



Schoolboy memories: looking back on times gone by in the Heritage Centre during the Pre-1980s Leavers' Reunion

The first word...

As you will know from your time here, and indeed from the pages that follow, Bromsgrove School is a hugely busy place. Pupils have a wealth of opportunities available to them, provided by staff who work tirelessly to bring the very best out of the young people in their care. We seek to develop the whole person and since I took up position here in September, I have been so impressed by the energy of the School community, the willingness to take on challenges and the constant desire to do more and do better.

I would like to pay tribute to Peter Clague who, with Sarndra, nurtured and developed the School enormously over the last eight years and navigated the stormy waters presented by the COVID pandemic. It is said that a smooth sea never made a skilled sailor and there is no doubt that Bromsgrove pupils and staff developed new ways of working and making connections across the community, leading the way in the most difficult of times. Peter and Sarndra also generously ensured a smooth transition for Gill, me and the family; we could not have asked for more.

I am very conscious of the long and successful history of Bromsgrove School and our values draw on our past. Equally, it is vital that we prepare young people to flourish in the modern world and to rise to the challenges they will undoubtedly face in the future. We always enjoy meeting Old Bromsgrovians who are able to share their experiences of life beyond School, both when they visit and/or when they return for OB events. You are always welcome back and I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months.

MICHAEL PUNT
HEADMASTER

Welcome from the Editor

It's all change as we welcome Mr Punt as the new Headmaster of Bromsgrove School.

As we look back through the pages of history, what has actually changed at the School, and what has remained the same?

At our recent Pre-1980s Leavers' Reunion, OBs were astounded to see how the School has expanded (a roll of 1600+ and more than 57 nationalities represented), but there were constant reminders of their schooldays too - the Memorial Chapel where daily services were held, Gordon Green the same as it was all those years ago and the old Headmaster's House (now Administration) still standing proud.

We have been delighted to welcome back so many former pupils this year, not only to events but also for tours and talks, in person and online, as well as filming oral histories with former and current pupils and staff, cementing their own take on life at the School for future generations.

Enjoy reading your alumni magazine.

Megan Griffiths
Editor



Picture This...

A LOOK BACK AT THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22.

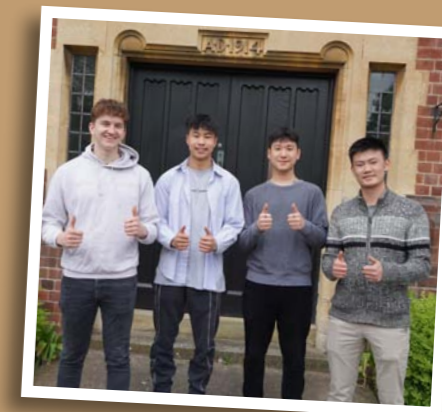


In December 2021, the Board of Governors announced the appointment of Mr Michael Punt as the next Headmaster of Bromsgrove School. Mr Punt joined the School in August 2022, along with his wife Gill and their three sons.



Michael was previously Headmaster of Chigwell School, a post he held since 2007. Prior to that he was Deputy Head academic at The Perse School, Cambridge. Michael has an MA in Physics from St Peter's College, Oxford and an MSc in Semi-conductor Science and Technology from Imperial College London.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Punt said: "It is a huge honour and privilege to be appointed as the next Headmaster of Bromsgrove School. It is a School whose vision and values chime closely with my own and I am thrilled to be joining such a very special community."



At GCSE, half of all the GCSE grades achieved were 8 and 9: this is the highest proportion of top grades achieved by a Bromsgrove cohort in which results were based on examinations.

At A level, 78% of all entries were graded A* to B, with 53% at A*/A. 18% of all entries scored A*. Three students gained spectacular results with four A* grades each, another seven pupils scored at least three A* grades.

In the IB Diploma, fifty-five students secured an overall average of 39.3 points (where the world average is 31.98 and the pass mark is 25 points). Thirty students (55% of the cohort) scored 40 or more points. Four students achieved the coveted 45 point maximum.

In BTEC, 78 entries saw 15 Distinction* being achieved with a further 25 Distinctions.

Bromsgrove's Sixth Form leavers now head off to a wide range of top UK universities, with a number also going on to prestigious overseas universities.

The portrait of Headmaster Peter Clague was unveiled on Commemoration Day. It is now hanging in the Old Chapel with those of the other former Headmasters.

Picture This...

EXTRA-CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021/22.



We celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in May 2022 with a street party for Prep and Pre-Prep pupils, and a huge drone photograph was created with the Whole School.

We also mourned The Queen's death in September with a number of special services in the Memorial Chapel. Each child was given a Prayer Card and a moment of reflection took place by the flagpole.

Fourteen pupils from the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth travelled thousands of miles to Costa Rica for a three-week expedition with World Challenge. They hiked through cloud forests, worked with a Sea Turtle Conservation group and spent time in the Dota coffee region helping with a community-based reforestation project.



Seventy-eight pupils from Years 6-8 took part in the Cheltenham Festival for Performing Arts. A Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Festival Ensembles took part, each coming away with their respective trophies.



“There has been a welcome return to the busy and fulfilling normality of a year at Bromsgrove School.”



Individual pupils have gained international honours in netball, hockey, cricket, modern pentathlon, triathlon, eventing, alpine sports, karting and golf.

The U18 girls' tennis team made it through to the National Finals for the second year running.

The hockey teams continue to impress with the U18 boys qualifying for the Tier 1 National Quarter-Final and the U16 boys playing in the Tier 2 Final. The U18 girls played in the semi-final of the Midland Indoor Finals.

The U18 basketball team reached the National quarter-finals, and the golf team qualified for both the IGSA and the HMC Foursomes.



The Eco-Committee have been increasingly active this year across the School. The pupil-led committees in both the Senior and Prep Schools have taken part in litter picks, tree planting, organising a Sustainability Week and an eco concert, to name but a few. A few highlights have been extending the recycling programme to Day Houses and communal areas and setting up a Swap Swap.

We were incredibly proud when one of our pupils was chosen to attend Cop26 as a pupil delegate. On her return, she shared her experiences with the School.



Participants on the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme completed 4,888 hours of volunteering during 2021/22.

The highly-anticipated 'Question of House' made a return to Routh Hall in 2021/22 after an absence due to COVID-19 and social restrictions.

Following a challenging creative round between School and Elmshurst, the School House boys were crowned overall winners.



Trips to Lichfield Cathedral and Caius College, Cambridge were hugely rewarding for the Choir. And they finished the year in great style with two services at Commemoration, complete with full organ, six trumpets and a roof-raising congregation.

About You

FIND OUT WHAT OLD BROMSGROVIANS FROM YOUR ERA ARE DOING NOW.

Elmshurst

It was lovely to welcome **Mrs Iglehart** back to Bromsgrove School to see the oak tree she had planted in memory of her brother, **John David Thomas** (1948-1952). He was a keen cricketer, so it is fitting that his tree overlooks the pitch.



Miss Scannell (Assistant Head of Bromsgrove School) was delighted to meet Old Bromsgrovian **Jide Akinsemoyin** (1977-1984) in Lagos, Nigeria whilst she was taking part in the UK Boarding Schools' exhibition in the city.



Mrs Fallows and Miss Heard had a lovely surprise from some former Elmshurst pupils – 2019 leavers **Ivan Raspopov**, **Dan Tiltinskii** and **Dmitry Starikov** are now living and studying in London together.



Seb Atkinson (2015-2020) was named in the England U20s Elite Player squad for 2022. In October, Seb joined Gloucester from Worcester Warriors.



Aram Andreasyan (2013-2017) and **Matthew Lou** (2012-2017) returned to Bromsgrove for a tour of the School. They especially enjoyed reminiscing in their old House with Mrs Fallows.



Luke Lau (2012-2019) returned to School to see Mr Lawton. He is now playing tennis full time at Florida Southern College.



Gordon

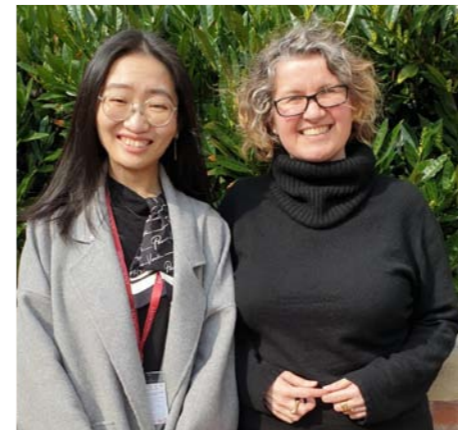
Philip Hill (1942-1947) visited the School with his family. He was proud to have his photograph taken in what is now the Wendron-Gordon Common Room, spotting his name on the honours boards as Head of House. Philip's brother, Edwin, was also at the School from 1934-1938.

L-R: Jane Southwell, Richard Southwell, Philip Hill, Jan Hill, David Hill.



Housman Hall

Dolly Xu (2017-2019) returned to Bromsgrove at the end of the Lent Term and caught up with Miss Leech and Mrs Ashcroft in the the Futures Department. Dolly is currently studying Law at Oxford.



Jacky Wong (2015-2020) and **Figo Man** (Elmshurst 2016-2018) were delighted to meet up with some of their former teachers. Jacky is studying at Imperial College London and Figo is at Warwick.

Lupton

Soweto Kinch (1991-1996) performed with Tony Iommi at the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2022. The "dream sequence" piece, titled Hear My Voice, is based on the lead track from the 2020 film, *Trial Of The Chicago Seven*.

The ceremony took place at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, in front of an audience of more than 30,000, with the event also being broadcast live on BBC One and iPlayer.



Welcome back to **Jamie Cox** (2009-2020) who is gaining experience of teaching by watching lessons across the School.



Ben Hollingworth (2015-2020), **Charlie McGarry** (2013-2017) and **Jonny Green** (2012-2019), all Luptonians, are currently playing rugby for Cardiff University.



Lyttelton

William Marsden (2002-2004) returned for a special project with the CCF.

After Bromsgrove, William went on to study Art and later chose to pursue a career in photography. Over the last two years, he has won many awards and was twice selected for the Royal Academy Summer Show. He has also taken part in the Portrait of Britain Show, organised by the British Journal of Photography.

William photographed members of the Combined Cadet Force for one of his upcoming projects - we look forward to seeing the finished results.



Justin Clegg (2004-2015) won the Gallagher Community Player of the Season Award at the Premiership Rugby Awards in London.

The prestigious award recognises Justin's outstanding work in supporting Warriors Community Foundation in many different ways, involving himself in the Foundation's Inclusive Rugby sessions on Monday mornings whenever training allows, as well as being a familiar face at the Dementia Café on Wednesdays.



Jasper Davidson (2015-2020) returned to Bromsgrove to catch up with his Houseparent and former teachers. He was back home for the summer after finishing his second year at Edinburgh University.



Oakley

Julie Stoecker (2001-2002), Sophia Gappa (2001-2002) and Marie Storbeck (Mary Windsor 2001-2002), who were all boarders for one year, returned to Bromsgrove in September for a tour of the School. They got the chance to meet up with Miss Scannell and see some familiar sights. Marie now works as a lawyer for the German police, Julie is in HR and Sophie is a lawyer for the Federal Government.



Miss Scannell and **Adele George** (née Williams, 1992-2002) represented Bromsgrove School at a UK Boarding School exhibition in Thailand, where Adele is now living and working.



Oakley

Mengmeng Yan's (2005-2008) first academic monograph, *Foreignness and Selfhood: Sino-British Encounters in English Literature of the Eighteenth Century*, is due to be published by Routledge this year.

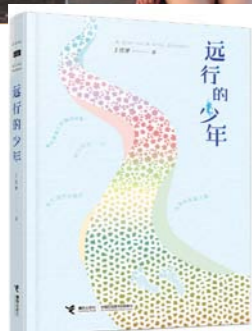
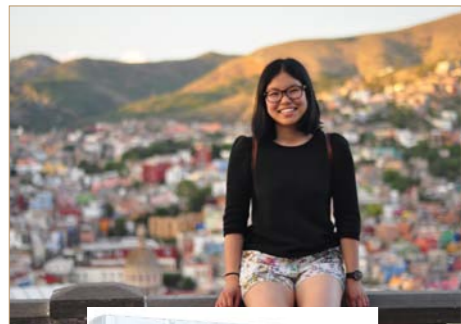
After completing her studies at Bromsgrove School, Mengmeng received her undergraduate honours degree in English from the University of St Andrews (2012), and was awarded her MA and PhD in English by Durham University (2013, 2018).

In 2019, Mengmeng settled back in her hometown and started her career as an Assistant Professor of English Literature at Peking University. Mengmeng feels very grateful for her student experience at Bromsgrove, which first enlightened her pursuit in literature and inter-cultural studies.



Heather Xinting Wang (2006-2010) wrote a Young Adult Fiction book based on her experiences at School, which was published in 2020 by Jieli Publishing House in China.

The book, *A Girl on a Long Journey*, is available to buy as a hard copy, or as an e-book via WeChat Read.



Ellie Birch (2008-2017) returned to her former House for an assembly with the Oakley pupils. She then spoke to the wellbeing team at both Prep and Senior. Ellie was also interviewed for the pupil magazine, *Two Zero One*.



Emily India Evans (2016-2018) is studying music at the University of Cambridge where she is an Organ Scholar at Sidney Sussex College. After leaving Bromsgrove, she completed a gap year organ scholarship at St David's Cathedral and St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. This year, she has been selected for The Sixteen's prestigious young artist programme, *Genesis Sixteen*, a training programme for the finest young singers in the country. Emily is hoping to pursue a freelance career in singing and organ when she graduates next year.

Emily recently performed Couperin's *Trois leçons de Ténèbres* in Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge.

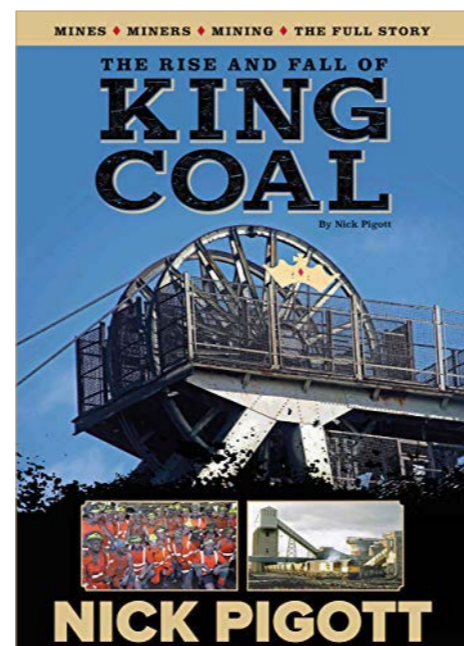


School

After twelve years on Fleet Street, **Nick Pigott** (1965-1968) entered railway journalism and edited the renowned *Railway Magazine* from 1994 to 2015, Britain's biggest selling rail title, winning various awards under his Editorship. He remains consultant editor.

Nick says his Maths teacher, Peter Halkett, once caught him drawing an A3 Pacific at the back of his exercise book and told him in no uncertain terms that he'd never get anywhere in life unless he concentrated harder on his studies. (He wrote Nick a lovely letter many years later in which he revealed that he was an enthusiast too). Nick remains ever grateful to his Housemaster, Mr Carson, for granting him occasional Saturday afternoon 'town chits' to visit the Lickey Incline instead of watching the 1st XV, which was compulsory at that time. Thanks to him, he was able to witness the last few months of steam on the bank in 1965.

Nick has written several books and this year published *The Rise and Fall of King Coal: British mining from beginning to end* which tells the fascinating story of coal from its origins in prehistoric swamps to its role as the mineral that fuelled the Industrial Revolution. It explores the history and operation of collieries, explains the location of coalfields and examines the hazards, hardships, disputes and tragedies that were part of every miner's life. Finally, with Britain now possessing only a handful of opencast and tiny drift mines while still importing millions of tons of coal from overseas, the UK's energy policy is examined at a time when many Britons are worrying whether it is sufficiently fit for purpose.



Thank you to **Sam Ison** (2013-2018) for returning to Bromsgrove to speak to students interested in the Aviation industry. Sam is now a First Officer with EasyJet.



Thomas Cookes

Elisabeth Edwards (1987-1992), now living in New Zealand with her two daughters, was visiting family in the UK in October 2022 and came by Bromsgrove for a tour. She was keen to show her daughters where she went to School. Whilst visiting her old House, she was able to spot herself in the photographs from the early 1990s.



Malcolm, the son of OB **Jessica Williams** (née Kingston, 2004-2009) was baptised by the School Chaplain, The Reverend Paul Hedworth, in our Memorial Chapel earlier this year.



Georgina (née Walters, 2003-2010) and **Hugh Westlake** (Lupton 2002-2010) returned for a tour of the School with their son on a perfect sunny day during the Summer Term.



Wendron-Gordon

Jerry Pannu (1980-1985) visited us from Australia, where he now lives and works as a Financial Controller. He enjoyed the tour of Wendron-Gordon with the current Housemother, Camille Wilkins (pictured below). Later that day, he met up with fellow Old Bromsgrovians Jon Banner, Chris Banner and Andrew (Ivor) Allchurch.



Llanwrtyd Wells

On Sunday, 13th November, Megan Griffiths and Nikki Thorpe from the Bromsgrovian Office represented the School at Llanwrtyd Wells for Remembrance Sunday. A wreath was laid in honour of the Old Bromsgrovians lost in the war and the names of the fallen were read out during a service at St James' Church.



Staff News

Congratulations to Bob Skipp on 30 years of service to Bromsgrove School.



After giving eight years of service as Headmaster, **Peter Clague** and his wife, **Sandra Leversha-Clague** bade farewell to Bromsgrove. Mr Clague is now Headmaster of St Leonard's College, Victoria, Australia.

Thank you to all the Old Bromsgrovians and parents who contributed memories to Mr Clague's book, which was presented to him at the end of the Summer Term.



George Carey (Academic Staff 1979-2007) recently met up with a number of former staff (and current Deputy Head Pastoral, Mr McClure). Who do you recognise from your school days?

L-R: Claire Honey, Kate McClure, Mandie Bradshaw (née Parr), Caroline Ralph, Al McClure, Warren Honey, Ann Shipman, George Carey.



Staff News

At the end of the Summer Term, we sent our retirement best wishes to some longstanding members of the Common Room including **Dr Tony Johns** (1997-2022) and **Claire Turner** (1989-2022).

Other staff members who left the School after the Summer Term include:

Peter Clague
Dave and Louise Fallows
Jane Fraser
Rob Higgins
Sue Keynes
Roberta Keys
Amy Knight
Liz Lally
Calum McDonald
Alison Scheppel
Gill Scutt
Eleanor Shaw
Edward Smith
Richard Vernon
Rachael Whitbread



Tim Taylor (Headmaster 1986-2004) was reunited with nine members of the Common Room, all of whom were appointed by Mr Taylor, after joining us for Evensong at the School.

L-R: Simon Matthews, Tony Johns, Dan Wilkins, Rachel Scannell, Judith Holden, Tim Taylor, Sally Franks, Emma Buckingham, Zia Leech, Al McClure.

Thailand Drinks Reception



In November 2022, a gathering of Bromsgrove UK staff, Bromsgrove Thailand, Old Bromsgrovians and current and prospective parents was held at the Hilton Hotel Sukhumvit, Bangkok.

This was our new Headmaster's first visit to Thailand, and Mr and Mrs Punt really enjoyed meeting and chatting to everyone.

Sports News

OB Golf

We were all “back to normal” in 2022 and had a very enjoyable season with a variety of fixtures. There was good support from the Bromsgrovian Office and this certainly helped to put together teams for various School competitions; we understand other schools without such support have had to reluctantly drop away. It was very much appreciated and we trust and hope that this will continue for 2023.

Our annual match v School was played at Blackwell in late March and ended in a very close draw, so the School retained the Webb Cavill Cup. This has continued to be a highly anticipated event by both the School, who fielded some excellent female golfers, and us, the Old Bromsgrovians. And it always ends with a convivial dinner.

Having held our OB meeting in May for many years at Edgbaston Golf Club, we changed, for the first time, to Ladbroke Park Golf Club. Some seventeen of us, including some new faces, enjoyed exceptional weather right into the evening. Mark Crisp won the 18 hole Tony Hilton Cup, and Mark Blake and Simon Bland won the Harry Clayton Goblets.

We had a strong team of Bill Jordan, Ian Powell, Mark Blake, Michael Taylor, Andrew Parffrey, Peter Bingham, Mark Merton-Jones, and David Hope for the Midland Public Schools' Old Boys competition at Little Aston in June. Our team came in a close second in the prestigious M K Foster Challenge Cup and each team member was awarded an engraved cut glass tankard.

The popular OB Invitational event at Ombersley Golf Club was again well attended, enjoyed by all, and the Ombersley Shield was won by a team of Ivor Allchurch, his father and his two sons.

The Edward Harris Welsh Public Schools Cup at the end of September was played in horrendous conditions at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. Our team organised by Ian Powell of Andrew Parffrey, Mark Blake, Bill Jordan, Mark Crisp, Symon Bland, and Peter Bingham (who stepped in at the very last minute) battled through the weather to come in joint fifth at this very prestigious and notoriously difficult course.



Our OB meeting and AGM to round the season off in October was well attended. The weather was kind and there was some good golf and a very enjoyable and convivial meal to end the day. The morning Graham Fowler Cup was won by Mark Blake, with his brother, Richard Blake coming in second. The afternoon Hayes Millennium Salver was won by William Caswell, and the Bayliss-Orme Seniors Salver by Rob Tracy.

At the AGM, Anthony Webb, Hon Secretary for some twenty-six years, declared he wished to retire at the end of 2023 and Mark Blake mentioned that he would be interested in taking over the role. It was proposed and seconded that Anthony Webb became President.

Finally, if you play any sort of golf - and definitely low handicappers - you are very welcome to join us.

Contact Anthony Webb (School 1954-1959), Hon. Sec. of Old Bromsgrovians Golf Society - anthonywebb41@btinternet.com



OB Netball

What a year it has been for our club, recovering after a few years of COVID-19 restrictions.


We finally got back on court for the 2021/2022 winter season in the Redditch League. The Bullets went on to become runners-up in Division 2, which was a fantastic result for us. During the summer league, we kept our positioning in Division 2, finishing a respectable fifth out of twelve teams. And in the current winter league, we're sitting in 3rd spot, having won three out of four games so far.

COVID-19 also put a hold on our personal lives. This year, five members of our club got married having had to postpone events previously. And we've welcomed two new OB babies, with three more players expecting babies early 2023. And not forgetting that we've celebrated two 50th birthdays too!

We have had a lot going on but we have still managed to provide a team for matches and training. We are currently training at Tudor Grange School in Redditch on Mondays 8.00pm until 9.30pm.

We are always looking for new players to join our friendly club, so please get in touch if you'd like more information.

Contact Helen Reilly (née Lambert, Thomas Cookes 1997-2002) - helenlouise83@live.co.uk

Or find us on Facebook - 'OB Netball (Bromsgrove)'.




OB Tennis

On 17th June 2022, the School tennis team assembled on the courts to take on the Old Bromsgrovians. It was a closely fought match, which eventually ended in a draw (2-2).

OBEC

The Bromsgrove School Expedition Club was first mentioned in The Bromsgrovian Magazine in April 1962 with the Old Bromsgrovian Expedition Club (OBEC) being founded forty-five years ago in 1977. For over forty of these years, the OBEC AGM took place at the Tyn Y Coed Hotel, Capel Curig hosted by owner George Wainwright, a member and friend of the Club. Due to a change in ownership this year, the Club found itself without a North Wales home and it was in this uncertain environment that the Club's new Honorary Secretary, Helen Rowberry, relocated the meeting to the Royal Goat Hotel in Beddgelert.

On a late September Friday, thirty Old Bromsgrovians, along with their family and friends, battled harsh weather to reach the Royal Goat. The Hotel had opened especially for this event and provided a welcome refuge from the



raging storm that caused a landslide on the Nantgwynant road to Beddgelert

On Saturday, the weather had improved and the group split into three parties; a Snowdon ascent on the Watkin Path returning on the Ranger Path, a direct assault on Cnicht from Nantmor and a small, elite group who did a coastal walk in the sunshine on Anglesey. Due to the temporary absence of the club's training officer, all groups returned to the hotel without unnecessary diversions and on time.

In the evening, the AGM was accompanied by an excellent dinner, culminating in rousing speeches proposing The Mountains and The Club by Tom Stokes and Tom Thompson. John Denby (Co Vice President of the Club) read out a message from Lindsay Mackay (Co Vice President of the Club), which brought laughter and a few tears to a club that still mourns the recent loss of its President, John (G) Gunton.

It was good to spend time in the mountains amongst familiar faces and to welcome back Nigel Mucklow, and Philip and Fiona Dawson into the OBEC fold. Thanks to the hospitality of the Royal Goat and to the good offices of our Honorary Secretary, we could not have had a warmer welcome nor a better weekend.

OBEC always welcomes new members to join our full diary of events; anyone interested should contact Helen Rowberry (Thomas Cookes 1988-1993) - helenrowberry@hotmail.co.uk

You can also find them on Facebook by searching for 'Old Bromsgrovian Expedition Club'.

Report provided by M A Gunton (Walters 1977-1982)

Wedding Bells

Rachael Henry (Housman Hall 2004-2008) married Jeff Bannister in Spain on 2nd September 2021, after postponing it from June 27th 2020.

The ceremony took place at Casa de los Bates, Motril and was attended by sixty friends and family who made the trip abroad, even during a pandemic, which was so lovely to see.

A small contingency of Old Bromsgrovians attended: Iona Davis, Claire Batham, Clare Dobson, Ruth Conner, Charlie Wesson (all Thomas Cookes) and Louisa Whittaker (Mary Windsor).



James Busby (Lyttelton 2002-2008) married his bride, Laura on 3rd December 2021. Having left Bromsgrove School in 2008, James went on to study Law at Warwick University. It was at Warwick University where he met his future wife. After University, he went on to become a Financial Adviser, currently working at AFH Wealth Management - just down the road from Bromsgrove School. Together, they live in Barford, near Warwick.

The wedding finally took place after two aborted attempts due to COVID-19, held at Eastington Park, near Stroud. James and Laura had an amazing day surrounded by friends and family, including many Old Bromsgrovians.

From left to right: Michael Pearce (Lupton), Simon Hodgkinson, Sam Strangward - Best Man (Walters), Ashley Hayden - Best Man (Lyttelton), Richard Gallon (Lupton), Edmund Westlake (Lupton), Laura Busby, James Busby (Lyttelton), Matt Roden (Lyttelton), Sian Davies (Thomas Cookes), Joanne Hayden (Thomas Cookes), Dan Southall (Lyttelton), Ellie McCullagh (Thomas Cookes), Peter McCullagh (Lupton), Jonathan Field (Lupton).



Tom Fullwood (Walters 1999-2010) married Abigail Pothen in Chelmsford Cathedral, initially, on 31st July 2020, after a delay from 6th June 2020, with a small number of close family, before having a blessing and full reception on their first anniversary 31st July 2021 with wider friends and family.

Robert Sieg (Elmhurst 2008-2011) was married on 2nd July 2022 in France, with his closest friends all from Bromsgrove present for the ceremony.

First row L-R: Anton Sieg, Robert Sieg, Rob's wife Marion, Lennard Klein.

Second row L-R: Viktor Brandt, Gianluca Vagliano, Niklas Koffka, Maximilian Schwahn, Lisa Antonacci, Jonas Schäfer.

Would you like your wedding featured in the next issue?

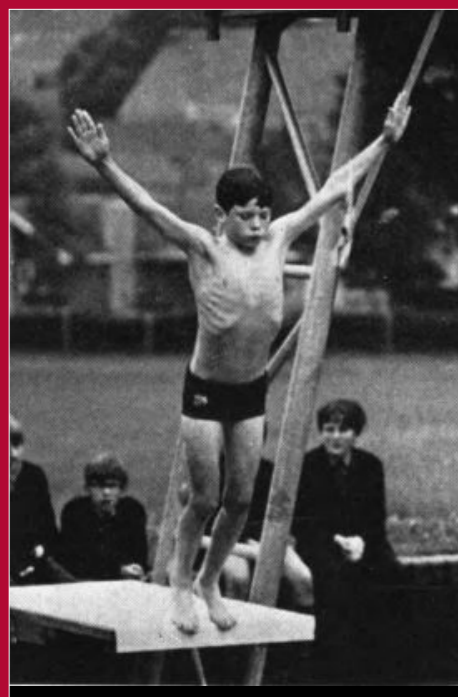
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School Memories

'Keeping cool in the Prep School pool'

I have fond memories of the Prep School swimming pool in the late 1970s, mainly as a way of cooling down on scorching summer days. My first term (known by all as Cobham House in those days) was summer 1976, which of course was the start of the famous heatwave and National drought. Towards the end of the term we all gazed longingly at the pool and couldn't wait to jump in, probably at the end of lessons but before pick up time. As ever, it was not just about swimming, but ensuring you were wearing the latest variety of Speedo swim trunks (usually purchased from Bromsgrove Sports, off the High Street).

- Robin Fletcher (Junior School 1976-1979)



E.P. Willmott diving for the School



The Prep School swimming pool circa. 1960s



Do you have any particular memories for the next alumni magazine?

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OBs in... Dubai

A group of Old Bromsgrovians, who haven't seen each other in thirty-nine years, recently met up in Dubai.

Tarek Fadlallah (1979-1984 and Head of House) lives in Dubai and hosted the group. His brother, **Mohammed Fadlallah** (1982-1987) was in Dubai for work; **Andrew McAleer** (1977-1982) and **Kurt Eyre** (1980-1985) both work in Abu Dhabi and found it easy to get to Dubai over the weekend; **Scott Blake** (1981-1984) happened to be on holiday there with his wife, and **Jerry Pannu** (1980-1985) stopped in Dubai on his way home to Melbourne.

Jerry says that it was an absolute blast catching up - amongst the wonderful memories of them being a "superpower house" in the inter-house football, hockey, rugby and cricket tournaments.

L-R: Scott Blake, Kurt Eyre, Tarek Fadlallah, Andrew McAleer, Jerry Pannu, Mohammed Fadlallah



OBs in... Cambridge



Students on the Oxford Cambridge Track met with six Old Bromsgrovians and toured various Cambridge colleges. It was a pleasure to see **Becky Foster**, **Lauren McLean**, **Lucia Goodwin**, **Emily Evans**, **Nik Gour** and **Alex Moskalevskyi** again. They reminisced fondly of their time at School and want to wish everyone at Bromsgrove well.

If you would like to help with future university trips, please contact the Bromsgrovian Office.

Pre-1980s Leavers' Reunion

The first OB Reunion after the COVID-19 pandemic took place on Saturday, 15th October 2022, postponed from September due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Guests enjoyed a welcoming service in the Memorial Chapel, followed by a tour of the School with pupil guides and a visit to the Heritage Centre. Over lunch, OBs took part in a fun quiz, reminisced amongst old friends and met the new Headmaster, Michael Punt.



Gordon Routh sitting in his Great Uncle's pew



Scan the QR code to watch our mini film documenting the event.

OB Dinner

Our OB Dinner, in honour of the Bromsgrovian Club 1899-2021, took place on the evening of Tuesday, 20th September. It was held at Worcester College, Oxford, and kindly hosted by Matthew Taylor (Cooques/Walters 1968-1973, Chairman of the Foundation).

Worcester College shares a connection to our benefactor, Sir Thomas Cooques, having long enjoyed close historic links because of his two significant bequests to education. The first was the re-endowment of Bromsgrove School. As part of Sir Thomas' Foundation Deed of Midsummer 1693, the School moved from the Elizabethan Town Hall to its present site during the reign of King William and Queen Mary. Our original and earliest building has a plaque which reads 'Sir Thomas Cooques of Bentley, in the County of Worcester, Baronet, hath built at Bromsgrove a large and convenient School-house, with a very good Dwelling-house for a School-master'. Incised on a corner stone at the north-west angle of this building is the date '1695'. Then in his will, Cooques left £10,000 in trust to endow a new college at Oxford University (or to add to an existing foundation there) and also created the special relationship of Worcester College to the School - the privilege of certain Bromsgrove pupils to become Cooques scholars at Oxford. That advantage only died out some forty years ago. Historic ties are still represented, however, in two visual objects - College and School both share the same coat of arms and possess portraits of Sir Thomas by renowned Court painter Kneller.



Matthew Taylor (Chairman of the Foundation), Robert Lennox



John Gittins, Gill Punt, Jill Gittins, Ian King, Jane King



James Sommerville (Clerk to the Governors and Foundation Trustees), Michael Punt (Headmaster), Gina Horton, Matthew Horton (Vice President of the School and Foundation Trustee)



Jonathan Finn, Andrew Maund, Catherine Maund, Linda Baker



Stephen Morris, India Morris



Scan the QR code to watch our mini film documenting the event, as well as the opening speeches by the Chairman of the Foundation, Matthew Taylor and the Headmaster, Michael Punt.

Junior Choir Returns...

A special lunch was held at Bromsgrove School on Saturday, 5th March 2022 to coincide with the 45th Anniversary of Bromsgrove Junior School Choir recording the album, *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*.

With thanks to Robin Fletcher (Junior School 1976-1979) for prompting us with the idea of bringing everyone together to celebrate this anniversary at the School.

The day began with welcome refreshments in the Old Chapel, followed by a tour of the School, including the refurbished Routh Concert Hall, a venue that most of the attendees hadn't set foot in since the 1970s.

In addition to the day's proceedings, we were delighted to record the memories of a number of OBs for our School Archive.



Robin Fletcher, Mike Marie (Headmaster of Prep and Pre-Prep), Charles Barwell



Looking at the Archives in the Heritage Centre



Mark Gunton, Jim Page



Former members of the Junior Choir sing with the current Chapel Choir



Members of the Junior School Choir



Commemoration Day



Scan the QR code to listen to the 2022 Speeches and Prizегiving.



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Our News to You

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE BROMSGROVIAN OFFICE.



Class of 2022

A warm welcome to our most recent leavers, the Class of 2022, who we look forward to welcoming to OB events in the near future.

The Headmaster gave an OB tie or label pin to each Upper Sixth leaver in a special ceremony during the final Routh Assembly of the academic year.

We urge all leavers, if they haven't already, to log on to Bromsgrovians Connected and update their contact details, particularly with a personal email address so that we can stay in contact.



OB Connections

Thank you to Justin Clegg (Lyttelton 2004-2015) and Beck Cutting (Wendron-Gordon 2008-2017) who led a rugby training session with a group of Prep pupils. It was a great opportunity for the pupils to learn and look up to two former pupils who had been in their shoes at the School, and it was equally rewarding for Beck and Justin.

If you are interested in returning to the School to lead a session on a specific subject or career path, please contact us.



Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre has now been open for one year and we've been delighted by the number of OBs and guests wanting to explore the collection. In September, we were also open to the public for what is known nationally as 'Heritage Week'.

If any OBs would like to schedule a visit, please contact the Archivist, Nikki Thorpe - email nthorpe@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or telephone 01527 579679 ext 365.

Send in your Stories...

We recently visited the basement of Wendron-Gordon to photograph the beer mats that were part of the old bar.

We are sure that there are some interesting stories attached to the bar and the beer mats - did you bring a beer mat back to School with you, or do you have any memories you'd like to share?



The Inside Story



Funbi Akinsanya

(Housman Hall 2015-2017) recently returned to School to give a talk to current students on how they should 'Dare to be different'. Here, she looks back on her time at Bromsgrove...

"Be audacious with your life... there is still so much to come."

What you remember about your time at Bromsgrove?

My favourite memory is the time I spent within the drama department. In Lower Sixth, I worked backstage as a makeup artist for *Sweeney Todd*. As a person who loves theatre, I enjoyed being part of the action behind the scenes. In my Upper Sixth year, I joined the ensemble cast of *Hairspray* and I relished every bit of rehearsals and the camaraderie we built as a cast. I can gladly say being on stage is way more fun. I got the chance to play a part in a role during my first year at university and I believe my experience at Bromsgrove School helped me with that. Whilst I might not be on the stage these days, I still have a huge love for theatre.

How would you describe your experience at the School? Bromsgrove is a place where you can explore your interests. As rigorous as it can be academically, it does cover a lot of

opportunities for you to explore what makes you excited or passionate. I was not very sporty but I had opportunities to try different sports from rounders to tennis and squash. The latter has become part of my life now. I was also quite academic, so I found that there were many opportunities for me to expand my academic interests via debating and Model United Nations. There are so many chances to explore and find yourself as a young person.

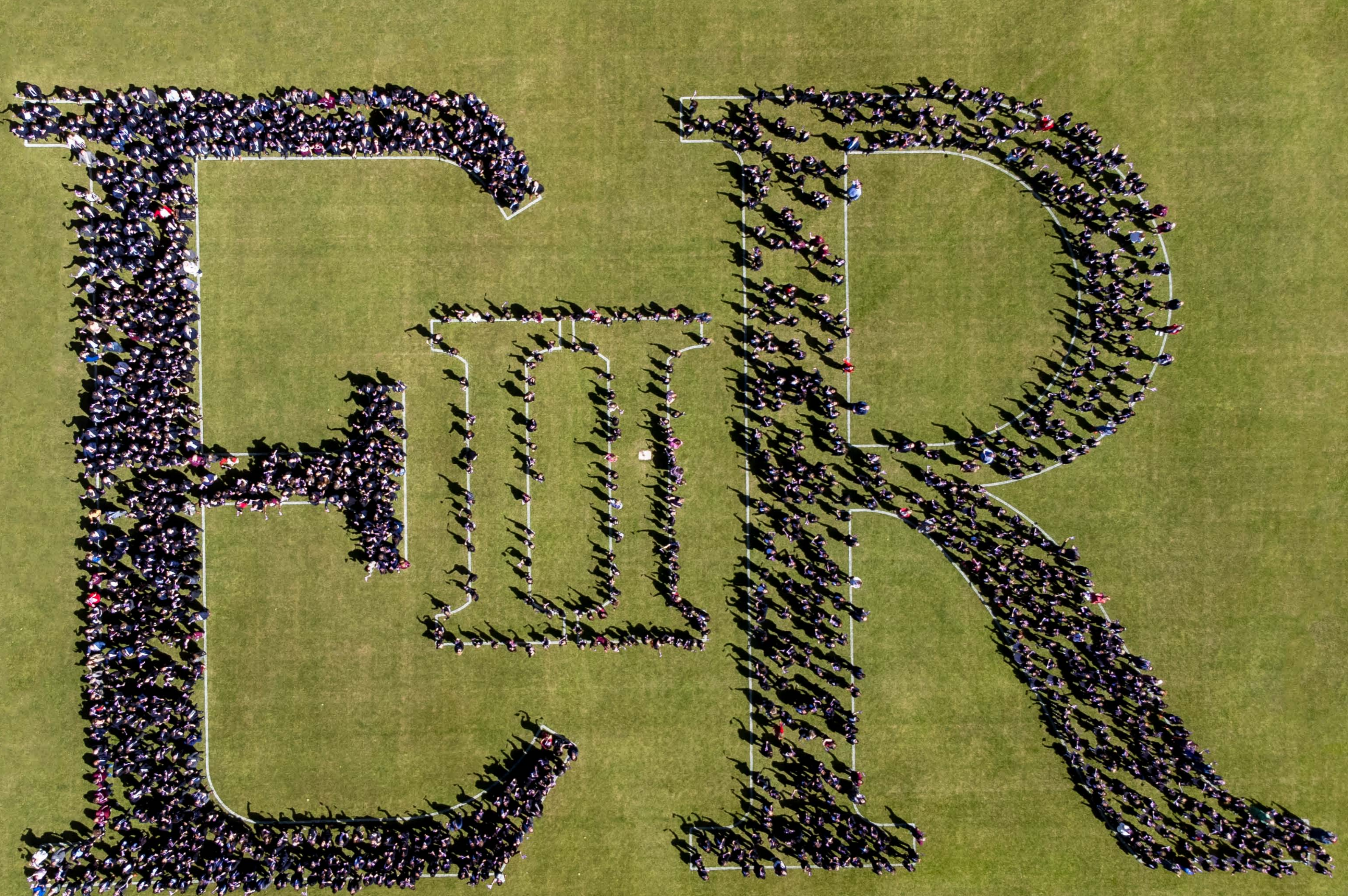
I love how international the School is - I got to learn about so many different cultures. This goes a long way in how I build my relationships today.

What did you do after leaving Bromsgrove? I went on to study Law with Social Sciences at the University of Warwick and, more recently, I graduated from UCL with an MSc in Global Governance and Ethics.

I am now in my very first job in International Development Consulting, and I have also served with a charitable organisation in Nigeria. More recently, I have been selected as member of Chatham House Common Futures Conversations for 2022/2023 (which is quite exciting). I am still trying to figure out my career as there is so much for me to explore and desire to do. So, please wish me luck.

Do you have words of wisdom to current pupils at Bromsgrove today or advice for Old Bromsgrovians just starting out in their careers...

My advice is this - be audacious with your life, be open minded and remain flexible. There is so much to come.



On Friday 27th May 2022, history was made when the Whole School - Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior - came together to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with a special drone photograph. More than 1300 pupils and staff are shown in the image below.

From the Archives...

It has been wonderful to finally be able to regularly open the Heritage Centre to our alumni community and to reintroduce our programme of events for them and the wider school community.

In February, we welcomed the Prep School Choir from forty-five years ago to join us for a reunion which included a visit to the Heritage Centre to view the collections we hold from that time and to donate more photos and record memories of their time in the Choir and at School.



Alumni engagement has continued with individual visits by Old Bromsgrovians to the Heritage Centre to view their own place in the archive and to donate to the archive their memories and their memorabilia. Oral history interviews, which form a key part of reunion events, make a connection across generations of Bromsgrovians, current and past, and gives value to the Old Bromsgrovian community through the sharing of their experiences with current students. Their recordings, along with those of staff leavers enrich the archival record. We now hold over a hundred oral history recordings from former staff and students with memories spanning eighty years of school life. Of course, this year we recorded the outgoing Headmaster Peter Clague and his wife Sandra on their experiences during a very challenging time in School.

May and June 2022 in the Archive were spent in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in School, drawing on the memories of Old Bromsgrovians who were invited to share their reminiscences of the Queen's Coronation when they were at Bromsgrove. This invitation elicited many interesting responses from former pupils and gave rise to a commemorative exhibition curated by Bromsgrove Service students who take part in Archive Club.

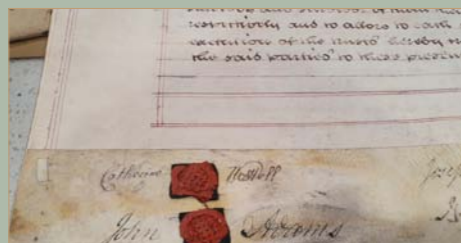


We took the opportunity to capture the School's celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee and to ensure that celebrations were recorded in the archive and in a time capsule as part of the Royal Collections Trust Jubilee Archive Project. Our time capsule and archive also included the School's response to the Queen's death. These activities reinforce the archive as a repository of history and as a living archive which continues to capture School life and its connection to events of the wider world.



Archive Club, part of Bromsgrove Service, which meets on a Tuesday to support ongoing archival tasks, has continued to develop in line with the interests and skills of students involved. Students have curated exhibitions on The Platinum Jubilee and Commemoration Prizes awarded since 1851 and are currently working on a History of Uniform exhibition and a Photographic Study of changes in Buildings across School campus, using archival photographs.

Dedicated support from our two community volunteers in the archives has led to further uncovering and cataloguing of some of our oldest documents which include trust deeds, a copy of Cooke's will and the Wattell Deed with Catherine Wattell's signature and seal. These have been conserved by conservator Rhonda Niven from The Hive, Worcester.

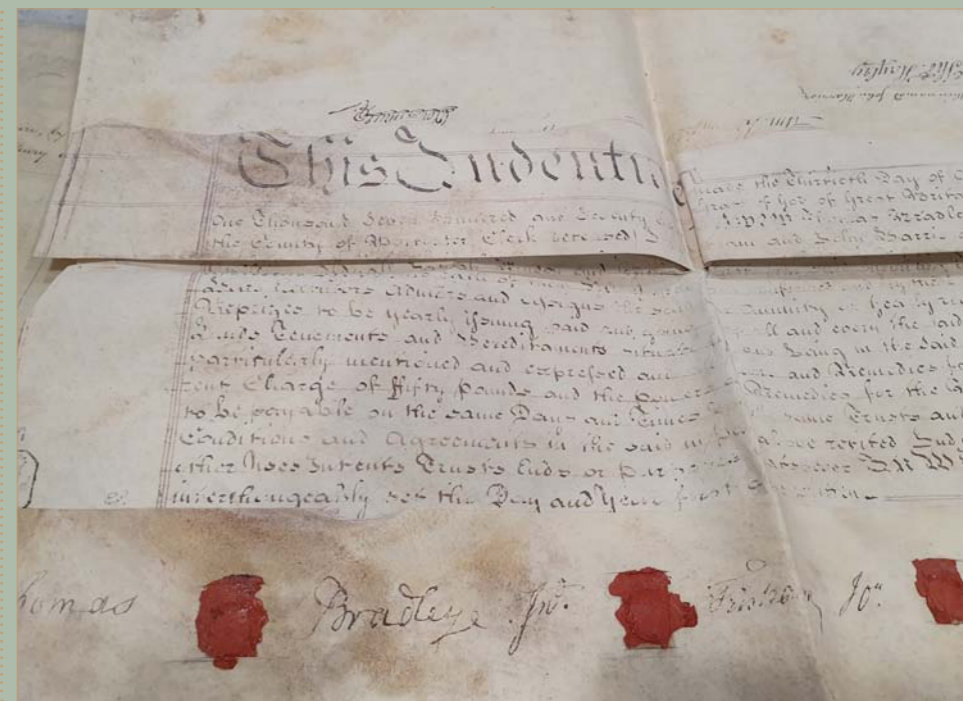


This year Bromsgrove School contributed to national Heritage Open Day events through an open day for the public at the Heritage Centre and with the release of a film made about the Memorial Chapel, a building which has high interest in local history societies. Working with Bromsgrove Society, we publicised the open day event and attracted 12 new visitors to the centre, raising our profile locally. The history of the Memorial Chapel film was released on social media and will be used in form time by tutors in the weeks leading up to Remembrance. You can watch the film via the Bromsgrove School YouTube Channel, or scan the QR code below.



Work towards key centenaries for the Bromsgrove Schools are in discussion with exhibitions and events proposed to mark centenaries of Lupton this year and Winterfold House School next year.

At prizegiving in June, a Winterfold House School exhibition was shown in the main house and it is planned to be developed for the centenary next year to involve current and former pupils.



Blue Boys

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL'S FIRST 'BLUE BOY' TO OXFORD.

One of our volunteers Pat Weller, through her careful note taking of the School's oldest book '1693', has discovered what we think is our earliest scholar, known as a 'Blue boy,' to go to Oxford. The School Book presents the annual accounts but includes additional information, and in May 1704 it is recorded that William Bradley is to go to Oxford to be tutored and an allowance of £2 is given.

Communications with archivists at Oxford Colleges has given us further information. Fosters' 'Alumni Oxonienses' shows that William went to University College, received his BA in 1708 and his MA at New Inn Hall in 1711/12. He then moved to Worcester College where he obtained his BD (Bachelor of Divinity).

The University College Admissions Register is signed by William Bradley on 22nd March 1704/5 and records that he was the son of William Bradley of Bromsgrove. The register notes he was 'Serviens Dris Hudson' and his Tutor was Dr J Hudson, Fellow of the College 1686 - 1711, and was Bodley's Librarian.

'Serviens' is translated as 'Servitor' - an undergraduate of modest means who could only afford to pay his way at Oxford by undertaking servants' duties. In Foster's Alumni Oxoniensis, Bradley is described as 'p.p' i.e. 'pauper puer', a poor boy. All of this suggests that he was a personal servant to Dr John Hudson and as such would wear a different academic dress to identify him as a Servitor, and it was not for scholars of a higher rank to mix with him.



He did not get a fellowship at University College, which was the College he had attended, for geographical reasons - it usually only took scholars from the North East and there were location restrictions on who were eligible. However, the Master at that time, Arthur Charlett, came from Worcestershire, and it is possible that he decided to support Bradley by offering him as Servitor to John Hudson. Hudson resigned his Fellowship in 1711, around the time that Worcester College was coming into being. William Bradley was one of the six Fellows elected to Worcester College on its Foundation in 1714. It is likely that he was elected because of his link to Bromsgrove School. He stopped being a Fellow in 1716 but kept his name on the books until December 1720 to be eligible to take his BD.

He became Vicar of Chaddesley Corbett in 1716 and then rector of Astley from 1727. School records show him returning to Preach the Thomas Cookes' Sermon in 1717.

- Nikki Thorpe, School Archivist

With thanks to Pat Weller, Judith Curthoys, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, Emma Goodrum, (Archivists/Oxford)



An image of a Blue Boy from a printing block by Edward Walters

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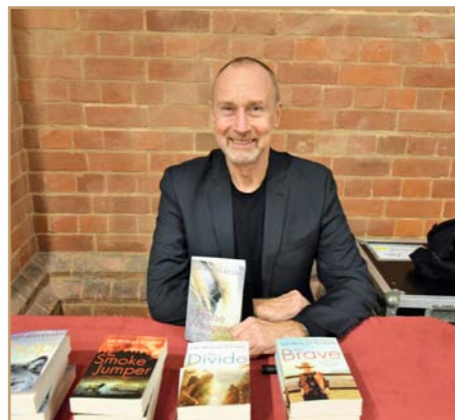
OLD BROMSGROVIANS WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2021/22.

Emrys Evans
(Elmshurst 1942-1946)
d. 25th December 2021

Having recently celebrated his 92nd birthday with family, Emrys passed away on 25th December after a brief illness. He was born in Swansea, South Wales, and came to Canada in 1957, first to Ottawa, then moving west to Vancouver, and then to Brentwood Bay. He had a long career as an engineer, mostly involving aviation. He worked with the RCAF, the DOT, was a Design Approval Representative, had his own consulting firm, and retired from Viking Air. Emrys had many interests. He was the first president of the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir, sang with the Arion Choir, was a Rotarian, a Cub leader, played bridge whenever possible, travelled internationally and by road, learned to fly, shared ownership in a boat, lawn bowled, belonged to the Welsh Society, and walked his dog regularly in Centennial Park. Missing him will be his four children, Stuart, Janet, Glyn, and Elaine, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, his wife, Robyn in Brentwood Bay, and many friends.

In his memory, the family would like you to support any of the many Rotary projects in your community.

Nicholas Evans
(School 1963-1968)
d. 9th August 2022



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Nicholas Evans (School 1963-1968) who died on 9th August 2022. At Bromsgrove School, Nicholas was as much at home on the sports field as he was on the stage. He won the Housman Verse Prize in his final year, as well as the Masters' Reading Prize in 1964, 1967 and 1968, perhaps signalling what great things were to come from him as a writer. He was awarded the Wattell Prize for English, French and German in his penultimate year at School.

Nicholas was also a fine example to the younger pupils as Head of House, House Monitor, School Monitor and the ultimate accolade, Head of School. On the sporting front, he was captain of the 1st XV, 1st XI hockey and 1st XI cricket, gaining his School cap in all three. Following Bromsgrove, he went on to read Law at St Edmund's Hall, Oxford and graduated with a First. He worked with Lord Bragg on ITV's The South Bank Show, and was also a talented script writer, writing and adapting screenplays for television broadcast.

His rise to fame coincided with his writing the best-selling book, The Horse Whisperer, which was made into a Hollywood film starring Robert Redford. He then went on to write other books including The Smoke Jumper and The Loop.



Many Old Bromsgrovians will remember Nicholas joining John Illsley on stage for a Q&A session in Routh Concert Hall back in 2019. It was a superb and memorable evening and one which people still talk about today.

Nicholas is survived by his wife Charlotte, daughter Lauren, sons Max, Finlay and Harry, and his sister Sue Britton.

Michael Hales
(School 1947-1952)
d. 16th April 2022

Michael John Hales passed away peacefully on 16th April 2022, aged 88. Colonel Royal Signals, much loved husband of Ella and father of Kay, Mike and Trish. The celebration of his life was held at Wimborne Minster Church on 6th May 2022.

Derek G. L. Mayhew
(Lupton 1953-1959)
d. 18th September 2019

It is with regret that we report the death of Derek Mayhew who died on 18th September 2019 aged 78 after a long struggle with myeloma, a blood cancer.

Derek was the only son of Alfred and Florence Mayhew and brother to his elder sister Brenda. In his early years Derek moved schools frequently due to his father's work commitments as a Chartered Accountant but finally settled in Bromsgrove after moving from Bedford in the early 1950s.

Derek joined the School as a Foundation Scholar in 1953 as the youngest entrant of his year. It was during his time at Bromsgrove that he developed his interest in working with materials which was to play a significant part in his future career. In the holidays he worked with a local blacksmith and attended the Avoncroft School of Arts and Crafts, now Bromsgrove Pre-Preparatory School, where he learnt his practical skills with metal and woodworking. Indeed, the weather vane which still sits on the top of St John's Parish Church is an example of his workmanship. It was also at School that Derek developed his love of opera and his passion for it was such that on one holiday together he insisted in pitching tent outside Glyndebourne Opera House even though no performance was scheduled.

In 1959, Derek went to Emmanuel College to read Mechanical Sciences and whilst there, in his usual determined manner, he decided to take up rowing and went on to win his oars in one of the college's Lents crews. It was here that he formed a lifelong friendship with three other Emmanuel colleagues and in later times they and their families would meet to enjoy what became known as their "Emma Picnics".

On leaving College, Derek gravitated into a career in marketing beginning at Automotive Products, which had sponsored him for his degree. He was based in London, but his business involved significant travel which took him to Africa, the Caribbean and South America.

On leaving Automotive Products he worked for Wiggins Teape and Cape Universal Claddings before finally moving to Tunnel Cement. After a series of corporate mergers and takeovers he was made senior manager for marketing and analysis at the company's headquarters where he remained until his retirement.

In 1968, Derek met and married Penny Dunn, a nurse who trained at St Thomas's Hospital, London and the daughter of a former Old Bromsgrovian, Addison "Peter" Dunn. The couple initially moved to Amersham where their two children Andrew, currently Managing Director of AB World Foods Ltd., and Peter, Senior Lecturer in Biology at York University, were both born. In 1989 the family moved to Oundle where Derek and Penny remained until Derek's death.

Derek enjoyed simple pleasures: he was a keen fly fisherman and loved the outdoors and camping, an activity which was not diminished by his experience during the school holidays, with three other friends, of camping in gale and freezing conditions in our own home made tents on Ben Nevis. Holidays with his family generally consisted of hill walking in the Lake District and camping throughout Europe. Derek was very practical and enjoyed his garden and developing his beekeeping and brick laying skills. Towards the end of his life he took up wood turning and some of his work was on display at his memorial service. Derek always maintained his love of opera attending performances at Covent Garden and he was also a keen member of the Oundle Choral Society who performed at his memorial service.

In 2007 Derek was diagnosed with myeloma which inevitably progressed and involved endless treatments. Throughout this period Derek displayed his usual characteristic stoicism, stamina and acceptance of his lot and it was this courage and resolution that enabled him and Penny to celebrate their Golden Wedding with family and friends in September 2018, a year before his death.

He leaves his wife, Penny, his two sons, Andrew and Peter and five grandchildren

- Provided by Rufus James-Moore

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OLD BROMSGROVIANS WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2021/22.

Neville T. Quinney (School 1937-1942) d. 31st March 2017

(Editor's Note: We have only just been notified about Mr Quinney's death)

Neville was born on 6 May 1925 near Bromsgrove in Worcestershire, the younger son of Horace, a school teacher, and Alice. Neville, along with his elder brother, Horace Junior, went to Bromsgrove School, and both subsequently joined the army. Horace enlisted in the Worcester Yeomanry attached to the Royal Artillery; sadly he was killed in a rearguard action covering the retreat to Dunkirk.

Neville, whilst still at School, had joined the Royal Engineers; his subsequent training included stints at Catterick and at Queen's University, Belfast, for officer training. In 1942, at the age of 18, he was posted to India; here, he trained with the Indian army, was then sent to Burma and subsequently to Malaya where he served with the 14th army (the 'forgotten army'). Here, he was instructed to lead a landing force to go ashore on the east coast. Strategically, this could have meant he and his men might all have lost their lives; the surrender of Japan the previous day meant that the expedition did not take place. Still only in his 20s, he has achieved the rank of Captain.

After the war, Neville was offered work in Malaya and in Australia; he had, however, set his heart on being a farmer like his uncle and so, he went to the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. His first job was as a farm manager in Essex; he then moved west to Wiltshire. He next took a National Trust tenancy even further west, at Carvannel near Portreath on the north Cornish coast.

Neville and Anne married in December 1957. Three children were born - Jean, Catherine and Robin. In 1964 the National Trust offered Neville a much larger farm on the south coast, and the family moved to Pennare in the parish of Veryan. This to Neville was 'home' - not only did he become a much respected farmer but he threw himself into parish life and activities.

He will be remembered in Veryan for his wisdom, wit, and sheer enjoyment of the moment, as well as his powers of persuasion!

There were for instance dark, cold December evenings when Neville would arrive in Veryan with tractor and trailer for the carol-singing expeditions which over the years raised many hundreds of pounds for cancer research. At first equipped simply with straw bales for the singers, each year the trailer became more elaborate: fairy lights, then also a Christmas tree, to be joined the next year by a piano..... People would turn off the TV and stand outside their doors to see 'Mr Quinney's trailer' - never mind the singing! He manoeuvred it into the most unlikely places, in the dark, with consummate skill.

There were annual Gala days in Veryan in which Neville masterminded the hog roast, turning the spit for hours, with a red spotted hanky on his head. He enjoyed life in general, but was particularly fond of fireworks. One memorable experience for a member of the Gala committee happened when the two decided to 'test' a couple of fireworks before the event 'to make sure they work'. Fortunately the 'test' took place out on Nare Head; the firework was placed in a dustbin and lit; it exploded successfully; so did the dustbin.....

His involvement in the Parish Council was a real benefit to Veryan. He once commented to a fellow councillor that he seemed to be the only 'non-local' on the council, and how much he consequently regarded his election as a real privilege. There was genuine modesty and gratitude in that comment: but Neville was one of those rare beings who became every bit as 'local' as anyone born in the parish. As Council chairman, he brought wisdom and 'long-headedness' to the discussions; he managed difficult public meetings with courtesy and de-fused many potentially inflammatory situations. He had a real sense of history and continuity and the need to know about the past in order to understand the present.

For twenty years Neville was president of Veryan Autumn Show; when he announced in 2005 that he was going to retire, he was made a life member and continued to attend faithfully every year, greatly enjoying meeting and talking with friends.

Illness was regarded as an inconvenience; on one occasion when he felt 'not too well' and stayed in bed, after a few hours he stamped down the stairs, and retreated to the lambing shed to lie down with his dog.

So what sort of a man was he? Private, yes; he rarely talked about his army experiences, but he was a great conversationalist nevertheless. Kind, certainly; a local young man remembers with great affection how when he was a small boy Neville offered him a ride on the combine harvester: a never-forgotten experience that led to real friendship in later years; Neville was generous with his time and skills, and he genuinely enjoyed his life in Veryan. His final act of characteristic generosity was to ask that donations at his funeral service should be given to the parish church: he understood the cost of maintaining the building.

He had strong views and a fearsome determination - but was respected, loved and admired. He was a good man, a gentleman, and a dear friend to many. He will be greatly missed, but he had a long, full and fulfilled life, and will be remembered in his adopted parish, and beyond, with gratitude and affection.

David Vickers (Lupton/Cookes 1960-1965) d. 7th February 2022

Born in Germany in 1948, Dave Vickers started at Bromsgrove School in Oakley in 1958, moving to Lupton as a day boy in 1960.

After School, David joined the police and on retiring he became a Local Councillor in Halesowen, later becoming Deputy Leader of the Council.

David passed away on 7th February 2022 after a long illness.

- Provided by Tim Vickers

Old Bromsgrovians who also died in 2021/22 but for whom we have no obituary:

Sophie Bales (Hazeldene 2001-2012)
d. 21st February 2022

Roger Bullows (Elmshurst 1954-1960)
d. 27 October 2021

Jeremy John Attwood Davis (Gordon 1946-1954)
d. 22 January 2022

Roger Cooke (Wendron 1956-1961)
d. 16 December 2021

David Embley (Wendron 1951-1956)
d. 5 April 2022

Patrick Evans (Lyttelton 1955)
d. 1st July 2019
(Editor's Note: We have only just been notified of Mr Evans' death)

Patrick Firminger (Lupton 1943-1947)
d. 6 October 2022

Peter Hales (School 1948-1953)
d. 23rd March 2022

Rev. Richard Harding (School 1955-1960)
d. 25th December 2021

J. Roy Hughes (School 1945-1950)
Deceased date not known

Siward James-Moore (Lupton 1949-1954)
d. 9th September 2022

Stefan Law (Gordon 1960-1964)
d. 12th April 2022

Mr P Leenutaphong (Wendron 1964-1969)
Deceased date not known

Barrie Lloyd (Gordon 1944-1947)
d. August 2021

Stuart Mason (Wendron-Gordon 1987)
Deceased date not known

Charlotte Meese (Thomas Cookes 1988-1993)
d. 5 December 2021

John Prichett (School 1947-1952)
d. 19 August 202

David Speed (Gordon 1945-1950)
Deceased date not known

Nigel Sisson (School 1946-1950)
d. 20 January 2022

David Trevillion (School 1948-1953)
d. October 2021

Michael Walters (Wendron 1940-1945)
Deceased date not known

Christopher Williams
d. 12th June 2022

Christopher Woosnam (School 1950-1954)
Deceased date not known

Correction: With apologies to Frank Dunne in the last issue, it was in fact his brother, Graham Dunne (Lupton 1960-1965) who passed away.

The Foundation

THANKING OUR DONORS, LEGACY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS.

Appreciation Lunch

Donors and Legacy Society members were invited to the annual Appreciation Lunch in May 2022, one of the final OB events presided over by Headmaster, Peter Clague. It was wonderful to welcome so many OBs back to the School and for them to hear about the developments over the last twelve months.



Matthew Taylor (Chairman of the Foundation), John Denby and Tim Taylor



Gareth and Humphrey Morgan



Christopher Price, John Rogers, Megan Griffiths

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Rosalie and John Vine, David Dutton, Mave Turner



Matthew Taylor and Victor Matts

Sir Thomas Cookes Legacy Society

The Sir Thomas Cookes Legacy Society acknowledges and thanks all those who have made a gift in their wills to Bromsgrove. Members are invited to an annual lunch and a new legacy board listing those who have made bequests over the years will be erected around the School.

If anyone is interested in making a gift in their will to Bromsgrove, please contact the Foundation Office: foundation@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or telephone 01527 579679 ext 366.



Donor Roll

THANKING OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT DURING 2021/22.

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Cookes

Kim Daniels (1960-1965, also Lupton)
Digby, Lord Jones of Birmingham Kt. (1969-1974, also Walters)
Matthew Taylor (1968-1973, also Walters, Chairman of the Foundation)

Elmshurst

Philip Baldwin (1954-1958)
Richard Cariss (1956-1959)
Hugh Furber (1952-1957)
Philip Hobson (1948-1952)
Dick Noake (deceased, 1959-1964)
John Ruck (1950-1953)
Simon Skelding (1954-1962, also Oakley)
Topper Webb (1972-1973)

Gordon

Barry Dumughn (1950-1955)
Nevil Malin (1948-1953)
Graham Sim (1969-1974)
Tony Spackman (1944-1949)
John Vine (1945-1955)

Housman Hall

Funbi Akinsanya (2015-2017)
Haotian Cui (2015-2017)
Robyn Davies (2016-2018)
Tam Dinh (2001-2006)
Becky Foster (2017-2019)

Lupton

Richard Brookes (1961-1965, President of the Foundation)
Kim Daniels (1960-1965, also Cookes)
Frank Dunne (1960-1965)
David Dutton (1956-1961)
Paddy Firminger (deceased, 1943-1947)
Kelvin Morris (1976-1981)
Hayden Owen (2009-2018)
Christopher Porter (1958-1963)
Philip Powell (1962-1967)
David Reeve (1950-1954)
John Steveni (1975-1980)

Lyttelton

Justin Clegg (2004-2015)
Nik Gour (2007-2021)
Will Lockhart (2005-2016)
Gareth Morgan (1953-1958)

Oakley

Ellie Birch (2008-2017)
Emily Evans (2016-2018)
Adele George (née Williams, 1992-2002)
Simon Skelding (1954-1962, also Elmshurst)

Otilie Hild

Lauren McLean (2017-2021)

School

George Archer (1954-1959)
Andrew Clark (1947-1952)
John Cutler (1956-1961)
John Denby (1956-1965, Foundation Trustee)
Geoff Godsall (1956-1959)
Roy Hughes (1945-1950)
Sam Ison (2013-2018)
Jim Page (1945-1949, also Headmaster of Junior School 1961-1989)
Christopher Price (1939-1944)
Richard Pyatt (1972-1974)
David Roberts (1953-1958)
Haydn Stanney (2013-2020)
Chris Tan (1961-1966)
Robert Williams (1963-1968)
Christopher Woosnam (deceased, 1950-1954)

Thomas Cookes

Lucia Goodwin (2005-2021)

Walters

Digby, Lord Jones of Birmingham Kt. (1969-1974, also Cookes)
Matthew Taylor (1968-1973, also Cookes, Chairman of the Foundation)

Wendron / Wendron-Gordon

Beck Cutting (2008-2017)
David Harrison (1947-1950)
Jeff Lomax (1949-1954)
Alex Moskalevskyi (2015-2020)
Christopher Stiles (1990-1995)

Cobham (Junior School)

Charles Barwell (1976-1979)

Friends of the School

Old Bromsgrovian Lodge
Judy Dennison
Chris Edwards
Anthony Finn
Stanley Nicholls (deceased)
Paul Pittaway
Rachel Scannell
James Sommerville
Ann Taylor
Tim Taylor
Patricia Whistance

Parents

Mr Alberth and Mrs Rohde
Mr and Mrs Bello
Mr and Mrs Bulleid
Ms Cosh
Dr Chan and Ms Lai
Mr and Mrs De Gouveia
Dr and Mrs Edger
Mr and Mrs Goebbels
Wg Cdr and Mrs Goldstraw
Mr and Mrs Gurung
Mrs Hill
Mr Hui and Ms Wong
Barbara King
Mr Krimmley and Mrs Mackie
Mr Kruglov
Mr and Mrs Lamidi
Mr Lo and Ms Ten
Mr and Mrs Morozov
Mr and Dr Odeghe
Mr Peng
Mr Rieger and Ms Streyl
Mr and Mrs Sievert
Dr Sturz
Mr Tsui and Mrs Wong
Mr Vaughan and Mrs Ainsworth

* We now record monetary donations and gifts in kind, i.e. those who have offered to help students through the Futures department or have given their time to the School.

Events

WHAT'S ON AT BROMSGROVE DURING 2023 AND BEYOND.

March 2023

The Twelfth Annual Foundation Lecture

Date to be announced

Venue: London

An announcement will be made during the Lent Term.

May 2023

Appreciation Lunch

Thursday 18th May 2023

Venue: Bromsgrove School

Donors from the current and last academic year and members of the Sir Thomas Cookes Legacy Society are invited to a special lunch with the Headmaster. All eligible Old Bromsgrovians, parents and friends of the School will be sent invitations in the Lent Term.

July 2023

Commemoration Day

Saturday, 1st July 2022

Venue: Bromsgrove School

Old Bromsgrovians and their families are warmly invited to the OB Marquee on Lower Charford between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. Information will be emailed in the Summer Term and posted on our OB Facebook Page. OBs are encouraged to sign up to register their attendance.

July 2023

OB Cricket Day

Friday, 7th July 2023

Venue: Bromsgrove School

After a hiatus in activity, Will Glover (Wendron-Gordon 1990-1995) is planning to relaunch "The Martlets" – the Old Bromsgrovian cricket team named after the small birds in the school crest. It will take time to regenerate the team and networks, so 2023 will focus around just one day of cricket.

The day is open to all OBs and their families and will feature a highly competitive game between two Martlets teams. If you're interested in playing and/or attending, then please contact Will for more information - wglover@macdonaldandcompany.com

We will need volunteers who can score, umpire and play, and many other roles too.

There is a core group of OBs who played for The Martlets before, but their School playing days were all pre-1995. We are very keen to find some representatives from more recent eras who can help us to spread The Martlets gospel.

September 2023

1980-2009 Leavers' Reunion

Saturday, 9th September 2023

Venue: Bromsgrove School

Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm

If you left School between 1980 and 2009, this reunion is not to be missed. Invitations for eligible OBs will be sent out during the summer.

November/December 2023

Speaker's Lunch

Date to be announced

Venue: Routh Hall, Bromsgrove School

Time: 11.45am - 3.00pm

The Speakers' Lunch is open to anyone who has a connection to Bromsgrove. The cost is £25 per person, which includes a welcome drink and buffet lunch. Profits raised from the Speaker's Lunch will go to the Foundation's life-changing bursaries scheme, giving the gift of a Bromsgrove education to children who would otherwise not be able to attend the School. Details will be sent out in the Michaelmas Term.

On-going

Bromsgrove Futures & OB Networking
In conjunction with the careers department, we are looking for Old Bromsgrovians who would be willing to undertake mock interviews with current pupils, typically the type of interviews you would have for university entrance or a leavers' work programme. In addition, the Bromsgrove Futures department are always looking for guest speakers to give a presentation or advice to small groups of current pupils.

DID YOU KNOW that our online box office also includes events open to the whole Bromsgrovian Community and general public?

We often hire out our theatre and concert hall to external companies who put on pantomimes, music competitions and concerts, plus much more.

Visit www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/whats-on

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Personal Details

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____ Honours (e.g. CBE, FRS): _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Surname on Leaving: _____

Marital Status: _____ Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): ____/____/____

School Details

Senior School House: _____

Preparatory School House: _____ Additional House? _____

Start Year (YYYY): _____ End Year (YYYY): _____ (If you started in Pre-Prep or Prep, you can begin with this date)

Contact Details

Home or Correspondence Address: _____

_____ City/Town: _____

County/State: _____ Postcode/Zipcode: _____

Country: _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Home Phone No: _____

If you have your own website, please specify it here: www._____

Twitter Username: @_____ Facebook Profile: _____

LinkedIn: _____ Instagram: _____

Professional Membership

I am a Non-executive Board Member: _____

I am a member of a livery company: _____

Other details you wish to share: _____



Higher Education

1. Degree Subject: _____	Degree Type (BA, BSc etc): _____
Grade: _____ Year of Graduation: _____	Institution: _____
College (if applicable): _____	City: _____
Country: _____	Please Circle: Undergraduate / Postgraduate / Further
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Occupation Details

Position: _____	Industry: _____
Employer's Name: _____	Location: _____

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