Educational Studies from The University College of Wales, Aberystwyth in 1967 followed by a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours from The Open University in 1974. In 1982 he returned to The University College of Wales to complete his postgraduate academic 'Master of Education' Degree.

Don was a key figure in county athletics as both a competitor and administrator. He ran in the first Herefordshire County Championship in 1952, winning the 220 and the 440 yards, as well as the long jump. He continued to compete at county level into the 1960s. A founder member of Hereford and County Athletic Club, he served as its Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman and

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Membership Secretary. He was a coach and qualified "Starter" for nearly fifty years.

He worked especially hard to realise his dream - an athletics track in Hereford. After years of pressing the local council, in 1964 an area on Hereford Racecourse was allocated to the Athletics Club for training. Don and other club members worked for several years with wheelbarrows and spades to create an athletics field and running track; they held their first County Championships for track and field in 1975. In 1988 Hereford City Council transformed it into an all-weather running track.

His contribution to the Athletics Club and to Athletics was recognised in 2002 when he was given the "Service to Sport" Award from Herefordshire Sports Council. He was a lifelong supporter of Hereford United Football Club and a very keen gardener. Don is survived by his wife Mary.

Neal Haywood Farr BVetMed, DipAH, MRCVS OH 1944-1952

Neal Farr died aged 79 in April 2013.

Neal started his education at The Red Cap School, and then the Cathedral Preparatory School. He attended Hereford Cathedral School from 1944, where he won his colours for boxing and rugby.



He did his National Service commissioned as a sub-lieutenant in The Royal Navy. In 1962 Neal qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon at the Royal Veterinary College in London.

His first job was in large animal practice in Ledbury – he had two years in a Hereford practice but returned to Ledbury. He then became allergic to some of the drugs he was using in practice and joined MAFF as a Veterinary Officer in Hereford. Over the next twenty years he enjoyed many varied jobs over the country and in Headquarters in London, ending his career in MAFF as Regional Veterinary Officer for the South-West of England.

On retirement Neal was asked to go to the United Arab Emirates where he negotiated the International movement of horses. He also laid down the forensic rules for racing in the UAE.

On retiring for a second time, he returned to Ledbury and became involved in Rotary International's efforts to eradicate Polio from the world. He worked for the

Rotary Club Polio Eradication Project for more than a decade and was presented with The Service Recognition Award for his outstanding contribution to the eradication of polio worldwide.

He leaves a widow, Sue, and children Andrew and Julie.

Edward A M Hughes OH 1954-1957

Ted Hughes died on 27 March 2013 after a battle with cancer.

Edward joined HCS as a boarder in the autumn of 1954 directly from Selwyn House Preparatory School in Tenby, Wales. At HCS he was a keen sportsman; he was a member of the HCS Boat Club rowing at No 3 for the



coxed 1st IV and he was also selected to play for the HCS 1st XV during the 1956/57 season. In the May 1957 edition of *The Herefordian*, he was described as "A good little hooker with a lot to learn. He has a disadvantage in his size but generally manages to be sufficiently ferocious. His most useful and disconcerting asset is his intense keenness for the game".

He joined the CCF and became a Corporal, achieving his Cert 'A' classification as a signaller. Among many other extra-curricular activities he was a member of the Dramatic Society. On leaving school Ted joined the Royal Air Force.

Ted was very keen on cars and on motor racing. He joined the Colt Car Company, Gloucestershire, as one of its original employees in 1974. The company imports and distributes Mitsubishi vehicles to the UK and Ted's role was in appointing and advising new dealers. He was appointed General Manager of the Cirencester dealership in 2000. In retirement he lived with his wife Elizabeth in Cricklade, Wiltshire and leaves behind two children plus several grandchildren.



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Byron Mages OH 1948-1952

Byron passed away in an ambulance outside his house on 21 June 2013. He was recovering from a big operation which he had recently had due to a life threatening condition. He was 77 years of age.



Byron was born in Llanelly in 1935 and from the age of 12 years old he attended Hereford Cathedral School. He excelled at all sports but particularly rugby, cricket and boxing, with rugby being his passion. He was a member of the HCS Colts X1 for cricket and rugby in 1950; the HCS Boxing Team, the Old Deanery Senior Rugby XV and HCS 2nd XI for cricket in 1951; Deanery Rugby XV and HCS 2nd XI for cricket, and HCS 1st XV for rugby in 1952!

After HCS Byron went to a school in Swansea where he captained the Carmarthen Youth Rugby Team.

During his National Service, when he was known as "Taff", he worked for the Service Intelligence Bureau in Berkeley Square, London, spending his time in civvies listening-in to conversations. However, he argued with his sergeant and was promptly transferred to the Military Police based in Shrewsbury. It was whilst he was in the Military Police that Byron met his wife Barbara (they married in 1958). He also continued with his other great love, rugby, playing for the Western Command.

After National Service Byron enrolled to train as a teacher at Caerleon. His name is engraved on a plaque as the only person that year to graduate with a distinction. His teaching career started at the Secondary Modern School in Shifnal, Shropshire, where his daughter Linda was born in September 1959. From Shifnal the family moved to Builth Wells where Byron taught physical education for six years. A colleague described him as "inspirational". His second daughter Julia was born here in May 1963.

Byron returned to Hereford in 1966 to teach physical education at Whitecross Boys' School. He is remembered by an ex-pupil as someone who would never ask the boys to do what he himself was not prepared to do.

In 1967 Byron changed course and went to teach at Holmer Primary School where a year later he became the Deputy Head Teacher. After Byron retired an ex-pupil wrote to him; he explained that one of the happiest days of his life was when Mr Mages made him Sportsman of the Year. Indeed, he honoured him by naming his child after him.

In 1971, Byron became Deputy Head Teacher at Broadlands Primary School and between 1977 and 1979 he was made Acting Head Teacher at four different country schools. He then returned to Broadlands as Head Teacher. He opened Hereford's first pre-school nursery feeding directly into a primary school and in this respect was pioneering. Byron dedicated himself to the school and was fully supported by the parents and staff. By the time he retired from Broadlands he had retrieved the school from one class per year to two classes.

Byron gave every child the chance to shine. A parent once related his confidence that his child would have the same opportunities as any child under his leadership. On his retirement he left two cups: The Mages Cup for the best improved girl and The Mages Cup for the best improved boy, whether awarded for behaviour or academic improvements. He retired in 1995 and received many letters of thanks and gifts of appreciation from former pupils, parents and staff.

During Byron's retirement years he and his wife became global travellers. He loved the adventures travel brought - he rode an ostrich, survived tuk tuk rides, climbed the Great Wall of China, saw the Terracotta Army, went paragliding, took a helicopter over the Rockies and hired a motorbike to explore the Cook Island with Barbara riding pillion.

Without doubt Byron's grandchildren Becky and Adam brought him the most amount of pleasure and happiness. They were his joy. He is very sadly missed by his family.

By Barbara Mages (wife) and Linda Mages and Julia Mages-Pigott (daughters).

Commander Gerald Douglas Palmer,

DFH, CEng, MIET, RN retired

OH 1935-1941

Commander Gerald Palmer, Royal Navy retired, died on 15 March 2013 after a long illness aged 88.

Gerald lived in Ross-on-Wye and attended HCS. "When I was about 15 or so I imagined myself to be a bit of a dab hand doing stage lighting for amateur productions for which I used

copious amounts of insulating tape; dimmers containing salt water etc. I did not realise that the IEE (Institution of Electrical Engineers) had produced regulations for stage lighting!"



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Prompted by his enthusiasm for all things electrical, he enrolled just before his seventeenth birthday at Faraday House, London, in 1941; described in a 1939 advertisement as: *"A Technical College especially equipped for providing the Sons of Gentlemen with a complete education in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering etc."* He remained at the college, and served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, until July 1945.

In 1946, Gerald was granted a permanent commission in the newly formed Electrical Branch of the Royal Navy. Initially he underwent a mine-sweeping course, but was later posted to HMS *Ariel* to train as an Air Electrical Officer. Subsequently, he served at sea on carriers: HMS *Theseus*, *Vengeance*, *Victorious* and *Eagle*. In addition to serving at sea, he was Assistant Naval Attaché in Bonn, served three times in the Admiralty and three times on an Admiral's staff. Gerald was promoted to the rank of Commander in July 1965.

In retirement Gerald took on the role of Honorary Treasurer of the Faraday House Old Students Association, a post he held from 1987 until the demise of the Association in 2010.

He was an enthusiastic fund-raiser for the RNLI and rose through the ranks of his local branch from street collector, to Secretary and finally, in 1986, to become Chairman of the RNLI Petersfield & District Branch. In 1998 he was awarded a Silver Badge in recognition of his valuable support of the Lifeboat Service.

Gerald is survived by his second wife Bronwen and granddaughter April.

James Rowland OH 1989 - 1996

Sadly, the Club has been informed of the death of James Rowland who died in Oxford on 25 November 2012. A memorial service was held at Brasenose College chapel. James was a senior software engineer and a research fellow at Oxford. He leaves behind his wife, Kate, and young son Henry.

Graham Hamilton Royan OH 1985-1989

After a battle with cancer, Graham Royan sadly passed away in South Africa on 10 April 2013.

Graham grew up in Ross-on-Wye. Tragically, he lost his two brothers, his mother when he was four and his father when he was fifteen. On leaving HCS in 1989, Graham emigrated to join his sister, Doreen.



He enjoyed his new life in South Africa where his massive smile, warm personality, honesty and integrity won him many friends. He joined his sister's philately company, Doreen Royan & Associates. His personal philatelic interests were the major errors from the period of Queen Elizabeth II. Graham was passionate about the company and it thrived under his leadership when he was appointed as Managing Director in 2005.

In 2011, Graham was diagnosed with cancer. He underwent gruelling treatment but recuperated with a holiday in Ross-on-Wye and Royan in France. Unfortunately, the cancer returned unexpectedly and his family only knew it had erupted again the day before his death.

He bore his illness bravely and without complaining. He is greatly missed by his wife Donna, children Jessica and Thomas, and his sister Doreen.

John G Russell OH 1936-1942

John Russell passed away on 12 November 2012.

Lifelong friend, Randy Langford pays tribute:

'I felt greatly privileged to be asked to speak at the thanksgiving service for the life of John Russell, my dearest friend whom I have known for over 80 years. It was as if I could hear him speaking to me: 'Ran - don't praise me too highly, the congregation won't recognise whom you are talking about.' Oh dear!

We first met at the Cathedral Prep School in September 1931. Miss Clay was our 1st Form teacher and Miss Gamlen was the Headmistress. In later years we often referred to those days in the Prep with memories of Miss Gamlen and Miss Clay teaching us how to behave and how to treat others as you would have them treat you. Be thoughtful. Be kind. Be helpful. We never forgot those principles.

We left the Prep in 1936 and joined the 'Big School'. We were now faced with MASTERS and strong discipline. The cane was often applied not only by masters but monitors as well. On one occasion, John and I decided to disrupt a music lesson; I bought six stink bombs at 1d each from Turner's Toy Shop and threw them in the classroom. Chaos ensued. The masters assumed only two pupils would be responsible for that - Russell and



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Langford - and we were despatched to Deputy Head Charles Scott for six strokes of the cane. Happy Days. We played in the same rugby and cricket teams and spent much time together.

John became very friendly with Barry Parker whose parents farmed Instone Court near Bromyard. Leaving school in 1942, John lived with Barry's family to gain farming experience, having decided that one day he would be a farmer. He left in 1943 to join the army and eventually finished up in India.

After the end of the war, John spent a further six months farming at Instone Court. When building a hay rick he suffered an accident: he fell on a pike which went into his leg and was treated at Hereford General Hospital. It was there that he met his future wife Esme.

In 1947 he attended agricultural college and then worked on a farm near Ross-on-Wye. His father introduced him to the Bulmer family and in 1949 he began working on Mr Bertram Bulmer's farm at Breinton.

John had kept in touch with Esme who had returned to South Wales, after finishing her training. They were married in October 1950 and I had the pleasure of being his best man. In 1951 he obtained a farm manager's post near Banbury, where they settled down and their daughter Sally was born in 1952 and son Steve in 1955.

In the early Sixties they bought their own house and a small amount of land in Syresham near Brackley. John began specialising in breeding pigs and then they expanded and developed a successful egg business. When they were not quite so busy they spent holidays in Spain; in 1986 they bought a villa by the sea in Southern Spain and retired there spending their time creating a terraced garden. After thirteen years of happiness, Esme became poorly and died. John stayed on and I visited him there three years in a row - an opportunity to reminisce. However, after developing poor health, John returned to England to be near his family for the last six years of his life.

I can honestly say that he was my oldest, dearest friend and a lovely man, and I feel so privileged to have known him for so many years. A thoughtful and helpful person and he will be greatly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.'

Correction

Stuart Williams (OH 1964-70) has offered a revised obituary notice for his uncle:

Geoffrey John "Jack" Williams

OH 1933-1940

Jack Williams died in February 2006 at the age of 84.

He was a great sportsman, representing the school at cricket and rugby throughout his time there - indeed, he played 1st X1 cricket from the age of about 13. In later life, he played cricket and hockey for Herefordshire for many years. During the war Jack was in the RAF, posted to Africa. On demobilisation he followed his uncle into the timber trade, soon inheriting the family firm, which included Kingsland Sawmills. As a prominent Leominster businessman, he was very active in support of local charities. He married late (once he'd played all the sport he wanted to, some said!), and his wife Maureen and twin daughters Susan and Karen were the joy of his maturity and old age.

He made many friends through sport and work, and Kingsland Church was packed with people who came to his Thanksgiving Service, which gave many speakers an opportunity to testify to his exceptional sporting prowess, honesty, good humour and community spirit.

Hilary Gould (HCS 1980-2005)

Former HCS teacher Hilary Gould passed away on 4 June 2013. She had been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease at the end of the winter but her condition deteriorated rapidly.

Hilary was born in Brecon in 1946. She attended Brecon Girls Grammar School and Bristol University where she read German and French. She trained as a teacher at Cardiff University and qualified with distinction. Hilary's first appointment was at the Bridgewater Girls Grammar School teaching French and German. She married Rob in 1970 and they moved to Herefordshire in 1972; their son was born that year and their daughter in 1976.

In 1980, Hilary Gould was appointed to teach Modern Languages at HCS. She was appointed successively as Head of German, Deputy Head of Modern Languages, Head of French and Co-ordinator of Modern Languages. Hilary was also an outstanding middle school and 6th Form pastoral tutor with Cornwall House and a Higher Education Adviser, as well as the organiser of many exchange trips to Strasbourg. She retired in 2005, after teaching at HCS for twenty-five years.



School News

In September 2013 the school welcomed 60 pupils to Year 7 and an additional 31 pupils joined the school in other years. Our Sixth Form has expanded and we now have 155 students in Years 12 and 13, including eleven students from China.

Examination Results

For the third year in succession, Sixth Form students at Hereford Cathedral School achieved outstanding results, and the school again celebrated an impressive 100% pass rate.

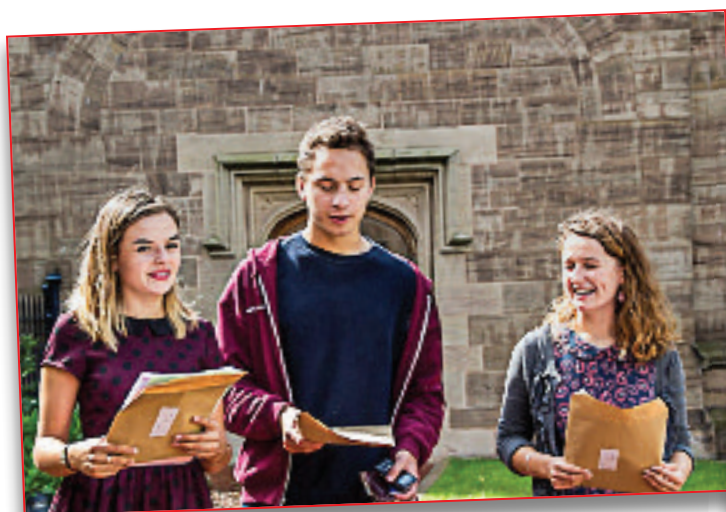
A third of all candidates achieved either an A* or A grade in every subject they studied, and over 75% of all the grades achieved were at grade B or above. Over 15% of all grades achieved were at the coveted A* level (twice the national average) and over 50% were A* or A – the best results in Herefordshire.

Three students received all A* grades: Julia Watkinson and Joe Viner both achieved three A* grades, and Lucy Mackie, Deputy Head of School, achieved four

A* grades with an additional A* in her Extended Project Qualification.

Four OHs have taken up places at Cambridge this year: Ros Andrews – Natural Sciences (Magdalene); Lucy Mackie – Medicine (Trinity Hall); Hannah Roper – Music (Fitzwilliam); Beth Smith – Human, Social & Political Sciences (Corpus Christi).

GCSE results were also outstanding with nearly a quarter of all candidates achieving A* or A grades in all the subjects that they studied. Five pupils achieved all A* grades in eleven subjects. In total over a third of the results were at the top A* grade, with over 60% of all grades being at A* to A. Over 80% of all grades achieved were above a B grade.



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Music

It has been another busy year for the young musicians at the Cathedral School who, over and above their school commitments, give a number of public performances.

Hereford Cathedral School musicians provided the musical accompaniment to TV presenter Lorraine Kelly's unique tea party at the Courtyard. The Hereford arts centre is celebrating its 15th Anniversary and the tea party was a fund-raising event hosted by Lorraine, who is a patron of The Courtyard.



The school String Quartet with Lorraine Kelly

Cantabile, our girls' choir, has had another tremendous year. At the Cheltenham Performing Arts Festival, where they won the Whitehead Cup, their performance was described as 'gorgeous', 'magic' and 'stunning' and their 'fantastic balanced part singing' was particularly praised. They gained marks of 92 out of 100 which is a rare feat.

Following their success at Cheltenham, they returned to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod to defend their 2012 title. Competing against twenty-one senior children's choirs from across the globe, the choir gave a faultless performance. Cantabile won the Senior Children's Choir class with Russia's Jazz-Choir coming second and an Estonian choir third.

The choir's musical director, Jo Williamson was delighted to be awarded The Musical Director's Award which is given by the Eisteddfod's Music Director.

See the performance: <http://llangollen.tv/en/clip/cantabile-girls-choir/> and follow the choir: <http://cantabilechoir.org>.

Our other choirs have also been very active. On Wednesday 18 September, BBC Radio 3's Choral Evensong was broadcast live from Hereford Cathedral. The **Cathedral Choir** performed music by Grieg, Sumsion and Brahms. The broadcast attracts

a regular audience of over a quarter of a million listeners.

And following success at Worcester Cathedral, Hereford Cathedral School's 120-strong **Chapel Choir** was invited to sing evensong at St Paul's Cathedral on 21 October. The Choir was particularly pleased to have this opportunity to display its choral skills in such a magnificent acoustic setting.



On 22 November, St. Cecilia's Day, all of the school's choirs will be involved in the Benjamin Britten Centenary Concert at Hereford Cathedral.

Tickets are £10 and are available from Hereford Cathedral School's Music School – tel.: 01432 363522.



Art

The HCS Art Department continues to maintain its exceedingly high standards – all students achieved either an A* or A grade at A level this year.

For the second year running, the school threw open the doors of the art studios to allow the public to view students' work during *H.Art* week. We are the first school to participate in Herefordshire's open studio event and the Portman Centre was open to the public for two weekends, staffed by PTA members and staff volunteers. We received a good number of visitors who have all been very impressed with the extraordinary quality of pupils' work.



New Prizes

The family of former HCS Headmaster Mr James Peebles has endowed the school with two prizes in his memory.

Speech Day 2013 is the first year they were awarded: The James Peebles Prize for English to Pippa Glanville and The James Peebles Prize for History to Laura Mansfield; both in the sixth form.

Mr Charles Peebles was the youngest of three children and was born in No 1 Castle Street, in the room above the central porch; this was also the room in which his father died, sadly when Charles, who attended the Prep School, was just eight.

After the ceremony Mr Peebles took a tour around the School and re-visited No 1.



Pippa Glanville, Mr Charles Peebles and Laura Mansfield

Children's Charity

A group of twenty students from Hereford Cathedral School and Crickhowell High School have been involved in the launch of a new nationwide charity for young people: *Kids in the Middle*.

The charity aims to raise awareness of the experience of children in separating families and to raise funds to support these children and young people. The centrepiece will be an on-line peer support website created in partnership with Youthnet and other children's charities. This will also communicate the child's perspective to separating parents. *Kids in the Middle* is being funded entirely by young people raising money;

HCS and Crickhowell HS have raised £15,000 since the launch and the charity, which is being backed by judges, lawyers, barristers, mediators and agony aunts.



Essay Prizes

Two HCS students have won national essay writing competitions.

Rory Turnbull achieved joint second place in the Philosophy or Religious Studies Prize from Trinity College. The aim of the Cambridge prize is to encourage able sixth formers to pursue their interest in Philosophy or Religious Studies, with the hope that they will be encouraged to read these or related subjects at University. Candidates are invited to submit an essay of between 2,000 and 4,000 words on a topic chosen from a list of questions. Rory's essay was entitled: *Does The Holocaust Spell The End Of All Attempts At Traditional Theodicy?* Rory, who is an ex-chorister and former Boy Bishop, received a prize of £100 as well as £100 for the school library.

Huw Turnbull (no relation to Rory!), has won first prize in a national Religious Studies competition to re-write a Bible story. Huw's prize is a visit to the House of Lords and £500 for the benefit of the school.

At the lecture itself, as well as showing the 'geography' of the Chamber, the Bishop discussed the interaction between the Lords and the Commons. He explained that the primary purpose of the House of Lords is to refine and improve Bills submitted by the Commons and the unique role of the Lords Spiritual in not being affiliated to any political party. Therefore he also made clear the reasons why a fully elected Chamber would be so controversial, and clarified this peculiar balance between enough party politics to have rigorous debate and ensure that decisions are made, whilst at the same time striving to concentrate on improving Bills, impartial from Party lines.

It was however the last thing the Bishop said which was, for me at least, the most poignant. He spoke of the importance of politics today and the vital work politicians do in influencing our daily lives; albeit seemingly far away at Westminster. He therefore encouraged us all, in our own kind of altruism, to join with him in pursuing public service, and reaping the joys of helping the community.

The Bishop's Visit by Rory Turnbull, Sixth Form

On 8 December 2012, Rt. Rev Anthony Priddis, Bishop of Hereford, came to Hereford Cathedral School to talk about his role in the House of Lords.

Arranged primarily as a part of our Careers Guidance Programme, his lecture gave sixth form students, like me, an opportunity to learn about not only his unique role in public service, as a Lord Spiritual; but also the unique role the House of Lords plays generally in our constitution and its importance for our society today.

Over lunch, the Bishop told us how much he enjoys attending the House of Lords and how often he likes to go; although evidently it can prove to be practically challenging coming all the way from Hereford! It was particularly interesting to talk to him personally. He had only recently returned from the General Synod, and mentioned his enormous regret at the Synod not voting in favour of electing women to the episcopate, when asked about this issue.



Pippa Glanville, Mr Charles Peebles and Laura Mansfield

CCF Trooping of the Colour Flypast

Five HCS CCF RAF cadets were chosen above thousands of other candidates to take part in the official RAF Flypast for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations on the 15 June 2013.

'It was a 05.30hrs start for the five cadets who were going to be part of the Queen's 60th Birthday flyover. We arrived at RAF Brize Norton and after being searched by the police we were escorted to the Voyager plane. Within less than a minute of being in the air we were soaring above the clouds. After about twenty minutes of flying we were joined by Tornado planes, one on each wing, only about 20ft away from us and a pair of Typhoons on our tail – a truly amazing once in a lifetime experience.

At 1300hrs we made our way to London, flying low over Buckingham Palace so the crowds could see us, experiencing a lot of turbulence. So much in fact that I started to feel very ill indeed.



Once we had landed, we got off the plane and to our surprise the Red Arrows had landed behind us in a line. Tired and full of amazement having taken part in a little bit of history, we walked to the minibus and returned home.'

By Cdt Will Taylor



Contingent Warrant Officer George Bowring-Lossock was nominated for The Sir John Thomson Memorial Sword, which is awarded each year to the best CCF(RAF) cadet.

George, who came in second place, was awarded a Geoffrey de Havilland Flying Foundation Medal for CCF Achievement.

Staff News

Mrs Vivien Tucker has retired after teaching English for fifteen years at HCS. Following a degree in English at Swansea University, Mrs Tucker went on to study for a PGCE in English and Games before entering the teaching profession in "the valleys"; at one point Mrs Tucker was the youngest Head of Department in the Cynon Valley. Mrs Tucker moved to Hereford and taught at Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School, Margaret Allen Preparatory School, and Whitecross School before finally joining Hereford Cathedral School in September 1998. At HCS, Mrs Tucker's classroom teaching involved English and Learning Support, and her interests in English led to involvement in amateur dramatics with The Wye Players, and to marking scripts as a GCSE Examiner.



Mrs Tucker's other love has been sport and at one time she captained the University of Wales hockey team, as well as the Hereford School XI. She has played an active role in hockey at HCS and her coaching expertise and enthusiasm will be sorely missed. Mrs Tucker has also assisted with girls' cricket, swimming and rounders. Not content with sport alone, in her time here Mrs Tucker has also made a valuable contribution to School Scouts, the CCF Naval section, production of the Herefordian magazine and the School PTA, and has been a House Tutor. Skiing seems to be in the Tucker blood as Mrs Tucker has been a ski instructor and has obviously passed this enthusiasm on to her children.

We wish Mrs Tucker all the best in retirement, and thank her for many years of loyal service and commitment to the School.

Mrs Sue Press retired in March of this year having worked for 26 years at Hereford Cathedral School as secretary to four Bursars. Her service to the School has been invaluable and both her discretion and professionalism highly commendable. We wish her happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

Moving On

Mrs Carol Boulton has been the school Receptionist for the past five years. Not only has she been an excellent receptionist, but she has also been a kindly presence to help children find lost possessions and sometimes locate lost classes! She also provided support to the Careers Department in particular, and general secretarial support to many teachers. As a parent of four HCS pupils she has had a long association with the school and we are extremely grateful to Mrs Boulton for all that she has done for HCS.

Mrs Ann Johnson joined the Careers Department in 2000 as a Careers Adviser. Over the years she must have seen hundreds of students and has provided invaluable support and careers advice to many. Mrs Johnson has also been instrumental in maintaining the highly successful biennial Careers Convention, as well as assisting with PSHCE lessons, interview practice, work experience and the completion of university application forms. Many OHs will no doubt have much to thank Mrs Johnson for. She works at a variety of schools and colleges and is moving on to take advantage of new opportunities in Worcester.

Mr Richard Pygott has been with the Geography Department for only one year, but made a significant impact both in and out of the classroom. Arriving from Cambridge with a double first, Mr Pygott is a passionate geographer of impressive intellect. His contribution to rugby, football and cricket have also been much appreciated. Mr Pygott takes up a teaching position at Magdalen College School, Oxford.

Also moving on:

Mr Malcom Mason - Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator;
Mrs Nancy Nicklin - Art Department and DoE;
Mrs Stephanie Lyons - Rowing Coach.

New Staff

Geography Department: **Mr P Hyde (OH)**;
 Modern Languages: **Mrs Petrie**;
 PE Department: **Miss P Blandford (OH)**;
 Physics Department: **Mr K Pillai**.

Congratulations to **Lisa Ferneyhough**, the school's Assistant Director of PE and Games, who was married in the Lady Chapel of the cathedral this summer. She is now 'Mrs Foster'.

LEGACY GIVING

Hereford Cathedral School launched its **Legacy Giving** appeal leaflet in November 2012. There has been an encouraging response and the school is very grateful to those Old Herefordians who have already made a bequest in their Will, some of whom have chosen to reveal the details of the pledge to us.

For further information please see the HCS website or call **Claire Morgan-Jones** on **01432 363590**.

Transforming Lives Today and Tomorrow



"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."
Pericles

I hope that when you think of your school days, the opportunities that were available and the good times that you experienced, you feel a sense of gratitude and pride. I also hope that you feel your time at HCS gave you an excellent start to your career and helped establish, even if only in a small way, the foundations of your future success and happiness.

If so, then perhaps you will consider helping us to ensure that future generations of Old Herefordians aware that future generations of Old Herefordians continue to receive an outstanding education. Despite being one of the oldest schools in the country, we do not have a rich foundation and owe much of our longevity and success to the generosity of successive benefactors, many of whom are recognised in our Commemoration Service and in the names of our Houses, Buildings, Prizes and Bursary awards. The need for financial support continues today and, whilst you might not be able to gift a donation now, it is possible that you could offer support in the future by remembering the School in your Will.

This leaflet describes how you can leave a legacy and illustrates how such support can help to transform the lives of the next generation of pupils. I hope that you feel able to give this serious consideration and, if so, I look forward to hearing from you.

With all best wishes

"We all have our special memories of HCS. For some it will be academic achievement or sporting challenge; for others inspirational music or the CCF - but above all special friendships made and fun together. Let's help others experience what we were lucky enough to enjoy. It is great to give back."
Ego Parker, former member of staff

For those who remember HCS, and their time here, with affection, a legacy provides a means of 'giving something back' in a way that may not be possible during one's lifetime. By giving a charitable gift to your Will, you can help support the School in so many different ways, for example, by funding a prize or a scholarship, by improving our facilities or by providing financial assistance to pupils who would otherwise be able to attend this great school. In short, leaving a legacy provides an opportunity to support the development of future generations and even the smallest of donations can make a real difference. Any funds bequeathed to the School will be used in strict accordance with your wishes and will be held separately from day to day operating funds.

Furthermore, as the School is a charity, a legacy to HCS under existing rules is exempt from inheritance tax. Your estate may also benefit from various other tax treatments if you leave some money to a charity. So remembering HCS in your Will could prove to be a very tax efficient way of leaving a donation to your old school. However, we do appreciate that a legacy is a pledge, and that should your circumstances change you might decide to alter your Will at a future date.



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"Pupils at the Cathedral School are nurtured to become remarkable young adults and this life-changing opportunity should be available more widely."

Anna Ellis née Brookes
(O.H. 1975 - 1982)

"Without the help and support of Hereford Cathedral School, my academic ambition would not have been achieved. Gaining a place at Oxford University has provided me with a platform to future success and the HCS bursary scheme gave me the start that I needed."

Chloe Gilbert (O.H. 2009-2011)

"I was hugely fortunate to receive the support to continue studying at HCS when I was making crucial decisions about my future. The fact that I have been able to pursue all of my musical ambition is entirely due to the opportunities made available to me at HCS."

John Challenger Assistant Organist, Salisbury Cathedral
(O.H. 1999-2006)



What can I leave?

- A cash or pecuniary legacy - a cash gift of any size, which will be taken from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated.
- Specific items such as shares, jewellery, paintings or a specific property of land as well as cash.
- A residuary bequest - the remainder of your estate after all other commitments have been paid.
- A residuary legacy then passes to HCS after the death of you.
- A conditional legacy naming HCS as your beneficiary should you survive you.

If you have already made a Will, a codicil can be added at any time.

In all cases, we would strongly recommend that you take professional advice and possibly your financial adviser too.

Please remember that, if you mention HCS in your Will, it is a registered charity number 515869.

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How the gift will be used

When designing a legacy gift you have two options:

- You can choose to make an unrestricted gift that allows the School to utilise funds where the maximum benefit can be achieved or on the most pressing projects. This gives the School the most flexibility and so is our preferred option.
- If you have a strong preference for how your gift should be used, we are very happy to accommodate this. For example, scholarship or bursary funding for people with academic, music or sporting talents.

"The bursary awarded to my family afforded me an education and wealth of opportunity that would otherwise have been unattainable. I am forever indebted to those who funded the scheme and the individuals who awarded a share of it to me. It has enriched my life immeasurably and had an impact that will last a lifetime."

Jared Barazetti-Scott
(OH 2003-2010)



How to make a Bequest

We suggest you take legal advice in connection with your Will or Cashed. The following forms may be of assistance to you and your solicitor:-

Gift of Residue

I give to Hereford Cathedral School, Old Deanery, Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2HG Registered Charity Number 518829 all (or _____ share) of the Residue of my Estate and I declare that the receipt of the Bearer or other authorised officer for the time being of the Charity shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors for the payment to the Charity.

Gift of Legacy

I give to Hereford Cathedral School, Old Deanery, Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2HG Registered Charity Number 518829 the sum of £_____ and I declare that the receipt of the Bearer or other authorised officer for the time being of the Charity shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors for the payment of the Legacy to the Charity.

Please let us know

If you decide to leave a legacy to HCS, we should be grateful if you would let us know by letter or by completing the enclosed pledge form. This is not required but does allow the School to thank and acknowledge, if desired, to fund legacies and helps the School in its long term planning.

Reduce your Tax Bill from April 2012

If you leave a bequest of 10% of your income to a registered charity the inheritance tax which may be payable on the residue will reduce from 40% to 32%, which may be payable on the residue will reduce from 40% to 32%, which may be payable on the residue will reduce from 40% to 32%. As a registered charity, any legacy left to HCS will be exempt from inheritance tax, your gift being deducted from the value of your estate before any tax liability is calculated.

"Bursaries provide the gift of education to an individual whilst simultaneously bringing huge benefits to the school. These include supporting and further developing existing high standards, and encouraging a diverse school community."

Katy Skerrett

(Governor, Parent, OH 1987 - 1994)

LEGACY GIVING





More than just a tie!



As well as the Old Herefordians' tie and scarf, the OH Club has a new range of very desirable merchandise on offer!

For women: a shield-shaped charm for your necklace or bracelet @ £12 each and you could even fix one to your mobile 'phone.

For men: cuff links bearing the HCS chevron @ £18 a pair.

Also on sale are tote bags @ £6 and tea towels @ £5; each features a different image of the school buildings.

Cuff links	£18.00
OH Charm	£12.00
OH Tie/Scarf	£10.00
Tote Bag	£6.00
Tea Towel	£5.00

To purchase or enquire about OH merchandise, please contact: The Development Office, Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2NG. Tel: 01432 363590
E: development@herefordcs.com or visit the school website: www.herefordcs.com



OH DAY Saturday 7th December, 2013

10.00 am	OH Netball in School Sports Hall
10.30 am	Coffee in The Old Deanery, Cathedral Close
11.00 am	AGM in Briscoe Room (Old Deanery)
11.30 am	Drinks in The Old Deanery
12.00	Mixed Hockey, Hereford Leisure Centre
12.15 pm	Lunch in Dining Hall - £15.00 each
2.30 pm	OH Rugby – Wyeseide
5.30 pm	Evensong in the Cathedral (tbc)
7.30 pm	Informal Buffet at Castle House Hotel, Castle Street, Hereford £30.00 per person.

If you would like any other general information please contact Helen Pearson on 01432 363 566 or development@hcjs.co.uk.

If you would like to play Rugby please contact - Richard Skyrme 01432 363 561 or rpskyr@herefordcs.com.

If you would like to play Hockey or Netball please contact - Lisa Foster 01432 363 561 or lafern@herefordcs.com.



RESTAURANT AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY

Located beneath the historic galleries, the restaurant blends exquisite modern European food with a stunning, Tom Dixon-designed interior

Annual Old Herefordians' London Dinner
Friday 28 March 2014 at 6.30pm for 7pm
at The Royal Academy of Arts Restaurant, Piccadilly

Partners also welcome

Three Course Meal, Wine & Coffee
£55 per ticket (Student Discount Available on Application)

RSVP: Claire Morgan-Jones or Helen Pearson, Development Office
01432 363566 development@herefordcs.com www.herefordcs.com



Upper Sixth Leavers' 2013 Reunion
Saturday 21st December 2013 at 12.30pm
at Sixth Form Cafe, Zimmerman Building

Curry from Mr Batwell
Free of Charge

Claire Morgan-Jones or Helen Pearson, Development Office
01432 363566 development@herefordcs.com www.herefordcs.com



DINNER AT THE CASTLE HOUSE: Round off the day with an evening meal at the Castle House Hotel, Hereford - £30 per head



Leavers of 1984 Reunion
Saturday 5th July 2014 at 12.30pm
at Old Deanery Lawn, Hereford Cathedral School

Reunion, school tour, bring a picnic lunch
Families welcome

RSVP by 14th June 2014. Tim Conning on tim@apss.co.uk or
Helen Pearson on development@herefordcs.com / 01432 363566



1987 - 1989 Reunion

Jason Hicks is busy organising a 25th Anniversary reunion for 5th Form Leavers of 1987 and Sixth Form Leavers of 1989.

Join Jason and friends at HCS on **Saturday 17 May 2014, from 2.00pm. A picnic tea is planned, followed by a tour of the school and an evening function.**

For further details, contact:
Helen Pearson - development@hcjs.co.uk
or check out the OH Facebook page.



Editorial

I am, of course, flattered that our retiring OH President, Andrew Davies, in his review of the year says of the magazine: "Top job - again!" I do my best. My best effort, however, would count for very little without the considerable time and trouble taken by our OH contributors.

It is sometimes hard to persuade Old Herefordians to write for the magazine. Often they do not perceive their own achievements to be particularly noteworthy and can't imagine that people they don't know would be in the least interested. But, by virtue of the fact that they are Old Herefordians, readers of the *Old Herefordians' Newsletter* are interested in the careers of former pupils. Whilst it is true to say that not every individual will have enjoyed their time at school, fundamentally the ethos of the Cathedral School has permeated the character of each OH in their developing years and laid the foundation for that career.

And so, yet again, I have been astonished by the range of newsworthy stories concerning Old Herefordians. There have been awards, charity work, books and music. What is so encouraging is that several of the stories concern the achievements of young Old Herefordians who are just at the start of their working lives. I am also very grateful to the contributors to our *OH Careers* section who have risen to the challenge of analysing their own more lengthy careers and have written such engaging and fascinating pieces. Thank you, because I know that to write about oneself is perhaps the hardest thing of all.

Finally, my annual plea: please keep sending your news and stories to the *Old Herefordians' Newsletter*.

Clare Adamson

Editor

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Please note that any personal opinions expressed in this publication are not the views of the Editor, the OH Club and Committee, or Hereford Cathedral School.

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your archive?

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of the faces in these
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