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OI Club 2015-2016 Programme of events

2015

August		
Thu 13th	OI Golf	Fynn Valley
September		
Thurs 3rd	Michaelmas Term Starts	
Sun 6th	OI Rugby 7s Tournament	10am Notcutts
Thu 17th	Committee Meeting	7.30pm School Pavilion
October		
Thu 1st - Tue 6th	School's Festival of Music	Great School
Fri 2nd	Festival of Music – OI Club Jazz Night	Great School
Fri 2nd	Drinks in the City	6pm London
Fri 16th	President's Event – Wine tasting and food	7pm Great School
November		
Sun 8th	Remembrance Service	Chapel
Thu 19th	Committee Meeting	7.30pm School Pavilion
December		
Wed 16th	End of Michaelmas Term	
Wed 16th	'First Five Years Out' Reunion (2010 - 2015 leavers)	6pm 6th Form Centre
Sat 19th	AGM	6.30pm Little School
Sat 19th	Ipswich Dinner	7.00pm Great School

2016

February		
Sunday 28th	Benefactor's Evensong	School Chapel
April		
Sunday 17th	OI Sports Festival	Ipswich School Sports Centre - Rushmere

Details of the above events can also be found on the Old Ipswichian Website: www.ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk/old-ipswichians/

In addition to these events the Club is very happy to help in the setting up and running of milestone anniversary reunions such as 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th and 40th. If you would like to find out more, please contact us via oievents@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk or telephone (01473) 298964

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Club News

From the Chairman



Guy Main
(1969-1979)

Well, what a year 2014 was for the OI Club.

The various celebrations of 125 years since its founding were year long, although heavily focused on the Gaudy, which took place on 28 June. Those of you present at the school on that day, over 400 OIs and guests, will I hope agree that it was an excellent party.

Of course, in the fine traditions of the OI Club, there were many more activities and events. The anniversary Sports festival, held at the school's fantastic facilities at Rushmere, were a highlight with over 200 people playing sport, encouraged by a large group of spectators. This was the event at which we said goodbye and thank you to Graham Papenfus, who has assisted the Club so ably in his 9 years with the school.

At the London Dinner John Blatchly, the "guest" speaker but very much one of our own, outlined the origins and early history of the Club in his engaging and inimitably style: fascinating. Later in the year those who were there were privileged to hear the school's recently retired Director of Music, Andrew Leach, give a stunning piano recital, on the school's Steinway grand piano. And the musical theme continued at the Ipswich Dinner with an impromptu, at least for the President, Trevor Woods, rendition of a song from HMS Pinafore, sung by (largely) the same band of school-mates who had performed the full version (quite) a few years earlier.

Year-group reunions, Drinks in the City, other sports events, and impromptu gatherings of OIs also took place. The numbers attending are up, which is hugely encouraging.

Remembrance of the past is important, but only if it helps us to push on to a better future. That is a rather large debate in the context of the world in which we live. From a Club perspective we need to (as I wrote last year in the equivalent Journal) seek to be relevant to all OIs. This is a challenging time for many and

I hope that unity and friendship of OIs, which are objectives of the Club, will be widely realised. "It's a poor sort of memory that can only look backwards," said the White Queen to Alice. When we look back, I hope we are pleased at what we see. This thought should, I think, help guide our decisions and conduct on a day to day basis.

Looking ahead, plans for next year are taking shape. Key events in the OI calendar will continue, but perhaps with some refinements. Ideas are in place for new initiatives. But we still have half of 214 to go and, if the first 6 months of the year are a guide, it will be another good year for the Club and its members.

Your committee works hard. The time they spend on OI matters is largely unseen. I remain grateful for the unity of the group, and for all the time and energy they give. The Club would not work without them.

We each have our own highlight of the OI Club year as, indeed, for other aspects of our lives. For me, notwithstanding the wonderful sport played, music performed, speeches heard, and dinners enjoyed, it is the people I have worked with and met. During my time as Chairman I have been honoured to have met many of you and have engaging, challenging and amusing conversations. You are an inspiring group of people, from whom I have learnt a great deal. The support I have received from many committee members and others who seek to serve OIs through the Club has been remarkable, and are the basis of lifelong friendships. I hope your experiences are similar.

– **Guy Main**
OI Club Chairman 2015

From the President

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Bob Clayton
(1975-2012)

I would like to thank Trevor Woods, our 2014 President, for an excellent array of superb events in the 125th Anniversary year. I especially enjoyed the Andrew Leach Recital which was played on the Steinway grand piano and would like to thank Trevor for his generous donation in the purchase of this wonderful musical instrument.

I was greatly honoured to be approached by the OIs and asked if I would like to be the President. The organisation has always been an important part of my life and I am pleased to be more actively involved in the very busy programme that runs throughout the year. We have many social events where there is an opportunity to reunite and meet old school friends.

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So far I have attended a number of occasions, starting with an OI reunion in January where we had an excellent turnout with a vast age range of OIs. The Fives and Steeple chase events were well represented and I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with OIs who had travelled from all over the country to compete.

In March I was privileged to attend the official opening of the Ipswich School Sports Centre, Rushmere. The school acquired the facility in 2012 and refurbished the sports centre, updating facilities and have built three new AstroTurf floodlit

hockey pitches, six netball/tennis courts and two full size football pitches.

On the day students received coaching in hockey and netball from international players followed by exhibition matches in the evening. It was great to see former pupils and Team GB hockey players George Pinner and Harry Martin in action. As a PE teacher it was reassuring to see that sport continues to be high profile at Ipswich school.

This sentiment was reinforced after a recent schools inspection which said that they found, "Standards in PE in a very wide range of sports as being exceptional" – Independent Schools Inspectorate report 2014.

On 16th October this year the President's event will be a special Wine Tasting Evening to raise money for a very worthwhile charity funding Alzheimer's research. No doubt most of us know someone who has been affected by the disease and I thought that this would be a special way of supporting this cause. The event will be held in The Little School and I hope to see as many of you as possible.

The primary role of the club is to maintain friendships that were made at school and continue to flourish in adult life. I hope that 2015 will be the year where these bonds can be strengthened and I wish you and all your families the best of health and happiness throughout the forthcoming year.

– **Bob Clayton**
OI Club President 2015

Foundation News

All change!



The last year has seen a number of changes in the Development Office, including a name change to become the Foundation Office.

Development Director Graham Papenfus left in the spring of 2014 to move to Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, taking up the post of Development

Director at Dean Close School. This enabled Peter Boughton to change from Bursar to Foundation Director.

Over the summer Jack Devlin resigned from his post to further his career in London, and in January 2015 Vicki Spray joined the staff team supporting the OI club as Foundation Assistant.

Vicki will be helping to look after the OI social media presence, and running and developing the OI database, as well as

assisting Foundation Manager Lindy Hacker with the day-to-day running of the Foundation Office.

Lindy provides continuity between the old and new team, liaising closely with the Friends of Ipswich School and the OI Club, and organising an impressive array of events across the year.

The OI 125th Anniversary Gaudy

The OI 125th Anniversary Gaudy - the event of the year - took place on Saturday 28 June and was a triumph. During the build-up the organising committee become increasingly apprehensive about the weather, but despite some heavy rain at lunchtime it held off for the afternoon's celebrations.

During the course of the day some 400 or so people attended the Gaudy, including OIs, Upper Sixth Leavers and teachers and many other people who wished to celebrate the Club's anniversary. What a turnout! Here we bring you some snapshots of the day's events.

A Suffolk girls v school U12 boys cricket match on the school field provided quality entertainment in the morning and early afternoon. A brilliant steel band played all afternoon and, as the

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cricket ended, various games, activities and other entertainment took over. Painted faces were not the preserve of pre-teens, and the coconut shy with pictures of headmasters on the targets was popular, as was the cream tea.

Over 150 enjoyed the Diamond Lunch, which was for those who left the school before 1964. This was a huge number: the elbow room was limited, and if the room had been bigger we would have been able to accommodate more who wanted to join the party.

After some short speeches the school Big Band played two long sets and delighted everyone, as always. They provoked several of the older OIs to dance on the school field. Children made use of the bouncy castle, and there was excellent conversation amongst OIs around the much



appreciated bar. The two archives displays, in the pavilion and the archives room, were popular and very busy. The catering was superb and many OIs commented on the standard of the cream teas and hog roast offered.

The consensus was that this was a brilliant day. Many thanks to all OIs who attended and supported the Gaudy. Special thanks to the core

team who planned and did the organisational work, and for those who helped in advance and on the day.



Features *Buildings. And More Buildings*

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The School has had many fine buildings since it moved to its current location in 1852 and its wonderful Victorian façade on Henley Road is a familiar site, much used by the School in its publicity.

My first serious involvement with School property occurred after I became Chairman of the OI Club Committee. I was asked to lead an appeal for the extension and refurbishment of the cricket Pavilion which was in a sorry state. Little had been done to it since it was officially opened on 2 July 1938. The pavilion was an OI initiative and paid for by OIs and parents, with the shortfall made up by the Town Council under whose governance the School then operated. My love of cricket and great memories of playing on the splendid school ground (which cannot be bettered in Suffolk) made me a soft touch. It was felt that the School not only needed



a cricket pavilion but also a place for other events. The Appeal Committee raised about £120,000 and the School funded the balance of the costs. The Pavilion was reopened on 16 December 2000 by Cyril Perkins and it was a great privilege for me at the Gaudy last year to name the pavilion in Cyril's honour. Today the pavilion is in constant use for meetings and social events as well as for cricket of course.

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Having become Chairman of the Governing Body in 2002 I found myself heavily involved with the Prep building on Henley Road which was no longer suitable for modern teaching. This had been on the School's wish list for some time and a scheme to extend the existing building was not received favourably by the planners or the neighbours. In 1993 my predecessor David Coe shrewdly persuaded the governors to purchase the old hospital site running between Ivry Street and Anglesea Road and where the Nursery and Pre-Prep School had been built. By this time Brett Hallworth, a building surveyor with architectural skills, had done some impressive work for

us and he was invited to produce a plan for a new prep building. This was a difficult site with a considerable drop from north to south but Brett soon produced a stunning plan with a design in the shape of a ship. The cost was over £4m and the School took out a twenty year loan for half the cost, funding the balance out of its own resources. This iconic building which was opened in 2006 provides state of the art teaching facilities and is much admired.

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entrance is a case in point fitting a splendid new art room above the new office and goods in facility. Another was the conversion of the former Leggett Technical Studies Centre to provide an extension to the dining hall. We needed a new science laboratory and one was dropped in between the Henley Road building and the Mermagen sports hall with a new class room below.

About ten years ago we embarked on a major project to move our sports facilities from Notcutts to land which we own on Tuddenham Road (it was named Project George in memory of George Notcutt former member of staff and OI). This involved obtaining planning permission for housing and other development on Notcutts to

fund the cost of the new sports centre. We had made good progress but at considerable cost, when the Ipswich Borough Council indicated that our housing project would need to be incorporated in a plan for the Ipswich Northern Fringe development. This was a major setback but by this time

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the bottom was falling out of the development land market anyway. And we had no plan B!

Fortune was on our side though. The owners of Rushmere Sports Club, wanting to dispose of the club which was in a sorry state, were able to negotiate planning permission for ten luxury houses in return for building one astro hockey pitch, extending the changing rooms plus other works and significantly, handing over the club to a charity. In stepped Ipswich School

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to complete what I described as a sweetheart deal and having secured the club we went about obtaining planning permission for two more hockey pitches, netball and tennis courts and various other works. It also has a fine sports hall used for junior tennis, badminton, netball, indoor hockey as well as ballroom dancing. As many readers will know the sports centre was officially opened recently to great acclaim. I believe it's the best sports centre of its kind in the country

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and this was endorsed by George Pinner OI, the GB Hockey goalkeeper, who said on BBC Radio Suffolk that to find something similar one would have to go to Holland or Germany.

The School has wanted to improve its music facilities for a long time and the best, and only, suitable place was next to the pavilion. We

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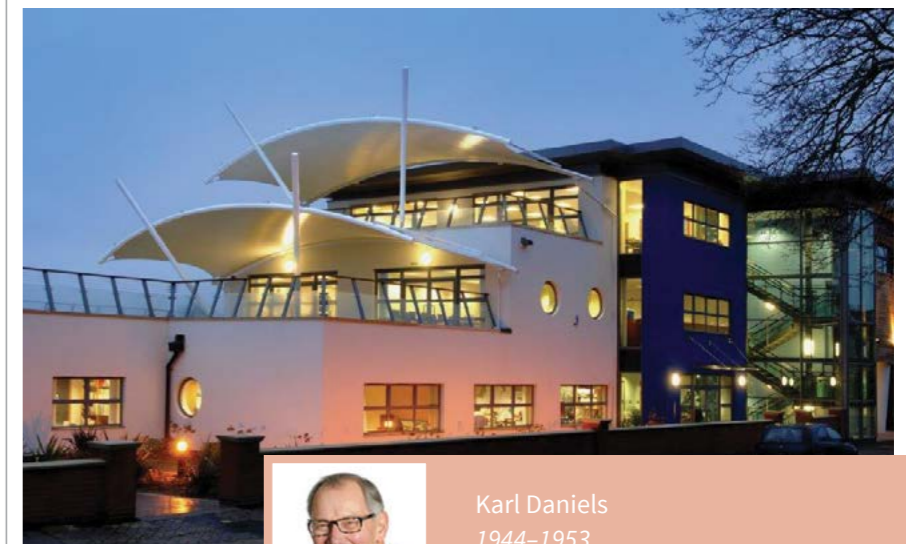
have employed Cowper Griffith as architects who have had considerable experience in this area. We were frustrated in our first planning application as a result of neighbour concerns but successful in the second, which involved incorporating a basement at greater cost.

As I write this piece the building costing £2.9m is growing daily and is expected to be in use from the end of September. The first part is for

teaching and rehearsal – and we hope it will not be too long before we have raised sufficient funds to build the concert hall. The new music school will release a considerable amount of badly needed space in the old school building and will not just benefit music.

The School is always on the lookout for any property which becomes available close by and when the NHS decide to sell two buildings (Ivry House and Ivry Lodge) in Ivry Street we knew we must buy these for the longer term good of the School as we had done when acquiring the old hospital site. The purchase at a cost of £1m was completed successfully on the back of a long term mortgage in March of this year.

But to put things in perspective I asked the Headmaster, Nick Weaver, for his view on school buildings and I quote 'the most important thing about Ipswich school is, and always will be, its people. Excellence in teaching and learning, music, art, sport and drama, though, is supported and inspired by the architectural setting which is why we are so fortunate to have so many fantastic spaces within the School premises.'



Karl Daniels
1944-1953

Chairman of the Governing Body



Mike Fenn (OI 1948–1959) Life in Westwood from 1954–1955

The 14th January heralded a start with eleven other boys in the new boarding house at Westwood, some ten minutes' walk from the school.

For many different reasons it was a period of my life that was to have a profound impact on my future and this was in no small way down to the influence and guidance of the housemaster Peter 'Spud' Marsden and his wife Constance. They had three young children of their own, Christopher, Elizabeth and Franceys and were to run the house as if we were part of their own family. Westwood was part of an old estate with several acres of gardens and woodland, an idyllic

me that my half-sister Jane had died. A devastating blow and I can recall going down to school and attending morning prayers in Donachers in a complete shock and doing my best not to cry. I was probably too young to appreciate the impact it must have had on my mother.

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The top floor of Westwood was out of bounds although on occasion I went there with Christopher Marsden to play with his Hornby railway. The two maid's bedrooms were also on this floor. In their late teens they were a godsend to us boys sheltered from female company. American servicemen from Bentwaters airbase driving their large Cadillacs were a regular sight in Ipswich in those days, and often called to collect the girls. We used to watch out the dormitory window as they kissed goodnight.

The wooded grounds were full of wildlife including red squirrels long since gone from Suffolk. We kept white mice in the outbuildings and the grounds were ideal for treasure hunts, hide and seek and playing cowboys and Indians. I remember Spud making us guns from the fig tree cuttings. During the summer croquet was played on the lawn and in

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the winter we went tobogganing in Christchurch Park and ice skating at Flatford. Table tennis was popular as was billiards played in the 'Hades' cellar. Sunday was shoe cleaning day which took place in the small yard outside the kitchen.

The 50s was a time of war escape stories and films which must have provided the impetus for three of us to start building a tunnel in our vegetable plot at the bottom of the field. Unfortunately, or probably fortunately, Spud put a stop to it. A more successful tunnel was built by School House boys by the long jump pit at the top of the School Field.

It was after one of the games of hide and seek that I was the recipient of a nasty accident which was to have implications for life. 'Abbo' Harris was carrying a thick piece of holly tree stem which he swung over his shoulder not realising I was behind him. It caught me square in the face knocking out one of my teeth and flattening my nose. I was rushed to hospital for treatment and spent several days in sick bay recovering. Dental treatment was necessary for several years

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afterwards and to this day I cannot breath through my left nostril and at night cannot lay on my left side.

Spud had an extensive library of G A Henty books and Boys Own Annuals which were a must for reading. Stamp collecting, cowboy comics, playing pickastick and fives stones were all the rage and jigsaws were created on the fretsaw. Most evenings we had two/ three preps and I recall school prefects coming to the house to invigilate and I can recall us one evening debagging Marsh. At weekends in the winter we were allowed in to Spud's drawing room to listen to records round

a roaring fire of logs which we had helped to saw.

Memories of school work at this time are fairly slim. I was demoted to the B stream for Maths and based on term reports struggled with Maths, Latin, History, English and French. Waiting for masters to arrive for class in the then open corridors of the Sherwood block could be rather cold in the winter. We used to count the masters as they came from the direction of the staff room, one point for a master and a half point for a prefect. We often scored in excess of 30 points.



Back Row: Barr, Chaplin, C Chessher, Groom Robinson
Middle Row: Letten, McMillan, Evans, J Chessher, Fenn, Barnett, Clark
Front Row: Townshend, Mrs Marsden, Peter Marsden, Mrs Gardner, Green

setting for young boisterous teenagers. The dilapidated greenhouses were to be restored by Spud and fresh vegetables were provided by Bowie the gardener from the reclaimed kitchen garden.

On arrival I had hoped to remain head boy, a position I had held in Junior House, but Spud suggested that we should choose our own head and sadly I failed to come top of the 'election' the honour being bestowed on Charles Townshend. It was to be a difficult start for Spud as a boarding house master as in the first week he had to break the sad news to



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In January 1954 the whole school visited the Ritz cinema to see 'The Conquest of Everest'; in March demolition of the Great School Hall which was suffering from wood-rot was completed; I played in the victorious School and Sherrington Rucker XV; the School Fete was held in July on the School Field; and on Sports Day I was beaten in to 3rd place by Crocker who overtook me in the last few strides of the 220yds race. Saturday cinema club was held two or three times per term; runs round the Lower Road took place when the weather was too bad for games; a school house boy kept a monkey in his study; and end of term shipwrecks in the gym were a must. I remained active in the cub pack which met once a week in the cub hut behind the cricket nets on the site of the new Great School.

With several badges to my credit I reached the dizzy heights of a seconder and still have a Swiss penknife for winning a three legged race with Markey at an Ipswich Scout Jamboree in Shrublands Park.

My first spell at Westwood lasted for four happy terms and my departure was to come as quite a shock. At the end of the Lent term Sam Groom and I were told that we were to start the summer term in School House. I had recently been beaten by Spud for talking after lights out and I believe had made difficulties for Matron Gardner. Whatever the reasons it was felt the discipline of the larger boarding house and its resident prefects would be the best place for me!



**George Henry
Alexander Clowes**
(OI 1892–1994)

Research director of the US pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly and Company, recognised the enormous potential of new research into a cure for diabetes in 1922.

He was instrumental in enabling the large-scale production of insulin and its life-saving use as a clinical treatment.

Before the discovery of insulin, diabetes was a feared disease that almost certainly led to death. During the 19th Century

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doctors knew that sugar worsened the condition of diabetic patients and that the most effective treatment was to put the patients on very strict diets with sugar intake kept to a minimum. At best, this treatment could buy patients a few extra years, but it never saved them. In some cases, the harsh diets even caused patients to die of starvation.

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During the first two decades of the 20th century, several investigators prepared extracts of pancreas that were often successful in lowering blood sugar and reducing glycosuria in test animals. However, they were unable to remove

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impurities, and toxic reactions prevented its use in humans. In the spring of 1921, Frederick G. Banting, a young Ontario orthopedic surgeon, helped by student assistant, Charles Best, commenced work at the University of Toronto under the tutelage of John Macleod. This led to the production of what was to become insulin. Problems presented themselves however when attempts were made to produce clinical quantities of the drug and it was Clowes’s negotiation with Banting that led to what has been described as one of the major advances in medical history. Banting and Macleod were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1923 for the discovery of insulin.

“*We are indebted to George’s grandson, Alexander...*”

George, who was born in 1877 and died in 1958, graduated from the Royal College of Science in London and earned a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Gottingen, Germany. He completed six months of post graduate studies at the Sorbonne, France and in 1901 moved from England to Buffalo, New York. He served as co-director of the Gratwick Cancer Research Laboratories before accepting a position with Eli Lilly and Company.

We are indebted to George’s grandson, Alexander, for alerting us to the role played by his grandfather. Alex called into school during the Easter holidays whilst researching a biography of George Henry that he is anticipating will be published in the autumn.

Our Latin Master

– By J.R.S. Mash (OI 1944 – 1955)

Now our present Latin master’s
a funny sort of bloke,
He can make us roar with laughter,
And appreciate a joke,
But if anyone should cross him,
Or dare his wrath provoke –
It’s Detention on Saturday!

He’s got lots of nice expressions,
Such as “I kicked the cat”,
And if we make some daft mistake,
He calls us “Worm” or “Rat”,
But he’s got one more expression
that he likes much more than that –
It’s Detention on Saturday!

He has astounding vigour,
And teaches us with pep,
But he doesn’t just rush through it,
– he takes us step by step;
And if one poor wretched boy should
forget to bring his prep –
It’s Detention on Saturday!

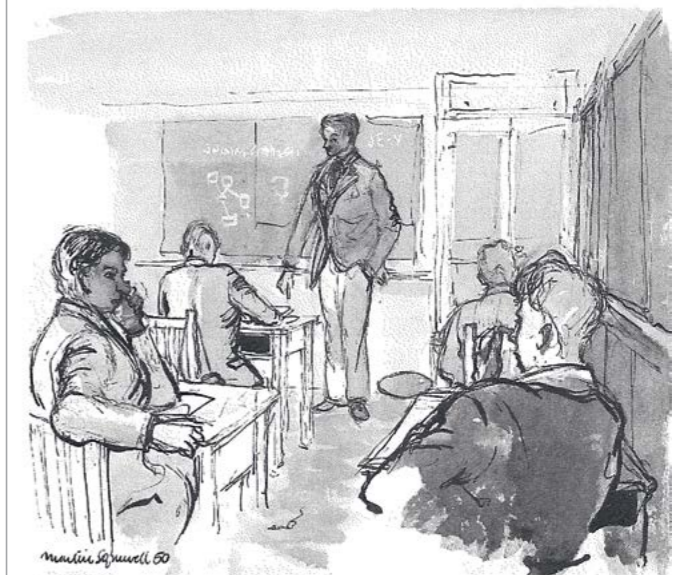
And yet he is, as you’ll agree,
A jolly decent fellow,
And when he talks to us he speaks
in tones so soft and mellow;
But if we’re inattentive, then he’ll
raise his voice and bellow –
“Right – Detention on Saturday!”

The above poem was forwarded to the editor very kindly by John Blatchly written by OI John Mash. Having contacted John to find out more his first response was “How on earth did John Blatchly get hold of this poem?... I still have it, hand-written in my first exercise book of poems”.

John tells us “I have been writing poetry all my life, and have published a book of my verse, which has sold well. In my retirement I also give talks to groups such as Probus, W.I. or retirement homes on “My life in verse”.

This actual poem I wrote when I was still 13 years old, and it is about my Latin master, also my housemaster in Rigaud and coach of the first XV. His name was Jimmy Young, and he was a great character. He also taught me Greek and his wife had taught me in the prep school. During one Cambridge long vacation, I was asked to take his classes while he was in hospital undergoing an operation. He was probably too interested in red herrings, particularly archaeology, to be as good a teacher as Norman Stonex, known as Cabby, who also taught us Latin. But he was a loveable man, and had universal respect among colleagues and boys.

An amusing memory I have about my time teaching Jimmy Young’s classes back at my alma mater concerns reports. In those days every boy’s report consisted of one sheet, on which every master wrote comments. I saw one report, for the summer term, on which Mr. Notcutt had written: “Swimming: lacks confidence when submerged.” Above this, Mr. Grice, who got the report sheet later, had written: “for maths, see swimming report”.



The above illustration is a lovely drawing by Martin Squirrel (OI 1938 – 1944) of James Young teaching. He has a rugger ball at his feet and is waiting for the bell, and the boys at the back of class can’t wait either. Taken from page 259 of Famous Ancient Seed Plot of Learning written by John Blatchly.

Features *Spreading hope in the midst of hopelessness*

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John Fenning (OI 1991–2002)

Shortly after the outbreak of the armed conflict in South Sudan in December 2013, John Fenning (OI 1991 – 2002) joined Confident Children out of Conflict (CCC), a South Sudanese charity and has been working to support the organisation in an effort to restore hope to the lives of children who have had an extremely difficult start in life.

16th December 2013: On his way home from school Michael came across two soldiers who asked him a question in a language he did not understand. With his failure to reply to their question betraying the fact that he was not one of them, they opened fire, shot him in his right leg and he fell to the ground. Acting on his instincts he got up and began to run away but he stood little chance against two armed soldiers. He felt a fizz in his leg but after that he remembers nothing before waking up in the UN Level 2 Hospital.

This was Juba the morning after conflict had erupted between the new nation's two most powerful men. South Sudan was a country I had travelled to regularly over the previous three years working first for a conflict resolution charity, and then for a South Sudanese charity involved in training civil servants and helping skilled South Sudanese to return to build their new nation. Juba was a city in which many of my friends lived. As I watched the chaos unfold via social media and atrocities unravel in neighbourhoods where I knew friends were staying I wondered whether they would be among the living. In chaos like this you feel a unique sense of powerlessness, sadness, and anxiety. I longed to return to Juba to be with friends and to do something, but what I did not know.

Confident Children out of Conflict is a South Sudanese charity I came across in my first trip to Juba in 2010. CCC was established up by Cathy, a Ugandan lady who was appalled at the abuse young children were facing in the slums of Juba and almost equally shocked at the refusal of other children's charities to do anything about it. CCC's focus had been providing a better future for street children in Juba, including providing residential care to girls who had survived serious neglect and abuse. After the return of conflict to South Sudan there was an additional need for CCC to provide care to children directly affected by the conflict. I was invited to come and help as Programme Manager, responsible for running projects and bringing in support to help more children and young people affected by the unravelling crisis. Michael, now with five pins sticking out of his badly broken leg was one of the first children directly affected by the conflict that we were able to help.

The scale of trauma that some of these young children have faced was and still is evident and some of the most disturbing things would come out at night. 'I smell dead bodies' one of the little boys repeatedly murmured through his sleep. Though unable to talk openly about what had happened, we were able through creative play therapy to put together their stories. Cathy, the CCC director drew a picture of little Khamis' house, and little-by-little was able to put together different pieces of his story. After drawing his father, 5-year-old Khamis insisted 'put him on his back!' In time a tragic



picture was painted of a man lying on his back in his own garden with blood running from his head: 'give him his gun!' Khamis had found his soldier father lying on the ground at home. He took his hand and repeatedly told him to get up, not understanding he never would. What happened next is still not clear, but he somehow ended up over 100 miles away in Juba.

While the conflict rolled on, the number of children who were affected in gruesome ways continued to rise. When the UN

Protection of Civilians Camp in Bor in the north of the country was attacked and breached by a militia, indiscriminate violence was unleashed on the most vulnerable who depended on the protection of the UN. Mawish, a two-year-old boy was found alive in a pile of dead bodies with a bone-deep machete wound in his thigh. When I was shown a picture of his wound I was overwhelmed by various emotions. A staff member had just told me he'd seen a truck load of dead bodies driven around the corner, and here I was confronted by the gruesome evidence of a toddler who had been targeted though he clearly had nothing to do with the ongoing fighting. Two concrete examples of evil right confronted of me. I stood up to take a drink, and the next thing I knew I opened my eyes to see the CCC car 'that's odd, to wake up to that sight'. Unable to handle everything I'd taken an involuntary break, fainted, and crumpled to a heap at the bottom of the office stairs.

Mawish epitomised something about many of the little children: in spite of everything they had been through, they had an incredible capacity for joy. 'UNCLE JOHN!' he would excitedly shout as he somehow crawled across the compound, dragging his gammy leg to meet me. Other than the daily painful dressing of his wound, he always had a big smile on his face. Incredibly the wound healed almost fully in the six weeks he stayed with us, and as it emerged that his mother was in fact not among the dead, we were able to reunite him with her and the two younger brothers she had been forced to flee with on that horrific day.

Others are not so fortunate. Andrew, Kristine, Lily, and Geraldine were all kidnapped at a very young age. The Murlé tribe in South Sudan are famous and feared for stealing children because their gene pool is so narrow one in eight adults are unable to have children of their own. While they were still toddlers the SPLA (the South Sudanese Army) violently removed them from their captors and they were put in institutional care along with 400 other children. They watched as most of the other children were reunited with their families but in spite of claims, their real parents could not be found. When the conflict came to Bor, nobody was left to care for them. They ended up in the UN Protection of Civilians camp but as they had to fend for themselves, their condition was deteriorating because they would not fight for food. They were brought to CCC and we have cared for them for the past 16 months and it is difficult to imagine them ever being reunited with their real parents.

In the heartache of such severe trauma faced in such young lives there have been other great tales of joy. Like Innocent, orphaned at 13 three years ago and forced to crush rocks on the mountainside in order that her family might have the means to survive. Innocent was discovered by Brandon Stanton, an American who writes a popular blog called Humans of New York. She was then referred to CCC where she was finally able to return to school as we took her in at CCC and supported her family to keep going without her.

As we pieced together Khamis' story we were finally able to find his home village and reunite him with his family after half a year apart. Alongside Mawish, Khamis is one of nearly



40 children we were able to reunite with their families in 2014. But in spite of these individual stories of restoration and joy, the conflict seems to be getting worse as the world's attention shifts elsewhere. Barely four years old, the nation is a far cry from its aspirational strapline of 'justice, liberty, and prosperity'. A rapidly deteriorating economy whose currency is worth half what it was a year ago means even those that earn money are increasingly struggling to survive.

Michael's troubles did not end when the break healed and the pins were removed. After a fall, his leg developed an infection that meant he needed an emergency evacuation to Nairobi or he risked losing the leg, or even his life. In a matter of days we were able to quickly raise \$15,000 among our friends. Michael received the treatment he needed and now, 18 months on is finally beginning to walk without support and is beginning to thrive in a good boarding school after a really difficult 2014.

The wounds of such a boy run deep. While the surface is at last beginning to show signs of repair, the pain of what has happened will take much longer to heal. It has been our prayer at CCC throughout this whole process that Michael might learn to forgive those who have done such horrendous things to him and that he might become a man of peace for this country. It is what this country desperately needs, and it is what we aspire to as we serve so many children so badly scarred by conflict and abuse but who daily give us reason for hope. Amidst all the hopelessness we hold on to hope that these children have a future and will contribute to peace in this country.

To find out more about the work of CCC visit www.confidentchildren.org, find them on Facebook, or email John on john.fenning@gmail.com



I am 88 years old and well aware that the time is rapidly approaching when I will be shuffling off this mortal coil.

I have the urge to put in writing an account of a fairly unusual service career which I experienced towards the end of the second world war. What is more natural than to address it to my old school where I spent the most formative years of my life?

I first came to Ipswich School in 1937, when I was 10 years old. By 1944 I had reached the age of 17 and I was faced with the prospect of National Service. Sometime in the summer of that year the School received a communication from the War Ministry appealing for volunteers to learn the Japanese language. It seems that messages and despatches were being intercepted and that there was a shortage of people with the ability to translate them. I later learned that the Japanese military considered that their language was a sufficient code to make any other cypher unnecessary.

I was interested and spoke to Mr King, my language master and he encouraged me to volunteer. If one volunteered before the age of 17 and a half one could choose which service one entered. I had always preferred the Navy so I chose that service. I had to attend the War Ministry in London and the interviewers seemed impressed that I had done two years of Latin and they passed me as suitable to learn the language at the start of my Naval service. The only similarity between Latin and Japanese is that in each case the verb comes at the end of the sentence. Anyway I was accepted and learned that my training in the language would commence soon after I reached the age of 18.

I was obliged to undergo the enlistment procedure together with all the eighteen year olds and this meant a couple of weeks at Butlins Holiday Camp which had been requisitioned by the military for that purpose. Five weeks at HMS Duke in the Cotswolds (nowhere near the sea!) to learn what all sailors must learn preceded the final move to the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) to learn what I had volunteered to learn.

We were all billeted at a lodging house in Putney and journeyed to the school by bus each day. It was not long before the European War ended and we were given the day off to celebrate.

Each month we were submitted to exams to see how our instruction had progressed and those who only managed low marks were sent off for normal naval duties. I, and thirteen others managed to convince our teachers that we had been instructed to the required standard.

The Japanese war ended in early August and our course ended shortly afterwards. We were duly commissioned (as midshipmen) and sent to the Far East to British Naval Intelligence. We travelled on the Aquitania among 6000 men (most of whom were Australian air force men returning to their homeland having completed their service in the U.K.). The ship was notable for having been the only ocean-going liner to serve as a troopship in both World Wars.

We travelled for five weeks without stepping on shore. On arrival in Sydney we were given leave as long as we could find accommodation. I was fortunate in that I had an Uncle and his family living in Sydney.

Four of our number were sent to Tokyo, but there was some doubt about the rest of us as we had only learnt the written language and the need now was for speakers, mainly for the screening of surrendered personnel. It was decided to send us back home and we boarded HMS Devonshire to make the trip.

We reached Sri Lanka when a signal came to divert several of us, including me, to Malaya to assist in the 'screening' of Japanese military men who had surrendered on the islands of Java, Sumatra and Borneo (and others). 'Screening' was the term used to cover the examining of the nominal rolls of the men coming through and locating of those men who were wanted for having committed war crimes.

My difficulty was in having learnt only the written language so I was given a few days to learn from carefully selected Japanese soldiers how to manage the work I was to do. I was taken 80 miles north of Singapore, a town called Kluang, where No 4 Mob Sec was already engaged in the abovementioned screening. Japanese soldiers were shipped from the East Indies islands, mainly Java and Sumatra, to the port of Batu Pahat and they marched the 40-odd miles overnight to be dealt with by our unit. We consisted of military men from Army, Navy and Air Force and some were American and Canadian.

The unit had a history, mainly in Burma, providing help with translating messages intercepted during the actual fighting. Nominal roles were submitted by the Japanese of the men who would be coming through the next day and we had to examine them to see if any of them were on the War Crimes list which were in our possession. Many thousands of men passed through, a number of doubtfuls were handed over to the military, and the rest were duly shipped back to Japan.

As the work reached its closing stages I was selected to return to Singapore to a rather different job. I had to attend Changi Jail to compile service records of the prisoners who were either awaiting trial or serving sentences or (a very few) awaiting execution.

I learned a great deal about the War in those parts and was particularly interested in the fighting in Burma. As one who, at home, had followed these events I was surprised at how little we were actually told.

“ We travelled for five weeks without stepping on shore. ”

My thoughts about the Second World War.

The U.S.A. let us down badly in 1939. There was no doubt that the lunatic Hitler had to be stopped and without American military support the French and the British were unable to prevent the Germans from sweeping across Europe. As a thirteen year old I became aware that the enemy were just 20-odd miles from our coast. He was blitzing our cities and sinking our merchant vessels.

It was our good fortune to see Hitler's decision not immediately to occupy Britain but to attack Russia. And the Japanese unintentionally eased the situation by attacking the U.S. at Pearl Harbour bringing the Americans in to World War 2. With them in the war there was no doubt who the winners would be. America made up, to some extent, for their tardiness by fighting with great valour to succeed in the defeat of the German-Italian-Japanese enemy. It took a long time but success was inevitable.

The defeat in Malaya and Singapore was appalling. I remember being so anxious that the lack of men and equipment was going to lead to a terrible loss. I welcomed the arrival of a large number of reinforcements on the island. But these had arrived too late and they went straight into captivity without firing a shot! Over a hundred thousand, many of whom would die in captivity! I, being a youthful schoolboy, had been wrong to welcome the news. But what did I know about the military situation on the island? Those who made the decision were responsible for the loss of all those men, many of whom were East Anglians.

I have a strong wartime memory of a man named Bodie (I'm not absolutely certain of the name). He was a school favourite, a good sportsman, a fine prefect and much admired by us first and second formers. He went straight into the RAF and I swear I saw him in his Spitfire. A plane came low over the school and we saw that the cockpit was open and the pilot waved cheerfully to the schoolboys who happened to be out in the open. Some time later we hear

Major Panting, making his news announcement in the chapel, say that Bodie had been awarded the DFC. Inevitably, soon after that, came the announcement that he had lost his life.

Little mention is made of the battle that took place in Burma after General Slim was replaced. The British had swept down the centre of the country after the battles in the north. Most history books refer to mopping-up operations. In fact there was a large number of Japanese cut-off to the west and they planned a massive attack to break through to Moulmein. Plans for the attack fortunately fell into the hands of the British and that was when the Unit, of which much later I was a member, translated the plan-document enabling the artillery to focus on the various points where the attack would be made. It was in the Arakan Mountains and one of the pointes was a small village called Penwegon. The result was the absolute massacre of the Japanese. It was like the First World War battles. Though they were massacred the Japanese had no alternative to pressing on. I understand that the figure of the dead was 23,000. When I was in Changi Jail interviewing surrendered personnel one of them turned out to be a survivor of that battle. He was one of the few that got through and made his way to Moulmein on foot. He described the battle as I have described it.

One last thought – The atom bomb was actually unnecessary. The fire bomb raids by the Americans on the Japanese cities had already made the government accept the need to surrender. They decided, foolishly as it turned out, to ask Russia to convey that decision to the Allies. Russia was not at war with Japan but, seeing an opportunity to obtain an advantage, they ignored the request from them and declared war instead. By the time Japan realised that Russia had not been the right country to approach the atom bombs had fallen and a direct approach to the Allies was made, too late to save all those lives.

J.S. Wootton (OI 1937 – 1945)



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Peter Wheatley (1954–1965) resigned as Bishop of Edmonton on 31 December last year and will be an honorary assistant bishop in the Dioceses of Southwark, Chichester and London.

Ilya Mishchenko (OI 1998–1999) says:

“As of February 2015, I was appointed Managing Director of EGO Translating, the leading Russian and Eastern European language service provider.

“I have also been actively involved with the translation community at home and abroad...”

I have also been actively involved with the translation community at home and abroad, organising and presenting at various industry events.”

Ted (E.A.) Berry (OI 1951–1959):

He and his wife Pam are now beginning to sail back from the Far East to California in their 29-foot Catalina. They are currently north of Borneo, and will proceed via the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan and Alaska. This will complete a Pacific

“...they began by sailing from Baja California...”

Circumnavigation they began by sailing from Baja California to Australia, via all the little islands on the way, three years ago. Their excellent blog is at:

www.sailblogs.com/member/tedandpam/

Richard Wilson (OI 1970–1981) and Ben Parry (OI 1977–1983) helped the quirky ‘The Grand Budapest Hotel’ top the Hollywood Oscars league table this year, with four awards including that for best original score.

Ben, conductor and co-director of London Voices, and Richard (who sings with the name Richard Edgar-Wilson to distinguish him from the Richard Wilson with “one foot in the grave”) are experienced collaborators on many Hollywood soundtracks including the latter Harry Potter films, Exodus, The Croods, Interstellar and The Hobbit and Hunger Games series.

For The Grand Budapest Hotel they worked closely in the sessions at London’s Abbey Road Studios with composer Alexandre Desplat and the film’s director Wes Anderson.

News from John (J.L.) Berry (OI 1952–1960):

Last summer I continued my bicycle adventures by riding from Swinoujscie, Poland to Brasov (Romania), Gallipoli, and along the Black Sea Coast of Turkey to Tbilisi, Georgia.

I left my Bike Friday folding bicycle at Ingrid’s apartment in Lund, Sweden, so that in May I can begin again from Swinoujscie, heading through the Baltic republics to Helsinki, then through Russia to Orenburg, and through Kazakhstan to Almaty, I hope!

If I’m lucky I will post at www.johnlberry.com. In the off-season my wife and I completed the Austin (Texas) and Athens (Greece)

marathons, and we both have done a little work, too!

The photo shows my bike and I on the beach in Batum, Georgia.



Her Majesty The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Revd Anthony Howe (OI 1983-1990) to be Chaplain of HM Chapel Royal Hampton Court Palace and Deputy Priest in Ordinary.

Michael Wheatley (OI 1956–1968) says “I retired from HM Customs & Excise (now called HMRC) just over four years ago after nearly forty years’ service.

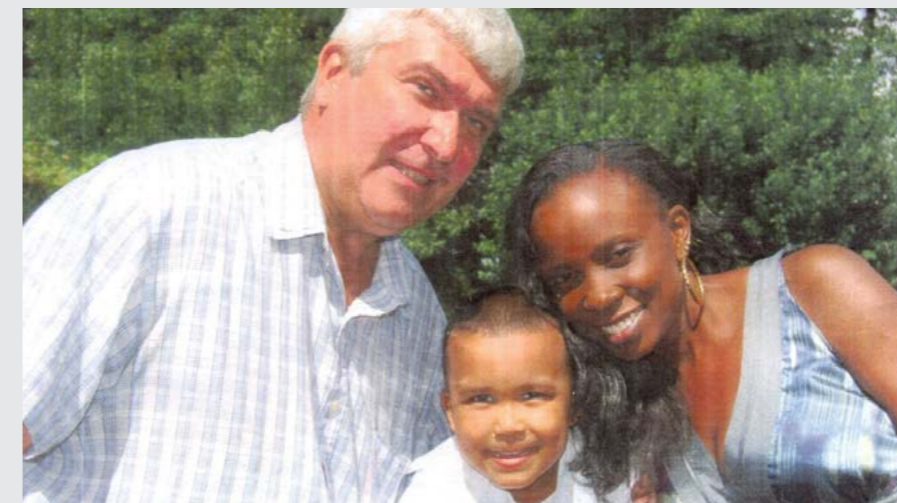
I started off in VAT and Excise then moved across to Training where I gained some qualifications and became a development consultant. I was lucky enough to travel the world for a time and undertook projects for a variety of sponsors such as the UN, EU, Home Office and F&CO. I visited

primarily EU accession work later on. For the final 10 years of my Customs career I worked in Intelligence (I can hear many of peers commenting that there must be “shome mishtake here, surely!”). My wife and I then retired to North West Norfolk where she was brought up. I was seeking a part time

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countries as diverse as Russia, Zambia, Sri Lanka and Morocco but specialised latterly in Eastern Europe (particularly Bulgaria and Romania). To start off with many projects were linked to drug law enforcement work but it was

job but in fact I am now working full time (Wednesday to Sunday) as the Verger at Sandringham Church on the Sandringham Estate and involves meeting many interesting people, particularly at Christmas time!”



Chris Snelling (OI 1959–1964) says “It doesn’t seem like five years since I retired after 19 years as Director of Finance at CSV (Community Service Volunteers).

I am kept occupied by three grandchildren, building playhouses and a summerhouse, gardening and general DIY around our house in Letchworth Garden City and the

families’ houses. My wife Jane, and I took up caravanning when I retired and we try to get away as much as

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possible in the summer. I am treasurer of the Cambria Trust and we operate the Thames sailing barge Cambria around the Kent and Essex coasts. She was the last vessel to trade around the UK entirely under sail. Bob Roberts,

Stuart Letten (OI 1952–1960) wrote...

“For my part it seems that there has been a paucity of OI news over the decades from those who were at School between 1955–1962 especially

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those named in the 1955 photo at Westwood which for me at that age was just the most wonderful home from home and where Spud Marsden and Constance became my surrogate parents and whom I kept in contact with and saw right through until her death. They both had a deep and profound influence on my adolescence and adult life.”

I am Steven Kirby of School House (OI 1975–1982):

Don’t know who it was who once said “go west, young man” but I did! From East Africa (Tanzania) to west.

Now headmaster of a school in Abuja, Nigeria, with elections in two days so all a bit on a knife edge. Cheap beer and cigarettes here so I have my priorities right.

Attached picture of me and family and sadly the cliché is right, teachers’ kids are the worst behaved.”

her last captain, lived for a while at Pin Mill. She is available for charter if any OIs are interested. It is a challenge

to find time to fit in my interests in maritime, military and East Anglian history, walking, book-collecting and wine. I am thinking of going back to work to get some time off! I don’t know how I ever had time to go to work.”

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Stuart Grimwade (OI 1950-1962) "My various stints on the OI Committee following my retirement in 2000 having now passed, along with completion of my efforts to help John Blatchly collect and restore the School's pre-digital photographic archive, and when not spending the summer months sailing, I am now devoting my energies to the Ipswich Maritime Trust."

We have a growing membership and a very active programme in which all OI's with similar interests are more than welcome to join. Much to my surprise, my collection and restoration of early images of the dock and the river, now approaching 3000, seems to attract interest from all age groups,

and so I find myself in demand to talk about and share them with a variety of audiences, including the University of Suffolk departments of History and Photography, who are most supportive. From May onwards this year our Window Museum exhibition, near the recently unveiled 'blue

plaque' to Edward Ardizzone OI, on Albion Quay, will display beautifully detailed colour drawings made in 1836 of the pre-Wet Dock waterfront, and its subsequent changing facades up to the present day. I look forward to welcoming any OI, or current pupil, who is interested in such things."

Charles Paterson (OI 1965-1973) "I retired from teaching last summer after 31 years at Leicester Grammar School, latterly as Director of Studies."

For most of that time I was the conductor of the LGS Choir, most memorably performing in front of the Queen and Prince Philip at the opening of the new School premises in 2008.

I now fill much of my time either singing (I am Chairman of Leicester Bach Choir, and involved with



various other groups), playing (recorders, piano and organ), reading or walking.

I also have more time for composition: pieces of mine have been taken up both locally and further afield, including in the USA. My Concertino for Descant Recorder and String Orchestra has now received several performances, including one by Suffolk Strings, with Linda and Geoff

Lavery (who OI's of my generation will remember as a member of staff) as soloist and conductor.

Recently I have been privileged to sing with the Cathedral Choir in the services associated with the reinterment of King Richard III in Leicester Cathedral, a unique experience spiced by the knowledge that I spent many years working only a few yards from where his remains were found.

Rev Dr John Job from Chesterfield (OI 1939-1945):

"Our youngest granddaughter in the family of my eldest son Timothy was born sixteen weeks after suffering a stroke in the womb.

She is now six, and we have been

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delighted that though she has some minor problems on the left side of her body, she has recovered to near

normality and has more than held her own for a year in an ordinary school without any special support."

Geoff Fleet (OI 1945-1950):

In the early 1950s I spent most of my National Service time with The Suffolk Regiment in Trieste with BETFOR (British Element Trieste Force). For the last 10 years I have belonged to the BETFOR Association and for some time I have edited their Quarterly Journal.

In addition, I have served as the Association Chairman for the last year. On relinquishing that position I was presented with a handmade tapestry of the Regimental Emblem. I am on the right in the photo.

I can now concentrate on being the Vice Chairman of the Tregolls (Truro) Probus Club. I would be interested in hearing from any OI's who served in Trieste during the British Army's time there from 1945 to 1954.



Ivor Body (OI 1939-1945):

"I have been busy in my 84th year for a month or so with a paper a Brighton College pupil is preparing on my uncle, who was a pupil at the College in the first decade of the 20th century. Jake Grieves and other year 9 pupils

have been given a soldier each killed in the 1st world war to undertake a history on. Jake was given Harold Body and our family are thrilled he was selected after contacting him. Luckily the Canadian Veterans site has just digitalised all his documents and what with ancestry we now know so much about him. I think he was only one of three who were not in the Great Britain forces. He was transferred to the Montreal bank from their London branch. He volunteered for



the Princess Patricia's Canadian light infantry expeditionary force in 1915. He was injured at Mount Sorrell Ypres in 1916 and after being hospitalised for a few weeks in the Royal Herbert Hospital Woolwich was sent back to the Canadian front line and died 3 days later on Mount Sorrell 16th December 1916.

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AJM Smetham (OI 1955–1962) Returned to the school for the CCF anniversary. A great evening and very much enjoyed. Particularly pleasant to see John le Mare and sit next to “Hoof” Graham junior and catch up after all those years. Could tell how old I am getting as I thought the Headmaster was a sixth former. Luckily realised my error before embarrassing myself. Will try and return again soon as I have some photos for the archives.



Andrew Bryce (OI 1989–1994):

After leaving Ipswich School I headed off travelling Australasia for a year before returning to study Tourism and Management in Hertfordshire.

I then spent 10 years working for an events & incentive agency managing corporate programmes around globe. I always hankered to return to the family farm in Hintlesham so I bit the bullet and went for it in 2008.

The first step was to build a house, so I took on a self-build barn conversion in the centre of the farm to create a family home. Logically the next step was the family... shortly after finishing the house I then married (a very patient) Sarah and children soon followed, with Annabel arriving in 2012 and William last year.

A farm diversification project was required to sustain our family so we started a luxury self-catering log cabin business, “The Suffolk Escape”. We dug a new lake and built four cabins around it offering adults only, relaxing, escapes in the countryside. A real pleasure of the project was to work with, a good friend and OI, Andy Coe. Andy’s company “The Bespoke Log Cabin Co.” designed and built our high spec log cabins. Coincidentally his business started many years ago after a boy’s weekend to see my brother who farms in Latvia.

Huw Dangerfield (OI 1982–1989):

“I’ve lived in Budapest for nearly twenty years now. My wife and I have two children, aged 7 and 13. We are in business in construction management and property investment, as well as international household removals and the shipping of personal effects. Any OIs interested in visiting Hungary on holiday, and/or doing business

“Cricket and rugby are growing sports in Hungary...”

here, please feel free to contact me. Cricket and rugby are growing sports in Hungary – if any OIs are looking to bring teams here on tour, I’d be happy to put them in touch with the appropriate people at Hungarian clubs.

huw.dangerfield@westcliff.hu

Tim Maule (OI 1976–1986):

During 2014 after many years with Mamas & Papas, I decided to take up a new challenge with Goodbaby International based in Berlin, Germany.

“In my new role I have taken on the role as Chief Commercial Officer...”

Goodbaby International is listed on the HKSE, and is the largest supplier of juvenile products in the world based in Shanghai China. In my new role I have taken on the role as Chief Commercial Officer reporting to the CEO of the group, and also as Deputy CEO of two subsidiaries based in Germany, Goodbaby Europe GMBH and Cybex GMBH. I now split my time between Germany, UK, USA and China working across the group. My family is moving to Berlin later in 2015.

Stephen Hepplewhite (OI 1964 – 1972):

“Well we have been in Ilkley in Yorkshire for 20 years now (and close to being accepted by the locals). Two

“I was fortunate to retire at 55...”

grown up boys who were educated at Leeds Grammar, which at the time was headed by Mike Bailey, another OI. Fortunate enough to retire early at 55 from full time work which involved turning companies round in the shipping, steel, chemical and food sectors. Currently chairing 3 companies which is pretty good fun and allowing a bit more concentration on the golf (which is bad) and tennis, which is getting better (from a low base!)

Martin Holland (OI 1986–1992):

After leaving the school Martin studied history at The University of Birmingham. Shortly after University he went into business with another OI, Tony Harris. Their main business, Christchurch Property Co, has now been running for over 15 years.

At school Martin captained both the rugby and cricket first teams and his involvement in sport continues

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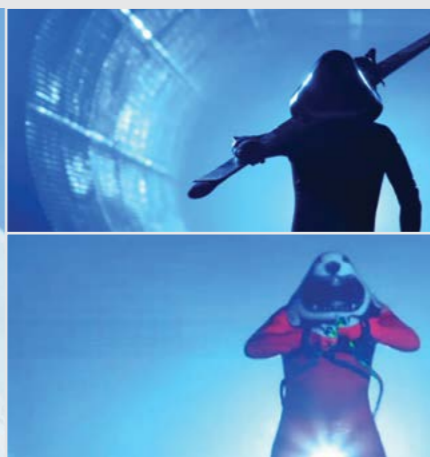
particularly as a Vice President of Ipswich Rugby Club and President of Copdock and Old Ipswichians Cricket Club. Martin still lives in Ipswich with his wife Faye and daughter Matilda.

Terry Dadds (OI 1969–1974):

“Our news is that we are hitting Britain’s Canals from the 1st April to live aboard a narrow boat for at least two years. We have had a few meanderings around Britain at 4mph and my first interest in this way of life was inspired by a school canal trip in the early 1970’s run by Mr (Butch) Francis. The boat we have purchased is a 55foot Semi-Trad and now goes by the name of “Ireland’s In the Stream”, a name derived from the fact that my paternal grandfather was born

in Buttrvant, Co Cork and Dolly and Kenny’s song; the words of which seemed pretty appropriate. We are retaining our home in Mablethorpe and hope the house sitters look after it well. Our three sons are all fine and have long term partners and we are hoping they will be regular crew members for us. Everybody tells us we are now water gypsies and Linda and I are looking forward to our new life”

Editors Note... I will be asking Terry to keep us updated for an article in a future journal with details of their adventure!



Ben Hedley (OI 1983–1995):

Last year I helped out as an instructor on the first series of “The Jump” training a load of celebrities to ski as fast as possible. That was an “interesting” experience when they ranged from Sir Steve Redgrave (a very strong skier and the most competitive person I’ve ever met) to Amy Childs (a really sweet girl).

This year I achieved a 30th place at the World Speed Ski Championships 2015. Team GBR as a whole did better with a 6th place in the nation standings this year. Here are some random photos – some were press ones for the jump taken at Bentwaters Airbase of all places with Graham Bell and Amy Williams who won the Olympic skeleton bobsleigh gold.

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On Friday 12th June, Warwick and Tom Dunnett, along with 5 other Old Ipswichians, David Rowledge, Julian Pennington, Olly Magnus, Tim Hodgson, and Alastair Kerr cycled 145 miles in two days, from London to Amsterdam in the aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

(Editor – lets catch up with them next edition to get some more information on how they did).

Hannah Farley (OI 2005–2012) competed in the BUCS Regatta in May this year for Oxford University. The Lightweight 8 took a hard fought Gold ahead of Durham and Cambridge. Hannah also won silver medals in the lightweight coxless four and coxless quad on the Nottingham course.



James Smith (OI 1987 – 1994), and I'm standing for election to Parliament next May in Horsham.

I've formed a new party, Something New (somethingnew.org.uk), dedicated to democracy, liberty, equality, and building a positive vision of the future. We have another

candidate in South-West Surrey, and are looking for more people to get involved!

We're also building our policies using a tool that allows anyone to propose ideas, a bit like Wikipedia. I'm an engineer, not a politician, but I believe that people want a change, and want something positive to believe in, so it's my duty to try to provide that.

OI Jon Dawson and a team of 16 others conquered the task of dragon boating the length of the navigable Thames from Lechlade in Gloucestershire to Teddington Lock in London. A total of an incredible 126 miles! They completed the task in just 3 days!



Tony Schur (OI 1948–1957):

After graduating from Oxford in 1961 Tony joined the Colonial Service and attended the 1961–62 Overseas Services Course in Cambridge.

He was then posted to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), where he served as a Cadet (a probationary District Officer) in a remote rural district. Three years ago he joined others, who had been on the course, to celebrate 50 years since they had first met. Following the reunion they decided to contribute to a book recording their experiences in Zambia.

As a result Tony has spent much of the last two years editing and bringing to publication *From the Cam to the Zambezi*, which covers the last few

years of colonial rule in Northern Rhodesia and the early years of the new nation of Zambia, which became independent in 1964.

The stories, which have been written by fifteen of those who attended the course and three of their wives, reveal the kind of life the participants lived, often in remote areas without electricity or telephones and with little company. They also describe the responsibilities they were given at a relatively young age, and include first-hand accounts of some historically important events.

The book, which has a foreword by Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, a former Minister for Overseas Development, was published under The Radcliffe Press imprint of I B Tauris in October 2014, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Zambian independence.

Looking back, Tony believes he was fortunate to have been in Zambia at such an important time in its history. Of all the different jobs he has had over the years he regards the time he spent there as the most rewarding.

Ieuan Roberts (OI 1998–2008):

Lep pozdrav iz Slovenije (Greetings from Slovenia). Following a stint working for the Council of Europe in Paris, I have now taken the opportunity to work for the same organisation in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The transition wasn't easy at first, however some of the pastimes I enjoyed whilst at Ipswich School afforded me the ability to integrate into the local community. I became a keen twitcher in year 7 when my class went on a trip birdwatching, I certainly caught the bug. There are 376 species native to Slovenia, so I don't think I will get bored—much to the dismay of my better half. In my short time here I have already found love and married Ivanka in May 2014. We are expecting our first child early in the New Year.

Peter Castle (OI 1963–1970):

Five year Short Service Commission in the British Army. In 1980 I married Helen from Australia, and we moved to live in Melbourne. For most of that time I have been involved in the aviation world, mostly working in air traffic and aeronautical data analysis. Helen and I have two children, Ben an Engineer and Andrea a Lawyer. Retirement is on the horizon, and we are looking forward to that.

Births and Marriages



Charlotte Mulock (née Spencer) (OI 1993 – 1995):

I am an Associate Director at a PR agency in London called Hope & Glory www.hopeandglorypr.com helping to get fame and fortune for Barclaycard, truTV, The Royal Mint and the Isle of Man!

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back in the Suffolk, Essex region. I got married in December at Hengrave Hall in Bury St. Edmunds to Ben Mulock,

one of London's finest chefs www.operatavern.co.uk and soon to open his own restaurant.

“No kids yet... but that's the next adventure!”

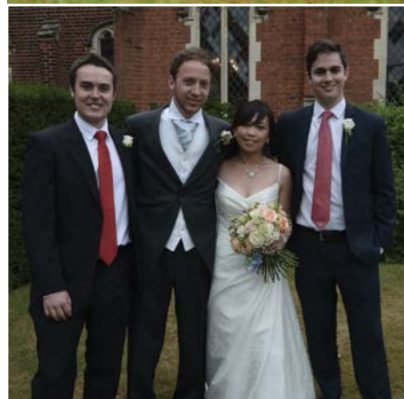
In the last few months I've been launching a series of “firsts” for my clients – the world's first Contactless donkey for Barclaycard, the world's first human art gallery for truTV and The Royal Mint's first bullion trading platform. I live in East Dulwich, but return to Suffolk pretty regularly as quite a few friends and family are now



“We met randomly on twitter...”

We met randomly on twitter – I did mention I do PR – about three years ago and have been together ever since. Even weirder is that Ben is in fact born and bred in Southend but his dad lives in Ipswich and he cut his culinary teeth at Le Talbooth ... who also ended up catering our wedding!

Life is strange. No kids as yet... but that is the next adventure!



Old Ipswichians Radford Smith (OI 2003 – 2008) and Ho Hong Kiu (OI 2004 – 2006) are pleased to announce their joining together in marriage on the 5th July 2014 at the Ipswich School Chapel, officiated by the Reverend Andy Winter.

The happy couple were delighted to celebrate their special day with many former teachers and school friends, amongst them the former School's Headmaster Mr Ian Galbraith who played the organ during the wedding service.

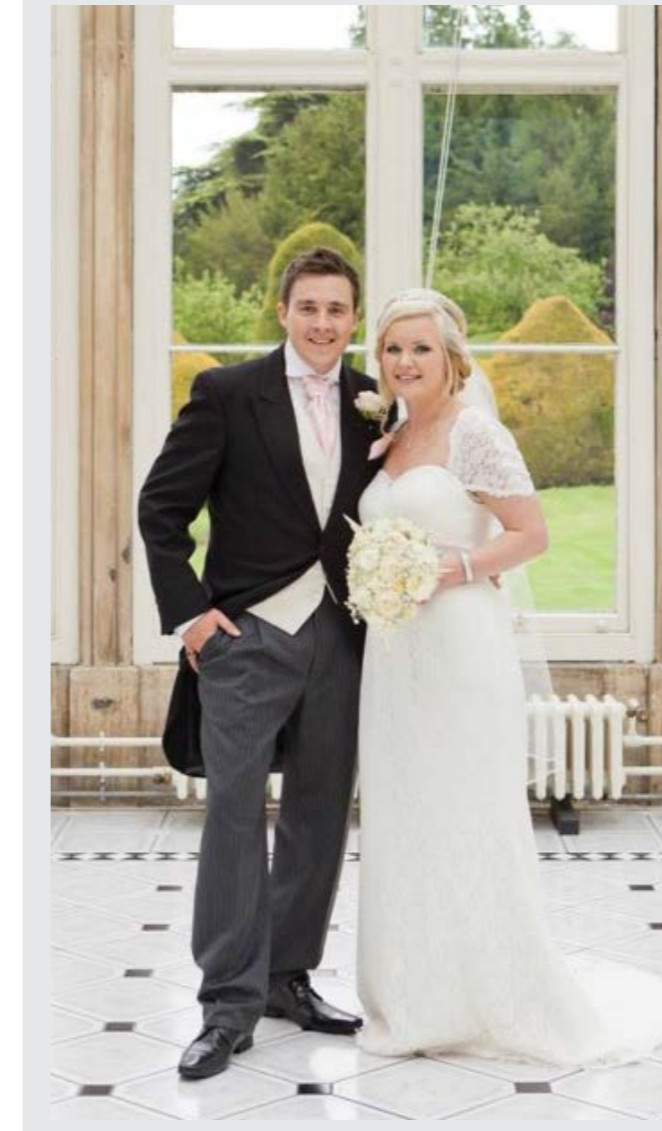
Radford's brother, Ridgely (2006), who is also an Old Ipswichian and was best man at their wedding, introduced

the couple to each other 8 years ago. Radford would like to say a big thank you to the school for giving him the knowledge and skills that have enabled him to graduate from Medical School at the University of Southampton last year.

He has now begun his first post working in North Devon District Hospital in Barnstaple.



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Joshua Bartlett (OI 1997 –2005) married long term girlfriend Carla Paterson on 24th May 2014 at St. Mary The Virgin Church, Bottisford.

A reception followed at Stoke Rochford Hall, Grantham, and the couple spent their honeymoon in the Maldives.

A number of classmates from Joshua's year attended, Sebastian Abigail, Finlay McNeil, and Joe Mills. Edward Driver was an usher and Mark Treharne an excellent best man, many anecdotes from their school days were included in his speech!

The couple now reside in Nottinghamshire and work in mental healthcare services.



Mark Gray (2002) and his wife Liz are delighted by the arrival of Edward Felix, who was born on March 3rd 2015.



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David Blackmur (OI 1966 – 1967) Died on 14th April 2014:

David Blackmur (born 4th June 1950) had been ill since 2012 first losing a kidney, then finding a tumour on his lung which was removed with some chemotherapy. By September 2013 he was feeling ok but they found a secondary tumour on his brain around Christmas 2013 and despite radiotherapy, he died on 14th April 2014. Although younger than me, we used to play in effectively an OI football team playing in a Sunday morning League around the late 60's early 70's and even when David moved away to pursue his career in Horticulture (He started as a lecturer at Plumpton Horticultural college in 1975 and was Head of the Department when he died), we continued to write every Christmas for the next 40 or so years with news of our jobs and respective families etc.

His funeral was very well attended by many of his family, college friends and

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ex-students who from their tributes obviously thought the world of him. He was a modest person but a real gentleman who loved his job and always thought of others first. From the letters he wrote to me I know just how proud he was of his job and family. It is always extra sad when someone dies early especially just before their retirement. As soon as he would have retired, he and I had planned to get together on the golf course and tennis courts as he was a good sportsman and generally well up until 2012.

He leaves a wife and 2 daughters, both very successful in their careers as a vet and violinist respectively.

David Wilson (OI 1954–1965)

Gerald Cooper (OI 1940 – 1946) Died on 26th January 2015:

Passed away peacefully in Ipswich Hospital after a short illness, on Monday, January 26, aged 86 years. Gerry and his late wife Joan were recently honored with a service of thanksgiving in their home town of Woodbridge. He was a founding member of Woodbridge Community Council, which was established in 1966 and helped build the town's community hall and Deben Pool. He continued to help run the group's bingo sessions until the week before he died, aged 86, little over a fortnight after his wife's death. Gerry's teaching career spanned 30 years in school's including Farlingaye, in Woodbridge. He was appointed community council chairman in 2002 and became president two years later. In 2013, he was made freeman of Woodbridge. The Coopers were married for almost 62 years and had three sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

in his retirement that he could field a full cricket team from his close family. He had a strong commitment to group activities be they House, School or team based, and this showed up clearly in his later service to the OI club.

Peter Wrinch (OI 1946 – 1948) adds: I met David on the day of my arrival at School House (ca. 1945) and have kept in touch ever since. We served together for a short while; he was a Lieutenant on an aircraft carrier when I was an Upper-Yardman at Victoria Barracks. He blew all the etiquette away inviting me on board his ship as a guest. This was typical of him. He made it possible for me to retain some dignity even at my elevated! rank.

Photo:

A group of boarders (c.1946) just prior to David entering Dartmouth and his Naval Career. Left to Right: Clayton, David Watts, Hunt, Knights, Clarke, Woolmer.

when involved in sporting activities against the much larger day-boy houses. David was the extrovert in our group, always an easy-going character who got along with everybody. His ability to interact with anybody and everybody was a characteristic which served him well in his future career in the Royal Navy.

He was an all-round sportsman, with a real passion for cricket, so much so that I can well remember him stating



David F Watts RN Retd (OI 1945 – 1949) Died on 13th February 2014:

Geoffrey Knights (OI 1939 – 1951) remembers:

David Watts and I shared a school career as boarders at Ipswich School during and after World War 2. The number of boarders at that time was fairly small, and as such we formed very strong friendships particularly



Douglas C Bostock (OI 1957 – 1968) D.C. Bostock. Passed away suddenly at home, on December 14, 2014, aged 65. Much missed by brother Roy (OI 1958–1969):

Peter Davey (OI 1957 – 1967):

On opposing rugby teams in what I remember were called the Midgets he tackled me and broke my nose, its never been the same since!!!

When we were around 16 a crowd of us became motorcycle enthusiasts, some on motorbikes (Greasers) and some on scooters (Mods). The Headmaster at that time was Mr Mermagen who somehow got to hear about this and as you can imagine was not pleased with this image of his pupils. There were one or two who were not from the school but those I remember who at that time were in the gang were Ronnie Vaughan, Andy Abram, Michael Atkinson, Neville Jackson and Stuart Mathers. Doug always had the best bike which I think was a Triumph T300 and most Sunday afternoons we headed on mass to Felixstowe.

Andrew (Andy) Abram (OI 1958 – 1967):

Doug was one of our number who became interested in Motorcycles in the mid 60's and, on reaching the age of 16 was, I think, one of the first to actually get a bike, and a new one at that! If my memory serves me right it was a Honda 90cc Sports in black

and chrome with a high level exhaust. I remember being rather envious at the time. This was followed shortly afterwards by a new Triumph '21' 350cc Twin in light metallic blue with the distinctive 'bathtub' rear enclosure

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– probably from Revetts in Norwich Rd, where we spent many hours looking and dreaming in those days.

Doug told me his real ambition was to have a white Triumph Police bike, complete with telephone and blue flashing light. I'm not sure if this ever came to pass, but he certainly did have the correct police outrider 'gauntlet' style gloves with huge white cuffs and always made very precise and proper hand signals – unlike most of the rest of us.

Doug, and his brother Roy, lived with their father at Church Lane Sproughton and I recall Mr Bostock having some very impressive cars during that period, including a Plymouth Barracuda and a Jaguar V12 "E" type. Pretty cool in those days.

I lost touch with Doug after leaving school but worked closely with Roy for a while when I started my first business in vehicle sales.

Everyone liked Doug enormously and I am deeply saddened at his passing.

David Walker (OI 1959–1968):

I only knew him on the rugby field as we were never in the same form, however, we did play together in each year's first team from Prep A to the 4th form. Then, of course, on starting in the 5th form Dougie was extracted to play in the 1st XV for whom, I think, he played for two, if not 3 years. This acceleration into the 1st XV had never happened before in my experience at school and was obviously a remarkable feat. Doug was always a big lad but like the Incredible Hulk he sometimes decided that enough was enough and drew on an inner strength to plough through the opposition. When Dougie got going the rest of us would pile in for the ride. He was quite an inspiration at times. I would not say that off the field Dougie was a gentle soul but he was a nice, likeable chap with a good sense of fun.

I don't know at what level Dougie's father had played but he was a frequent (and large) presence at rugby matches in which Dougie played and was obviously a major influence on his rugby playing.

Mike Simpson (OI 1957 – 1968):

Sadly we were abroad when the funeral took place; but my good friend Armand Staunton (OI 1962 – 1968) attended. I believe he was a HGV driver, still single and in the last few years had been in a wheelchair. Armand I and were in the same 1st XV as young new recruits in 1966 and I attach a photo – showing Doug in the back row second in from the right; on his left is Steve Roberts; not sure who is on his right but next to that John Utting, then me, Mayon White, Squirrel, Brookes, and Fleming Keith Wilkinson was captain (with the ball); on his left are Lingard and Martin and on his right, Podd, Staunton and Tyrell.

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Desmond Reynolds (OI 1939–1947) *Died in July 2014:*

As a child Desmond lived with his parents and younger sister in Mornington Avenue. He first attended Miss Goldsmith's School before joining Ipswich School in Prep C. Two years later, when in Prep A, he found himself being taught in the original, unheated Victorian Gym, when the Preparatory School was requisitioned for war use.

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Joining the Senior School in September 1939 he made steady progress through Forms 1 to 5. His

main sporting activity was swimming, where he became very proficient at

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crawl. He was very interested in Swing Music and built a large collection of records. He later founded a Swing Club at the School which had several enthusiastic members.

Desmond passed School Certificate in 1945 and proceeded into the 6th Form. Here he surprised his fellow pupils by choosing Divinity as one of his main subjects for the Higher School Certificate exam; his career intention being to enter the church. He passed H.S. Certificate with a distinction in Divinity.

On leaving school, he was called up for National Service, spending 2 years in the Army. On demobilisation,

his choice of career changed and he started work for the Guardian

Insurance Company in Ipswich. He married Doreen Nash, who had been a fellow pupil at Miss Goldsmith's School some 20 years earlier. They converted to the Roman Catholic Church and adopted two boys.

His subsequent career in insurance included long periods spent overseas, first in Nigeria and then the Middle East. On his return to this country he lived in Ipswich for many years before moving to Epsom. He died there in July 2014, following an unexpected stroke.

Tony Gostling (OI 1938–1948)



Hugh Walter Moffat (OI 1934–1944) *Died on 20th September 2014:*

Hugh was born in July 1926, was much the youngest of four sons of Alex Moffat, Town Clerk of Ipswich, to come to the school. Here from 1934–44, he took the Intermediate Science Exam of London University to qualify for the BSc Engineering course from which he graduated in 1949. He and his late wife Molly had a daughter Christina; he died on 20 September 2014 at Lound Hall Nursing Home.

Hugh spent his working life in the Borough Engineer's department of the Corporation. He was an hereditary freeman of the Borough of Ipswich through his mother's family, the Hamblins, who had been freemen since 1621; there was a belief in the family that the Robert Hamblin who placed the first lightship at the Nore in 1732 was an Ipswich man and a member of the family.

Hugh and his brother James Henry, eight years his senior, loved to sail their small clinker-built gaff sloop Cantara. They liked to potter about in the Orwell and the Stour watching the river traffic, mostly small coasters and Thames barges trading in and out of Ipswich docks, and colliers coming up to Cliff Quay power station. Rather than patronising the Royal Harwich, they kept Cantara on a mooring at the now long-gone Stoke Bathing Place Sailing Club, whose members were mostly longshoremen and boatmen who worked in the docks. In those days there were relatively few yachts on the Orwell and it was clear even then that yachts were not nearly as interesting to Hugh and Jim as working boats and shipping. Jim died in 1958 and Hugh dedicated his Ships and Shipyards book to Jim's memory.

Hugh Moffat was a notable Suffolk historian, a founder member of the Ipswich and District Historical Transport Society, and a member

of the original committee. He was also one of the founder members of the Suffolk Local History Council, of which he was made an honorary life member. As a member of the Ipswich Nautical Research Society he took part in a voluntary project to copy the Ipswich shipping registers, then in the local Customs offices, on behalf of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. In the 1950s he was involved with the setting up of pioneer maritime exhibitions at the Colchester and Essex Museum in 1952 and the Ipswich Art Gallery the following

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year. He was also a member of the organising committee of the 'Story of the Orwell' exhibition at Christchurch Mansion in 1959. He was also for 20 years a fund-raising speaker for the Mary Rose Trust in East Anglia.

In his retirement Hugh wrote East Anglia's First Railways, 1987, the story of Peter Bruff and the Eastern Union Railway, and Ships and Shipyards of Ipswich 1700–1970, 2002. These two books, the result of many years of painstaking research, form a valuable contribution to aspects of local history that had been his lifelong interest. Much of his early research was done in the files of the Ipswich Journal and other local newspapers, then held in the reference department of the Northgate library, on Friday evenings, the only day of the week when the library remained open in the evening. He was notably generous in sharing the fruits of his studies and a great enthusiast for new discoveries.

John Blatchly

Stuart Grimwade (OI 1950 – 1962):

'I remember Hugh in the Tower Street offices in the 1960s where he and the artist Albert Ribbans would daily enjoy challenging each other's knowledge of local maritime and transport history. His enthusiasm was unquenchable and infectious, always with a huge sense of humour.'



Michael R. C. Weiner (OI 1945–1950)

Died on 16th April 2014:

Becoming my brother-in-law in 1957, I first met Michael (Mike) Weiner, his sister, Mitzi and younger brother, Marcus at Menet House School, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich just before the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

Our schooling together continued when he returned to Ipswich and entered the School in 1945 – we were form-mates for the rest of time there. He was in Rigaud and became a House Prefect in 1949 and a School Prefect (at the same time as me) in 1950. During that year he was a member of the 2nd Fifteen Rugby Team, awarded House Colours, a member of the Inter-School Athletic Team and the Games Committee. He was a Corporal in the CCF and whilst in the Sixth Form a member of the Sixth Form Tennis Club, Literary & Dramatic Society, Chess Club, Geographic Society, Philatelic Club and Conservative Candidate in the School Election (I being his Agent!)

In 1950, Mike passed the Entrance Examination to the RMA, Sandhurst – received a commission in the Royal Signals, from which time the Army became his life. He saw service in Egypt and was part of the United Nations Force in Ghana and the Congo – on all occasions being forced to make an early exit when conditions and the natives became unfriendly! His exploits in the Congo, written by him as 'Now it can be told' – a copy of which is now in the School Archives. He also saw service at Catterick Camp, at Shrivenham College and a number of tours in Germany. In the 1970s, he completed a three-year tour of duty in the Procurement Executive of the Ministry of Defence in which he had been a member of the Project Management team for the major multi-million pound communication system to be introduced into BAOR

in the 1980s. He was posted to the School of Signals at Blandford, taking command of the Software Support (ADP) Division on a three-year tour. During this time he was awarded the Jubilee medal.

Whilst at Catterick, he met Isabel Lagan, a school-teacher from Richmond, and they married in January 1958, together they had four children, Brigit, Peter, David and Patrick.

His rank on retirement in 1992 after 40 years of service was Lieutenant-Colonel, by which time he was living at Shillingstone, near to Blandford. He continued to look after the Corps wine cellar for the next 22 years and holds the record for the longest serving officer at Blandford Camp, where a road 'Weiner Close' was named after him when he retired.

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Mike had an irrepressible zest for life and was a man with many hobbies and interests – kept a keen eye on Ipswich and Ipswich School, supported Ipswich Town through thick and thin, never missed the chance to have a flutter on the Grand National and spent much time on the local golf course. He was Chairman of Shillingstone Parish Council for 11 years and joined, and played an active role, in as many of the local societies as was humanly possible!

Mike contracted the awful Motor-Neurone Disease and died on April 16th April 2014 – the high affection which was held of him was mirrored by the very large attendance at his Memorial Service held at the Holy Rood Church, Shillingstone on 2nd May 2014 – the Eulogy given by his daughter Brigit and grand-son James (Strawbridge) was a tribute to a very long and fulfilled life

Lewis Tyler (OI 1942–1950)



**John Stuart Paul Snowball
(OI 1950 – 1961) Died on
14th December 2014:**

John Snowball (06.11.1942 – 14.12.2014) known as 'Paul' was born in Leigh on Sea, Essex and moved to Ipswich when he was a young boy.

The sudden death of his father when Paul was only 11 was the first of two tragic events which destroyed his family life. The second was the suicide of his mother only six months later.

Paul had begun his education at Ipswich School where he was a day boy until the deaths of his father and mother. He then became a boarder at the school which was to become his salvation and a major influence on his life. He excelled at both cricket and rugby and became Cricket captain of the school for 2 years. He also became a sergeant in the Combined Cadet Force. Paul also achieved the positions of Head of House, Head Chapel Warden and even became Deputy Head of the School.

It was at Ipswich School that he met his lifelong friend Brian Cove and Paul later became very close to the Cove family.

Paul was officially adopted at the age of 18 by his School master Peter Hill and his wife Margaret. He was, at last welcomed into a loving family.

Paul fathered 3 children – Timothy, Rachel and Oliver.

After school in 1961, Paul joined Spillers as an Assistant to Product Managers in London, but it was after starting at Barclays Bank in 1963 that he embarked on a very successful career with the bank.

Paul began as a junior clerk at Barclays in Ipswich and progressed to Branch Senior Assistant Manager and then to Assistant District Manager Staff in NW London. Paul also worked at Staff Reps Office where his interest in the union began. He gained extensive experience with Barclays but it was to be with Barclays Group Staff Union where he reached his ultimate position.

In 1980 he was appointed as a Senior Assistant General Secretary for the Union. Paul's climb to the top was complete when he was elected General Secretary of the Union in 1993 and at the end of his first 5 year term he was even re-elected.

Paul's work during these years required an analytical and thorough approach – frequently investigating members' concerns and anxieties. He represented members at Hearings with Barclays and also at Industrial Tribunals.

Paul had a firm commitment dedicated to fairness, and honesty was his watchword. He gained a considerable reputation based on these qualities.

Paul was often involved in National TV and Radio interviews and

made speeches at the annual TUC conferences. He excelled at this which has helped by the fact that he had such a command of the English Language which he so enjoyed.

Paul was genuinely supportive of his staff regardless of creed, sex or race and most importantly he always gave everyone an equal chance.

Ipswich Town Football Club "The Tractor Boys" were very close to his heart and Paul and his wife Lisa, enjoyed many games both home and away.

Paul was only 58 when he began to show signs of Alzheimer's Disease. He died at the age of 72 after 9 years in a nursing home in South Newton near Salisbury where he was lovingly cared for.

John Berry (OI 1952–1960) adds:

I first met Paul (J.S.P.) Snowball when we were in the same class at Nacton Road Infants' School in Ipswich. He was then, as he remained throughout his youth, a tall, fair-haired bespectacled boy, rather diffident in his manner. It was thus hard to get to know him well.

We were given to understand that he had been orphaned, and that he had some family connection, as did I, with the Isle of Man. I seem to remember something about a parental connection with King William's College.

We met again when I joined the first form at Ipswich School: I had skipped a year and Snowball was still in Prep A. When Westwood House was founded, Snowball became a member. Later on he was adopted by P.J. Hill, Housemaster of Broke House, and his wife, changing his name to J.S.P. Hill.

As an O.I. he changed his name back to Snowball. Snowball was..... Snowball was one of those quiet, well-contained people that I would have liked to have known better than I did, as I suspected that we would have had quite a bit in common, but our paths rarely crossed at Ipswich, and never crossed after we left school."



**Roy Towns
(OI 1941–1950):**

I first met Roy Towns at Menet House School, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich in the late nineties and kept in contact for the next 74 years until he died in Italy in May, 2014.

A keen all-rounder, he did much for Rigaud and the School on the sports field, was a House Prefect and House Captain of Athletics and Boxing, as well as being a Member of the First Fifteen Rugby Team – he won the School Steeplechase in 1950.

After gaining a Commission at Sandhurst, he contracted tuberculosis, subsequently resigning from the Army. He joined BX Plastics in Manningtree when he obtained an Engineering Degree, then joining the Civil Service as an Experimental Officer involved in Flight-path work at Farnborough. He married Jean Rutterford in August 1958.

In 1965, they moved to La Spezia, Italy where he worked for NATO. During this time, his marriage failed and he subsequently married Silvana, an Italian dentist. After retiring, he spent his time teaching English and Mathematics, and translating various publications on behalf of the Italian Ministry of Defence.

Roy was a very keen philatelist and attempted to form an OI Philatelic Club – he retained a great interest in Ipswich in general and Ipswich School in particular, being much involved in the instigation and formation of the Elizabethan Society in 2007. As a memorial to Silvana, he funded the Ipswich historic wall mural in Ivory Street.



**Peter Cropper
(OI 1953–1959):**

The OI's lost one of their most eminent musicians recently with the death of Peter Cropper. For forty years, Peter Cropper was the leader of the

chamber music venues and festivals, earning praise especially for their interpretation of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert.

The Lindsays disbanded in 2005, but Peter continued to perform as a soloist and chamber musician. He recorded the complete Beethoven Violin Sonatas with pianist Martin Roscoe, with whom he has also formed a piano trio with cellist Moray Welsh. He was a member of the music panel of the Arts Council of Great Britain and he regularly gave talks for the BBC.

He established the International Chamber Music Festival in Sheffield (for which he was awarded the 1994 Royal Philharmonic Society's Festival Prize) and then 'Music in the

“...he was awarded the 2005 Cobbett Medal from the Worshipful Company of Musicians.”

internationally renowned Lindsay String Quartet. He formed the Quartet (initially called the Cropper Quartet) whilst still a student at the Royal Academy of Music, and they went on to perform in all the world's leading

Round', which led to him receiving a prestigious 'Creative Briton' award in 2000. More recently he was awarded the 2005 Cobbett Medal from the Worshipful Company of Musicians.



**Roger V. Bevan
(OI 1945–1956) Died on
28th March 2014**

Roger Vaughan Bevan, 76, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2014, at Riverside Home in Thomaston. Born in Bedford, England, on July 4, 1937, he

was the son of David Vaughan Bevan and Irene Sylvia (Walton) Bevan of London. In June 1944, Roger witnessed a 48-hour wave of Allied troops walk past their home toward the beach in Felixstowe before they embarked on ships used for the D-Day landings in Normandy. In England, he attended Ipswich School, then King's College in Cambridge, where he earned a B.A. and M.A. in French and German. He also completed a postgraduate certificate in education from Cambridge University, from where he furthered his language qualifications with a year of intensive Russian. He taught at Eton College and Barnsley Grammar School in England, at the Schleswig Gymnasium in Germany, and at l'Ecole d'Interprètes Internationaux in Mons, Belgium.

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Roger Bevan continued...

He emigrated to the U.S. in 1965 upon meeting his future wife and applied for American citizenship because he admired and loved its Constitution. He

interpreter, doing both simultaneous and consecutive interpreting for 26 years. A notable highpoint was interpreting at the Reichstag in Berlin before German reunification. He was

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earned a PhD in German Linguistics at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, during which he studied Dutch for the first time. He received a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in 1968.

On June 18, 1966, Roger married Mary Bryce in Albion, MI. He was a French professor at Albion College in Albion for eight years. He used his sabbatical to study interpreting at l’Ecole d’Interprètes Internationaux in Mons where he qualified to be listed as a freelance interpreter for the E.U. institutions, thereby transitioning his career from teacher to conference

a member of AIIC, the International Association of Conference Interpreters, throughout his career. He was fluent in six languages and familiar with several others. First and foremost, Roger was a family man: a devoted and selfless husband and father, with his care extending beyond his immediate family. Those who knew Roger remember him for his deep love of people, including children, his eccentric sense of humour with a penchant for the dramatic, generous spirit, gentleness, hospitality, obvious sensitivity to all that is beautiful in

poetry and music, resourcefulness, keen intellect and extraordinary memory.

He loved whistling, playing the harmonica, composing songs, singing, cycling, hiking, writing children’s features and travel stories (some of which were published in The Christian Science Monitor), making meaningful connections with people in their native languages, acting (he acted at the Minack open-air Theatre in Cornwall, U.K. during two summer seasons). He was a passionate life-long student of history, avid cricket fan, natural seat-of-the-pants cook and tea-lover. He was environmentally conscious and a member of the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

Roger and Mary retired to Camden, ME in 2004 to be close to their family. He was a life-long member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, MA and a local member of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Camden. He was always dedicated to serving church in many different capacities, including as Sunday School teacher and board member.

David Knights (OI 1937–1946):

As an only child, David Knights lived with his parents on the Norwich Road. He first attended Ely House School and moved to the Preparatory Department of Ipswich School in 1937. From the beginning, he took a keen interest in cricket and played for House and School teams as he progressed up the school gaining a regular place in the 1st XI in 1946. Another interest was philately and over the years he built up a large collection.

David left school in 1946 and started work as a trainee accountant for an Ipswich firm. He continued to play cricket and became a regular player for Ipswich Greyhounds 2nd XI (then a prominent local club which ran several teams). Roundabout this time he began to develop an interest in tennis. David was called up for National Service and spent two years in the Army. He then returned to Ipswich.

David married Marie Gray in 1954 and they had two children, Paul (now an OI) and Christine. By now a Felixstowe resident, David became an active member of Felixstowe Tennis Club. He became secretary and was responsible for organising the annual tournament. Later he became President and continued playing tennis well into later life. He worked for Fisons as an accountant for several years before moving to a firm at Felixstowe Docks. Later in life he ran a small hotel in Felixstowe. David had been fond of the town ever since the 1930s when his parents had owned a beach hut there. He was happy to live there in retirement.

Tony Gostling (1938–1948)

Keith Bell (1940–1948):

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of David Knights. I have not had contact with him in recent years, but remember well our friendship during the war years. We both lived on Norwich Road. During the school

holidays we spent much time together playing tennis and football, which were activities not played at the school at that time. The last time I saw him was in 1997 during one of our leaves when I played a game of tennis with him.

Tony Gostling (1938–1948):

“...he spent many happy hours playing the game we all loved.”

I knew David Knights 1929–2015 from an early age as our parents lived nearly opposite each other on the Norwich Road (Nos 465 and 442). We played together as small children and also both attended Ely House School before progressing to Ipswich School.

From the age of about eight David developed a keen interest in cricket and was allowed to play on the outfield of a sports ground behind his parents’ house. Together with school friends Douglas Nightingale and I, he spent many happy hours playing the game we all loved. Sometimes we were joined by Guy Capon who was somewhat older and was already in the School First XI. Our practice paid off as we all played for the First XI in later years.

On the 3rd November 1943 Ipswich suffered a heavy air-raid in the early part of the evening. The raid was carried out by several aircraft and bombs were dropped in many parts of the Town. One bomb fell on the Norwich Road so close to our parents houses that both were badly damaged. When the all-clear sounded I went outside to see what was happening. There I met David who had also escaped unhurt, thanks to a Morrison indoor shelter. We chatted for some minutes in the middle of the road surrounded by fallen power cables and trolleybus wires some of which were glowing red-hot. We agreed that we and our parents were lucky to have escaped unhurt.

Peter Rubery (OI 1961–1973) Died on 23rd December 2014:

It is with great sadness that I write to inform OIs from the 1960s and 1970s of the death, on 23rd December 2014, of my great friend Peter Rubery.

Peter joined the Prep School in 1961, was a boarder in Junior House, before progressing to the Senior School and then into Highwood (Sherrington) in 1966. He was always a studious pupil, applying himself to his studies, throughout his school career, before leaving in 1974 to study Law at St John’s College, Oxford.

This dedication to his studies meant that the Rugby 1st XV, and Cricket and Hockey 1st XIs, all had to manage without his prowess on the field; whilst – what must have been the

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8th X1 hockey team – had to put up with Rubery and Buckland’s enforced participation and free flowing indifference, as we were made to run around the freezing Top Field, on particularly inclement February afternoons. It would, however, be wrong to suggest that all sport was avoided where possible; Peter and I did enjoy the summer terms, when the more genteel option to cricket: tennis, was offered. Mini tournaments were arranged and enjoyed under the warm summer sunshine on a Christchurch Park court. All very agreeable!

Let it not be believed that Peter was all work and no play: he enjoyed school plays and being involved with the sixth form productions. I remember, very clearly, his portraying a deluded French General, leading his troops over the top, with nought but a sword and a rousing “En avant!” to the rat-a-tat of the German machine guns, in ‘Oh What a Lovely War!’

“...we renewed our friendship, which we maintained until his death just before Christmas.”

Our time in Highwood, sharing a study in the L6 with John Blissett and Hong Po Chin (in those slightly less liberal days, it was considered ‘right’ to give our foreign students an English name, so he was called ‘George’). The four of us got on very well together, with Peter and George providing the work ethic and John and me (apologies Mr Blissett) often providing the antidote to hard work... light, jokey chatter being our metier.

So, Peter left Ipswich School, a star pupil academically with the prospect of three years at Oxford and a career in Law. Before Oxford, however and before ‘gap years’ were called ‘gap years’ and travelling to Asia and Australia was a genuine novelty; Peter set off, on his own, on such a trip. It was self-funding, as he travelled, and included three months down a mine in Newcastle, Australia. Of course, I was not there, but it would have been a massive shock and a brilliant learning experience to the young man from Ipswich.

“...school friends to adult friends...”

On his return, he went up to Oxford, completed his training in Guildford and began work as a shipping lawyer in the City. I was teaching in a London comprehensive school at that time and we renewed our friendship, which we maintained until his death just before Christmas. These last 35 years, with job changes, career changes and address changes, Peter Rubery and I kept up with each other. He was my best man at my wedding and stayed a part of my wife’s and my life to the end.

We all have ‘acquaintances’ and ‘mates’ as we trundle through life; depending on circumstances, they come and go, but Peter was the ‘definitive friend’ to me. From school friends to adult friends, to men in our fifties: we remained very different from one another – unlikely chums, perhaps – but we were close and I consider myself very lucky to have known him all these years and to have such rich memories spanning six decades.

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Peter John Hill Td Ma
*Died aged 94 on 27
 April 2014 at Highlands,
 Woodbridge:*

First and late impressions of Peter forty-two years apart are for me unusually strong and significant. What a reassurance in 1972 it was for a new head to be greeted by Peter, still auburn, with a warmly welcoming smile, a Hawks Club tie (for Cambridge Athletics and Squash half-Blues) and an unplumbable well of wisdom on which I would draw for the next eight years, the last five as senior master.

On one of my last visits to Highlands in Woodbridge, so aptly named, it was delightful to meet him on the drive, just setting out for his constitutional (perhaps the first of several that day) and to enjoy with him the views over Woodbridge and the Deben to distant Sutton (and the Hoo) which he so adored. He told me that he found the resident ladies at Highlands easier to get on with than the men (who had probably been important in their careers).

Peter grew up at Home Farm, Gressenhall, Norfolk, where his father was estate manager to Sir Ralph Hare. After boarding at Worksop College, Peter was saved by the Army call-up in 1939 from the accountancy articles in Norwich which he was not enjoying.

Peter arrived at Ipswich School in 1958 as head of History and CO of the CCF, a command he handed over three years later to John Le Mare when he succeeded Peter Marsden in Westwood. This – ‘the best job in the school’ he called it – he enjoyed greatly, and of course Margaret was the ideal housemaster’s wife. Houses catered separately in those days, and if there was staff shortage at no notice, Margaret would have been frying the breakfast eggs and bacon.

He and his colleague David Penrose were early students in the county of vernacular architecture, timber-framed buildings and particularly Guildhalls. From 1975–79, Peter, always a carer, directed the Samaritans

in Ipswich with distinction, though few of his colleagues will have been aware of this.

When Peter retired he was interviewed by Peter James for the Ipswichian, and this revealed his breadth and defined him as an enlightened, but not a libertarian schoolmaster. Usually liberal with a small ‘l’ he did dissuade me from allowing shirt-sleeve order in the Corn Exchange one Speech day during a heatwave.

He was glad that corporal punishment was banned, welcomed girls in the sixth form and had enjoyed his teaching of History because it was about people. He had much enjoyed sharing the load with two lively young historians: John Claydon and Derek Wyatt.

Peter was 90 when Michael Hughes persuaded him to tell the remarkable story of his life, particularly his wartime years, for the April 2010 Let’s Talk magazine. Here at last this incorrigibly modest man revealed his bravery and resourcefulness in times of crisis. Copies of the article were distributed at Peter’s funeral at St Andrew’s, Melton, and the OI Journal has obtained permission to publish it again here. The illustrations add much to a fine account.

John Blatchly



ALL GROWN UP: A young Peter in uniform and aged 90.

*Born a Norfolk boy,
 Peter Hill spent his
 working life in Suffolk.
 But the war years took
 him on an amazing
 journey. Here he talks
 to Michael Hughes in
 a feature which first
 appeared in Let’s
 Talk magazine;
 www.letstalk24.co.uk
 in April 2010.*

It may just be one of those stories, but Peter Hill reckons that wartime defences on the North Norfolk coast included booby-traps in unlikely places. “I’ve always told my family that we put grenades in the cisterns of all the public toilets, so when the seasick Germans came ashore they’d go straight to the loo, pull the chain and blow themselves up,” he says, with the merest flicker of a smile.

Peter was 19 when war was declared on September 3, 1939 and realised this



ON LEAVE: Kashmir, “the most beautiful place in the world”.

was his big chance to escape a career in accountancy. He was already a 2nd lieutenant in the TA of the 6th Royal Norfolk Regiment, having been a cadet at school. So when the news broke, he rushed to Norwich’s Drill Hall to enlist – but was too early. “After a tearful farewell to my mother, I was back home for lunch.” What is remarkable about Peter’s wartime story is not so much the high drama. But the fact that a young Norfolk boy from a quiet farming backwater should suddenly find himself transported all over the world and given responsibilities way above his tender years. His is also a story of contrasting experiences, from jungle warfare and a bullet in the buttocks to the grand colonial life in India and the breathtaking beauty of Kashmir – where he found love.

He was born in March, 1920, in the village of Gressenhall, near Dereham, his father being estate manager to the Hare family. “Sir Ralph Hare (the 3rd baronet) was the reigning monarch of the family then and his wife, Lady Florence, was a grand relic of feudalism – the sort who rustled wherever she walked. “She would appear at our annual school treat in the grounds and graciously scatter sweets around for us to scabble after.”

From here he went to Worksop College and at 17 was articled to a firm of chartered accountants, PW Palmer & Co, in Bank Plain, Norwich. “I was bored stiff!” says Peter, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday at his Suffolk home, at Melton, near Woodbridge. “The war enabled me to escape a fate worse than death.”

Having enlisted, he was sent off as a battalion intelligence officer to help build defences in the Sheringham, Cromer and West Runton area – and booby-trap the loos? At the holiday camp in Hemsby where he was billeted he found his first girlfriend, the daughter of the camp proprietor. “That was pretty innocent,” he insists.

In November, 1941, the 6th Royal Norfolks, along with the rest of the East Anglian Division, transferred to

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 army stuff. You spend
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 desert warfare and
 then they move you
 into the jungle.”*

Scotland, from where three brigades, nine battalions, plus artillery and engineers (about 16,000 men) boarded three American liners bound for the Middle East.

They took the scenic route – to Halifax, Nova Scotia, down the US coast to Trinidad and then back across the Atlantic to Cape Town and eventually Mombassa. By this time he was adjutant to the battalion, that is staff officer to the commanding officer, and later, when still only 21, was promoted to a company commander over 90 to 100 men.

In Mombassa, news came that the Japanese were pushing down the Malaysian peninsula and the division was told to forget the Middle East and head straight for Singapore. They arrived in early January, 1942, at the Ayer Aitam camp and three days later were heading north to defend the main road. “This was typical army stuff. You spend two years training for desert warfare and then they move you into the jungle. “We had no experience, but the Japanese were at home there. They waltzed around on bikes, they had tanks and complete air superiority.” With many casualties, the division withdrew to defend the causeway to Singapore Island and here Peter, not yet 22, found himself temporarily in charge of the battalion. “The senior officers were off sick, which was a bit comic.” The Japanese captured the causeway and the division withdrew once more in a vain attempt to defend the city. But the night before Singapore fell, an order went out for a small band of four officers and 20 sergeants to make their way to Java, to organise defence forces there. “Among our party was Walter Page, from the Cambridgeshire regiment. He and I were the senior officers and became great friends.” Walter “borrowed” a lifeboat from an abandoned ship, which they loaded with food and water and the following day set off for Sumatra, about 40 miles across the Malacca Straits, escaping Singapore just minutes before the city capitulated on February 15, 1942.

Despite the danger, the crossing to Sumatra had its lighter moments.

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"I asked who had sailing experience and one lad piped up, 'Please Sir, I had a day on the Broads last year'. 'Most of us were from Norfolk and Suffolk, yet that was the sum total of our sailing experience – a day on the Broads!' However they made it, hiding under a sail whenever Japanese planes swooped overhead, leaving one man at the tiller wearing a funny hat in the hope of being mistaken for a local fisherman. In Sumatra they "borrowed" a bus and drove over the mountains to the port of Penang, where a British cruiser, the HMS Danae (later sunk), took them to Java. And it was here, amid complete chaos, that earlier defence plans were abandoned – "a typical army cock-up," says Peter – and the group was told to get away as best they could. "I've always felt that people would think, with the main body of the division left behind, that we were deserters, which we weren't. "We were acting under orders and our escape meant that in due course we were able to go into action again in Burma."

Among those fleeing the Japanese advance was the Chinese captain of a Yangtze River steamer, a wallowing craft capable of 10 to 15 knots at most. He was persuaded to head for Ceylon, 2,000 miles away across the Indian Ocean. "One day we were sitting on deck playing cards when a rusty bit of metal came out of the sea a few hundred yards away, then a conning tower and the upper part of a submarine. We saw three lots of bubbles coming towards us and thought this was the end of a happy excursion." Having been built for



HOUSEBOAT: Margaret relaxing on the water in Kashmir.



Bathtime in the jungle.

river travel, the boat's hull was so shallow that the torpedoes passed beneath and failed to explode. The sub submerged and wasn't seen again.

From command HQ in Ceylon, Peter, Walter and the others were posted in April, 1942, to the 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment in Lahore, where colonial life continued as it had for the past 100 years. "The battalion hadn't really realised that the war had started. They were having regular guest nights, with the officers dressing up in their evening blues. We became company commanders – they must have been short of people – and were leading a peacetime army life. A bit boring really."

Soon after, Peter and two friends took leave in what he believes is "the most beautiful place in the world", Kashmir, where, at a lakeside hotel, another beauty caught his eye. "We were sitting having a drink when this chap came through with this girl on his arm – rather a gorgeous girl. The chap had been at school with me. He was a very sporty, games-playing type and had sort of got hold of Margaret." However, the other man had to go off and Peter offered to take her home. At first she politely refused, but then relented. Margaret, whose Scottish mother lived in Bombay, was in Kashmir as companion to a rather imperious aunt who had fled there from Mandalay in Burma, where her husband owned a brewery.

Peter went on leave to Kashmir several

times after that, sometimes taking three days to get there by train. There was talk of marriage – but who knew what the future might hold? Meanwhile he was stationed in Lucknow with the Fifth Indian Division, keeping the peace and flying the flag. But, with the Japanese preparing to invade India from Burma, his company was sent to Chittagong and from there to Imphal. Here, B company, of which Peter was commander, dug in on a hilltop and awaited attack, which came a couple of weeks later – and today he pays tribute to the high morale among "ordinary Norfolk and Suffolk boys", mostly in their early 20s, who had never before left their own country, yet now found themselves thousands of miles from home, fighting in a foreign land. The attacks were repulsed. But later, on patrol, Peter was shot in the bum, although the bullet missed the bone and he managed to hobble to the field hospital, where he was cared for by "some lovely British nurses".

The troops realised the enemy was getting low on supplies – they found stewed grass in abandoned mess tins. Then news came of the Nagasaki atom bomb and the Japanese were in retreat. The battalion pushed eastwards to the Irrawadi River, where they helped set up supply lines for other divisions chasing the retreating foe northwards. And from here to Mandalay, from where Peter was repatriated to the UK. It was now August, 1945, and he'd been in the war since September, 1939. "We went

by plane to Bombay and troop ship through the Suez Canal to England. "I remember seeing the green fields of Cornwall coming up and I wept." Yet, with six months still to serve, Peter was sent to Germany as an education officer, having mentioned that he hoped to go to university and into teaching. He was demobilised in the spring of 1946 and, after spending the summer at home, went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, to study history.

Margaret arrived from Kashmir and the two were married in the autumn of that year, going on to raise two children, Michael and Penny. Peter's first job as a teacher was in Belfast, but three years later he moved to Ipswich School, where he remained until his retirement in 1980.

Sadly, Margaret died three or four years ago. At his Suffolk home, Peter points out a portrait of her as a young woman and explains that his mother had been anxious over exactly whom he was bringing home from Kashmir. So he sent her a copy of this photograph, left, to allay her fears. Instead the picture caused consternation – it seems the fashion for strapless gowns hadn't quite reached Gressenhall by that time. "My mother wanted to know if Margaret had any clothes on at all."



QUITE A CATCH: Margaret's picture of her in a strapless dress caused consternation at home.

John Ballam (OI 1949 – 1956)

John David Ballam died aged 75 years, in Ipswich Hospital on January 5, 2015 after a long tack into port. Dearly loved husband of Judy, father of Sarah, Samantha and David, Oupa of Isabella and John and big brother to Richard, Peter and Mary.

Tony Jaques (OI 1929 – 1938)

Tony Jaques passed away on Wednesday 22nd April 2015. Tony was part of an unbeaten rugby team in 1937.

Richard Morbey (OI 1976 – 1985)

Richard died on Tuesday 3rd February, a day before his 48th Birthday. He had been out cycling and is believed to have died instantly due to a heart attack. Philip Saunders wrote: One of my happiest memories with him was riding around the Hamburg underground one day on the German exchange riding around aimlessly but laughing and making full use of our free 'Schüler' public transport passes.

Rob Karling (Staff)

OIs will be sad to learn that Rob Karling a very popular history teacher, rugby coach, Head of Broke House and Head of Sixth Form died in June 2015 from cancer. He had risen to be the headmaster of Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow.

Percival Edward Rees-Jones (OI 1931 – 1941)

Percival passed away peacefully in Bath on 30th June 2014 aged 90. His working life was divided between the Royal Navy and BP before retiring to Winsley near Bath in 1983. He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Jean, daughters Anna and Karina and six grandchildren.

Death Announcements

We are sad to learn of the following:

Roger Bevan (OI 1945 – 1956) died on 28th March 2014

Roy Compton (OI 1956 – 1961) died in October 2013

Leslie T Bobby (OI 1941 – 1943) died on 21st December 2012

David N Hosking (1970 – 1977) died (no date available)

Rod McIntosh (OI 1947 – 1957) died in 2014

Peter Frederick Green (OI 1957 – 1964) Of Hertfordshire Died on 3rd November 2014

Roger Paul Basham (OI 1950 – 1961) of Woodbridge died 3rd January 2015

Tony Jaques (OI 1929 – 1938) died on 22nd April 2015.

Robin Baker (OI 1952 – 1959) of Framlingham, died peacefully at home, with his family by his side on 12th January 2015

Tony Brightwell (OI 1957 – 1968) died on 23rd April 2015 after a short illness.

Derek Hunt (OI 1935 – 1938) Of Barwick, died during the summer last year

C S Buchanan (OI 1968 – 1974) died on 16th September 2014

Richard Evan Pringle (OI 1953 – 1958) died January 2015

David J White (OI 1937 – 1946) died 9th March 2015

John Castle (OI 1934 – 1944) died in July 2014 after a short illness.

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Chapel Choir is the first visiting choir to sing at King's College, Cambridge

The world famous chapel of King's College, Cambridge opened its doors to singers from the Ipswich School Chapel Choir at the end of April 2014; making the school's choir the first visiting choir to sing Evensong with the King's Voices choir.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for the Ipswich School students, who were very lucky to be given the opportunity to sing with

such an expert choir, in arguably the most famous of the Cambridge Colleges. Thanks go to King's Voices and their conductor Ben Parry, to the staff of King's College for their very warm welcome, and to those who worked hard behind the scenes to arrange this unprecedented and memorable invitation.

One member of the choir wrote afterwards: "It was a fantastic

experience for the choir, singing in the very same chapel that is home to the famous Nine Lessons and Carols broadcast across the world every year at Christmas on the BBC."

Appropriately for the Britten Faculty of Music, Evensong began with the Jubilate by Benjamin Britten. The canticles were Collegium Regale by Herbert Howells, which were written especially for King's and which prompted a choir parent to comment: "I can see just what inspired Howells to write the Coll. Reg. Gloria – the music floating up to the vaulting and the east window." The anthem was Hubert Parry's "I was glad", which sounded resplendent.

The Ipswich School Chapel Choir numbers about 60 singers, mainly students with some staff members, and sings for services both in the school chapel and at special events in Ipswich and elsewhere.

"It was a fantastic experience for the choir, singing in the very same chapel that is home to the famous Nine Lessons and Carols..."

Local businesses provide boost to Ipswich School sports

Ipswich School sports teams are looking smarter than ever, thanks to generous sponsorship from local businesses. The funding provided means players can benefit from improved coaching expertise and professional kit to boost team spirit.

Boys' and girls' hockey, rugby, football and cricket all have new sponsors, some for the first time, in three year

"Boys' and girls' hockey, rugby, football and cricket all have new sponsors..."

deals put together by the Sports Department and Foundation Office. The first eleven hockey teams for both boys and girls are sponsored by Seven, the rugby first XV by Searon Logistics,

the football first eleven by Morrison Freight and the first team cricketers at the Senior School and Prep U11s are both sponsored by Christchurch Land Acquisition & Development.

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David Hacker, Director of Sport, said:

We are incredibly grateful to all these sponsors – their generosity has provided a huge boost to sport at Ipswich School. It means we can provide excellent coaching experiences as well as the highest standard of facilities for fixtures and practice sessions which benefits all our pupils, not just those in our top teams.”



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CCF Anniversary

Ipswich School's Combined Cadet Force celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2014 with a special dinner reflecting its history.

As one of the oldest Cadet Forces in the country, the school welcomed back two former Contingent Commanders who, along with the current Contingent Commander, have led the Ipswich School CCF for over half a century.

Joining Squadron Leader Richard Welbourne were Lt Col John Le Mare and Lt Col Bob Clayton. Lt Col Le Mare is unique in having held the office of Contingent Commander on three separate occasions; his first stint began in 1961, and in total he

held the position for 16 years. He was succeeded by Lt Col Bob Clayton who has the distinction of holding the position of Contingent Commander for 23 years; longer than any other man in the Ipswich School CCF history.

As well as current student and staff members of the CCF, the anniversary dinner was also attended by Old Ipswichians and former officers who had served in the Ipswich School cadets.

The theme for the evening was the rich history of the CCF, and Great School was decorated with photos and memorabilia from the Ipswich School Archives. Former Headmaster and Archivist Dr John Blatchly gave an entertaining after dinner speech looking at some of the key moments in the CCF's history.

A new honours board was officially

“The theme for the evening was the rich history of the CCF.”

unveiled by Headmaster Nicholas Weaver, prior to the Annual Dinner. The ES Bantoft Sword has traditionally been awarded to the best senior NCOs each year, and was revived in 2011. The space on the sword for recording names is limited, so the new honours board in the Loggia will provide a record of the winners each year. Joining the Headmaster and Squadron Leader Richard Welbourne at the unveiling were Lt Col John Le Mare and Lt Col Bob Clayton and that year's winners of the Bantoft Sword, Ben Slack, for the Army, and Grace O'Malley, for the RAF.

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Later in the year, the annual Remembrance Day service saw the presentation of a new CCF flag – a first for the school.

School marks anniversary of the start World War One

Commemorations for those who died in World War One and all victims of conflict were marked in November at Ipswich School, when trumpeters from the school's orchestra stood on the roof of the library to perform the Last Post and Reveille to start and finish a two minute silence throughout the school.

The school has always noted the two minute silence, but the request to commemorate the event this year by playing the two pieces of music came from the pupils themselves. Pupils from across the whole Senior School observed the silence in their classrooms.

Ipswich School marked the anniversary of the start of World War One in a number of ways. A virtual exhibition was launched on the school's website, featuring photographs, artefacts and documents from the school archives and also from the lofts, desks and drawers of people connected with the school:

“A total of 414 pupils or former pupils from Ipswich School fought in World War I of whom 71 died.”



www.ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk/worldwarone

A group of sixth form historians also researched and wrote an exhibition which was displayed at the Corn Exchange in Ipswich, featuring some of the stories of former Ipswich School pupils who served in the war.

On Speech Day in May a commemorative tree was planted at the front of the school by the Mayor, Cllr Hamil Clarke, where the Headmaster during the war, AK Watson, planted vegetables to help the war effort.

A total of 414 pupils or former pupils from Ipswich School fought in World War I of whom 71 died. The majority, 359, served in the Army, 27 served in the Navy and 28 served in the Royal Flying Corps and other units.

A 'century' of cricket at Ipswich School

Andrew Golding said:

“With the success of the England women’s cricket team winning the Ashes in Australia, we wanted to give girls the opportunity to have a go at cricket. The free session on Saturday was a lot of fun and the girls were able to learn skills including bowling, fielding and batting from experienced cricket coaches. We hope the success of the England women will inspire young girls from across East Anglia to join this great team sport!”

Girls from Year 9 at Ipswich School got together to recreate a cricket team photo from almost 100 years ago, to promote a free taster event which was put on by the school to encourage girls from across East Anglia to take up the sport.

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“In the following cricket season, the U13 girls’ team won the county cricket title, with the U15 girls taking the runner-up spot in their age group.”

The brainchild of Head of Cricket, Andrew Golding, the photo involved the girls and Headmaster Nicholas Weaver recreating the photo of the boys’ cricket team from 1916, at the height of World War One – right down to sports blazers and caps borrowed from the school’s Archives and the unsmiling poses!

Regular cricket coaching for girls at Ipswich School started in January for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. A number of the girls involved already play cricket

for Suffolk, but this was the first time that girls have played cricket at the school. It has been offered as a club for pupils to capitalise on the interest shown by the women’s Ashes success and to offer girls the same opportunity as boys.

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Departing staff during the 2013–2014 school year included:

Darren Ayling

Senior Deputy Head (Academic)

Julia Carter

Careers Liaison Officer & UCAS Administrator

Steve Connelly

Physics Teacher

Mark Cornish

Prep ICT Teacher/Co-ordinator

Kathryn Galbraith

Head of History

Liz Hallworth

Prep School Registrar

Mike Hunt

DT Technician

Andrew Leach

Director of Music

Janet Limrick

Assistant Head

Denise Ling

Assistant Catering Manager

Mike Marion

Business Studies Teacher

Graham Papenfus

Development Director

Anita Robertson

Senior Examinations Officer



Janet Limrick
Assistant Head

Janet arrived at Ipswich School in September 1996. Her appointment as the school's first Director of Studies was important not least because one of her tasks was to co-ordinate the introduction of full co-education.

This took place a year later, and it was vital that our curriculum was appropriate for both girls and boys. She taught Chemistry and also helped out in the Royal Navy section of our CCF in the days when it had three detachments.

“Colleagues will miss her listening ear and calming presence...”

Prior to 2001, Janet's major role was overseeing Heads of Department and the school's academic monitoring systems. After these tasks moved elsewhere, she took over the organisation of preparing for inspections, as well as our staff appraisal system. Eight years later, as part of further restructuring, she was appointed Assistant Head. As the person on the Senior Management Team responsible for the pastoral welfare of staff, she not only played a vital role in keeping the Headmaster informed of common room issues, but also helped countless members of staff by being a 'listening ear'.

Janet's penchant for adventurous holidays is well-known. Her love of ski-ing spurred her on to regaining full fitness after several unfortunate accidents.

As a keen diver, she went as far afield as the Maldives, and she is also an avid mountain walker. In 2007, I joined Janet and her husband Robin on a wonderful trek in the Markha Valley in Ladakh, a trip I still regard as my best ever holiday; the school's KE expedition last summer was to the same destination. Janet would often have tales to tell on returning after a particular venture, the most famous of which was recounting how a crocodile had attacked her canoe on the Zambezi!

In the future, Janet will be kept busy, not only via these hobbies and her allotment, but as a devoted aunt to her two nieces. Her wisdom over the induction and training of staff means that she will prove invaluable as a consultant to a range of schools through the 'Independent Schools Teacher Induction Panel'. Her colleagues at Ipswich School will miss her as a calming presence in the common room, and her experience as an A Level Chemistry teacher means there is a big gap to fill there too. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

– David Walsh



Darren Ayling
Senior Deputy Head (Academic)

As is so often the case with staff at our schools, it is difficult to do justice to Darren Ayling in words, because he has such an interesting character and because he has been so wide ranging in his contributions.

As a person, he is caring and compassionate, yet firm and exacting. Calm, rational, critical-thinking, yet passionate and emotional, with strong feelings, especially when it comes to trying to bring out the best in our young people. But he has also led by example at Ipswich School across the full spectrum of the curriculum and co-curriculum; he is the iPad-toting, prez-i-tastic, lycra cycling, cricket coaching, Foodsharing, veggie growing, web-wise teacher of: English, Critical Thinking, Study Skills and the Extended Project Qualification. And he is the Senior Deputy Head.

I am sure that all pupils, parents and staff will have encountered some of these facets of Mr Ayling. Maybe, like me, you will have found yourself having some of your less than thorough thinking examined under the scrutiny of his questioning; or, also like me, you may have found yourself in receipt of one of his many acts of kindness, often in private and never shouted about.

Whatever our experience, we all know that, over the last 13 years, Darren has worked tirelessly for the good of Ipswich School. When he joined, as Deputy Head, he had the job of managing the day to day running of the school, as well as line-managing all of the academic departments.

By the time I arrived in 2010, he had been doing this for ten years. As I had previously been doing the latter of these two roles myself, I was in awe that he could combine this with the day to day, and yet maintain the standard of discourse in reviewing departments with the various HoDs, following up action points with such tenacity and focus.

It has been a great pleasure to see Darren move into the role he has occupied for the last three years, and to see the huge amount of work that he has covered in leading the academic development of the school, with the assistance of David Walsh. He has introduced more useful data and monitoring, piloted the EPQ, and, has had a major input into the recent Curriculum Review to ensure that our academic offering is fit for purpose in these times. It is no coincidence, I am sure, that in 2013 we recorded our best ever academic results. Not that they are our *raison d'être*, but they are a good measure of our success in our academic endeavours.

It is easy to assume that a senior manager will give a lower priority to their classroom teaching than a 'regular' teacher would. This is certainly not the case for Darren. Often, at

“Many pupils have benefited from Darren going the extra mile...”

our weekly catch up meetings, the first thing that he would mention would be the success of a particular lesson with a less than confident Year 10 group, or the breakthrough that he had made with an individual pupil. As well as leveraging ICT in his teaching of English, Darren has not been afraid to make his classes do the 'hard yards' which lead to success, and I have been delighted in hearing about his 'quotation tests', even with a Year 13 group, which have left no hiding place for those who have not done the requisite work outside class. Many pupils have benefited from Darren going the extra mile, and many of these will know that, at times, Darren's belief in them was the aspiration that they needed for the success they have achieved, even when they, perhaps, did not dare to believe themselves.

From a personal point of view, Darren has been my right-hand man, my rock and support. It is not easy to arrive, as Headmaster, to a school as busy, complex and successful as Ipswich School; it must be a nightmare for the Deputy – to face up to inducting someone like me, after a long serving predecessor who knew every last nuance of the school. But Darren treated me with characteristic care and patience, often looking ahead to give me a timely briefing and helping me to avoid some potential 'elephant traps'. He would always be happy to consult and to question when there were implications of our discussions which I had not yet grasped. On the rare occasions when we did not completely agree, I grew to know that I could rely on Darren's complete loyalty to the final decision, once he had left the office; that is a tremendous quality, which I have valued highly.

But above all, my memory of Darren will be for the wisdom and counsel that he has given. Sometimes we have had some very serious matters to deal with and I have known not only that his advice would be good, but also that he would understand the true weight of some complicated legal and moral deliberations. In these times, it has been clear to me that he has gone beyond being a colleague, indeed he has been a great friend.

I always knew, when Darren told me he was off to an interview, that there was a high chance that he would be going on to be promoted. The governors at Peterborough have clearly seen what we know – that Darren has all of the characteristics to be a good Headmaster. A great gain for them, but a sadness for us in saying goodbye. We wish Darren, Jane and all of the family very well in the coming months.

– Nicholas Weaver



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Andrew Leach
Director of Music

Andrew Leach arrived at Ipswich School in September 1994 attracted by the chance to work with a robed Chapel Choir. It is therefore fitting that his retirement was celebrated earlier this year at King's College, Cambridge, when the choir were fortunate to perform Evensong at the chapel. This opportunity was all the more meaningful as Andrew completed his undergraduate and postgraduate study at King's.

In the last 20 years, he has passionately conducted the Chapel Choir in Germany, Switzerland and Poland and in a host of UK cathedrals including St Paul's, which has become an annual fixture!

In addition to cathedral visits, Andrew has revelled in the chance to conduct at Snape Maltings, where the Chapel Choir contributed to memorable performances under his baton of Elgar's Dream of Gerontius and Britten's Spring Symphony, to name but two. More generally, Snape has become a musical extravaganza for parents and pupils alike, the concerts now firmly established as an annual feature of the school calendar. As a gifted concert pianist, playing in the Festival of Music and accompanying many entries in the annual music competition, he has been an inspiration and mentor to many of our talented instrumentalists in the classroom, and has subsequently afforded them the opportunity to perform their

work at Snape. Amongst his highlights have been the premieres of pupils' compositions, such as "Fanfare Overture" by Sam Wilson, performed by combined the Symphony and Intermediate Orchestras in 2008, Sebastian Black's "Notturmo", performed by the Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Sebastian in 2012 and Finn Collinson's "Native", performed by the Chamber Orchestra this year. Shortly after his arrival, Andrew introduced the Community Service music activity for Years 10 and above. This worthwhile and rewarding addition to the Thursday afternoon programme has seen pupils visiting care homes and local primary schools each week, where residents are entertained by our musicians.

Another innovation has been the provision of summer music courses. In 17 years, Andrew has put the emphasis firmly on having fun, whilst producing a musical experience of a high quality. Many of our pupils have relished this opportunity. Although throughout the year, we are treated to a myriad of musical delights, my personal favourite is certainly the Midsummer Soirée. Whatever the weather, we are guaranteed a stunning performance from the full range of ages and abilities in the senior school. Andrew has certainly encouraged wide scale participation in a more relaxed setting. Here we see him at his most playful; an attribute most appreciated by the pupils!

In Andrew's tenure he has given us all so much; entertaining and invigorating hymn practice on a Monday morning, his generosity of spirit coupled with a risqué sense of humour will certainly leave a huge void in the Common Room. As he sets off into the sunset with Jackie and his piano, we wish him well!

– Tracy Boyle

She has a sharp eye for the slipshod and the devious, and combines this with a generous willingness to help those who are genuinely struggling with the demands of one of the most academically rigorous subjects in the curriculum. There will be many Old Ipswichians who are grateful for the fact that she expected more of them than they expected of themselves. Her approach to the teaching of History is in the best sense of the phrase, old-fashioned. She is rightly sceptical of approaches which exalt technique at the expense of subject knowledge, and the breadth and depth of her reading are evident in her teaching. As Head of Department she has enhanced the high profile which the subject enjoys at Ipswich School and, unlike her two predecessors, she managed to make departmental meetings palatable by serving delicious homebakes.

Kathryn has had many other roles within the school. She edited The Ipswichian for many years. She introduced Critical Thinking into the Sixth Form, and then managed and taught the course. She has also been Head of General Studies including Sixth Form PSHE, taken countless Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and Cumbria trips, carried out marketing activities in Hong Kong and been a reliable, engaging and wonderfully effective Sixth Form tutor (as well as doing a short spell as a Lower School tutor). She has also raised a great deal of money for charity



Kathryn Galbraith
Head of History

Kathryn Galbraith burst onto the Ipswich School scene in 1993. A good first in History at Oxford, postgraduate work on British foreign policy between the wars with the redoubtable Alastair Parker, several years in the high-pressure culture of Morgan Stanley and then teaching at James Allen's Girls' School were all, in different ways, excellent preparation for her work at Ipswich School, first as a part-time member of the History Department and later, when Mary and Sam were older, as a full-time member.

It was clear from the start that Kathryn's commitment to maintaining the highest academic standards was absolute, and colleagues and pupils will always be grateful for the long hours that she put in on the planning and preparation of lessons and on the rigorously constructive assessment of pupils' work.

including £12,000 for the Ogogoro School in Uganda and more recently several thousand pounds for Motor Neurone research.

Her expertise, humour and intellect will be greatly missed, and we wish her well in her new role as Head of History at Haileybury School.

– David Warnes and Peter Gray



Graham Papenfus
Director of Development

Graham joined Ipswich School in 2005 from Haileybury, with the brief of establishing the school's first Development Office. His first office was behind the sports hall (now an IT server room), subsequently moving with the OI Office and Archives to the old Prep School building.

Graham has been outstanding in his role as Director of Development in so many ways. He understands that before fundraising must come friend raising, and to this end he and his team have been tireless in organising reunions, helping with FOIS events and lending support to all manner of school functions. Always the first to arrive at an event – putting out chairs and tables, and organising things to look just right – and the last to leave – putting away those chairs and tables and ensuring all the doors were locked, Graham insisted on doing whatever job was needed behind the scenes, as well as making sure that all guests were welcomed and well looked after. Graham's enthusiasm for sport, especially rugby, cricket and golf, were of great value when it came to organising Old Ipswichian sporting events and sponsorship deals for five school teams, and he could be found on the touchline and cricket field in all weathers taking photos for school publications. Despite being the first to admit he has no musical ability, Graham very much enjoyed his travels with the Chapel Choir to Durham, Italy and St Pauls, and took on the role of Operations Director for the Festival of Music with much enthusiasm.

He has raised total donations which easily run to seven figures, without which the school would not be able to provide all of the opportunities which we aspire to. All of these are tremendous tribute to Graham, but what I will most miss about him as a valued member of the Senior Management is his 'can-do' attitude. So many in Graham's position would be peripheral to school business, but he is always first to put his hand up, to take on new tasks and I have had total confidence that his 'leave it with me' would need no follow up. We wish him every success with his new role at Dean Close in Cheltenham.

– Nicholas Weaver



Steve Connelly
Physics Teacher

Steve Connelly joined Ipswich School after studying at Kent and Cambridge for his PGCE, and was appointed to teach Physics throughout the school.

He was a very sporty young man, being a particularly gifted squash and badminton player. Unsurprisingly he took over as master in charge of squash, raising the profile of squash here in the school, but he also took his high standard of play to the county level, and became the Suffolk Squash Development Officer and coach for the U19 team. He also coached cricket and ran the Second XI for many years and toured with the First XI to Granada.

He was Housemaster of Rigaud for 14 years from 1986 to 2000 and then moved into the area of ICT where he became the school ICT co-ordinator. In these early days of 1999 he oversaw the major introduction of the IT network, with each department being initially responsible for their own IT budgets. Needless to say, 'IT' blossomed and then saw a dramatic increase in the provision of PCs, smart boards and networking throughout both the Prep and Senior School. Over his time here it is reckoned that Steve has spent over £1m on ICT equipment, no mean feat and quite a number of PCs and smart boards.

Latterly Steve has been in charge of organising the Thursday afternoon activities. Matching students to the large number of activities on offer, whilst trying to ensure that they get at least one of their top choices is not a job for the faint-hearted! He has delighted in sometimes being 'cantankerous', with his philosophy based on that of George Bernard Shaw: "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

He described Ipswich School as a 'good first job' in 1979, overlapping with David Walsh – David as a Sixth Form pupil and Steve as a teacher. Thirty five years later Steve is now teaching some of the children of parents that he originally taught back in the 80s, and we have to say goodbye and good luck.

– Bob Clayton



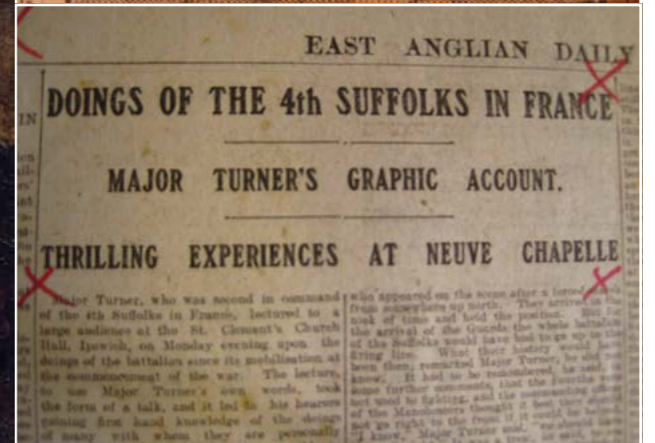
“We wish all our leavers well and good luck in their new roles.”



With the 4th Suffolks at Neuve Chapelle, 1915 by Fred Roe



Major Turner in the EADT



Article on Turner's talk, East Anglian Daily Times, 15 September, 1915

With the 4th Suffolks at Neuve Chapelle, 1915

This painting, by artist Fred Roe, was based on the accounts of soldiers who fought in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle and shows a moment on March 11th, 1915, when the men awaited the order to attack the enemy in the Bois de Biège. Across the centre of the canvas runs a raised road, once bordered by trees, heaped with piles of stones used for repair and strewn with dead bodies, including Sikh soldiers.

The Suffolks wait behind a bank while to the right, Old Ipswichians Major Turner (one of the three OI Turners who served in the 4th Suffolks), Major Frank Pretty and Captain Kenneth Mason discuss instructions with other officers in a shell crater. The colonel, Cruddas, was killed shortly afterwards. Some Seaforths in skirmishing order can be seen in a hollow on the other side of the road. Above is the charred skeleton of Neuve Chapelle village, bombarded by German

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guns. In the middle distance is the schoolhouse, occupied by Germans and shelled by our artillery and to the right, the remains of the Bois de Biège.

The East Anglian Daily Times of September 15th, 1915, reports the words of Major Turner to a large audience at St Clement's Church Hall, Ipswich later that year: 'With the constant danger from shrapnel, shells bursting and bullets flying, you can imagine what it is for men who have never been in battle before. Previously on manoeuvres they had

had blank cartridges fired at them, but when they found bullets flying everywhere they knew anything might happen'.

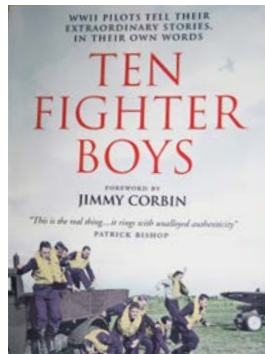
He commented that 'the most difficult thing for any man was the making of an attack after being fairly comfortably ensconced behind a parapet...the men of the 4th Suffolks were quite equal to it'. He reminded the audience that 'the 4th Suffolks were not professional soldiers' but rather 'men who were patriotic, who considered it their duty to serve their country and make themselves fit to defend their own shores'.

Original painting: Colchester and Ipswich Museums; description from 'The Sphere', January 1919.

Five Turners are listed in the school's WWI records, three of whom served in the 4th Suffolk regiment. Amazingly, if Commonwealth War Graves Commission records are correct, Maurice Arthur Turner, at school 1898-1901, was killed in France on July 16th 1915 and buried at Thiepval, while Captain Herbert Kersey Turner, at school 1900-3, was killed in France one year later on July 15th, 1916 and buried at Flatiron Copse cemetery, Mametz!

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From The Archives *Old Boys in Spitfires, ‘Ten Fighter Boys’*



Locked away in the archives is a DFC, a Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded to one of our old boys who was a Spitfire pilot in WWII. There is also copy of a book called Ten Fighter Boys. One chapter is called Bogle's Story and it was written by OI Crelin Arthur Walford Bodie, aka Bogle, at school here from 1930-38.

The book springs from a conversation in 1940 as the Battle of Britain neared its end. Pilots of the 66 Squadron sheltered from the cold at Biggin Hill airfield, Kent. Squadron Leader and aspiring journalist Athol Forbes suggested they write of their experiences. Ten of the pilots eventually did so, Forbes edited their stories and in 1942, even before the war ended, Ten Fighter Boys was published by Collins. By then, five of the ten had made the ultimate sacrifice. The boys, from all walks of life, come across as a bunch of lads, but with the traditional commitment to duty and country. The book itself reads somewhat like a boy's adventure story and it is sobering to remember that the stories are true. Up to ten hours a day chasing and being chased by Nazi warplanes

“ He survived shooting and landing with a burning plane on all but the last occasion, in 1942. ”

Bodie's Supermarine Spitfire Mk 1



over the North Sea, the Atlantic and northern Europe. It is telling that the book has been republished; the school copy is from 2008, with a foreword by Jimmy Corbin, the only one then still alive. Corbin died in December 2012, having published his own book, Last of the ten Fighter Boys, in 2007.

“ ...a truly magnificent pilot. ”

The book is short and Bogle's chapter less than twenty pages, but well worth the read to see what one schoolboy did when he left. He survived shooting and landing with a burning plane on all but the last occasion, in 1942. He is described by Athol in his introduction: 'Bogle was a real character. Imagine a particularly husky 'dead-end kid' and you have Bogle...



strong individualist...decidedly unconventional...uniform which would not pass muster on a parade...large sheath knife in his boot. His language is foul, but he possesses more character than anyone I can remember. Honest as the day... never did anyone a bad turn - with the possible exception of a number of Huns...a truly magnificent pilot.'

Excerpt from 'Bogle's Story':

'As the leader's voice crackled over the headphones I turned automatically towards the fighters, the 109s, leaving the bombers to the other sections.

I dug my chin into my shoulder and gazed back; my tail was clear but Joe's - look out, Joe! look out!

Oh hell! Why hadn't he looked out?

I throttled back viciously and turned up and over. The bastard who had got Joe couldn't pull up in time. He flashed in front of me, less than 50 yards ahead, my thumb tight on the gun button, it seemed to have been there all my life - all my life bullets had been pouring out of those guns, for Joe.

Now the moment had come. That filthy yellow nose streaked into my sights....'

“Codebreaker to Mermagen”

The Imitation Game



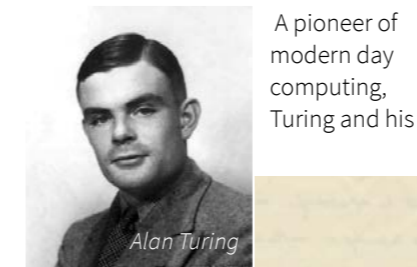
The Imitation Game, with Benedict Cumberbatch taking the lead as Alan Turing, was released to great acclaim last year. Loosely based on Andrew Hodges' biography, Alan Turing: The Enigma, the film tells the story of Turing and his team whose job it was to break the unbreakable, the Nazi Enigma codes.

“ Andy Greg discovered a letter from Turing to his old friend Mermagen... ”

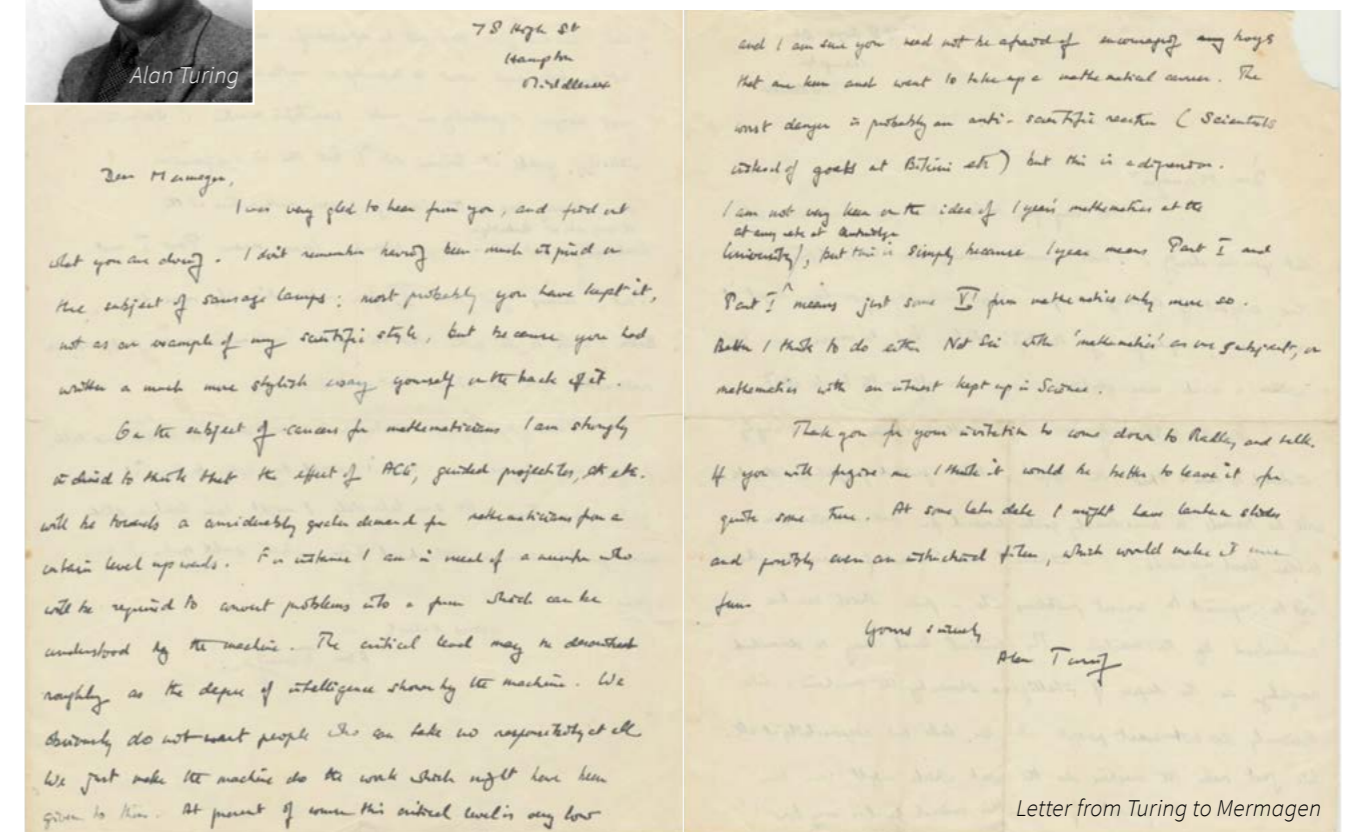
top secret work are shown in the film as bringing World War to an earlier end and saving thousands of lives, a success set beside the tragedy of his later conviction for homosexuality. Early scenes and flashbacks show

Turing's schooldays at Sherborne, which he attended at the same time as our former headmaster, Patrick Mermagen.

The two remained in contact, a fact which might have remained unknown were it not for that towering figure of recent Ipswich School history, Andrew Gregory. His energy seemingly undiminished by retirement, Andy Greg discovered a letter from Turing to his old friend Mermagen in the online Turing Digital Archives.



A pioneer of modern day computing, Turing and his



Letter from Turing to Mermagen

From The Archives *Girls in pinstripes*



In September 2014, a new uniform was introduced for Senior School girls.

Replacing the charcoal suit is a smart, tailored pinstripe with a sky blue sweater.

Ian Galbraith explains how the original girls' uniform was chosen when the school became fully co-educational under his leadership.

“ We considered a range of options and decided that a major break with the existing grey uniform wouldn't be sensible at a time when the school was changing significantly...”

“When the decision was made to move to full co-education, we wanted there to be an Ipswich School ‘style’ – ie for boys’ and girls’ uniforms to be fairly similar in terms of colour. We considered a range of options and decided that a major break with the existing grey uniform wouldn't be sensible at a time when the school was changing significantly in various ways (new headmaster, co-education, end of Saturday school), so the ‘grey suit for both boys and girls’ gave this

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continuity. It was also distinctive from most other local independent schools which tended to feature blue or striped blazers. And it had a sort of ‘grown up’ feel about it. We kept the existing pattern of blue shirts in the Lower School and white shirts in the Middle School, but felt that girls shouldn't wear ties, which are, after all, generally a masculine form

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of attire (and I seem to remember that the fashion at the time was to wear them at ‘half mast’ if at all possible!). In conjunction with Coes we tried out a range of options before settling on the particular fabrics and styles that were eventually adopted.”

Wolsey and Nelson, a shared sarcophagus

“ Thank God I have done my duty.”

Here's an odd tale about our own Cardinal Wolsey's post-mortem connection with the famous admiral, Horatio Nelson, aka Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson of the Nile and Burnham Thorpe, who defeated Napoleon at the battle of Trafalgar, discovered on a visit to St Paul's Cathedral.

A generation ago, just about all British schoolchildren were familiar with the words ‘England expects every man will do his duty’ or variations thereon, signalled by Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship, HMS Victory, before the Battle of Trafalgar off the coast of Cadiz on the 21st of October, 1805. Victory at Trafalgar over a combined French and Spanish fleet and the defeat of the legendary Napoleon Bonaparte put an end to 200 years of threats to British security and secured Britain's supremacy over the oceans for more than a century.

It was to be the end of Horatio Nelson himself, however. During the battle, he was mortally wounded by a lead ball and carried below. He held on until news of victory was brought to him at which he repeated the words ‘Thank God I have done my duty’.

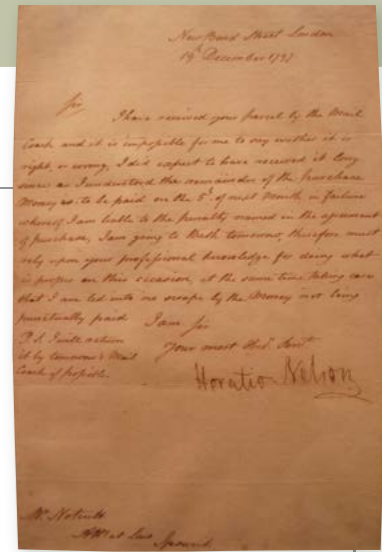
The state funeral was held at St Paul's Cathedral on the 9th of January, 1806. Thousands lined the route from Whitehall to St. Paul's, along with 30,000 troops.

It is here that Ipswich stepped once more into the life of Horatio Nelson. Not only was the HMS Victory designed by Sir Thomas Slade, who worked in Ipswich for the Navy Board, married an Ipswich woman and is now buried in St. Clement's churchyard by the docks. Not only did Nelson purchase Roundwood House in Ipswich for his wife and father to live

in, corresponding on the purchase with his Ipswich solicitor and Old Ipswichian SA Notcutt (I) and not only was he made High Steward of Ipswich in 1805. No, in addition to this, for his final rest in the crypt of St Paul's, Nelson was given the black marble sarcophagus made for Old Ipswichian Cardinal Thomas Wolsey almost 300 years earlier.

Wolsey commissioned the sarcophagus in about 1524 from Italian sculptor Benedetto Grazzini also known as Benedetto da Rovizzano, but once Wolsey was out of royal favour, it joined Wolsey's lands and property which passed to Henry VIII. It remained at Windsor until the time of George III when it was ‘given’ to Lord Nelson.

Accounts vary as to whether Nelson lies inside the sarcophagus or in the granite beneath it. On top of the sarcophagus is a Viscount's coronet, where Wolsey's cardinal's hat would have sat. The sarcophagus stands on a marble floor in the middle of the central space in the crypt, surrounded by eight Tuscan pillars. The mosaic floor includes a design showing the famous flags used by Nelson before his last battle.



Letter from Nelson to OI Notcutt, 1797, school archives



Nelson falls on the quarterdeck



Nelson, by Lemuel Francis Abbott

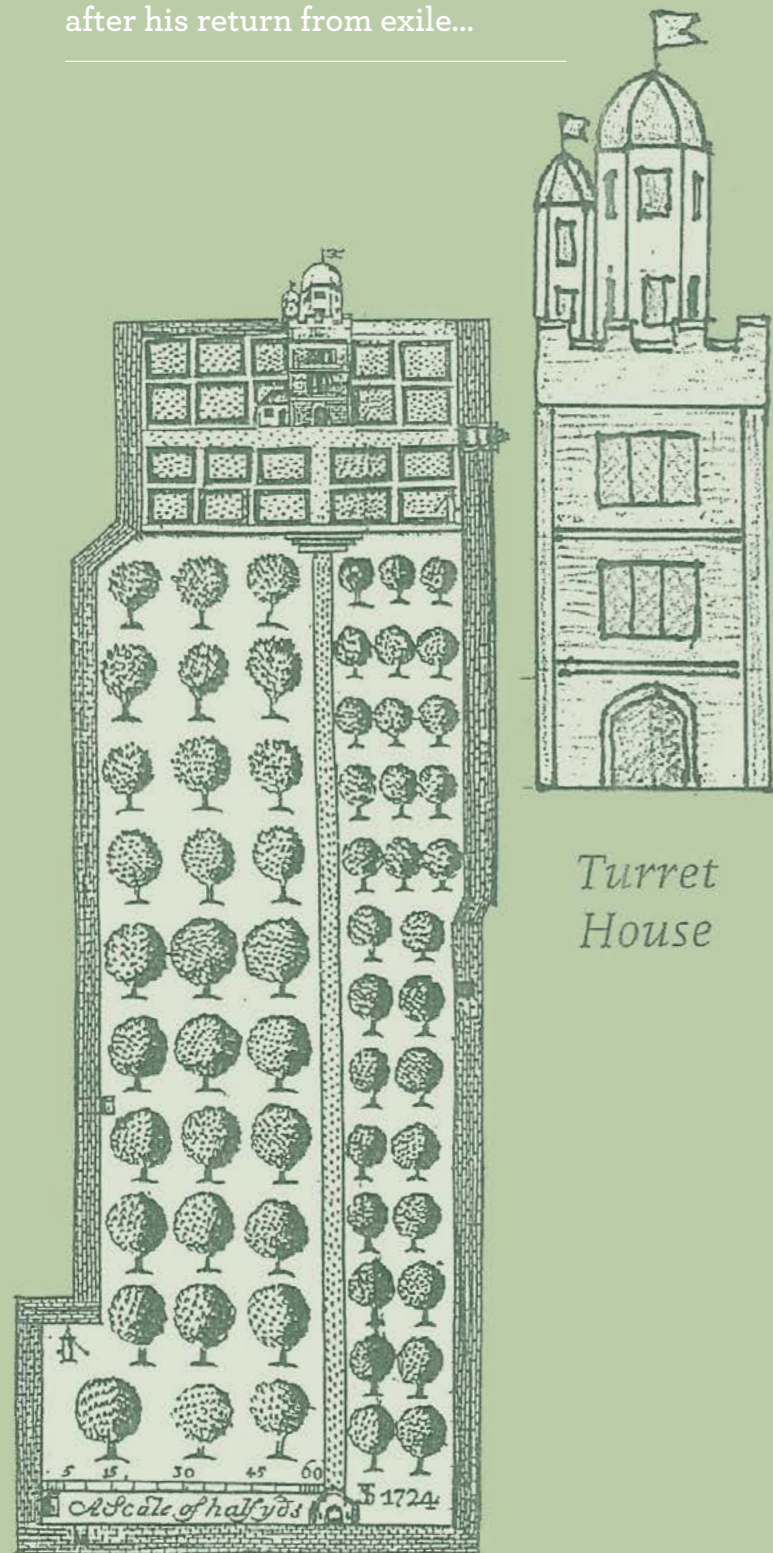


The sarcophagus

From The Archives

Connections, a musing...

This year, 2015, is the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo where Wellington defeated Napoleon after his return from exile...



Dean's Turret House, Wolsey's Cardinal College, Ipswich

Wellington's Artillery Corps at Waterloo was commanded by Old Ipswichian Colonel Sir George Adam Wood Kt

Old Ipswichian Major General Sir Charles Broke Vere, brother of the better-known Broke of the Shannon, was promoted to Quartermaster-General during the Battle of Waterloo...

Wellington is buried in St Paul's Cathedral...

Admiral Lord Nelson also defeated Napoleon at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805...

Nelson is also buried in St Paul's, either under or in a black marble sarcophagus originally designed for another Old Ipswichian, Cardinal Wolsey, almost 300 years earlier...

Nelson was High Steward of Ipswich...

In 1797 Nelson bought Roundwood House in Ipswich where his wife and his father lived (Nelson himself preferred to be elsewhere with Emma, Lady Hamilton)...

Ipswich School has a signed letter from Nelson to Ipswich solicitor and Old Ipswichian SA Notcutt (1), concerning the purchase of Roundwood...

Not far from Nelson in St Paul's, by the altar in the OBE Chapel, is a brass for artist and Old Ipswichian Sir Edward Poynter, President of the Royal Academy...

...and the three towers

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Poynter left us the only known drawing of the inside of the schoolhouse behind the Master's house in Lower Brook Street, used by Ipswich School from 1843-1852, when it moved to Henley Road...

Nelson's ship, HMS Victory, was designed by Sir Thomas Slade who worked in Ipswich for the Navy Board...

Slade and his wife are buried in St Clement's church by the docks in Ipswich...

St Clement's is a few minutes' walk from St Peter's church, another of a cluster of churches in the docks area...



Main entrance, Ipswich School today

St Peter's was appropriated by Wolsey in 1528 for use as the chapel of Cardinal College, the grand but shortlived new home he built for his former school in Ipswich...

As a child, Sir Christopher Wren often spent time with his aunt in Ipswich and would have seen the Dean's Turret House of Cardinal College, which, along with Wolsey's gate, was by that time all that was left of the school...

Christopher Wren also designed Tom Tower, the bell tower of Christchurch College, Oxford, added to the college in 1681-2...

Christchurch was once Cardinal College, also built by Cardinal Wolsey and linked to his Cardinal College school in Ipswich...

Tom Tower at Christchurch resembles the Dean's Turret House of Cardinal College, Ipswich...

The tower over the entrance of the present day Ipswich School resembles both Tom Tower and the Dean's Turret House...

The Dean's turret house was not demolished until the 1800s...

Christopher Fleury, architect of today's Ipswich School, opened in 1852, could have seen Tom Tower and would have seen both the Dean's Turret House...

Round and round and round...



Tom Tower, Christchurch College, Oxford

Club Events

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Ipswich Dinner Saturday 13th December 2014

Around 115 people attended the 2014 Ipswich Dinner, which was held in Great School after the OI Club AGM. The guest speaker was the Chairman of Governors and past OI Chairman, Karl Daniels. Karl regaled attendees with stories of his and President Trevor Woods' school days, including an impromptu performance from HMS Pinafore by the class of '53, accompanied by Andrew Leach on the piano! Charlotte Walters (2003-2010) then entertained all with a lovely rendition of one of the more famous soprano solos from HMS Pinafore.

It was another lovely evening, with friends catching up and sharing news over good food and the odd glass of wine.

Gigi from Year 13 reports "On Saturday 13th December, there was the annual Old Ipswichian Dinner. All the Heads of Houses, along with Head Girl and Head Boy were invited as guests. Upon arrival we were greeted by Mr Weaver who kindly bought us all drinks, which was great! Shortly after, we took our seats and enjoyed a delicious Christmas inspired three-course meal. Starting with pate and cranberries, followed by a roast dinner and then the traditional Christmas pudding. After dinner, the chairman of the OI Club, Guy Main, gave an introductory speech, followed by a few more speeches which were full of funny stories along with



remiscing of past events. A lot was mentioned about the fantastic new music school, and how a lot of OI funding had gone towards the creation of it. The dinner was closed by the introduction of Bob Clayton as the new OI President.

Overall the evening was full of laughter and fun, really enjoyable and memorable for all of us. On everyone's behalf I would like to thank Guy Main, Chairman, for the invite and Mr Weaver. As well as everyone there for making it such an enjoyable evening!"

Commemorative Painting commissioned by OI Club unveiled at Ipswich Dinner

A highly individual painting of Ipswich School was commissioned by the OI Club to celebrate its 125th Anniversary which was then unveiled and gifted to the school at the Ipswich dinner.

The painting was created by local artist Lorna Maxwell, author of the Amazing ABC Adventures. A limited number of Framed and Giclee prints are now available at £100 and £40 each respectively and may be purchased via Lindy Hacker (lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk) or 01473 298961.

The picture (see back cover) highlights as many aspects of the school as possible and a great deal of thought and preparation went into its production. To the centre of the picture all the main buildings including Westwood House, the pavilion, library, prep buildings (current and old), plus the house logos and more are represented.

The four most recent headmasters have portraits around the edges of the picture and in the main area there are illustrations of children participating in the many wonderful



sports and activities that Ipswich school has to offer. If you look carefully you may also spot a number of well-known school characters depicted amongst the pupils.

A timeless and fabulous piece which even includes the new girls uniform so suitable for current and old Ipswichians alike. Proceeds from the prints will go towards the OI Club's 125th Anniversary appeal helping to fund the new music school, sports equipment and bursaries. This is a fabulous painting and a great way for all to enjoy as a memory of life at Ipswich School.

All these events have been reported in either eNews or OI News. We hope that these photos bring back many memories.



1984 Leavers' 30th Reunion - 12th July 2013



AGM - 13th December 2014



London Dinner - 30th April 2014



Rugby 7s - 7th September 2014



Rugby 7s OI winners - The Hooters



OI golf Stowmarket - 13th March 2014

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Sports Festival - 5th April 2014



*President's Event Piano Recital
- 23rd November 2014*

Chapel Choir Reunion - 3rd July 2014



Remembrance Service - 9th November 2014



Cross Country V School - 1st March 2014



125th anniversary CCF dinner - 1st May 2014



Former Staff Reunion - 10th May 2014



OI's Golf Day - 15th May 2014



Former Staff Reunion - 10th May 2014



Nottingham Reunion - 21st March 2014



OI v School Cross Country - 1st March 2014

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Little School at Ipswich School at 6.30pm on Saturday 13th December 2014

In attendance:

Trevor Woods (President), Bob Clayton (Vice-President), Guy Main (Chairman), Sally Webber (Secretary), Steve Runnacles (Treasurer), Nicholas Weaver (Headmaster) and those signing the attendance register: Peter Rolph, Robin Shurety, Andrew Cockrill, Karl Daniels, Geoffrey Bell-Jones, Geoffrey Cook, Howard Clarke, John Felgate, Liz Pope, William Whitfield, Paul Wranek, Richard Hudson, Terry Cracknall, Tim Passmore, Chris Jeffery, John Ward, Tony Hubbard, Clive Batten, Derek Basker, Tony Catesby, Alan Cutting, Lindy Hacker, Richard Welbourne, James Davey, Ian Galbraith,

1.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from: Leigh Belcham, Nicolas Fisk, David Coe, Nick O'Loughlin

Members were welcomed to the AGM by the President, Trevor Woods, who handed over to the Chairman, Guy Main.

2.0 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record
Proposed by James Davey Seconded by Tim Passmore

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes

3.0 Chairman's report

Guy Main presented his Chairman's Report for 2014 as follows:

Mr President, Headmaster, fellow OIs, 2014 saw both the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the OI Club and the 125th Anniversary of Ipswich School's CCF, both of which had celebrations – more later

Fellowship: The Club remains about fellowship – staying in contact with OIs, building new friendships with other OIs, links with the school, running functions to enable OIs to meet and creating a framework to support OIs in their careers

Firm Foundations: The Club is built on firm foundations and has a strong heritage. There is an active core membership, which is growing, and a dedicated committee. We are also financially sound.

Membership: We are delighted to welcome New Members to the Club as follows:

From Year 13 – 80% (81/101) [89% 2013] [81% 2012]

From Year 11 – 76% (25/33 – 33 leavers) [84% 2013 – 45 leavers] [81% 2012]

About 1/3rd left at end year 11, last year ½ left at end year 11. We need to prepare for a sea change in thinking about how this affects our membership uptake, enthusiasm and finances.

In terms of school support, the Development Office has seen the departure of Graham Papenfus, who we will miss, and thank for his hard work. The office has been restructured to be the Foundation Office, with Peter Boughton at its head as Foundation Director. We look forward to working with him.

To get the level of work done we need to, I rely on a great committee, and Lindy and Moira Bryan at school. Many thanks to all of you for what you do for the Club.

Communications: Next year will see a slight change in publication dates, the OI News will come out in Mar/Apr and Sept/Oct, with the OI Journal being published in June/July. We believe this will make the productions of both easier and more time efficient. We will continue to publish an eNews up to 10 times a year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those on the Committee for all they do to make that happen, and, in particular, Leigh Belcham for all his support with this, and Clare Lock who edits the published communications.

Highlights of Events 2014

London dinner – held in the East India Club was well entertained by John Blatchly the guest Speaker who regaled us with the history of the Club. The newly renovated venue and great food saw OIs almost missing the last train home!

CCF dinner – The 125th CCF dinner was not an OI event but Committee members were very pleased to support it, and extend our thanks to Richard Welbourne for all he does with the Club.

London Drinks – We held two sets of London drinks, saw a 30th reunion in the summer, and those that left 20, 50 and 60 years ago had their reunions at the 125th celebration Gaudy in June.

125th Anniversary Gaudy – This was one of the biggest events the Club has put on for some time, and saw a sub group of your committee meeting often, and late into the night! We had a cricket match, and a lunch with 150 in the dining hall, the graduation of those leaving the school and becoming Club members, and the big band playing whilst people enjoyed the hog roast. The day saw over 400 OIs attend – I'd like to pay special thanks to Sally Webber, Clare Lock, James Davey, Lindy Hacker, Jack Devlin, Richard Hudson, Bob Clayton and the Headmaster, all of whose sense of humour and hard work made such an excellent day turn out the way it did.

October saw many OIs enjoy the School's Festival of music and the reception beforehand, and November was the Remembrance Service in Chapel and OI drinks in the dining hall afterwards

President's Event – Trevor Woods, as his President's Event, arranged a fantastic musical evening with Andrew Leach playing a recital on the School's Steinway, with the Club embracing the new fashion of 'small bites' as the food

provided afterwards – the fish and chips proved especially popular!

Sport: It has also been a busy year for the Club sports-wise with cross country, cricket (the school won!) rugby, golf, rounders, tennis and fives to come next week. The Sports Festival was held at the new facilities at Rushmere, (which will see its 'official' opening next year) and saw OIs competing in hockey, football and netball. Over 200 took part playing sport and they were ably supported by around 50 spectators who braved the weather. I pass our thanks onto the staff, without whom the event wouldn't have been possible.

Words of Thanks: We also thank departing committee members, Jamie Pinner, President, Trevor Woods and Jessica Davey, whose help with all the Club does is very much appreciated. Leigh Belcham also finishes his time helping with publications, his wise council will be much missed.

My thanks too, to the many people who help the Club. In the School, the Headmaster, many of his staff including Andrew Leach and Richard Welbourne, all of the Sports Department and the Development Office. And also thanks go to the Committee for their time and patience.

Conclusion: We are lucky as a Club that our link with the School is strong, and we are aiming for it to be stronger. Naturally, there can be conflict of interests but the overarching will to work together helps us navigate through them. 2014 saw us celebrate 125 years and we had a great party, we also continued to run our OI Club 125th Anniversary Appeal. Now, 2.5 years in, whilst aiming for £1 million, we've raised over £850k. The Committee will continue with this fund raising until the new music school building has been built. I think this demonstrates there should be no doubt in the Club's commitment to the school.

Proposed by John Ward and Seconded by Bob Clayton, the Chairman's Report was adopted.

4.0 Treasurer's report

Steve Runnacles circulated copies of the Annual Accounts for the year ended July 31st 2014, noting that these had been published on the Club's website for over two weeks prior to the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer reported that the Club's finances were in a healthy state, with a good surplus, but cautioned that the small trend of pupils leaving after Year 11 will have an impact on the Club's income.

Proposed by Guy Main and Seconded by Terry Cracknall, the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st July 2014 were received and approved.

5.0 Election of President for 2015

Proposed by Trevor Woods and Seconded by Ian Galbraith, Bob Clayton was elected President for 2015. This was approved by the AGM

6.0 Election of Vice President for 2015

The Committee had not managed to find a candidate for this post, and it was suggested that someone be co-opted by the Committee. After some discussion it was agreed by the meeting that the Committee would circulate a candidate's name via email to the Club Membership, and an electronic vote would subsequently take place in the New Year.

7.0 Election of Junior President for 2015

Proposed by Sally Webber and seconded by Tony Catesby, Liz Pope was elected Junior President for 2015. This was approved by the AGM

8.0 Election of Junior Vice President for 2015

Proposed by Ian Galbraith and seconded by Nick Weaver, George Finch was elected as Junior Vice President for 2015. This was approved by the AGM

9.0 Appointment of Officers

Proposed by Tim Passmore and seconded by Geoffrey Bell Jones. Sally Webber was elected as Secretary and Steve Runnacles as Treasurer. This was approved by the AGM

10.0 Election of New Committee Members

Proposed by Karl Daniels and seconded by Steve Runnacles, Martin Holland was elected as a Committee member for the three years 2015 to 2017.

Proposed by Sally Webber and seconded by Steve Runnacles, Chris Warnes was elected as a Committee member for the three years 2015 to 2017.

These were approved by the AGM

11.0 Approval of amendments to the Club Rules

The amendments to the Club Rules to allow for the recent changes in the Development Office (and as distributed at the meeting in an accompanying four page document) were proposed by the Committee and Seconded by Steve Runnacles. This was approved by the AGM

All business being concluded the meeting closed at 7.00pm

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Old Ipswichian Club *Accounts*

Income & Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st July 2014

	2014	2013
Income		
Subscriptions Received:	27,262	28,062
Interest on Investments and other income	107	45
Advertising Income		
Total Income	<u>27,369</u>	<u>28,107</u>
Less Expenditure		
<i>Social Expenditure</i>		
Friday Night Socials and reunions	8,651	5,984
President's Event	1,500	1,500
Subsidies for Ipswich, London & Regional Dinners	706	2,537
	<u>10,857</u>	<u>10,021</u>
<i>Other Expenditure</i>		
Postage	-	-
Miscellaneous Expenditure & Admin support costs	1,065	2,400
Website expenditure	2,000	2,000
Chairman's Honorarium	800	800
Additional Colour Printing Costs for magazine	3,200	3,200
Purchase and engraving of Trophies	320	320
Total Expenditure	<u>18,242</u>	<u>18,741</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for Period	<u>£9,127</u>	<u>£9,366</u>

Balance Sheet

AS AT 31st JULY 2014

ASSETS

	31/07/2014	31/07/2013
Bank and Building Society Accounts	81,502	69,404
Books	279	814
	<u>81,781</u>	<u>70,218</u>
Less CREDITORS	<u>21,729</u>	<u>19,293</u>
	<u>£60,052</u>	<u>£50,925</u>
ACCUMULATED RESERVES		
Brought Forward	50,925	41,559
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for Period	9,127	9,366
	<u>£60,052</u>	<u>£50,925</u>

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- The King's Singers
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- Family Concert
Sun 4 Oct, 2.00pm
featuring film and TV themes and Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood
- Royal College of Music Strings
Tues 6 Oct, 7.30pm

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