

Burton Grammar School Old Boys Association

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New Members—We welcome these new members to the Association

Walter John Wilkinson 1948-1956

We are pleased to welcome Walter to the fold, from a distant Australia. Living at 29 Casieau Street Higgins ACT2615. he can be contacted on 0262548459 or by e-mail topgun@netspeed.com.au. He graduated at the University of Birmingham and emigrated in 1966 and worked for the Australian government until he retired in 1993.

At school he was a Prefect and member of the Swimming Athletics and Rugby Teams.

He won prizes for Spanish and French under the tuition of K.T.Harris and Huw Wood.

He lists other memorable teachers such as Polly Lowndes, Cyril Edlin, Tom Snape, Jake Hammond, Chas Brown, Joey Crowther, also remembering Vic Roebuck joining the school.

Sydney Litherland 1932-37: We are delighted to hear from Sydney, now residing at 12 The Alexander, 32 Evershed Place, St Leonards-on-Sea. East Sussex TN37 6QP. He can be contacted by telephone on 01424-720106 or by e-mail: lordjunak@hotmail.co.uk.

With Sydney's Membership Application, came an interesting report from his time in form Vb1 Aug1st 1933, the cover of the School Rugby Club Fixtures for 1936-37, a very interesting CV from March 1980 and a request for an Association Tie. I will, with Sydney's permission pass on these documents to Kevin Gallagher, as they are worthy of including on the web-site.

Brian "Bryn" Meyer 1952-57: We welcome Bryn to the fold from his 94 Smugglers Lane North, Highcliffe on Sea, Christchurch Dorset BH23 4NL address. Bryn has had a career in the Merchant Navy and in Marine Consultancy he can be contacted at bryandsandy@onetel.com

Michael John Peace 1962-67: Michael lives at 68a High Street, Newhall, Swadlincote Derbyshire DE11 0HU. He is keen to make contact with fellow schoolmates. Contact m-peace@sky.com

Greg Hall M.B.E. 1959-66: Greg is in contact from 74 Manor Way, Ruislip Middex HA4 8HL, extolling the virtues of Brab Smith saving him from a possible life of crime. Greg has had an impressive career in education which led to him receiving the M.B.E. He can be contacted at ghall1@hillingdongrid.org

Robert Danks 1957-64: Robert of 31 The Crescent, Barnes, London SW13 0NN is a Chartered Architect and has a father Arthur living in Stretton.

Alan Cloves 1952-57: Alan lives at 47 Chain Lane Mickleover Derby DE3 9AL and can be contacted at amcloves@ntlworld.com

John McCombe 1968-73: John writes from The Crest, Moorland Road, Bridgewater Somerset, where he is a serving Salvation Army Officer

Michael Prevett 1952-58: Having found the web-site Michael has decided to join from his home in Australia where he has now retired from a world-wide career in metallurgy and mining. He can be contacted on jatinga@ozemail.com.au

News Of Members

Robert Street. 1960-67

Sent apologies from Glasgow for the 2008 A.G.M. having suffered a stroke.
Our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Duncan Bradley 1962-68 GBSM, ABSM(Gen Mus), ABSM(Organ), FASC.

After leaving the Grammar School in 1968 I spent three years at what is now Birmingham Conservatoire graduating with the Graduate diploma and two Associateship diplomas. A year at Reading University saw me gain the Cert Ed. To cut a long story quite short, in 1979 I was appointed to the staff of The Gregg School in Southampton where I am Director of Music. In 2006, I was elected a Fellow of the Academy of St Cecilia, a learned society specialising in early music. In 1987, I was “clothed” as an Oblate of Alton Abbey, an Anglican Benedictine Monastery in Hampshire and this is where I give a number of organ recitals each year. My first wife died in 2002 and I have since remarried and am extremely happy. I have two children; Jonathan is currently serving with the Royal Navy and has completed two tours in Iraq and Helen is an advisor for Early Years education in Kent. My time in school is kept very busy, particularly around Christmas time, as concerts are literally booked twelve months in advance.

Graham Staley 1966-73

Graham has resubmitted an application to join the Association from 565 Muirfield Loop. Reunion, Florida, USA 34747. He has had an impressive career within the Brewing Industry as CEO of Prague Breweries CFO Labatt. USA and Labatt Canada and is currently CFO AmBev Sao Paulo Brazil. I believe we lost contact when Graham moved from Atlanta in 1997.

C.G.”Jagger” Morris 1940-47

Jagger writes from his London home, as he is resistant to computers and e-mail., with corrections to the captions of the 1944-45 : 1945-46 1st XV photographs on the website. He also reminds us that if the 1943-44 and 1946-7 are ever put on the site his initials are always the same. Jagger also comments on the 2007 Obituary of Thomas Griffiths reminding us that Thomas was Captain of 1stXV 1943-44 and a very strong running centre three quarter Thanks for the information which we did not have, all this has been passed to Kevin Gallagher.

Derrick Pounds 1946-51

Derrick sends a lengthy e-mail with his thanks for the last Newsletter, he also picks up on my Agricultural interests and relates notes, experiences and activities from an Irish trip to agricultural contacts. He also notes that on his flight to Shannon one of his bags containing a maple spinning wheel arrived safely but his clothes were sent to Rome arriving with him some 4 days later.

Jim Woolley. 1942-49

Jim has been a Foundation Govenor on the Abbot Beyne School Foundation, representing The Burton Grammar School Old Boys’ Association, since 1983. After 26 years service he is resigning and the BGSBA Committee will seek a replacement. Jim deserves congratulations on his service.

Chronicle of Members

Apologies to the following for errors contained in the Chronicle. We do understand how annoying it can be if names are incorrectly spelled, salutations are incorrect, qualifications are not all shown and the current address is incorrect.

We rely totally on communication from all involved in the Association, to try and keep records up to date and offer our thanks to those who have taken the trouble to make us aware of the errors and omissions.

The following should be amended in your Chronicle.

Mrs. C. S. Thompson, B.A.Hons ; M.Ed. Abbot Beyne School, Osbourne Street .Winshill, Burton-on-Trent Staffs. DE15 0LJ

Mr A.L. Heyward B.A; M Ed; F.R.S.A. Larksbarn, Cowley Hill Farm, Hamstall Ridware, Rugeley Staffs. WS15 3QQ

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Baron S. Brewin. M.B.E.; M.A.; F.C.I.S.A.; F.C.C.A.;F.I.P.A.; C.T.A.
Curts, 23 St Catherine's Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0HF. (Now Deceased)

Mr. .M. J. Threse. Appt 3. Blue Bay, 75-77Boscombe Overcliff Drive Bournemouth Dorset, BH5 2EL

Mr D. H.Davies. Little Britain Cottage, Kimbolton, Leominster, Hereford. HR6 0HQ.

Mr. J. G. Davies. St Mary's, Sweeney Mountain. Oswestry, Shropshire. SY10 9EX

Mr P.G. Stanley. 4 Raven Road, Yoxall, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire. DE13 8PA

Mr E.J.Hathaway 29 Selly Wick, Birmingham, West Midlands B29 7JQ

Mr R. Throssell. 2 Lodge Court, Hollins Hill, Hamforthwaite, Harrogate Yorks H93 2WY

Prof. D.J.Kirkland. 9.Beech Walk. Tadcaster. N.Yorkshire LS24 9LH.

Mr. J.H. Nutt. DipAD; ATC; AdDAE; 53 Lee Park, West Buckland, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 9PX

Mr D. Oakden. 10 St Michael's Drive, Ravenstone , Leicester, LE67 3JA.

F. J. Hill. Three Limes, Brethby Lane, Newton Solney, Burton-on-Trent Staffs. DE15 0RX

Roger Heape. 15 Peninsula Square. Winchester Hampshire. SO23 89J

BGOBA Dinner 2008

Following the Dinner at which 63 members sat down, the President, Peter Evanson, gave a humorous account of his sporting career in the school, paying tribute to Vic Roebuck and Harry Smith, both of whom were present. Peter also thanked Christine Thompson for the tour of the school History Room which was enjoyed that afternoon by the twenty members of the '57 Vb group.

Peter then asked Christine to give a short account of the school year. She reported an eventful year in which the school had undergone an OFSTED inspection and had been placed in the 'good' category, 'with outstanding features, rising standards achieved by an effective team.'

Christine paid tribute to Ted Warren, who died shortly after attending the Remembrance Service, and Peter Vernon, the Director of Music who died in a cycling accident.

The President announced Steve Wilcox as the winner of the Lowe Cup, and presented it to him. There were eight players this year and Norman Harvey was thanked for organizing the competition.

Both before and after the speeches, members were entertained by Kevin Gallagher, who visited the tables performing acts of magic which defied explanation. Kevin also brought along his lap-top so that members could access the Association website.

This year will be the 80th Anniversary of the Lowe Cup and if not well supported it may be the last time that the cup is presented.

Your support would be much appreciated as entrance fees fall well short of the cost of insuring and inscribing the trophy.

No doubt there will be further discussion at the A.G.M.

To enter this year please contact Norman Harvey on 01283-563645 to arrange Tee Times and playing partners

The President then proposed a toast to the next reunion which will take place on Friday 15th May 2009, along with the Golf Competition.

The Lowe Golf Cup.

Whilst rummaging through boxes of various documents relating to The Association, trying to find anything relating to “ The Constitution” it was a delight to find a copy of a 1930 version of “ The Chronicle of Members” To make this Chronicle more interesting than just a relatively short list, numerous articles had been written, ranging from a Eulogy to The late W.T. Jeffcott a “Senior Classical Master” at Burton Grammar School 1883-1919,

“ An Appreciation” of “Piggy” as he was known written by the Father of our current Secretary, Mr H.J Wain.

The School Song plus an article on “The Old Boys’ Colours” which to my surprise were Blue and Yellow.

Along with these and other interesting notes was “ The Lowe Golf Cup” which starts as follows:

The first competition for the Lowe Challenge Cup was played at Bretby in June 1929.

This of course means that the competition this year will be the eightieth anniversary of this event Can we make it one to remember?

The article goes on to say “ During the past winter, it was felt that too many of the “Old Boys too feeble to shiver in shorts on the Rugger field, too doddering to dance, and some too Senile for a smoker– might yet gain great distinction at the Royal and Ancient game of Golf”

An Emblem was required for the Competition and numerous minds sparked in unison with the name of T. E. Lowe, described as the most generous of men. His response beyond the wildest dreams of the Association was the presentation of the “Cup”, christened with due pomp. “ In fair round belly” gracefully pillared with arms akimbo– a noble token for toughened “Froth-blowers” Yea even those weaned in to the Great House of Bass The Competition for this cup will be played for annually at Bretby on the third Wednesday of May. (This as you know has now changed to the third Friday)

The cup being presented in its first year by The President C. F. Gothard to the winner Mr Read Samble with Mr. W. B .Darley being runner- up.

21 competitors having taken part.All names well known and respected in the Town it would be such a shame to see the competition fold.

In Memoriam

D. R. Wellbourne. 1945-52

R. I. P. 29th Feb. 2008

David's brother- in-law John Hodgson informed us of his passing, following a long and courageous battle against cancer. Sadly this news reached us just as our last newsletter had been printed. His passing was however reported at the AGM on 16th May 2008.

Our condolences go to all the family.

Dr. John Prince Bull C.B.E. 1928-35

R. I. P. 7th Aug 2008

We hear of the passing of John via his daughter Rachel, she informs us of the fact that he was working on notes of his time at school up until his death and Rachel promises to forward these works for use in web-site or newsletter. Our condolences go to the family at this sad time.

M. H. Bates 1943-50

R. I. P 20th Oct. 2008

“and I will sing”

Michael Henry Bates born in 1931, passed peacefully away at home leaving an enormous legacy of joy to all those infused with his love of music. His interest in music began as a small boy taking piano lessons and becoming a chorister at St Aidan's Church Shobnall. After leaving BGS Michael completed two years National Service and then became a civil servant, an occupation in which he found little satisfaction and so he turned to Teaching, taking as course at St Mark and St John's College Chelsea.

Following a period of teaching at Joseph Clark Primary School further Teacher Training was undertaken. He returned to the district taking a post at Dovecliff Grammar School where he remained for 25years, raising the profile of music within the School and developing the talents of pupils and staff in productions of Gilbert and Sullivan Operas and Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. To give additional opportunity to young people, Michael and his friend Stuart Gill developed Burton Youth Choir, which successfully toured throughout Europe and America.

On retirement, singing with Derwent Singers, Derby Cathedral Voluntary Choir and Golf were his pastimes, but after being approached by past members of Burton Youth Choir he was persuaded to direct a new choir, The Mercian Chorale which gained

International repute, winning the International Eisteddfod Chamber Choir category.

The funeral service was held at St Wystan's Church Repton, led by The Reverend Peter Paine. Tributes were given by Howard Jones and Chris Mallinson, with an Address by the Reverend Stanley Morris.

At Michaels request, the cortege left the church to the Amen Chorus from Handel's Messiah

D. A. Holford. 1942-49

R.I. P. 08. May. 2008

R. J. Fisher

R.I. P. Jan. 2008

Roger Stubbs 1944-53

R.I. P. 02 Nov. 2008

Reginald W. Bloss 956-61 sadly died whilst in Spain

R.I. P. 15 Sept. 2008

Baron Sydney Brewin. M.B.E.; M.A.; F.C.I.S.A.; F.C.C.A.; F.I.P.A.; C.T.A.

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1942-47

Sadly we are informed by daughter Sarah, of the passing her father Sydney Brewin During a long battle with cancer, he had managed to remain at home until Monday 19th Jan enjoying home comforts. It then became necessary to move him to hospital where he sadly died on Wed 21st Jan. He was a renowned accountant and Liberal campaigner. He was also a very enthusiastic supporter of our Association

The condolences of all members of the Old Boys' Association go to the families of all the bereaved.

Ted Warren.

Since I was asked to write a few words about Ted, stories have been coming in from old pupils, such as the good hearted mayhem stirred up on the Midland Red buses to and from his home in Newhall and his performance on the cricket field as a School 1st X1 wicket-keeper. When a batsman missed a ball Ted would lie on his back and roar with laughter. Most of us remember Ted for his service to the Association. He joined the committee in 1970 and was elected Vice president in 1971, becoming President in 1972-73. That year the School went comprehensive and the School History was published. Firm decisions were required. In 1988 The association was revived after some years in decline and Ted was one of the Committee of Past Presidents who helped get it going again. In 1989 Ted was elected secretary, a post he held with distinction until illness forced him to resign only a few months before his death in 2007.

When Ted handed over to me we compiled a list of Secretary's duties which has been a great help— But I still miss his advice

R.J.Wain

A.G.M. Update.

It is with some regret that I report that our elected Vice President will not be in a position to take up the appointment of President at the forthcoming A.G.M.

His Hon. Judge David Brunning B.A., P.D.A. will be away from this country at this time and feels that it would be better for the association to seek an alternative President.

Peter Evanson has worked hard to achieve this and following discussion with the Committee, I am pleased to inform you that Mr Bob Andrews 1952-58 has agreed to take on this role.

Ties.

There are still some Old Boys' Association Ties available priced at £10.85 by post Please contact either Richard Wain—Secretary or Deryck Barker—Editor should you require one.

Grand Re-union Caps

There are about 10 commemorative caps left for sale £12.50 plus P&P overseas rates are quite high. Contact JOHNEV4NS@aol.com (mobile) 07957-190186 for detail and order.

R. F. Andrews. 1952-58.

I came to Burton in 1948 when my father was appointed Head Cooper at Marstons and regard myself as a Burtonian.

I was at the Grammar School from 1952 to 1958, first in Bond Street and my last year in the new building in Winhill. My first job on leaving school was at Marstons in the registrar's office.

In 1962 I moved to London and worked as a salesman for Olivetti before setting off in March 1963, with two companions, to drive from London to Salisbury, Rhodesia.

The journey took three months and we travelled across Europe, through the Middle East and then from Cairo we followed the Nile to Uganda. When we arrived in Rhodesia we were stony broke and so had to sell the battered Land Rover (mind you the AA had told us it wouldn't even get to Brighton!). Two of us hitchhiked through Rhodesia and into South Africa where we went our separate ways. During my thirteen years in South Africa I lived in Johannesburg and Durban and when I was appointed Marketing Manager for Philips, was fortunate to travel all over Southern Africa, a wonderful experience.

In 1976 I was head hunted to become a Middle East consultant representing a variety of companies involved in the supply of equipment for civil defence and lived in Egypt as a base for two years before moving to Hungerford in Berkshire. The position of consultant developed into an international one and I was lucky enough to see most of Europe, Australasia and the United States.

When I met my wife in 1980 I decided to live and work in the UK and established my own successful consultancy which I sold in 1990. We bought a small farm in France and lived the 'Good Life' with our animals. We had a wonderful time in France but my wife (who will tell you she is much younger than me) wanted to continue her career in the NHS. So in the mid nineties we sold the farm and moved to London.

Ten years ago we bought our 250 year old cottage in Draycott-in-the-Clay where we both enjoy our garden which we have changed dramatically. We are both now retired and keep busy with our ever growing family, a hectic social calendar, with my work as Honorary Secretary for a nursing charity and my wife as Chair of the Safeguarding Children Board in Stoke.

We love retirement and wonder how we ever managed to fit in real work!
Meanwhile I try to play golf but as yet have not got off my handicap of 28!
Bob Andrews.9th Jan 2009

Armistice Assembly Tuesday 11th November 2008.

Once again, Old Boys were made very welcome at the Evershed Building for the Armistice Assembly. Held this year on the 11th November at 8.45am to fit in with the school day. On arrival we were greeted by Alex Ganley and Ashley Collins both sixth form students who ensured we had refreshment prior to the Assembly.

A number of apologies were received, mostly as a result of ill health, these being from Roger Deacon, Don Ewers, Tony Trigg, Ken Bancroft, Norman Tompkins, P. Booth, David Hardwick and Don Sharratt.

Those in attendance numbered 17 including Mrs Jackie Andrews, they are as follows
Bob Andrews, Peter Appleby, Ivan Bancroft, Deryck Barker, Peter Evanson, Dennis Grimsley, Mike Hamilton, R. Harrison, Keith Large, Alan Neal, Harry Smith, Frank Toon, Malcolm Watson, Richard Wain, Ted Weston and Jim Woolley.

The Assembly and presentation was led by teacher Neil Cooper and focused on 2 soldiers of the First World War 1914-18

The soldiers mentioned being C.C. Simnet and H.F. Simnet both pupils of the Grammar School, with thorough and detailed research having been done by Neil Cooper. Charlie Simnet of the North Staffs Regiment based in Ypres Belgium sending a letter home to his family in Moor Street. A reason for joining up was that the war would be over by Christmas but the reality was very different.

Lauren Wardle and Matt Talbot read the letter sent by Charlie from the front relating to the activities on Christmas Day 1914 when a Christmas truce was called and a game of football took place between English and German troops. Sadly Charlie did not survive the war and was killed on 31st July 1917, he was buried in Perth Cemetery, close to where the truce took place, along with another 4030 souls of which 1371 were unknown.

Horace Frank Simnet of 31 Ashby Road Burton was involved in the Battle of the Somme, some 120 miles away from Charlie.

This battle started on July 1st 1916 and was supposed to be the breakthrough which would end the war. The battle took place on an 18mile stretch of the Western Front in Northern France with 60.000 men advancing in the first wave. The bombardment ceased at 7.30am and in this battle 23 year old Horace lost his life.

Other pupils of the school lost in this battle were: Thomas Beevers, Frank Thomas Lake, a 22yr old of 72 Main Street Stapenhill, and Albury Evershed 25 yrs old of Albury House. All members of North Staffs Battalion. All are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial which present day pupils visit each year.

A poem entitled The Soldier by Rupert Brook was then read by Lauren Wardle. This was followed by President G. P .Evanson's emotional and moving delivery of "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon.

The question was then asked " How do we remember them"

Not just the soldiers of the First World War but those whose lives have been crippled by all conflicts up to and including the present day. Here the reason behind wearing a poppy was explained, a poem entitled " Please Wear a Poppy" was then read by Head Boy Callum Lowe and Head Girl Lyndsey Bean

The gathered audience were then asked to Honour our Past by Shaping our Future"

This was followed by the Laying of Wreaths, The Last Post and a Minutes Silence.

At the conclusion of the Assembly Old Boys' were entertained to refreshments.

The whole event being a credit to the School, all of the Staff and the Pupils.

D.J.Grimley's Letter to the Local Press following the Armistice Assembly.

On the morning of November11,I was privileged to attend the Remembrance Day Presentation at the Abbot Beyne School as a representative of the Old Boys' Association along with a number of other Old Boys and former staff of the Burton Grammar School.

I should like as a former member of staff from 1956-61 and a pupil from 1942-50 to say how very impressed I was with the impeccable behaviour of the students who attended.

At no stage was there any shuffling of feet or lack of concentration at what was taking place. It was conducted in a most pleasing environment and all those concerned with what took place deserve our very grateful thanks for the hard work that was put in and the welcome we received as visitors.

Many people in all kinds of communities quite regularly express their dissatisfaction at the behaviour of present day students. Their impeccable behaviour makes me proud to say that I was once a member of that institution.

Frank Toon

Frank always manages to produce an article of interest for the Newsletter. Promised whilst attending the Armistice Assembly and reminded in mid January Frank writes:

Last year I mentioned that my youngest daughter, Karen, is involved with the tour firm Inside Track, and as a result I once again booked a holiday. This time covering Shropshire, Cumbria, North east England, and Cornwall. The last one covering every branch line in that county, which as a result of the savaged routes, this is not as difficult as one might first envisage.

Karen, as some of you will know came along to the last re-union, and as a result met some very dear friends of mine, as well as visiting this unknown area of Staffordshire and South Derbyshire and whilst in the latter heard at first hand the local dialect!

I did my usual seven days as Sir Topham Hatt at the east Somerset Railway for the Thomas the Tank Engine events. This year I had to go on a training day in London on behalf of the Company who own "the Thomas Brand" Having done the "Topham" job, in the region for the last 10 years I am happy to report that I passed.

I had, on a more serious matter, to get clearances from the Criminal Records Bureau as I am working with children. I already had a feeling that something like this was on its way and had already become more careful, especially when being photographed with children. All rather sad as it to some extent takes away the enjoyment and innocence of the event.

Abbot Beyne Upper School Celebration Evening. Dec 15th 2008

President G.P. Evanson accompanied by his wife, Secretary Richard Wain, Editor Deryck Barker accompanied by his wife, and Dennis Grimsley, attended this splendid Celebration Evening.

All present were welcomed by Mrs Fletcher, Chair of the Governors before Head teacher Mrs Christine Thompson gave a very enthusiastic report of the School and its achievements in the current year.

They have achieved their highest GCSE grades in 25 years and were ranked 4th out of 50 schools in Staffordshire. Many visits had been made by pupils both at home and abroad led by staff who "Do things that matter to students"

One group singled out were those involved in the Namibia Restoration Project Team.

To make this happen those involved had to raise £26,000 an almost impossible target, but it was achieved and those involved had, what they described as a life changing experience.

Sports achievements were spoken of by Mrs Gough Joint leader for Physical Education and The Pastoral leader for Year 11 reported on Certificates for the year in question.

Sixth Form Awards were spoken of by the Pastoral leader for the V11th form.

All Certificates and prizes were presented by an Old Boy of Abbot Beyne, this being Police Inspector Javid Oomer based in Burton-on-Trent. Interestingly he had brought along some of his school reports and shared some of the comments written on them about his need to display his hidden potential, written by none other than the now Head teacher Mrs Christine Thompson who to her great credit had spotted his talent some fifteen years earlier.

A musical interlude was provided by staff and students with a superb rendition of Oh Holy Night. The solo lead being sung by a very talented Chloe Salt.

The Old Boys' Cricket prize was awarded to Robert Holmes and the Pat Grimsley Award for most improved artist was awarded to Lorna Brammer.

A vote of thanks to the Guest speaker was given by Head Boy Callum Lowe and all attending were entertained to refreshment at the close of the ceremony.

Grand Re-Union Feb 21st 2009 Burton Town Hall.

From the feedback received, it is clear that the Grand reunion was a brilliant success, as around 240 former pupils and teachers plus their guests attended the event. There were smiling faces wherever one looked. I should never have had any doubts as the previous 'Class of 1967' Reunions proved there is a great enthusiasm for such get-togethers.

The idea to bring together the younger and those older, in a non-formal atmosphere worked a treat, and the repeated question since, is-when will there be a Grand Re-Union 2?

Furthest travelled were Ian Sutherland 1964-71 and Ian Gilchrist 1953-59 both from U.S.A. and teachers in attendance were Harry Smith, Vic Roebuck, Colin Bagshaw, Peter Davies, Alan Cure, John Sneyd, Dennis Grimsley and David Shrubbs.

I would like to thank those of you who encouraged me to organise the event by saying at a very early stage that you would attend, wherever the venue. I also hope that the next time the chosen date will fall more kindly for those who could not make this Reunion.

On Sunday March 1st, I had the great pleasure to present our charity donation of £360 to Molly Dytham, Grand-daughter of former pupil Alec Dytham 1952-57. Molly completed all of the 10mile British Heart Foundation Walk from Calke Abbey around Foremarke Reservoir and Ticknall, South Derbyshire to raise valuable funds, thereby thanking the surgeons for the open heart surgery she had to undergo at the age of 9 months.

My thanks also go to those who helped on the day, to the Burton Mail for continued interest in the OBA events, to the Cottage Brewery and to the two volunteers from Amber Valley First Responders who looked after Douglas King 19432-47 until the ambulance arrived. Douglas was discharged the next day and sends his thanks to Angela Mayger and Rev Michael Crumpton 1944-50 for the care and concern he received. Our second Charity donation of £120 will be presented to the above AVF Responders in early March.

The next Grand Re-union will be an even bigger success as we now have a larger database to work from (870 persons), plus more e-mail addresses have been accumulated, which will make the organizers job much easier second time around.

Please let us have any change of address/e-mail addresses in the future.

There will be a 'Grand Re-Union DVD' available soon, (at a nominal fee to raise charity funds) Details to follow. To reserve your copy please contact Keith Large, as it would be nice to gauge the demand before production begins.

More recruits were found for the Old Boys Association, and £5 for life membership is not expensive and will keep future events a grand possibility. The continued aim of these Reunions is to keep the OBA alive for as long as possible, and to have a good time for as long as possible.

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Burton-upon-Trent Grammar School Old Boys' Association
Founded February 1921

Past Presidents

1921-22	A.H.Yeomans	1963-64	R.H.Eggington
1922-23	F.Evershed	1964-65	K.A.Stanyon
1923-24	W.Shelley	1965-66	D.M.Davies
1924-25	A.Slator	1966-67	H.E.C.Weston
1925-26	R. Samble	1967-68	W.F.Howarth
1926-27	W.P.Lowe	1968-69	W.T.Burman
1927-28	H.Leigh-Newton	1969-70	F.W.Fawkes
1928-29	J.H.Moir	1970-71	W.H.Gillian
1929-30	C.F.Gothard	1971-72	R.L.Knight
1930-31	F.J.Manners	1972-73	B.E.Warren
1931-32	F.Newton-Husbands	1973-74	J.H.Mander
1932-33	J.H.Birch	1974-75	N.A.Binns
1933-34	W.E.Briggs	1975-76	D.G.Hardwick
1934-35	J.D.Robertson	1976-77	R.A.Clark
1935-36	B.F.Sadler	1977-78	A.Fallon
1936-37	F.J.Hodges	1978-79	G.M.Hamilton
1937-38	Col.D.H.Mason	1979-80	A.T.Cole
1938-39	R.T.Robinson	1980-81	P.Minns
1939-40	B.C.Newbold	1981-82	J.A.Woolley
1940-41	R.C.Sims	1982-83	R.Outhwaite
1941-42	J.B.Smith	1983-89	G.T.Milnes
1942-43	F.T.Shelley	1989-90	H.E.Smith
1943-44	T.W.Parkin	1990-91	E.A.Bailey
1944-45	P.J.Williams	1991-92	D.A.Sharatt
1945-46	E.J.Dallard	1992-93	B.Clements
1946-47	H.J.Wain	1993-94	G.Staruck
1947-48	G.W.Britton	1994-95	N.A.Tomkins
1948-49	F.E.James	1995-96	T.A.Trigg
1949-50	B.L.Hubbard	1996-97	J.M.Illingworth
1950-51	L.A.Haywood	1997-98	J.P.Hartley
1951-52	R.P.Stevenson	1998-99	R.Deacon
1952-53	G.H.Cooper	1999-00	L.S.Dunkerly
1953-54	L.E.Churchill	2000-01	P.G.Booth
1954-55	J.D.Rowland	2001-02	G.K.Rushton
1955-56	D.P.Haywood	2002-03	S.A.Neal
1956-57	J.F.Rose	2003-04	J. S. Pickering
1957-58	W.R.Souster	2004-05	R. J.Wain
1958-59	F.C.Jenks	2005-06	F.Toon
1959-60	H.H.Pitchford	2006-07	Rev. R.Gilbert
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