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Letter from the President: Roger Kerryit was with some apprehension I accepted the post of President but I have to say it has been a thoroughly uplifting and enjoyable experience. In December, I attended the Abbot Beyne School Presentation Evening and could not fail to be impressed by the energy and enthusiasm demonstrated by these young people. It was heartening to learn that the School has been recognised as the most improved school in Staffordshire which says a lot for the staff and pupils of the school. It is quite inspiring to see the progress being achieved and I am sure this is in no small way due to the leadership and efforts of the head teacher Annabel Stoddart.



Remembrance Day Service Assembly – Friday 9th November 2012

The Remembrance Day event was also an exceptional day for me - the acknowledgement and visual display of our fallen heroes together with the school's musical accompaniment combined to make the event very thought provoking and meaningful. It was very rewarding to note the respect shown by the younger generation.

The committee has been very active and I thank them for their support. I believe we have arrived at an annual format for the Association which encompasses the traditional AGM but also two other events; one which should be a happy get-together and the other a presentation of former pupils' achievements which could be meaningful for the present pupils of the school and bring us closer together. I again thank my fellow committee members for their assistance in what I believe has been a year of significant progress.

Old Boys In Attendance were: President: Roger Kerry, Malcom Watson, John Illingworth, Bob Andrews, Graham Marshment, Peter Evanson, Mike Hamilton, Alan Neal, John Green, Richard Wain, Lewis Dunkerley, Neville Woolley, Keith Large, Norman Tomkins, Peter Appleby, John Smith, Gerald Wright, Dennis Grimsley, Joe Bailey, Mike Brown.

Letter from the President Elect: Mike Brown I'm honoured to be your president elect for 2013 - 2014. I attended BGS from 1965 to 1972 and have many fond memories of playing cricket, rugby and some fond memories from the classroom too! My devotion to sport enabled me to gain modest 'A' levels and I went on to study agriculture at Harper Adams. I have lived most of my life at Coton-in-the-Clay where I still farm in partnership with my wife Lesley. We have three daughters and currently three grandchildren. I am looking forward to my year as president of the OBA and to meeting as many of you as possible in the near future.



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Letter from the Headteacher , Annabel Stoddart, of the Abbot Beyne:

lots of exciting change at Abbot Beyne. We have moved to lessons of 100 minutes, giving the students the opportunity to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills more thoroughly and allowing time for the all-important activity of reflection. If students are to be successful in the 21st century it is imperative that they learn to identify their strengths and weaknesses and set targets to improve. The Old Boys will be interested to learn that the woodwork room, which for some time was a music room, has been transformed into our new construction classroom. Fifteen 14 year olds are learning the art of brick building, currently simple walls, but soon to be curves and arches! We welcome our close working relationship with the Old Boys' Association and I was thrilled to host a number of them at our Year 9 Career's Event. Thank you for giving up your time and sharing your experience of working life with our young people. A number of them do not understand the breadth of working opportunities that are open to them and your contribution helped broaden their horizons.



Year 9 Career's Event - BGS Old Boys discuss their careers with the students



Our Sixth Form students have completed their university applications. We are delighted that all of them have been offered places to study further next year, and increase the opportunities and chances that are open to them in the world of work.

April 2012 - March 2013 NEWS OF BGS OLD BOYS ... via the Newsletter Editor!

Roger Kerry Coast to Coast walk (192 miles) completed in 2011 it was with some trepidation that I joined a couple of my friends from our Austrian walking group to complete the famous Coast to Coast walk 18 months ago. Whilst I am a regular long distance walker, I was particularly concerned that on day 3 of this walk we would be completing 18 miles and climbing 2,500 feet. As it turned out we completed the walk without any major hitches. Day 3 was indeed strenuous and after arriving at the B&B I declined to walk a further 400 yards to buy the daily newspaper! The scenery, especially in the Lake District, is spectacular – at times I found it comparable to the mountainous regions of Austria which our group visits each year. The walk from St Bees in the West to Robin Hood's Bay on the East Coast was completed in 14 days. For my colleague, Edward Robinson, at the age of 75, I thought it was a great achievement and as a result he raised a substantial sum for charity through his efforts. I can only commend the walk to others – one sees a wonderful cross section of rural England. I have to say that the drink in the pub at Robin Hood's Bay was one of the best I have tasted in a long time!



Ted Weston 39 - 45 Ted tells us he finished his career as headmaster of the William Gilbert Primary School in Duffield, in 1984. After living for 27 years in Repton, he moved to Tutbury where he is now enjoying life and says that he tries to keep in touch with old friends.

Howard Wilson 44 - 50 recalls that after leaving the RAF in 1954, he joined Rolls-Royce Derby for 14 years and finished up doing a further 10 years at British Coal, from where he retired in 1988.

James Fisher 72 - 78 Now runs two pubs in Oxford and also a micro-brewery. He does this in conjunction with his cousin, Tony Fisher, who is of slightly older BGS vintage!

Jonathan Murphy 72 - 79 read Law at Cambridge and qualified as a solicitor, working in a large city firm in London. He is married with two daughters, the oldest of whom is currently taking 'A' levels. (**Editor:** Good to hear from an Old Boy of the 1970's vintage.)

Richard Inwood 57 - 64 taken from an article reproduced by kind permission of the Burton Mail.

Burton-born bishop is ready to return to roots

BACK TO HIS ROOTS ... Burton-born Richard Inwood has taken up a new post as assistant to the Bishop of Derby.



By Tim Fletcher
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A CHURCHMAN who was born and raised in Burton is returning to his roots after taking a new post in the area.

Richard Inwood grew up in Shobnall Road, the son of a Marston's brewery worker, was educated at Burton Grammar School and went on to read chemistry at Oxford before training for the ministry, rising to become Bishop of Bedford in 2003.

Bert Young 40 - 45 ...tells us he frequently sees Old Boys Sir Oscar DeVille and occasionally Dr Roy Bentley. Bert is currently a member of Oxford University's Institute of Economic Affairs. He tells us he is keen to see a re-birth of the Grammar Schools and an exit from the EU.

(**Editor:** I'm with him on both of those!)

....Sir Oscar sent us this photograph of a bronze sculpture created by his wife, Pamela. The picture was taken by Bert and it's with great pleasure and with Bert's permission that we reproduce it here.)



Sir Oscar DeVille CBE (36 - 42) ... sent us an update on his current activities and two substantial booklets which provide a fascinating insight into the life of an obviously very able and highly experienced man who achieved much in his life. At BGS he was rugby captain and a keen sportsman. In 1947 he married, Pamela, the sister of Peter Ellis. He spent four years in war service in the RNVR and then three years at Cambridge. This was followed by a wide and varied career and at the age of 70 he completed a research thesis and was awarded a PhD.



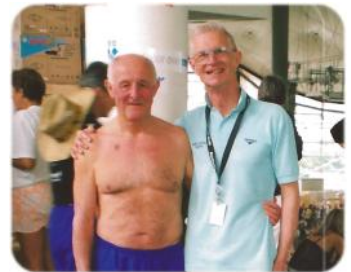
(**Editor's Note:** I enjoy exchanging letters with Sir Oscar and he recollects a talented footballer whom he watched as a boy when he lived in Newhall and it turned out to be my uncle, Les Marshment.)

Denis Green 41 - 44worked at British Rail from 1944 to 1983. He recalls the arrival of HS Moodey as headmaster and recalls taking six of the best from him!

Don Payne (42 - 45).... sent us these photographs of three BGS Old Boys who swam in the school swimming team.... during the 1940's. Between them they have all won World Master's Medals and they hold records at National, District and County levels as well as a European Team records. Don goes on to suggest that Bill Reid would have been well pleased!



Left: Ted Evans 47/52 and Don Payne 42/45 at the Master's Championship in 2011 at Sheffield.



Right: Bob Garnham 46/53 and Don Payne 42/45 at the Master's Championship held in Munich in 2000.

Ian Dilks 64 - 70 is now a partner in the London office of PIRC but he is planning to retire in 2013. He has three daughters and is a dedicated Harlequin fan!

Bill Smith 59 - 67 Bill is trying to contact Richard Cope with whom he worked at Condor Engineering. They both studied engineering at different universities and Bill has been unsuccessful in trying to locate Richard. Anyone able to help?



Michael Prevett (53 - 58) ...I always enjoy reading your emailed memorable updates on all matters to do with BGS Old Boys. Being way down under in Oz always presents a problem for me to attend the various BGS functions and I would have loved to attend the Remembrance Service at the old School. I have now reached my 72nd birthday. How life flies by these days. My wife Liz and I are thinking of making one last trip back to the old country sometime next year and most likely in the warmer months around mid year. I would love to meet up with you and also attend any BGS functions if they are forthcoming at the time. Will keep you updated on our plans.

John E Toon 45 - 52: my interest in choral singing was stimulated by singing bass in the BGS school choir has continued throughout my life. For three years I sang in the Royal Choral Society under Sir Malcolm Sargent and also in Nottingham Harmonic Choir for 33 years. Now I sing with a local daytime singers choir (mainly 100 pensioners) and manage to keep a small choir going at my local Methodist church. Going back to my early memories, I can recollect the shocking suicide of HS Moodey and the death of King George VI.

Tony Trigg 36 - 42 Thank you for your last communication. Not much news from me - I continue in reasonably good health but feeling some of the aches and pains of an 88 year old !! You have probably already been advised of the death of Geoffrey Stone in 2012. I have known him all my life, we lived next door to each other until we both left home, me to Birmingham University and Geoffrey to Nottingham. He went into the Royal Engineers and I went to Rolls-Royce. Best wishes to any of my old contemporaries and to the Association.

Deryck Barker ... I spent the summer months having 2 total knee replacements, the last one being on 3rd Aug and more troublesome than the first. Deryck send his regards to all.

Graham Staley 66 - 73 made contact to say that having joined Bass in 1980, he was now working for Anheuser-Busch InBev as Head of Investor Relations.

Peter Everett 34 - 37 has reached the age of 90 and recalled that he played rugby for the school and what a 'wonderful school' it was.

Jeffrey Matkin 50 - 55..... took retirement in 1993 after working in various companies. Since then he has enjoyed travelling, especially on cruise ships! He would like to hear from anyone in 5A (1953) and 5X (1954). He reports on fond memories of cricket with Bass and Rugby with BRFC and mentions coaches Vic Roebuck, Spadge Mayger and Dave Bowen.

Duncan Bradley 62 - 68: yes, it is true.... after 40 years in teaching, I am retiring! I will have been in my current post as Director of Music at the Gregg School in Southampton for 101 terms. I am currently studying Theology and hopefully, in October 2013, will be licensed by the Bishop of Winchester as a Reader in the Church of England. My wife Margaret will also be retiring this July, again after 40 years half of them as Headteacher of Banister Infants' School in Southampton. Although I am retiring from teaching, I will still maintain my contact with education as an examiner with Edexcel and (hopefully) as a lay chaplain to the school. Just to add insult to injury, someone at school has "stitched" me up for the Hampshire teacher of the year award for which I have been shortlisted. I really cannot think why as I'm just an ordinary chap doing an ordinary job teaching children!

Alan Marshall 48 - 55..... I would really appreciate contact with old friends. My only claim to fame would be the fact that I left Burton Grammar three times and went back twice. In 1953 I took five 'O' levels, but only passed two, so I went back at the start of the next year and managed to pass three more. (Stuart Haywood was a great friend since our Junior School days at Newhall). I made the big mistake of not working as hard as I should have done. My first attempt at the Sandhurst exam resulted in a failure by what amounted to one third of a per cent, so greatly encouraged I returned to the school again and repeated the exams, this time successfully. The Officers' Selection Board found I was red / green colour blind, which ended my ambition of becoming an officer, so I served three years in the ranks, mostly in Cyprus during the Emergency, then left the army and became a teacher, a fact which I have regretted ever since. In 1964 I committed Holy Matrimony and emigrated to Australia, spending two years in Tasmania, then moving to Perth, Western Australia where I have been ever since.



Andrew Fawkes 59 - 67
Andrew sent us this pictures of the Annual Dinner/Dance held in 1966. He remarksthere was a School 'Role of Honour' which used to sit in the foyer of the Winhill School next to the entrance door to the school hall. The pages were changed very occasionally, but more than often it was left open at the page showing George Cooper's achievements. It just so happened that it was also the same page where my Uncle Wilfrid's name appeared, since they were in the same class together.



What struck me as very odd whenever I viewed the page was that dear old George must have been at BGS as 'Man & Boy' for more than 50 years! He also appears in the picture.

Peter Rose 58 - 65 it was Peter who wrote to us to report the death of his uncle, Michael Rose. He tells us that he spent a very enjoyable and exciting lifetime in scientific research, For that, he thanks Norman Jones, Ezra Somekh, and Brab Smith for providing the initial inspiration and excellent grounding. He retired in 2007 after being Scientific Director of the UK research centre Sanofi-Aventis. This encouraged him to develop his French and the hopes ET Ward and Mrs Radford would be impressed with his late improvements in the language! He believes that exciting times lie ahead for the biological sciences and he hopes that future generations will not discount careers in science quite so readily. He now lives in Northumberland and retains an active interest in the field ornithology and beekeeping.

Derrick Pounds 46 - 51 ... I have been sailing about twice every week since June. Our sailing days this summer involved, each time, about 3 hours on the lake usually going out 4 miles due south, using a pile of rocks, where a large colony of cormorants nest and rest, as the turning point.



We also see fish, including large Muskie, jumping straight up out of the water usually well away from our boat. In October, we took our sailboat out of the water using our trailer, had its hull pressure washed to remove numerous zebra mussels, took the mast down and tightly covered everything with a heavy duty PVC tarp for storage until the next sailing season that starts next May. In March I spent two weeks 'working' in Ireland on the Allowdale farms near Kanturk & Buttevant erecting electric fences. We visited Clifden where in June 1919



aviators Alcock & Brown landed their Vickers Vimy open cockpit bi-plane. They had spent fourteen-and-a-half hours over the North Atlantic crossing the coast at 4.28pm, having flown 1890 miles **Kindest regards and hearty congratulations on the BGOBA communications**

I thought you might be interested in reading a letter that my father, Walter Pounds M.M., wrote home to his parents living in Newton Solney. In a letter dated 26/6/16 he wrote from hospital after fighting with the Royal Artillery Garrison near Ypres

***Dear Mother,** I am quite safe after the Battle we had last week. ... I can tell you we have had a hot time of it and lost 600 yards of trenches but I think we have got most of them back again for the Artillery shelled them out of it.*

We had the order to get back the whole of the 17 miles. We had to walk at a fast rate and the whole of the way it poured with rain. When we got to our position we were like drowned rats. We have only had one night in bed this week and then we had to sleep fully dressed they ... We are expecting another clash any day now but I think we shall hold them.



Walter's Medals

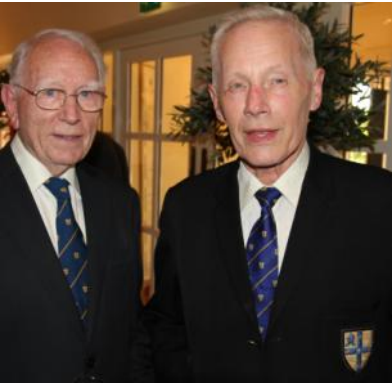
We have had several air raids this last day. We had 10 German planes over this morning and have had plenty of fighting in the air as well as down below. It is a devil out here for mud lately but today sunny. I only wish it would keep like it for a week or so. I am fed up with the life out here. It is a regular tramp's life as we have no fires to have a warm by but we keep on smiling as long as we are doing our bit for the country. It makes you feel rather sorry for this country; the fields around our guns are just like a quarry for it is full of shell holes. We have had a few of our lads killed and others died of wounds but I think it lucky for any of us to be alive.

Our position is just outside the town of Ypres. We are about 50 yards from the main Calais road of which the Germans have so many times to get. If we let them through here they would have a straight run to Calais but they have something to do to get through though we had a job hold them the other week. So just look out for an attack around Ypres and Hill 60 because I will be in them. Must now close. Hoping this finds you all well as it leaves me, in the best.

Love Walter

BGS OBA - AGM & Dinner - May 2012







Stuart Haywood 48 - 53 sent us the picture (on the next page), of a cricket match held at Branston in 1944, as part of the war time “Holidays at Home” strategy. He reports that he was a regular contributor to the Derby Telegraph for 10 years, writing about the county cricket history, local sporting history and boyhood memories. In 2010 he wrote a major piece to commemorate 140 years of Derbyshire CCC. He also delivered a speech to the Burton Civic Society at their golden anniversary dinner when he spoke about “Burton’s Sport and Sportsmen of the 19th-Century.” Stuart has had some recent health problems but is currently doing well and walks between 2 and 7 miles every day..

Stuart passed on news about the following and we thank him for these snippets:

- * Alan Worthington still lives in Newhall but he believes that Alan is not in good health
- * Barry Walton, also lives in Newhall and is retired after a career with Bass.
- * Stuart had lunch with Gordon Snell and his wife who now live in Newton Solney.
- * Peter Jackson, had a career in the Fire Service and both he and his wife live in Swadlincote.
- * He mentions that he has not seen Don Elliott for some time.
- * Bernard ‘Sugar’ Shaw lives on the Isle of Man.
- * He mentions his best friend Alan Marshall. who emigrated to Australia 50 years ago. He last saw Alan in 1953 and tells us that Alan is planning a trip to the UK in 2013. (cf. page 8!)
- * He was sad to learn of the death of Geoff Nicholson, whom he says was a man ‘devoid of rancour and always of a sunny disposition.’

Anthony Walker-Morecroft 42 - 49 wrote to us to ask if one of his school friends, Jim Woolley, still runs a taxi service? He went on to say that his sister, Sheila, married Norman Jones who joined the staff in 1947 and taught Chemistry. He mentioned old friends Dennis Grimsley, Peter Dagley, Basil Shardlow and the recently deceased Reg Hardwick. He remembers those times as “Happy Days.” After 35 years teaching Physics he is now retired to Norwich where he enjoys “a marvellous, caring family and is thoroughly enjoying life!” He send his regards to all who might remember him.

John Fellows 43 - 48 - John told us a revised story of how he broke the school high jump record but only shortly after he had left school! He sent us this picture of the 2nd xv of 47 / 48 together with the names as he remembers them. He would like to know how many of the team are still alive so that he could pass on the picture to them.

Back row: AN Other, Colin Cressey, Denis Grimsley, Hugh Richmond, Bill Mayer, John Mellows.

Sitting: Jim Mayger, Tom Smith, David Finch, Julian Appleby, Robin Richards, Dennis Meddings, Carey Hopkinson.

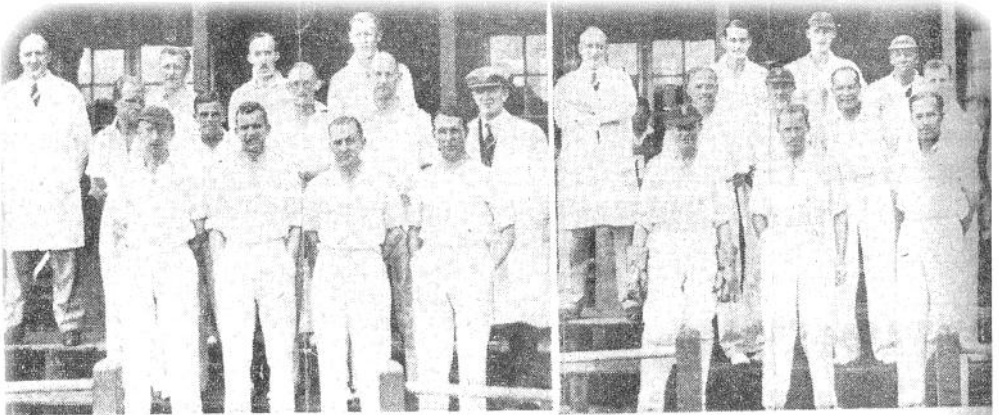
On the ground: Jim Farrington, John Pickering.



Les Simpson 45- 57 ... this skiffle group called the Trent River Ramblers was formed from employees at BTR (Burton) taken in 1957/58. Four of the five members are BGS Old Boys, the lead singer and Lonnie Donegan look-alike, Colin Norris, features in the 2012 Newsletter with Peter Boulter.



The group was quite successful in local competitions during 1957/58 and did play once at Burton Town Hall. They also used to play on Sunday nights - in The Eight Bar Rest - at the back a wine shop near Woolworths in High St. They played together for a further year or two, before disbanding due to job relocation of members.



FIRST-CLASS CRICKET was a Holidays-at-Home attraction at Burton last week when a Services' Eleven played Charles Leatherbarrow's Eleven (details on Page 4). (1) Services' XI. Front row (left to right): R. Rae (Bradford League), Flying Officer Ilingworth (Somerset), Captain, Squadron Leader Henderson (R.A.F.), and R. Burrows (Surrey); middle row: M. Steeds (Victoria), Corporal Bulcock (Bradford), Conductor Greenhough and P.S. Carter (Derbyshire and National Police Force); back row: Private Rymill (Norwich), Pilot Officer University, and Flight Lieutenant Craig (Australia). (2) Empire XI. Front row: G. Mohey (Surrey), Charles Leatherbarrow (Southport), E. S. Eyle (West Indies); middle row: F. Flay (Wiltshire), G. Morris (Lancashire League), E. Achong (West Indies), T. Gibson (R.A.F.); (West Indies); back row: B. Wells (Yorkshire), G. Pope (England and Derbyshire), and L. N. Constantine (West Indies). Services' innings points. Umpires: Messrs. A. E. Milnes and S. Denton.



Mike Clements 58 - 64..... Mike contacted us from Spain to send his apologies for not being able to get to the dinner. He reported the on the birth of his sixth grandchild who, he says, is built like a rugby player!



Mike and his wife Brenda are both well, in good health and their holiday hotel business was starting to get busy.

Anyone interested in a walking holiday can contact Mike at “muddyboots@inicia.es”

Keith Stuart Smith ... I received the newsletter in its 'technicolour' format. It was full of interesting news, as usual, with some of it, inevitably sad, as contemporaries have moved onto another place. I retired a couple of years ago and enjoy the many facilities that London has to offer whilst also being an active member of the Rotary Club of St Marylebone (President in the year 2013-2014).

Mike Newbury 42 - 50 On leaving the School, I worked as a pupil for Norman Townsend, Chartered Surveyor and a former BGS pupil, of the Burton firm of C.J. Townsend & Son, took a Degree in Rural Estate Management at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, then did National Service. In 1956, I joined the Inland Revenue Valuation Office, Scotland, working from Inverness, where I married Pat Stokes, a former pupil of Burton Girls High School, and we have 3 children (all academics) and 3 grandchildren. I continued in the Valuation Office to become District Valuer, Highland and Islands, and then Assistant Chief Valuer, Scotland before I retired in 1992 and the Office was downsized.



In retirement, from 1994 to 2008 I was volunteer Secretary to the Access & Conservation Committee of the Mountaineering Council of Scotland and a volunteer upland path inspector. I completed the Munros on 15 April 2000, and had a hip replacement later that year. In 2003, following many solo explorations in Slovenia, I wrote and published 'Walks and Scrambles in the Julian Alps based on Kranjska Gora' which is still selling. I had a replacement knee in 2008. I have given up rock-climbing (which I started on Derbyshire gritstone in 1948), but still walk the lower hills, and last month I published my 'Walks on Scottish Lowland Hills: 22 Unusual Routes Illustrated' (with 263 photos).

I'm sorry, I don't see my way to visiting Burton in the near future, but would be delighted to hear from any surviving Grammar School contemporaries.

Richard Tudor 56 - 63 Richard is an old friend from both boyhood and BGS days and kindly agreed to take the (excellent) pictures of the AGM & Dinner, which are in this Newsletter. He wrote saying "There were a lot of interesting and willing subjects to observe and photograph and it was plain to me they were enjoying themselves. The BGS Committee know how to put on a good annual AGM and Dinner at an excellent venue and I hope my photographs testify to that fact. I look forward to seeing you next year."



(Editor: I found this picture of Richard in 4A and also this one from my own album when we camped with the scouts at Stonier's Farm at Hanbury in 1956. Richard is top row, second from the left and I'm on the bottom row on the right; a small and shy ten year old! The second daughter of the Stonier family is married to BGS Old Boy Michael Green and they now live in Wetherby. We are hoping Michael can be tempted to join us at the AGM and Dinner!



In Memoriam

Please, remember in your prayers and thoughts, the following deceased Old Boys and may they their souls Rest in Peace

William Leach	42 - 50	Died	April 2011
Arthur Fallon	38 - 43	Died	March 2012
Geoff Nicholson	47 - 52	Died	January 2013

Geoffrey Noel Stone 34 - 41 Died September 2012

Duncan Topliss 42 - 50 Died November 2012

Duncan's widow, Anthea, wrote to us very movingly to tell of her life with him "we were able to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary in September. He died, at home, the following November and his funeral was a true celebration of his life. He was a loving, kind, gentle, man with an 'off the wall' sense of humour and we miss him dearly." Duncan's grandson Asher wrote ... "I respect Grandad for all he taught us and he was the best Grandad I could wish for and he made us laugh" and Marley wrote .. "I will remember Grandad as a clever, joyful and loving man."

David Lee 43 - 48 Died July 2011

Shepherd wrote to tell us ... "David and his wife Diane lived in Lytham St Annes and he had a keen interest in cricket and amateur dramatics. When in Burton, he performed at St John's Church and was also an altar server there. He was a keen scout and also a member of the Anglican Young People's Association. He met up from time to time with fellow Old Boys in Burton and enjoyed their company. He fought his last illness with great courage and never lost his sense of humour." The church was packed for his funeral and Freda says how much they miss his warm and friendly company.

Bernard Liggins 52 - 57 Died October 2012

Bernard attended the Burton Grammar School where, apparently, he sometimes got into mischief! On one occasion, during a cross-country run he hid under the Ferry Bridge and waited for the class to double back. On leaving school he joined Bass as a wages clerk and retired at the age of 50. He was a keen table tennis and lawn tennis player. He was also a keen traveller and was interested in all modes of transport; he tried piloting a small plane, gliding, flying in a microlight and sailing in a small submarine! His last trip was a cruise around the Isle of Wight in a paddle steamer. He never learned to drive but his biggest passion was railways. He was a private, generous man with a dry sense of humour who enjoyed the company of others.

Keith Hornby-Priestnall 38- 42 Died February 2013

Keith died the day before we were due to print this Newsletter and a full obituary will be published in the next Newsletter.



Freda



Roy Adams (40 - 46) Died November 2011

Roy taught at Clitheroe Grammar School from 1953 to 1985. He was known as Dinky Adams because he was the smallest boy and lived at 160 Calais Road in Burton. Roy devoted the whole of his working life to Clitheroe Royal Grammar School where he quickly became one of the outstanding personalities on the staff and was always a lively and stimulating teacher. Despite all the demands of school, he was no less a family man, who made sure of being there for his wife, Margery, and their three children, and later, for the grandchildren who adored him. Friends and colleagues say "Roy was a man of great integrity, who demanded high standards of himself and expected it in others, but all was done with careful consideration and a lively sense of humour, which endeared him to colleagues and pupils alike.



Ken Parkin (BGS staff during the 1950's) Died March 2012

(From his widow Audrey)After leaving Sheffield University, Ken became a teacher of geography at the BGS. After six years he decided on a career change and studied to become a chartered accountant and later met his wife Audrey. They had a son, John, and Ken often enjoyed sharing football, cricket and golf with him.

Ken had a happy retirement, enjoying the Peak District, golf, Philharmonic concerts and walking. He lived to see three grandchildren, who between them, completed his happiness.



Michael Rose 37 - 46

Died March 2010

Michael was the son of JF Rose who was president of the Association in 56/57. On leaving school he did his National Service and then joined Bass for what was to become a lifelong employment. He played rugby for BRFC, was a keen oarsmen, a passionate horseman and he hunted with the Meynell Hunt. He bred horses all his adult life and he supported his wife June with her own horse and show jumping interests. He retired from Bass in 1973 and then moved to Eire where he continued his interest in breeding horses.

Don Sharratt 33 - 38

Died January 2013

Don started life at Ind Coope and gained a Diploma in brewing. In 1942 he was accepted into the Navy Air Crew on HMS Indefatigable. He reached the rank of Lieutenant and was Mentioned in Dispatches. He married in 1948 and was a devoted family man to the subsequent family. His interests were Round Table and tennis and in later years, he threw himself into voluntary work.

His granddaughter, Julia, sent this message from Australia "I'm sorry I can't be there to say goodbye and celebrate your wonderful life but just know that wherever I am, I am thinking of you right now and I know that wherever I go you'll be watching and keeping me safe. We will see the world together now. I love you Grandpa,



Harry Edwin Smith Died 24th May 2012

Seventeen Old Boys added to a packed church at Harry's funeral on the 12th June 2012.

Harry was born in Taunton and whilst at school came under the influence of a teacher who instilled in him a love of maths. Before he could take up his University place in 1940, Harry found himself in the Royal Artillery and saw active service with the 21st Anti-tank Regiment in both North Africa and Sicily. He was to suffer shellshock which caused him to lose the hearing on his left side.

He eventually completed his degree at London University and joined Burton Grammar School in 1949, teaching mathematics, physics and chemistry. In 1953 he moved to Derby Technical College and enjoyed the links he made with local industry, working with companies such as Midland Rail and Rolls-Royce. In 1958 he was invited back to the newly opened building in Winshill where he began to again teach maths, setting the highest academic standards and seeing his pupils achieve considerable success. Harry was never happy with the move to comprehensive education which he described as "one of the greatest howlers the government has ever made" and he became deeply frustrated in his final years at the school.



In 1971 his wife Helen was killed in a car accident and he mourned her for over seven years, before in 1978 meeting Dianne Bates, an English teacher at the Girl's High School, who was to become his second wife. Harry was a Christian who sang regularly in St Modwen's church choir, he was a sportsman who loved rugby, cricket and golf, which he played to the end and he was a gentleman in the widest sense of the term. Added to all that, he was greatly respected by pupils and parents, as well as a large circle of friends both at home and in Austria. His high and demanding standards influenced for good the lives of many.

Everyone who attended Harry's funeral was moved by the words of his son, Mike, who described his own upbringing as a privileged one where he was taught the meaning of life's values, to appreciate the worth of honesty, trust and unswerving loyalty, to be shown the fruits of the hard work ethic, and to be brought up in a household in which warmth, stability and happiness were abundant. He finished his eulogy with these words; "I can genuinely say that I couldn't have had a better father." **(Editor: surely, there can be no greater tribute than that.)**

Immediately after Harry's death, we received these e-mails from his past students

*What a man (and a gentleman) ...***Johnny van der Merwe 64 - 72**

*He was a true role model for us all and I feel honoured that he taught me all those years ago.....***Alan Thompson 56 - 63**

*What a legend ! It was only his skill as a teacher that I succeeded in gaining a pass in Maths GCE.***Howard Rees 55 - 61**

The condolence and sympathy of the Association is expressed to the relatives and families of all deceased Grammar School Old Boys & Staff.



Burton Grammar School Old Boys' Association Annual General Meeting to be held on 17th May 2013

AGENDA

- Names of Old Boys who have passed away during the last twelve months.
Silence for one minute.
- Apologies
- Agree Minutes of the last AGM held 25th May 2012
- Finance Statement
- Welcome to new members & thanks for donations
- Mike Brown to be inducted as President
- Election of Officers:
(Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Officer)
- Outgoing President Roger Kerry talks of his year as President
- AOB

AGM - 2012



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which is available by email or can be provided in printed format.

Minutes of the AGM 25th May 2012 — held at the Branston Golf & Country Club

The President, Keith Large welcomed the Old Boys to the AGM. The Secretary, Bob Andrews, then read the names of Old Boys who had passed away during the last twelve months and made particular reference to Harry Smith who had died a day earlier and who had been a staunch supporter of the Association.



The names were: Geoffrey Prevett, Stan Webster, Stephen Crooks, James Boss, Ron Bell, Tim Watson, David Mayger, Jeffrey Salter, David Hopkinson, Capt. Bob Plant, Sidney Litherland, Roy Adams, Mike Turner, Ken Parkin, Arthur Fallon and Harry Smith.

The secretary then asked the Old Boys to stand for a minute's silence.

The President then asked the Secretary to call the names of those members who had sent in apologies: Peter Appleby, Mike Clements, Edward Scott, Denis Green, Bert Young, Tony Thorniley, R C Richards, Keith Hornby-Priestnall, John Owen, Howard Wilson, Mike Smith, David Leese, Rod Purbrick, Roy Marsh, G. Goodall, William Smith, Duncan Bradley, John Hathaway, Peter Stanley, Tony Trigg, Steve Cort, John Hodgson, Richard Wain, Les Simpson, Jonathan Murphy, Howard Wilson, Derrick Pounds, John Illingworth, Dave Clark, David Brunning, Mike Wilson, Keith Stuart-Smith, Duncan Bradley, Gordon Hindle, Alan Marshall, Brian Gee, John Evans, Sir Oscar Deville, Brian Matkin, John Fellows, Roger Deacon, Steve Wilcox, Peter Farmer.

The President then asked for approval of the minutes of the AGM of 20th. May 2011. Proposed by Alan Neal, seconded by Bob Fletcher and passed unanimously. The President asked for approval of the accounts. Proposed by Andrew Gentles, seconded by Peter Evanson and passed unanimously.

With the administration of the AGM completed the President gave a short speech about his year in office. He thanked the Head of Abbot Beyne for the Memorial Service to the Old Boys who fell in the two world wars and in the Suez conflict. He thanked the committee members for their work and support.

He then handed the chain of office to the new President, Roger Kerry. The new President thanked Keith for his work as President and nominated Mike Brown as his Vice-President.



The President thanked the Editor for his work on the newsletter which was agreed by the Old Boys to be the best yet. The Editor thanked him for his kind words and expressed his gratitude for the information being sent in by the members.

Roger also thanked the Honorary Secretary for his work in keeping the Association on course. He thanked the Treasurer for his work in producing the accounts. He asked members to elect the committee for another year and Malcolm Watson proposed and Mike Brown seconded that Bob Andrews continue as Secretary for another year. Dennis Fletcher proposed and Peter Evanson seconded that Graham Marshment continue as Editor for another year. Mike Brown proposed and Ian Bodger seconded Steve Wilcox as Treasurer for another year.

BGOBA Dinner 2012

After the AGM of the Association, seventy three members (20 more than in the previous year) sat down to enjoy a fine meal and good fellowship at the Annual Dinner, held on 20th May in the Pavilion at the Branston Golf & Country Club

After the meal, the outgoing President Keith Large spoke of his time in office and again thanked the committee for the way they had worked together during his Presidential year.

The Association had the pleasure of being introduced to the new head teacher of the Abbot Beyne School, Annabel Stoddart, who gave a very enthusiastic and uplifting report on her first year at the school.



Nick Asker was announced as the winner of the Lowe Cup from a field of 15. He was then presented with the cup and it was announced it will again be competed for on the same day as the Dinner in 2013.



It was a sad moment at the start of evening when the death was announced of Harry Smith, who had died a day earlier and had planned to attend the Dinner. This picture of him was taken at the 2011 Dinner and there was great sadness at the loss of this much respected and admired ex-member of the BGS staff.

At the end of the evening, Peter Boulter CBE gave an interesting and entertaining talk about his life in the world of education, with jobs in Birmingham, Devon and Warwickshire. He spoke about his family, of his love of sport and he then presented the Old Boys with some interesting thoughts about education. At the end of his talk, which was very well received, he proposed a toast to the Burton Grammar School Old Boys' Association.



The Association is very indebted to Richard Tudor who used his skills with the camera to make a photographic recording of the whole evening and we thank him for the excellent pictures of the AGM and Dinner which have been used in this Newsletter.

BURTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure statement for year ended 31st December 2012.

INCOME	2011 £	2012 £	EXPENDITURE	2011 £	2012 £
Donations/membership	618.00	750.50	Newsletters/postages	498.96	552.53
Dining receipts	2035.00	2075.50	Secretary expenses	94.40	nil
Ties/golf entry	115.00		Insurance golf cup/gavel	26.00	30.00
			Dining costs	1732.50	1924.00
			Engraving golf cup/gavel	39.00	42.50
			Abbot Beyne cricket prize	20.00	nil
			Abbot Beyne wreath	19.00	19.00
Total:	2768.00	2826.00		2429.86	2568.0

Excess income over expenditure for year ending 31st December 2011: £338.14

Balance at bank as at 31st December 2012: £2025.75

Cash in hand: £58.58

Total reserves as at 31st December 2011: £2084.33



BGS OBA Past Presidents

1921-22	AH Yeomans	1966-67	H.E.C.Weston
1922-23	F.Evershed	1967-68	W.F.Howarth
1923-24	W.Shelley	1968-69	W.T.Burman
1924-25	A.Slator	1969-70	F.W.Fawkes
1925-26	R. Samble	1970-71	W.H.Gillian
1926-27	W.P.Lowe	1971-72	R.L.Knight
1927-28	H.Leigh-Newton	1972-73	B.E.Warren
1928-29	J.H.Moir	1973-74	J.H.Mander
1929-30	C.F.Gothard	1974-75	N.A.Binns
1930-31	F.J.Manners	1975-76	D.G.Hardwick
1931-32	F.Newton-Husbands	1976-77	R.A.Clark
1932-33	J.H.Birch	1977-78	A.Fallon
1933-34	W.E.Briggs	1978-79	G.M.Hamilton
1934-35	J.D.Robertson	1979-80	A.T.Cole
1935-36	B.F.Sadle	1980-81	P.Minns
1936-37	F.J.Hodges	1981-82	J.A.Woolley
1937-38	Col.D.H.Mason	1982-83	R.Outhwaite
1938-39	R.T.Robinson	1983-89	G.T.Milnes
1939-40	B.C.Newbold	1989-90	H.E.Smith
1940-41	R.C.Sims	1990-91	E.A.Bailey
1941-42	J.B.Smith	1991-92	D.A.Sharatt
1942-43	F.T.Shelley	1992-93	B.Clements
1943-44	T.W.Parkin	1993-94	G.Starback
1944-45	P.J.Williams	1994-95	N.A.Tomkins
1945-46	E.J.Dallard	1995-96	T.A.Trigg
1946-47	H.J.Wain	1996-97	J.M.Illingworth
1947-48	G.W.Britton	1997-98	J.P.Hartley
1948-49	F.E.James	1998-99	R.Deacon
1949-50	B.L.Hubbard	1999-00	L.S.Dunkerly
1950-51	L.A.Haywood	2000-01	P.G.Booth
1951-52	R.P.Stevenson	2001-02	G.K.Rushton
1952-53	G.H.Cooper	2002-03	S.A.Neal
1953-54	L.E.Churchill	2003-04	J. S. Pickering
1954-55	J.D.Rowland	2004-05	R. J.Wain
1955-56	D.P.Haywood	2005-06	F.Toon
1956-57	J.F.Rose	2006-07	Rev. R.Gilbert
1957-58	W.R.Souster	2007-08	M. E. Watson
1958-59	F.C.Jenks	2008-09	G. P. Evanson
1959-60	H.H.Pitchford	2009-10	R.F.Andrews
1960-61	D.J.Grimsley	2010-11	D.J.Grimsley
1961-62	A.E.G.Hardwick	2011-12	K.B. Large
1962-63	A.C.Bowden	2012-13	R.F. Kerry
1963-64	R.H.Eggington		
1964-65	K.A.Stanyon		
1965-66	D.M.Davies		

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Please ask for a copy if you wish to try and contact fellow Old Boys.



From the Editor:

In the new Biology lab September 1957 - with Joey Crowther in the background!

It has again been a pleasure putting together this Newsletter and receiving the many contributions made by fellow Old Boys though it has inevitably been tinged with sadness at the receipt of obituaries and news of the death of so many members. That aside, it has been interesting to read accounts of incidents and achievements from long ago, especially when accompanied by photographs! I found this one of myself (as a September 1957 new boy) on Kevin Gallagher's excellent BGS web site.



Please keep your contributions coming! Send us (by email or post) your updates, your news, your potted history; anything which you would like us to pass on to your friends and colleagues in the Association, including articles and stories about past events and activities.

We hope this Newsletter reflects the way your committee has worked together and we hope you see that we are trying to move the Association forward and initiating some new ideas.

On a personal note, I was pleased to be able to take the **Rev Michael Crumpton (44 - 50)** to the microlight school where I am currently learning to fly and one of the fellow flyers took him for a flight over Blithfield reservoir. This was the only rather grainy photograph I was able to take but it does not do justice the obvious pleasure the flight gave him.



1st Eleven cricket team 1961

This was another picture I found on the web site. The excellent grounding I received through playing for the school teams enabled me to play for Dunstall after leaving school.

Back Row: D. Blackburn, David Moore, P. Rose, Maurice Pett, G. Marshment
Front Row: Alan Cure, Graham Barnes, I. Birch, K. Shilton, A. Stewart, Barry Minns
(Master: Yarlott)

I'm sure there are many pleasures afforded by the Old Boys' Association; the opportunity to renew old friendships, enjoy reminiscences, reflect on the excellent education which the BGS gave to us all and the influence the school and the staff had on us. Added to that, the Association is about fellowship and friendship but we are also trying hard as a committee to make it an active and useful organisation in the future. Let's hope that the career event which we staffed at the Abbot Beyne School is the first of many more similar initiatives where the Old Boys' Association can provide some help and support for the current generation of young people. Heaven knows, they face a much more difficult and uncertain world than we did and it's good if we can help them in any way on their life's journey.

So, we look forward to hearing all your latest News, receiving your contributions and hopefully your booking for the annual dinner in May. Look forward to meeting you all then!

Graham Marshment (57 - 62)

Email: graham@gmarshment.f9.co.uk

The AGM & Dinner to be held on the 17th May 2013
BRANSTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - PAVILION

The schedule will be: **18:30 - 19:00 hrs** - Guests arrive .
19:00 hrs - AGM **19:45 hrs** - Guests called to Dinner
20:00 hrs - Grace, followed by Dinner

Menu:

Starter: Seafood Medley
 (Thai Crab Cake, Mini Prawn Cocktail, Smoked Salmon Blini)
Main: Traditional Roast Beef
 (With rich red wine and truffle jus)
Dessert: Burnt Lemon Tart
 Scented raspberries and Chantilly cream

21:30 hrs - Speeches

. ... Former Head Boy John Hancock proposes a toast to the OBA
 The President, Mike Brown responds.
 Headteacher of the Abbot Beyne, Annabel Stoddart



Please book for the Dinner using the form sent with this Newsletter.

Lowe Golf Tournament - Friday 17th May 2013

Those wishing to take part in the competition - contact Mr. Steve Wilcox
 on 01283 - 704373 to arrange Tee times and playing partners.

We thank Steve and Burton Golf Club for their help in organising this event.