



Old Ipswichian Journal

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Akpan Benjamin	Forouhar Delshad	Powell Owain
Akpan Theodora	Garwood Abbey	Prout Oliver
Allen Georgia	Glading Ross	Regan Benjamin
Archer Donnie	Gozzett Hope	Rendell Benjamin
Ayeche Saskia	Grogan Alice	Rix-Perez Sara
Ayling Craig	Grover Maurice	Robb Charles
Barry Sophia	Heelas Edward	Rudner Tomasz
Bartleet Arthur	Ho Nok Yin	Sacker Alice
Blake Jessica	Holloway Daniel	Sage Jonathan
Bolton Amy	Howlett Jerome	Sarson Elena
Bolton Oliver	Howlett Luke	Sharma Nikhil
Bond Oscar	Hudson Max	Shek Ho Yin
Britnell Benjamin	Johnston-Wood William	Shephard Charles
Brown William	Kaye Matthew	Sherriff Fraser
Burston Matthew	Kite Aled	Skinner Peter
Chancellor Inigo	Kuan Chin Wang	Smith Samuel
Chapman Oliver	Lamb Eleanor	Stanton Philippa
Chittick Neville	Low Lishan	Stevens Theo
Chung Siu Wang	Lui Tze Yu	Sun Jing Wen
Clough William	MacMillian Oliver	Tacchi Tallulah
Coe Sophie	Main Emma	Tam Ka Yue
Collinson Katie	Marr Sally	Townsend Francesca
Cotterell William	Marshall Tomas	Tsui Tsz Wun
Crowe Charlotte	McAllister Thomas	Warner Isobel
Cura Robyn	McManus Drew	Watson Gabriel
Cuthbert Jessica	Mercer Edward	West Nicholas
Dade Megan	Mortimer Hugo	White-Thomson Luke
Davidson Alastair	Nechytaylo Olga	Willemsen Marianne
Doig Robert	Nolan Richard	Williams Amelia
Driver Maddison	Noske Alexander	Winthrop Anna
Dunning Eleanor	Pardoe Edward	Wright Sophie
Everett-Beecham Rupert	Parry James	Yeap Joo Yun
Evers Zoe	Patrick Alexander	Kuan Chin Wang

Year 11

Blackmore Charles	Gorevan Georgina
Carter Eloise	Hewitt Ruby
Chhabra Rishi	Lewis Jame
Christopher Alfred	Majeed Usman
Crowe George	Morgan Eleanor
Cura Callum	Payne Thomas
Doig James	Possnett Frederic
Dye Isobel	Potter Samuel
Evans George	Prime Olivia
Fawcett James	Ranson Charlie
	Ruffell Matilda
	Rymell Joshua

Shelley Daniel
Sherry Samuel
Smith Finley
Stanton Angus
Walker Phoebe
Ward Ella
Whittle Catherine
Wilkins Henry
Williams Joshua Robert
Williams Joshua Rhys
Yeung Chin Hei

Associate Members

Year 13

Aggett Grace
Baker Joanna
Camilleri Sarah
Godbold Ralph
Goodall Lucy
Hughes Edward
Joralemon Amit
Mason Dominic
Moss Alexander
Ng Wig Gu
O’Riordan Daniel
Shaw Tabitha
Smith Eliot

Taylor-Jones Samuel
Townshend Sasha
Watkinson Jack

Year 12

Li Wang Ho
Vosvenieks William

Year 11

Cadman David
Higgins Ben
Shepherd Freya Theresa



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Life Members 2018

Year 13	Gibson Marcus	Oats Matilda
	Gillott Maximillian	Offord Lucie
Aulsebrook Freya	Gittins Alice	Oliver-Beckett Imogen
Ayling Karl	Goldthorpe Isabelle	Oyeleke Soliu
Bagnall William	Goodwyn James	Parry Robert
Baldwin Charlotte	Head Elizabeth	Patrick Rachael
Barlow Isabella	Henderson Abigail	Penn Lucy
Barrett Thomas	Hills Henry	Pickering Sophie
Bishop Jacob	House Francesca	Pope Charles
Boore Emily	Howarth James	Prime Sorch
Breheny Jonathan	Huang Dong	Reeves-Croft Eleanor
Brierly Joseph	Hudson Isabella	Rogers Harrison
Brown Alastair	Hughes Daniel	Sacker Mary
Burke Noah	Hunnable Zara	Sahadew Ayesha
Carrington Finn	Hunt George	Saleh Ajmain
Cattermole Eleanor	Kagimu Baker	Shaikly Timothy
Clague Charlotte	Karim Abdullah	Shen Xinyu
Cole Harrison	Kaye Michael	Springall James
Cooper Nathan	Kwok Man	Stacey William
Cox Barnaby	Lawrence Alfred	Sze Cheuk
Cracknell Gabrielle	Lee Yi	Tam Lok
Davies Georgia	Livingstone Caitlin	Tarrant George
Dereve Emma	Lloyd Edward	Taylor Alexander
Dumas Isobel	Lockyer Simon	Taylor Christopher
Duncombe Oliver	Lopes Mariana	Taylor Oscar
Dunning Olivia	Lyle Olivia	Taylor Philippa
Ellis David	Mackenzie Peter	Tsang David
Evans Francesca	Mann Amy	Vinacur Juan
Everitt Michael	Marlow Angus	Wiles Victoria
Francis William	McConnell Jordan	Wagland Magdalen
French Nathanael	Meah Ajharal	Wallace Emily
Friar Sophie	Menzies Orla	Warner James
Furmston Isobel	Millar Katrina	Wijnberg Christopher
Geelmuyden Rosie	Mo Lana	Wootton Ellie
Gemmel Daisy	O'Reilly Caitlin	Xie Yaoxian

Year 11	Drain Molly	Kwatra Zoe
	Edwards Tegan	Larkin Olivia
Bishop Samuel	Elgar Giorgio	Lewis Imogen
Bland Cara	Gibson Natasha	Lucas Felix
Bridgeman Amelia	Harden James	Mahoney Amelia
Bryant Harry	Henderson Alexander	Nikoloudakis Alexandros
Bunyan James	Hussein Yusef	Pescott Frost Alice
Clifford Joseph	Jacobs Charles	Taylor-Jones Isobel
Cox Jemima	Levick John	Washington Gabriel
Delgaty Gemma	Kwan Chu Hong	

Associate Members

Year 13	Year 12
Dhar Aditya	Allegranti Alice
Fan Lok-Yui Jenna	Mohsen Mohammed
Frettingham George	
Giles Oliver	Year 11
Nelson Rebecca Ann	
O'Toole Harriet	Bezzina Jaylyn
Rhind Joshua	Creed Charles
Skorobogatko Yurii	Gibbs Lara
Smyth Michael	McCormack Matthew
Stogdon Matilda	Tomlinson Alexandra
Williams Harry	

January		
Sat 4th & Sun 5th	OI Fives Graves Cup and Dinner	TBC
Thu 16th	OI Committee Meeting	School Pavilion

February		
TBC	OI Drinks in the City	Great/Little School

March		
TBC	Wine Tasting Event	School Pavilion
Thu 5th	OI Committee Meeting	School Pavilion
Sat 7th	OI v School Cross Country	Fynn Valley
TBC	OI Golf: Stowmarket	

May		
Fri 1st	School Spring Concert	Snape Maltings Concert Hall
TBC	OI London Dinner	
Sat 23rd	Reunion - available	School Pavilion
Sat 30th	Reunion - available	School Pavilion

June		
Sat 6th	Reunion - available	School Pavilion
Thu 12th	OI Committee Meeting	School Pavilion
Sat 14th	OI Summer Lunch	School Dining Halls
TBC	OI Golf: Sheringham	Woodbridge Golf Club
Sat 14th	OI v School Cricket Match	Ipswich School
Sat 20th	Class of 1990 and 1995 Reunion	School Pavilion
Sat 27th	Friends of Ipswich School Summer Ball	The Marquee, School Field
Sun 28th	School Summer Soiree	The Marquee, School Field

July		
Fri 3rd	School Speech Day 2020 & Leavers Chapel Service & Reception	Marquee, School Field, Chapel & Marquee
Fri 24th	Class of 1967-69 Reunion	School Pavilion
Sat 16th	OI Summer Lunch	School Dining Hall

August		
TBC	Drinks in the City	TBC

September		
Thu 17th	OI Committee Meeting	School Pavilion

October		
TBC	Ipswich School Festival of Music	Great School, Ipswich School, Ivy Street
TBC	OI President's Event	TBC

November		
Thu 5th	OI Committee AGM	School Pavilion
Sun 8th	School and Club Remembrance Service	Chapel & New Dining Hall
Fri 13th	Gin Tasting	Pavilion
TBC	Drinks in the City	TBC

December		
Thu 3rd	OI Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Fri 18th	"First Five Years Out" Reunion	Revolution Ipswich
Sat 19th	OI AGM & Ipswich Dinner	Great & Little Schools

Details of the above events can also be found on the Old Ipswichian Website: www.ipswich.school/old-ipswichians/ or contact oievents@ipswich.school. In addition to these events the Club should be delighted to help in the setting up and running of milestone anniversary reunions such as 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th and 40th and will provide a small budget. If you would like to talk about this in general or specifically, please contact us through oievents@ipswich.school or telephone (01473) 408324.

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To retire end 2021
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Nicholas Weaver

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James Mansfield

Development Director
Nikki Brown

**Tim Passmore***(OI 1966 - 77)*

It is, of course, a great honour to be elected as the President of The Old Ipswichian Club for 2018. I succeeded John Graham at the end of last year and thanks are due to all he did during his term of office and for his great sense of humour and support for our club.

My school career started in 1966 in the prep in form D1, with Mrs Howard as our form teacher and the headmaster was “Sooty” Gleave. I was a member of Holden House following in the footsteps of my two older brothers Mark and Richard.

Overall it was a happy time for me and continues to have a profound and positive influence on my life in many areas. For me, education should not simply focus on academic results important as they are. It has to include extra curricular activities in order for each individual to try and fulfil their potential in whatever guise that might be.

I was always encouraged at home and by the staff to take part in as many activities as possible during the whole of my school career – I had a very enjoyable time as captain of rugby and cross country as well as my time in the school scout troop, coupled with a vast array of musical activities.

A memorable highlight was being Mr Toad in the Mermaid Society’s production of AA Milne’s play Toad of Toad Hall, based on that classic novel The Wind in The Willows. The green face paint took an age to remove!

“For many people it’s only some years after we have completed our school career that we realise how crucial that good all round education is. I firmly believe those who attended Ipswich School really should consider themselves to be fortunate to have had that opportunity when they were children.”

In my current role as Suffolk’s Police and Crime Commissioner, it’s become crystal clear to me how strong the correlation is between higher levels of deprivation and poor educational standards, and raised levels of crime and anti social

behaviour. I have for many years recalled a comment from a very close friend of mine whilst at university that whatever happens in life no government can take away the advantages of a good education from your children – that has to be one of the most important responsibilities of parenthood.

Our club is continuing to look at every possibility to enhance its support for the school and to increase access for those children from more challenging backgrounds and I trust all members will do whatever they can to assist with this particularly worthy cause.

The year has passed remarkably quickly and the social and formal events have been hugely enjoyable and finally I must thank the Headmaster, the Committee and the Development Office for their support and assistance. Without them The Old Ipswichian Club would not be the great success it is. The club is in very good heart and has a great future ahead of it.

–Tim Passmore
OI Club President 2018

**Sally Webber***(OI 1993 - 95)*

Welcome to a bumper Old Ipswichian Journal!

2018 has been a reflective one for your Alumni Association as we, like many organisations, have marked the anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The Club has worked closely with the school to ensure all OIs who paid the ultimate price on behalf of their country were remembered accordingly, and those members of the Club and the School are now commemorated by a joint plaque in the Chapel at Ypres.

A Peace Garden, paid for by the Club, is now in situ next to the School Chapel, and it was from here that the dove art installation took flight, through the Chapel window. Each pupil was invited to write a name on a dove, to pay tribute to someone who had fought or died in the war. The doves flew from the Peace Garden seemingly through the School Chapel window and continued inside towards the school’s Great War memorial and beyond. This year the annual Remembrance Service in Chapel was replaced by the town’s memorial event in Christchurch Park, where over 10,000 people attended. The Club was delighted to help support this initiative with a contribution of £5,000.

We plan to continue the theme of commemoration with our new digitisation project. Gradually we will turn all the archive of OI Journals into digital files that will be able to be viewed on the OI website. It seems fitting that we will start this work with those published around the two World Wars.

As well as paying respect to the past, this year the OI Committee has been looking to the future. A degree of saving over the last few years has enabled us to gift the school £50,000 to go to the new bursary fund ‘Founding Futures’. All of us are united by an Ipswich School education; and we share the Headmaster’s view that this should be available to all, regardless of financial background. We are so pleased to be one of the first to contribute to ‘The Dog and Dragon’ becoming needs blind, and hope you are too. Read more about this initiative later in The Journal.

2017/18 has seen a range of events; from fiercely contested cross country and golf matches, to CCF Dinners; from Reunions and Drinks in the City, to our annual ‘set pieces’ of the Ipswich and London Dinners.

OIs joined with current staff and pupils to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the CCF. We were also joined by ex CCF Officers and staff members representing the three services. Major Paul Hamlet

represented the Army, Lt John Nicholson (Navy) and Flying Officer Gareth Jones (RAF). In addition the guest speaker was Lt Col Bob Clayton, the longest serving Contingent Commander in the history of the CCF. He served for a total of 23 years and was awarded a meritorious award by the Lord Lieutenant in 2012 to recognise his commitment and service to the Contingent.

The London and Ipswich Dinners also drew many OIs to catch up with friends, meet new ones and hear two excellent speakers. We are very fortunate that Old Ipswichians are an interesting bunch. My thanks to John Ward and to James Mansfield who deliver these two events on behalf of the Committee, and if you’ve never been to one, you should! They are an excellent way to spend an evening.

Drinks in the City, other sports events, and impromptu gatherings of OIs also took place, as well as two fantastic Presidents Events in Christchurch Mansion and at the Theatre in the Forest. The numbers attending are up, which is hugely encouraging.

Looking ahead, plans for next year are taking shape. Key events in the OI calendar will continue, but perhaps with some refinements, and ideas are developing for some new initiatives. 2019 has been another good year for the Club and its members.

I hope you enjoy this years publication, put together by the wonderful Clare Lock. As always, if you feel there is something your club should be doing, please do get in touch.

Your committee works hard; I am extremely grateful and thankful to all of them for the work they do on behalf of the Club, and for the time and energy they give.

I finish this year as Club Chairman, after 7 years on the Committee. Whilst there has been times that are more difficult than others, the chance to be closely involved with a school I love has been hugely rewarding. The people who volunteer their time to make things happen are wonderful company, and the Club would not work without them. As I look back, I am pleased the Club is in such fine heart, and has such a close and supportive relationship with the School. They are both fine institutions, and ones that I am very proud of.

– Sally Webber
OI Club Chairman 2018

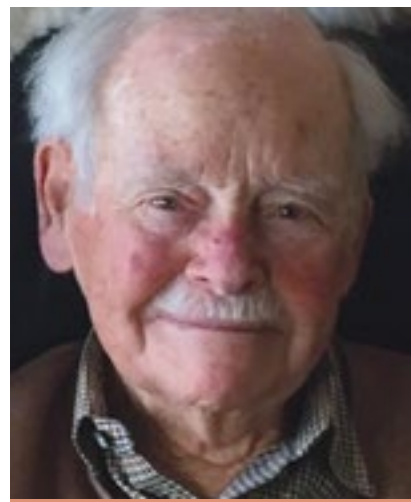
OI Veterans of World War 2

687 OIs served in the Forces during WW2. Some were barely 18 at the end of the war and others had already served in the WW1 but accepted the call to arms again. Most were volunteers and did their duty without question. 63 were killed, 43 were prisoners of war and 121 received decorations. Upon returning home, they simply got on with their lives and most spoke little of their experiences, even to their families.

Post war Britain soon discovered that winning a war did not necessarily lead to peace and prosperity. Wartime experiences became something of a taboo subject, reserved for Remembrance Sunday and obituaries. 2019 will be the 80th anniversary of the start of the War and the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Some of our OIs still survive and here are extracts from the stories of four Veterans.

Bernard Frank Bailey

He was born on 2 October 1923 and attended the school between 1934 and 1939. His older brothers George and Raymond also attended the school and served. His brother Raymond enlisted with the Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve in 1938 and became an



Air Navigator. He flew in Blenheim bombers and was shot down and killed over Bremen in 1941. He was awarded a posthumous Distinguished Flying Cross.

Bernard also enlisted in the Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve and became a Flight Sergeant, training as a Navigator Operations Officer in Canada. He joined RAF Squadron 159 and was based in the Far East and India where he flew consolidated B24 Liberator Bombers from 1944 to 1945. Whilst on a bombing raid over Bangkok in a Liberator, the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The automatic pilot jammed, the navigator's compartment was smashed and the navigator was seriously wounded. The pilot pulled safely out of a dive whilst Bernard fought unsuccessfully to save the navigator's life. Using only a chart and ruler as those were the only navigation tools left, he then guided the pilot over 1,000 miles back to base where they landed within a minute and a half of their estimated time after a 13 hour mission. Bernard was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal in 1944.

He emigrated to Canada in 1948 and married Michelle in 1951. They have three children Anthony Christine and Jacqueline. Bernard worked in the cement industry for many years before retiring. He now lives happily in retirement in Vancouver, aged 94.

Colin Leslie Harrison

He was born on 20 November 1923 and attended the school from 1934 - 1942 and was enlisted at the age of 18. He joined the Royal Artillery and undertook officer training at University College Newcastle. Phillip Pells, also an OI, was on the course with him and was subsequently killed whilst serving with the 3rd Battalion Royal Tank

Regiment shortly after D-Day. After being commissioned Colin was posted to the 50th Division Royal Artillery which was part of the 50th Northumbrian Division, stationed in Cambridge. At the end of June 1944, he boarded a Liberty ship and crossed the Channel to France. He



joined 323 Battery 81st Field Regiment Royal Artillery in the 53rd Welsh Division. He was continually in action until the end of August and played a part enforcing the Germany retreat over the river Seine. Whilst in Belgium, he witnessed the planes and gliders overhead on their way to Arnhem in Operation Market Garden. His Battery then drove through Holland and took part in the Battles of the Bulge and Reichswald between December 1944 and March 1945. He crossed the Rhine and visited Belsen Concentration Camp shortly after its liberation. His final destination before the war ceased was Hamburg.

He then served as part of the Army of Occupation and decided to apply for an organisation which called itself "Interpreters Pool" in Brussels. He had learnt German at school but ever since he had entered Holland, he had improved his skills. He applied and was accepted after having passed a written test. A week later he was presented with a 5cwt van and a morose driver and told to report to the War Crimes Investigation in Bad Oeynhausen, a spa town in Germany where the British Army of the Rhine H.Q. was located. Between September 1945 and September 1947 he served with the War Crimes Investigation. Whilst serving in this role, he ran for the British Army of the Rhine against a Dutch team and, in the Summer of 1947 at Hanover, against the visiting Oxford University Team. He ran in the 800 metres, the race being won by Roger Bannister. During his two years in the War Crimes Investigation Unit he was promoted to Captain and travelled extensively throughout Europe dealing with some of the results of the worst crimes imaginable.

He was demobbed on the 3 December 1947 and then went to Selwyn College Cambridge where he studied geography. After graduating, he became a school teacher and taught in both the public and private sectors. Since his retirement, now aged 94, he has lived in Northampton with his second wife Rosemary, his first wife and the mother of his two children having died in 1972.

In July 2018 Colin was awarded the Legion d'Honneur for his contribution to the Liberation of France in 1944. Sadly he died during the same month but not before he was made aware of the award, although there was no opportunity for it to be formally presented to him.

Raymond John Powter

John was born on the 20 January 1923 and attended the school between 1932 and 1939, having been a member of Brook House. He studied at the Technical College in Norwich and obtained an external London University degree in Civil Engineering and a Mechanical Engineering qualification. He was accepted for Articles with Norwich County Council. He enlisted with the Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve Technical Branch and was a War Substantive Flying Officer. Following the

Normandy Landings, he was engaged in Western Europe in repairing surrendered airport run-ways so as to keep them in



action as the front line moved forwards. He served from Orleans in France to Holland and then North Germany.

After VE day, he received a posting to the Philippines and embarked on a converted cruise ship, the Mauretania. Following the surrender of Japan, he was then redirected to Singapore after its recapture, once again engaged in airfield repair and runway extensions and upgrades, to accommodate post war planes. Whilst in Malaya, he was privileged to have met Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

Following his release, he joined Consulting Engineers Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick & Partners and was sent to Nyasaland (now Malawi) in 1955. He remained there for 5 years before returning to England and was then involved in engineering the prestigious motorway section past Shap Fell. He stayed with the same firm, becoming an Associate Partner concerned with projects in Malaysia, the Middle East, West Indies and Africa. Now 95, he spends his days quietly in Hampshire with Pamela, his wife of 69 years, and his family. (Sadly, Raymond passed away in September 2019, just before this publication went to print.)

John Stuart Wootton

John was born on the 24 February 1927 and attended school between 1937 and 1945. He was a member of Sherrington House and a school prefect. By 1944, he had reached the age of 17 and 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. His

Language Master, Mr King, encouraged him to volunteer as, if one did so before the age of 17½, one could choose which service was entered. He had always preferred the Navy and so he chose that service. He attended the War Ministry in London and was passed as suitable to learn the language at the start of his naval service. He went through the usual enlistment procedures and was then sent to the School of Oriental and African Studies to learn Japanese. Training was robust but he completed the course and was duly commissioned as a Midshipman and sent to the Far East to British Naval Intelligence. He went to Malaya to assist in the screening of Japanese military men who had surrendered on the Islands of Java Sumatra and Borneo. They were screened to see if any of them were on the War Crimes List. Some were then handed on but the rest duly shipped back to Japan. He finally attended Changi Jail to compile service



records of the prisoners who were either awaiting trial or serving sentences or (in a very few cases) awaiting execution.

After his return to the United Kingdom he studied at the London School of Economics and then returned home to take over the family business which he ran until his own retirement. He became Captain of Suffolk County Tennis Team and Suffolk County Tennis Champion.

As some of you will know, the writer is in the process of researching the war experiences of all those who served. Some of those who read this will certainly have had fathers or grandfathers or other relatives who were involved and who may have left photographs, documentation, service medals and stories. If readers do have any information, please contact me by email on alanwyatt1@btinternet.com or telephone 01376 551034.

The Pleasures and Rewards of Bath-time Reading

An update on Stuart Grimwade's 2017 OIJ Article on the Value of Old Photographs.



Carters outside Thomas Mortimer's Warehouses on Neptune Quay, photographed by Henry Walters in 1895.

It is possible that one or two readers might recall my article in the last OIJ about the Ipswich Maritime Trust's Image Archive. My apologies, therefore, to those few for the odd repetition in this update.

In my article I described how the Trust, of which I've now been a director for more retirement years than I care to recall, has amassed and digitally restored over 3000 historic images of the Ipswich River and its dock for our Image Archive. With over half the Archive now available to view on our website www.ipswichmaritimetrust.org.uk it is perhaps not so surprising that more images continue to be offered to us, and that there is growing use of the archive from all over the world. My article ended with a plea for OI's to become involved. I'm pleased to report a good response!

One such person was Nigel Farthing OI who contacted me, he claims, after reading

the Journal article one day in his bath - surely one of the pleasures of receiving a traditional paper version of the Journal rather than reading it electronically?! Nigel described how, as a senior partner of Birketts, he had responsibility for sourcing artwork for Birketts new offices, then under construction in Princes Street. Birketts was founded in 1863, and had occupied its Museum Street offices since 1873, and Nigel considered that the extraordinarily long and successful maritime history of the town would make an ideal theme for his purposes.

This serendipity led to a number of fruitful discussions between us to find the right images to fit the right hanging spaces available in the new offices. He

was particularly struck by an image of the Ipswich Custom House dated 1846, one of the earliest surviving photographs in the world, captured by an ancestor of another OI Nick Wiggan. Seeing this image of the Custom House prompted thought about how the town has changed since Victorian times, and whether this could be captured using both historic and contemporary photographs. Local photographer Roger Barcham, of BMSimaging Ltd, was commissioned to provide the contemporary images taken from the same vantage points, and the outcome is that the old and new are now displayed in a conference suite in Birketts' new offices.

The Trust is delighted to have had this opportunity to present this important aspect of the commercial life of the town, trading from the same waterfront and street pattern since the seventh century - no other town in England, or indeed Europe, can claim such a continuous history. For his part, Nigel considers that the project has been a great success and has prompted much interest.

The conference room images may be seen in this recent picture taken just before the official opening of the new Offices, together with two views of the waterfront taken from exactly the same point in front of today's University of Suffolk looking west along Neptune Quay in 1895 and 2018 respectively.

Yet another call on the Archive came from the Short-sea Director of Associated British Ports (ABP to you and me), Andrew Harston who requested some images to go in a time capsule that he was intending to bury at the top of the newly refurbished Old Custom House tower. We duly responded with the early image of the building that I described in my previous article that has found fame as a direct print from one of the most important surviving photographic wax paper negatives. Along with that we included what is thought to be the earliest known image of the river at Pin Mill. This in turn recently led to another time capsule burial under the new Hold building currently nearing completion beside the University of Suffolk on the Waterfront. This new building will not only be home to the County's Archive, but also to the John Blatchly Memorial Library.

In my previous article I talked of John's love of explaining the town's unique history through his talks, his books, and other published writing. Were he still with us today, John would no doubt be reminding us of the remarkable gift that Wolsey himself probably arranged whereby Henry VIII granted ownership of the bed of the River Orwell to the townspeople of Ipswich exactly 500 years ago in March 1519. Legal challenges have since shown that this



Today, the same curved quay remains a busy public thoroughfare, now fronted by residential apartments, facing yachts and motor cruisers moored on the Neptune Marina pontoons.

unique arrangement still stands, and is surely something to celebrate, as all other similar British waterways remain in the ownership of the Crown. John was quick to realise and appreciate the value of our Image Archive as a means of presenting the town's Victorian heritage, and it is most rewarding to see how this has given us growing publicity.

“The BBC became sufficiently interested to use the Archive to show the unique work of our Victorian entrepreneurs in the building of our Wet Dock.”

Explaining all on camera to Michael Portillo for one of his series of 'Great Railway Journey' programmes recently was a daunting but most rewarding experience. For this filming, I was most grateful to Fraser Yates OI who kindly provided the services of his historic vessel 'Fenland', the oldest originally diesel tug that he keeps in the dock.

The apparent world-wide audience for the Portillo programme has in turn resulted in emails coming in from almost every

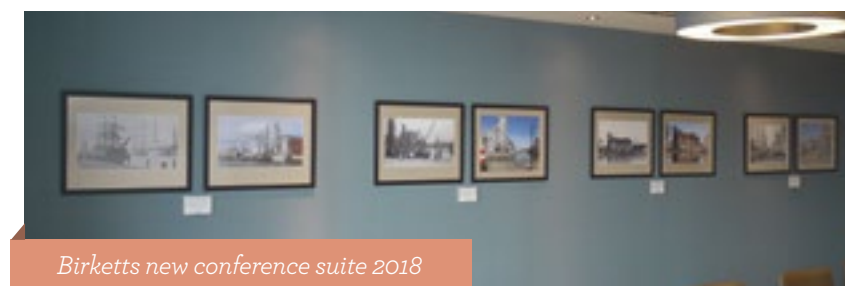
continent offering me dusty old images recently found in attics, perhaps taken as mementos of their home town by ancestors emigrating to far-flung countries in the heady days of Empire.

Out of the blue I also received a most welcome email from my old sixth form geography master John Weeks from 1961-2. Amazingly after almost 60 years, he'd still recognised me on TV, and we exchanged a series of messages enabling me to tell him of my fond memories of his fresh new teaching style as a young Cambridge graduate that involved him dispensing with our surnames, and abandoning the Sherwood Block classrooms in favour of coffee and informal chat in his room at the top of the tower, housing I recall the largest collection of one inch to the mile OS Maps I'd ever seen!

As a result, my life as a sixth-former was transformed into a time I shall always enjoy recalling. I gathered from John, however, that there were those in the staff room at the time who found such informal teaching methods very far from 'proper'. The times they were 'a-changing'!

I must finish on a sad but grateful note, recalling the huge contribution of Leonard Woolf OI, who died in recent months having willed to the Trust his life's huge collection of postcard images of the dock and the Ipswich River. A priceless and unique collection that still forms the basis of our Archive.

- Stuart Grimwade
(OI 1950 - 62)



Birketts new conference suite 2018

In the Stream - Living our Dream: Part 2

With our cruising plan sorted for 2016, Bugsworth Basin was the priority, we headed North and our first excursion was on the Caldon Canal out of urban Stoke through the beautiful Churnet Valley of the Staffordshire Moorlands. It was a delight and back through Stoke and the 3000 yard Harecastle Tunnel we headed off on the Macclesfield Canal towards Bugsworth.

Another delightful canal with lovely views, however we were aware there was a breach on it, which should have been sorted by the time we arrived. At the top of Bosley Locks, a joy to go through, we were told the breach wouldn't be fixed for another two weeks and there was a jam of boats ahead already moored up. Notwithstanding the views, two weeks was too long to wait and we headed back the way we came.

We would now continue North and access the Peak Forest Canal from the Manchester end, Bugsworth here we come. As we passed another wonder of the system, the Anderton Boat Lift, I tried to get Linda to take a diversion down it onto the Weaver Navigation. The lady was not for turning.

Something surreal then took us over, we got tunnel madness, or was senility kicking in. Through three of the windiest

tunnels on the network controlled by traffic lights and on the Bridgewater Canal heading to Manchester. At the beautiful Dunham Massey Hall Linda decided she was lock tired and didn't fancy the trip through Manchester. How about we take the boat lift down onto the Weaver after all. Caught like a good 'un, I agreed and back we went and had a wonderful two weeks. "How about Liverpool" I said, so back North and through those tunnels. Then I got cold feet and we turned back South through those tunnels. Our nightmare had ended but what about Bugsworth Basin?

Our cruising plan shattered, we again headed for Stourport and arrived there in early August before heading down the Severn again to Gloucester. Gloucester Docks were a joy and we were in the heart of the city for a couple of days before heading down what became

our favourite canal. The wide, no locks, manned swing bridges, Gloucester and Sharpness running alongside the Severn. The glorious village of Frampton with its festival on the longest village green in England, the birds at Slimbridge, the wrecks of Purton (no we didn't join them), and at the end the docks at Sharpness. "Docks at Sharpness" you cry "a good place" you ask, well yes, the superb moorings just short of the town gave you brilliant views over the Severn and the Dockers Club is famed for its hospitality, huge £10 mixed grills and cheap beer, what more could you ask.

"After a superb three weeks we returned for two more days in Gloucester before heading back up the boring Severn to Tewkesbury and the glorious River Avon."



Caldon Canal meets Churnet Valley Railway

If there was ever two rivers which are chalk and cheese these, are they. The Avon was picturesque with lovely moorings and beautiful towns. Tewkesbury, Evesham, Pershore and at the end Stratford Upon Avon. We had a couple of days moored on the river opposite the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and then in the basin in the heart of the town. We had become a tourist attraction and it was quite fun counting the Asian tourists who got onto our boat to take pictures of her.

By this time September had rolled into October and we decided to head up to Spaghetti Junction via the Grand Union, a part of the midlands system we hadn't been on before. It was one canal we can say we won't miss, it was unkempt, and I hate to think what was in the black bags I was cutting off the propeller at Camp Hill Locks. Then it was a slow meander along the Birmingham and Fazeley and Trent and Mersey back to the marina.

"During November and December, we had a hard decision to make.... would we stop after two years or prolong our adventure? In the end everything was telling us to finish as we had planned."

Did we enjoy our time on the canals? You bet we did and if you have thought about it, DO IT. We had hired before, but



Ireland's in Gloucester Docks

this is different, you are in total control (well almost), of your own destiny.

We had hardly any problems with the boat and we decided at the end of the two years she had been our guardian angel and had certainly been in charge. When we purchased her she had twelve plaques of canal places of interest. After eighteen months we had been to them all. Spooky or what!

We became surprisingly proficient very quickly with hardly any mishaps and the people and places you see are terrific. Despite all you hear, most hirers are good, the people who have been on the canal with tired looking boats are brilliant and

always ready to help. The only people you have problems with are the newbies. You can spot them a mile off, expensive boats, expensive clothes, didn't know canals existed until they saw Tim and Pru on TV, and dashing round the system at ridiculous speeds so they can say they have done the whole network in three years. Beware if you are moored when they go past.

In conclusion a great time was had by all, we sold the boat for more than we purchased her for and after all that WE NEVER DID GET TO BUGSWORTH BASIN!!

- Terry Dadds
(OI 1969 -74)



View from the Royal Shakespeare

Remembrance Doves commemorate Great War centenary

An art installation of doves flying across the front of the school on Henley Road and through the Chapel was the centrepiece of Ipswich School's commemorations marking the centenary of the end of the Great War in November 2018.



The Memorial Doves installation in the School chapel

The ceramic doves, almost 800 of them, were handcrafted by the Art Department. Each Senior School pupil was invited to write a name on a dove, to pay tribute to someone who had fought or died in the war. These people were family members or friends, or someone who features on their local or the school war memorial.

The flock of doves flew from Ipswich School's Remembrance Tree, which was planted in 2014, seemingly through the School Chapel window, and then continued inside towards the school's Great War memorial and beyond. The installation inside the Chapel was lit with

coloured spotlights to provide a thought-provoking display.

The Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Jane Riley, placed the final dove on the installation outside the front of the school on Henley Road on Tuesday 6 November. The memorial was then blessed by Rt Rev Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, in a ceremony watched by pupils and staff, along with former Ipswich School pupils and invited guests. The Band of the Parachute Regiment were present to play music at the event, with Headmaster Nicholas Weaver giving a short address to commemorate the memorial art installation.

Headmaster Nicholas Weaver said: "We were inspired by the Tower of London poppy display from 2014 to create something that would provide a focal point for the school's WWI commemorations. The memorial artwork saw pupils and their families think about relatives and members of their communities who may have been involved in the conflict. The doves, which also symbolise peace, reminded us all of the part we have to play in learning from the Great War."

A huge number of people came to view the Remembrance Doves on Remembrance Sunday, following Ipswich's Remembrance Service in



The Bantoft Sword

Christchurch Park. The school opened up the chapel to members of the public so they could view the ceramic doves set up outside the building and suspended from the ceiling.

"The response from the public proved overwhelming with over a thousand people queuing to have a look at them, and also to view an exhibition on the part the school played in the Great War and hear readings and songs from the school's Chapel Choir. The Chapel was also opened after the Great War lecture as a result of the public interest in the installation."

A flock of doves was also created at the Prep School on Anglesea Road. They were located at memorial stones, situated between the car park and Lower Prep building, which mark the boundary of the barracks which used to be located on the site at the start of the twentieth century. The 330 doves – one for every Prep pupil and staff member – curved around the memorial stones and towards the town.

The Old Ipswichian Club donated £5,000 towards the art installation and memorial garden and the Friends of Ipswich School donated £1,000 towards the project. The school also received a donation from an Old Ipswichian of £4,000 towards the cost of installing new



The Right Rev'd Martin Seeley

lights in the Chapel. As well as providing changing colours to light the doves and bring them to life, these lights are a permanent installation in the Chapel. We are very grateful for these donations. In addition, the OI Club donated £1,000 for a commemorative plaque for all those from the school who died in World War One which is located in St George's Church, Ypres.



The Great War Lecture

Ipswich School hosted a lecture in memory of the armistice of the Great War and the seventy two former pupils from the school that tragically died in battle. An exhibition of items from the school's archives and collections from Old Ipswichians accompanied the talk, featuring personal items, uniforms, and artefacts from soldiers who served in the conflict of the Great War.

Five silhouette "tommies" from the 'There but not there' project were sat in the audience in Great School, in memory of the young men of the 1913/14 school football team that died fighting in the combat, a poignant reminder to all of the losses people experienced at the time.

A group of Sixth Form students told the stories of five of the 414 from the school that served in the conflict, using the school's archives to find out information about them and what their role was in the war.

The talk also discussed the role of the Headmaster and the school's German teacher, who was accused of being a spy as well as providing a wider context of how the Great War affected Suffolk's schools and the tremendous loss of life that the entire country experienced during the conflict.



The talk was accompanied by members of the CCF as well as readings of personal letters and poetry from the period by other members of the school community. The moving stories marked

the sacrifices made by all in the war and a reflection of the Great War 100 years on.

– Anna Hubbard
Year 13



Richard Staines recalls life, school and otherwise, in the Fifties

In the famous long winter of 1962-1963, one of the severest of the century, the rugby pitches were out of commission for months, piles of snow, yards and yards of it, lying everywhere, even creeping up the lower steps of the Sherwood Block.

This was the winter maintained by some to have been the hardest since 1740, certainly the coldest since 1829, and in which cars were driven across the Thames, there was chaos on the railways, Ipswich had an electricity cut of 80 minutes, birds died of cold and 420 Football Cup and League games across the country were postponed in just under seven weeks, much the most serious hold-up to date in the history of the game. Nationally, the winter claimed the lives of at least 49 people.

“There were House runs too and I remember ‘Hare and Hounds’ was greatly favoured by Felaw. Road traffic was light then, and even the East Suffolk railway line could be crossed or run along without thought of hazard or risk.”

At School, cross country runs became the customary, even enjoyable way of promoting fitness among the school body, a well-worn route involving the whole length of Westerfield Lower Road.

In those days there was daily compulsory chapel each morning. When twelve, I was given the task of standing at the entrance in order to ring the chapel bell for some ten minutes from 8.45am. Even now, almost sixty years later, I can recall the Headmaster with Chaplain and school prefects standing outside, long before the annexe was added, waiting in the wings to make their respective entries, some of the latter critically surveying the degree of effort that had gone into the task of polishing shoes worn by the underlings, but more especially I recall my hands turning a raw scarlet brought on by

the unforgiving rope. Trying to reach one's seat could be a somewhat fraught process as the residents of the front row of the aisle would deliberately put out their feet to thwart progress.

The choice of organ voluntaries played to accompany the entrance and egress of the School before the start of morning school was always a source of interest. Before John Ince renewed the chapel organ, situated, as at present, in the gallery, a modest Hammond organ that had been presented in 1939 by Bunnell Burton, the then Chairman of the Governors, had done its valiant best to accompany the singing of hymns and psalms, a pupil gallantly operating the side pump handle. The instrument, with its quiet plaintive whine, had been placed in the north wall vestry. Organ restored, full flow could be given, for example, to movements from Mendelssohn's Sonatas and Bach Chorale Preludes.

On one occasion in the late 1950s, Reg Kell's musical predilections for the 19th and 20th century French School inspired him into performing as an opening exordium Jehan Alain's restrained and beautiful Choral Dorian, a choice for which it was inevitably apparent the School was not ready, shamelessly reacting to its misty dark-hued ethereality with mild derision and suppressed giggling. (For anyone wanting to explore this piece this I recommend Christopher Mantoux's performance on You-Tube on the 1890 Cavaillé-Col organ of Saint Ouen, Rouen.)

Finally, by way of closure, a brief shift in focus from the concrete to the abstract: the relationship of tradition to change has always been complex and multi-layered and never straightforward



Change, as Cardinal Newman believed, is either unnatural or supernatural; rarely, if ever, is it natural or straightforward. In encapsulating more than a mere modicum of truth, Semper eadem at one interpretative level functions as a statement of identity that appears neither to allow for the inevitability of evolutionary mutation and development nor for the sheer need for any change to occur at all.

But at another, less superficial, level it clearly does since it also operates as a motto of reassurance, a heartening reminder of the intricate balance existing between ancientness and modernity, such that when one revisits the 'Antient Seed-plot' it's possible to witness first-hand, through the transformation of physical plant, curricula and student body, the extent to which newness and unfamiliarity, modernity and expansion and diversity and difference become affirmed, confirmed and organically absorbed by historical continuity and single-mindedness of purpose.

– Richard Staines
(OI 1951 – 63)

OI Sophie Bland on forecasting the weather with the British Military on the Falkland Isles

‘When are the rotors going to stop? We’re close to crew hours and if I don’t take off in the next hour, we’ll be delayed another 12 hours!’

I never would have thought that the quiet odd ‘alternative’ girl I was at Ipswich School would end up working on a military base in the Falkland Islands on the end of the phone to the captain of an Airbus A330. Using my expertise to tell him when it would be safe to take off to embark on the 18 hour ‘Airbridge’ flight back to the UK via Cape Verde.



A cumulonimbus (storm) cloud at Bertha's Beach.

I'm an operational meteorologist working for the Met Office in defence aviation i.e. A weather forecaster for the military. In 2015 I took a short notice detachment to the Falklands for 2 months. Working as an Op Met I had to provide an observation every hour (or more frequent when the weather was particularly changeable), as well as some forecasting products and briefs.

I loved it so much that I wanted to go back again, but this time as a SOM – Senior Operational Meteorologist. So in November 2017 I leave England in Autumn, nights are drawing in, it is getting colder and winter is definitely on the way. I fly from RAF Brize Norton and arrive in Southern Hemisphere spring: A cold biting southerly wind, snow on the hills and sleet in the air – wonderful! I was hoping to miss the tricky winter forecasting.



Beautiful scenery along the 'M25' - A road around the north of East Falkland

On arrival, the base was in full operations mode, helping the search effort for the San Juan – the Argentinian submarine that went missing. A bit of a baptism of fire, but a welcome change to my usual day to day forecasting for trainee army air corps pilots at Middle Wallop in Hampshire.

This meant creating extra forecast products for air and sea assets as the C130 and HMS Clyde and Protector had joined the search. We were briefing the heads of operations and CBFSAI (Commander of the British Forces South Atlantic Islands or CBF for short) twice a day, looking ahead for the next 5 days.

Rough seas meant that the search effort was hampered, so everyone was looking for windows of calmer weather for better search conditions. It was fascinating

as a civilian to be involved in the inner workings of a military operation and have the 1 star brigadier listen attentively and make plans on my forecast.

Aside from operational activities, we also forecasted for day to day sorties which were mostly for training and keeping skills up.

“Another important forecast task was for the aforementioned Airbridge to and from the Falklands. Timing of significant weather, such as snow, fog or rotors is critical because unlike in the UK if the weather is inclement, a passenger jet can divert to another airport, 100 KM or so away and then drive to their final destination.”

But in the Falklands the nearest useable diversion is about 1200 KM away, so an arriving aircraft needs to have enough fuel left to make it an extra 1200 KM if it can't land for any reason.

It wasn't all work, there was some time for fun! The Falklands Islands are actually quite breathtaking. Some days its virtually treeless landscape can look bleak and barren – It reminded me of fieldtrips to northwest Scotland.

But, just like northwest Scotland. It is stunning with some fantastic wildlife! White sandy beaches and blue seas with dolphins surfing on the waves. Sea lions posing in the surf; elephant seals flopped on the sand; caracara's swooping in for their prey; fluffy albatross chicks clacking their beaks to be heard. And of course, penguins. There are 5 species that live on the Islands: Gentoo, King, Malagenic, Rockhopper and the odd Macaroni. It is a goal of many to tick the sighting of each off the list. The closest penguin colony to the base was a 20 min drive away on 'Bertha's Beach.'



Giant Elephant seal on Sea Lion Island

“The gentoo nest sites are set inland, but you can always see a trail of penguins waddling to and from the sea. These creatures are so endearing you could sit and watch them go about their daily business for hours.”

Life in the Falklands is an odd one. There is a familiarity about the place. Even though you're 8000 miles away from the UK. It is still so British. The main settlement on the Falklands is Port Stanley. By UK standards, it is a small town but it is where the majority of the population live. There's primary and secondary schools, a hospital, bars, cafes, restaurants. Even a cathedral with giant whale bones erected outside it.



'The Neck' At Saunders Island.

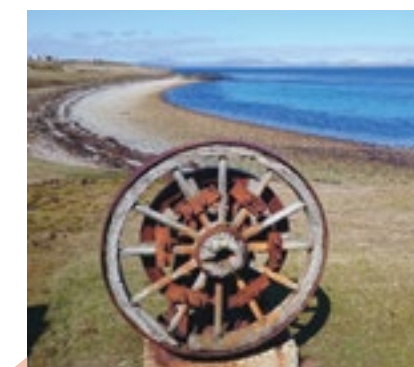
“History was never where my interest lay, particularly military history. I was aware that the Falklands conflict occurred, but wasn't clued up on the details, so I got myself onto a couple of battlefield tours.”

These were amazing tours run by RAF PTIs where they walk you through a particular battle, following the footsteps of soldiers. The PTIs had spent a lot of time researching these battles and had spoken to, and walked the same footsteps

bravery, leadership and mercy way beyond their years.

I chose to have a southern hemisphere summer tour, which meant that I missed Christmas at home. But everyone else down south was in the same boat and there was generally a good atmosphere. I wouldn't say it felt particularly festive with 13 or 14 hours of daylight. It seemed odd sitting in Christmas jumpers looking out over a glorious summer's afternoon. I spent my Christmas Day between night shifts, so I slept through Christmas lunch. But seeing as it was summer, the different sections have barbeques for the afternoon. The met Office joined forces with Air Traffic and the Fire Department for the traditional Christmas BBQ. As spirits were generally high, and there was no flying, the fire department were more than happy to give us a ride in their fire engine!

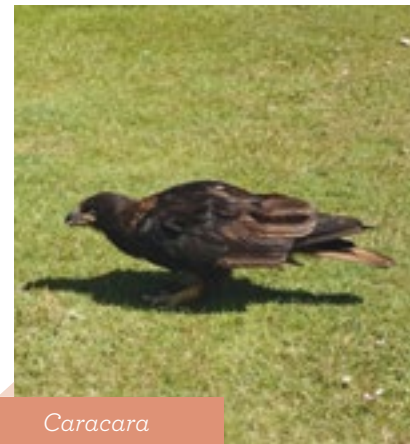
“Another Falklands Christmas tradition is the Boxing day races at Stanley Race Course. After grabbing a couple of hours sleep post night shift, fuelling up on coffee and sausage baps we made the 33 mile trip to Stanley races, cunningly arriving after hail showers that were forecast.”



Beautiful Scenery at Pebble Island



All the ladies on the beach at Sea Lion Island



Caracara

There was a great atmosphere. A good mix of people from the base and the locals, all in good spirits. Not a single person had an oversized fancy hat, and there definitely weren't any heels worn on the uneven grass. A few officers had of course turned up in tweed and coloured chinos, but the rest of the crowd were dressed practically. There were about 10

horses in total and unlike the races that we're used to, the horses stayed the same. It was the jockey that changed.

There were no numbers on the horses or the jockeys, so I feel the locals had a distinct advantage in picking a winner. Between races we were kept entertained by childrens' races and a few rounds of tug o' war. The whole vibe

was a cross between race day and a village fete.

One of my favourite experiences this time round was to go flying on first the A-330 (Voyager) and then one of the last flights on the C-130 (Hercules) in the Falklands before it got replaced by the A-400. I managed to arrange these trips after night shifts, so they were a perfect way to verify my forecast, but also to experience the weather and cloud from the perspective of our primary customer – the pilot.

The A330's role in the Falklands is primarily for air to air refuelling (AAR) of the Hercules and the Typhoons. But they will also provide medivac (medical evacuation) if required. Sitting up in the flight deck I could watch all the pre-flight checks, listening out for anything weather related that I might understand. Soon we were up above the clouds, in the clear air (just as forecast) and 'Albert' (The pet name for the C-130) had come out to play. The C-130 generally provides low level reconnaissance and on long flights it will need to refuel. For that it



Rockhoppers



Magellanic Penguins, also known as 'Jackass' penguins because of the noise they make.



Some King penguins made their way just outside of Port Stanley to malt in this picturesque spot



Trying to blend in...

comes up to meet 'Gannet' (The Voyager) and the amazing feat of engineering and piloting skill takes place – AAR.

“A net descends on about 100 FT of pipe from the back of the voyager for the C-130 to receive fuel from. When watching it happen from either aircraft, you forget that each of them area flying 10,000 FT above the surface at a number of knots faster than you'd like to think such a precision manoeuvre could to be carried out at.”

In the UK, airspace is limited so coming out to the Falklands enabled pilots to get much more practice at thing like AAR in.

Flying in Gannet was fun, but the best flight was in the Hercules. This iconic



Outside Stanley there is a totem pole with place names and distances on. There were a couple of 'Ipswich' signs

airframe is my favourite - Its big black nose and bulbous shape endears it to many as it bimbles along at low level. But this aircraft is much more than that. Along with low level reconnaissance, it drops off supplies (and sometimes people) to the infantry when they're out on exercise.

It's a gusty day when I get my flight, which was perfect for me from a met perspective, so I could experience cross winds from inside the airframe. In all actuality when it came to flying low level with slight to moderate turbulence, I turned a little green.

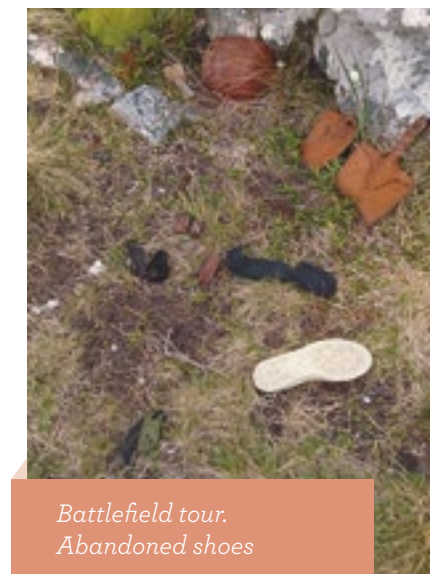
But there was so much to see and I didn't want to miss a bit of it: Low cloud

spilling over the hills, the beautiful landscape stretching out before me, white sandy beaches and then sea for miles!

“We flew out over the ocean to make sure there weren't any unknown (hadn't paid their licence fee) fishing vessels scoping up the abundant squid in the South Atlantic. The Falkland Island Government gets a lot of their revenue from selling fishing licences – who knew squid was such big business?”

Soon we were en route back to MPC when we were joined by one of the Typhoons. At first, a dot on the horizon, but soon she was flying alongside Albert, before disappearing again, vertically, burners glowing.

– Sophie Bland
(OI 2000 - 07)



Battlefield tour. Abandoned shoes



Xmas day uptop of the fire engine



Whale bones outside Stanley Cathedral

30 Years in the World of Wine – with the odd beer/cider/port/gin thrown in!

I started working at Thos Peatlings (the wine arm of Greene King) in 1989. Studied and completed my Diploma under Robin Crameri MW. Moved to Adnams to look after all wine sales in the Essex region. This swiftly moved into the Greater London area, setting up the warehouse, managing stock volumes and journey planning for deliveries, targeting high profile wine accounts in the City.

The real progress occurred when Adnams purchased Houghton Agencies – at the time, one of the most prestigious wine agency businesses in the UK listing some of the most sort after iconic Old and New World wines. I was given the role at Houghtons of “National Account Manager”. Filling the shoes of the previous owner was a daunting challenge and the learning curve was exceptionally steep. Some of the relationships with the owner went back many years, so a tough skin and understanding the wines with in the portfolio were a must. The portfolio included Amberly Estate, Cullen, Mountadam, Tim Gramp, Charlie Melton, Montara, Yarra Yerring from Australia; Forrest and Martinborough from New Zealand; Ridge and Saintsbury from California; Luigi Bosca from Argentina; and from Europe the likes of Daumas Gassac in France and Telmo Rodriguez in Spain. A stunning range of diverse and brilliant winemakers!

The learning curve took a rapid upwards climb when travelling extensively



Cycling for ITFC and PCUK with other OI's - Olly, Jules, Warwick, Tom etc



Prostate Cancer Ball – where Olly Magnus, Julian Pennington and myself raised approx. £15k for PCUK.

around the globe with Simon Loftus (Chairman of Adnams) visiting almost every one of these stunning wineries and great winemakers. Getting a true understanding of the individual micro-climates, the soil variations, the trellising systems, canopy management and then the techniques used in the wineries, old and new – from metre square open

top fermenting tanks to fully computerised systems. The diversity was incredible – the use of carbonic maceration, micro-oxidization and having the chance to ask

direct questions on yields, yeasts, their barrel selection, batonage and alcohol levels. All totally fascinating - and this was prior to doing any blending across the components the vintage/harvest had delivered – every vintage being slightly different. Some vintages were much more challenging than others when you are in the hands of weather issues, animal problems and vine related diseases.

Simon's knowledge was in-depth and spending many hours driving miles upon mile from one winery to another gave me the chance to digest what we had just seen and prepare for the next visit.

The account base at Houghtons had spread across a varied size of customers, but some own label wines were being made for the likes of Tesco, Fortnum's, Harrods and First Quench (Threshers).



Peter Moorhouse (Alchemy's New Chairman) Barry Kilby, Deputy Chairman of Burnley FC and myself at Turf Moor with the newly developed Clarets' Claret (listed with Rick Stein, Gordon Ramsay and Hotel de Vin).

More traditional major merchants across the UK, Oddbins, Majestic were all interested in the wines within the portfolio and listed them. We also supplied hotel groups (DeVere), London restaurant groups (Bleeding Heart), accounts in Guernsey, Ireland, Isle of Man and Dubai. It was great and I had learnt so much.

In 1998 I was offered a job with Siegels Wine Agency, a smaller company but which had a stunning portfolio based around some of the best German producers – Loosen, Donnhoff, Gunderloch to name a few. It also had ties in South Africa. I visited Cape Town on several occasions and, with my contacts in Dubai looking to expand their portfolio, I managed to secure them the options to be the sole distributors of the likes of Meerlust, Klein Constantia, De Toren and Haut Cabriere. These stunning wineries all still having great success in the Dubai market.

At Siegels I met a young dynamic Serbian winemaker, Boris Kovac - who had fled across the border when all of the issues were happening in his homeland. He had worked under an Australian winemaker, Michael Goundrey, and had learnt some exceptional winemaking techniques in the South of France. I tried to purchase Siegels with my Managing Director, but that did not materialize.

Using Boris' winemaking capabilities and my producer contacts and knowledge, in 2002 I set up Alchemy Wines Ltd, a family-based business looking to shorten the supply chain. Working directly with winemakers in France, Spain, Australia and South Africa

to deliver the multichannel account base Alchemy had “wines direct from the vineyard”, with no agents.

“Our mission was “Dedication to Creation” of great wines punching above their fighting weight.”

As with any business, there have been high and lows. I was lucky enough to blend and create the house wine at the Burj al Arab for four years with my team in Spain. The Burj then wanted a change and I created two wines from South Africa using fruit from De Toren and Klein Constantia. This was the first time that the hotel's logo was used on a wine bottle (some political hoops to jump through first) but it worked well.

Back in the UK and looking to re-vamp the Southern French category for Morrisons, our Sandpiper range was born in 2005. By 2007 it was the 7th largest Southern French brand in the UK market. Sadly, by 2010, Alchemy's margin had been squeezed so thin that I had to remove the wines from the shelf.

This led to Alchemy looking for additional international markets, blending and creating styles each international market was looking for, working backwards from the consumer's taste profile and working with our distribution partners collaboratively. We entered China and Japan in 2013 and 2014. In 2015 we launched into Metro Cash & Carry in Russia – and Canada in the same year, with some volumes into Africa. The USA followed and we

continue to look to spread our network of like-minded distributors further, including Brazil, further options in the USA and new labels from Italy into Russia. The list continues...

I have now been working with Boris for 20 years and we have established a wonderful relationship.

“We understand each other's strengths and weaknesses and have created some wonderful wines together – our D&B range is the best of what we can do, and now comes directly from his own Domain near Latour de France.”

I have a similar relationship with my Spanish team, with great wines, great prices and with our ability and flexibility to blend for and understand each market – we are set up to grow in the future.

Recently Alchemy has created the Clarets' Claret for Burnley FC “The Clarets” (as I lost my father in 2010 to Prostate Cancer this was not a difficult choice). £1.50 from every bottle sold is split between Prostate Cancer UK and The Barry Kilby Prostate Cancer Appeal – Barry is the Deputy Chairman of Burnley and is recovering from Prostate Cancer. Other OI's and I have historically raised many thousands for PCUK – cycling, functions, dinners - a cause very close to my family and my heart.

We have never really looked actively at the retail proposition historically, but are doing so now, so any OI looking to try some new wines made by another OI, please take a look at our website and sign up to our newsletter - www.alchemywines.co.uk.

– David Rowledge
(OI 1978 – 89)



Myself and Boris Kovac at his Vineyard in the South of France

Ieuan Roberts (OI 1995 – 05)

Previously it was POPOV from Slovenia, well folks it's now a very warm KARIBU from Kenya!

Having enjoyed several years in Slovenia, meeting my wife and having our first child, Terry. I have moved to slightly sunnier pastures new. I'm currently living in Nairobi working in the charity sector, making great use of the mathematical skills I honed in A level maths and economics.

I've been here for 2 years and I have to say that it's mighty different to my previous homes. As I previously wrote, I was a keen twitcher in Slovenia (a habit I had picked up from David Walsh) Well, this love of nature has flourished in Kenya. On an almost weekly basis the family are able to safari - something I could only have dreamed of when watching the Lion King growing up. Now we are frequently out and about seeing the 'big 5' and it's always such

an exhilarating experience, I cannot recommend it highly enough.

I wanted to update all my fellow OIs on my new home and extend an invitation to stay with me if you're ever in Nairobi. The OI club is a great way to connect with people I have so much in common with. Following on my previous update I reconnected with several rafikis (this is Swahili for friends) from school, some of whom are coming to visit Ivanka, Terry, Donald (our dog) and I later this year to witness the migration in the Masai Mara.

We will be in Kenya for 3 more years before returning to the UK for Terry to start school - we are looking at potentially moving back to Ipswich and I will be wholeheartedly throwing myself in the OI events. I found it's not really until I was away from the UK that I really missed the sense of community I had built in the UK and especially at school. Until I get back to British soil I hope to see your friendly faces in this continent.

And as they say in Kiswahili (this is Kenyan Swahili) *Kwaheri* (goodbye)... for now.



Olivia Donaldson (OI 1993 – 95)

In February 2018, Olivia Donaldson (nee Jones) embarked on a 3 day trek across the Arctic Circle in aid of CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland). As overnight temperatures plummeted to -34C, things didn't go entirely to plan. You can read more about her adventure at www.doesmylifelookbiginthis.com



James (Jim) A V Florance (OI 1953 – 62)

After having left school I entered the construction industry and trained as a Building & Quantity Surveyor working initially in East Anglia moving to a company in Kent as chief surveyor specialising in the fitting out of hotels and many national retailers, at home and very occasionally in abroad. This was followed by nearly six years with a similar company in the West Midlands as Surveying and Estimating manager, working all over the country. In 1983 when I was 40 I found myself heading to Theological College in Lincoln training for ordained ministry. After serving my title in the East End of London I was sent to the Becontree Estate in Dagenham. Both parishes were 'forming' and very happy years. I served in two other parishes in the Chelmsford Diocese before being invited by my former Diocesan Director of Ordinands (who by then had been consecrated as Bishop of Birkenhead) to the Wirral where I eventually became Rural Dean of Wallasey. With retirement looming five and half years

ahead I moved to a benefice in South Wales which was both challenging and exciting.

Throughout my ministry I have been passionate about 'Justice Issues'. Consequently my faith driven passions have lead me to be involved in a variety of 'Regeneration Organisations' of various sorts and of course schools. When I retired in 2008, my wife Pauline (also a priest by then already retired) initially moved to Leominster in Herefordshire. However in 2010 the pull of grandchildren brought us, for me at least, back to Suffolk where they are currently living. We now live in Leiston where I help out now and again. Though having just come out of an interregnum, it has been more than now and again. I am once again involved with a, potentially multi million pound regeneration project, which hopefully will get off the ground during the next five years or so (not Sizewell C). I have three grown up children. A son who is a Community Development worker in the West Midlands. Two daughters, the eldest has six children and lives reasonably nearby, whilst the younger daughter is a research scientist and lives with her husband in Edinburgh.

Eleanor Shone (OI 2009)



I graduated from Ipswich School in 2009 and am currently working as a Doctor in Glasgow. In May 2018 Myself and 4 other doctors will be pedalling all the way from the UK to Greece where we then hope to volunteer in a refugee camp. By covering over 3000km over 2 months, we want to raise as much as we can for two incredible charities, both which are very close to our hearts, the Lothian Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre and Medecines San Frontiers (MSF, Doctors Without Borders).

“You might be wondering why cycle to Greece? Why raise money for MSF? Well let me explain... If you can't return to your country for fear of harm because of your race, religion, nationality, social or political standing you are a refugee. In the world today there are 22.5 million refugees.”

Last year 171,332 people risked their lives and faced the treacherous journey across the Mediterranean sea to seek safety in Europe. 43% of the people making this journey were

women and children. 3,081 are believed to have died. “The simple truth is that refugees would not risk their lives on a journey so dangerous if they could thrive where they are.” Melissa Fleming, UNHCR It may be thought that those who have made it to Europe are safe; unfortunately that's not the case. With the increasing restrictions on movement in Europe, many have been left stranded in Greece. Thousands are living in appalling, unsanitary conditions, sleeping rough in sub-zero temperatures with no information on their legal status or when their terrible ordeal will be over.

These vulnerable displaced people, who have already suffered so much, deserve the right to sanitation, healthcare, psychological support and access to fair and efficient asylum procedures. It is critical to RAISE AWARENESS of this CRISIS and the VITAL WORK Medecines Sans Frontiers and other organisations are doing to help these people.

Myself and my fellow pedalling chums want to try and do something to help these people. The other charity that we are fundraising for is the Lothian Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.

One of our cycling clan Megan has MS and here is her story:

“Some of you may know that I have Multiple Sclerosis, but that I am lucky enough to have been started on a fantastic treatment early in the disease that means I can remain fit and active (and hopefully cycle all the way across Europe). Through receiving my treatment I have met some amazing and inspiring people: James who has cycled across Vietnam in the company of a questionable Greek character, but due to MS has been forced to exchange his Conti Gatorskins (road cycling tyres he recommended to me) for those of a wheelchair.

“Lynsey is a mother of three and previously a keen Scottish hill runner. Lynsey still likes to run but now falls after running a short distance because as her body heats up her strength and her co-ordination deteriorates due to the lesions in the insulation around her nerves in the spine and brain caused by MS (she then likes to tell hilarious stories about horrifying passers by with said accidents).”

These new pals of mine have lasting disabilities due to the MS and they have really benefited from the treatments that have been provided by the Lothian MS Therapy Centre. There are excellent drug treatments that are still developing but can only do so much, whereas physiotherapy helps people to get back on their feet and overcome this nasty disease.”



John Ward
(OI 1970 – 75)

Well, my plans last year to continue with part-time IT consultancy alongside my cabinet role at Babergh were unexpectedly derailed over the Christmas & New Year holiday. Political upheaval at Babergh ended with my being elected leader of the council on January 4th. This has been and will continue to be

an almost full-time job. Apart from the usual workload of a council leader (even as a councillor you don't have an idea of the extent of this until you have to do it), I have also had to steady the ship and ensure a stable administration through to the elections next May. It is, however, a very interesting and rewarding position and I am enjoying it immensely. Whether or not I will still be doing it this time next year is in the hands of the electorate of this part of Suffolk!



Leigh Belcham
(OI 1951 – 58)

As I write this, I'm halfway through exhibiting 28 pastel paintings as part of the 2018 Warwickshire Open Studios event. This is my first exhibition since Jill and I moved from Felixstowe to Warwick two years ago, and is a bit of an experiment. It's involved a lot of work, not just painting but also resurrecting and improving several long-forgotten and unfinished works. All needed mounting and framing before being hung in our transformed conservatory.

Gratifyingly, several paintings of the River Deben, although competing for attention alongside others portraying local landmarks such as Warwick castle, have been well-received.

A major project last year involved many frustrating, but ultimately rewarding, hours on Facebook. The aim was to track down former members of the youth centre I managed in downtown Birmingham in the 1960s. We succeeded in bringing together around

twenty for a 50-year reunion, where we enjoyed swapping memories of fun, fisticuffs and petty crime.

It was sobering to realise that some of the streets on which they once lived had earlier been ruled by the real "peaky blinders"! But it was good to learn that several, in spite of all that, had eventually held down responsible jobs.



Humphrey Catchpole
(OI 1953 – 61)

Thanks for enabling me, via your newsletter, to establish email contact with Roger & Robert Porter, Richard Wadwell and Clive Brynley-Jones. I remember our times at school very well. Dunedin NZ

Trevor Woods
(OI 1950 – 53)

My news is that I have sold my apartment in Woodbridge, and am now very much a resident in Monterchi (AR) where we have Piero della Francesca's Madonna del Parto.

I have also found a younger man to progressively take over my agency business, which is not only a relief to me, but also to the companies that we represent!

Colin Loxton
(OI 1956 – 68)

In 2004 my wife and I made a decision to move abroad where we had bought an old French farmhouse that was in a state typical of the 40s and 50s. After several years renovating and modernising it we finally opened our home as a chambre d'hotes (bed and breakfast) in 2014 and have become fully integrated into the local community, very challenging originally due to my lack of linguistic skills initially.

We are right in the heart of France in the northern Auvergne. During the last four years I have been an active participant in the medieval building site 'Guedelon' which has been covered by the BBC time team.

Anyone interested in stopping over for a night en route to the south of France (or further) would be welcome chez nous. Our web site has more information www.lechampbouchon.fr.

Chris Snelling
(OI 1959 – 64)

I retired in 2010 after 19 years as Director of Finance at CSV (Community Service Volunteers, now known as 'Volunteering Matters'). We purchased a caravan and now spend several weeks each summer at various of our favourite places around the country. After over 20 years I remain a trustee of the Cambria Trust and we operate the last Thames Barge to have traded under sail. We provide sailing opportunities for young and/or disadvantaged people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to experience a traditional trading vessel. The grandchildren and the garden keep us busy and I try to find time to indulge my interests in maritime, military and industrial history.



John Winyard
(OI 1954 – 61)

There are a few of us old Westwoodians that correspond infrequently and meet less often, but it is pleasing and comfortable that after so many years away from our Ipswich School days, 58 to be exact, that we still enjoy getting together and reminiscing. It is John Popham that really keeps us together but the gang includes Bill Thomas and Stephen Hughes. The last time was a sad

one in that we attended Ned Townshend's funeral in Guildford. John also keeps David Moore, John Wright, Paul Snowball and Mike Fenn in the loop.

A bit 'old news' now but there was a mini Westwood reunion in June 2014 as part of the Diamond Gaudy. Six of us very much enjoyed this. We are standing in front of the rather grand housemaster's entrance at Westwood.



Left to right: Stuart Letten, James Burt, John Winyard, Eric Baulby, Robert Newby and Roger Hailey.

Rev Charles Townshend (OI 1952 – 59)

I left the school in 1959 and feel sure that most of the staff who I do remember from those years must have died. I do recall in particular (Spud) Marsden and Derek Thornbury who did much to encourage my love of classical music and choral singing. I still sing among the basses in the Ottery St Mary Choral Society, a larger group than the madrigal group in School House.

My cousin Ned Townshend died last Sept 3rd. His younger brother Tim is still in Norwich. All three of us last came to the school when there was the Westwood gathering. I was one of the lucky dozen who were the first pupils boarding at Westwood and have happy memories of that time.

Gerald Baines (OI 1949 – 57)

During my career I have been to lunches chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury and to garden parties at Buckingham Palace but these events faded to insignificance when my wife Alice and I found ourselves on a boat on the River Douro with past chairman of the Board of Governors of Ipswich School Karl Daniels and his wife Janice. And here is a photo of Karl and me having a glass of lemonade in the ship's lounge.



Julian Fenn (OI 1983 – 90)

Julian has lived in New York since 2000 transferring there from the UK with PA Consulting as an IT specialist. Secondment to Los Angeles for a year was to follow.

It was whilst working for PA that he met his future wife Hsiu Mei Wong in Singapore. At the time Julian was seconded to the Singapore Office and Hsiu Mei was working in PA Hong Kong. On Julian's return to New York a long distant relationship developed leading to Hsiu Mei transferring to the New York Office and marriage in 2006 at Buxted Park in Sussex.

Dr Jon Dorling OI (1981-90) was the chief best man and his brother James Dorling OI (1981-90) and Adam van Asch OI (1982-90) were in attendance. Son Oliver was born in April 2014 and in July 2015 daughter Emily followed. Julian is now self-employed consultant to the Visiting Nurse Service of New York whilst Hsiu Mei remains with PA New York as a Partner, Head of the New York Office and Global Head of Healthcare Payer and Chief Innovation Officer for PA America.

Julian continues to keep in touch with Jon, James and Adam whom he first met as a boarder in Junior House and later at Westwood.

Paul Farthing (OI 1999 – 06) and Edward England (OI 1995 – 06)

Paul and myself have gone into business together. After living together in London, we decided to set up a design agency. We both work for global agencies in London full time, but are hoping to go full time with our agency in the near future.

If you would like to have a look at our site, please visit www.forecastdesign.com. We look back on our time at Ipswich School with great fondness and pride.

Vasiliy Golovatskiy (OI 2000 – 03)

I continue work in translation business on large energy projects in Russia and have now two kids. I send all the best wishes to all OIs and Ipswich school. My study at school had a great impact on my life and attitude to life. Many thanks to everyone.

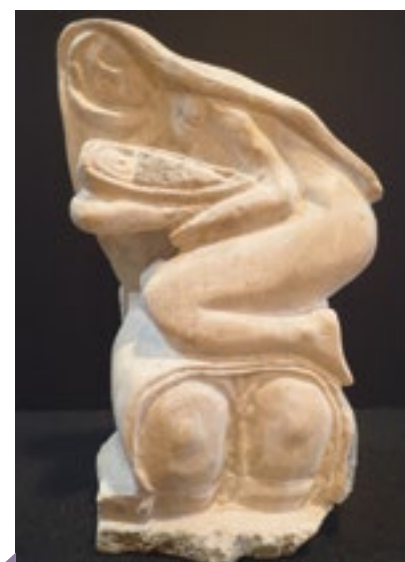
Dr Vivian Fox (OI 1962 – 69)

At the age of 13 my parents sent me to the Leys, Cambridge. I was perfectly happy at Ipswich and was eventually happy at the Leys too! After studying medicine at Southampton I became a GP in Colchester, was married to Linda and had 2 children, William (also an OI) and Harriet. I left General Practice in 2011 to set up my own Occupational Health company before entering semi-retirement in 2015. Since then we have sailed our yacht, Tempus, to the Baltic where we have spent the last four summers. Apart from a passion for sailing, I also cycle and run regularly. Two years ago, I helped set up our own 'parkrun' near our home in Mersea, and am co-director. We average nearly 100 participants weekly which on an island of about 6000 is very pleasing. I hated sport at school so why enthusiasm came to me later in life is a mystery! We have 2 grandchildren, Freya and Millie. They give us much pleasure. We love our garden too!



John L. Berry (OI 1952 – 60)

As Editor of the American Institute of Professional Geologists' journal 'TPG', I invite any geologist OIs who have a professional paper that they would like to publish to send it to me for consideration: most of our members are geohydrologists and environmental geologists, so a good paper on one of these topics would be very welcome. We publish, in addition to member and institutional news, one or two peer-reviewed articles in each issue.



Moses and the Princess of Egypt

Paul St. John Turner (OI 1958 – 68)

I have lived in this beautiful island of Jersey for over 42 years now.

In May 2015, at 65, I (literally) collected my bus pass and, our local employment/discrimination legislation then still being somewhat behind the times, also was "forcibly retired" from my accountant role with the local Capita Plc arm. I have since successfully helped to lobby for this practice to be outlawed here, unless there are due objective grounds.

Not ready to put my feet up then, I have since worked in contract accountant positions for two years altogether, mainly

I have just completed a solo self-supported bicycle tour from Thessaloniki, Greece, to Corfu and up the Dalmatian coast to Rijeka, Croatia: I wanted to see, first, the sites associated with Alexander the Great, second, the string of Greco-Roman-Venetian towns along the Dalmatian coast, and to understand,

third, the geology of the Hellenide and Dinaride mountain belts. I am slowing down a bit with age, and this was rugged country (main photo), so there were some "bus legs" in northern Greece, where the passes are as high as 2,600m. I continue sculpting (Photo - Moses and the Princess of Egypt).



A summit between Split and Makarska, Croatia

with Barclays, Zedra (which acquired Barclays' trust businesses) and Standard Bank. The accompanying photo of myself was taken when in a "Zedra" beach cleaning team in 2016.

Recently, in October 2017, I received an advanced prostate cancer diagnosis. No symptoms, so I am lucky it was caught when it was, and pretty quickly put onto chemotherapy to shrink the cancer. It should be controllable for some time, and I cannot thank the hospital and other wonderful organisations enough for all they do. I am staying very fit, and, I think, positive - and am looking out to take part in any clinical trials which might help future outcomes for this disease.



John Jewhurst (OI 1954 – 65)

I am still living just north of Bergen having had the hottest summer here on records and possibly the driest, keeping me active having to regularly give vegetation lots of water to drink. Like many pensioners we spend lots of time travelling not just to look after our granddaughter, but to keep in direct contact with friends, so we do not forget what they look like.

I was very impressed with the quality of the last edition of the OI magazine and there were two interesting articles on school history with two different pictures of Wolsey Gateway taken circa 150 years apart. As an engineer I was very intrigued to see how when comparing those two pictures one could clearly see how much extra damage has been done to the stonework due to late 1800s industrial revolution and subsequent pollution of motor vehicles, as one can easily see as the gate's top stonework has eroded so much in the 2015 photo compared to 1850 photo. Now I would have found that a very interesting discussion in one of my chemistry lessons. I sent an email to the school, but never heard back. Are there others that find that comparison interesting?



Arrowe Hut circa 1942.
Scoutmaster - Mr Stonex



Wolsey's Gateway, adjacent to St Peter's Church, is all that remains of his magnificent College

Now to another question of information on Arrowe Hut, which any Ipswich school scout should remember visiting. I was a Queen's Scout and spent many overnights there and enjoyed that lovely location. However, when I went back there in circa 2009 I was shocked to see how the area had become flooded because of all the trees removed for redevelopment of Ipswich airport area above. Arrowe hut had either been demolished or destroyed. That was very, very irritating to see.

In March I was provided by the Ipswich School Museum the Arrowe Hut photo below, with Stonex in the middle, for a My Homes book I am preparing for our 2 boys - I have lived in 27 places, a place is defined as somewhere that I have proof of residence, whether a birthday card or Registration

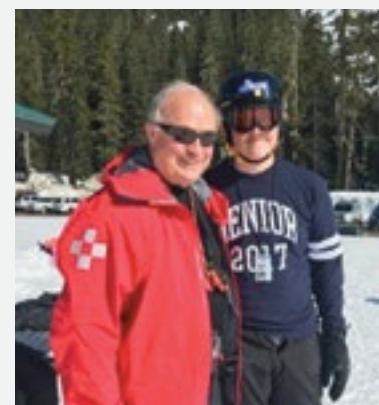


Wolsey College Gateway, an early 1850s image by Robert Burrows probably commissioned to celebrate the School's move to Henley Road.

Document, a photo or paper work or whatever - if no proof then I have still written something about that "home" but it does not count on my list numbering. At present I am on page #123 and effectively finished, but I would like a better more recent picture of Arrowe Hut. Has anyone a better quality more recent photo, something from 1960's would be ideal.

Does anyone actually know what happened to Arrowe Hut - who actually owned it, did our school own it or whom did? Looking at Google Maps now it appears that the Hut site is still as it was in 2009 with it still partially flooded and appearing to have sand cover. Who owns the site today? I would very much appreciate any information - please email me.

johnjewhurst@hotmail.com



Jeremy Martin (OI 1953 – 64)

I continue my retirement as a former executive from The Boeing Company after 39 years. I am more busy than ever. Foster adoptive care for 23 years, we have had over 50 medically fragile kids.

I have had a crash education in diversity, because to be a foster parent

in the USA means being a multi-racial parent. I volunteer in the schools of these kids. I continue at 72, with a 41 year volunteer ski patroller career, and with more annual days than any other at a very advanced ski area, Alpentel.

I teach Outdoor Emergency Care (EMT level first aid). And this year I hosted a second Make-a-Wish snow wish (See picture) I am on several Community Boards. Huge and fun retirement success. Retirement is so COOL.

Ben Harrison (OI 1987 – 94)

I loved art at school, particularly inspired by Mike Scoging who was a great art teacher, but only took it to GCSE. After that I kind of left it for 20 or so years but started to dabble again a couple of years ago and produced a number of paintings for a local exhibition, curated by internationally renowned artist Simon Carter, in Frinton where I live.

Since then I've started to take it seriously, and from my website benharrisonart.com sell mainly acrylic paintings, specialising in landscapes and animals, mainly in an impressionist/post impressionist style. I've recently had some commissions from the Jane Goodhall Institute UK. Several paintings are to be signed by Dame Jane Goodhall DBE as well as by myself, then auctioned off in order to raise much needed money to help with their chimpanzee conservation work in Africa.



Rob Tarbard (OI 1970 – 77)



My parents came across an old picture of a CCF RAF section camp at RAF Oakington near Cambridge. I am guessing that it was 1976 when I was in the lower 6th.

I am 4th from the left in the front row with my good mate Russell Simpson behind my right shoulder. Many will remember David Stevenson and Peter Beales who ran the section at this time. I also recall getting a trip up in an RAF plane and also an illicit visit Russell and I made to a Cambridge pub one evening. I can recognise most of our fellow campers but I am sure that OIs may be able to pick out themselves and others.

London to Paris in 24 hours



get our heads down in and in what I can only assume is a bit by the Ferry operator to persuade guests to book a cabin for the night, the 'rest area' is essentially flood lit.

The couple of hours sleep I mention above felt more like 2 hours of rolling around on rock hard floor, draping everything you could find over your head in an effort to dim the light. 4:30am arrived. This was the hardest part for most of us; exhausted, dehydrated, sweaty and grumpy we got back into our cycling kit grabbed our bikes and got our French leg underway, under the cover of darkness and thick fog. However, as the sun came up, spirits lifted and we tucked the first 60k under our belts on Avenue Verte with no complaints. As we pulled up at our first pit-stop there wasn't enough croissants in the world, let alone Forges-les-Eaux to satisfy the troops.

“With the mercury rising, it was really only a matter of gritting our teeth and getting on with it. And for the most part, it was a very pleasant 2nd leg, chatting amongst ourselves as we spun through beautiful French countryside, keeping half an eye on our Strava app as the miles disappeared.”

And this was true for the majority of the ride, however it would not be an accurate representation to say we just breezed our way to Paris. There were times, for almost all of the riders, particularly later on in the day where it all felt too much. The most memorable for the wrong reasons, was our 2nd from last stop for the day. With the sun beating down on us and about 35°C, a couple of us looked not dissimilar from the 1980s Renault Clio we had laughed at as we passed earlier on, with its bonnet up, overheating on the side of the road.

I remember the feeling as we lay there, knowing we had at least another 60kms to do on the bike being a particularly frightening one. Speaking from the position of one of the riders that was struggling hugely

We began our journey from Tower Bridge, London, on Saturday 14th July, aiming for Newhaven, on the south coast of England. All a little nervous, the first part of our journey was tentative to say the least and after the few navigational issues on the outskirts of London were ironed out, we were making good time as we headed down towards the coast.

This was the hilliest part of our journey, however whether it was the adrenaline of getting our challenge under way or just beginners luck, we were soon roaring through the South Downs as the sun was setting, in time for the 11pm ferry to Dieppe. 100km down, 190ish to go.

“Our wonderful support crew were on the ferry to greet us with what every amateur athlete wants after 5 hours on the bike – a Big Mac and chips. Having replenished our lost calories and talked the days cycling over, we got our heads down for a couple of hours sleep, sailing across the channel and arriving at Dieppe at 4:30am.”

As I re-read that last paragraph, I fear I may be romanticising the ferry ride somewhat. As we didn't book any cabin to sleep in, we were left with the 'rest area' to

here, if it wasn't for the strength and encouragement of the friends I was cycling with, literally and metaphorically (as I was practically lifted back onto my bike) I don't think I'd have completed the final stretch to Paris.

Despite the peloton-wide lack of training and experience, we rolled up to the Place de Trocadero just as the final whistle went in the World Cup final (given that it was France that won,

the celebrations were unbelievable), completing our London to Paris journey in 24 hours.

Finishing this challenge was hugely emotional for the whole team, battling together through fog, heat, sleep deprivation, exhaustion, hard ferry seats, 300km, some dodgy navigational skills and huge crowds of elated French football fans, to complete something extraordinary, in memory of our friend Lucy.

Cyclists

George Roberts (OI 2002 - 08)
Tom Roberts (OI 2005 - 10)
Nick Roberts (OI 1968 - 78)
William Shephard (OI 1995 - 06)
Toby Forbes
Alex Canham
Evan England

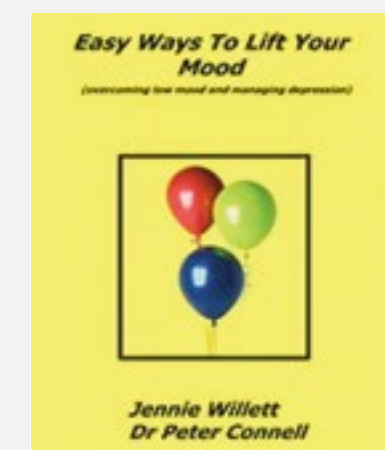


Dr Peter Connell (OI 1945 - 57)

I have recently had published a book prompted by my anguish at the struggling state of mental health treatment in the NHS. It is co-authored with a lecturer in adult education and personal development.

In principle it is a D.I.Y book of 150 pages on how to cope with depression whilst you await an appointment

to see a consultant psychiatrist. The first half is written in a 'bullet point' format detailing procedures to be followed every day to help you cope. The second half demonstrates how the normal brain chemistry and neural pathways can be repaired if you adopt the recommendations of the first part. It is entitled 'Easy Ways to Lift Your Mood' by Jennie Willett and Dr Peter Connell. It is published by TSL Publications, Rickmansworth and is available on Amazon and Kindle.



Death Announcements

We are sad to learn of the following OI deaths. If anyone has any further information, memories or would like to write an obituary for the next journal please email the editor.

David Staines (OI 1939 – 47)

Died 8th February 2017

John Edward Bardwell (OI 1944 – 49)

Died 9th February 2017

Colin Harrison (OI 1934 – 42)

Died 22nd July 2017

Robert Baker (OI 1955 – 64)

Died 12th December 2017

Graham Lovering (OI 1944 – 53)

Died March 2018

Robert Spriggs (OI 1941 – 47)

Died 22nd April 2018

Marcus Bloom (OI 1978 – 85)

Died 1st May 2018

Patrick Benner (OI 1931 – 42)

Died 14th July 2018

Michael Popham (OI c. 1956)

Died 5th July 2018

Colin Harrison (OI 1934 – 42)

Died 22nd July 2018

Ken Shambrook (OI 1939 – 46)

Died 27th August 2018

Brian White (OI 1943 – 51)

Died 1st October 2018

Stephen Hughes (OI 1956 – 62)

Died 8th November 2018

Adrian Knife (OI 1968 – 76)

Died 13th December 2018

Anne Shortland-Jones (Former Staff)

Died 3rd December 2018

Stephen Burgess (OI 1951 – 62)

Died 7th January 2019

Robert Wyatt (OI 1944 – 47)

Died 27th March 2019

Derek Marriott (OI 1953 – 64)

Died April 2019

Paul Webster (OI 1958 – 64)

Died 17th July 2019

John Powter (OI 1932 – 39)

Died 4th September 2019

Cliff Hammond (OI 1974 – 82)

Passed away in 2018 after a long

battle with bone cancer

Andy Waters (OI 1968 – 75)

Died 4th February 2018

Andy Waters passed away on Sunday 4th February 2018. Andy was at school from 1968-1975 and was in Felaw house

Memories of Andy Waters:

“Andy was a superb and enthusiastic German teacher at O, A and S level. As such, he was a significant influence on

me. To this day I still vividly remember much of what he taught me.”

- **James MacLachlan**
(OI 1968 – 74)

“Thanks for the news about Andy. He wasn’t in my year, but his younger brother Stephen was. In fact, we were all at primary school together in Woolverstone, because their father was a teacher at Woolverstone Hall school, then run by the Inner London Education

Authority. Mr Waters senior (I think his name was Ian) subsequently followed his boys and taught at Ipswich where he coached rugby.”

- **David Jillings**
(OI 1969 – 76)

“I remember him well. Very easy going, laid back unassuming guy with a warm charming smile.”

- **David Llewellyn**
(OI 1968 – 75)

Malcolm Cockrill (OI 1944 – 55)

Died 14th November 2017



Memories of Malcolm Cockrill:

Sad to hear of Malcolm’s death. We were prefects together in 1955 (picture - he is the guy in glasses front row left). We were also near neighbours in 1946/7, both small boys.

Malcolm was from a local farming family, the grandson of another OI who was a notable cross country runner and featured

in an OI magazine article a few (see photo).

We had some contact quite recently when he was living in West Wales not far from my maternal family roots. He had moved back to the Midlands where he had a career in further education.

- **Jeremy Barr**
(OI 1946 – 56)



We were very good friends over our time at School, and, beyond. He was a very clever lad, but he had one interesting difficulty. He was not good at adding up, so we, his friends, always did the adding up for him on his paperwork. Not exams, but all the in house paperwork, I think he got a 1st at university, and he had a very good job. My friend Bob Ungless and I went past his home every day on the way to school and most days he was waiting to join us. Please pass our condolences on to the family.

- **Cedric Catton**
(OI 1943 – 55)

Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Ridgway
(OI 1944 – 46)

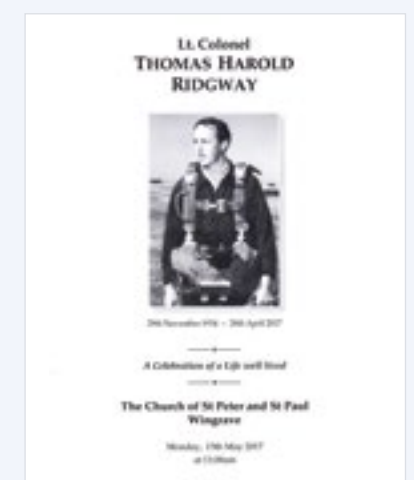
Died 28 April 2017



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Harold Ridgway was born in the British Military Hospital, Tidworth in 1934. His father was an officer in the Royal Army Service Corps and, on the outbreak of the Second World War, Tom was evacuated from Palestine to South Africa.

Ridgway was a pioneer of free-fall parachuting and one of the first people to develop the technique in Britain. In the early 1960s he formed the Silver Stars Parachute Display Team which pre-dated the Red Devils. One evening, on an exercise overseas, he returned to the officers’ mess to find that the bar was shut and protected by a heavy metal door.

Undeterred, he blew the door off its hinges with plastic explosive, poured drinks all round and wrote a bar chit for the drinks and damage in chalk on the wrecked door!



In 1989 he retired from the Army and, for the next nine years he worked for Wandsworth Borough Council as the park manager of Battersea Park.

- **Paul Wavell Ridgway FRGS FRIN**
(OI 1955 – 62)

John Le Mare (Staff 1947 – 85)

Died 12th January 2018

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Lieutenant Colonel John Le Mare in January 2018. John was Contingent Commander of the Ipswich School CCF on three separate occasions, as well as holding the position of Head of Art for many years and was OI Club President in 2002.

Memories of John Le Mare

Lt Col John Le Mare is unique in having held the office of Contingent Commander on three separate occasions; his first stint as CC began in 1961. 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 our history.

**- Richard Welbourne
(Staff 1986 – Present)**

I was very sad to hear about John's death. As Head of Art, he greatly influenced my life-long interest in the visual arts. Indeed, I have sometimes wished that I had pursued a higher education in that world, as he encouraged me when a teenager to consider.

Well, 45 years later I finally took his enthusiastic advice by having just completed a Master's degree course in History of Art at the University of Buckingham, following my retirement from the world of international corporate law at Baker & McKenzie. I like to think John would have been pleased. My condolences to all his family and friends.

**- James MacLachlan
(OI 1968 – 74)**

John was the most wonderful mentor. At a time in the '70's when I was a little confused as to how to channel much of my energy, he recognized I had a passion for art and he would spend a lot of time encouraging me to create, often allowing me to spend time in the art room and using supplies when I probably wasn't supposed to be there! A kind, wonderful and amazingly patient man who to this day often pops into my thoughts and each of those times brings on a smile and a heartfelt 'thanks'.

**- James Harding
(OI 1972 – 80)**



I was sorry to hear of the death of John Le Mare, whom I last saw when I left the staff of Ipswich School in 1969. I joined the staff in 1965 and took over John's teaching of the third form Geography (year 7) which he was more than pleased to be free from. John was fiercely supportive of his charges in the Junior House: woe betide any young Master who dared to make criticisms in their reports. He was also a tremendous slogger for the staff cricket XI and sixes were routinely expected.

**- Dr Michael Ferguson
(Former Staff)**

I have the warmest and nicest memories of someone for whom I had the greatest respect and liking, someone who was a supportive colleague and a friend, for all that he was a lot senior to me at the school. I still wonder who else played second-row forward with him in the Staff rugby XV, as I did on at least one occasion in about 1966. My memories of him stayed very clear through all the years after I left Ipswich in

1968, and I met him very briefly in 1971. However, I had the pleasure of regaining contact with him in about 2008, and of being able to visit him on a number of occasions after that, firstly at home, where the coffee and hospitality were welcome and generous, and more recently in Bucklesham Grange care home, where he always assured me that he was being well-looked-after! I felt that it was a privilege to travel from Rugby or Cromer to see him.

**- Chris Berridge
(Staff 1965 – 68)**

He was most encouraging to me as an A level art student in pursuing a career in architecture. With his artistic advice and enthusiasm I was able to gain a place at an architecture school in 1962. Also my contemporary and colleague Richard Clark followed his advice and also pursued a career in architecture. I don't think there were many of us entering that profession from the school.

**- Roger Pulham
(OI 1962)**

“I remember John as a towering figure as he walked into my Art Class in 1972. He always had time to listen to my ideas, and without his support, I am sure that I would not have attained the highest grade out of all of my ‘O’-levels in Art/Design. I remember John as a gentle giant, always clear and concise when he spoke to you, but he had a way about him that made one pay close attention to what he was telling you. Always immaculate in appearance, I certainly looked up to him, literally, as a role model, and will always cherish the memories I have of him. I guess his was the last of the Old School, and I am so fortunate to have been a pupil of his. Yet another great light has been extinguished.”

- Don Sinclair (1963 - 73)

I had the privilege of meeting John Le Mare on three occasions, firstly as a testing student in one of his art classes at school, trying to draw any sort of picture which resembled art was for me a serious challenge. His patience was evident.

My second meeting was much later in life, when visiting my father I was surprised to meet him once again casually having coffee and chatting. John had come to take Dad out to lunch. I assumed that they were friends from my time at Ipswich School.

Four years ago I was compiling information regarding my families history and in particular looking at my dad's time as a player whilst at I.T.F.C. I was advised that one of the people to talk to was John Le Mare, who was goal-keeper for the Blues just after the War and knew dad well. What followed was two hours at John's home reminiscing about "The good old days".

John was a Royal Marine and at the D-Day landings, played for Ipswich Town and an inspirational and accomplished artist. Although sad to here of his death I am pleased and proud to have had the opportunity to meet the Man and shake his hand.

- Ken Parker

“I was a student when John ‘Stretch’ Le Mare was teaching. His nick name was earned for his tall stature. But I think it was really earned because he stood tall in his values and in his relationship with students. Whether it was in class, in sports or in the CCF he inspired us all with a positive attitude and never an angry voice. He was a model of a positive friendly attitude. ‘Stretch’ was a respectful and loving nickname.”

- Jeremy Martin (OI 1953 - 64)

I remember John Le Mare very well, although I had quite limited personal contact with him. He never taught me in the classroom, but he was my supervising officer throughout a 3 day CCF exercise, and I learned a lot from him in that time. I think he was a mere captain then.

He was a man of tall physical stature. That is not particularly important to me.

“What was important was the matching size of his personality. He was invariably pleasant, positive and encouraging, and a totally genuine human being without the need to create a ‘character’ or persona.”

He was not “bossy”. He didn't need to be, because his very presence commanded and secured respect from all of us cadets. Of course, he brought out the best in us. With the benefit of more than half a century of hindsight, I can see that he was a natural leader. In war time he would probably have risen quite rapidly to general rank. I am sure the world is poorer for his passing.

- Bruce Beethoven

I owe John Le Mare a lot in that I am sure without his encouragement I might not have got through Ipswich School, never mind managing 5 O levels, although Art, which I was not laden with skill, was not one of them. However his help and support for me took the pressure off and allowed me to achieve in the other subjects. A gentle giant of a man and a gem of Ipswich School.

**- Terry Dadds
(OI 1969 – 74)**

During my time in the 60s I enjoyed having him as housemaster (Junior House), Art Master and CCF Commander. Always a good-hearted man with a great sense of humour. He called me “Jinxie” throughout my eleven years at the school rather than get his mouth round any close version of my surname. Not something I suspect would be allowed in these more sensitive times!

My stand-out memories are of him having to haul me out of Junior House dorm B late at night to tell me, with great compassion, that my grandfather had died, to chairing a debate in a second-form art class around whether the new aeroplane should be called “The Concord” or “The Concorde” (imagine!) to sweeping a number of us out of a NAAFI canteen at sixteen after a little too much beer at the end of a CCF field trip.

**- André Ptaszynski
(OI 1960 – 71)**

I was in Prep B when John first arrived to teach at the school in 1959/60. His art classes in these early years were a particular pleasure - usually in the furthest of the old wooden hut classrooms behind the Pavilion with their curious solid-fuel





heaters, but sometimes out on the School Field if the weather allowed! He was an extremely patient and sensitive man, along with his very positive teaching approach.

“I just missed his arrival, accompanied by his wife Rosemary, as housemaster of Junior House in September 1962, on my moving up from there to Westwood then. Soon afterwards, however, his exemplary role as Head of the CCF became a considerable inspiration to me, as to so many of us over the years. In all his roles, John was always so ready to encourage.”

As with Rosemary, John's long service and commitment to the school became iconic. Even well into his 70s (when he became OI President) and indeed throughout his 80s, he never lost his great energy and interest. Not only his OI Club presidency in 2002 but also his presence and keen readiness to talk with OIs at various reunions through the “2000s” and into the “2010s”, until very recently, testifies to this. On one of those occasions, I was delighted, too, to learn from him of his then “Blue Badge” guide role at Duxford Airfield (I think among other places), and to discuss with him my own connection with the historic Vickers Viscount airliner G-ALWF preserved there!

John has been a treasure and great tower of strength for the School and so

many pupils, colleagues and OIs for so long; he will be both greatly missed and fondly remembered.

**- Paul St. John Turner
(OI 1958 – 68)**

I left the school in 1970, having studied there for twelve years. As such, Mr. Le Mare taught me art, for which I had no great aptitude. He was also my commander in the CCF, where once again my enthusiasm, exceeded my abilities. This is well demonstrated by the fact that when I fired a rifle for the first time in the school swimming bath where target practise was then carried out in the winter months; I put a whole in the wall just below the diving board. Therefore, he had no great reason to remember me.

I next visited the school some twenty-five years on to a gaudy. Whilst walking



around, I ran into Mr. Le Mare, who not only recognised and remembered me; but also enquired after my elder brother, who had left some years previously. We had a long conversation when, he said was that he had served loyally under a number of principals and Patrick Mermagen, the headmaster in my day, believed that every boy was good at something; so it was the school's purpose to discover and encourage it, which was something he tried to achieve. This should to my mind, be the purpose of education.

“In his tribute to the Late Ian Prior, in the Old Ipswichian, Ian Galbraith commented that a school is not formed by its headmasters, but by the long serving teachers who devote their lives to the school. In the best sense, these masters are Mr Chipps type characters who leave an indelible mark on their students.”

A distinguished OI once told me that “Mr Le Mare was the only master that he would have followed to hell and back”. This is a mark of the man, who in modern parlance was a legend, even after forty years.

**- Terence Blackford
(OI 1957 – 69)**

I doubt that they will make teachers like John Le Mare in the future. The last time I met him, before an OI AGM, and fifty years since we last met, it took him no time to greet me by name, and to remind me that I had been in the School Scout Group. I did not have John as CO of the CCF, as the autumn he took over was following Mr Mermagen's decision in the summer that pupils could no longer be a member of both the Scouts and the CCF; I remember

“John was truly a unique and special person and touched my life deeply. To say that he was my favourite master is an understatement. He was sincere compassionate and a true oracle to me personally in my life development. Over the years I have thought often of him and his dear family his daughters and feel deeply for them at this hard time as we kind of knew them as we came into contact frequently at school.”

- Nik Spurgeon (OI 1967 - 77)

telling John that it was not a decision that I had wished to make. As my decision to stay with the scouts has kept me heavily involved for the last 55 years and counting, I probably have no continuing regrets.

I do have fond memories of John as head of Art, and in particular his enthusiasm for those of us who, competent or not, loved art. I remember spending an afternoon with the art club at Rushmere Church, where I did a drawing of dog toothed decoration on the church doorway. It would not have won an architectural drawing prize, but his comments were to be treasured.

**- Mark Rendle
(OI 1951 – 62)**

I was in Junior House when John Le Mare took over from Hugh Gleave and I always found him and his wife extremely personable. They also had black labrador, I think her name was Sally, with whom I had a special arrangement.... I couldn't bear liver, but we used to get it once a week. When no-one was looking I would drop mine in my handkerchief and put it in my pocket. Sally, knowing it was a liver day - she could smell it of course, would be eagerly waiting at her gate for me to exit the dining hall and give her the treat. It was a very good arrangement for both of us. I will always remember him with respect and fondness...

**- Nick Rawet
(OI 1961 – 71)**

John and Rosemary are well known for their long association with the School CCF but few OI's will be aware of the

support that they both gave to the O.I. Eton Fives Club. I first met John on court in a match against the staff in 1967 in which the O.I. team won 2-0. Andrew Gregory also represented the staff with Newis and Owen.

From that date John became a stalwart of the Fives Club playing on the weekly Friday Club night and on occasion representing the O.I 's in matches against other clubs. It was in 1979 that John succeeded George Notcutt as President of the O.I. Fives Club a position he was to hold for some 27 years during which time he and Rosemary attended the annual Fives Tournament and Dinner John playing in the inaugural Tournament in 1979.

John although not a top player his enthusiasm for the game shone through. A large man it paid opponents to keep out of his way as contact always went in favour of John. He often crashed into the side walls and it is said that on impact the walls vibrated. Sadly his playing days were curtailed somewhat after receiving a blow in the eye from a fives ball leaving him for several months with impaired vision. I have very fond memories of John a kind and gentle giant.

**- Mike Fenn
(OI 1948 – 59)**

I remember John very well. I still have an old school report from 1970 which records that “if young Kirk spent as much time concentrating on his artwork as opposed to trying to block up the sinks at the back of the room, then he might

show great promise!” Of course, it was not unkindly meant and did not get me into any real trouble at home ... But I returned to my artwork!!

Also memorable are those occasions when his lovely wife (in the make-up department) transformed me into a hungry orphan at the Beadle's workhouse and then into a street-thief as part of Fagin's gang. This of course being for the wonderful performances of Oliver! (1971?) under the baton of the Director of Music, Keith Griffiths. John's stage sets were brilliant.

**- Anthony Kirk QC
(OI 1968 - 72)**

During my time at Ipswich school (1975-1977) John taught me art and history of art for 'A' level. It was a small class with only a handful of students which meant we had his fairly undiluted attention and were able to benefit from his wealth of knowledge and sense of humour!

“He had a wonderfully relaxed approach to the subject which I found inspired both interest and confidence. I know I was privileged to benefit from the time spent with him in the studio which founded an appreciation of art which I still enjoy now - some 40 years on!”

He was also my tutor during the sixth form and on a pastoral side he was a great help to me in learning about the school and settling into what was a very new, and in those days, rather alien environment. Latterly it was always good to catch up with him and his wife at various OI events.

**- Kate Kincaid (nee Walker)
(OI 1975 – 77)**



“As pupils we knew him as “Stretch”, as you would probably have already been told, and he managed to guide me through A level art. John was one of the few Masters at the school that treated me as a person and not just another boy. The art room whether it was in the old Nissan huts or later in the new building was always a refuge for myself and it was with a heavy heart that I learnt of his passing.”

- Alan Cornock (OI 1962 - 70)

Dr Philip Mayne Woodward DSc (OI 1926 – 29)

Died 30 January 2018

Applied mathematician who coined the term ‘artificial intelligence’

Philip Mayne Woodward, who has died aged 98, was a British mathematician, pioneering radar engineer and world-renowned horologist.

Woodward was born on 6 September 1919 and educated at Blundell and Ipswich Schools. He won a scholarship to study mathematics at Wadham College Oxford in 1938. While there he was appointed the college organist. His undergraduate course was interrupted when he was drafted in 1941 to the Telecommunications Research Establishment (TRE), the original home of radar research for the RAF. This was the entry into the world of science for which he craved and led to a career in the Scientific Civil Service which spanned four decades.

It was then that he met Alice Robertson, newly graduated from the University of St Andrews, and they married in 1942. Just after the war they travelled to Europe in Woodward's MG and must have been the focus of great interest in the tiny Swiss hamlet of Fionnary after which their house was named.

Woodward describes this time as ‘real research with a real purpose’.

“Animated by Claude Shannon's Theory of communication, Woodward pioneered in 1950 a new approach to the problem of radar signal detection in the presence of random noise to eliminate all but the wanted information. The echoes might contain. His analysis, based on Bayesian probability theory, is now seen as being many years ahead of its time.”

All of Woodward's research had strictly practical aims, whether in numerical methods, diffraction theory, wave propagation, antenna design, computer programming or documentation. In 1953 he wrote Probability and Information Theory, with Applications to Radar. This work introduced a mathematical technique for the design of coherent radar systems based on Woodward's Ambiguity Function

which over six decades later continues to be used for satellite work.

His publications in the field of random processes led to being invited in 1956 by the Nobel Prize-winning physicist John H Van Vleck to take up a visiting lectureship at Harvard University. One day in that year, Oliver Selfridge and Marvin Minsky called at the Croft laboratory to discuss the programming of computers to exhibit quasi-intelligent behaviour, an emerging field at the time. Woodward recalled a snappy title was needed, if only to oust the anthropomorphic phrase ‘electronic brain’. The word ‘intelligence’ had already been agreed when Woodward suggested prefacing it with ‘artificial’ to suggest the mimicking of mental processes. In five minutes, the now familiar term ‘artificial intelligence’ had been coined.

Whilst in the US, Woodward played the recorder in a weekly consort meeting at the home of Oliver Straus, on Beacon Hill, Boston. Straus was the grandson of Isadore Straus of Macy's store in New York and his wife Ida, the courageous couple who chose to go down in the Titanic. One Sunday morning, Woodward was puzzled to be asked to go over the bravura harpsichord part of Bach's fifth Brandenburg Concerto. As a farewell gift and to baptise his new harpsichord, Straus had secretly hired a section of the Boston Symphony Orchestra to come that afternoon to play the ripieno with him.

Returning to his research base in Malvern, at the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment (RSRE) of the British Ministry of Defence (MoD) now part of the QinetiQ Company, Woodward gathered a mathematical team of exceptional talent to develop techniques for efficient computer usage in scientific work. In the 1960s this hinged largely on the availability



Dr Philip Woodward with his dual gravity escapement clock

of high-level programming languages. The implementation of any new language calls for software of the highest calibre for which purpose a member of the team devised a syntactic technique which proved uniquely labour saving. Higher authority at the MoD headquarters found it difficult to monitor work of this nature and felt obliged to call in a leading American software house for independent assessment. The emissary, remembered by the examinees for his theatrical arrival in a white Porsche, reported that in Malvern the MoD had a ‘crack team using software techniques in advance of any to be found in private industry in the US’.

Nobel Prize-winner Denis Gabor at Imperial College was supportive of Woodward's work and was influential in sponsoring him for an individual merit post as Deputy Chief Scientific Officer. With this added authority, Woodward was able to steer the MoD to accept a programming language designed by his own team as an inter-service standard for small military computers of the 1960s.

A new internationally defined language, Algol 68, appeared on the computing scene and was put to use by the team at Malvern so quickly that a conference which was set to be held in Munich to discuss plans for its implementation was taken aback by the news that the job had already been done by this UK team. The formal language definition of the International Federation for Information Processing was so unaccommodating that widespread curiosity about the language was frustrated until a narrative guide compiled by Woodward and a perspicacious colleague was put on sale by HM Stationery Office and sold all of its 17,000 copies.

“Woodward retired from his role of Deputy Chief Scientific Officer in 1980. Retirement meant that he could return to his interest in horology. He threw himself heart and soul into this ‘hobby’ and achieved notable success in this field, contributing dozens of articles to horological periodicals over more than 30 years.”

From his experience as a mathematician and analyst of complex systems, he has made major contributions to scientific horology, including the definitive analysis of balance springs and much work on the properties of pendulums. His principal contribution to the horological literature is My Own Right Time in 1995, a record of his passion for horology and the design of a series of four mechanical clocks made at his home, largely by hand. On his acorn computer Woodward evaluated accurately for the first time the nonlinear behaviour of spiral hairsprings, and analysed the influence of lunar and solar tides on historic pendulum clocks.

“The culmination of his efforts is his masterpiece W5. W5 was built with the simplest of tools, but displays an elegance of concept and design rarely seen in the history of the science. Woodward even built the case, assembling it with intricate but invisible secret mitre joints.”

It was acclaimed by Jonathan Betts, the Senior Curator of Horology at the Royal Observatory Greenwich as “the nearest approach to perfection by any mechanical timekeeper not employing a vacuum chamber”. The eminent horologist Anthony Randall carried out a long series of timekeeping trials of W5, showing

unprecedented accuracy over periods of more than 100 days.

Woodward's clocks have been copied by numerous model engineers. W5 has since been replicated, ranging from a version made out of Lego to several deluxe versions having been made on commission for private clients by David Walter in California.

Woodward became a Fellow of the British Horological Institute (BHI) and in 1994 he was awarded the Barrett silver medal of the BHI. In 2006 the British Horological Institute published a hard-cover collection of 63 articles with new notes by Woodward. The collection was titled Woodward on Time.

W5 has acquired a unique status among amateur and professional clockmakers alike and in 2017 Woodward was delighted to be informed that W5 had been accepted into the Collection of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers as an outstanding example of 20th century horology. The Collection is on public display in the Clockmakers Museum at the Science Museum, South Kensington.

Woodward has received many honours for his work in both radar and horology.

- Two decades after he retired the diversity of his work for the MoD was recognised when in 2000 a new building

for information technology was named after him on the site of the former RSRE.

- Royal Academy of Engineering gave Woodward in 2005 its first Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing him as an outstanding pioneer of Radar and for his work in precision mechanical horology.
- In 2009 he received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Denis J Picard Medal for Radar Technologies and Applications for ‘pioneering work of fundamental importance in radar waveform design including the Woodward Ambiguity Function’.
- He was awarded the Tompion Gold Medal in 2009 from the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, for services to precision mechanical horology.

“For ten years Woodward held an honorary professorship in Electrical Engineering at the University of Birmingham and for a further ten years was a visiting Professor in Cybernetics at the University of Reading.”

In person Woodward was a kind and generous man with boundless enthusiasm for everything he did. It took only a few minutes of conversation for the power of his intellect to become apparent. He had a rare combination of charisma and intelligence which remained undimmed to the last.

His wife Alice pre-deceased him after a marriage of 57 years.

- Dr Suzette Woodward

David Woodhouse Beales (OI 1941 – 46)

Died January 2018

David died at home after a brief illness, aged 87 years in January 2018

Memories of David:

He was several years junior to me at school, and I did not know him at all until the seventies, when I somehow found out that he and his wife were interested in doing a house exchange with us, when I was teaching at Cliff College in Derbyshire. This suited us particularly well, since by then my parents (T.B. Job was French master at Ipswich School from about

1930) were living in Clive Avenue, only a few yards from the Beales. We never had a chance to get to know each other very well, since our holidays exactly corresponded, and we passed like ships in the night. Nevertheless, this connection, which continued for a number of years meant that we did have quite a strong friendship, since each year we needed to negotiate dates for the exchange.

- John Job (OI 1939 – 45)

Leonard Woolf (OI 1944 – 50)

Died 12th October 2018

Leonard Woolf aged 84 died peacefully on Friday 12th October 2018 in his beloved town of Ipswich. Cherished uncle to Isobel and Nicholas and much loved and admired colleague and friend, Leonard is hugely missed by all. Be that as it may, Leonard's legacy lives on.

In his day a commercial grower, to the end conservationist, and historian. An inspiration to all who have had the privilege to meet with his acquaintance, and an honour indeed to continue his life works.

From Hastings 1934 to Bournemouth 1939, Leonard grew up on the South Coast. It was not until the early 1940s that he moved to Ipswich, to the Rushmere Post Office with father George, Postmaster; mother Amy, Postmistress; and younger sister Eileen.

It was 1944-1950 that Leonard was at the school, and much later in life that he made friends with Old Ipswichians; The Rev. John Pretymann Waller (OI. 1952-1959), and Stuart Grimwade (OI. 1950r-1962). And, it was only last May that he visited the school on an honorary tour with archivist Melissa Joralemon, adding much to the school's history with his musings of the day.

At the age of 16 years Leonard left the classroom and took up a position in the workplace. As a herdsman he cycled each day from the Post Office to Bealings, carrying a sandwich and can of milk (1½ pints) for his lunch, and worked for two years on the farm until his "call up" for National Service.

“Leonard proudly served in the RAF from 1952-1954, with a posting to Hull, to work on Radar.”

By and large his conduct was good, but at times his rather unkempt appearance got him into a spot of bother, disciplinary action, and punishment in the cook-house, which some might consider quite privileged. Back home, and back on the land, Leonard joined up with the Young Farmers. As Secretary of Rushmere Juniors, and Seniors, a little later becoming Ipswich YFC, he helped the faltering Felixstowe

bunch to get back on their feet and welcomed them into the fold. Around that time the YFC was affectionately known as more of a country dating agency, and the story of Leonard taking out one of the young ladies for a pub meal still raises a hoot, for the supposed two-for-one offer anticipated had ended the previous week. He did not do that again.

“Nonetheless it did not deter Leonard's enthusiasm for and dedication to the YFC over the years. In his early days he planned proficiency tests for them, one year growing a field of sugar beet and working it by hand; a root hoeing test, 90 plants to the chain. Yet another year, he helped build a Viking ship out of an old van from Shank's bakery for the annual pageant for the Suffolk Agricultural Association, and grew a beard, just because.”

In all his ventures with YFC, Leonard's ethos remained, to further the organization, introduce to young people, and to raise funds for charity.

Meanwhile a day to day living for Leonard in the 1950s was as a commercial grower, bolstered now and again in the 1960s with part-time work as a rent collector for the Borough Council, and a delivery driver for Norman Finch. When working for Mr. Finch an opportunity arose for Leonard to buy and sell cheese. So, he bought huge blocks of cheddar, cut them into smaller portions, and, when on his rounds, sold them onto the customer at competitive prices.

In another of Leonard's endeavours he grew flowers on Tuddenham Road that he took to Covent Garden to sell. He also sold to a local greengrocer, Mr. Robertson of St. Helen's Street, who fondly recalls meeting "Len" over fifty years ago with dahlias for sale at one shilling and three pence a bunch which were sold on for one

shilling and nine pence. It was every day that Leonard worked his land tending and planting, and even on Christmas Day when he kept the tradition of putting his bean poles in place.

Leonard experienced good health until the 1990s when his heart became a problem. Following extensive surgery, he was advised to walk every day to aid his

recovery. Fed up with walking around the block he decided to walk a little further to the Old Cemetery and there he began to study and research any historic or notable headstones he found, making notes of inscriptions, taking photographs, and archiving his findings. In fact, some of these photographs are now quite important historical records as many of the stones' inscriptions have become almost illegible. Such was Leonard's passion for history that he pieced together many a collection of photos, postcards, maps, documents and such like pertaining to Suffolk, Ipswich, and to Rushmere. And, on meeting Bob Pawsey from Ipswich Maritime Trust began his support for the organization attending all the Winter and Spring lectures, and generously donating the use of his impressive collection of postcards and ephemera of the Ipswich Wet Dock, which took Stuart Grimwade four years to scan and insert into the IMT archives.

Alongside the Trust, Leonard joined the



Master Mariner's Club, an organization of retired sea captains, seafaring men with a master's ticket, or those from a seafaring background. Their main purpose, to support as many sea related institutions by charitable donations from subscriptions, and profits from the lunches held once a month in the Felixstowe Ferry Club. This is where Leonard met the Rev. John Waller, sitting at his same table each time.

John was the Club's resident priest, and every month would sail his motorboat "Jesus" from his home in Waldringfield to Felixstowe. It was an honour to be invited to sail on "Jesus" to the meetings in the summer months, but it did involve the wearing of "wellies" and "oilies" and changing back into the Club blazer and tie on arrival.

A close friend of John was Sam Leeder, the Catholic priest at St. Pancras. John Waller, Sam Leeder and Leonard were particularly close friends and got into all

kinds of scrapes on the River Deben over the years, then when John died Sam Leeder became the Club's resident priest.

Leonard was also a long-time member of The Ipswich Society, where John Norman remembers him fondly. As a regular attendee at the Ipswich Society talks, Leonard contributed greatly to the question and answer sessions that followed the speaker. As an Ipswich Historian, John quotes, "Len" was full of knowledge about the County as well as the town, a resource for historical photographs and the story behind most of them. The Ipswich Society is indebted to Leonard for the numerous wonderful photographs which he donated. There is a Leonard Woolf album on the Ipswich Society online Image Archive.

In addition to the Society talks Leonard also attended the lectures open to the public at the University of Suffolk. With subjects wide-ranging about all sorts of world affairs Leonard often interacted at

the question and answer time, and over the years became known to Professor Harvey Osborne of the History Department, who recently gave much guidance to Leonard's Rushmere History Project.

“Over the years Leonard has given his all to environmental and conservation issues, be it to save or protect, the Jewish Cemetery, the Felaw Maltings, the Wet Dock, or Rushmere. His charity, Stepping Stones for biodiversity was set up to secure and protect small spaces to benefit wildlife and enhance the countryside for the local community for the generations to come.”

He was also passionate about saving the Northern Fringe and campaigned with supporters, Save Our Countryside Spaces, to protect the prime grade 2 farming land. With his work to Save Our Rushmere Rural Identity he sought to enhance the historic village of Rushmere St. Andrew, to benefit the community by promoting a place for peaceful enjoyment and wildlife, and in maintaining land left by one of the residents, in 2006 he won the Green Hero Award for his efforts.

There's many an accolade we can attribute to Leonard, and there's many a someone who could add to his story, but there's little that can be said without a laugh or a smile. He exuded great character, his wit never-ending, his generosity immeasurable, a true gent. Leonard was a good man.

- Georgina Gartlan and Friends of Leonard Woolf



Brian Mayes (OI 1961 – 68)

Died March 2018

Brian Mayes passed away in March 2018 having been unwell and in a nursing home for some time. Mayes made his debut for Suffolk in the 1969 Minor Counties Championship, playing a total of 22 Championship matches in the tournament for the county between then and 1980, he made his only List A appearance against Sussex in the 1980 Gillette Cup.

Memories of Brian:

Brian was one of the finest cricketers it was ever my privilege to play with & one of the nicest men you could hope to meet

- Stephen Marks (OI 1960 - 68)

Brian was my first skipper in the X1 in 1968 - when Steve and Peter were already established in the team. He was a very fine

all-rounder who was selected for The Rest against the Southern Schools at Lord's having scored a ton against the MCC for the School that season. He subsequently played for Suffolk and he was also a good Fives player who turned out for the OIs at times. Above all, he was a thoroughly nice and decent man.

- Simon Woolfries (OI 1965 – 71)

Paul Scrivener Ryde (OI 1938 – 44)

Died 28th February 2017



Paul Ryde (front row, right) in 1975 at Highcliff Veterinary Practice

Paul was born on 28th September 1927 and entered Ipswich School on a scholarship and excelled academically before going to the Royal Veterinary College in London just after his 17th

Birthday. After graduating he was also awarded a B.Sc. in Veterinary Science. In 2014 he was awarded an Honorary Bachelor of Veterinary Studies degree, an achievement not known by many.

He entered the Hadleigh Practice in 1949 and remained in it for 39 years when he retired. His preference was for large animals such as cattle, pigs, sheep and horses. At the port of Harwich he examined valuable international competition horses prior to boarding the ferries and he also visited Dubai as adviser to racing stables.

His ability and professionalism was recognised in 1980 when he was elected to the Presidency of the Eastern Countries Veterinary Society.

Paul integrated himself fully with the communities of Kersey and Hadleigh where he was the Founder Chairman of the Round Table and on this retirement became President of Hadleigh Farmers Club. In Kersey he was involved with the Parish Council for many years, Chairman of Kersey School Governors, Chairman of the Village Hall Committees. His energy in doing all these tasks seemed inexhaustible.

He was greatly involved with life in general and as a down-to-earth countryman, with compassion for those needing help, but was not so supportive of those who were idle.

He will be greatly missed by many people.

- John Ryde

John Barker (OI 1945 – 52)

Died 22 February 2019



John Barker has passed away on 22 February aged 85. John was at school from 1945-1952. He was a keen Rugby enthusiast which he continued long after he left school, making friends across the world. He was a dedicated Councillor serving on the Mildenhall Parish Council for over 40 years.

John also served on the St Edmundsbury Cathedral committee and ran the Mildenhall Messenger from 2004 to 2014.

Memories of John Barker:

Like several boys of his vintage John won a county scholarship to the School from Luther Road primary school and was a member of Holden House. His two passions were rugby and drama at both of which he excelled. He played for the 1st XV in 1949, described as very keen, 1950

when he was awarded half colours and in 1951 when he won full colours and from lock led the scrum very ably. He was both a house and school prefect and won the Senior Geography prize in 1952.

“He was a good singer and actor. He played the part of Rev. Cano Chasuble in The Importance of Being Earnest in 1950 and the following year sang the part of Capt. Corcoran in HMS Pinafore which he played with considerable skill.”

When Trevor Woods was President of the OI Club in 2015 I invited John and another five from the original cast to sing an extract from HMS Pinafore and at the age of eighty two John sang the Captain's

part admirably – the singers received a standing ovation!

After leaving school he joined the Ipswich YMCA rugby club and for many years was manager of the colts and later on was manager of the Suffolk Colts. He was elected President of the Suffolk Rugby Union. Although not a player himself John was extremely keen on cricket and became a highly respected umpire, standing on many occasions for the OI Cricket Club

John became a teacher and eventually lived in Mildenhall with his wife Pat. He was a local councillor for many years. He was also a great supporter of the British Legion who were strongly represented at his funeral.

- Karl Daniels (OI 1944 – 53)

Caitlin Livingstone (OI 2013 – 18)

Died March 2019



Memories of Caitlin

My memories of Caitlin are of someone who was gentle and kind, a loyal and caring friend with a real sense of fun. She was passionate about her ambition to follow a writing career and chose her university course very carefully with this in mind. Watching her perform, both in school productions, but particularly in her A level drama pieces, gave insight into her deep sensibilities and sensitivity, as she and her cohort tackled some really difficult issues.

- Zos Austin
Former Head of Sixth Form

Caitlin was an inspiring young woman, diligent, polite and kind are just a few words to describe her. She was an excellent role model for Sherrington House, reliable and committed to all she put her hand to. She embraced wholeheartedly her responsibilities as Sports Captain and definitely made the most of her time in Sixth Form: singing beautifully and completing her exams (was working towards Grade 7 in Year 12), her performance in 'Into the Woods' was breathtaking, she spoke confidently in our House Chapel. She also played sport to a high level and did wonders for the up and coming girls Cricket teams.

- Carla Ward
Head of Sherrington House

I remember Caitlin as a really lovely young lady. She took a little time to settle at Ipswich, finding it hard to adjust to her new school, having moved from St Joe's at the start of Year Nine. However, once others got to know her, she quickly established herself as a kind, thoughtful and fun-loving pupil. She threw herself into school life and was very keen to give of her best in all regards, always A and A* for effort. She projected her respectful, kind and considerate personality to the fore, and she had a circle of lovely friends at Ipswich.

- Andrew Bradshaw
Head of Lower School



Reginald Saunders (Staff 1947 – 55)

Died 23rd March 2017



Reg was the only child of Percy and Bessie Saunders. Reg gained his School Certificate of Education in 1941 and his HSC in 1943; his subjects were French, Latin, History and Music. Reg's first full teaching job, teaching French and Latin, was at Ipswich School, then known as the Eton of the East. He was also Assistant Housemaster in the Headmaster's House, meaning that within a year of gaining the Dip.Ed. Reg was effectively a housemaster. He continued his love of learning and as an external student of the University of London gained an MA in French in 1949. The following year he got engaged to Kay Foster, a teacher in the junior school at Ipswich. As a musician, Kay was given release to go to the BBC Studios in London to make a children's radio programme Time and Tune. Kay wanted to pursue a full time musical career with Reg as her Manager. He didn't want to do this, so the engagement was dissolved. In 1955 Reg moved to be Teacher of Modern Languages at Wrekin College, Shropshire.

Extracted from his obituary received by Adam J Powell (Partner)



Caroline Bartlett (Staff 1999 – 07)

Died October 2017

Caroline Bartlett worked at the school between 1999 and 2007, originally running the Late Stay group at the pre-prep before also helping with invigilating in the senior school. Caroline loved the atmosphere of the school, with her regularly on the sidelines cheering the school sports teams on, even when son Josh Bartlett (2005) wasn't playing. When Josh left Ipswich after Sixth Form in 2005, Caroline stayed for two more years before moving to Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire where she was closer to her family roots and grandchildren, whilst husband Greg was overseas with the American military.

Caroline was an avid tennis player, with her often playing against Judy Murray (Andy's mother) in her younger days. Whilst working at the school Caroline decided to transfer her enthusiasm and experience by completing her LTA coaching courses and once qualified, Caroline coached a number of Ipswich School pupils and could often be seen scooting around Suffolk on weekends in her white van, full to the brim with tennis equipment, coaching what she hoped would be the next generation of tennis stars. Being a qualified coach did come with the added bonus of receiving free Wimbledon tickets each year and she took great pride in being able to take some lucky pupils down with her to see the stars of the tennis world each year, memories she hoped would stay with the pupils for a lifetime.

It wasn't all smooth sailing whilst working at the school as in 2003 Caroline was diagnosed with breast cancer, a

true shock to the system for someone who took great pride in her health and energetic lifestyle. Caroline would go on to defeat the cancer and be in remission until 2014 when the cancer sadly returned. Whilst this was a shock for Caroline, she continued to live each day to the fullest and travelled to America, Canada, Scotland and Wales regularly where she would go motorcycling with husband Greg, never allowing the cancer to stop her living her life.

Sadly Caroline passed away on October 17th 2017 at Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice surrounded by her family, before being laid to rest at St Martin's Church, Little Stukeley in Cambridgeshire, a funeral that was attended by a number of OI staff, pupils and friends of the school, something Caroline would truly cherish as the school held a special place in her heart.

- Josh Bartlett
(OI 1997 – 2005)

John Mash (OI 1944 – 55)

Died June 2018

John joined the Prep in 1944. In the eyes of his contemporaries he had a formidable intellect and sailed with ease through the academic life of the School in which he was to play a very full part. He was a member of the Choir, Head Chapel Warden, active in the CCF and a member of the Debating Society in which he excelled. He was also excellent in drama, particularly in The Tempest and the Importance of Being Earnest in which he played Lady Bracknell which suited his great sense of humour. The School magazine at that time says that 'as Lady Bracknell he was imposing, vigorous, commanding and full of purpose. To present Mash as Lady Bracknell must have been a very difficult problem but the result was admirably perfect'. John won the classics prize for three consecutive years. He was House Captain of Rigaud and Head Boy in 1954 He played cricket for the

1st XI in 1954 and 1955 with success as a left arm opening bowler taking 29 wickets in 1955. He also played rugby for the 1st XV and hockey for the 1st XI still in its infancy.

It came as no surprise that John gained a place at St Catherine's College Cambridge to read Classics but before taking this up John had to do his National Service and was commissioned in 1956 serving with the Border Regt. in Göttinger, Germany. After university John went into teaching and joined Charterhouse where he was to meet a future Headmaster of Ipswich School, John Blatchly. He was appointed a House Master in 1970 when he was elected to Godalming Town Council. After seventeen years at Charterhouse he became Head of a prep school in Oxfordshire. He took early retirement due to stress and ill-health. It was at this time that John contacted me in

London and I was able to introduce him to financial services, the brave new world he described it as, specialising in the funding of school fees. His business acumen lead him to start his own advisory business which became very successful.

John attended several OI Dinners and was an outstanding speaker – he spoke on two OI occasions. He married Rosemary and they had a daughter and two sons. Sadly he and his wife divorced. Throughout his life John was a strong Christian and his faith was of great help to him during dark periods. He was very active in his local church. John was diagnosed with cancer and died peacefully at a hospice with his family around him, maintaining his great sense of humour throughout

- Karl Daniels
(OI 1944 – 53)

Gillian Holt (Staff 1985 – 07)

Died June 2018

Gillian Holt, former Head of Russian at Ipswich School passed away in June 2018. Gillian taught at the school for many years, starting out as a part-time French teacher in 1985. She soon became Head of Russian, a role which she held until retiring in 2007.

Among many contributions to Ipswich School life before her retirement Gillian was instrumental in setting up the exchange programme with Novgorod, which began with Kostya Krasnov arriving at Ipswich to study in September 1993.

Memories of Gillian:

Gill was a colleague for all my 16 years at Ipswich school 1989 - 05 and a valued friend. My particular memories of her was as an extremely conscientious and reliable Sixth Form Tutor with a genuine concern for her Tutees but also because of the Russian connection. Gill taught my daughter Emma Russian and I was lucky enough to travel to Russia with Gill and the pupils on two occasions in 1992 and 2001. These were memorable trips especially as Russia was in a post communist melt down in 1992 and the trip presented many challenges including a broken arm and a Russian hospital which Gill coped with admirably. At a time when few schools did Russian, Gill pioneered the language and instilled a love for it amongst many pupils. I am so sorry to hear the news and to have lost another valued colleague and friend.

- Edmund Cavendish
(Former Staff 1989 – 05)

“Mrs Holt was a great inspiration to me as my first Russian teacher. Largely thanks to her energetic and fun teaching, Russian quickly became my favourite subject and I went on to study it at A Level and university. During my year abroad, I was able to work as a journalist at the St Petersburg Times and as an English language teacher, greatly enjoying both experiences.”

More recently, I have been teaching Russian to children of different ages and backgrounds, doing my best to deliver interesting and exciting lessons much as she did.



Mrs Holt and Mr Holt saying goodbye at Heathrow airport June 1997 with Sergei Getmansky

I remember her coming in to our A Level Russian oral lesson (during a post-retirement visit), seeing how we were all getting on and she was obviously delighted when we all said we were going to study Russian at university. She said to me something along the lines of “yes I would hope you would be”, in her classic stern voice.

My condolences to the family. Together Mr and Mrs Holt helped inspire and prepare me for my future studies and career using French and Russian.

Спасибо большое и до свидания
Эмма Вроклиф

- Emma Rawcliffe
(OI 2002 – 09)

Mrs Holt was my Russian teacher and she was excellent and actually one of my favourite teachers. She was kind and supportive when I arrived at the school in the third year. She made learning this rarely taught language interesting with limited textbooks at the time and somehow managed to control our slightly unruly class. The Russia trip she organised with Mr Warnes in 1993 was just great. I still

reminisce with friends from school the fun we had in, at the time, this rapidly changing country. Memories include inevitably trying vodka, but also very cheap caviar, the red arrow overnight train trip to St Petersburg, the beautiful buildings, but who could forget the food... “Chernobyl chicken” so named by a friend due to the almost illuminous pink colour of the flesh or the jaw bone that was ladled out of an indeterminate stew someone else named “Kulak soup”.

I feel very privileged to have visited at this time and all the memories associated with the trip and this was attributable to her hard work and organisation and bravery at taking 60 teenage Ipswich School pupils to the former USSR! Always a nervous flyer, I will remember the relief on her face when she told us STA travel had booked us flights with British Airways rather than Aeroflot who had a terrible reputation at the time. I feel privileged to have been taught by this kind and excellent teacher and my thoughts are with her family.

- Dickon Ponty
(OI 1989 – 94)



Warren G. Gilchrist (OI 1940 – 48)

Died 2015

Warren Garland Gilchrist was born on July 24th, 1932 and died in 2015. He was the only child of Victor and Dorothy Gilchrist. He suffered from asthma as a child, and as a result, missed a significant amount of his early schooling. Consequently, he lagged behind his peers in his studies and only learned to read at 9 years of age.

Despite these setbacks, Warren loved to learn and his curiosity and enthusiasm for discovery underpinned his career, his faith and his various hobbies.

Educated at Ipswich School, Warren gained his Bachelor and master's degrees in mathematics at Imperial College in 1954 and 1955 respectively and a doctorate in statistics at Birkbeck College in 1964. He was elected to the Royal Statistical Society in 1955.

Extract by Neville Davies,
Royal Statistical Society

My memory of Mrs Holt is the amazing Russia trips she ran each year. Pretty brave taking a bunch of school kids to Moscow and St Petersburg but she did it absolutely brilliantly.

- Michael Hilton
(OI 1995 – 04)

Just what a sad news this really is! Mrs Holt will always stay in my memories. She was so helpful for me during my year of study at Ipswich School in 1996-1997. Now that so many years passed do I realize how important her role was in educating young people at Ipswich School. She was a true explorer and admirer of the Russian language and culture. And I was a witness to how this passion passed on her students! My deep condolences to Mr Holt and Alison Holt!

- Sergei Getmansky
(OI 1996 – 97)

I was taught Russian up to GCSE by Gillian. Whilst no really direct stories (with the exception of the Georgian tea that she used to provide us at the end of each term [Strong and black with lots of sugar]) the Russian language learning that she provided enabled me, my friends and wife to take the TransSiberian railway twice (and hopefully some more times in the future).

I'm not sure that we'd ever have got to experience the warmth of the Russian people in the middle of Siberia on the 3

day train journeys (or survived Moscow) without the 3 years of study with Gillian. It turns out that being a strange English person on a train with a smattering of Russian opens up a lot of (admittedly rather stilted) conversations, punctuated as the evening wears on with various Russian train snacks and “gentle” vodka toasts. I'm sure that there will be various beneficiaries of her teaching who have similar stories, her teaching certainly opened up that part of the world to me and many others.

- Tom Fletcher
(OI 1993 – 00)

Sad news indeed, Mrs Holt was one of my favourite teachers and thanks to her early recognition of my love for the French language, I went on to complete A level French and a modern languages degree.

- Patrick Ryder
(OI 1986 – 93)

Mrs Holt was my Russian teacher from 2001-2006 and was a very big part of the reason I continued to study it all the way to A-level. I will always be grateful to her for introducing me to such an interesting language, and because of her I got to go on two amazing trips to Russia during my time at the school. She was a wonderful teacher and pretty handy with a samovar too!

- Hannah McFarland
(OI 1999 – 06)

“I have very fond memories of Gillian (it feels v odd calling her that). I remember her partly as a French teacher, but more as a thoroughly decent and kind human being, who was amongst the first adults to start treating me as one - which I imagine was her established practice - and what that gave me in terms of maturing and confidence.”

- Robert Arnott (OI 1977 - 89)

Howard Jones (Staff 1970 – 76)

Died 12th September 2018

Howard was a biology teacher at Ipswich School and producer of numerous plays (Mermaid). He left to become a Vicar.

Geoff Lavery (former Head of Music) reports that they both started teaching at Ipswich together and have remained close friends ever since.

Sadly, Howard died in September in Llanelli hospital of cancer aged 70.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury welcomed to service



Pupils and staff from Ipswich School were delighted to welcome former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Williams of Oystermouth, to the school's annual Commemoration of Benefactors Service.

The service, held at St Mary-le-Tower Church in the centre of Ipswich on Monday 20 March 2017, is a traditional event which celebrates the long history of the school, which dates back to the 14th Century, if not earlier. Lord Williams was the guest preacher at the service, which was attended by pupils, staff, school governors and the Mayor of Ipswich, Cllr Roger Fern.

Children's author opens The Lodge

Best-selling children's author Nick Butterworth was the guest of honour at the official opening of The Lodge Day Nursery in January 2018.

Described as a 'home-from-home', The Lodge provides year-round, high quality day care for children from three months to three years.

Situated close to Christchurch Park in the heart of Ipswich, The Lodge has a dedicated library space within the building, so that children can grow up with a love of books and reading. With Nick Butterworth famous for his Percy the Park Keeper stories it was fitting that he

was invited to unveil the official plaque dedicating the building.

In the afternoon before the opening ceremony, Mr Butterworth spent time in Ipswich Prep School, where he gave a talk to parents on the importance of reading. He also talked to Reception and Nursery pupils about how he writes stories, and read them the story of The Hedgehog's Balloon, complete with a balloon and a sketch of a hedgehog which he had just drawn.

The Lodge was originally the Adjutant's house from the former army barracks in Ipswich, and in recent years had been an NHS clinic. Whilst it retains a number

of original features such as fireplaces and windows to help create the home-from-home feel, it has been completely renovated to give it a new lease of life as a nursery for young children.

There are dedicated rooms for babies, including sleeping rooms with cots, and the older children – spacious rooms where the children can play and develop, providing them with stimulating spaces to learn and grow in. The outdoor garden includes a hedgehog house designed to look like The Lodge, as we work closely with Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Photos: Warren Page



Boys' hockey success in 2018



The total number of boys involved in county hockey victories in 2018 was over 60 from six teams. The U11 boys from the Prep School, and the U13, U14 and U16 teams from the Senior School all won county outdoor titles, whilst the U18 and U16 boys picked up county indoor titles.

The last time that the school won the county championships at U11, U13, U14 and U16 in the same year was 2008.

The U13 team at the time was captained by James Gall, who is one of four former Ipswich School pupils now playing in the England and GB teams along with George

Pinner, Harry Martin and Hannah Martin. These four former pupils all won bronze medals in the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The U18 boys' team also reached the finals of the national indoor championships.

Photo: James Fletcher

New look for Sixth Form Centre



September 2017 saw students return to a brand new look in the Sixth Form Centre. Taking up the opportunity of needing to repair problems caused by damp, the Sixth Form team and Director of Estates worked with the ideas and requests of current sixth formers to build an environment suited to them.

The downstairs area was transformed into a colourful and bright lounge, with sofas which were especially made for the area by local craftsman Nick Bourne. The old kitchen has been replaced by a modern café space, meanwhile upstairs, as requested by students, the workspace has been extended and updated, as well as specifically allocating the middle room for group work.

Festival of Music Highlights

The Parachute Regiment Band launched the eighth Festival of Music with a special marching performance in Christchurch Park, watched by the whole school. In a first for the Festival, pupils and staff from both the Prep School and Senior School gathered near the Arboretum bandstand to watch the world famous band, who entertained the watching crowd.

As well as the march past in the park, the band played two concerts for the Prep School and local primary schools, ran a workshop with the 60-strong Ipswich School Concert Band and closed the Festival with a triumphant performance with the Ipswich School Big Band.

Pupils had the chance to play alongside and be inspired by top musicians including London Mozart Players, National Youth Choir Fellowship Octet and celebrated pianist, Nicholas McCarthy during the week-long festival.

A 1920s night and an evening of percussion, including the release of thousands of lentils on to the Great School stage, were just two of the highlights of the ninth annual Festival of Music.

Opened by internationally renowned violinist Jennifer Pike, the Festival saw a great range of performances from visiting professional musicians such as Alex Mendham and his Orchestra, and 4-Mality featuring Ol Sam Wilson, as well as some magnificent performances by Ipswich School pupils.



Girls return to school

Ipswich School welcomed back some of the first Year 7 girls to join the school, to celebrate 20 years since the school became co-educational throughout.

Kayleigh Grimwade, Alice Ashenden, Rachel Woodward and Jia-Yan Gu joined

Headmaster Nicholas Weaver for lunch and a tour of the school, where they were able to see a number of the changes that had been made to facilities since they were pupils, as well as meeting some of their former teachers. They also met the current

Year 7 girls, who spoke to them about their favourite aspects of Ipswich School life, as well as questioning the visitors about their time at Ipswich School – topics included food, uniform and sport as well as whether the boys were welcoming!



Little Shop of Horrors



An energetic performance of the classic musical Little Shop of Horrors was staged at Ipswich School in December 2018, by a cast from Years 10 to 13. Pupils also provided the backstage and technical crew, and were the puppeteers for the huge, flesh-devouring Audrey 2 plant.

Pupils support local charities

At the Prep School pupils supported The Ipswich Hospital Trust - Neonatal Unit as their charity of the year in 2017-2018. The school raised an incredible £4,000 through the hard work of all pupils, parents, grandparents and friends.

The House cake sales alone raised over £400 towards the charity. In the Michaelmas Term, the school learnt all about the work of a neonatal unit when three pupils and their mums gave a whole school assembly about being born prematurely. One weighed 880 grams when she was born and we challenged our children to bring in small change that weighed 880 grams!

“ This competition raised over £235 and it also made the school understand how small premature babies are. As well as supporting the Neonatal Unit, the Prep School also supported FIND and Stonham Barns. ”



The Senior School linked up with Suffolk Community Foundation to select a charity to support during the Lent Term in 2018. FIND - Families in Need - was chosen by pupils and the school, along with other local organisations, pledged to raise at least £2,000 to help the charity move into a new centre so that the

foodbank can continue for many years, as well as helping to provide the much-needed food parcels. Pupils also collected items for food parcels which were gratefully received by FIND. The charity was also supported by the Friends of Ipswich School at their Summer Ball, and a grand total of over



£6,601 was raised by the ball and the school events. In the Summer Term, each House in the Senior School was set the challenge of choosing charities and raising money to support them. Doughnut eating competitions, cake and sweet sales, a charity obstacle course and a team being sponsored to run the Woodbridge 10k race were just some of the successful events. Pupils also enjoyed a village style summer fete on the school field organised by Holden House. Stalls included apple bobbing, 'splat the rat' and a crockery smash, and over £1,000 was raised by this event for Cancer Research UK.

“ During the Michaelmas Term in 2018, Ipswich School students, staff and parents came together in order to raise funds for two exceptionally worthy local causes, Suffolk Mind and Ipswich Town Pastors. The total raised was £4,567, which was split between the two charities through our partnership with the Suffolk Community Foundation. ”

The funds were raised through a combination of events, such as the retiring collections from the Festival of Music performances and refreshment sales, Chapel and Carol services and the School production of Little Shop of Horrors, as well as the annual Christmas Jumper Day. These donations will allow the charities to continue their vital work, whether that be through helping those in need after nights out in Ipswich or aiding people who are dealing with mental health issues in Suffolk.



‘Parent Power’ Top School in Suffolk

In November 2018, Ipswich School was declared the best independent school in Suffolk by the Sunday Times Parent Power survey, for the third year running. The survey, which takes the recent A-Level and GCSE results of schools, assigns them a weighting and ranks them accordingly. Ipswich School was ranked in the top five of independent schools in East Anglia, a rise of two places from last year, and was also in the top 200 of independent schools nationally.

Leaving staff

We have said farewell to a number of long-serving members of staff over the last few years. Here we pay tribute to the hard work and lasting legacies of just a few of them.



Maggie Davis

Director of Art

Maggie is a truly exceptional teacher and was a superb head of department, retiring from that role at the end of the last academic year. Rarely have any of us worked with somebody so efficient, positive and supportive. She is unflinchingly glass-half-full, and always has an encouraging word for staff and students, no matter what the challenge they face.

Maggie also has an extraordinary facility for remembering things, and never has to look in her planner or blue book to help you with the next book review, reports deadline or even to remind you what you are teaching, at any time, on any day in the two-week timetable. Her 30 years of teaching experience mean she has a wealth of ideas and is exceptionally creative, coming up with ambitious and exciting ideas where every pitfall she faces is just another challenge to be overcome.

She is the most generous person you are ever likely to meet - constantly thinking of how she can be helpful to everyone around her, rarely thinking of herself, and her radiant smile and limitless attention mean she is adored by her colleagues and her students. She is one in a million and we will miss her terribly.

Richard Parkin
Director of Art



B Smith

DT Teacher

B Smith has become a very good friend to her colleagues in the Design Technology Department since she joined Ipswich School in 2003. She has a great sense of fun combined with professionalism and working with her has been a pleasure.

B has led the DT activity on a Thursday afternoon, giving pupils a chance to gain additional skills and make items including book ends, photo frames and tealight holders. Her love of skiing also made her a natural lead for the school's ski team in recent years, encouraging pupils to whizz down the slopes in the Eastern Region schools event in April and seeing them blossom with success. B's talents don't end there though; we have seen her take to the stage in the staff charity shows, most recently spinning the decks as DT Guetta last Christmas. And she has also taught in the Art Department - definitely someone who never sits still!

B is always cheerful and upbeat and is a great listener. It has been a joy to work with a best friend and she will be much missed as she leaves 'big shoes' to fill.



Jon Smith

Head of Design Technology

Jon joined Ipswich School in 2002, and became Head of Design Technology in Sept 2015. At this point he took the opportunity to redesign the DT department, and spent most of his summer holiday working on the project, which included a 'blue sky thinking room' - the only room in Ipswich School to boast a blue ceiling and fake grass floor!

He also introduced an online portfolio of the A Level students' work, enabling people to view the final projects produced as part of their coursework - demonstrating his constant desire for innovation in his work practice.

Aside from his time in the DT workshop, Jon has shown his outdoorsy-side, running the school's cross country team and organising the annual Ganzoni Cup inter-house steeplechase event in Christchurch Park, and the annual cross country match against the Old Ipswichians at Fynn Valley. Jon also organised the climbing activity on a Thursday afternoon, and introduced stand-up paddle boarding to Ipswich School.

Rachel Clark and Simon Duncombe
DT Teachers



Ingrid Forsdike

Biology Technician

For 26 years Ingrid has been an effervescent ever-present part of the common room community. When Ingrid was appointed as biology technician, she was one of only six female Ipswich School staff members - and is now part of the 60% majority.

Her dedication and loyalty to the Biology department fostered a really family feel. The menagerie of fish, ants, gerbils (until they started eating each other), chickens (until they got home with pupils) and the famous

escapologist snake have kept her busy both in term time and even on Boxing Day (for fruit flies). She has also kept the Biology teachers sweet with plenty of scrumptious cakes. Most importantly, apart from her years of service preparing resources for pupils' practical work, she has provided a lot of glue in the common room to make new staff feel just as welcome as the old-timers and will be missed by many, particularly the members of the Chocolate Club. We wish her well in her retirement.

Jo Clarke - Head of English

Jo Clarke is the most generous of teachers. Like Dr Who, she is able to bend time and expand it to accommodate the many who ask for her guidance. There are parents who trust her opinion above anyone and she always finds time to speak to them and help their children - both in and out of the school term. Staff regularly seek her wisdom on pastoral, grammatical or personal issues - such is her gentle, thoughtful counsel and she is never short of time for them.

Students flock to her for her reassurance, her specialist knowledge and to enhance their skills, which she manages to do with the lightest of touches; quite often we see her early in the morning, throughout break times and after school poring over students' work with them. The phrase 'make time' has a new meaning when you apply it to Jo.

“ Jo's classroom is like Dr. Who's Tardis. It houses vast archives of 'she-only-knows-what'. There are regular treasures to be found, usually toppling from towering piles of books or revealing themselves after a landslide of papers. ”

It is highly likely that Shakespeare's lost Folio is in there somewhere or an unpublished prequel to The Hobbit. Her bookshelves span the centuries and there is not a resource that she does not have ready to hand when students ask. In the unlikely event that she does not have 'just the right thing', an Amazon parcel will arrive instantly: it is usually the case that she did have the book, once, but gave it to someone else in need. There is probably a book or a DVD from Jo on mostly everyone's shelf somewhere.

A number of us have enjoyed hours of boxed sets or found our own epiphanies from watching something truly enlightening. Jo really has an uncanny ability to match-make - how many love affairs with certain books or authors has she spawned? How many ardent hours have we spent poring over



her recommendations? How many times have you passed on or shared her latest good reads - her influence has touched so many of us and we count ourselves very lucky to have been within her reach.

A well-known editor has recently spoken and written about the importance of fun in the workplace and Jo is certainly ahead of the game on this front. Quite often you hear gales of laughter from Room 9, as students spill from her lessons - clearly bolstered by living proof that teachers are human after all! Ustinov recounts the difficulty of making 'the serious funny' but Jo does it with ease, humouring her students and giving them not just a first class education but memories of happy school days in the process.

Whilst Jo has never compromised her professionalism, it must be said that she does have a wicked sense of humour. Her wackiness, though generally veiled, is occasionally glimpsed in her amazing collection of arty Doc Marten shoes or

vividly lined Barbour (which can only be the ultimate of metaphors).

“ Her humour has carried us all through the peaks and troughs of school life; her burgeoning satchel contains a wealth of anecdotes that are adroitly selected for the right moment. In fact, Jo has the rarest of abilities: she actually listens. ”

So many people have wanted to add to these tributes and they mostly expressed how they feel that she listens to them. Without interruption, without supposition, without checking the clock, Jo, without fail, leaves you feeling better than you were before talking to her. That is an especial quality; she will be so sorely missed by students and staff.

Julia Rivington
English Teacher



Andrew Golding

Geography Teacher and Head of Cricket

Andrew is one of a dwindling group of traditional teachers who not only taught, but could also coach a number of sports to a very high standard. He has taught geography to all year groups in the school for 28 years. During his long period of service he has encouraged numerous Sixth Formers to opt for geography degrees. In other parts of the school he has supported pupils and ensured they improve through his enthusiasm and excellent subject knowledge; he also led many local field trips around Ipswich.

In cricket his contribution has been phenomenal. As Head of Cricket for 24 years he has coached the U12s and 1st XI, organising the end of season festival for the latter. He has also organised numerous cricket tours to the Caribbean, South Africa and Dubai. His excellent professional coaching experience and the opportunities

he has provided have inspired many who have passed through his hands to go on to represent Suffolk or Essex Academy. In addition to all this he has helped out with football outside the cricket season and could have coached rugby if there were enough hours in his day.

He will be fondly remembered as Housemaster of School House, a post he held for 10 years. He enjoyed the pastoral side of his work and also the numerous social events, including some particularly memorable house dinners. He has given up huge amounts of time to the students of this school and it is a measure of his selfless attitude and organisation that it will take several teachers to fill the void he leaves behind.

Richard Welbourne,
Head of Geography

Claire Girling

Prep SENCO

Alison Williams

Prep KS1 Phase Leader

Gwen Callow Jones

Prep Teaching Assistant

These three members of Prep School staff started at the school in 1996, and as such have 63 years' service between them – a terrific achievement.

Claire Girling has fulfilled various roles in the Prep School, including being a form teacher and being heavily involved in the Year 6 play. Her focus has always been on teaching children with specific needs. Her calm temperament and really kind nature have been catalysts in helping children succeed where they otherwise may not have.

Alison Williams was appointed to the Lower Prep – Pre-Prep as it was then - when it opened. She moved up the career ladder and for the last nine years has been Key Stage 1 Phase Leader, part of the Senior Leadership Team.

Alison has held various responsibilities over the course of her tenure and she has done a wonderful job, but the fun she has instilled in the school will never be forgotten - her enjoyment in getting into a costume will be an act to follow!

Gwen Callow-Jones also joined the Prep when the Pre-Prep opened 21 years ago. As teaching assistant and Lower Prep Matron, she has always had the best interests of the children at heart and has been an integral part of the pastoral team helping our youngest of children. She has loved sharing her passion for 'all things crafty' and regaling us with stories from her far-flung holidays.

Claire and Gwen are both retiring, while Alison is taking up a promotion in another school – we wish them all well for the future.

Prep School leavers



Amanda Warren

Art and Design Technology Teacher

Amanda Warren joined the Prep on a maternity cover in 2000. After taking up a form teacher position, with a specialism in art, and following a little jiggling with her role, she was offered her 'dream job' - being able to share her considerable passion for art and design technology as a specialist teacher.

She was very excited about planning her new classroom when the Prep moved to its new site from Henley Road and she believes it offers the best views in Ipswich – many of us would agree! In her time here, she has enabled the children to participate in myriad

activities, competitions, exhibitions and enabled them to simply enjoy art and design technology.

The fabulous exhibition in July 2016 enabled every single child in the School to display their favourite piece of art that they had produced that year. We will not be able to forget Amanda (even if we wished to) due to the massive legacy she leaves at the Prep; most recently, the beautiful House Banners for the Chapel. Amanda is looking forward to spending time on her own art in retirement as well as pursuing her other many interests.

Sandy Burn

Learning Support Teaching Assistant

Sandy started volunteering at the Prep when her son and daughter were here, helping as the Costume Mistress. It reflected her love of the stage, where she was a keen participant in amateur dramatics in her village. In 2008 she saw the position Learning Support Teaching Assistant advertised and thought this would be just up her street. She has proved herself to be the most kind,

calm, gentle and inspiring of people and nothing is ever too much effort for her. The children she has worked with have greatly benefited from her time. The staff will certainly miss her regular deliveries of home-made cake and flowers from her garden and we wish her well as she pursues her home-passions now that her own children are all grown up.

Diane Smith

Science Teacher

Diane Smith started working at Ipswich Prep in 1993 as a supply teacher; in 1996, she took up the post of part-time science teacher when the Prep was on Henley Road, and then became a full time science teacher in 1997 with the move to larger labs so that the boys could be taught together – the School had not turned fully co-ed at that point!

With the move to the new Prep building on Ivry Street in 2006, she had the exciting job to help design her science room, which works incredibly well to this day.

Diane retires this year to be able to pursue her many interests including keeping healthy and her involvement in her church. We wish her all the best for the future and look forward to being able to keep in touch with her as she becomes an exam invigilator for the Senior School.

Tony Rogers

Prep Head of Maths

Tony Rogers joined Ipswich Prep in 2005 as Head of Maths. During his time at the Prep, he was also a dedicated form teacher and enjoyed spending time teaching games, especially rugby, and leading sailing as an activity for Year 6. Tony had a rich career before joining our school, teaching in many different countries and he had also worked as a Deputy Head. At the Prep, he used his extensive skills and love of maths to inspire the children and staff alike, helping the children to become confident and enjoy the subject, as well as the rest of their primary education. Many children have commented on how Tony changed their opinion of learning maths for the better. Tony has been sailing extensively throughout Europe since he left us in April and may do some more teaching before he retires completely. We wish him all the best for the future.

Amanda Childs,
Head of Ipswich Prep School

Obituary

Lorraine Slee

Sixth Form Steward & Cleaning Supervisor



Lorraine Slee, an ever-present member of Ipswich School staff since August 2004, sadly died on 26 May 2018, aged 61, after a short illness. Lorraine joined the school as Head Caretaker, having worked as an accounts clerk, in retail, and in offices. It was this range of skills which meant she could turn her hand to pretty much anything, and was organised and always calm – things which we came to rely on at Ipswich School.

Most recently Lorraine was Sixth Form Steward – keeping the Sixth Form Centre in order – and Cleaning Supervisor. Able to spot a cobweb at a distance, members of her team commented that she was a good boss and a good friend, whilst other staff shared stories of the times that Lorraine rescued them when they were inadvertently locked in after staying too

late at a desk. There are at least two chairs in the school that will always be fondly remembered as Lorraine's chairs. Firstly the one in the catering office, and secondly, Lorraine's throne - the big wooden chair in reception where, resting her feet for a few minutes, Lorraine would share a laugh and a chat with the cleaners. Lorraine was a great listener, able to hold an impassive expression, never interrupting and offering a kind, understanding response when it was needed. Lorraine has been such an important figure in the life of the school, and we have lost a much loved person in her. We remember Lorraine as an approachable person, with great sense of humour and she will be deeply missed by all of us.

Paul Wranek
Bursar

OI Club Events



OI President's Event

Sunday 24th September 2017

Sunday 24th September at 6.30pm saw the President's Event unfold in the School Chapel. With the support and backing of the excellent Chapel Choir, a Songs of Praise Service in which seven well known and well loved hymns were sung made for a very enjoyable hour. The hymns were introduced by OI's spanning six decades, as well as the Schools current Head Boy and Head Girl. Refreshments afterwards in the Dining Hall were well received and many a tall story was told of how life was like in days gone by!



OI Rugby 7s

Saturday 16th December 2017

The rugby tournament may not have been well attended but the games were played with good humour throughout. Chris Taylor showed his pace by scoring five tries in the afternoon but there were some other great performances too and some interesting tactics being employed. It was great to see OI brothers Will and Tom Bolton back and playing in the same team.

The weather was bright and sunny throughout and certainly exceeded expectations for the time of year. As the sun started to weaken the small band of spectators went inside to eat the mountain of food provided. A very pleasant afternoon which we hope to grow in the years to come. Sincere thanks to the referee Dave Slade and Bob Clayton and Bryan Caley for their support on the day.

OI AGM & Ipswich Dinner

Saturday 16th December 2017

The annual Ipswich dinner and AGM took place on December 16th 2017. The AGM was held in Little School. This was followed by another successful dinner for 102 people, catered by Jamie Lee Smith Catering. Many OIs, guests and Year 13 pupils had very enjoyable evening, entertained with speeches from outgoing OI Club President John Graham, speaker Karl Daniels and the Headmaster. Many thanks to John Ward for his fantastic organisation as always!



OI v School Cross Country

Saturday 4th March 2017

The 2017 Cross Country took place on a surprisingly sunny afternoon at the usual venue of Fynn Valley Farm. We had a good turn out with 9 OI runners.

Congratulations to the OI team, who beat the School! Special mention for Charlie Harpur (OI 2001 - 09) who won the senior's race in a time of 27.29 minutes. After the race we all returned to school for the awarding of the trophies, a warming curry and refreshments in the School Dining Hall.



OI Summer Lunch

Saturday 10th June 2017

On Saturday 10th June, we were joined by OIs who left the school 50 years ago or more, plus their partners. They were taken on a tour of the School, followed by a sumptuous lunch in the School Dining Hall. As always, the Summer Lunch was a very enjoyable and enthusiastic gathering, made more so by a special archives display arranged by Melissa Joralemon.

John Graham, 2017 OI Club President said Grace. Sally Webber OI Club Chairman, the Headmaster and Karl Daniels, Former Chairman of Governors spoke.



The Graves Cup

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th January 2018

The 2018 Tournament for the Graves Cup was contested by fifteen pairs divided into three Groups. Fourteen of the pairs battled it out on Saturday for places in the Quarter Finals where they were joined by World Ranked No 2 Seb Cooley (Old Olavian) who was seeded in along with his partner Harry Banks (School).

In the Quarter Finals, Seb & Harry beat Torny Whitehead and Ollie Watts (both OI's); Steve Burnell (OI) & Will Maine (School) beat

Simon Cass (OI) & Nigel Cox (Old Lancing); Will Gibbons (OI) & Oliver Taylor (School) beat Eloise Carter (OI) & ladies Champion Karan Hird; Nick Bunyan (Plays for just about everyone that will select him) & M Hyde (School) beat Tim Fletcher & Alex Williams (both OI's).

The closely fought semi-finals saw Seb and Harry fight their way through to the finals to play Will and Oliver. The final produced some unbelievable Fives to the extent that those watching, frozen to the bone to half hope that the match might go to a deciding game. In the event, Seb and Harry managed to come out winners in a very closely fought

match, winning 12-9, 12-10. An excellent dinner was provided on Saturday evening attended by 33 players, and guests accompanied by wine kindly provided by the OI Club.

- John Caudle OI
(OI 1959 - 70)



OI London Dinner

Thursday 27th April 2017

On Thursday 27th April, we assembled at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair for the London Dinner. As always with the London Dinner, we were treated extremely well. Dinner was delicious, with roast duck for the main course followed by a marvellous crème brûlée. The venue was bright and welcoming; the only change one would have made would have been to have extra space for more Old Ipswichians!

President John Graham hosted an enthusiastic group of 50 OIs. His guest speaker Tim Kiddell, the Prime Minister's Speechwriter, highlighted some key moments from his life in politics as well as reminiscing about his time at Ipswich School. He was pleased to toast the health of the OI Club.

The Headmaster, Nick Weaver, responded and gave a report on events at the school. For many OIs, the evening continued after the formal event, with friendships enhanced or developed.



'First Five Years Out' Reunion

Thursday 21st December 2017

This year's First Five Years Out Reunion saw a number of School Staff and Leavers from 2012-2017 gathering at a new venue, The Arcade Street Tavern. It was good to see some old faces, and some new. Thank you to those who came out to join us.



OI Drinks in the City

Thursday 23rd February 2017

We gathered at The Devonshire Terrace on Thursday 23rd February for Drinks in the City. There were many familiar faces and a significant number of younger OIs joined us for the first time. The ebb and flow of the evening was such that OIs arrived over a period of some hours, some staying for a drink or two and some for a few more. Thanks to Florence Milner for organizing it all!

New Year Wine Tasting

Friday 5th January 2018

The twenty four attendees represented a variety of scholastic 'Vintages' who, in wine tasting terms, ranged from the 'Young and Volatile' (Ollie Watts & 'Pixie' Alex Williams) to the more 'Mature and Refined' (John & Jill Graham). A number of other vinous descriptions were represented including a few 'Well-Rounded' and 'Full Bodied' candidates.

Six excellently chosen Majestic Definition Wines were sampled along with appropriate 'Food Pairings' under the tutelage of three representatives of the Majestic Wine Warehouse.

When the tutored tasting concluded, a fish & chip supper was provided - supplied and delivered by Millers of Ipswich - accompanied by more of the excellent Cremant de Loire.

The evening went well and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



Tom Scrivener with his father, Michael, and son Jack

Family returns to honour OI's bowling success

Friday 22nd June 2018

The School was delighted to be able to welcome back Tim Scrivener OI (1981), his father Michael Scrivener OI (1953) and Tim's son Jack for the presentation of the new M.G. Scrivener Cup for 1st XI Bowler of the Year at the annual OI vs School cricket match which took place on Friday 22 June. Tim has very generously supported cricket here, and his gift has been used to purchase new matting for the indoor cricket nets, a new honours board in the Holly Road Pavilion to reflect those pupils who now achieve 100s with the bat and 5 wicket+ hauls with the ball in 1st XI matches, and the purchase of the cup names in honour of his father. Michael was an outstanding bowler at School, and in one memorable game took five wickets against the Perse. At lunch, George Offord from year 11 presented Mr Scrivener Sr with a framed copy of the 1st XI team lists from 1953 and a printed record of all the matches he played in. A framed cricket print was also presented to Tim in recognition of his support of the School. Heather Bush, Development Director said 'It was wonderful to welcome three generations of the Scrivener family back to the School and to celebrate Michael's outstanding bowling career. We are very grateful to Tim for supporting our cricketers both current and future with his gift, and we look forward to seeing the names go up on the honours board in the coming years.'

The Old Ipswichian side which included last year's School Captain, Charlie Shepherd, got off to an electric start with Jack Knight smashing a quick-fire 50 off only 22 balls! With runs and wickets both in plentiful supply, the OI side finished on a respectable 260. After a wonderful lunch the 1st XI took up the challenge and despite the best efforts of the OIs, the School took the spoils with an outstanding seven wicket victory.

2018 Annual Golf Match

OIs V Old Framlinghamians

The sixteenth consecutive golf match was played at Woodbridge Golf Club on a beautiful summer day in June. Playing six four ball matches the result was an honourable draw – three points each. The OI team was Karl Daniels (captain) Peter Balaam, Bryan Caley, David Cordle, Mark Daniels, John Edwards, James Gardiner, Peter Miller, Tony Pennington, Bob Porter, John Rendle and Steve Runnacles.



Karl Daniels & Norman Porter, captain of Old Framlinghamians



Can you solve the Mystery of the CCF Shooting Cup..?

I have found a cup in CCF stores after a clear out. It was really grotty but it was a good size so I took it home and polished it up. It turns out it was an inter-house CCF Shooting Cup which commemorates an OI (unknown) who fell in 1916 in the Great War. It was last awarded to Felaw in 1964!

I have asked Melissa if she knew anything about it and she drew a blank after trawling through the archives. I really want to try and know more about it if possible. I also want to award it again, not as a shooting cup but possibly as the Inter Section Field Gun Trophy.

It is solid silver and worth just over £150 as scrap but it would cost £2000 to replace. Far more important it is part of our early history and I want to bring it back into use. Any help appreciated.

If you have any knowledge or can help in any way please contact Richard Welbourne at Ipswich School - rgw@ipswich.school - it would be wonderful if we can feature some good news on this in a future journal.



Old Ipswichian Summer Lunch

Saturday 16 June 2018

On a beautifully sunny Saturday in June, the School was once again host to the annual Diamond Lunch, reuniting those Old Ipswichians who left the School fifty years ago or more. Many small groups of former classmates could be seen chatting in the School grounds long before the official start of the event. Stories, old and new, were enthusiastically swapped, with plenty of laughter. Archivist Melissa Joralemon produced a fabulous display that helped to provoke conversation including photographs, documents and the wonderful new mannequins of Cardinal Wolsey as boy and man.

While many guests enjoyed catching up, others took up the opportunity to have a tour of the School, led by Bob Clayton. Various stopping points around the School generated much interest, with everyone agreeing that the facilities had evolved in



a positive direction to give current pupils great opportunities to learn. The highlight of the tour for most was a visit to the New Music School building, generously supported by the OIs through the 125th Appeal a few years back. This was the first time some had been in the building and it didn't fail to impress.

For lunch the main dining room had been transformed by the School catering staff, and the meal was up to the usual very high standards we have come to enjoy from Lisa and her team.

After lunch, OI President Tim Passmore and Headmaster Nicholas Weaver spoke with humour, pride and passion. Tim talked about the importance of education and learning,

and how schools such as Ipswich School play a vital role in providing opportunities not only to learn, but to be part of a strong community which endures - something which was clearly in evidence at the event. The Headmaster extended a warm welcome to all and brought the assembled guests up to date with news from the School. He also talked about the importance of the Bursary fund, announcing that the first pupil to receive a full bursary generated from the School's new endowment fund is due to start at the school in September. It was a most enjoyable event, and we are already looking forward to next year's!

2018 OI Rugby 7s

Sunday 16th December 2018

The OI Rugby tournament took place on what must have been the coldest day of the year. Factoring in the wind-chill the temperature never rose above freezing and probably was around minus 4. For the first time in a long time though the number of OI players was greater than the current school players. Playing commitments elsewhere for local clubs meant that a couple of players drifted in, played for a while, but then had to leave so they could play a fifteens game later in the afternoon.

The games were played in a great spirit and some skilful rugby was displayed when limbs had warmed up sufficiently. Player of the tournament was Matthew French as voted by the staff, referee and current rugby captain Tom Batley. Anyone interested in joining us next year, hopefully in milder conditions



should contact Richard Welbourne rgw@ipswich.school at the school. All are welcome.

Sincere thanks must go to the referee Dave Slade and Bryan Caley for their support on the day and to Richard for preparing the pitches.

30 Year Reunion Class of 1988

Saturday 9 June 2018

On Saturday 9 June over 30 OIs from the Class of 1988 gathered to celebrate their 30th anniversary since leaving Ipswich School. Ably organised by Simon Ballard and Charles Bagnall, those returning gathered in the Loggia to enjoy catching up and reminiscing about their school days.

With both current and former staff also in attendance as well it really was a great opportunity to catch up on where life had taken everyone over the past 30 years. Guests were also able to enjoy the School's 1st XI in action on the cricket pitch which brought back a few sporting memories for some!



Please look at the schedule of events on page 6 where reunions are published and if you would like to organise a reunion for your year group, please send an email to oldipswichians@ipswich.school for further information.



OI London Dinner

Thursday 19th April 2018

This year's London Dinner held at the prestigious In and Out Club in St James Square was well attended by nearly 50 Old Ipswichians. The setting in Lady Astor's former house was spectacular and we were privileged to be addressed by Anthony Stansfield (Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner) who not only told us tails of his exciting military career in territories as far apart as The Falkland Islands and Hong Kong but some of his escapades during the Cold War with Military Intelligence and his experiences of the troubles in Northern Ireland. He completed his speech with a particularly strong message directed towards some of the banking fraternity, financial fraud and the urgent need for them to do so much more to support companies large and small to deliver growth for UK plc in a much more open and Transparent manner.



Our Headmaster, Nicholas Weaver spoke with suitable aplomb and reminded us of why schools such as Ipswich School play an essential part in the nation's wellbeing by delivering a fine education to many of our fellow citizens not only to those who pay their fees but also to those who on occasion struggle with the considerable financial commitment and the support to those who are less fortunate via bursaries and other support mechanisms. A particularly poignant quote Nicholas mentioned was "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance!" to which my comment is quite so!

My thanks as president for 2018 must go to those who helped organise this splendid event from the school and, as usual, to James Mansfield who is our London Dinner honorary secretary - and has been for almost as long as I can remember. Thank you also to all who made the effort to attend and provide their support.

OI v School Cross Country

Saturday 10th March 2018

On Saturday 10th March, a team of 9 Old Ipswichians, captained by Alistair Dick ((OI 1947 - 81))braved the wind and rain to run the annual OI v School Cross Country at Fynn Valley.

The OI Club achieved another victory, beating the School! Congratulations to Patrick Hudson, who was triumphant, coming first in the OI race. Back at School, both the OI and School teams were treated to a lovely afternoon tea by the School Catering Department.

A huge thank you goes to Alistair for rallying the OI Team and to B & Jon Smith, who have organised the race for the last 9 years, they now head off to pastures new in the Channel Islands!

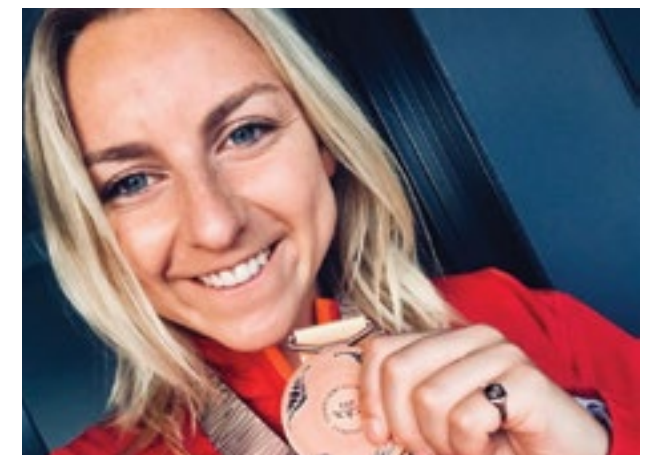


Medal Success for Old Ipswichians

The OI Club was delighted to hear of the medal success of our four former pupils who played for the England hockey teams in the recent Commonwealth Games in Australia.

Hannah Martin (OI 1998 - 13), her brother Harry Martin (OI 1996 - 11), George Pinner (OI 1998 - 05) - who was also one of the men's team captains - and James Gall (OI 2006 - 09) all came back with bronze medals after some fantastic hockey at the Gold Coast games.

Ipswich School Headmaster Nicholas Weaver said: "We are so proud of the achievements of these four Old Ipswichians - not only competing on the international stage, but coming home with medals as well. Bravo!"



Ben Edmondson, Director of Sport, added: "Not only is it an outstanding achievement to represent your country but to do so at a major tournament and with such success is something Hannah, George, Harry and James can be truly proud of. They are a credit to the school, a source of pride for the staff who worked with them and most importantly an inspiration to all Ipswich School pupils of what can be achieved when you have determination and drive to chase your goals."



2018 AGM and Ipswich Dinner

Sunday 16th December 2018

On the night of the Dinner, it was raining hard with the wind blowing to the point it turned umbrellas inside out. This didn't stop Ols from venturing out to one of the highlights of the Clubs calendar.

After the formal business of the AGM, (which was very well attended). The Headmaster, Nicholas Weaver conducted a quick tour of the Chapel where the Doves art installation is displayed. The impressive sculpture of nearly 800 ceramic doves, suspended from the ceiling is cleverly lit with coloured lights which form beguiling shadows on the walls. The artwork commemorates the end of WWI proving to be a spectacle to be admired. This wonderful project was generously supported by the Club which enabled it to be realised.

Little School was transformed into a subtly lit bar with poséur tables and comfortable chairs. Ols, looking splendid wearing dinner jackets and evening dresses, circulated with enthusiasm and enjoyed captivating conversation. The members had to be enticed to dinner as they appeared to be enjoying themselves so much it was hard to break the exchange.

On entering Great School Ols were treated to a visual extravaganza with snowflakes projected onto the ceiling, a star curtain covered the entire back wall and tables beautifully dressed.

The evening culminated with several speeches; Tim Passmore recounted his school days and made guests laugh with his own analysis of his school reports and we were delighted to be



joined by speaker Ol Andrew Ward, Vice President Marketing and Customer Experience for Jazeera Airways, Andrew gave anecdotal experiences of his time working in the airline industry, some of the major campaigns he has been involved with and the celebrity encounters he has enjoyed. The Headmaster provided an enjoyable update on news from the School, and thanked Ols for the continued involvement and support of both the Club and the School.



The President's Late Summer Social

Friday 28 September 2018

It was a warm September evening at Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich where we held the late summer social event. We believe this to be the first time this event was held outside the school premises and it really was an excellent evening. Christchurch Mansion is one of the finest historic buildings in the county and I don't know why Suffolk doesn't use this setting more frequently because it for me is one of our jewels in the crown.

Around fifty Old Ipswichians and partners attended to catch up and exchange views or ideas on the state of the world and many other highbrow issues. Whether the rigorous debate will make any difference is unclear but of course it was all the more significant by the common bond of an Ipswich School education! I reflected at the time on the

debating society we had when I was at school and if I remember there was an annual inter house debating competition to win the Sermon Cup.

Some attendees had not returned to any school functions since they had left many years ago and it was so pleasing to welcome them along. No function is successful without ample supplies of food and drink and I'd like to thank the East of England Co-operative Society who kindly offered examples of high quality Suffolk produce.

On these occasions it is customary to receive charitable donations and not only would I like to thank all those who made the effort to attend but also for their generosity. Over four hundred pounds was raised for "Inspire" a local charity that is doing so much to assist



some of the most deprived young people in Suffolk seeking training and employment – a very worthwhile cause.

Finally I must place on record how indebted the club is to the team at the Development Office who made all the arrangements for this super event.

1528-1530 Cardinal College, Ipswich

In 2018, just ten years short of the 500th anniversary of its opening, we look back at two glorious years in the history of Ipswich School.

In 1528, Old Ipswichian Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, Archbishop of York and Lord Chancellor to King Henry VIII, saw the realisation of one of his ambitions, to provide magnificent premises and a dedicated curriculum for his former school at Ipswich.

Born the son of butcher in the town, somewhere between 1471 and 1475, Wolsey had been educated by the chaplain of the Guild of Corpus Christi, along with other Ipswich boys, in St Mary-le-Tower church. Depending on the year of this birth, he may have made the transition in to Felaw's House on Foundation Street, bequeathed in Felaw's will for use as a school.



What was his plan?

Wolsey's aim was for his old school, in its new grand home, to rival the greatest schools of the day, Eton and Winchester, linked respectively to King's College, Cambridge and New College, Oxford. To this end he founded a college in Oxford, Cardinal College, for which the Ipswich school would serve as a feeder.

“The Cardinal's plan went beyond sheer grandeur. On his graduation from Oxford, he had been headmaster of Magdalen College School and was deeply committed to education.”

He would have been familiar with the humanistic teachings of the day and sought to inculcate a true love of learning in the pupils. To this end, he chose two men on whom he felt he could rely to achieve this end - the Dean, William Capon, and (Head) Master, William Goldwyn or Golding, the latter from Eton, where he had most likely been Master.



The Dissolution of the Monasteries began in earnest in 1536

How did he do it?

While what we know as the Dissolution of the Monasteries had not yet begun, Wolsey was able to close or appropriate the wealth of a number of monasteries for use in the building of the school. He succeeded in obtaining papal bullae or edicts from Pope Clement VII for the suppression of eight monasteries in East Anglia but was able to obtain funds from far more religious institutions.

“The church of the Priory of St Peter, on whose grounds the new school was built, was taken over for use as the school chapel and the parishioners were told they would have to worship at other churches.”

The National Archives contain copies of grants and letters patent allowing Wolsey to take funds from monasteries, rectories and manors. In this endeavour, Wolsey relied on his right-hand man, Thomas Cromwell, who travelled to and from Ipswich on his behalf. It was Cromwell who would later be instrumental in carrying out the King's policies of dissolution.

Where in Ipswich was Cardinal College?

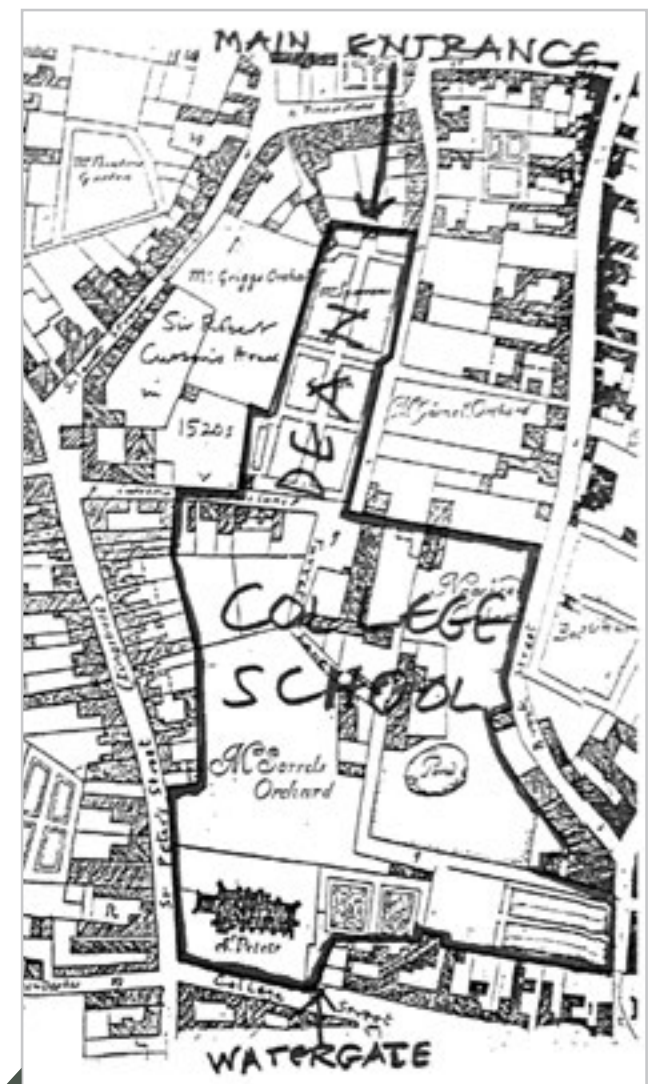
The roughly six-acre site stretched from the River Orwell in the South, behind the area where we now find Dance East and Pizza Express, reaching towards the present day statue of Wolsey in the 'Saints' area - where the streets of St Nicholas and St Peter meet Silent Street.



Cardinal College site outlined in red; green X marks Wolsey's gate



Copy of a deed confirming acquisition of smaller properties with royal approval



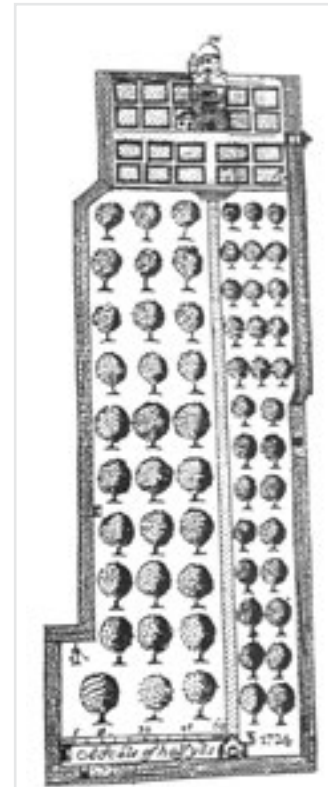
Approximate outline of Cardinal College site on Ogilby's map of 1674

What was it like?

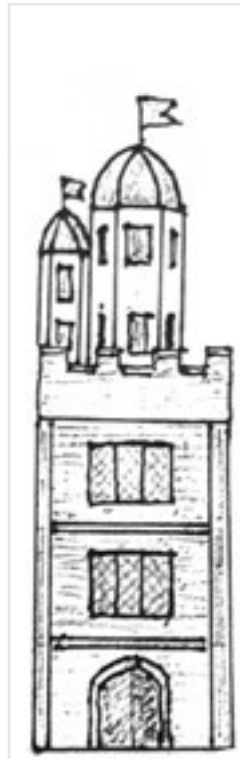
In a word, grand, just as it was supposed to be. Caen stone was brought from Normandy for the walls. A Turret House was built for the Dean, looking onto the same Turret Lane we see today. This is where the main entrance was, while to the south of the Turret House lay orchards. Inside the school, there were murals, gold and silver plate and the finest furnishings. On the river side, a red brick gate gave access from the water.



Mural from St Peter's Priory and possibly the dean's house, now in Christchurch Mansion



Orchards behind the dean's house



The dean's turret house



Katherine of Aragon and Henry VIII

The boys, with nothing left of the school, returned to Felaw's House, accompanied by William Golding who elected to stay on as Master for a further ten years. It was thanks to Thomas Cromwell's intercession with the king that the endowments were restored to the school, as well as the stipends of Master and Usher (second master). Henry left Wolsey's Oxford college alone. Building continued and it is known today as Christ Church College.

What went wrong?

Unable to secure the divorce from Katherine of Aragon, so desired by Henry VIII in order to marry Anne Boleyn, Wolsey fell from the king's favour. Named a traitor, he was summoned from York to London, where he would almost certainly have been imprisoned and quite probably executed. The once mighty Cardinal died en route at Leicester and was buried in the abbey there. His remains have never been found.

Naming himself head of the new Anglican Church, Henry, now legally married to Anne Boleyn, sought to undo Wolsey's work in Ipswich.

What happened to the school?

Henry dispatched Thomas Cromwell to the school, this time to make an inventory of all that was to be found at Cardinal College. Everything was loaded onto carts and taken to London. Who knows where each item ended up? Even the grand walls were not safe from the hands of the king's men. They were taken down, stone by stone, and carried to London where they were used to enlarge Wolsey's palace, York Place, which became the Palace of Whitehall, named for the colour of the plundered stone.

What can we see today?

The watergate – Wolsey's Gate

All that remains of the school today is the old watergate, now known as Wolsey's Gate, on College Street.

The chapel – St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church, chapel of the school for the duration of its short life, is still there - the parishioners were allowed to return once the college had been taken apart. Today however, thanks to declining church attendance and funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Ipswich Borough Council and the Historic Churches Trust, St Peter's is now a Heritage Centre for music and the arts. Former headmaster Dr Blatchly was a key figure in this transformation.



Wolsey's gate with St Peter's in the background

The Turret House, remembered today in Tom Tower, Christ Church and Ipswich School, Henley Road

Until its demolition in the mid-1800s, we would also have been able to see the Dean's Turret House.

For an idea of what the Dean's Turret House might have looked like, we can look at Christchurch's Tom Tower, over the college's main entrance. The tower was built from 1681 to 1682 and was designed by Sir Christopher Wren.

“As a child, Wren often stayed with his aunt in Ipswich and would have seen the Turret House of the former school. In fact he apparently said that Tom Tower “ought to be Gothick to agree with the Founders worke”.”

We can also look at our own school tower on Henley Road, designed by architect Christopher Fleury. Fleury, designing the building which opened in 1852, would have been aware of both the Turret House and Tom Tower and he too has incorporated 'the Founders worke'.

As for Cardinal College, Oxford, it was refounded by Henry as the King's College of Christ Church. Building continued and it is known today as Christ Church College.



Tom Tower at Christ Church College recalls the dean's Turret House



Ipswich School's main entrance today recalls both Tom Tower and the Turret House

The foundation stone

We can still see the foundation stone of the Ipswich college. In the late 18th century, it was found built into a wall on Woulfern's Lane, now Friars Street, and was sent to Christ Church College. It is now part of the wall of the Chapter House - at time of writing the college gift shop.



Ipswich School's replica of the foundation stone

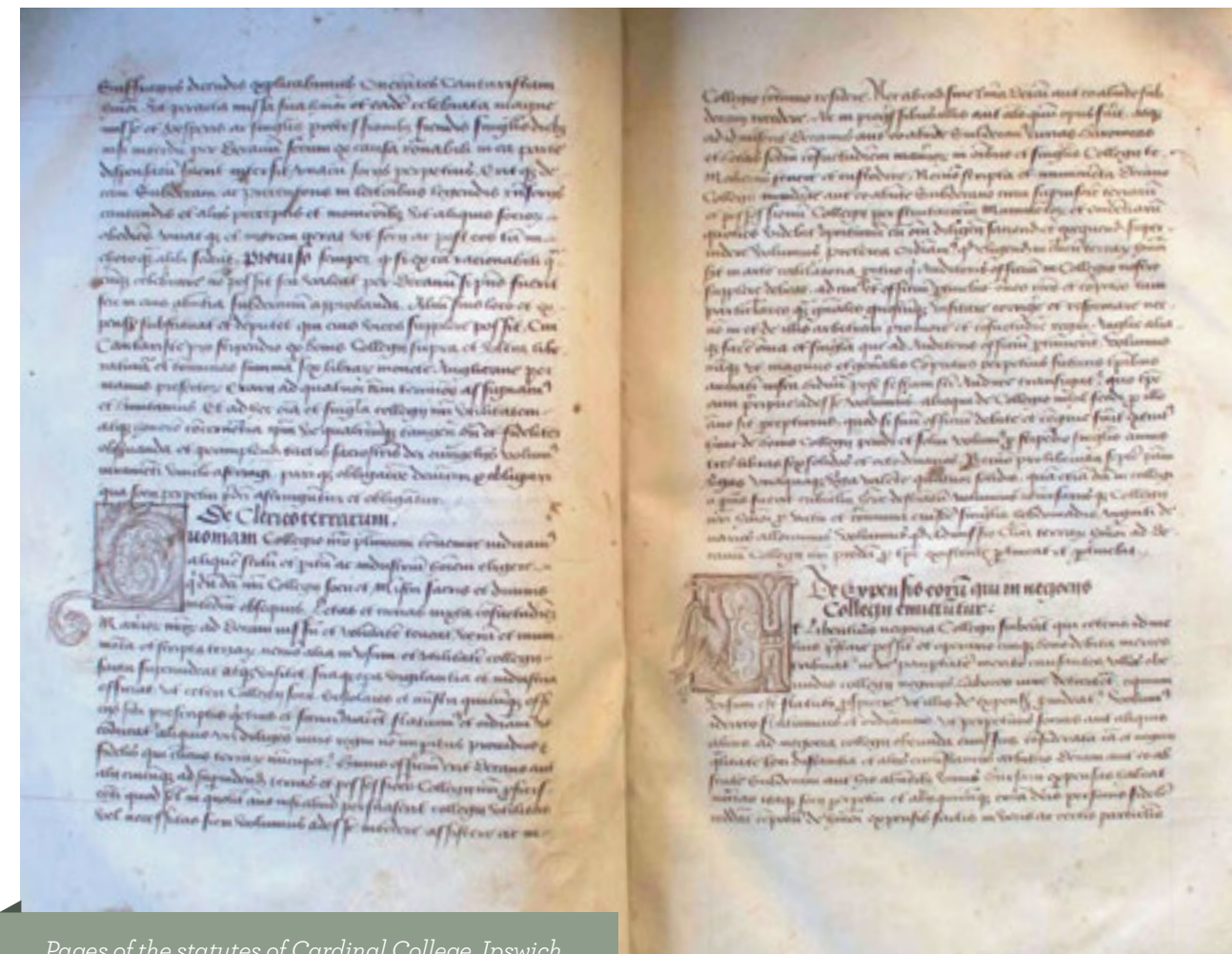
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The Year of our Lord
1528 and
the 20th year of the Reign
of King Henry VIII
of England
and the 15th of June
[this stone] laid
by John, Bishop of Lydda

We also have a replica of the stone here at school, in the passage from the Common Room to the Headmaster's study, just inside the glass doors from the main entrance. The inscription on the stone reads: The year of our lord 1528 and the 20th year of the reign of King Henry VIII of England and the 15th June, laid by John, Bishop of Lydda.

The Statutes

There were originally three copies of the school statutes, which covered the organisation and administration of the school, discipline, teaching and worship.



Pages of the statutes of Cardinal College, Ipswich

The words and spirit of Wolsey today

Wealthy, powerful and ambitious he may have been, but in his approach to education, Wolsey was far ahead of his time. He believed that education should be an enjoyable, inspiring experience rather than a daunting one, and that this would foster a lifelong love of learning.

“As for discipline, the cardinal was centuries ahead in his views on the punishment of pupils. Corporal punishment in schools would not be abolished in Britain until 1986 (well behind the rest of Europe) and not in independent schools until 1998.”

At Ipswich School, Dr John Blatchly abolished the practice early in his headship (1972-1993) - still almost 450 years after Wolsey advocated the idea.

The only copy we know of today is kept in the archives at Christ Church, Oxford but was recently on display here in Ipswich as part of the Wolsey's Angels exhibition at Christchurch Mansion.

*Pleasure is to mingle with study,
that the boy may think learning
rather an amusement than a toil.
Tender youth is to suffer neither
severe thrashings nor sour and
threatening looks, nor any kind of
tyranny, for by such usage the fire
of genius is either extinguished or
in great measure damped.*

Cardinal Thomas Wolsey
(1471-5?-1530)

The Making of a Cardinal

Life-size figures of the boy and the man he would become



The Young Thomas Wolsey

Thomas Wolsey was born sometime between 1471 and 1475. He would have been educated with other sons of the town in the south aisle of St Mary-le-Tower church. While in those days the church would have looked very different, nevertheless, compared to most of the town's dwellings, it was presumably an imposing structure. The boys were under the tutelage of the chaplain of the Guild of Corpus Christi and learnt their apesyes (ABCs), song and a great deal of religion.

Depending on the year of his birth, Thomas may have made the transition to Felaw's House on Foundation Street, left in his will by portman and burgess Richard Felaw on his death in 1484, for use as a schoolhouse. From Felaw's House, the school continued on the journey which would lead to its present home on Henley Road.

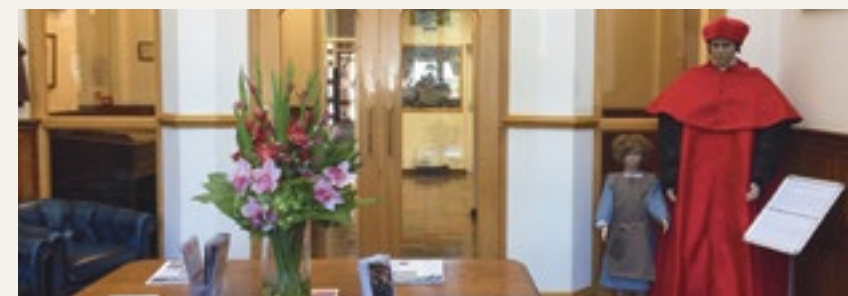
It was simple enough to order a child-size mannequin, but clothing him in the manner in which he would have run through the streets, played and also studied under the eye of the guild chaplain, was another matter. Ipswich School's Marjoke Henrichs is known for her superb costumes for our many school productions. What is less known is that she is a theatre designer with extensive experience in historical costume designing and making. The archivist called on Marjoke, who worked her magic and designed and produced Young Thomas' costume. Unlike the pictures we may be used to seeing, children of his day tended to wear longer tunics (although presumably these grew shorter as the children grew taller. .).



The Cardinal

The Cardinal was a different matter. For whatever reason, the male adult mannequins available today all seem to be over 6 feet tall and it is unlikely Wolsey was of such stature. (We tend to think medieval folk were very small but in fact they were not much shorter than us - perhaps because they got a great deal more fresh air and unrefined food. It was in the eighteenth century when living conditions changed that people began to, well, shrink, for want of a better word. . .). This mannequin however, was simply too tall for a man of that era. He needed to lose a few inches, in addition to gaining several years in age. While awaiting his new destiny, he lived in the archives, kitted out in CCF gear and making few friends amongst the Development team and the cleaners, some of whom found his tall figure frightening as it loomed out of the darkness when they came in to work.

After much thought about how to shorten him, the archivist turned to the school's Phil Slee, a longstanding member of the maintenance team, without which the school would not be able to function. The archivist knew him to be a craftsman of beautiful woodwork (such as the new librarian's desk) but did not know how he would feel about getting to work on a hollow plastic figure. Or was it fibreglass. . .? Thankfully, without batting an eyelid, Phil agreed, took the mannequin and set to work. While the archivist watched, he sawed it in half at the chest, melted the cut edge of the wider upper half and telescoped it down over the lower half. He then used four rivets to secure the two halves in place, filled the thin spaces between the wider and narrower sections and bound the 'wound' with tape.



The mannequin was returned a few hours later at correct height.

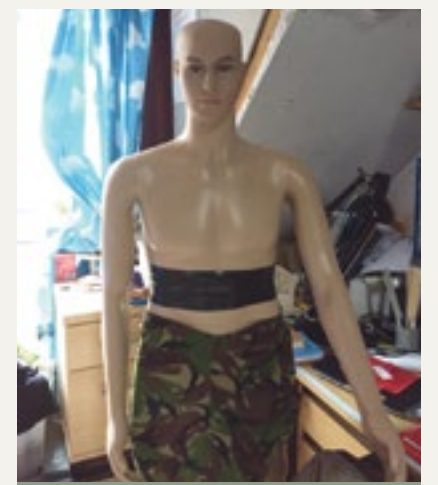
Next stop, wardrobe. This was a far bigger task for Marjoke than the boy Wolsey had been. The cardinal appears to have been of bulky build later in life and our mannequin was trim and muscular. However, as the layers of clothing built up, he began to gain width. Underneath he wears a white cotton shirt. The hose at present is a representation; it would probably have been wool. The black doublet has taffeta sleeves, which also would have been silk, with a velvet bodice and skirt. His red cardinal's robe is of taffeta, representing the costly silk which would have been used. The buttons throughout his outfit are handmade, a long and intricate task. His hat, worn over a black wool skullcap, is velvet. The shoes are of leather, similar to those worn at the time.

In designing Wolsey's costume, Marjoke used a number of sources but relied mostly on the portrait which hangs in the National Gallery, painted by an anonymous artist in about 1525. A copy can be seen in the headmaster's study at school.

All that remained was to age him. Marjoke has begun to do this and will continue to work on him.

On display

The Wolseys/Wolsies?! made their debut at the OI Summer lunch in June 2018 and moved afterwards to reception, where for a time they will greet visitors to the school. As their raison d'être is to bring history alive, it is hoped that they will be displayed as much as possible from now on, both inside and outside the school.



Development Office News

It was another busy year for the Development Office, working closely with the OI Committee on the yearly programme of events and lending a hand administratively as well. In addition, we have been enabling supporters to help the School in a variety of ways, from providing careers advice and help for current pupils, to hosting events and supporting projects financially.



OI Club Hong Kong Dinner

It was a pleasure to be in contact with many OIs through last year's Summer telephone campaign, and to hear about your stories since leaving Ipswich School. Our team of callers were exceptional and couldn't have represented the School better. Although we were not able to reach as many people this time, your generous support raised an outstanding £30,000 towards bursary places, enabling more children to benefit from everything that Ipswich School is able to offer regardless of their family's financial circumstances. Thank you to everyone who participated, we really appreciate you taking the time to have a conversation.

In January this year the School was delighted to open the doors to The Lodge Day Nursery on Ivy Street, which provides childcare for children aged between 3 months and 3 years. This project would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of Roy Towns OI, whose legacy to the School enabled the nursery to go ahead.

“Roy was a long-standing supporter of the Prep School, and with his connection to our younger pupils, it was felt that using Roy's gift to extend our provision of early years

care to a nursery facility would be entirely appropriate. We are indebted to Roy, and his family members, for the positive impact this gift will have on families and children within Ipswich.”

In May 2018, former Development Director Heather Bush and the Headmaster travelled to Hong Kong to meet with the many OIs who live in the region to update them on news from Ipswich School and to forge stronger links with our community there. We are particularly indebted to Malcolm Barnett OI whose help with the trip, culminating in hosting a dinner at the prestigious Hong Kong Club, was invaluable.

The Development Office works all year around to support the OI Club and the School, and we are always delighted to hear from OIs. Whether you'd like to come back and visit the School, take a look at the archives, or find out more about news from the School, it's a pleasure to be in touch.

The Phoenix Fund – Providing a lifeline in times of worry

The Phoenix Fund was set up in 2012 by OIs Roger and Bob Porter (1953 – 1960) to support children who find themselves at risk of having to leave Ipswich School because of unforeseen financial circumstances. We caught up with Bob recently to hear about why he set up the fund with Roger, and why he feels so passionately about supporting the Fund.

Tell us a bit more about your own experiences whilst at Ipswich School:

“Roger and I both had East Suffolk scholarships. We had just completed our ‘O’ levels, when our father's job was transferred from Holbrook to Ipswich. This meant that we were no longer funded by East Suffolk Education Authority. My parents were not able to pay for our school fees, so we were resigned to having to leave Ipswich School. With much trepidation, our parents made an appointment to see the Headmaster, Patrick Mermagen. It must have been a real

ordeal for them to explain that we had to leave Ipswich School as they were no longer able to afford the school fees for our last two years in the Sixth Form.”

What Was Headmaster Mermagen's response?

“Our parents saw a different side to Patrick Mermagen that we schoolboys never knew – he was absolutely charming!

His spontaneous reaction, and decision on hearing our plights, was to say to my parents that no way would their boys be leaving the School. We would be staying on to take our ‘A’ Levels in the Sixth Form, gratis. Our parents were overwhelmed, of course, at the School's generosity, but it was only much later in life that we realised how fortunate we were to be able to complete our education at Ipswich School. It has always been our plan to pay back the School's generosity.”

And so this led on to you wanting to give back to the School?

“This is why we set up the Phoenix Fund to help both current and future pupils, who like us, find themselves in circumstances that mean they cannot complete their education at Ipswich School at no fault of their own. Perhaps they will be as lucky as we were to get the great start in life that we had the great fortune to enjoy as a result of an Ipswich School education.”

We could not be more grateful to Bob and Roger for founding the Fund, and to the many OIs who have donated to it since it was set up in 2012. Thanks to Bob, Roger and others, over £16,000 has been raised to date for families in need. In the last year alone, three families have benefitted from the Fund to help them through a period of long term illness and redundancy, giving certainty around their children's schooling at a time of significant worry and pressure. Thank you to you all.



Robert Porter, Richard Wadwell, Roger Porter



2017 Call Team

Founding Futures Bursary Campaign



In May 2019 we launched our most ambitious fundraising campaign at the School and hope that you will get behind our aims to open the doors of the School to more children whose potential far outweighs their financial means. We believe an Ipswich School education can be transformative for children and their families and we wish to support as many as we can on 100% bursary assistance in the School.

The launch night saw performances from some of the Schools talented music students as well as a speech from John Poulter, former governor and supporter, Rosie Geelymuyden OI, bursary recipient and a piano performance from Harrison Cole OI, himself a music scholar at Ipswich.

The fund has so far raised almost £200,000 with generous support from the Lord Belstead Charitable Trust, the OI Club, individual OI's, and other supporters of the School. We hope that this investment in the future of young people in education will continue.

Included in this publication package is our campaign document, please do take the time to take a look.

We have been delighted that some of our past pupils who received financial assistance in the School have been willing to share their stories of how an Ipswich School education has shaped their lives. Most recently Hannah McFarland OI has shared with us the impact she still feels today.

What the Ipswich School Bursary meant to me

I do often wonder if my life would have turned out quite the way it has if Ipswich School hadn't taken a chance on me as a slightly precocious "girly swot" of an 11-year-old. It is of course impossible to know for sure, but I have no doubt it would have been considerably less likely that I would have had available both the opportunities I have had, and the confidence to take them, if it wasn't for the 7 years I spent at Ipswich School.

I'm fortunate in that I've always been clever, and have parents who were determined that I take advantage of that good fortune. I was less fortunate to be at a state primary school where being clever made you a target; the teachers were generally wonderful, but my experiences with some fellow pupils meant I was desperate to get away from that system by the time secondary school came around. My parents, for their part, had already started eyeing up local private schools. Perhaps there was a time when they would have tried saving up for that sort of education for me, but then life intervened. Redundancy. Divorce. House repossession. A new reliance on benefits to keep on top of the bills. All of this meant that the idea of spending tens of thousands pounds on school fees was now completely laughable.

I'm sure we all therefore thought that particular dream was over. That is, until we heard of these things called bursaries that some private schools offered to children who had plenty of academic potential, but



who were from a financially disadvantaged background. And make no mistake about it, low income families are massively disadvantaged in so many walks of life - education, health, social mobility. The fact that some organisations try to do what they can to mitigate some of this disadvantage, even if they're only in a position to do so for a small number of people, continues to amaze me.

"I will forever be grateful to Ipswich School (and the benefactors who make the Bursary scheme possible) for the wonderful opportunity they gave me"

I was accepted to Ipswich School and my time there genuinely was an incredibly happy period of my life. Being pushed academically now became an expectation, rather than a surprise, and having the opportunity to be taught by such knowledgeable, passionate teaching staff was such an amazing feeling. I also got the chance to get involved in the school hockey and netball teams, culminating in becoming Captain of the netball team in Sixth Form, alongside being made Head Girl at this point too. And then there were Thursday afternoons, where older pupils had the opportunity to do more extra-curricular activities. For this, I spent 4 years helping out at two local special schools, which taught me a huge amount of patience and empathy, and has left me with life skills I still use to this day in my current career in paediatrics. One of the enduring effects of my time at Ipswich School was in giving me confidence to push myself, and to feel more at ease in a wide variety of surroundings.



Front right: Me in A-level chemistry
(Dr Jones is front left)

"The advantages of a good education don't just come from what you learn in the classroom."

There were too many teachers who had an impact on me during this time for me to name them all, but there are two in particular to whom I will always owe a particular debt of gratitude. The first was Karen Hoskins, she was a brilliant teacher and she really felt like someone I could talk to if I was worried about anything. That sort of pastoral support completely embodied the spirit of the school. The second one was Gareth Jones, my Sixth Form Chemistry teacher. If it wasn't for a slightly off-the-cuff (and typically gruff) comment from him - "McFarland, have you thought about applying to Oxbridge?" - I may never have thought about pushing myself in that particular direction.

But that's what happened. An application to Cambridge University to read medicine. An acceptance letter that arrived at school and was delivered to me in a biology class, where I embarrassingly got a little bit emotional in front of everyone. And then off to Downing College, Cambridge as the first person in my immediate family to even go to university.

I spent three very happy years studying pre-clinical medicine there, before transferring to King's College London to complete my training, where I graduated with an MBBS with Distinctions in Clinical Sciences and Clinical Practice. I then spent two years in the North East of England as a Foundation doctor ("House Officer", as it once was) before taking a year out to live and work in Christchurch, New Zealand, which was just the most amazing experience.

I then returned to the UK to start paediatric training in the East Midlands, which is where I'm still working currently, now as a paediatric registrar (senior doctor). I have also now completed all of my postgraduate exams, which has given me a few more letters for the end of my name. I've recently bought a house in Derbyshire with my partner, with my eye now on "buying a dog" as my next major life goal.

As I look back over these things I've done since leaving Ipswich School, I sometimes still can't quite believe how lucky I've been. I will always be grateful to the school for giving me the knowledge, the skills and the ambition to achieve what I have, while continuing to reflect on how unfair it is that these same opportunities aren't available to all children.

"I genuinely believe being awarded this bursary changed my life."

One day I hope to be in a position to help another child from a disadvantaged background have access to the same sort of education I did. In the meantime, I was delighted to be asked by the school to contribute my experiences to the current Founding Futures campaign. As a paediatrician, I see daily just what a huge impact social determinants have on children and their families, and breaking the link between poverty and poor education is just one way to help tackle this. So, if you're reading this, and you're fortunate enough to be in a position to, please consider donating to this campaign; you could help to change another child's life.

– Dr Hannah McFarland (OI 1999-06)
MA (Cantab) MBBS MRCPCH



In 2017, with my family as I became a Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

THANK YOU - Potential to be unlocked through bursary campaign

We are so pleased to announce that the Founding Futures endowment is now able to support another student in the School. So far the endowment, which is the start of our investment in the future of Ipswich School and the pupils who attend the School, is supporting two, fully assisted places in the School per annum.

The pupil started in September and is already flourishing in the Ipswich School environment.

It is down to the generosity of OIs and supporters of the School that has brought opportunity to this young person. They show extraordinary promise in their education and co-curricular achievements so far, promise we believe can be unlocked through an Ipswich School education.

The work doesn't stop here, we want to continue to offer opportunity and promise to any young person with potential, drive and passion. Collectively we can help change more young lives through education.

If you have any questions or would like to support the campaign please get in touch with Nikki Brown, Development Director, **01473 298961** or email on **nlb@ipswich.school**.
www.ipswich.school/foundingfutures

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the New Dining Room at Ipswich School at 6.30pm on Saturday 15th December 2018

In attendance:

Tim Passmore (President), William Coe (Vice-President), Sally Webber (Chairman), Clare Lock (Secretary), Steve Runnacles (Treasurer), Nicholas Weaver (Headmaster) and those signing the attendance register:

John Graham, Peter Boughton, James Davey, Karl Daniels, Richard Staines, Oliver Pitt, Richard Passmore, John Ward, Richard Welbourne, Paul Wranek, John Caudle, Bob Clayton, Ian Galbraith, Trevor Woods, Geoffrey Bell-Jones, John Felgate, John Skeates, Bob Porter, Tery Cracknell, Chris Jeffery, Geoffrey Cook,

1.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from: Mike Fenn, Leigh Belcham, Florence Milner and Chris Warnes

Members were welcomed to the AGM by the President, Tim Passmore

2.0 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record Proposed by Bob Clayton and Seconded by James Davey.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the minutes

3.0 Chairman’s report

Sally Webber presented her Chairman’s Report for 2018 as follows:

On membership, 87.7% of Year 13 joined the Club, compared to 86.5% in 2017, 89% in 2016, 85% in 2015, 80% in 2014 and in 2014 it was 89%.

Interestingly more Year 11 leavers joined the Club, which we will continue to monitor as it is somewhat different to the trait, we typically see for those leaving at this stage.

I am grateful to the Headmaster for inviting me to speak at the new parents evening in September. I always find this a really happy event, with pupils and parents embarking on their journey at Ipswich School, and it gives an opportunity to introduce the Club and what it does to parents and pupils at an early stage, which is helpful. Awareness of the Club, its role and what it does is rising in the School, and we are working for more opportunities to show the benefits of membership of the OI Club.

In an age where many schools and their alumni associations have difficult and fractious relationships, I am very happy that the Club’s link with the School remains such a positive one. The Head and I speak regularly, and the Club is also very ably supported by Heather Bush, Development Director, and her team. Much of what the Club does, and certainly the planning and delivery of bigger events, would be difficult without the assistance of the Development Office and its team. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the Headmaster and his staff for their support of the Club. It is also, therefore, with sadness that I wish Heather all the best in her new role as she moves on and hope that you join me in showing our appreciation for all her hard work on behalf of the school and the Club.

Highlights of Events 2018

We kicked off the year in style with an amazing wine tasting organised by John Caudle in conjunction with Majestic Wines. 21 OIs learnt how to really appreciate various wines, and how to pair them successfully with food. A skill I’m sure we’ve all applied every Friday night since.

London Dinner – On Thursday 19th April, we assembled at the In and Out Club in Mayfair for the London Dinner. As always with the London Dinner, we were treated extremely well. Dinner was delicious, the venue was bright and welcoming, and the company, as always, stimulating and fun. Your president, Mr Tim Passmore, hosted an enthusiastic group of 50 OIs. His guest speaker Anthony Stansfield (Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner), highlighted some key moments from his life and not only told us of his exciting military career in territories as far apart as The Falkland Islands and Hong Kong but some of his escapades during the Cold War with Military Intelligence and his experiences of the troubles in Northern Ireland. He was pleased to toast the health of the OI Club.

On Saturday 9th June 56 OIs and their families joined the Club in the Loggia & Sports Hall for a 1988 Leavers Reunion organised by Charles Bagnall and Simon Ballard to celebrate 30 years since leaving Ipswich School. The event was blessed with fine weather, and conversations and beer flowed in equal measure. The Committee has further plans for additional reunions for 2019.

The Diamond Lunch, renamed the Summer Lunch – this took place on Saturday 16th June. The dining hall was again full, but not quite bursting, and we were joined by OIs who left the school 50 years ago or more, plus their partners. They were taken on a tour of the School, followed by a sumptuous lunch in the School Dining Hall. As always, the Summer Lunch was a very enjoyable and enthusiastic gathering, made more so by a special archives display arranged by Melissa Joralemon, the school archivist.

President’s Event – Friday 28th September at 6.30pm saw the President’s Event unusually take place away from the school in Christchurch Mansion. Themed around a celebration of all the amazing food and drink produced in Suffolk, and supported by Suffolk Co-op, guests were treated to a fantastic array of canapés. Nearly 50 OIs attended, including some who had not been back to an OI event, ever. Donations were given at the end of the evening for Inspire Suffolk, and over £400 was raised.

As we have for many years, the Club sponsored a night of the School’s Festival of Music and those assembled were entertained with some beautiful music. The “Club Night” was 4mality, where OI Sam Wilson and his percussion group put on a fabulous display. Ollie Morris OI also performed with the Gents of St Johns on the Monday evening, proving that OIs are really a very talented bunch of people!

2018 marked 100 years of the end of the First World War. Those members of the Club and the School who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country are now commemorated by a joint plaque in the Chapel at Ypres. This year the annual Remembrance Service was replaced by the town’s memorial event in Christchurch Park, where over 10,000 people attended. Afterwards the School welcomed in excess of 1000 back to the school to view the amazing art installation in the Chapel. The Club was delighted to help support this initiative with a contribution of £5000 to light the display. For those who wish to, the Headmaster has very kindly agreed to take OIs to view it after the AGM. It is absolutely breath-taking, and I highly recommend that you see it.

The gathering of OIs who left the School during the past 5 years – First Five Years Out – will be held in Ipswich next week.

Many people help the Club. My thanks firstly to the School, and the Headmaster in particular, as well as many of his staff including many of the Sports Department, and the oft forgotten Estates and Catering teams. And as I have already said, the Club owes much to the Development Office.

I formally record my thanks, and I hope yours, to many who have made this year so successful for the OI Club. My particular thanks to those on the committee who have completed their term of service and contributed so much: President Tim Passmore (who I am thrilled has agreed to go on the Committee), and Committee members Chris Warnes and Martin Holland. We also have some excellent individuals who have put themselves forward for election later at this AGM.

As Chairman, I see early on news of OIs who have died. This year there have been many of these, and we remember with gratitude OIs we knew who have died in the last year, as well as their families. We pay special tribute to those who have given so much to pupils of Ipswich School and to OIs.

The OI Club is about, in part, fellowship, staying in contact with OIs and building new friendship with other OIs, links with and supporting the School, and running functions to enable OIs to meet. The Club has momentum, excellent events, good communications, and an ambition to be better. I am very much looking forward to 2019, and another year full of catching up, events, and friendships renewed and strengthened as your Club Chairman.

Proposed by William Coe and Seconded by Oliver Pitt 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 2018, 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 on an annual surplus of £13,332 compared to £11,508 in the previous year. As reported at last year’s AGM leavers’ subscriptions peaked at over £31,000. Subscriptions received in this financial year are £28,700 still the second highest on record and a sign of the health of the School.

Expenditure rose by over £3,000 during the year mainly as a result of higher expenditure incurred at the London Dinner. This came about because of room hire due to a change in venue and the package offered to attract members.

For some years I have been reporting that your committee has been discussing ways to utilise the accumulation of funds within the club’s accounts. During the year a subcommittee made a proposal to the committee as to the level of reserves that needed to be retained by the Club and that excess funds should be donated to a selected School based project. This proposal was made after due consideration of the likely income and expenditure of the Club over the next five years. After deliberation, the Club has decided to donate £50,000 to the Wolsey Appeal.

A discussion took place in relation to the London and Ipswich dinner subsidies. The headmaster also expressed his thanks to the club for their donation.

Proposed by Karl Daniels and Seconded by John Ward, the Annual Accounts and Treasurer’s Report for the year ended 31st July 2018 were received and approved.

5.0 Election of President for 2019

Proposed by Sally Webber and Seconded by Ian Galbraith, William Coe was elected President for 2019. This was approved by the AGM

6.0 Election of Vice President for 2019

Proposed by Bob Clayton and Seconded by Sally Webber, Tim Kidell was elected Vice President for 2019. This was approved by the AGM

7.0 Appointment of Officers

Proposed by Trevor Woods and seconded by William Coe. Sally Webber was elected as Chairman, Clare Lock was elected as Secretary, and Steve Runnacles as Treasurer. This was approved by the AGM

8.0 Election of New Committee Members

Proposed by James Davey and seconded by Geoffery Cook, Nicola Notcutt was elected as a Committee member for the three years 2019 to 2021.

Proposed by Clare Lock and seconded by John Caudle, Glenn Williamson was elected as a Committee member for the three years 2019 to 2021.

Proposed by Sally Webber and seconded by Bob Clayton, Tim Passmore was elected as a Committee member for the three years 2019 to 2021.

These were approved by the AGM

9.0 AOB

Karl Daniels mentioned that last year the club struggled to find a Junior Vice President, he informed the AGM what Framlingham do and enquired whether the club have come up with a strategy to overcome the problem. Sally Webber responded that we have had a strategy day to discuss the issue. Framlingham pay someone to be involved which has had mixed reviews. Instead, the club decided to approach younger OIs for the committee. William Coe also mentioned that he has plans to encourage OIs next year. Karl mentioned there being a drop in younger OIs attending the dinner but the committee responded that 20% of attendees at the dinner had left since 2012.

All business being concluded the meeting closed at 6.55pm

Income & expenditure account for the year ended 31st July 2018

Income	2018	2017
Subscriptions Received	32,452	26,915
Interest on Investments and other income	196	185
Total Income	32,648	27,100
Less Expenditure		
Social Expenditure		
Reunions - including Presidents Event	7,211	6,936
Subsidies for Ipswich & London Dinners	3,562	857
	10,773	7,793
Other Expenditure		
Ipswich School Events Sponsorship	500	500
Miscellaneous Expenditure & Admin support costs	2,223	1,009
Website expenditure	2,000	2,000
Chairman's Honorarium	900	800
Additional Colour Printing Costs for magazine	2,600	3,170
Purchase and engraving of Trophies	320	320
Total Expenditure	19,3163	15,592
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for Period	£13,332	£11,508

Balance sheet as at 31st July 2018

Assets	31/07/2018	31/07/2017
Bank and Building Society Accounts	88,191	72,539
Books	—	—
Total	88,191	72,539
Less Creditors		
	18,118	15,798
Total	£70,073	£56,741
Accumulated Reserves		
Brought Forward	56,741	45,233
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for Period	13,332	11,508
Donation to Ipswich School	—	—
Total	£70,073	£56,741



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