

Burton Grammar School Old Boys' Association

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The Grammar School 1st Eleven C.C. 1916



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Letter from the President: Mike Brown , I thank the Committee for their support during the last year and I have been very happy to lead the Association and enjoy its continued success. Our meetings have been very enjoyable and productive and we all enjoy the camaraderie of them. I hope I have played my part in keeping alive the traditions and memories of the Association.



Letter from the President Elect: Graham Marshment I am very happy to do my part to keep the OBA alive and in particular, to celebrate and make public the value of what we all took from our years at Burton Grammar School. However, having produced the Newsletter for 5 years, created a new and updated database of members and then being designated President-elect for 2014, I feel it is now time to resign as Newsletter editor and ask someone else to take on this task after the AGM. I've enjoyed reading the contributions from the Old Boys though, a sad part of the job has been recording the all too many obituaries..



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

....This Year our new House Captains have been busy re-establishing our House system. Our Houses Orion, Hercules, Pyxis and Columbia have been battling it out on the sports field, in a spelling bee and creating art murals. House Captains were chosen in elections earlier this year. They are coming to the end of their tenure and are celebrating by organising a House Easter Fayre. Each House has identified a charity to raise money for:



Pyxis – The Star Foundation
Hercules – MS Society
Orion – Malaria No More UK
Columba - Great Ormond Street.



The House Captains have led House Assemblies to decide which stalls they will be organising, and they have gathered the support of plenty of students to create prizes and devise games and activities. All of this is a reflection of their growing, high quality leadership skills and demonstrate the positive impact that young people can have throughout their community.

Remembrance Service



Old Boys In Attendance were: President: Roger Kerry, Dennis Grimsley, Mike Hamilton, Keith Large, Deryck Barker, John Green, John Smith, Peter Evanson, Norman Tomkins, Malcolm Watson, Richard Wain, Gerald Wright, John Ash, Peter Appleby and Graham Marshment.

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AGM & Old Boys' Reunion:	Friday 16th May 2014	

Venue: Pavilion - Branston Golf & Country Club

BURTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2013

INCOME	2012	2013	EXPENDITURE	2012	2013
	£	£		£	£
Dining receipts/donations	2776	3159	Newsletter/postages	552	670
Ties/golf entry	50	66	Dining costs	1924	2065
			Engraving	43	33
			Miscellaneous	49	-
Total	2826	3225		2568	2768
Excess income over expenditure for year ending 31 st December 2013				£457	
Balance at bank as at 31 st December 2013		£2482			
Cash in hand		£58			
Total reserves		£2540			

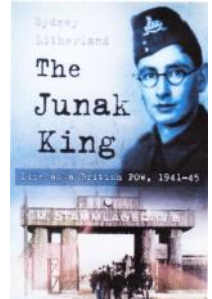
April 2013 - March 2014 NEWS OF BGS OLD BOYS ... via the Newsletter Editor!

Michael Lathbury 65 to 72; retired in October 2012 having worked for forty years for Lloyds TSB Bank—the last 25 years in Derby and Nottingham. He has three children (two now grown up) and he currently enjoys golf and other sports.

From Mike Hamilton - 50 - 56

My Uncle Sydney Litherland, an old boy of the Grammar School died a couple of years ago.

Sydney had written a book called the 'Junak King' about his time as a POW 1941-45 and his eldest son Rupert (my Cousin) has arranged to have this published in early March.



WALTER POUNDS M.M.

Letters sent home while a soldier in W.W.I
Awards and Diary notes

Derrick Pounds 46 - 51 - Amazon have published the book I wrote about my father:. entitled " Doing our Bit for the Country" Walter Pounds M.M., ISBN 978-1490312194. The book is a compilation of his father's letters home during WW1 and earlier.

In March I spent more than three weeks visiting Ireland, WW1 battlefields around Ypres in Belgium and then in the Derby area. The very emotional visit to the WW1 battlefields around Ypres included Hill 60 that was referred to by my father in a letter he wrote home from near there in June 1916.



An area covering about two football fields around Hill 60 has grassed over shell holes, bunkers, trenches etc. among the new growth trees, after having remained undisturbed since 1918. During a stop in London I went with Tony Pope and Dave Howden (1951-57 R-R apprentice) to the Science museum to see the Vickers Vimy biplane that Alcock & Brown flew across the Atlantic in 1919. While in the Derby area I met other 1951-57 Rolls-Royce apprentices including Alan Cotton who now lives near Bristol.

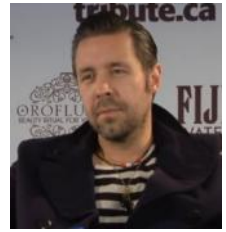
Anthea Topliss ... Following the obituary to Duncan Topliss in last year's Newsletter Dear Graham Thank you for your kind letter, the BGS OBA Newsletter and the details which I sent to you regarding Duncan. I found your wording of the obituary in the Newsletter very appropriate and loved the fact that you had included our grandsons' comments -- I am sure that Duncan would have approved. It was lovely to meet you and I thank you for taking the time to visit me. **I send my best wishes to you all at the BGS Old Boys Association.**

David Mortlock 42 - 47 What a wonderful job the current OBA committee are doing in "upgrading" the Association, if I may say so. Your personal commitment is not only obvious but extremely appreciated by someone like me who is unable to attend the functions that are arranged. I was in communication with Ian Pidoux and Hugh Richmond just over a year ago as a result of a news item from Ian concerning the Societe Franco-Britannique and exchanges begun in 1946 by Mr. Wood our French teacher, so I do read the results of all your efforts!

With every good wish and greetings to the Committee

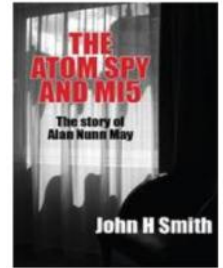
Paddy Considine is the most famous old boy from Abbot Beyne school. He is now a leading actor, and award winning film producer. He has so far won 29 International awards, and has also been nominated for a further 23 (see Wikipedia).

His latest leading role is in recent ITV drama 'The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher' which it looks like will get a second series.



John Smith 53 - 60It really is good news that numbers are up and the BGS Committee are to be congratulated on their efforts for achieving this. I have sent a copy of my recently published book "The Atom Spy and MI5" to you all in the hope it would be of interest to the association. I don't get to Burton very often these days but hope to get into Waterstones to get them interested and sell a few copies. I did get a good review in the Birmingham Post which was encouraging.

Further information from; John Henry Smith 0121-447-7221



Mike Brown - sent us this picture of his 69 / 70 Rugby Team



Brian Bailey 50 - 55....

I really enjoyed reading the colourful magazine. Photo taken up at the Bay of Islands on a holiday a few weeks ago.



Carry on the good work and best wishes to all B.G.S

IN LATER LIFE, VIC LIKED TO
TAKE THINGS EASY...

Les Simpson 50 to 57..... I have enclosed a photo of Ezra Somekh's last LVISc form at Bond Street, taken in 'X' Room, the 'new Physics Lab' in 1957. It is not in the greatest of condition, but the faces are still clearly visible. Ezra had been at BGS just over a year, but had made such an impact in his subject in that short time, it was not surprising what an effect he had on the scientists leaving the School for the next ten years.



Back row Ian Wooton, Malcolm Campbell, Bob Taylor, John Charles, Pete Jennings

Middle row John Neville, Mick Searanke, Pete Trigg, David Burns

Front row Les Simpson, Norman Odam, Glynn Hall, EZRA, Andrew

Tony Prevett 48 to 54 I read with sadness of the passing of Mick Rose whom I knew through Burton Leander Rowing Club. I believe there were three brothers, Peter, John Garratt and Michael. Peter and John Rose rowed for BLRC at Henley in 1938, and they lost in their heat to the eventual winners. They entered in the Goblets event for coxless pairs, which is the event that Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent excelled in during the 1990's. In 1939 BLRC bought a new fine boat and John and Peter Rose crewed it. I have attached a photo taken at the christening of the boat on 4th May 1939. The new boat was named Leander2 and that is the boat I coxed for the Senior crew in 1950.



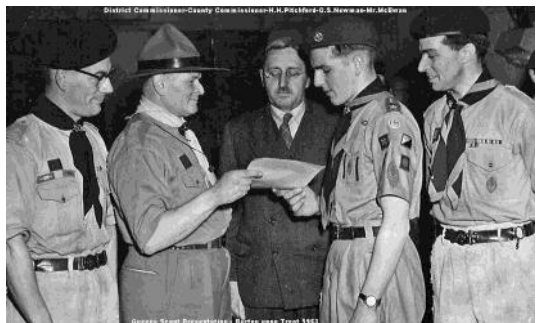
Stuart HaywoodCongratulations! What a tonic to your newsletter has proved to be. It has brought a wonderful vitality to the pages, reinforcing the message of the printed word. In addition, the quality of the paper in the magazine make it treat to handle. That is why I prefer the magazine to depictions on line. I plan to ride in should take place in Nottingham on June 15th through the city and are "clothes optional" so that anyone can join in to protest against the overuse of fossil fuels, amongst other things. The slogan of the rides is "bare as you dare" and I plan to cycle in footwear only. If you would care to join in I can hire a tandem! Keep up the good work with the Newsletter.

Follow up email later - I did my naked bike ride in Southampton and raised £600 for "Friends of Queen's Hospital". A professional photographer covered some of the events.

... Are you acquainted with the story of Lyndon Haywood who left the school in 1953. He started work at Rolls Royce in the draughtsmen's department. In 1954 he shot his boss and killed him. Found "guilty" of murder the death penalty was not applied as he was found insane and sentenced to be detained during Her Majesty's Pleasure. He was sent to Broadmoor. Lyndon was in the same form as me in 1952/3, the only year during my time at school. He was Haywood (L) and I was Haywood (S). Lyndon had two passions; drawing and guns. I recall him obtaining a pistol which he drew from various angles. I have looked him up on the internet and a Lyndon Haywood (Born Burton 1935) appears and he became a great expert on armaments and warfare. He appears on the school photo of 1953!

Bob Gooderick.... 60 - 67 Many congratulations on producing such an informative and thorough Newsletter - long may it continue! I was a contemporary with Andy Fawkes whom I see for an annual get together. My elder brother David was in Harry Smith's 5X. I went to Manchester University (Spanish and Portuguese studies), joined Pricewaterhouse Coopers in 1970, then to the Basque Country (Bilbao). Returned to UK in 1982, buying a house in Oxford where I have lived ever since (met Tony Fisher there a few times). In 1989 I moved to Brussels and was later relocated to Paris, returned to UK in 1995 and built a car components pan European company and then sold the business in 2006. I am now in Oxford most of the year and get to Burton every 3 weeks or so to visit my 94 year old Mum. I always try to pop into Henry's Records (John Bisbrowne) with whom I share a great interest in vinyl music and, in particular, the recordings of Phil Seaman.

Graham Newman 47 - 54 was the first Boy Scout in Burton to be awarded the Queens Scout. The certificate had the signature of the then recent new monarch so it would be 1953. He was in the BGS Troop, and as the first there was something of a presentation. The person on the left is the County Commissioner making the presentation. Between them all is Horace Pitchford, my brother Graham receiving the certificate and behind him "Whisky" McEwan who was the Scoutmaster before Walter Chadburn.



Robert Smith We moved to Canada to live (again) in January 2013. I had planned to come back for a visit and the 50th anniversary of my old 5b form seemed a good idea. I didn't know what to expect but I was delighted to discover that there was a definite lack of miserable old fogeys, and the time flew by. It was over too soon.

Mike Hamilton 50 - 56 This is the Grammar School 1st XI in 1916 enhanced by Andrew Richards and I have attached a copy in the hope that it might be included in the next Newsletter. My father is the little chap on the far right and I do believe he scored a century for the Grammar School against Tamworth Grammar School at the age of 13. The only other person I know on the photograph is W E (Wilf) Rumsey who I believe was a local headmaster. I reckon that the photograph was taken at the Grammar School in Bond Street; I vaguely recognise the wall that used to run along Bond Street and I believe in my father's day the area was a garden but subsequently some prefabricated classrooms were built where this photo was taken!

Editor's Note: I still hold a long standing grievance against Mike. Around 1960, aged just 13 and whilst still at BGS, I was substituting my first match ever for a player shortage with Lloyds Cricket Club and as the last man in, he stumped me out when he was playing for Barton CC!

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Tony Fisher - I am due to retire shortly after a career of 44 years in investment management in the City of London. After leaving Oxford University in 1969 I qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and subsequently became a member of the London Stock Exchange. I was a founding Director of NCL Investments in 1986 and I am pleased to record that our Funds under Management have recently reached £14bn. I am still playing cricket, golf and chess for various clubs. My wife Pippa and I have maintained our main home in the Oxford area for the last 18 years but are beginning to question the wisdom of exposure to the British climate!

Duncan Bradley (1962 - 1968) - I retired from teaching in 2012, and then completed my theological studies. I was licensed as a Reader in the Church of England in Winchester Cathedral on October 12th 2013, the service being led by the Bishop of Basingstoke. I have been licensed to Southampton City Centre Parish, based at St Mary's Church, where I have also been appointed Director of Music. I have quite a ministry ahead of me, particularly as the City Centre Parish is the most diverse in the whole of the Diocese of Winchester. I am the one with the blue scarf(!!!!!)



Robert Young (1963 - 1970) - has recently published 2 books and a Christmas musical CD with his own songs. The one book called *Daddy, Tell Me a Story* was written for his three children, recounting all the stories from his life where he experienced God's help in amazing ways in his life and also where he was able to help others. He also has a book and CD called *One Star Hotel* which is a new Christmas musical with 11 new songs.

John Mills 57 - 62 I seem to have finally picked up the threads, through Bob Andrews, Steve Wilcox, Mike Hamilton and a few more of the BGS OBA.. I play golf at Burton, where I have got to know Steve Wilcox. I also became acquainted again with Harry Smith 7 years ago when joining the golf club and had some good conversations with him, and I, along with many others was very sorry to hear of his death. Harry was a founder member of the senior section of the golf club (i.e. over 55's) and it was for our silver anniversary dinner, when I was Senior's Captain, that we invited Harry to be guest of honour. He duly accepted and a good evening was had by all. You and I have not met for over 50 years so will probably not recognise each other, but I did meet John Banton forwarded your details to him to see if he is at all interested in a meeting. John was Seniors Captain after me and will be Club Captain next year.

David Gooderick 57 - 64 I finally retired last Summer having taught in both the state and private sector. Like my brother Bob, I have made frequent visits to Burton and I have stood at the bus-stop at Winshill Church where I recollected many happy memories. Burton Grammar School taught me values that have stayed with me throughout my life and my life and my time there has left me with lots of good memories.

John Owen 42 - 49 I am the AN Other on the rugby photograph published on page of the last Newsletter! It was through that photograph that John Pickering and I rediscovered each other when both of us were working at the British Standards Institute. After much prodding from John I re-joined the BGS OBA and fulfilled a promise by attending the Annual Dinner in 2003, when John, who sadly died in 2009, was inducted as President.

Kevin Gallagher - alerted the Association via the website about the Memorabilia Room at the Abbot Beyne "I received the below email today from Jo Brassington at Abbott Beyne School regarding the Memorabilia Room (in what was the Girl's High School).

I borrowed quite a few items from there and returned them during preparation of the website. There is quite a lot there including some larger items such as large framed photos of Headmasters, school rolls, the Headmasters blue chair with school crest (which Mr Gillion sat on centre stage during assembly), wooden house crests that used to be in the hall etc. I don't have any interest in them but if they are not claimed, they will be thrown out."

The OBA Committee have followed this up and it remains an unsorted event! The stuff is still in the room and further action needs to be arranged. Any ideas for an alternative storage facility in the Burton area?

Memorabilia Room May 2013



Ken Hall 61 - 69 ... contacted the OBA to tell us about his old friend Barry Leedham ... we met up again last week after not having seen each other for 30 years. We were at BGS and the University of Leeds with a year between us at both, great friends and rugby and cricket colleagues at school and university. After graduating we went separate ways and though keeping in touch via Christmas cards we only managed to catch up a couple of times for family meetings. Getting together again last week was just like it had only been a short time since we last saw each other, as I expect may be the case for many BGS Old Boys, given the special bond that connects us all, even across the years and the distances. I'll send you more details of what I have been doing in the interim years in case that may be of interest for the Newsletter.

Graham - Many thanks for all your hard work in ensuring the BGS heritage remains strong.

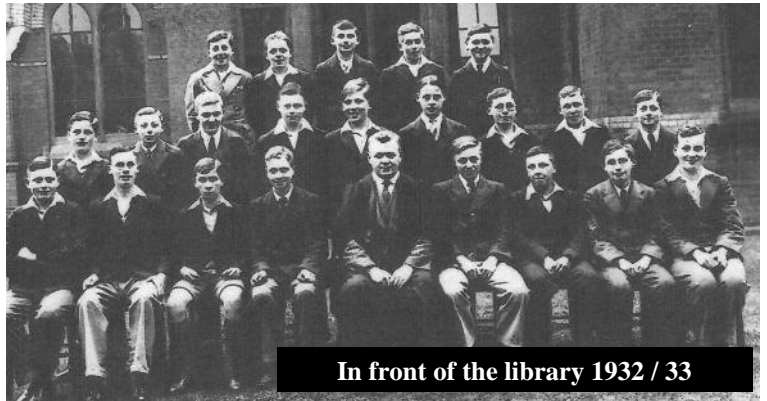
David Atkin 54 - 61 My career has been spent working for Lcal Authorities as a town planner from 1965 to 2001. I am now a retired Fellow of the Royal Town Planning Institute and busy myself supporting various local community groups and activities in Warwickshire. (David sent us a whole collection of pictures, too numerous to use but here are a selection)



The 26th BGS Scouts leaving Burton Station in 1955 on route to camping in Scotland.

David sent us this information and picture given to him by Cyril Aitkin

“Cyril won a scholarship worth £5 a term from the LEA and he and George Shipton were the first two to of the 5 places available for ‘out of town’ families. In total, there were only 28 Grammar School places and 500 town boys sat for these scholarship places.



In front of the library 1932 / 33

BGS OBA Chronicle of Members;

The Association has a Chronicle of Members which is available by email or can be provided in printed format.

In Memoriam

Requiescant in pace



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

Andrea de Luca 55 to 62 Died 27th June 2012 Andrea lived with Italian parents & Greta, his sister on Field Lane (47, I think), from the early 1950's. His father came to England as an employee of Pirelli to head up the chemistry department. His father was from the Cortina region of Northern Italy with which the family maintained close connections until very recently. Andy also took a great interest in the Science subjects following his fathers interests in chemistry in particular. He attended the William Hutson school in Harehedge Lane and later BGS 1955 - 1962, in the 'A' stream throughout. Slight in stature he was not a sportsman but attained a very good academic standard and was well liked.

Michael Hampton 65 to 73 Died April 2011

Andrew Paul Brown (1961-68) died recently in Perth. He was a “jumper”, glittering prize winner and Open Exhibitionist to Saint Edmund Hall, Oxford. He was also model plane builder, star-gazer and national-news explosives maker at 13 years of age: BGS boys (Mick Fox, Rob Bugg et al) down on the Rec hospitalise themselves while murdering a spider with a home made pipe bomb – as I remember the story. After the Entrance Exams, Andrew finished out the year as Norman Jones’ lab- technician, becoming a ‘Mod’ and meeting and eventually marrying Lynne Callanan. Andrew worked for a while in the University of Birmingham and of Western Australia – eventually leaving to grow a metallurgical testing-services company, with Lynne’s brother, for the Australian gas and oil industry. Bizarrely, to me, he enjoyed that appallingly hale, hearty and despairingly sweaty life of the Timor, Java and the South Sea rigs. Andrew is survived by Lynne (whom you can find on Facebook) and his two daughters.



Later, I wondered why, despite winning the French and Latin O Level prizes - he had chosen to do Science. Truth was, as a working class lad from Melbourne Avenue, he had been forthrightly advised that the best prospects for “jobs” were in Science. He had wanted to do Classics, Greek and Latin with the unwell and dying Jake Hammond. BGS was great for simple “scientists” like me – but perhaps not sufficiently courageous for the likes of Andy.



Sent by Tom Casey (1961-68)

Harold Toon (1937—43) Harold (Dazza) Toon, died at the age of 87 on 6th June 2013. Though not a member of our Association, he was a Burton Grammar School old boy and will be remembered by many of his contemporaries as a fine musician and a brilliant jazz pianist, being a founder member of the School's very able, popular and neo-professional dance-band at that time, *The Stardusters* (signature tune, obviously, Hoagy Carmichael's *Stardust*). Harold's contribution to the war effort after leaving school was as a Bevan Boy and on his release from mining, he stayed with his employer moving into the offices of the Coal Board. But his heart remained in music and for very many years in his adult life there were few evenings when he would not be found playing piano in one of the local dance bands - Eric Evans Big Band was one in the late forties, and later came Bill Roulstone's Band and Jim Reynolds strict tempo dance band. In time, as new technology became manifest in the music making business, Harold forsook his band work to freelance on his own, playing electronic keyboards, thus combining the skills of his jazz piano with a previously acquired classical organ technique (whilst at school he had learned to play the pipe organ to a high standard under W.S. Dove, occasionally deputising for him at Horninglow Church).



Robert Smith (1951 - 1957) Died February 2014 -

Robert was in a local folk group, 'The Skillets'. Early in his life, he moved to Stratford-on-Avon, and then later to Canada. For thirty years he worked with BBC, ITV and other Canadian companies. He left behind his love of music and his many friends in Canada. His obituary described him as a 'bright, wonderful man' and his family wrote "we will remember him always and be thankful to God for the time he was given to us. We cherished every moment he was with us and he will always be loved and remembered".



John Leslie Rose 36 - 42 - Died February 2014 - Leslie was a bright lad who excelled both academically and athletically. After winning a scholarship to BGS, he left in 1942 to join the Royal Navy. After the War he read history at Cambridge where he met lots of his BGS contemporaries and also his wife Lisa, whom he married in 1950. He then taught at Fairfield Grammar School and progressed along a career path to become head of Nobel School in Stevenage where he remained until his retirement in 1989. He was a dedicated teacher and was active in setting up a link with Zimbabwe-Kadoma and he regularly travelled there as well as to many other countries. He was a dedicated husband and father. His first wife died in 1985 and he leaves behind 3 children, 10 grandchildren and his second wife, Antonia.



Sir Oscar De Ville wrote to the family saying "During Leslie's final years I did my best to visit him (and cause laughter over the past). I'm sure he passed his gift of high personal qualities to those he taught; notably his serious purpose and dedication. Leslie will be much missed. I feel a part of me has gone".

James William "Jim" Gould 46 - 51 Died October 2013

... Jim was well known through Burton Leander Rowing Club and was a member of the successful Burton Leander crew, which won the Wyfold Cup at Henley Royal Regatta in July 1958, which was a great achievement in those days, for a provincial club. An electrical engineer by profession, Jim Gould was Chairman and Managing Director of Crestchic Limited, a company he formed in Burton 30 years ago, with his brother-in-law Ron Bancroft and his two sons. The company was floated on the Alternative Investment Market in 2006 to form the new company Northbridge Industrial Services PLC. When called to National Service he followed in the footsteps of his father, Sgt, Major F. W. Gould, of the 6th North Staffs, one of Burton's most highly decorated soldiers of WW1. He was appointed a Magistrate In 1970, and served for thirteen years.



Lewis Dunkerley 45 - 50 Died January 2014

Lewis started his career at Marstons Brewery, followed by National Service and then the Metropolitan Police in 1954, where he rose to be Chief Inspector, retiring in 1987. He travelled around the Europe with friends in the golden age of motoring and indulged his love of sport during those years. In 1961 he joined the Bermuda Police and then the Canadina Police. In Canada, he met and dined with an old school friend, Max Morris. He re-joined the Met and in 1975 was awarded a Churchill Travelling Scholarship to spend six months in India and Pakistan. I there was trouble anywhere in the Commonwealth he was seconded to go out there and deal with it and train a reliable police force. After retirement he was head hunted to go to Cambodia where he spent five years training the Khmer Rouge to become a responsible police force. He indulged his delights in travel on cruises ranging from Antarctica to Alaska, the Caribbean to the Galapagos Islands and around the Far East., overland trips through South America, North and South Africa and Ethiopia. Few people can have had such an extraordinary life - and he described himself as a "World Traveller."



Norman Tomkins 41 - 45 Died February 2014

Lt Cdr Norman Alan Tomkins passed away peacefully at his home, aged 84. We received this letter from his daughters and there were lots of OB's at his funeral to celebrate the life of a colourful and warm man. We (the BVT Committee) always enjoyed his company at our annual "stuffing party" when we enveloped the 400 newsletters which still go out by post.

Dear All, It was with great, great sadness that we found our lovely Father had passed away on Saturday evening, however it is a blessing to know he didn't suffer and merely had a sleep in his chair and just didn't wake up. I would like to say just how happy it made us all seeing how you all embraced my Father and his character. We are so very grateful for the kindness you showed him.

We ask is if you would raise a glass of wine or Bass Bitter to toast to the life of Norman Tomkins, as you know he enjoyed a tippie or two !!



Roy Bradley 60 - 68 Died June 2013 Tributes have been paid to a ‘true servant’ of Burton Rugby Club. Roy Bradley, who was popularly known as Buster, devoted more than 50 years of his life to the club, serving in various roles including as a player. He had been suffering from septicaemia and died at Burton’s Queen’s Hospital. His daughter Claire Bradley said: “At Peel Croft he tried to put back what it had given him during his playing days.” Club secretary Ian Cartwright told the Mail: “Buster gave quite incredible service to BRFC and was diligent in all he did. His love of the club and sense of humour were his trademarks. Starting as a fly-half during the 1960s, he later served in many different roles. Seemingly unaware of how highly he was regarded in Burton, Miss Bradley said her father was surprised to see the Mail’s report on his condition, saying that ‘he never thought he’d be one to make the news’. A rugby man right to the end, Miss Bradley said one of his primary concerns shortly before his death was the progress of the British and Irish Lions.

GREAT MEMORIES... here is a picture of the Burton Grammar School rugby team of 1967/68, courtesy of scrum-half Bob Brooks. At the front, holding the ball, is captain and future Burton RFC stalwart Roy ‘Buster’ Bradley, whose funeral was held yesterday after his sad death at the age of 64. Several first XV players were away at the time this picture was taken, so their places were taken by members of the second XV (back l-r) Ron Gelson, Ade Holden, Bonny Ellis, Roy Phillips, John Bisbrowne, Steve Wilcox, Keith Woolley, Brian Walley and (front l-r) John Sanders, John Whetton, Mick Barker, Roy Bradley, Barry Leedham, Bob Brooks and Iain Gray. Many thanks to Bob for the photograph, which is sure to stir memories for those in the picture



Keith Hornby Priestnall 38 - 42 Died Feb 2013 ... Friends have also lifted the lid on an eventful naval career during WW2. Keen to join the war effort Keith, the son of the former vicar of Stapenhill, he joined the Royal Navy in 1943 at the age of 17 after leaving BGS. After singing up for ‘hazardous duties’ aboard HMS Dauntless. He took on hazardous duties and subsequently trained as a submariner in X-Craft submarines. “These midget submarines were designed to be towed to their intended area of operation by a larger submarine and would then, with their crew of three or four, lay two-ton explosive charges underneath the hull of a moored enemy warship and escape. “These were very dangerous operations and demanded the highest bravery and supreme professional skills”. After leaving the Navy at the end of the war he set up his first company to produce beer mats. But his love of the water never diminished, with most of his time spent away from his business devoted to the Burton Sea Cadets, of which he was the president. Sea Cadet Tony Cooke said: “He changed my life in 1957 when he welcomed me into the cadets – that’s how long he had been doing good. He gave us a chance. “I could never understand why people like Keith were never recognised publicly. He kept the place going and people like me would probably be somewhere else now if it wasn’t for him. It’s probably 300 kids he’s helped to put on the straight and narrow by taking them on here.”





Burton Grammar School Old Boys' Association Annual General Meeting to be held on 16th May 2014

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 17th May 2013
- Finance Statement
- Welcome to new members & thanks for donations
- Graham Marshment to be inducted as President
- Election of Officers: **The Secretary & Newsletter Editor have both resigned and nominations for replacements are requested.**
(Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Officer)
- Suggestion about WW1 - Richard Wain
- Outgoing President Mike Brown talks of his year as President
- AOB

AGM - 2013



Minutes of the AGM 17th May 2013 — held at the Branston Golf & Country Club

The President, Roger Kerry, 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.

The names were: Michael, Rose, Don Sharratt, William Leach, Arthur Fallon, Geoff Nicolson, Geoffrey Stone, Duncan Topliss, David Lee, Bernard Liggins, and Keith Hornby-Priestnall.

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: Mike Hamilton, John Green, Anthony Thornley, Bob James, R.Baker, Peter Owen Anthony Hughes, Mike Clements, David Mortlock, Les Simpson, Tony Heughan, Steve Cort, John Green, Peter Dagley, Peter Ellis, John Owen, Duncan Bradley, Kevin Fisher, Richard Tudor, Alan Marshall, David Green, Reg Priestnall, David Taylor, Colin Battell, Brian Sharratt

The President then asked for approval of the minutes of the AGM of 20th. May 2012. Proposed by Dennis Grimsley, and passed unanimously. The President asked for approval of the accounts. Proposed by Phil Shelton, 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.

Keith Large will stay on the committee with the responsibility of increasing membership and attendance at the AGM/Dinner. Bob Andrews then spoke of the work of the Beyne Foundation and said he felt that due to health reasons he was stepping down and asked for someone to take his place as the Grammar School representative. Graham Marshment asked for a volunteer to take over the editorship of the newsletter from 2014 as he will be President. Keith Large informed the meeting that we would be having a Grand Reunion on the 9th. November in the Town Hall.

With no other business the President closed the meeting with a call to make next year an even better attended AGM and thanked the members for coming.

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.Grimley	2010-11	D.J.Grimley
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	2013-14	M. Brown
1964-65	K.A.Stanyon	2014-15	G.S.Marshment
1965-66	D.M.Davies	2015-16	

BGS OBA Chronicle of Members;

The Association has a Chronicle of Members.

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



From the Editor - fellow Old Boys. I have created the Newsletter for five years now, having taken over the task in difficult circumstances! I have also produced a new and updated database and will this year be your President. I feel I have made my contribution to the OBA and will be resigning as Editor at the AGM. I am involved in a number of other organisations and projects and this year I need to devote more time to some of them. For this reason, I have decided to step down as Editor.

I do hope someone will come forward to take over. If not, then the next Newsletter is in jeopardy! However, it could be produced as a simple series of typed sheets rather than the elaborate one we currently produce so it is not necessary for the volunteer to be an expert on the computer. I would be very willing to support and help them in the changeover.

You will also note from the Agenda that Bob Andrews is resigning as Secretary and also looking for a replacement at the AGM. Time perhaps, for some of the younger members to take up the flag!

Graham Marshment 57 - 62

From Richard Wain, Please find attached a transcript + my notes of a letter sent in July 1914, suggesting the start of the OBA. Apropos Derick Pounds' letter, there must be a lot of Old Boys with family letters/memorabilia from the First World War, as I do. How about setting up a First World War webpage, and announcing it at the AGM/Dinner, with a request for info ready for the centenary in 2014?

Editor: This sounds like a good idea and is on the Agenda for the AGM.

Customs and Excise Memorandum 29.7.14

6 Brookfield Avenue, Bishopston

Dear Henry,

..... I had a letter from Smedley the other day informing me that Dicky (*R.T.Robinson, Headmaster*) is actually contemplating the formation of an Old Boys' Club. As he (Smedley) is anxious to have some backing in his endeavours to move Dicky to action, he asked me if I could get one or two Old Boys to write to him re the formation of a club. Perhaps you would do so? And if you know of Old Boys interested, he would doubtless be pleased to hear from them. Smedley's address is –

C.B.Smedley, 1 Spencer Road, Bournemouth.

..... I certainly think if sufficient interest is shown just now, there is an excellent opportunity of making a start. I am afraid I shall not be able to get over to Burton for Bank Holiday. For one thing it is so beastly expensive. Also we have every prospect of being busy, so I may have to work then. How is work going on in Burton? Do you get any holiday? I don't suppose I shall. For one thing all leave has been cancelled in the Customs (here at any rate) owing – presumably – to the European crisis.

With kind regards

Yours, the Bristol model, F.C.Jefferson

Note date of letter with reference to Europe Crisis.

Letter sent to H.J. Wain (1907-11), who was the first Secretary O.B.A. 1921.

C.B. ("Chips") Smedley (1905-11) became a teacher, then a lieutenant in the N.Lancs. Regiment, died of wounds 1919, before the OBA was founded in 1921.

(Dicky) R.T.Robinson, Headmaster 1900-30, died 1951.

Original letter passed to Abbot Beyne School in 1998 and is in the glass cabinet in the History/Archive Room at the Linnell Building. Letter written on Customs/Excise notepaper.

The AGM & Dinner to be held on the 16th May 2014
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: Smoked Salmon, Prawn & Crayfish Tian
Lemon & dill oil

Main: Herb Crusted Lamb Rump
Dauphinoise potatoes, braised red cabbage
Port Jus

Dessert: Trio of Dessert
Brandy snap basket with vanilla ice cream and strawberries
Mint Chocolate Torte
Lemon Tart

Coffee and Mints

21:30 hrs - Speeches
Guest Speaker
.... The President, Graham Marshment responds.
..... Headteacher of the Abbot Beyne, Annabel Stoddart



Lowe Golf Tournament - Friday 16th May 2014

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.