

Old Herefordians' 2016 Newsletter



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President's Report 2016



For the Old Herefordians' Club, 2016 has been yet another busy year: OH reunions, Marches 7s, the regular spring and autumn lunches organised by the Old Herefordians in London, and the OH Regatta in September. Unfortunately, due to low numbers we had to cancel the Old Herefordians in London Annual Dinner in April.

This year marked 30 years since I left HCS and, on a sunny spring day in April, forty-five leavers from 1985-1986 gathered for a reunion. Some had not returned to Hereford Cathedral School (or Hereford!) since they had left after their A levels or university. The entrance hall to No 1 and the adjoining archive room quickly filled up with OHs and the sound of eager voices could be heard at the end of Castle Street by Deanery. A full report with photographs from the reunion can be found on page 10.

In 2015 the OH Club had invested funds to purchase the services of a professional archive specialist to copy and digitalise much of our historic material. I am delighted to report that this material is now available on the OH website including school and OH magazines and a range of photographs. You will need to log in to access the archive, please contact Helen Pearson in the Development Office (H.Pearson@herefordcs.com) if you do not have a user name or require any further information.

OH Day this year will be held on Saturday 10th December 2016 – the AGM will be held in the morning and you are invited to join us for lunch in the school dining hall following the AGM. Full details of how to book your place are on the inside back cover.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be the President of the Old Herefordians' Club for the last three years and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the team in the Development Office for their continued hard work and support during my tenure. To the Editor of the OH Magazine, Clare Adamson for continuing to produce an outstanding magazine each year, and my fellow members of the OH Committee for their continuous commitment to the OH Club.

Gill Rivers

President, Old Herefordians' Club

From the Development Office:

Look Forward, Look Back, Remember and Dream

This year some 400 OH discovered the secret of eternal youth... you could too. Read on to find out how...

Each year Helen and I facilitate a number of reunions at Hereford Cathedral School, usually around an anniversary year, say 10, 20 or 25 years since leaving. It is always a great pleasure to welcome back former pupils, some of whom are perhaps a little nervous about what to expect, and wonderful to see them come together and regain their youthful enthusiasm as they reminisce. The talk is almost always about their time at school, and the tours of the school are usually noisy affairs, filled with laughter and stories. Alumni seem pleased to see the new developments and thrilled to find that some of the things they remember best are still here.

The joy of reconnecting in person, in this digital age, cannot be underestimated and we often hear that the reunion went on long into the night at one or other eatery in the city. The years fall away and they rediscover their eighteen-year-old self.

We are able to help any of you arrange reunions at HCS or other venues. We will contact all those you wish to invite and handle any logistics needed. All you have to do is contact us on 01432 363566. You could always start by just getting a few peers together and make a table at OH Day in December, for example.

If you have any ideas for events or reunions please feel free to contact us and discuss them.

Claire Morgan-Jones

Development Office

OH NEWS

OH QC

Barrister Alexander Hickey QC (OH 1991), took silk in February.

He was one of 107 silks this year – and had to attend the traditional swearing loyalty to the Queen at Westminster Hall and received his letters patent from the Lord Chancellor. Then there was a Bowing ceremony in the Lord Chief Justice's Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, then the Commercial Court and finally the Technology and Construction Court.



Alex in his silks with Ege Parker

'It was an honour for my No1 Housemaster and History Master Ege to join my family for the day, which ended in a private supper at a very nice restaurant,' said Alex. 'I was wearing my HCS cufflinks beneath all the silk and lace because without HCS, Ege and the wonderful teaching under Dr Tomlinson, I would not have been able to enter the law.'

After leaving HCS, Alex was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he read Jurisprudence and was a choral scholar (1991-94). He was called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn) in 1995.

Alexander's areas of expertise include construction, energy and waste management, technology and other commercial disputes. He handles both domestic disputes and instructions from Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. He is regarded as a superb cross-examiner and he has



numerous reported cases to his name in the House of Lords, Court of Appeal, and the High Court.

OH Heads Cathedral School



Clare Sherwood (OH) has been appointed as head teacher of The Cathedral School, Llandaff, in Cardiff.

Clare is no stranger to cathedral schools: not only is she an Old Herefordian, she is also the daughter of Dr Howard Tomlinson, former headmaster of Hereford Cathedral School, and Dr Heather Tomlinson who taught at HCJS. Brought up in a family of historians, Clare read History at Pembroke College, Cambridge. At Cambridge she also held a choral scholarship, captained her college teams in Netball and Ladies' Cricket, and played Ladies' Football and Rugby. She trained as a History teacher at Bristol University.

Since 2011, she has been Deputy Head (Academic) at Blundell's School, Devon.

Previously she taught History and RE at Charters Comprehensive School in Ascot, then at Leighton Park School in Reading, and was Head of History at Wycombe Abbey School. She is also a serving school inspector with the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Clare is married to Simon, a fellow teacher and musician, and the couple have three children.

Read about Clare's 'OH Career' on page 18.

Brave PC

Police Constable Vaughan Hyett (OH 1991-98), a former HCS chorister, has received a Chief Superintendent's Commendation 'for selflessness and conduct'.

Police Constable Hyett attended the scene of a major fire in a residential block of flats in Plymouth and assisted in evacuating individuals from the building. Under dangerous conditions police and fire officers were involved in the co-ordination and rescue of fifty people from multiple premises. Tragically one person lost his life but due to the prompt and selfless action of police officers further casualties were prevented.



Chief Superintendent, Vaughan Hyett, Helen Hyett, Lord Mayor of Plymouth

Television Award

Film and television writer, director and producer Alex Holmes (OH) has directed an award-winning film.

Coalition, a political drama about the Lib-Dem Tory coalition made for Channel 4, won the 2016 Royal Television Society award for best single drama. Alex, who previously won a BAFTA for his drama-documentary *Dunkirk* and also directed the award-winning *House of Saddam*, is currently writing a feature film about Vladimir Putin's relationship with a Russian oligarch for the multi-Oscar winning US producer Mark Boal.



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Top Jockey

Richard Johnson, who attended Hereford Cathedral Junior School (1981-88), won the British Jump Jockey's Championship this year.

He had been runner-up fifteen times. He was presented with his trophy by retiring champion A P McCoy.

Musical Brothers

Brothers Liam and Patrick Dunachie have been hitting the musical headlines.

Liam (OH 2007), provided the piano accompaniment on the Christmas chart-topping hit *A Bridge Over You*. The NHS Choir's charity single knocked Justin Bieber's record off the top slot by selling more than 127,000 copies. *A Bridge Over You* is a mash-up of Simon and Garfunkel's *Bridge Over Troubled Water* and Coldplay's *Fix You*.



Liam Dunachie

Liam said: 'I was asked to be the pianist and assistant conductor for Lewisham

Hospital Choir shortly after they'd featured on Gareth Malone's first series of *Sing While You Work* on BBC2 a few years ago. Since then I've worked with them every week, undertaking engagements ranging from singing in the hospital wards to local events and at conferences on a national scale, as representatives of the NHS as a whole.'



Patrick Dunachie

Meanwhile, younger brother **Patrick** (OH 2012) has been invited to join the internationally-acclaimed a cappella vocal ensemble The King's Singers. He replaces countertenor David Hurley who has retired after singing with the group for twenty-six years.

Patrick said: 'I am extremely excited to have been appointed to The King's Singers after such tough rounds of auditions alongside some superb singers. I have been listening to the group's recordings and concerts since I was very young, and I have always admired David's singing, so it's surreal now to be joining them. When I was about 14, I told my English teacher that my dream job would be singing first countertenor in The King's Singers, and so I feel really lucky that the dream has come true!'

After graduating from King's College, Cambridge, in 2015 with a double first, Patrick moved to Oxford to sing as a Lay Clerk in Christ Church Cathedral Choir.

Musical Sisters

The Roper sisters have also been hitting the right note in the musical world.



Hannah Roper

Violinist **Hannah Roper** (OH 2013), who has just graduated in music from Cambridge University, was delighted to be awarded the Yehudi Menuhin prize for most outstanding string player and the senior Musician's tankard for contributions to the musical life at Fitzwilliam College. Hannah was President of the Fitzwilliam College Music Society 2015-16.

She has now been offered a job, with Arts Council Funding, at the Berkshire Maestros, Berkshire's music hub to teach violin. She will continue to freelance as an orchestral musician and recital soloist.

Hannah will be returning to HCS to mentor musical Oxbridge candidates.

Younger sister **Rachel** (OH 2016), stole the limelight at the Royal Albert Hall when she stepped in to replace professional soloist Laura Wright who was unwell. Rachel was performing at last autumn's BBC Songs of Praise 'Big Sing' with Cantabile, Hereford Cathedral



Rachel Roper (L) with Laura Wright

School's award-winning girls' choir. Rachel said: 'It was very nerve-racking but it was a great experience.'

Rachel will be completing a gap year at the Hereford Cathedral Junior School this academic year.

David Jumps Again



David Bland

On Saturday 2 July 2016, fearless David Bland (OH) marked the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme by leaping 13,500ft from a plane.

David, who at 81, was the oldest skydiver taking part in Fall for the Fallen, Blesma's annual fundraising charity tandem skydiving event. This is the third time David has skydived.

David became a member of Blesma in 1955 after he lost his right eye in a training accident whilst serving with the Wiltshire Regiment as a Corporal. Blesma (British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association) is the national charity that directly supports all our service men and women who lose limbs, the use of limbs or eyes or the sight of an eye in the service of our country and helps them all whenever it is needed for the rest of their lives.

Racing Ahead



Stuart's car sporting the school logo

When he's not busy teaching at HCJS, Stuart Turpin (OH) spends his time racing cars and hoping to follow in his father's footsteps – Mike Turpin is the current Midland Hillclimb champion.

Stuart races in class D: Modified Specialist Production Cars. He has a Westfield with a 1400cc Hayabusa engine; it does 0 - 60mph in just over 3 seconds. This year Stuart has been taking part in two championships: the Midland Hillclimb Championship and the Loton Park Championship.

Tandemonium

Emmy Collett and Jake Coates have raised 80% of their £100 000 target for the Royal Marsden Hospital – where Emmy is being treated for cancer – by cycling 2000 kilometres from London to Copenhagen by tandem in June.

Emmy and Jake first knew each other at HCS when they were both eleven. They were sweethearts at thirteen and in a relationship when they were sixteen; they separated when they went to university, but kept in touch when Jake went to Australia to work as a doctor and Emmy was teaching at a London primary school. When Emmy was diagnosed with cancer in March, Jake flew back to the UK and the reunited couple were married on 3 September.

At 30, Emmy is one of the youngest people to have been diagnosed with medullary thyroid cancer, a very rare form of the disease. Unfortunately, Emmy's cancer has spread and is incurable but with the help of her drugs and her indomitable spirit she is remaining optimistic.

If you would like to donate to Emmy and Jake's Tandemonium challenge in support of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ejtandemonium.



The Midland Hillclimb Championship takes place over ten weekends with rounds at Shelsley Walsh (the oldest operational motorsport venue in the world), Loton Park in Shropshire, Prescott near Cheltenham and one round at Gurston Down near Salisbury. In June, he competed at Loton Park in rather treacherous conditions and finished second in class, his best result of the season in the Midland Championship.

The Loton Park Championship comprises eight rounds; Stuart won his class at the first two rounds in April. 'I am very much in a learning capacity this year although I have been really pleased with my progress so far. I have bettered my personal best times at nearly every round,' said Stuart.

CCF Inspection

In April, the school held the CCF biennial inspection. The inspecting personnel included Air Commodore Richard Atkinson CBE (OH), and Captain Sarah Hunter-Choat (OH).

During the inspection there was a special presentation of the Hunter-Choat Pace Stick in honour of Brigadier 'Tony' Hunter-Choat (1936-2012), the father of Felicity and Sarah.



Attending the biennial inspection.

Front left to right: Felicity and Sarah Hunter-Choat, and Alice Spreckley; rear row left to right: Air Commodore Richard Atkinson and Jamie Roberts.

Gold Award



Ben Clements

Ben Clements was awarded his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in May. Ben has spent his Gap year working at Hereford Cathedral Junior School.

Gold Award

Former pupils **Sophie Hammond, Rhian Evans** and **George Bowring-Lossock** were presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards last December.



Sophie, George and Rhian at St James's Palace

OHs at HCS

Surely, the highest recommendation of a school is the number of former pupils who choose to teach there.

For **Jon Priday** (OH 1969-76), HCS could stand for Happy Centenary in School. For Mr Priday has celebrated 100 terms of teaching mathematics at HCS – that's 33 years of teaching at his alma mater!



Jon Priday celebrates

Mrs **Elizabeth Locke** (née Whittaker) has retired after eighteen years of teaching Religious Studies at HCS. She first came to the school in 1972 as a pioneering girl in the sixth form! See page 45 for an appreciation of Mrs Locke's teaching career.

OHs at HCS

In 2016, the school welcomed to the teaching staff two former pupils.

Alex Coulton (OH 1990-96) was appointed to teach English part-time.



Alex Coulton

Dr Zac Watkins (OH 1981-88) joins HCS from Millfield School, and has been appointed to teach both Biology and A level Psychology. In his final year as a pupil at HCS, Zac won the Withers Elective Prize; his sister Gay kept up the family tradition by winning in 1990, and also returned to HCS, as Gay Butterworth, to teach in the PE department for several years.



Zac Watkins

Nepal Earthquake

Since the major earthquake in Nepal much has happened to help improve life for the Nepalese people.

It must also be remembered that this country still remains on the list of one of the world's poorest countries.

The indigenous people of Nepal are extremely proud of their long link with Britain mainly through the Gurkha Brigade and of course the many British people who have settled in their country. No one can deny that the Nepalese people are hardy, resourceful and tenacious fighters. The awful earthquake in 2015 demonstrated to the world that they didn't want sympathy, weeping and wailing but help and assistance to rebuild their lives.



Minor repairs at Shree Sharada School

Alex Campbell and I visited Nepal in October 2015. We wanted to see with our own eyes and hear the stories from those we got to know over the many years.

The earthquake caused significant damage to some areas and relatively nothing to others. Some villages being totally flattened with a number of villagers, animals and tourists killed. Arterial roads were swept away and cultivated land totally destroyed. This is a country that mainly lives 'hand to mouth' and to lose great swathes of farmed land is catastrophic. Nepal has no real industry as such and tourism plays a major part in its survival. Thus one can imagine the impact the earthquake has had on this country. When we walked through the streets of both Kathmandu and Pokhara in 2015 we saw not only serious damage to some properties but a great reduction in the number of tourists.

After conversations with many old friends who had looked after HCS pupils since the first trek in 1998, we had a much better picture as to where money raised for support should go. Two schools have been affected by the earthquake, Ramjar School and Shree Sharada School in the village of Ghachok. Ramjar School had effectively been reduced to rubble, but Shree Sharada School fared better and was only slightly damaged. Ram' Jnr, our Sherpa



Ramjar School was completely destroyed



guide for many years, had lost everything he owned after his village was flattened by the earthquake. Despite this, the major worry for Ram' was the continued education of his son Anish who was being privately educated in Kathmandu.

On our return from Nepal, there was a fantastic response from HCS parents, Ghachok School Committee members and friends of HCS. There was a terrific Cantabile Choir evening at the Left Bank - where the girls sang beautifully - and HCS parents, relatives and friends kindly donated significant amounts of money.

After discussing our visit with the Ghachok Link Committee it was decided that the money raised towards the HCS Nepal Earthquake Fund should be used to help the two schools and Ram' Jnr would be given financial support. It is appreciated that many donors wished to remain anonymous, but we would like to say on behalf of the heads of both of the schools, teachers and the children themselves a big 'thank you' for your overwhelming generosity.

Ram' Jnr was left practically speechless when he heard of the support that could be offered to him to continue with Anish's education and the small amount of financial support that could be given to him to help him re-build his life.

As a way of ensuring that all of the donations are used correctly the Ghachok Link Committee have requested that both schools email HCS sending updates on their progress and that Ram' Jnr emails copies of Anish's school reports on an annual basis.



Mike Moffat (centre) with the headmasters of Shree Sharada and Ramja schools

I have included some photographs from our visit in 2015, and some additional photographs sent us by Major Ramprasad Gurung and the head teachers of both Ramjar School and Shree Sharada School.

Mike Moffatt & Alex Campbell
(May 2016)



A temporary teaching room at Ramjar School



OLD HEREFORDIANS' CLUB

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It's a great way to keep in touch with your contemporaries!



OH REUNIONS

OH Day 2015

Wet weather did not dampen spirits as more than 100 of Hereford Cathedral School's Alumni went back to school for a day of fun, socialising and sport.

Once the formalities of the Annual General Meeting had been held in the morning, guests enjoyed sherry and mince pies in Old Deanery. More than fifty Old Herefordians enjoyed a lavish Christmas lunch to celebrate the school's annual OH day and a number of others tested their sporting skills in football, rugby, netball and hockey matches against current pupils.

The OH vs HCS Chess Competition was again organised by Mr Richard Croot. Mr Michael Moreton (OH 1949), our oldest player joined our young school players for a morning of concentration and strategy before joining the lunch.

OHs also had the opportunity to visit the OH Archive and History room, formerly the Headmaster's

Study and then Monitors' Common Room at the front of No 1 Castle Street.

Due to flooding at Wyese the sporting fixtures were moved to Hereford Leisure Centre and Hereford City Sports Club with plenty of sporting highlights enjoyed by the spectators. The OHs were victorious in the football securing a 2-1 win but the tables were turned in the Rugby, the school's 1st XV won 24-19.

After the games, OHs and HCS pupils and parents came together for a drink in the bar at Hereford City Sports Club. Many thanks to all the players and spectators on the day.

As in previous years, the day was rounded off at the Castle House with over twenty Old Herefordians enjoying a marvellous meal.

Gill Rivers, President OH Club



Upper Sixth Leavers' 2016 Reunion

**Wednesday 21st December 2016 at 5.30pm - 7.30pm
at Sixth Form Cafe, Zimmerman Building**

Curry from Mr Eatwell Free of Charge

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



Leavers of 85 and 86 Reunion

The weather was kind to us on 23 April 2016 when we hosted the 30-year reunion for the leavers of 1985 and 1986.

Around 45 people from the two years arrived at No 1 Castle Street in the early afternoon, to be greeted with a glass of Prosecco while they met old friends. Some had not come back to the school (or Hereford!) since they had left after their A levels or University. The entrance hall to No 1 and the adjoining archive room quickly filled up with OHs and the sound of eager voices could be heard at the end of Castle Street by Deanery. A number of staff joined the OHs including Mrs Howard-Jones, Mr Morris, Mr Parker, Mr Dunn, Mr Taylor and Mr Rhodes. Unfortunately, Mrs Miles and Mrs Williams (Miss Vater) were unable to join us due to prior commitments but sent their regards.

The group moved to the lawn at the back of Deanery for the obligatory 'group' photograph, courtesy of OH Roger Sweetman. Helen Pearson and Claire Morgan-Jones then escorted the group on a tour of the new sports hall/gymnasium and science labs (the old gymnasium) where Headmaster Paul Smith welcomed us all back to the school. The tour continued to School House, where many reminisced

in Pete Skinner's Room 'Y' overlooking the Cathedral Close and made their way up the winding narrow staircase to what had been the Lower Sixth studies (arts and sciences). Finally, a visit to Old Block and the classrooms where many had sat through a maths or Latin lesson and a visit to the school main library which during our time at HCS was split into the Gilbert Library (where some had sat their entrance exam) and Big School which had hosted many school plays and the end of term disco!

The afternoon was rounded off with afternoon tea in the school dining hall (another venue in our day for the end of term disco) and the cutting of a 'welcome



back' cake which the school canteen had produced as a surprise.

A number then made their way down to the Castle House hotel (it had changed somewhat from our day when it was the Castle Pool) and enjoyed a convivial drink in the garden overlooking the river. When it got too cold to sit outside anymore we made our way back across the Cathedral Close for dinner in the Thai Gallery, while a faithful few (who still had some stamina left) went on to the Beer in Hand until the early hours.

It was a fantastic afternoon and a big 'thank you' must go to Helen Pearson and Claire Morgan-Jones

in the Development Office. Their hard work and support behind the scenes made the afternoon run smoothly. There were some OHs who had been apprehensive about coming along but left saying that they had had 'the best afternoon ever!'

A big 'thank you' must also go to everyone who came along to the reunion and made it such a fabulous afternoon, many of whom had travelled many miles to join us.

Gill Rivers (née Powell) (1979-86)

Samantha Holloman (née Hollowell) (1979-86)

Liz Davies (née Shields) (1978-85)

Samantha Laing (née Prosser) (1978-85)



1996 Reunion

On Saturday 9 July 2016 thirty OH attended our 20-year reunion of leaving HCS.

The years have passed quickly. Whilst a lot of people have kept in touch with close friends it was the first time many of us had seen each other since the summer of '96 when England went close to football glory on home soil and the charts were dominated by Fugees *Killing Me Softly*, Baddiel, Skinner and Lighting Seeds *Three Lions* and Spice Girls *Wannabe!* So keen were some OH to meet that a number stayed Friday and Chris Ashford & Stuart Anthony decided to run the Bridges in the morning.

As Mark Skold and I parked in Castle Street a lot of memories came back to us all; we instantly had a guilty feeling as if we had not quite finished eating our sandwich and suddenly expected to have a tap on the shoulder from a disapproving teacher. I am not sure whether this is still a school offence but it was a detention in '96!

The group of OH and teachers met on Number 1 lawn. People looked for recognisable faces and congregated in small familiar groups before venturing across the marquee to those who had not been seen for 20 years. It was great to see so many of our teachers there (Mrs Miles, Mr Morris, Dr Tomlinson, Mrs Wooderson, Mr & Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Williams and Mr Parker) and to swap stories of what life has presented to each person since flying the nest.

A tour of the school followed where we walked past many familiar buildings bringing back a sense of nostalgia. We all remembered our first year rooms, and those of us that were in 1N in 1989 with Mrs Wooderson had our photos taken inside swapping stories of misdemeanors. Outside the dinning hall brought back further memories of queuing up outside before investing our £1 a day on a main and pudding... 40p for a lamb hot pot was a great price!

After the tour it was time for some drinking: alas The Spread Eagle is no longer so another favourite, 'The Litch', played host to 30+ thirsty OHs ready for an afternoon and evening of alcohol which did not disappoint, before venturing for food and further drinking in 'The Barrells', before most of the group decided to remember what a night out without children is and showed current Herefordians their best dancing moves!

Sunday resulted in some sore heads and it was time for some greasy food to absorb the alcohol before we bid farewell to each other and returned to the various parts of the UK that we now reside in.

I would like to thank the school for organising and hosting the event.

Robert Dove



Three Heads

Reunited after twenty-eight years were former HCS Headmaster, Dr Howard Tomlinson and former pupils Ross Spicer and Juliette Austin-Chandler (née Adams).

Dr Tomlinson appointed Ross and Juliette as his first Head and Deputy Head of School for 1987-88.

Ross was in Hereford for a few days staying with Ege Parker, his

former teacher, and the photo was taken in Ege's garden. Ross has recently returned from five years working in Australia, (read about Ross's 'OH Career' on page 19). Juliette is still very much involved with HCS as a parent and she is Vice-President of the Old Herefordians' Club.



Old Herefordians in London



Autumn Luncheon 2015



Spring Luncheon 2016

FIFTY YEARS AGO

To those of you who left HCS for the final time in 1967, why not celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of becoming an Old Herefordian?

We shall be delighted to welcome you to one (or both) of our OHiL lunchtime meetings beside the Thames in 2017.

For dates and details see the OHiL Events or contact Peter Fairman-Bourn - admin@ohil.org.uk

OHiL Events 2017

Annual Spring Luncheon Thursday 18 May

11.00am onwards
Terrace Bar

Doggets Coat & Badge, Blackfriars Bridge, SE1

Autumn Luncheon Thursday 19 October

11.00am onwards
Thomas Doggett Bar

Doggets Coat & Badge, Blackfriars Bridge, SE1

All OHs from any era welcome to attend any event.

To reserve a place, please contact

Peter Fairman-Bourn admin@ohil.org.uk

Visit our website to find out even more information about OHiL: www.ohil.org.uk.

**PLEASE NOTE:
THE OH ANNUAL LONDON DINNER
WILL NOT BE HELD IN 2017**

OH SPORT

Football

Following the successful arrival of football to OH Day in 2014, it returned for a second year, this time to a windy Hereford Racecourse.

Despite the tough playing conditions, some good build up play from HCS led to a penalty, where they took an early first-half lead with Tom Subak-Sharpe calmly slotting home past Ross Barnett. A determined Old Herefordian side, however, fought back to bring the game level when James Nowosielski mishit the ball past HCS 'keeper Hugo Jobst. It looked as though the game would be all square at half-time before Sam Morgan managed to find the net from just inside the six-yard box. Another hard-fought half of good football followed from both teams but in the end the experience and squad depth of the Old Herefordians saw them to a narrow 1-2 victory.



Many thanks to Mr Blyth for donning the referee's whistle once again, Mr Taylor for becoming the first teacher to play in the fixture and to another fantastic crowd for watching.

Daniel Nowosielski

Burghill Golf Day

Stephen Williams' daughter chose May to get married, can you believe it!

Not only was father required to attend but Uncle Andrew too. They did have a lovely day though. Another player to miss this year after twelve consecutive years was Ray Harris and we missed his pipe.

Two new players joined us; Clive Mugridge's son Owen and Geoff Dimmock. Owen lives in Australia and was visiting the UK so came with Clive. Geoff was in Deanery from 1950 to 57 so pulled rank on John Eede who arrived in 1951. We can therefore boast a span of 23 years of OHs (or 58 years if you include Howard's tenure as headmaster which ended in 2005!)

These most interesting facts draw attention away from the standard of the golf for a good reason.



The photograph was taken next to the 18th green.

Back row (left to right): John Eede, Geoff Dimmock, Clive Mugridge, Howard Tomlinson and Jack Beach.

Second row (l-r): Owen Mugridge, Angus Craig, Roger Morgan, Jeremy Clare and Clive Hallett.

Front row (l-r): Andrew Singer, John Oldman and Richard Blott (The winners!).

The day, however, was excellent. We experienced lovely weather, the course in good condition and first class catering. Helen Pearson came to meet us in the morning and Powell Price joined us in the evening. Mark Ellis OH, our host, has made some good changes to the facilities since his involvement and the clubhouse is very comfortable. To be able to sit outside overlooking the course with a pint of beer in the evening sun engaging in banter with friends is a real privilege.

We have booked for next year so come and join us. It is a good day and Burghill looked after us very well. Put the date in your diary: Thursday 11 May 2017 at Burghill Valley Golf Club. Any OH who enjoys golf is welcome to join us. Send me an email and I'll contact you in the New Year to see if you still think it's a good idea.

Andrew Singer: abs.singer@btinternet.com.

BURGHILL GOLF DAY

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017

Coffee & Bacon Rolls 10.30am

Round of Golf

Supper 6pm

Cost £45



Contact: Andrew Singer (OH 57-64)

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For your diaries: Next year's cricket match! Wyeside, Sunday 4 June 2017

Following on from all the fun that was had at The Mayor of Gloucester's Charity and Edward Tomlinson Memorial cricket match on 1 May this year, it has been decided that the event should be repeated next year, (though Seb Field will no longer be the Mayor of Gloucester by then!). The plan is to have two teams, one made up of OHs and Seb's Gloucester friends against a St John's College, Oxford team, St John's being Eddie's old college. No doubt there will be mixing and matching of players but it should be a great day.

Put it in your diaries now!



itself. As ever, Seb was raising money for charity – three charities: the Assuon Foundation, the Superhero Foundation and the Primary Club, a cricketers' charity faithfully supported by Eddie from the age of about 9. As entry to the match was free, Seb and his friends organised a raffle, a cake stall, refreshments and an auction. Spare commemorative T-shirts sponsored by Lucozade and worn by all of Seb's team, were sold off to supporters. Adding to the family atmosphere was a bouncy castle, a fire engine for children to explore, and a free fruit stall provided by Tesco's. These were all much enjoyed by those who attended, not least by the Tomlinsons who turned out in force, including seven of Ed's nephews and nieces, proudly sporting their 'Uncle Eddie' T-shirts. Eddie would have loved to have seen their parallel junior match played next to the nets!

In all, nearly £1,000 was raised for the chosen charities and this most memorable tribute to Seb's old friend was hugely appreciated by all who attended. Well done, and thank you, Seb.

Heather Tomlinson

Cricket

The Mayor of Gloucester's Charity Cricket Match: Remembering Edward Tomlinson

As one of the many special events organised by Sebastian Field during his year as mayor of Gloucester, he wanted one especially to remember and celebrate his old school friend, Edward Tomlinson, who had died in Beirut 10 years earlier.

What could be better than a game of cricket, the sport above all sports which Eddie loved most. Undoubtedly, in the phrase devised by Ed's HCS Classics friends, *Id quod voluisset Edwardus* – it was what Eddie would have wanted.

The original tournament planned for 10 April had been postponed due to rain, so during the week preceding 1 May, we were all anxiously scanning the sky and listening to every weather forecast. Sunday 1 May did not dawn 'bright and fair' but it wasn't raining: the cricket would go ahead.

What a great day it turned out to be. Both teams boasted an MP to add 'weight' to their side: Ed's brother Michael, MP for Mid Dorset and North Poole, turned out for the Mayor while the local Gloucester MP, Richard Graham, played for the opposition, Gloucester City Winget CC. Seb's team, batting first, did not make a glorious start to their innings, but the ship was steadied by a magnificent century from Mark Williamson, and the team finally posted a respectable total of 197 from their 30 overs. Gloucester City Wingets played less rashly and their score steadily mounted, though with some excellent bowling later pinning them back they had to take the match to the final over before clinching their victory.

The result, it must be said, was not the most important aspect of the game: it was the occasion



The Tomlinson family

OH Test Cricketer



This year marks the 60th anniversary of when an Old Herefordian was the toast of England cricket.

Peter Richardson (OH 1942-49), who was born on July 4, 1931, was a stalwart of the school team for four years, serving as captain in the last season, 1948.



Facing Keith Miller's bowling during his maiden Test century at Old Trafford 60 years ago.

His cricket development was slow but ever upwards and he became a Worcestershire star. He later played for Kent.

In his first match as Worcestershire skipper he hit a century against Australia in the opening match of the season, his unbeaten 130 saving the county from defeat. An England call-up beckoned. In his first match in 1956 he scored 81 and 73 against Australia and then struck 104 at Old Trafford, the encounter that earned Jim Laker legendary

status with his capture of 19 wickets. Richardson went on to score 491 Test runs that year, the highest tally in the world.

Richardson, who is in his 85th year, played in 34 Tests, scoring over 2,000 runs and in 1957 was one of the *Wisden* cricketers of the year. Colin Bateman, one-time *Daily Express* cricket correspondent, said the OH was one of the game's great characters: 'Off the field he was a one-man entertainment show, particularly when the troops were stuck in some up-country billet in India. His sense of humour and sharp mind enlivened many a dull official function to the delight of his teammates.

'His love of a prank continued after his playing days with outrageous letters from fictitious Colonel Blimps to the *Daily Telegraph*.'

One can't help wondering what pranks he got up to in his days at HCS!

Nigel Heins

Mystery rowing oar surfaces

The oar commemorating Hereford Cathedral School's dead-heat finish in the Public Schools Challenge Cup at the Marlow Regatta in 1946 was recently discovered during a clear out of the cellar under the Headmaster's house, by the Boys' Head of Rowing, Patrick Morgan-Jones.

The oar bears the names of the Coxed Fours crew: M.R. Jones bow; J.B. Jacob; D.F. James; R.J.S Barton stroke and cox W.B. Turner. Sadly, no photo survives, but historical research by Malcolm Startin reveals that: 'Hereford Cathedral School competed once more for the Public Schools Challenge Cup at the revived Marlow Regatta on the 29th June. In the first heat they were drawn against Eastbourne College. It was a fairly close race to Bisham Church about half-way, but thereafter Hereford drew right away to win by 4



1949 crew

lengths. In the final Hereford met Hailebury and Monmouth. A good start gave Hereford a slight lead, which however, they held for only a few strokes. Hailebury then gained a ¼ length with Monmouth a length behind. At Bisham, Hailebury had gained a little more, but there Hereford spurred to lead by nearly ½



1883 crew

length which they held until 50 yards from the finish. Hailebury just caught Hereford on the last stroke to make a dead heat. Monmouth was some lengths behind. So, Hereford and Hailebury held the Cup for six months each. The Cathedral School first won the cup at Henley in 1883 and were again successful at Marlow in 1929 after an interval of 45 years when they did not compete.'

There are oars commemorating the victories in 1883 and 1929. HCS also won the competition in 1949 (see Michael Moreton's career, page 17), and the souvenir oar is on display in the Sports Pavilion at Wyeseide.



Rowers Josh, Patrick and James with the historic oar.

OH CAREERS

Seb Field: A year to remember



In May 2015, I had the great honour of becoming the 535th Mayor of Gloucester.

I was also, so I was told, the youngest Mayor for at least 300 years. That I did not always feel so young and energetic during my year shows you just how busy it was! Over the whole civic year, my wife Vicki and I completed over 500 engagements. This is well above average, especially as we both work full-time as well.

The sheer breadth and variety of the events was amazing. One day we might be visiting a school and telling them about our work as Mayor and Mayoress, another day we might be at Buckingham Palace for a Three Choirs reception, and another day we might be working with a small charity that nobody has yet heard of. The opportunity to see the other side of my city, and to meet the many 'unsung heroes' was the most humbling and energizing part of the job.

Every Mayor will get to do some things that are unique in their year. For me it was to have the 2015 Rugby World Cup, with four group games being played in Gloucester. Those who knew me at school will recall that I was a terrible and unenthusiastic player

of rugby, but as a spectator I now enjoy watching the game! The Japanese in particular are great fans, and we took them into our hearts in Gloucester because of their infectious optimism and their cherry and white shirts (the same colours as Gloucester wear).

I tried to place an emphasis on health and sport during my year. I am not especially fit, but I am getting there, and I knew the year would be tough in terms of the food on offer and the danger of putting on weight. So I undertook to do some fitness as best I could, for example by running the Gloucester 10K, and training with the Military Preparation College.

Towards the end of the year, we also organized a cricket tournament to remember our dear friend Edward Tomlinson, who died 10 years ago this year. This was a great occasion and it was wonderful to have the Tomlinson family with us in force. We raised £1500 for three charities, and although the result was somewhat immaterial, the match was a great game of cricket. I valued the support of Howard and Heather Tomlinson so highly throughout the year, and that is definitely what we would call I.Q.V.E. (Id quod voluisset Eduardus - Latin for "it's what Eddie would have wanted")

Charity work was an important part of the year, and as well as the cricket we raised significant sums for local charities. The biggest fundraiser was the Mayor's Ball, which this year had a Casino Royale/James Bond theme. As we were the singing Mayor and Mayoress, Vicki and I sang 'Nobody Does it Better' before the dinner. We also gave a number of recitals and musical and historical lectures during the year, raising the profile of both the Mayoralty but also our singing voices.

There is so much more to say, but there is not space to do it here. I am working on a memoir of my year in office, which I hope to

produce as a short book. I must thank my family for their support during the year, and especially my wife Vicki, who undertook the journey with me and helped me not to flag when my spirits were running low.

What does the future hold? I have now stood down from the city council as well as the Mayoralty, after nine years as a councillor. I have finally got the time to devote to my singing and public speaking work, and it is lovely to have free evenings once again! I am sure that my education at Hereford Cathedral School had a big part to play in preparing me for this crazy year, and it truly is *An Education for Life* as the school motto has it.

Michael Moreton: A bell-ringing career



Winning the Public Schools Fours at Marlow Regatta in 1949 [Michael's last year at school] affected my whole life.

After two years in the Army doing National Service I worked in the National Provincial Bank in Broad Street. The Bank had a very successful Rowing Club in London and in 1954 I was invited to work in London and row. I was delighted.

After eighteen months I left the Bank and was then able to

continue ringing. [Michael had been taught bell ringing by his older brother Wilf in the early 1940s.] The best ringing society is the "Ancient Society of College Youths" which was established in 1637. They rang at several churches in the City and at Southwark Cathedral, and before long I was invited to join in the ringing on Sundays at St Paul's Cathedral. This took place on Sunday mornings and afternoons. The College Youths elect a Master every November and in 1960 I was elected the Master for a year. I am now the Senior Master.

During my years as a member of St Paul's Guild of Ringers, we have been called on to ring celebration "Peals" which is 5,000 changes non-stop and lasts about 3 hours and 50 minutes.

The first was on 21 March 1964 for the birth of Prince Edward. The second was rung half-muffled on 30 January 1965 in memoriam for Sir Winston Churchill KG. I rang the tenth bell which weighs about 1½ tons; the time was 3 hours 53 minutes.

On 20 November 1972, for the Queen's Silver Wedding, I first rang a three-hour peal at Westminster Abbey and then went on to ring a peal at St Paul's for 3 hours and 37 minutes. Raymond Cousins did the same, and we were first to ring peals at both towers on the same day!

In 1980 it was the Queen Mother's birthday, her 80th. A celebratory peal was rung on Saturday 2 August and lasted 3 hours and 45 minutes; her birthday was on the 4th. We also rang a peal when Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer. I rang the 11th ½ bell weighing 44 cwt and took 3 hours and 42 minutes.

The College Youths celebrated being 350 years old in 1990, and it was the hottest day of the year - over 90 degrees Fahrenheit - when we rang the peal of 3 hours and 43 minutes. Then when the

Queen Mother was 92 on 4 August 1992 we rang another peal in 3 hours and 52 minutes.

On 26 January 1996 we rang for the new Bishop of London, The Right Reverend Richard Chartres. On 20 November 1997 we rang a peal for the Queen's Golden Wedding in 3 hours and 42 minutes. I had earlier in the day rung for 3 hours and 20 minutes in the peal at Westminster Abbey.

On 19 June 1999 we rang for the Royal Wedding of Prince Edward and Miss Rhys-Jones which took place at Windsor Castle.

On 4 August 2000 we rang a peal for the 100th birthday of the Queen Mother in 3 hours and 47 minutes and then for the Queen's Golden Jubilee on 6 February 2002 when we rang 5050 changes in 3 hours and 40 minutes.

We rang a peal while the Paralympic Games were going past the Cathedral on 9 September 2012. This was my last peal at St Paul's and in January 2015 I gave up ringing at St Paul's as my arms were getting too weak.

I had completed 58 years long enough.

PS. I was also an Abbey ringer.

Clare Sherwood: The best is yet to come

Clare Sherwood (née Tomlinson) OH 1987-1994, has just been appointed the first female Head of the Cathedral School, Llandaff.

I always told myself that I never wanted to be a teacher. Looking back on it, I am not sure why. Perhaps because both my parents were teachers. Perhaps because, whilst I was at Cambridge, all my friends were applying to be merchant bankers or trainees with Deloitte and Touche, and teaching just didn't sound glamorous. But in my final year at university, although I applied for various graduate



training schemes, I was rejected from each one of them, and therefore I took up my first post working in sales at a local photography firm.

And I hated it – although I was surprisingly good at sales. I persuaded one woman to part with nearly a thousand pounds for some photographs of her beloved Labrador, that cost us just £40 to produce. I feel guilty about that to this day. I found it extraordinary that the people I worked with weren't passionate about their job and lived solely for the weekend.

So, one Saturday afternoon, when I was feeling depressed about my life, my mother offered to make me lunch – in return, I would have to complete an application for a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. Now, I have always been highly motivated by food. I remember one balloon debate at HCS, I spoke on behalf of the Christmas dinner, confident that no-one would be foolish enough to chuck that out of a sinking balloon. To my great surprise, I was voted first to be thrown overboard. Nonetheless, on this particular miserable Saturday afternoon, the offer of a lunch that I didn't have to make myself was too tempting to ignore and I therefore filled in an application to become a History teacher.

I had some great role models in the History department at HCS. Ege Parker taught me the crucial importance of using detail to support my, often wildly exaggerated, assertions. And he taught me that, whilst perfection in History might never be possible, it was always possible to improve. And Henry James caused me to fall in love with the blood, thunder, power and romance of History. The first ever lesson he taught us was solving a murder mystery – and it was such a great lesson that I have repeated it for every Year 7 class I have ever taught. They always leave my classroom chanting ‘History is a Mystery’ – and indeed, that is History’s great delight.

Thus, a few months later, I found myself on teaching practice in a school in Bristol, and realised I had found my vocation. Although totally unable to gain anything approaching quiet with my first pupils, I became absolutely hooked on the idea of sharing my passion for learning. No matter how tired and demoralised I have been subsequently – and teaching is an exhausting career – that passion has remained. My first two years were spent in a fantastic comprehensive school, serving the whole community and raising the aspirations of all, regardless of academic ability or economic background. Getting married and relocating, I moved to Leighton Park, a Quaker boarding school which sought to bring out ‘that of God in everyone’. The pupils were on first name terms with the teachers – and I feared anarchy to be the inevitable result of such informality. But I was wrong. There was a palpable sense of respect between teachers and pupils, and the trust placed in the pupils – which they almost always lived up to – made it a very special place to be. I became Deputy Housemistress,

moved into the school, and had my first child.

There do seem to me to be patterns in History. Whilst History might not repeat itself, as Voltaire said, mankind always does. And there have certainly been recurring patterns in my career. In my last year at primary school, I was preparing to sit the scholarship paper for a school called Wycombe Abbey. But, just weeks before the examination, my father became Headmaster of HCS and thus I never took the exam. So, seeing the advert for Head of History at Wycombe Abbey, it seemed destined that I would teach there. I learned a huge amount from the pupils at Wycombe. They worked harder than any pupils I have ever known. They inspired me with their fierce determination. Certainly the school was highly selective, but the girls never assumed that their grades would simply be served to them on a plate – they knew their fate was in their own hands. When I left to become Deputy Head, Academic at Blundell’s School, now the proud mother of three wonderful children, I took with me an understanding that, whilst an individual might have talent in abundance, it was only hard work that would enable them to succeed.

And now I write this, in my final year at Blundell’s, awaiting the challenges of Headship with excitement and trepidation. Blundell’s is a wonderful school. Its pupils throw themselves into everything – from performing with the London Symphony Orchestra to running uphill through the Devon mud. It has reminded me of the values of teamwork and cooperation, that “the game is greater than the player, the ship is greater than the crew”, as the motto of one of the boarding houses puts it. And I count myself deeply fortunate that I have been

the beneficiary of a fantastic education myself, at HCS, and that I have worked in four very different, but equally brilliant schools. I have learned a huge amount about leadership and how important it is to take every opportunity offered no matter how mundane it may seem. And I have also been inspired by my parents, their optimism, their faith and their joy in education. And I hope that is what I will take with me to the Cathedral School at Llandaff – a sense of joy that there is still so much to learn, and a sense of excitement that the best is yet to come.

Ross Spicer: How did it happen; Why did it happen?



Towards the end of 2015 I returned from five years in Australia where I had been CEO, Rail for Downer, a company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange with 19,000 employees and five divisions.

It had always been my intention to work overseas at some point in my career as I wanted the challenge of being immersed in a different culture; Australia had never been planned though. I ended up there completely by accident and actually due to

somebody else's misfortune. So as I take stock of my career so far, I realise that luck has played a considerable part in my success. But that's no coincidence because I've always been ready for the next challenge and "being in the right place at the right time" is as much about confidence, self-improvement and personal development as it is about luck. Qualifications aren't all that they're necessarily cracked up to be either; I never actually completed my degree. After all, academic success is not the perfect recipe for everybody. Put simply, you make your own luck in life because attitude and confidence are key elements that allow you to turn chance situations into advantageous outcomes.

So let's cross back to my final year at HCS. As an Old Deanery boarder, I had returned to Hereford the evening before the start of the new School Year and been told to go and meet the new headmaster Howard Tomlinson. It's certainly true to say that there was a huge amount of surprise around the school when I was announced as Head of School; but I can absolutely confirm that nobody was more surprised than me. I was the first HoS in living memory who had not captained a sporting team and I did not get even the slightest hint from the outgoing headmaster Barry Sutton at the end of the previous year that I was to be his nomination. But Barry clearly saw leadership potential in me, and Howard provided me with the support that I needed to have a successful year. It gave me confidence in my ability, and taught me the benefits of having a good mentor. Since then I have

always sought the counsel of at least one mentor, and often several; they are usually current or former bosses and people for whom I have tremendous personal respect. In Australia I used a coach as well. Suffice to say, I remain very grateful to both Heads at HCS.

I had secured sponsorship from British Rail, which set up my career in the rail industry, and starting training at the age of 18 was certainly exceptionally worthwhile. I spent nine months in a maintenance depot in Stratford, East London doing overhauls and modifications on 1960s built locomotives. I learnt a huge amount about the realities of working life, which meant that when I started my degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, disillusionment quickly came home to roost. At the time, semiconductor design was revolutionising the world and my degree was focused almost completely on this. However I knew it was irrelevant to my railway career and found little to challenge me or stimulate me in the lecture theatre and the laboratory.

So I became active in the University of London Union, taking a sabbatical year when I was elected as Vice-President, Finance on a non-politically affiliated manifesto. I followed this up with a year as an elected Company Director on the Board of NUS Services Ltd, a company owned by all student unions giving them bulk purchasing power with breweries, stationery providers, etc. I also came out during the third year of my degree, so away from King's College my life was stimulating, challenging and very affirming. I never completed the final year

project and therefore never attained a degree that I knew from the first few weeks of starting it, was not something of relevance to me.

So my time at university was academically disastrous but, from just about every other perspective, was a great time in my life. The experiences I obtained gave me a head-start in my career; at the age of 22 I was negotiating complex contracts with multinational breweries. Coming out also changed me hugely; obviously being open about who you are lifts a weight from your shoulders in life, and my confidence grew even further. But ultimately nothing in my life will ever be as hard as the night that I told my parents. Everything after that is easy.

If I look back at my entire academic life, I could see the signs from when I was 13; I found academic learning less and less interesting. What did interest and challenge me was planning and organisation; negotiation and finding the best solution for multi-faceted problems; understanding people and management. I later came to realise that these were early indicators for my strengths in project management and leadership; and for my passion in inspiring and developing people to support them in achieving their maximum potential.

My British Rail training was actually very progressive; the focus was on leadership through self-awareness; self-improvement; and open and regular dialogue with staff members. I still live by these simple rules today. I constantly seek feedback and understanding about my performance so that I remain self-aware. I have always

approached every moment of every day as an opportunity to listen, learn and improve; the day that I stop that is the day that I stagnate. And I continue to recognise that the experts in any organisation are the frontline staff delivering the outputs; if you can genuinely inspire their active involvement in the operation and development of your business, then you will see successes, and a frankly extraordinary pace of change.

So in my career, I tested and commissioned the Eurostar train fleet, which was a project running very late where I learnt about delivery of a distressed project from some project management greats. I later spent eight years at Virgin Trains where I oversaw the recovery of the Pendolino tilting trains, a very late project when I took it over. I then ran operations and implemented the speeding up of the timetable and transformation of the services out of London Euston on the West Coast Main Line.

Then during a few years where I was consulting and advising Government and the private sector on new train and other transformational change

projects, I had a telephone call one morning to ask if I could fly to Sydney to review "a basket case of a project". The person who was scheduled to do the review had sadly slipped on some ice on her drive and pulled a disc in her back. As a result of her misfortune, I flew to Sydney the next day to do that review for the NSW Government of the largest rolling stock project in Australian history. The trains were being built by Downer in partnership with a Chinese train builder, and later that year the project was \$640m over budget and 18 months late.

But from that visit, Downer asked me back to review the project for them, and by the end of the year I was running it. Two years later, we had completed delivery of all of the trains, and had recovered 10 months of the delay. Downer then asked me to take over as CEO, Rail and fix the rest of the rail division. Which I did, but ultimately all because of that unfortunate slip on the icy driveway (by the way, she fully recovered). As I said, I firmly believe that you make your own luck in life.

ACADEMIC CONGRATULATIONS

Ros Andrews - Awarded a Bachelor of Science 2:1 in Natural Science, University of Cambridge.

Daniel Barling - Has gained Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, University of Bristol.

Hannah Evans - Awarded Bachelor of Arts 2:1 in History, University of Bristol.

Amalie Fisher - Awarded First Class honours in Music, University of Cambridge.

George Hanks - Awarded First Class degree in Economics, University of Cardiff.

Tim Hanks - Has gained Master of Engineering with first class honours, University of Bristol.

Ursula Harris - Awarded a First class degree in Classics, Newcastle University.

Lizzie Jenkins - Awarded a 2:1 in Art, Edinburgh University.

Kate Jones - Awarded First Class honours in History, King's College London.

Lucy Mackie - Awarded First Class honours in Biology/Anthropology, University of Cambridge. Lucy is now studying Medicine.

Iona Macleod - Awarded First Class honours in History of Art, University of Bristol.

David Morris - Has gained Master in Science in Chemistry with First Class honours, University of Bristol.

Hannah Roper - Awarded Bachelor of Arts 2:1 in Music, University of Cambridge.

Beth Smith - Awarded Bachelor of Science 2:1 in Anthropology, University of Cambridge.

Nick Towson - Has gained a PhD in History, University of York.

Julia Watkinson - Awarded a First Class degree in Mathematics, University of Exeter.

Abigail Whiteman - Awarded Bachelor of Arts 2:1 in Classics, University of Bristol.

Notable Old Herefordians

OH Somerset Scholars 10:**Sarah Seymour, Fourth Duchess of Somerset (1631-1692)**

My last nine articles in this series have been about Old Herefordian Somerset scholars, living and departed, over the past 150 years: (in chronological order) a schoolmaster, lyricist and KC, Sanskrit scholar, clergyman and athlete, entomologist, businessman, solicitor, educationalist and a Chancery barrister. The tenth and final piece relates to the founder of these scholarships to whom Hereford Cathedral School owes so much.

Sarah was born into a prosperous family. Her mother's first husband was a London fishmonger from whom she inherited extensive and valuable holdings in Billingsgate. Edward Alston, her father, had established a lucrative London medical practice and was elected president of the College of Physicians each year from 1655 to 1666, being knighted by Charles II at the Restoration as a gesture of goodwill towards the college. In 1669 Sarah inherited the bulk of her father's estate which was 'to be disposed of as she shall determine'.

But it is through her marriages that Sarah rose in the world. In late 1652 she married the first of her three husbands, George Grimston, the son of the second baronet – who later became Speaker of the Commons and Master of the Rolls – with the extraordinary given name of Harbottle. This love match was destined not to last, George dying in 1655. The couple's two children, moreover, died in infancy. There was, however, one important consequence of this marriage for both Brasenose College, Oxford – and indirectly Hereford Cathedral School – for George Grimston had matriculated at BNC in May 1649, just three years before Thomas Traherne, and this is the likely explanation for Sarah's later bequest to that college.



Sarah Seymour, Duchess of Somerset.

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Sarah's first marriage had joined together the scions of two leading Presbyterian families; by her second nine years later she married into the aristocracy. Her new husband was Lord John Seymour (c1633-1675). It was not a happy union: the couple were mutually incompatible, Seymour's gambling and drinking did not sit well with Sarah's nonconformist principles. Her husband's inheritance of the dukedom in December 1671 brought further strain, their debts mounting with the furnishing of Salisbury House and the expense of maintaining a ducal household. A bitter separation of more than two years preceded the duke's death in April 1675. Nevertheless, Sarah emerged from this disastrous marriage with her reputation and title intact. Moreover,

through the 1662 marriage settlement she also retained control of the Somerset estates in Herefordshire. This was to be of considerable importance to our school, as we will see in the ensuing story.

Sarah's third marriage in July 1682 to the antiquary and architect, Henry Hare, second baron Coleraine, need not detain us – except perhaps to say that she again reserved to herself 'a power to dispose of mine estate real and personal' and that they too eventually became estranged. Clearly she was not the easiest of women to live with but few have been more generous with their wealth, her monetary legacies eventually amounting to about £8,000, quite apart from

the 750 acres of land that she bequeathed to support her foundations.

As far as Hereford is concerned, during her life-time, she endowed (in February 1680) four Somerset scholarships at Brasenose, Oxford, her husband's college, 'to the honour of God and advancement of good learning' by giving 190 acres of land in the parish of Iwer, Buckinghamshire, for the maintenance of boys from Manchester Grammar School, with preference to those born in Lancashire, Cheshire or Herefordshire if Manchester could not offer a suitable scholar. Some two years later, she made a similar grant to her father's college,

St John's, Cambridge, endowing 186 acres from an estate in the parish of March within the Isle of Ely, to provide for the endowment of five scholars from 'the free school of Hereford'. By the time she had signed her will on 17th May 1686 – and in addition to a great many other legacies – the Wiltshire manors of Thornhill and Wootton Rivers had been reserved for Brasenose and St John's respectively 'to be forever used for the founding and maintaining of a further number of scholars' from the grammar schools at Manchester, Hereford and Marlborough in rotation - Hereford being the middle school in both turns.



Sir William Gregory, OH

But why did this school benefit from the duchess' largesse? For the answer we need to further investigate Sarah's links with this county. As I have already mentioned, the connection first came about through her 1662 marriage settlement when she inherited for life the Somerset manors of Pembridge and Eardisland, Lyonshall and Murcott, Weobley, Byford, Bodenham, Fownhope and Ross. We also know the name of her agent in Herefordshire: one William Gregory, originally (in the 1650s) steward of the estates of Lady Hertford, Sarah's mother-in-law to be. He continued to work for our duchess until her death, and indeed became one of her executors. By the Restoration, Gregory was among Herefordshire's ruling elite – he was one of more than 100 signatories of the county's loyal address to Charles II in May 1660 – and he later became MP for Weobley, Speaker of the House of Commons for two months in 1679 (when the Habeas Corpus Amendment Act was passed), a Baron of the Exchequer and a judge of the King's Bench. But for our story, Sir William Gregory's real significance was that he was the son of the vicar of Fownhope and educated at Hereford Cathedral School in the 1630s. Although there is no definite proof, it is likely that the endowment of Somerset scholarships for the benefit of this foundation was due to the influence

with Sarah Seymour of one of our most distinguished former pupils.

It is possible from college records to calculate the school's indebtedness to the duchess. For the 300 years of the existence of Somerset 'closed' awards at Brasenose and St John's there were over 1,500 elections, of which up to a third may have been won by Old Herefordians. The effect of the duchess' bequests on each of these lives is, of course, incalculable. But as far as HCS is concerned this at least we can say with certainty: the Somerset legacy was one important factor in enabling Hereford Cathedral School to survive and prosper. For there is little doubt that the Somerset awards transformed this school's standing, as far as its leaving scholarships were concerned, from a relatively poor to a decently endowed foundation. Indeed, had its own entry scholarships been of equal value the cathedral school might even have rivaled the bigger public schools. Nevertheless, the prospect of Somerset scholarships for the bright sons of the clergy and professional classes both enhanced its reputation as an academic school and helped expand its numbers and client base, particularly during the school's revival in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



Sarah Seymour's tomb in Westminster Abbey

Even though these awards were given to the colleges rather than our school, it is fitting that the duchess' generosity is acknowledged in our annual service of commemoration. Her name is also remembered in Grinling Gibbons' striking memorial monument in St Michael's chapel on the east side of the north transept in Westminster Abbey. The tomb is in a sadly mutilated state today but it is still worth seeing. A translation of part of the Latin inscription reads: 'In sacred memory of the most illustrious Sarah, late duchess of Somerset, most famous for her everlasting kindness towards the poor, who for the advancement of young men of excellent promise in piety and letters, she endowed in perpetuity the colleges of Brasenose in Oxford and of Saint John in Cambridge' Both this school and generations of Old Herefordians have every reason to be thankful for the good duchess' munificence.

Howard Tomlinson

OH WEDDINGS



Lisa Nahorniak, Morgan Taylor-Wrighton, Amy Gullis, Sammy Williams, Tess Keating, Luke Fisher, Izzi Drury, Tash Stoddard, Sebastian Smith, Pippa Aston, Ash Phillips, Richard Wilson, David Reese, Holly Wilson (Aston), Ben Disley, Richard Aston (64-70), Simon Aston (75-81), Sam Warren, Tim Farnell, Perry Pudge, Will Owens, Jez Knight, Ed Owens, Justin Hunting.

Holly Aston and Richard Wilson

Holly Aston, OH married Richard Wilson, OH at Hampton Court castle on 3 September 2016.

Apart from senior OHs Richard (Holly's father), and his brother Simon, a large number of OHs from 2006-8 attended, including best man Sam Warren and bridesmaids Pippa Aston, Izzi Drury, Tessa Keating and Tasha Stoddard.



Anna Brace and James Watters

The marriage of Anna Brace (OH) and James Watters took place on Saturday 30 July 2016 at Hereford Cathedral. The ceremony took place in the Lady Chapel and was conducted by Canon Andrew Piper.

There were several OHs among the 100 wedding guests. James Brace OH, brother of the bride and Millie Brace, sister of the bride who also attended Hereford Cathedral Junior school from nursery to Year 6. Three of the bridesmaids were OH: Ellie Ford, Katie Kenward-Gibbs and Lucy Boulton-Brooks; and Joe Price and Connor Sullivan were two of the ushers; other guests were Ben Osbourne and Edward Mifflin.

In the evening the group were joined by Polly Haydn-Jones, Emma Lewis, Felicity Hunter-Choat and Felicity Hughes.

Congratulations to **Nathalie Eakins** (OH 2007) and **Benjamin Mazur** (OH 2004) who were married at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 2 July 2016.



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OH TRAVEL

Raleigh ICS in Tanzania*by Conor Cowden*

Conor, standing third from left, with ICS volunteers

Between the end of September and the end of December 2015, I was volunteering for the Raleigh International Citizen Service (ICS) in Tanzania.

ICS is funded by the UK government's overseas aid budget to help promote sustainable development in developing countries. UK participants are required to raise a minimum of £800 to sponsor an in-country volunteer. I was very fortunate to be given this money by the OH and HCS Evolve award which assists OHs to travel and volunteer abroad.

The reason that I took part in ICS was to challenge myself living and working in a completely different environment and to make a meaningful impact to tackling poverty on a small scale. I was working on a water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project in the southern highlands of Tanzania in the villages of Mbela and Kisaula. These villages had come to our local project partner Sanitation And Water Action (SAWA) to ask for our help promoting good sanitation in their region. This was really significant as this project worked where the local people said there was a problem, not where outside aid and development organisations thought that there was a problem. I think this made the project vastly more effective at tackling poverty. My volunteer team was made up of seven UK volunteers and six Tanzanian volunteers from all over the country as well as a UK and a Tanzanian team leader. It was really important that we had volunteers from Tanzania, as these were people who wanted to make a difference in their own country. This meant that we were able to integrate with the community better as we weren't just a group of white people coming and working in the community with the help of a translator; it was a multi-national group of individuals which I think really helped with our integration into the village. In the region that Raleigh was working in we had six teams in six different villages all doing WASH projects.

I lived with a Tanzanian family and my Tanzania counterpart Baraka, in very basic conditions. Our homestay didn't have any electricity and only a few wealthier houses in the village had their own small solar panel. The people in our village were subsistence farmers and grew just enough food to live off each year. The main food that we ate in the village was beans: at

lunch it was rice and beans and then in the evening it was ugali and beans. Ugali is a kind of maize goo made by mixing the maize flour with boiling water and then cooking it for a little bit. I have to say I hated it at the start but over the 3 months I grew to like it.



Conor teaching handwashing

Much of the project was based around teaching in the primary schools. We taught the pupils about how to wash their hands effectively, how germs spread and how to treat drinking water. We also, with the support of the community, built a compost toilet. This is a really good technology to have given to the community as it doesn't need any water to flush it and also provides compost to put on their land. This was really important as access to water was a major issue in our village. The village had a few taps but they rarely worked as the nearby town paid more for the water so our village wasn't supplied with any. This just shows you the dramatic effects of low level corruption. All our water had to be collected from a nearby river which was over an hour's round trip.

Through ICS I have learnt that international development is not just going to a different country and building infrastructure. It is about education and the best way to make a change is to educate the youth as they are the age group with the most power to make change happen. Working with a very diverse group of people was very difficult at times as we were so different, but it has taught me to listen to what everyone has to say no matter how dull or irrelevant it might seem to me.

Where I was in Tanzania the effects of climate change were not very visible but in lower regions with less access to water, climate change was having a big impact. A local engineer in our village said that he thought in five years that there would be no water sources in the region we were in. He blames this on climate change. There are no solutions to this; without the rains this area would be turned into a ghost town. This isn't just a problem that is affecting our region, it is a catastrophic problem that will affect the whole of Sub-Saharan Africa, leading to devastating droughts and famine. A quote that really resonated with me throughout the time that I was there was: 'It is our predicament that we live in a finite world, and yet we behave as if it is infinite.'

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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.

William (Bill) Gerald Serjeant Cullis
(OH 1960-66)

Bill died, aged 66 years, on 18 December 2015, after a long illness.

Bill was born in Egypt in 1949, where his father was serving in the army, and when the family returned to England, Bill was educated at HCS. He started his career in an estate agency in Hereford and then started his own insurance brokerage in 1970, and worked in insurance in Nottingham and London until 1985 when he changed career.

A keen sportsman, Bill played hockey for Reading 1st XI and coached the women's 1st XI. His enthusiasm for the sport led him to launch Monarch Hockey with a business partner from Bradfield College, Reading. The company revolutionised the sport of hockey by inventing the foam padding and protection now used worldwide by all hockey goalkeepers. It was used for the first time by the Great Britain goalkeeper at the 1988 Seoul Olympics when GB won gold.

Returning to Hereford in 1992, Bill continued running his successful company and launched a mail order company, Hockey Direct, as well as an embroidery business which he ran with his wife. Bill played hockey for Hereford Hockey Club and also enjoyed racing Minis and karting; he later took up golf.

In 2014, Bill was diagnosed with cancer which he battled for two years; he passed away peacefully at St Michael's Hospice, Hereford. Bill leaves his wife, three children and grandchildren.

Robert William Edwards
(OH 1947-54)

Robert William Edwards passed away on the 23 January 2016. He was born on the 20 June 1939 and was a day boy, residing at Three Elms Road. He joined the King's Shropshire Light Infantry regiment on leaving school and then worked as a civilian for the Army in Warminster where he continued to reside. He married Cecilia and they had a daughter, Sarah and a step daughter, Jane.

David Hughes, Major RAEC (retired)
(OH 1953-60)

The OH Club has been informed of the death of David Hughes, aged 73. He died on 15 November

2015 peacefully at home, in Oxfordshire, following an illness.

A day boy, David was in West House and was a keen and talented rugby and cricket player for both his house and the school; he was a member of the Junior Colts XV of 1955 and the 1959 1st XV.

On leaving HCS he went to Aberystwyth University prior to joining the army.

David is remembered as a lovely man, thoughtful, kind and considerate with a sharp sense of humour.

Geoffrey T Hughes
(OH 1938-45)

Geoffrey was born in 1929 and, sadly, he died from a sudden illness on a trip to India in March 2015, at the age of 86.

Born in Wales, he entered HCS as a boarder in School House. He won rugby colours and was appointed Captain of the 1st XV. An entry in *The Herefordian*, dated December 1944, states: "Keen and strong both in limb and voice, he drilled the team unsparingly. He was a first class dribbler and handled with good effect." Geoffrey was a good all-round athlete and helped his House win the senior relay races in 1943. He came 2nd in the Adams Cup (Mile) and was also placed 2nd in the Hull Cup the same year. He was also a keen actor, a School Monitor, a Gilbert Librarian, and was on the editorial of *The Herefordian*. He won the School Classics Prize in his final year; he gained an Exhibition in Classics and went up to Oxford after the war where he studied at Brasenose College.

Information supplied by Peter Fairman-Bourn.

Michael Illman
(OH 1940-45)

Michael died at his home in Woodbridge, Suffolk on the 12 October 2015. He and I joined the cathedral choir as probationary choristers on the same day in 1940 and we were life-long friends. The organist at the cathedral at the time was Dr Percy Hull (later Sir Percy). The life of a chorister in those days was



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very demanding with morning matins and evensong daily together with choir practice before morning service from 9am to 9.45am.

Michael spent the whole of his adult life as a professional musician, leaving Hereford Cathedral School in 1945 to become a student at the Royal College of Music where he studied organ under Dr Harold Darke, piano, conducting and composition. His first professional post was an assistant organist at Hereford Cathedral under his old choirmaster Percy Hull, having gained an FRCO and ARCM. He remained at the cathedral for five years where he gained valuable experience learning all aspects of cathedral music, working with Meredith Davies and later with Melville Cook.

His next position took him to Sandringham as organist to HM The Queen at Sandringham Church. He also taught music at a number of Suffolk schools, supplemented with private teaching and adjudication. At the same time he could be found following his other great passion, playing jazz piano in a group late in the evenings.

In 1964 he was appointed Director of Music at Woodbridge School in Suffolk and at the same time he wrote a text book which was published by Longmans as *Systematic Aural Training* followed by a second book *ARCO Aural Training*. In addition to these publications he set up an independent business providing support for Aural Training spending many hours writing and recording material for what proved to be a successful self-managed project. He also became interested in the harpsichord, forming his own Melton Consort group. Around this time he became an Examiner for Trinity College of Music where he travelled to such countries as Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Singapore and Malta.

In 1980 he wrote a cantata "Tom Thumb" for children's voices with his wife Christine writing the lyrics. This won the BBC "Time and Tune" contest and was published later by IMP.

Michael will be sadly missed by Christine, his devoted wife for sixty-one years and his family and many friends and his contemporaries from his days as a chorister at the cathedral.

David Apperley (OH 1940-45)

Peter William Meredith John (OH 1937 - 1941)

Professor Peter John passed away on 22 January 2015, at the age of 91 years.

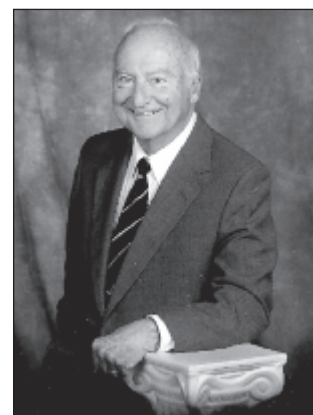
Born on 20 August 1923, in Porthcawl, Wales he attended local schools and then, in 1937, won a scholarship to Hereford Cathedral School where he studied mathematics and science. In 1941 Peter won a scholarship in mathematics to Jesus College, Oxford.

In 1943, he enlisted in the Royal Air Force and continued at Oxford studying advanced physics and working on technical problems in support of the war effort. He completed his degree the following year and began full-time military service. At the end of the war he returned to Oxford to study for his masters degree in mathematics, which he gained in 1948, and then a further qualification in statistics.

Jobs for mathematicians were scarce after the war and this led Peter John to the University of Oklahoma, USA, as an instructor of calculus, and where he continued his own studies, specialising in probability. It was at this time he met Elizabeth, a graduate history student; the couple were married in 1954.

After receiving his doctorate in 1955, Peter John accepted a position as Assistant Professor at the University of New Mexico, teaching statistics, but he left after two years to accept a position, in San Francisco, as Research Statistician at the Chevron Research Corporation; here he gained experience working on statistical problems with chemists and engineers. John was also a visiting Assistant Professor of Statistics at the University of California at Berkeley and subsequently taught for six years in the mathematics department at the University of California.

In 1967, Peter John accepted a professorship in the mathematics department at the University of Texas at Austin. His book *Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments* was published by Macmillan in 1971; his third book, *Statistical Methods in Engineering and Quality Assurance*, was published in 1990. Peter also published more than sixty refereed papers. He was elected a Fellow of the American Statistical Association (1976), the Institute of Mathematical



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Statistics (1977) and later the Royal Statistical Society. In 1991, he was awarded the Shewell Prize of the American Society for Quality Control. In 1999, he received an Award for Outstanding Teaching in the University of Texas Graduate School.

Peter retired from teaching in 2004, at the age of 81. He was an outstanding statistician who had had a notable career: developing new statistical techniques; making important contributions to the area of experimental design; teaching enthusiastically and effectively. His many colleagues, collaborators, and students remember him fondly; one student remarked: 'What a wonderful professor and man.'

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth of 61 years, a daughter, a son, and grandchildren.

Colin Sutherland Macadie

(OH 1943)

Colin Macadie, died at the Hereford County Hospital on the 29 February, 2016, after a short illness, aged 89.

He was born in Hereford on 27 April, 1926. His family home was 'Norwood', Hampton Park, a house located on the outskirts of the city, which at that time, bordered the open countryside. An adjacent farm almost certainly instilled in him a life-long love of farming communities and one that likely influenced his work in later life

In 1933, aged seven, he fell ill with Whooping Cough and shortly afterwards with pneumonia. Fortunately he survived both these illnesses but recalled being, 'as thin as a pin, with legs like matchsticks'. The following year, his parents bought a small retirement home on Bradnor Hill, Kington where he fondly remembered spending school holidays:

'The 1930s represented halcyon days. With holidays on Bradnor Hill, pony riding on 'Black Bess', hide-and-seek in the bracken, walks to the Three Shepherds, and countless other exciting things – seaside holidays to Torquay, Tresaith and Newport – life was marvellous. What none of us could have known, was that our world was about to change.'

The change he was referring to was the start of



World War II. His early schoolboy participation in the war effort was attending night-watch duties on top of the cathedral's belfry tower to guard against the risk of incendiary bombs. He also witnessed, in 1940, a number of train carriages, full of evacuated troops from the British Expeditionary Force in France, entering Hereford railway station.

In November 1943, aged seventeen, he joined the shipping company 'Brocklebanks' as a Junior Apprentice. His first voyage was to Bombay & Karachi on the 'Empire Regent', a ship he thought to be special. They steamed thousands of nautical-miles through hostile waters, sometimes alone, always zigzagging the course and sometimes in convoy. He later recalled:

'The 'Empire Regent' always seemed lucky but on our return home from India we had a narrow squeak. We had joined a well escorted convoy in the Western Approaches and were making our way up St. George's Channel in the Irish Sea. The time was 4.30 p.m. and I was off-duty. As I came out of our accommodation hatch, right in front of my eyes, the American 'Sam Boat' immediately astern was struck on her portside. A huge column of water and debris spiralled skyward. Action Stations sounded and, within moments, I was at my station on the bridge.'

He remained with Brocklebanks for many years, rising from junior apprentice to fully qualified Master Mariner. In 1956, he left the sea and joined a small agriculture business in south Shropshire as a Corn Merchant. He remained with this company until his retirement in 1989.

Throughout his life, he referred to the influence of his old prep-school head teacher, Miss Gamlen. He also kept in regular contact with his Cathedral School friend and contemporary, David Ll. Davies, who now lives in Canada.

Besides his wife Joan, whom he married in 1957, he is survived by his four children, Kenna, Robert, James and Susannah.

Rob Macadie (OH 1971-75)

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Mervyn Rogers

(OH 1935-43)



The OH Club has been informed of the death of Mervyn Rogers on 6 March, 2016, aged 90. He passed away peacefully at Herefordshire County Hospital.

Mervyn took an active part in school life, as his *valet* in *The Herefordian* July 1943 reveals:

'M. Rogers ('35-'43) East House. School Monitor '43; School Cert. '41; C.S.M. in J.T.C.; Cert. A '42; Shooting VIII '43; 1st Fives colours '43 ; 1st XV colours '42; Capt. of Cricket '43; Librarian; member of Debating and Shakespearean Societies; Editor of *The Herefordian*. To Royal Navy.'

Notably, he was captain of the 1st XI: 'M. ROGERS (Captain). Hits hard in front of the wicket, but did not meet with great success as a bat, though he was instrumental in winning one match by means of a fine innings. Much improved as a bowler, and a good field. He is to be congratulated on his keenness and judgment as Captain of the XI.'

Eulogy spoken by Randy Langford (OH) at the Cremation Service held on Monday 14 March 2016:

'This is a very sad day both for his family and for his friends. I am very grateful to his sons Peter and David for allowing me to say a few words in respect of a very dear friend of mine whom I have known for 84 years.

We first met at the Cathedral Prep School in January 1932, and although we never shared the same form, in later years we played cricket and

rugger together and in those years we lived very close to each other.

Mervyn left the school in 1943 to join the Royal Navy. He gained a Commission at the King Alfred Naval Training School and was drafted into landing craft in the Mediterranean Sea.

After the war he attended Oxford University, gaining a degree, and he applied for a post in the Colonial Services which he got and was awarded a position as District Officer in Uganda.

While he was at Oxford he met his future wife Marion at a dance, she being a nurse at the Royal Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. They decided to get married and moved together to Uganda in 1952. They spent 10 happy years there and during that time both Peter and David were born.

They realised in 1962 that Uganda would gain its independence in 1963 so they returned to England and moved into the house in Ledbury Road, Hereford where he had spent his schooldays. Shortly after they moved a vacancy became available at the Inland Revenue in Broad Street, Hereford. Mervyn applied for the post and got it. This gave the family financial security and as a result they bought a house in Winchester Avenue and moved there in 1966. Mervyn remained there for the rest of his life. Both Peter and David grew up in Hereford and everything was fine.

In 1993 I retired and returned to Hereford with my wife Mollie and very soon met up with Mervyn and Marion. Shortly after this a mutual friend of ours introduced us to a Probus Club that he was a member of so from then on we met every Tuesday morning at the Probus meetings.

Suddenly about 7 years ago poor Marion suffered a fall in her kitchen which necessitated hospital treatment. Later she suffered two minor strokes. This needed further hospital treatment which led to deterioration in her overall condition. It was decided that she would benefit with care in Charles Court Residential Home. She died there about 4 years ago.

Meanwhile Mervyn's health deteriorated. He had a few spells in hospital and it was decided that James, a member of the family be invited to look after Mervyn in his own home, and that was the case until he died. At least he reached the age of 90 and he often said to me "I thank God that Marion and I had 60 years of happiness together". God Bless him. A lovely man. Thank you for your friendship Mervyn. Thank you.'

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Denis Thom

(OH 1949-57)

Denis died in June following a short unexpected illness. Born in Tredegar in 1939, he followed his brother Barry to the school, particularly enjoying rowing and rugby. Denis qualified in Cardiff as a chartered accountant and worked as an auditor in London. Denis had pioneering brain surgery in his twenties that few knew about.



Denis (left) and Barry Thom

He later moved to Buckinghamshire and worked for Lovells, a local building company. He was a keen walker, taking much pleasure in walking a series of well-trained collies. A quiet man with great integrity, Denis kept the accounts of several local charities and was a Church Treasurer for four years. He acted as a Server in his village church, echoing his experience at school, and his funeral was attended by a large number of people who valued his friendship.

Denis sadly lost his brother Barry and his son some years ago, but he leaves behind his wife, daughter and two much loved grand-daughters.

Jane Thom

Roger Townley

(OH 1943-47)

Roger Townley died on 31 August 2016, just a few days after his 80th birthday.

Roger was born in Hereford and attended HCS and then Wycliffe College. After National Service in the RAF, he became a Conservative Party agent in Lewisham and then in Plymouth. In 1969 he moved to Bristol to become secretary of the Building Trades Federation before moving on to the Construction Industry Training Board.

Roger was a lifelong fan and a shareholder in Hereford United. He began watching Hereford just after the Second World War and, despite illness, travelled from Shepton Mallet to Wembley for the FA Vase final last May.

John A Quest

(OH 1944-52)

John Quest died on 2 June 2015, aged 81. He joined Old Deanery, played 1st XV rugby and rowed for the school, he was also a member of the Shooting VIII.

After his Army national service, he attended the Royal Veterinary College, London - a childhood ambition. He emigrated to Canada soon after graduating and practised in Calgary and Edmonton until his retirement to Vancouver Island where, in later years, he suffered much ill-health.

**George W. Yates**

(OH 1935-43)

The OH Club has been informed of the death George Yates in early 2016, in Berkshire.

Born in 1927, George was a cathedral chorister from 1935 to 1940. He was a House Monitor and a L-Cpl in the JTC. He played for the 1st XV and the 1st XI; awarded his cricketing colours, *The Herefordian* wrote: 'His wicket-keeping surpassed expectations - he gave away only 9 byes. He has a long reach with the bat and should do well another year.'

On leaving school, he joined Armstrong Whitworth, a leading engineering company manufacturing aircraft and armaments.

Barry Sutton

HCS 1975-87

It is with regret that the school has learned of the death, in September 2016, of former HCS Headmaster Barry Sutton. He is credited with many improvements to the school during his twelve years of headmastership.

A full appreciation will be published in 2017.



The Cathedral School One 100 Years Ago: 'Corporate Life' at Hereford Cathedral School in 1916

In this annual series, Howard Tomlinson surveys the fortunes of HCS during the years of the First World War.

The 1915 inspectors had vindicated John Henson's teaching and secured his headmastership.

Although attainment in non-classical subjects was more variable

(as I reported last year), and other weaknesses were alluded to, it was by no means a negative report. The school's 'vigorous corporate life', for example, was commended. It is this aspect of the school in the middle years of the Great War that I now wish to examine.

Games, which as the Board of Education recognised in 1918 played such 'a necessary part' in HCS life, inevitably suffered. Rowing declined, relying as it did in these war years on a small pool of older boys – few of whom could

Hereford Cathedral School Cricket XI., 1916.



W. H. Bustin & Son.

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swim let alone row – and the captain of the Hereford club or a senior pupil to coach the crews. Similarly, the call to arms of senior boys resulted in some weak cricket and football XIs. The difficulty of war-time travel after August 1916, when petrol was rationed and (later that year) rail services were slashed and train fares doubled, also meant that fixtures were curtailed.

Although the more local games against the two Worcester schools, and Lucton and St Michael's Tenbury for the junior teams, survived, other pre-war matches were lost, an early casualty being the games against 'the Past' because (as it was described in *The Herefordian* for 1915) 'all available men' were 'serving in the army'. So HCS found itself playing more home matches, when they could be arranged, against men from local military or works stations. Teams from the Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, the Rotherwas barracks or munitions works, the Army Ordnance depot at Credenhill and the Wireless Training Centre at Worcester became the staple opposition. Unsurprisingly, the school was invariably beaten. The number of competitive matches in the traditional team games may have declined but these years also witnessed the enduring popularity of fives, especially among the boarding community.

Other activities were affected by the war, if only indirectly. The debating society chose such motions as 'young men under 20...should not go into the firing line', 'this house greatly appreciates the efforts of those who, although under military age, try to enlist' and 'this house does not deplore the cutting down of the height limit of the army'. That the first motion was lost and the second and third were won

gives some idea of the temper of the school in December 1915. Lectures, like those on trench warfare, the war in Palestine and the air service invariably had a military theme. Even Canon Bannister, governor and scholar, when he gave his paper in his high-pitched voice to the Literary Society to mark its hundredth meeting on 31 March 1916, could refer to 'the cruel and immoral tyranny of Prussian savagery', his talk being followed by readings of patriotic poetry. And then there were the war charities, nearly £16 being collected for the Public Schools Hospital, for example, from a special entertainment and in lieu of sports day prizes in the spring of 1916.

But one organisation flourished in the war years as no other: the Officer Training Corps. It was not an easy time to be commanding a school contingent: equipment was in short supply, the public school field days and camps had been abolished and 'certificate A' examinations suspended. And in terms of personnel, qualified masters had departed to the Western front and professional sergeant instructors proved impossible to replace. For the most part it was left to one member of staff – the admirable Duncan Felton (gazetted second lieutenant from January 1915) – and boy NCOs to command a corps which had doubled in size to over 70 cadets by 1918. Still, the corps muddled through better at HCS than at many other schools. The War Office instruction that 'any kind of physical training tending to harden the boys and to train them to endurance of fatigue' was taken especially seriously. Long route marches were regularly held, despite the difficulties in making them successful 'owing to the

differences in sizes'. Other activities, such as uniform parades (twice weekly on Monday and Thursday afternoons from January 1916), local field exercises, musketry practices – including the boys who were over 16 sticking bayonets into mounted sacks on Wyese – and endless drill made up most of the rest of the time. And then there were the summer holiday camps – at Garway in 1916 – which although voluntary attracted good numbers, when the boys helped to bring home the local harvest.

Such were some of the out of class activities that helped foster the Cathedral School's strong corporate spirit. One more unifying element might be mentioned: the school morning assemblies. Although we know that they occurred in Big School (and from September 1917) in the Lady Chapel, there is no surviving evidence as to how Henson conducted them. It is equally difficult for us a century later to recreate the atmosphere of those gatherings as the roll of honour lengthened and the headmaster read out the names of the fallen. Neither can we at this distance really appreciate, as Old Herefordian decorations mounted, the sense of pride as half holidays were awarded in recognition of acts of bravery as well as academic achievement. Nor, finally, can we fully realise the sense of foreboding among the oldest boys that year – even at a school that emphasised the importance of duty and service, as well as godliness and good learning – following the passage of the Military Service Acts of January and May 1916, specifying that all men between eighteen and forty-one should be conscripted.

Howard Tomlinson



WW1 1916

Those OHs who were killed serving their country.

The 'Great War' continued into its third year.

In Britain, universal conscription took effect requiring all eligible British men between the ages of 19 and 40 to report for duty. In Europe, the British Navy fought the Battle of Jutland in the North Sea, and on the Western Front the army fought the long and bloody Battle of the Somme.

Four OH are known to have served at Jutland, a battle which lasted 36 hours and was the most significant naval conflict of WW1. Three commanded ships; two were mentioned in despatches and one recommended for promotion following the battle. The Battle of the Somme continued for a 141 days: there were 19,240 British first-day casualties who died.

The Battle of Jutland

For term after term in Victorian Hereford, boys became used to the soothing environs of Hereford Cathedral School with the towering cathedral standing sentinel, the cosy cloisters and gorgeous green close.

The only perils likely to confront them were tetchy teachers or crotchety clergymen. Within a few years hundreds of these young men were sent to faraway places with strange sounding names to fight in the First World War. Some would find themselves on foaming seas with smacking waves – waters carrying foes intent on despatching them to the deep.

This year marks the centenary of the Battle of Jutland, the largest naval conflict of the Great War. Several OH were involved in what was the only time the British and German fleets of dreadnought battleships came to blows.

The British lost 14 ships and over 6,000 men but were still ready for more action. The Germans, who had suffered the loss of 11 ships and over 2,500 souls avoided complete destruction but never again seriously challenged British control of the North Sea. Although it failed to achieve the decisive victory each side had hoped for, the Battle of Jutland confirmed British naval dominance. And it secured it's control of shipping lanes, allowing Britain to implement the blockade and would contribute to Germany's eventual defeat in 1918.



Charles Le Mesurier

Of the OH that served in the conflict the one we can glean most about is Commodore Charles Le Mesurier – thanks to his granddaughter Harriet Bachrach who collected and edited his letters home and published them in the book “Jutland Letters”.

Commodore Le Mesurier commanded the Fourth Light Cruiser Squadron from the light cruiser

Calliope. She was badly damaged by a fuel oil fire in her boiler room at sea in March 1916, but was repaired in time to be one of the Fourth Light Cruiser Squadron at Jutland. She received a number of hits just before nightfall on 31 May by the German battleships Kaiser and Markgraf and ten of her crew were killed.

In the foreword to the book, Julian Thompson says Le Mesurier was one of the few senior Royal Navy officers who used their initiative in that battle rather than follow strict guidelines. But he was too modest to say so even when unburdening himself to his wife Florence, affectionately known as “Foffs” in letters written after Jutland. Thompson says the clue to Le

Mesurier's approach to war, and training for war, lies in a remark made in one of his letters to his wife, where he says one should leave things to individual initiative in the high speed little ships – there being no time to make signals.

In brief, he told his captains what he wanted done but not how to accomplish it. Many officers had been schooled in a rigid system that stressed obedience in the form of waiting orders from seniors before taking action. The enlightened Le Mesurier knew that warfare was rife with uncertainties and that the enemy often opted for the unexpected. His letters give us much more than a description of incidents. They provide vivid insights into the social history of the First World War Royal Navy as well as affectionate asides to his beloved wife.

Thompson tells how Le Mesurier cared for his sailors, writing to parents or widows of men killed in action and asking "Foffs" to do likewise. And he emphasises: "He was inclined to be a radical, and the antithesis of a bluff old sea dog still clinging to Victorian ways."

Here are some extracts from the letters which are used with the kind permission of the book's publishers:

"T'was a misty evening: the battle cruisers and the four Barhams were coming across to meet us, of the main body, at a meeting place, when the light cruisers ahead of David Beatty crashed into them – the German battle cruisers ahead, with the whole High Sea Fleet behind.

"After a certain amount of preliminary scrapping, the action settled down into a fight between the 5 German battle cruisers and our six – with the four Barhams (5th Battle Squadron) somewhat in rear engaging the High Sea Fleet – our main body coming up. Result – a good deal in favour of the Germans.

When the High Sea Fleet realised they were running bang into Jellicoe they naturally turned so that practically only their rear – original leading decisions – were brought to action. We were mixed up at the head of our battle fleet line in a first class scrimmage as the battle cruiser action passed across our front: we then got

sorted out a bit and got our five little ships in correct station.

"Our first chance came at 7.30 o/c when she slipped some destroyers at our leading battle squadron: got two of the Germans torpedo boat destroyers on that occasion. And luckily all their torpedoes missed us (four close to Calliope). Our second little excursion came soon after 8 o/c: another German destroyer attack: This time I only took out three large ships: we pushed the German destroyers back when suddenly out of the haze looked large the High Sea Fleet about 4 miles off. We held on a bit and fired torpedoes at 'em – Calliope has good ground for thinking hers got home – and they ran like billy for shelter – with at least 3 big battleships plunking at us.

"A most uncomfortable 5 or 10 minutes as their shooting was A1 – we were hit in Calliope, three times, and lost, I am sorry to say, close on a dozen killed with many wounded. Another little scrap, quite a mild one, about 9 o/c and then peace at our end of the line – 'tho t'was a key action night."

On 15 September 1916 he was appointed an Additional Member of the Third Class, or Companion, in the Military Division of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB). Le Mesurier died, aged just 48, of cancer in November, 1917.

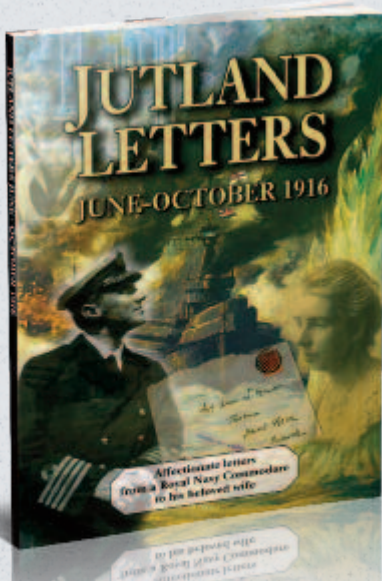
Another OH to fight on the high seas was Walter L Allen who commanded the flotilla leader HMS Broke – a destroyer which was part of the 4th destroyer flotilla stationed behind the Grand Fleet. HMS Broke came under enemy fire on two occasions when the ship was "very badly damaged and casualties were enormous, but morale seems to have been unshaken and the ship successfully steamed back to port." Fifty men were killed and thirty injured.

And there was Commander Ralph Janvrin who had served in the Dardanelles in 1915 and "conducted the trawlers into Morto Bay for the landing at De Totts with much skill." It is said the officer showed great judgement and coolness under fire and carried out a difficult task with great success.

The Rev Padre Francis Sutcliffe was serving on board HMS Vincent. He married Gertrude Wilmot and his brothers-in-law were also OH and serving in France.

R V Symonds-Tayler was a midshipman aboard HMS Agamemnon during the Dardanelles. She remained in the Mediterranean after the conclusion of that campaign to prevent the German battlecruiser SMS Goeben and light cruiser Breslau from breaking out into the Mediterranean. Agamemnon shot down the German Zeppelin LZ85 during a bombing mission over Salonica in 1916.

Nigel Heins



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Battle of the Somme

Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red - the first line of a poem written by an unknown soldier who died in WW1 in Flanders, could almost have been written of the Battle of the Somme which took place just east of Paris between 1 July and 18 November 1916.

The Battle was the bloodiest battle in military history. Over five months

it was a battle of attrition, of massive shelling, of tanks and horses, men and mud and all to gain a few miles. The list of regiments involved was like a roll call of the British Army and the names of the battlegrounds associated with the Somme ring through history: Memetz, Morval, Thiepval Ridge, Delville Wood, La Boisselle, and many more. More than a million men died fighting in unimaginable conditions across a 25 mile front, and in 1916

across towns and villages back home the first community memorials started to appear.

Over 400 OH served in WW1. It is likely that many would have fought during this battle which lasted more than four months, for many served in the regiments which were sent to the Western Front. Seven OH died between July and November 1916 and examination of their records shows that most survived only one month at the Somme:



James Millar

Aged 18. Medical Student. Son of the Rev Ross Millar (Presbyterian Minister) and Ida Frances Millar of Hillmount, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. James was a boarder at HCS and gained his 2nd XI Football Colours in 1912. He returned to Ireland to study at Campbell College Belfast, where he was a cadet in the OTC, and Queen's University Belfast. Attached to the 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, James was sent to France on 24 June 1916 and killed in action on 29 July 1916. He is buried at Vermelles British Cemetery.



Charles Britten

Aged 40. Charles Edward Britten (Charlie to his family) was born on March 6, 1876, in Stapleton,

Herefordshire. He was the son of William Edward Britten, who was secretary of the Hereford Herd Book Society and a well-known local figure in the cattle business. From 1889 to 1893 Charlie attended HCS, where he played centre three-quarter for the rugby team, and won the sixteen-mile 'Hare and Hounds'. Upon leaving school, he worked in a bank for a few years, then volunteered for the Imperial Yeomanry during the Boer War and served in the 13th (Shropshire) Company as a trooper in 1900-01. After that war, he worked as a mining engineer on the gold mines in Rhodesia and Johannesburg. He married Helen Nicholson Templeton in the Pro-Cathedral, Salisbury, Rhodesia, on July 8, 1908. His wife was a Scottish widow who travelled from Scotland with a friend as chaperone, travelling the last 2,000 miles to Salisbury by ox-wagon. She bore him one son in 1909 in Rhodesia, and later died in childbirth in Johannesburg in 1913.

At the outbreak of WW1 in 1914, Charlie was working at the Wolhuter Mine in Johannesburg. He resigned immediately and volunteered for the Cape Artillery, serving as a Gunner in the 12th Citizen Battery of that regiment during the invasion of German South-West Africa by the Union forces. At the end of that campaign, he returned to England, leaving his son Tommy in the care of friends in South Africa. He applied for and was granted a Temporary Commission "for the duration of the war" in September 1915, and

on 1 October he was gazetted "Second Lieutenant (on probation)", in the Royal Field Artillery, as a member of the Special Reserve of Officers.

While serving with the 5th Division Ammunition Column during the battle of the Somme, he received gunshot wounds to the chest and thigh on 25 July 1916. He was removed to No.2 Stationary Hospital in Abbeville, where he died on 29 July. He was buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery.

Charlie's death is commemorated on the war memorial in Hereford Cathedral, the Tupsley War Memorial, and the Cenotaph in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Through his son Tommy he currently has living descendants in the UK, the USA, the Channel Islands, South Africa, Iceland, Jordan, and Thailand.

Thomas Appelbee

Aged 19. Son of Arthur Sidney Appelbee (newspaper proprietor) and Emily (née Lunn) Appelbee of 17, St Mary's Road, Golders Green, London NW4. Born at Stratford on Avon, he was educated at Hereford Cathedral School and Reading School. At HCS in 1910, he won the 4th form Latin, Greek, French and English prizes. From Reading School OTC (1911-13), he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the 15th Battalion (1st Leeds) West Yorkshire (Prince of Wales's Own) on 24 December 1915. Sent to France on 13 July 1916, Thomas was killed in action on 20 August 1916. He was buried at Le Touet Military Cemetery, Richebourg-

L'Avoué. Commemorated on the Hereford Cathedral School Roll of Honour, Hereford Cathedral.



Charles Geoffrey Noel Morris

Aged 22. Son of Henry Morris (Head Teacher Elementary School) and Catherine Elizabeth (née Gosson) Morris of The School House, 10 Brecon Road, Hay, Breconshire. Charles was educated Hereford Cathedral School and Keble College Oxford. From Oxford University OTC, he was commissioned 2nd Lt in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in November 1914; transferred to Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 1915, he was made Lieutenant 17 March 1916. Attached 6th Battalion Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, he was sent to France 8 August 1916. Charles was killed in action near Guedecourt on 7 October 1916. He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Keble College, Hay-on-Wye War Memorial, Blessed Sacrament Memorial Chapel St Mary's Parish Church Hay (donated by Harry Morris), Hereford Cathedral School Roll of Honour, Hereford Cathedral.

Edwin George Bettington

Aged 20. Son of Edward James Bettington OH (Architect) of The Croft, Penn Grove Road, Hereford and the late Annie Ellen (née Court) (d. 1900) Bettington. At HCS he won a Langfordian Scholarship; he was awarded 1st Class Honours from Oxford in 1913 and he joined the National Provincial Bank in 1914. Edwin was a Private in the 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Sent to France July 1916, he died of his wounds on 8 October 1916. He is buried at Longueval Road Cemetery and commemorated on the Hereford Cathedral School Roll of Honour, Hereford Cathedral and a memorial in All Saints' Hereford.

Charles Howard Harris

Aged 19. Son of Edward Charles Harris (Confectioner, Shopkeeper & Restaurateur at 56, Broad Street, Hereford) and Flora Caroline Harris of 32 Railway Terrace, Portland Street, Hereford. His name is recorded on the Choristers' Brass Plaque, Hereford Cathedral. Sent to France with the 26th Battalion Royal Fusiliers on 4 May 1916; he died of wounds on 10 October 1916. Charles is buried at Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt. He is commemorated on Hereford Cathedral School Roll of Honour and All Saints Church Hereford.



Thomas Wilmot MC

Aged 20. Son of Katharine Wilmot, of Perrystone Towers, Ross-on-Wye, and the late Rev. Francis E Wilmot.

Returning from Canada, he joined the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment and was sent to France 1 June 1915. He was awarded the Military Cross in July 1916. Wounded at Delville Wood, 24 August 1916, he died at No 36 Casualty Clearing Station the following day. He was the first of three brothers to die in France.

From *The Herefordian*: 'Sec.-Lieut. Thomas Norbury Wilmot, Worcestershire Regiment, was mortally wounded on August, 24th, during a successful attack on two lines of German trenches, and died on August 25th. He was the fourth son of the late Rev. F. E. W. Wilmot and Mrs. Wilmot, of Perrystone Towers, Herefordshire. He was mentioned in dispatches in September, 1915, and awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry last July. The official report of his action stated that "by his dash in securing and tenaciously holding a post in the enemy's possession he contributed largely to the success of the operations." [Extract from "Hereford Journal"]

'In his career at School, Wilmot distinguished himself in every sphere of sport. He was Captain of Cricket, 1913, and won his 1st XI. Cricket Colours in 1912—1913. A member of the School Crew (stroke), 1913, when he stroked the crew to victory both against Monmouth and Worcester; 1st XI. Football Colours, 1912—1913; a member of Fives Four, 1912—1913 and also Captain of Fives, 1913. Besides this he was a monitor.

'If he had lived, he would most probably have received the D.S.O., as his Colonel had recommended him for that distinction.'

In OHN 2014 and 2015 we published extracts from letters that Thomas wrote to his mother. We publish some of his final letters on pages 41 - 42.

(Our thanks to Dr Frances Hurd and Miranda Michels for permission to reproduce the letters.)

The following lost their lives in other conflicts during 1916:



David Neil Griffiths Buchanan

Aged 24. Son of the late John Griffiths Buchanan, of Clun, Salop and Jessie Laura Griffiths Buchanan. He was a Second Lieutenant in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers attached 37th Dogras. He was killed in action in Mesopotamia on 21 January 1916, and was buried at Amara War Cemetery (southern Iraq).

Arthur Edward Carrow Baines

Aged 23. Son of the Rev C F Baines, MA, DSO, Assistant Chaplain General 1914-1918, of Belmont, Dawlish, Devon. Arthur joined the Regular Army in 1912 and was commissioned into the 1st Lincolnshire Regiment. He fought in the battles of Mons, the Marne and Aisne before being wounded during the First Battle of Ypres. On his recovery, he transferred to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, shipping first to Egypt, then to Mesopotamia. Arthur, now a Captain, 'died at the head of his company' at Sannaiyat on 9 April 1916, during an unsuccessful attempt to relieve the five-month siege of Kut. Captain Baines has no known grave and his name is recorded on the Basra Memorial; he is also remembered at Hereford Cathedral, St Ninian's Church, Castle Douglas, where his father was Rector after the war, and

also on a stained glass window at Worting, Hampshire, where his father became rector in 1922.

Cyril Anthony Clack

Aged 26. Son of Samuel and Mary Clack, of Bath; married to Margaret Clack, of McLennan, Alberta. Cyril, who was an electrician, enlisted in Quebec; he saw military service with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, the 103rd Regiment, Calgary Rifles, and he was a Corporal in the 10th Battalion Canadian Infantry. He was wounded during the 2nd Battle of Ypres, 29 April 1915; he was wounded again at Givenchy, 22 June 1915. On 11 May 1916, while the battalion was in Brigade support at Bedford House (in fact, Chateau Rosendal, Ypres, which served as a dressing station and brigade headquarters), an enemy shell struck the stables causing several casualties including Cpl. Clack who was killed. He is buried at Railway Dugouts Burial Ground.

Harold Caley Stillingfleet

Aged 44. Harold was one of ten children born to Henry Stillingfleet, Rector of Hampton Bishop, and his French wife, Victorine. Harold, who was married, was a Deputy Game Warden for the Department for the Protection of Game and Forests in British Columbia. He enlisted at Victoria, Canada in December 1914, having previously served in the Boer War. He was a Lance Sergeant in the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion. Harold died on 6 June 1916 at the Battle of Mont Sorrel and was buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is remembered at Hereford and Great Henny War Memorial, Essex.

22nd June

My dear mother

We are out of the trenches for 3 days. That does not mean 3 days rest as I would almost rather be in the trenches than just behind as the fatigues are so terrific. We go in again tomorrow. The night we came out (the night before last) I went up on a fatigue at 4.30 am in the morning getting back at 3 pm in the afternoon and tonight I am going up again at 10 o'clock and shall probably get back about 10.30 am. They are all mining fatigues and how we hate the miners.

Our leave [has] now been stopped for about a fortnight, as two men overstayed their leave. When it will start again I can't think.

We are having a very rough time here at present and probably shall for some little time.

I hope to get my leave soon but I can't tell when in the slightest. Many thanks for your letter through Robert. He has moved a long way. Good luck to him.

I must stop now.

Your loving son Tom

Letters Home

Letters written from
the Front by
Thomas Norbury
Wilmot, 1916.



7th July

My dear mother

We have changed our destination for the first time since I joined the battalion.

I told you about our raid didn't I. Well we moved last night to a place which nobody knows. We are having a day's rest here.

Leave is all off. So I don't know when I shall get it now. However if the war is going to finish soon it is worth going on without leave.

Major Stevens has quarrelled with the Bde and had to go. We shall never get such a good CO again. That is two magnificent COs we had lost through a mouseeaten Brigadier who cannot stand a stronger man than himself under his command. He is doing his best to ruin the battalion. The battalion is fighting against big odds as long as we are under his command.

Well everybody is in the best of health. I have not heard from Barton again.

Your loving son Tom

22nd July

My dear mother

At last we have come out of the fighting for a rest. They say we are going back for a rest and to make up numbers again.

We are just having a last stand before we go back. The Batt has not come off as badly as other Batts in the Bde but quite bad enough. We were up at High Wood and the district around Bazentin.

I think we are driving the Boches back all right. There is a slight check at present but when once they are broken here they are bound to go. I would not be a Boche and go through one of our bombardments for anything.

It is absolutely wonderful the way I go through these shows untouched. I can't believe it myself.

I am sending my Marching Orders which I want you to keep saying I got the Military Cross. I think it was for that raid we did.

Well I must finish now. I hope they consider this Batt used up for a man can't stick this sort of thing for ever. If they gave us a little rest I don't mind going at any time though. The worst of it is this not like fighting was. It is all machinery.

The Boches are using a new gas on their shells and tested them on us. Without much effect though. It is prussic acid I believe.

Your loving son Tom



15th August

Dearest mother

We came out of the line early this morning quite safely. They shelled the road heavily just after we had passed but caught nobody.

I had a letter from Larry this morning seemingly getting much better.

I got a letter from Col Camlon which I want to keep for home and I got one from Barton too.

We have got a terrible CO here, and I'm absolutely getting fed up here. The sooner I get away from the Bn with this CO the better and everybody else feels the same. If only the higher authorities knew a good CO when they saw one we should not have him. Don't be surprised if you find me back in Blighty sick soon.

We have just had a very nasty six days in the same wood where we boosted. Such awful nights I never knew. Some stunts are every other night.

I have not much time to write today, so this must do and I will write a proper letter first chance.

Your loving son Tom

2nd Worcs Coy Rgt

August 27th 1916

... Perhaps you would like a few details of what actually occurred as ... he was hit just by me so it may be of some comfort to you to know what actually happened. We had had orders to attack capture & consolidate two lines of trenches lying 200 & 500 yards in front of us, C Company, in which your son was, went over supported by us. They cleared the first trench in their stride & were within 100 yds of the 2nd when they were held up owing to their having got too close to our barrage. Your son was lying in a shell hole with his sergeant when we came up with them & lay down just behind. The Germans were shelling us at the time & unfortunately one dropped close to your son, a piece passing through his right side below the ribs & coming out in the front of his stomach. I believe & the MO thinks it quite likely that he was only semi-conscious & that he did not suffer so much pain as one would have expected. After binding him up he did not seem to recognise any of us at all & hardly understood when I told him the stretcher bearers were come for him. He was extraordinarily brave & bore it all wonderfully.

I don't think there is any harm in my telling you that he is buried in the cemetery for the BEF in Heilly. We came out here yesterday so if possible I will go and see his grave tomorrow and find out exactly where it is. You might [like] to know the attack we carried out was a huge success & we got both objectives ... The success was due in no small part to your son, who as usual was splendid ... He was a top hole chap & will be missed by everyone.

Sincerely yours

Cecil WH Parker (Lt)

36 Casualty Clearing Station, BEF France

26th August

My dear Mrs Wilmot

You will have heard I think from the WO that your son Lt TNJ Wilmot 2nd Worcesters was wounded yesterday. At least he was brought into this hospital yesterday very early, severely wounded in his abdomen. We operated but the injury was too great to give any chance of his pulling through. I feel so sad as I write to you in your great sorrow. Lt Wilmot seemed very comfortable all day. I was with him most of the time. He slept off & on and seemed to be in no pain, only very thirsty at times. He knew he had been badly hit, told me he knew 'it had gone through'. I let him talk a little but he did not seem inclined to say much, was just very glad to be comfortably in bed and at rest, towards evening he grew weaker & asked me to write home & let you know that he was here and sent his love then almost immediately he fell asleep for an hr & passed peacefully away at 8 pm. He is to be buried this afternoon with all our other brave men who have fallen, in a little graveyard on the slope of the hill near a wood close to our camp. If it had been possible we would have saved his life, instead he has gone to greater service & better things.

Yours sincerely

JE Bulinan sister-in-charge



Letters from Robert Wilmot, Tom's brother.

15th September

I was very glad to get your letter – I am so glad Tom was taken to hospital. It makes such a difference to know that he is buried in a soldiers' cemetery & not left where the fighting is going on. I will try and find out where the hospital is – not very far away from here I expect.

25th October

Dearest Mother

I have been over to Heilly this afternoon. The cemetery is a very crowded one. I think between 2000-3000 buried there and it is not a large piece of ground. The graves are all very neat and have a regulation cross quite plain [drawing] with the name & regt on very small. They are nailed on in that beaten metal about this width [2nd lieut]. A few have a special cross so I have got the carpenter at the Hospital to make one – have it painted white and then have the name painted on ...

Second Lieutenant Thomas Wilmot of the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, whose letters home we have followed, was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry. He died of his wounds, aged 20, on 25 August 1916.

Thomas was one of five brothers who served in the Herefordshire, Worcestershire or Sherwood Foresters Regiments, whilst his brother-in-law was aboard ship at the Battle of Jutland.

Remembrance Day



The school's Remembrance memorial of ceramic poppies in the cathedral.

Blood swept lands and seas of red is the line of poetry which provided the inspiration for the Tower of London's 2014 poppy installation.

The OH Club purchased 70 of the ceramic poppies, representing each OH life lost through conflict.

For Remembrance Day 2015, our display in Hereford Cathedral, designed by Juliette Austin Chandler (OH), used the height of the altar to create a sweep of poppies to which pupils added their own paper poppies as the roll call of the fallen was read out. The display was much admired throughout the day and was a spectacular backdrop to the school's Evening of Words and Music for Remembrance.

This year, as the school and OH community come together for Remembrance Day, the first line of the poem will come to mind as they are again moved by the display of 70 ceramic poppies. Both the Battle of Jutland and The Battle of the Somme will be at the forefront of their minds as they hear the words written by Charles Le Mesurier and Thomas Wilmot's letters written home from the front.

Remembering the Wilmots



Giles Latcham (right) outside Old Block

BBC Midlands Today reporter Giles Latcham (OH) returned to his old school to film a piece on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

The BBC crew spent several hours at HCS following the story of the three Wilmot brothers – Thomas, Cecil and Robert – who died in the First world War. The report was broadcast on 28 June 2016.

Popular Song



Photo by Herbert Lambert, Bath

Fred. S. Weatherly

Roses of Picardy was published in 1916 and was one of the most popular songs with soldiers in the First World War.

Its popularity endured beyond WW1 and was subsequently recorded by John McCormack, Mario Lanza, and Frank Sinatra amongst others; it was even included in an episode of *Downton Abbey*. The lyrics were written by Frederick Weatherly KC, who was educated at Hereford Cathedral School during the 1860s, gaining a Philpottine exhibition and Somerset scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford, in 1867. He wrote several thousand popular songs, at least 1500 of which were published, most notably *Danny Boy* in 1912, and, of course, *Floreat* our school song.

(Dr Howard Tomlinson wrote an appreciation of Fred Weatherly in OHN 2007).



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SCHOOL NEWS

A Level Successes



For HCS Year 13 pupils, August 2016 will be memorable not just for the Olympics.

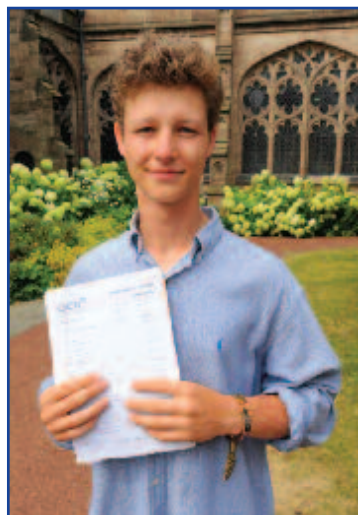
They achieved their own outstanding results: twenty-three students (26%) secured all A*/A grades and almost 60% achieved no less than a B grade in their A Level results.

Five sixth formers achieved at least three A* grades. Hannah Mather and Helen Bennett both sat four A Levels, each securing three A*s and one A. Hannah will study Natural Sciences at Durham University and Helen will read Medicine at Oxford University. Anna Sweetman achieved A* grades in English Literature & Language, Biology and Maths; Andy Mao secured A*s in Economics, Fine Art and Maths; and Maisy Spalding will go to Warwick to read Maths having secured three A*s.

Rachael Kennedy, who achieved an A* and two As, will study Music at Cambridge University.

Head boy, Will Butler, and deputy head Ellen Oliver-Davies both achieved an A* and two As also.

Three of the school's international students, Andy Mao, Jacqueline Pan and Alex Hao, also did very well collectively achieving six A*s between them in a range of subjects including Art, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Economics.



Hugo Jobst achieved A grades in Chemistry and Maths and a B in Biology – a most impressive result because Hugo missed almost the whole of the autumn term at the start of the sixth form to undergo a full hip replacement.

Hugo, who has suffered for many years with Perthes Disease, a childhood

disorder which affects the ball and socket joint of the hip, said that due to his condition he has never attended a full year of school with the exception of this year. He underwent three operations during his GCSEs and thought that his problems were solved, but his hip deteriorated leaving him with no option other than a full hip replacement at just 17 years old.

He said: 'I am really pleased with my results, in fact I am ecstatic – I would have liked to have had the full time to focus on my studies but it is nice to have a feeling of achievement despite that.'

Amazing GCSE Results



It was another outstanding year for GCSE results where 95% of all grades achieved were A* to C grade.

More than 80% of pupils gained A*-B grades, and in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), every candidate obtained a C grade or above including an incredible 92 A*s.

Every pupil achieved an A*-C grade in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Additional Maths. Three quarters of candidates sitting GCSEs in Art, Chemistry, Latin, Additional Maths, and Music achieved A*-As and nine departments secured a 100 percent pass rate (grade A* - C).

Cantabile sings with Aled



Aled Jones with Cantabile

Cantabile Girls' Choir were delighted to be chosen to perform with Welsh singer Aled Jones MBE, at Hereford Cathedral on 3 June 2016, as part of his 22-date Cathedral Tour.

The choir was not daunted by the prospect of appearing with the well-known singer, TV and radio presenter. The girls had previously met Aled when they won the BBC Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year Competition last year.

Cantabile also performed at the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod in July, where the choir took third place in the Children's Folk Song category. In October, the girls will be travelling to Barcelona to participate in the Canta Al Mar international choral competition.

diocese comes down from his throne and his place is taken by the boy bishop.

'Michael had an excellent career as a chorister,' said Geraint Bowen, director of music at the cathedral, 'and I'm sure his time as boy bishop will be just as successful.'

Fiddler on the Roof



HCS pupils staged a very professional and highly acclaimed production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at Hereford's Courtyard Theatre.

Not even a small kitchen fire, which caused the theatre to be evacuated, fazed the performers who returned to the stage and took up where they left off!

The highly favourable review in the *Hereford Times* concluded: 'Everyone involved from the cast to staff in the music, drama and English departments at HCS is to be congratulated on a brilliant show, one that made one pinch oneself occasionally as a reminder that not a single member of the cast has yet left school!'

Royal Visit



Hereford Cathedral Junior School Chamber Choir and HCS Cantabile Girls' Choir sang for the Duke of Kent during his whistle-stop tour of the county last October.

Boy Bishop

HCS pupil and former chorister Michael D'Avanzo was installed as boy bishop at Hereford Cathedral in December.

The ceremony dates back to at least the fourteenth century, but today it takes place within the context of choral evensong. During the singing of the Magnificat, the bishop of the



Biology Prize

Josh Holloman proved he is both artist and scientist.

His drawing of a Five-Horned Rhinoceros Beetle was selected as one of the top 10 Biology drawings in the country for the Nancy Rothwell Biological Drawings competition organised by the Royal Society of Biology.



Debating at the Union



James and Will at the Oxford Union

In February, two Year 10 pupils travelled to Manchester University for the International Competition for Young Debaters (ICYD).

James Wilde and Will Owens spoke in three debates and gained a place in the final hosted by the Oxford Union.

The finals day, in April, involved four debates, none of which were pre-released. This meant that speakers had only 15 minutes preparation time to formulate their case and write their 5-minute speeches – quite a challenge! Mr Mark Jackson and his young debaters were delighted that Joseph Goldsmith (OH), a past member of the Debating Society and a member of the Oxford Union, was able to travel up from London to support the team.

Whilst HCS did not make the final eight, they enjoyed a wonderful day at the Union which involved the team debating in the Chamber itself – a place which has hosted many world famous celebrities and politicians.

Advice for Economists

Chris Cullen (OH) recently returned to school to give a talk to the Upper Sixth Economists about his work and career in London.

Having been a student at HCS from 1997 to 2004 (and Head of School in 2003-4), Chris went on to read Economics at Cambridge and is now a Foreign Exchange trader in London.

Chris gave an excellent talk outlining his career progression and explained the role which he has at the moment and what his work involves. He also gave the students some practical careers advice and was able to provide a real-world dimension for those students studying Economics.

HCS Travels



The school made its first cultural and historical trip to Turkey. This included a visit to where several brave OHs are buried after the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign.



A group of HCS Sixth Formers visited the Hay Segovia literary festival in Spain. The group was comprised of Spanish and English A level students.



The students on the Economics trip to New York recognise the important role of libraries in their education!

Marches Victory

Hereford Cathedral School's rugby players were victorious at the Marches Sevens festival for the first time in 35 years.



The HCS A team won the bowl during the prestigious event which was attended by schools from across the country. Hereford Cathedral School was drawn alongside Pate's Grammar, Christ College, Brecon and King Edward's, Bath.

A total of 32 teams battled for the cup, with Millfield defending their crown. Harrow School won the cup with Sherborne putting on an impressive performance as runners-up. Barnard Castle went home with the plate.

Director of Games Richard Skyrme said: 'We are very proud to attract schools with the highest quality rugby players from across the country and this year was certainly no exception.'

'We were particularly pleased to find that our A team won the bowl for the first time since 1981. There was some fantastic rugby being played on the day both from HCS players and very strong teams from other schools.'

Will Butler, who was Head of School 2015-2016, was selected to join the England Under-18 Rugby squad in their fixture against France in February.

This was not be the first time Will has represented his country in rugby; last year he made his debut with the England Under-17 squad, scoring twice against France in the second half. Will currently has a contract with the Worcester Warriors.



Two heads are better than one: Will Butler, Head of School 2015-16, with his father Pete (OH 1985) who was also Head Boy.

CCF Biennial Inspection



Georgina receives the Carless Trophy for Best CCF Cadet from Lady Darnley

Cadets from Hereford Cathedral School and Whitecross High School were on parade at the Suvla Barracks, Hereford, for their biennial Combined Cadet Force (CCF) inspection.

The inspecting personnel included Lady Darnley, Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, Air Commodore Richard Atkinson CBE (OH), Rear Admiral Philip Wilcocks CB, DSC, DL (currently a governor at HCS) and Captain Sarah Hunter-Choat (a former HCS pupil and daughter of Brigadier Hunter-Choat).

Playing for England



HCS Centre Will Butler passes the ball to team mate James Girling

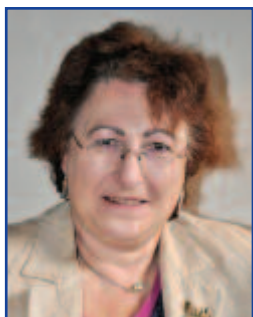
Staff News



Mrs Elizabeth Locke was one of the first girls to attend HCS sixth form in the early 1970s, making her mark as a scholar before going to Brasenose College, Oxford. Teaching followed, and after a few years at Pocklington School, Mrs Locke became Head of the RS Department at Malvern Girls' College (now Malvern St James). Mrs Locke re-joined HCS in 1998 to teach RS, General Studies, a Classics set and PSHE.

In 2003, Mrs Locke became Head of Department, continuing to teach RS, Ethics and Philosophy and was a strong advocate of the value of these subjects for all pupils. She has enriched the teaching of her subject by organising ethics conferences, leading trips and enthusiastically encouraging those wishing to study theology at university. She has been a popular, caring and stimulating teacher, and an outstanding tutor overseeing the pastoral welfare of so many. Outside of the classroom Mrs Locke has also been a keen supporter of the School's Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

We are sorry that Mrs Locke has decided to retire early due to ill health, but pleased that she is making a good recovery.



Mrs Anna Coda-Hancorn joined in 2008 as a part-time teacher of Physics and Chemistry and is a well-organised, conscientious and knowledgeable scientist. Teaching part-time at HCS has meant that Mrs Coda-Hancorn could also teach at Hereford

Sixth Form College and pursue her active interest in politics. We thank Mrs Coda-Hancorn for her work in the Science department and wish her all the best for her retirement from teaching.



Mrs Caroline Notley joined HCS as Examinations and Database Administrator in 2008. She is extremely well organised, meticulous, and calm under pressure and many students and parents owe Mrs Notley a great debt of gratitude for her reassuring approach in dealing with exam

problems. We hope that Mrs Notley is enjoying her new job at Hartpury College and wish her well.



Mrs Isla Whitmore joined the Biology department in 2011. She quickly impressed pupils, staff and parents and has proved to be an excellent classroom practitioner and under her tutelage pupils have achieved excellent GCSE, AS and A2 results.

Outside the classroom Mrs Whitmore has been an admirable tutor, and made a very strong contribution to the extra-curricular life of the school, particularly in her role overseeing rowing. We wish Mrs Whitmore well as she takes up her new post at Malvern St James.



Mrs Alex Mynors joined the English department in 2012. She is passionate about English literature and at HCS she was able to stretch and challenge the most able whilst also supporting those who found the subject matter difficult. Mrs Mynors used her mountain

leader training to support the school's Duke of Edinburgh programme. She also contributed to school chapels and oversaw the school's Charities Committee. We wish Mrs Mynors all the best in her new job as Head of Department at Whitecross School.

Mr Clive Potter (OH) became a governor in 2004 and his experience and expertise as a Chartered Certified Accountant has been invaluable. He has an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of HCS, Herefordshire, and rugby! Mr Potter has not only given hours of his time to the school, but has also been a generous benefactor in various ways. Mr Potter retires as a Governor with our warmest wishes and grateful thanks. He continues in his role as a trustee of the Old Herefordian Fund.

Ms Katy Skerrett (OH), who joined the Governing Body in 2012, is both a former pupil and a junior school parent. We are extremely grateful to Ms Skerrett for her contributions to the governance of HCS but understand that her ever increasing responsibilities as Assistant Coroner of Gloucestershire and part-time District Judge have meant that she has less time to devote to her old school and therefore she has retired from her role as governor. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

Cover Photographs



This was a musical in the lower sixth (1986).
Jon Hamer.

This was a musical in the lower sixth (1986).
Left to right: Kirsty Johnson, Carl Davies, Pippa Owens,
 Stephen Partridge, Richard Stamp, Clare Watkins,
 Joseph Burgoyne, Vanessa Wilkins, Louise Court,
 Adam Chester. The photo of the play on the front is the year
 group who left in 1998! My brother was in it!
Zac Watkins

A production, in the College Hall, of Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca* in perhaps 1953 or 4. A curious choice of drama in a boys only school of the period. The compelling fellow front

David Crowley (10); Alison Holman [née Eves] (5 & 9); Terry Simmonds (10); Stuart Turpin (17).

right, hands in pockets (not encouraged at the time) is me (David Crowley), well rouged, playing Jack Favell the rake. Perhaps rakes were shorter at the time. I was both congratulated and rebuked for my performance by the Headmaster, Mr Hopewell, who admired my oomph and yet was troubled by, as he put it, my excessive use of dramatic licence - 'God almighty that doddering old fool of a coroner said it was suicide. Suicide! Ha ha!' - though I stuck precisely to the script.

From Left to right: ??, Moore, ??, Freddie Baggs, Wardale, ??, David Crowley.

Scenery and sound by Terry Simmonds (*not in photo*).

From left to right: Marc Norris, Stephen Price, Owen Hewlett, James Layton, Richard Edwards.

Over the years the Old Herefordian Club has become the guardian of much treasured OH and School history, historic records and ephemera. Many of the items are displayed in the OH Room in No 1, the Headmaster's Study then the Monitors' Common Room. Technology now enables us to provide School and OH magazines and a range of photographs through the Old Herefordians Club website.

The digital OH Room can be found on www.oldherefordiansclub.co.uk by clicking on [Archive](#). You will then be asked to Log in. If you have forgotten your login and/or password please contact the Development Office by email to c.morganjones@herefordcs.com.



OH DAY

Saturday 10th December 2016

The Old Herefordians Club was founded in 1896 making 2016 the 120th anniversary of the club!

- 9.30am** Pre Chess coffee Old Deanery - **OH vs School Chess No 1** please contact Mr R Croot on 01432 363 504 or r.croot@herefordcs.com if you would like to play.
- 10.00am** **OH vs School Netball** in the School sports hall. Contact Miss H Major on h.major@herefordcs.com if you would like to play.
- 10.30am** **Pre AGM Coffee** in Old Deanery, Cathedral Close
- 11.00am** **AGM in Briscoe Room**, Old Deanery, Cathedral Close.
- 11.30am** **OH vs School Mixed Hockey** at Hereford Leisure Centre (KO midday). Please contact Mr A Connop via the school secretary schoolsec@herefordcs.com if you would like to play.
- 11.45am** **Pre Lunch Drinks & Mince pies** in Old Deanery
- 12.30pm** **Lunch** in the dining hall with speeches from the Headmaster and Gill Rivers OH President (1979-1986). Our catering manager Andy and his team provide an excellent two course lunch with wine and coffee for £15.00 each. Partners and friends welcome.
- 2.00pm** **OH vs School Football** at Wyeseide - contact Mr T James on t.james@herefordcs.com if you would like to play.
- 2.30pm** **OH vs School Rugby** at Wyeseide - contact Mr H Windsor on h.windsor@herefordcs.com if you would like to play.
- Hot food will be available to purchase in the Pavilion from 3.00pm.*

Don't miss the opportunity to reconnect with friends, colleagues, and mentors from your HCS days, why not hold a mini reunion at the OH Day Lunch prior to the Rugby at Wyeseide? This is a fantastic three course meal with wine and cheese cooked by our catering manager Andy.

For more information please email h.pearson@herefordcs.com or call 01432 363 566.

Old Herefordians' Club Annual Dinner

Please note:

The OH annual London Dinner will not be held in 2017

Editorial

This edition of the *Old Herefordians' Newsletter* continues to trace the personal histories of Old Herefordians who fought in the First World War a century ago. A few were commended at the major sea battle of Jutland, whilst others lost their lives on both the Eastern and Western Fronts, including at the prolonged battle of the Somme. One of these was young Tom Wilmot, a selection of whose letters home, from the outbreak of war to within days of his death, we have been privileged to publish over the past three years. Tom wrote: *'It is absolutely wonderful the way I go through these shows untouched. I can't believe it myself.'* Sadly, he did not survive the Somme; he was wounded and died on 25 August 1916.

Returning to the present, as the editor of the *Old Herefordians' Newsletter*, I also feel privileged to be allowed to publish, each year, glimpses into the lives of a number of OHs. To me it seems that a special bond is often formed, not just between the pupils who make lasting friendships as evinced by the OH reunions, but also between HCS and its pupils. How delightful that former pupils acknowledge the influence of their teachers and remain in touch; how charming that we have been permitted to peer beneath the 'silks' to share the secret of the OH cufflinks at all those 'Bowing' ceremonies!

Clare Adamson

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