

MAGISTER

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Record bid for places

THE demand for places at QEGS goes on and on. A record number of 311 boys applied to sit the entrance examination in March and the role will be 1,200 in September. There were 1,036 pupils when the headmaster, Mr Johnston, took over in January 1978, including 13 girls. There will be 80 girls in the Sixth-form September complement. The cost of fees in 1978 was £777 a year, but they were increased to £933 for the main school and £648 for Horncliffe.

A new staff common room was opened at School in January at the Head of the stairs inside the South entrance replacing two classrooms and the Second Master's room.

A prefabricated building, costing about £21,000 is to be

erected by Premier Construction of Blackburn, between the Science block and Hartley House to replace the classrooms dispossessed by the new staff room. It will also house a new laboratory for the Sixth Form.

Cathedral service for Harry King

A MEMORIAL service for Harry King (1923-30) was held at Blackburn Cathedral on Wednesday, March 19.

It was conducted by Canon G.A. Williams with music by the School under the direction of Mr Jack Longstaff.

The Headmaster read the lesson and the Provost of Blackburn conducted prayers.

Harry King had a long association with Queen Elizabeth's — first as a pupil in the 1920's and later as chief assistant master. He retired three years ago. (See Magister 21).

He was also a prominent church man being a lay reader at St Barnabas' Church, Blackburn, and St. Mary's, Mellor, where a funeral service was held on Monday February 18. (Obituary — Page 3)

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a helicopter
to QEGS and
who did it
bring? — See
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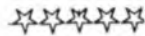
You have probably already noticed a difference in your Magister! — We have coloured up in the School's red and blue — the reason for the new look, which extends to a completely different printing technique is explained on page 7.

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Obituaries
Prof G. Manley

PROFESSOR Gordon Manley, MA, DSc., died in hospital on Jan 29, aged 78. Prof Manley was at School from 1910 to 1918 and proceeded to Manchester University where he obtained his DSc degree in engineering. He then went to Cambridge, achieving a double first in the Geography Tripos at Caius College.

After an expedition to Greenland under the auspices of the Meteorological Office, he became assistant lecturer at Birmingham University in 1926. In 1928, he went to Durham University as the first lecturer and head of the geography department.

During the eleven years he spent at Durham up to the outbreak of war, he established an international reputation as a climatologist based in part on his work on the university's meteorological records dating back to 1847. Last summer he received an honorary doctorate from the university.

From 1939 to 1948, Prof Manley was demonstrator and lecturer in geography at Cambridge and in 1943, won the Buchan Prize of the Royal Meteorological Society, of which he was president in 1945-46. He was made a Fellow of the society in 1977. During the war, he served with the Meteorological Office and the University Air Squadron.

In 1948, he became the first Professor of Geography at Bedford College, University of London, and six years later, achieved another first when he was appointed to the chair of environmental sciences at Lancaster University.



PROF. MANLEY

In addition to those already mentioned, the following names of Old Boys who have died since the last issue of Magister, have come to our notice:

- Eric H. Jones (1916-22), Norman Peel (1926-35) in Canada, David N. Hogg (1964-69 in Nigeria, John C. Ashton (1912-14), Edgar O. Hindle (1925-33), Ron H. Croft (1932-37), Norman Foster (1919-27), William L. Burke (1913-14), David I. Jolley (1950-57).

He is the author of many publications, and after his retirement to Cambridge, he continued to serve on a number of Government scientific committees concerned with meteorology.

Gordon Manley was devoted to the school. He was president of the Old Blackburnians' Association for several years in the late 1960's and was a governor of the School from 1963 until last year. He leaves a wife, Audrey, to whom we extend our sincere condolences.

Stanley R. Cave

MR Stanley R. Cave (1912-18) who lived in Hove, Sussex, died on Oct 17. He was Head Boy in 1917-18 and Captain of Cricket and Captain of Football.

On leaving school, he went to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, where he took an MA, in the Natural Science Tripos. He was appointed science master at Taunton School in 1921 and after three years, joined the staff of Brighton, Hove and Sussex Grammar School, where he stayed for 37 years, the last eight as

Deputy Headmaster, serving under another QEGS old boy, Mr Harry Brogden (1918-27), who was Headmaster at Brighton until his retirement.

In the late George Eastwood's history of QEGS, Mr Cave records (pages 101-3) some interesting anecdotes concerning life at the school during his time. He leaves three children, two boys, both Oxford MA's and a daughter, an SRN.

In the words of his former headmaster, "Stanley Cave lived and died a devoted, self-sacrificing Christian".

HARRY KING, BSc

THE President of the Old Blackburnians' Association, Eric Sagar, writes.

The services of Harry King to the Old Blackburnians' Association were so varied and extensive that it is doubtful whether anyone except Mrs King fully realised how much he did in his quiet, friendly, efficient way.

Old boys who have attended the annual dinner in recent years will be aware of the extent to which the success of this event was due to his efforts, involving not only general supervision but also the engagement of caterers, the issue of tickets, the organisation of the seating arrangements, correspondence with guests and speakers and the firm but tactful settlement of last-minute problems. His popularity was clearly shown on the many occasions at this function when he was making his announcements and calling upon old boys of various age groups to "take wine with the president".

For many years, Harry was the main link between the School and the Association and he lost no opportunity of recruiting school leavers to membership. Since his retirement as Senior Assistant Master and Senior Science Master in 1976, he was able to devote even more time to keeping in touch with former pupils both in this country and abroad, and his genuine interest in their activities and achievements is evidenced by his correspondence files and records.

He was also the chief source of information to the editor of *Magister*, to whom he supplied innumerable newspaper cuttings and articles, together with personal notes and comments concerning the careers of old



Harry King

boys (and latterly old girls also) of the School.

Harry was a member of the committee of the Association for more than 34 years and served as chairman in 1966/67. He also kept close contact with all our branches regularly attending functions of the London, Oxford, Yorkshire and the South Lancashire and Cheshire branches, and acting as liaison officer between the branches, the School and the parent association. Last September, he and Mrs King also visited Canada at the invitation of the active Calgary branch of the Association.

It is unlikely any one person will be able or willing to do as much for the Association as did Harry King, but I'm sure he would have been happy to know that several members of the committee have volunteered to share the work which he carried out so willingly and with such enthusiasm for so many years.

Truly it can be said of him that he fully lived up to the School motto — "Disce Prodesse".

I LEARNED the sad news of Harry's death on Thursday Feb.14th — two days after discussing with him articles for the magazine.

He had been, as usual, working hard on the Association's behalf, Preparing copy for *Magister* and sorting out photographs of his trip to Canada, made at the invitation of the branch.

His report of the trip he made with Mrs. King, appears on page 13 — it is sad to think that no more will the initials H.K. suffix a story in *Magister*.

Much has been said about Harry, in this magazine and elsewhere. Members of the Association will have their memories and their own anecdotes — stories about Harry are Legion, about as numerous as his own "tales". From the classroom to Ewood Park stands, Harry could tell 'em.

He used to delight in telling his pupils how much better they were than their fathers and revelled in the replies the following morning. My own particular memory, shared I'm sure by many others, will be of

THE Headmaster writes: Harry King's name is so synonymous with the history, tradition and heritage of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, that many have only a hazy idea of the day when Henry King was not associated with the School.

It therefore seems right for the present Headmaster, who had the privilege of knowing Harry for such a short time to set the facts down on paper and to briefly comment upon them.

Born on October 31, 1911, he was at St. Barnabas' Church of England School, Blackburn from 1916 to 1923, before coming to the Senior School of Queen Elizabeth's where he spent seven years. He graduated with an Honours Degree in Chemistry in 1933 at the Victoria University of Manchester, and after a year's course in which he gained his teacher's diploma, he held a series of appointments in junior schools mainly in Blackburn from 1934 to 1940, including two years at St. Barnabas', his own school, St. Matthew's Church of England School and Cedar Street Council School. He was then called to do his National Service and Harry spent the war as a Scientific Officer with I.C.I. General Chemicals Operations Department at their MS/CD factory at Western Point, Runcorn. He was allowed to terminate his employment with I.C.I. in December 1944 to return to the school to help Mr Holden at a time when he was gravely short of younger male members of staff.

From January 1945, he worked successively as an assistant master, as head of chemistry, as Grenville House Master and ultimately as head of science.

Harry standing in Big School at the annual dinner the Saturday before Christmas, reading off with relish the decades for old boys to drink wine with the president.

I don't think that even Blackburn Rovers in their hey day gave him quite as much pleasure as raising his own glass in his turn to show his pride in having attended and taught at QEGS.

Behind the dinner of course, lay a great deal of planning and hard work and Harry was always at the centre of it all. Many committee members were needed to take over his wide-ranging offices in the Association — not least in the preparation of *Magister* (see page 7).

I will miss his help, his attention to detail, his unflinching memory for his pupils' names and their addresses, his advice and the personal touch which made the magazine so "newsy".

Our sincere sympathy and condolences are extended to Mrs. King and her family.

J.F.D.

This was before my appointment here, but it seems not improper for a young headmaster to salute Harry's passing with a few words of thankfulness for his life and to pay tribute to his long years of service in this school, in this town and in this diocese. Harry always said at Old Boys' dinners that there were three loves in his life, his love for and his belief in a living Lord Jesus, for his wife and home, his love for his school, to whom he had given so much — and possibly a fourth — his unstinting support for Blackburn Rovers. When he had missed two matches at Ewood Park, it was clear he was not as well as he should be, and I can only end by saying how typical it was that Harry should have known of my appointment almost before anybody else on the staff in October 1977, and indeed — through his friendship with a mutual colleague — should have, in fact, had a meal in my country cottage in North Yorkshire before I actually had been formally appointed here.

Harry served under four headmasters and his incalculable service to the School is difficult to express in words, but any Headmaster knows when he sees a born schoolmaster, and Harry was one of those. Let me end my tribute to him by quoting one of those four headmasters. "Mr King is an exceptionally thorough and competent teacher; his standards of neatness, lucidity and accuracy are high and he is successful in maintaining them in his classes. He is keen, enthusiastic and intimately interested in the progress and welfare of his pupils. Mr King's value is further enhanced by the energetic readiness with which he promotes the activities of his House on the games field and by the support he gives to school societies, including the Christian Union. He had been active in the organisation of many school activities and as an Old Boy of the School, has shown a devotion and loyalty as a Master which has evoked my warmest admiration, and I would add, pride. He is an extremely valuable member of my staff whose personal influence is of the best."

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Obituaries cont

Thomas Shaw

MR Thomas Shaw, former member of staff, died at his home in Shear Brow, Blackburn, on July 21, 1979, aged 80.

MR Shaw was a pupil at the school from 1911 to 1916, took his degree at London University, and joined the staff in 1921 as mathematics master, remaining at School until his retirement in 1959.

He was a keen cricketer and

was Captain of School Cricket when a pupil and later played in staff matches. Among his many interests were philately — he ran the School Stamp Club for many years — horology and astronomy.

Former members of the School Scientific Society will recall the many interesting lectures he gave to the society over the years. He leaves a widow, Jennie, and a son Jeffrey, also an old boy who teaches in Doncaster.

J. D. Foster

MR J. D. Foster (1918-27) died suddenly at his home in Sussex on Jan 24. Jimmy Foster was an outstanding sportsman. At School he was Senior Victor Ludorum, a regular member of the School First XI football team and vice-captain of cricket.

On leaving school, he took the Natural Science Tripos at Queens' College, Cambridge, graduating in 1930, and later proceeded to Carnegie Physical Training College.

He joined the staff of Varndean Grammar School for boys, Brighton, in 1934, as games and PE master. He spent all his teaching career at Varndean and became deputy headmaster in 1956, a position he held until his retirement 10 years ago.

Jimmy Foster had no enemies and many, many friends.

Mrs Tarver

MRS de O'Byrn, formerly Mrs Tarver, died at her home in the Isle of Man, in November.

As Miss Christian, she first joined the staff of QEGS in 1921, left in 1927 and returned as Mrs Tarver in 1940, remaining until her retirement in 1958.

After her marriage to Mr de O'Byrn, she lived in Rishton for a short period before moving to the Isle of Man. Old Boys of the school, particularly those who passed through Hornccliffe, will remember her with affection and gratitude. She leaves a husband, Mr W. de O'Byrn, a brother Mr E. Christian and a sister Miss L. C. Christian.

W. Robinson

MR William ("Bill") Robinson (1925-29) died suddenly on August 25, 1979. William Robinson was a prominent bowler and vice-president of the league. He was taken ill during a bowling competition at his own club, the East Lancashire Club, and died later in hospital.

He had been a vice-president of the league for some years and regularly donated the trophies for the annual youth tournament. He was also a keen supporter of Blackburn Rovers and a life-member of the OBA.

MR John H. Haworth (1919-28), who died in September last, and Mr Donald P. Crowther (1929-34) who died in January, were both long-serving members and wardens of Blackburn Cathedral.

K.W. Lilley

KENNETH W. Lilley (1970-73), of the Coach House, Wellington Street St. John's, Blackburn, died in Preston hospital in April, following the crash of a light plane near Woodplumpton, near Preston, in which he was a passenger. It was only the second time he had been in the plane.

Kenneth, an electronics engineer, had been taking photographs. He died almost a fortnight after the crash without regaining consciousness.

R. Eric Ainsworth

MR Richard Eric Ainsworth (1908-11) died on November 13, in hospital, aged 83. Mr Ainsworth, who lived in Leamington Road, Blackburn, was one of our oldest members and at the annual dinner in 1978 was the oldest OB present to rise and take wine with the President.

A machinery merchant, he served with the Lifeguards during the first world war.

'Refugees landed in front of me'

PETER Hobkirk (1951-58), right, managing director of William Hobkirk and Son (Sewing Machines), had the reality of the Vietnamese boat people's plight brought into sharp focus while attending an international sewing and knitting machinery conference in Thailand in April. He was relaxing on the hotel's private beach when a boatload of starving, dehy-

drated and penniless refugees landed.

"It made us feel very humble to see these poor people", said Peter. "They must have been desperate to get away to risk their lives and spend eight days at sea in an open boat. We bought them food before the police took them back to camp."



WHO doctor jets round the world

Having obtained a postgraduate diploma in obstetrics and completed missionary studies in Birmingham, I was sent as a missionary by the London Missionary Society to (then) Northern Rhodesia - now Zambia of course.

I remained a missionary for only two years and in 1959 joined government service and after having been involved in the investigation of a series of mysterious deaths of people displaced by the building of the Kariba dam, had charge of a large maternity department until taking up studies in psychiatry.

It was during this period that I was involved with some rather bizarre activities (reported, I think in Magister), studying mercenary activities in (then) Congo and providing some medical aid during the fighting.

I continued to work for the Government of Zambia until 1974 when I joined the university.

I retain very close links with government work, as adviser on mental health services for example (I have just edited a document entitled, "Priorities In Mental Health Care in Zambia" in which we spell out plans involving the spending of several

DR Alan Haworth, who went to Africa in 1957 as a missionary, is now Associate Professor at the University of Zambia and head of the sub-department of psychiatry in the School of Medicine. He is leading a hectic life getting about the world but has taken time to tell us about his work with the World Health Organisation.

Dr Haworth, a life member of the Association, who was at School from 1939-47, served his National Service in the RAF, then studied medicine at Cambridge and London.

When former missionary said 'excuse me Mr Vice-President . . .'

million dollars). In the meantime I have been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and have been appointed a member of the World Health Organisation Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health.

I am deeply involved with a number of World Health Organisation projects and I am Principal Investigator in Zambia for example in

a project studying drink-related problems in a number of countries.

I still travel quite a lot though I have not completed another journey such as the one reported in Magister 17 when I studied medical education in Africa, North America and Latin America in a 50,000 km trip.

However, in the last two years I have been on visits to Mexico, Washington (and taking one of the only available seats in the house in a Kennedy Centre concert, found myself sitting next to the Chief Justice and next-but-one to the Vice President of the United States), Geneva, Edinburgh and so on. I have just had to skip visits to Tours and Salzburg (simply no time) but suspect that I won't be able to escape a quick trip to Nigeria, for three days, with attendance at a conference in Nairobi, Kenya en route.

I was in Blackburn last year when the weather was, fortunately, very good. Whether this last year or nostalgia added extra enchantment to the old town, I am not sure, but I certainly enjoyed the visit (which included time to attend the Kathleen Ferrier memorial concert in King George's Hall).

I really was most impressed by the shopping precinct, even if I did wish the old Market Hall clock tower might have been preserved.



The Victoria Falls on the Zambesi, which forms a border of Zambia

**39 Old Boys
still pay
37p a year!**

£4,000 loan to School

THE Old Blackburnians Association's present loans to School total £4,000 following a resolution at a meeting at school on January 8.

A loan of £1,500 was proposed on similar lines to the £2,500 loan made a year before, namely that it be an accretion to the Governors' Bursary Fund and the interest to be used to provide a bursary or bursaries to be known as the Old Blackburnians' Bursary or Bursaries.

The treasurer, Fred Gillibrand,

reported at the 51st AGM, at Lammack in November, that the Association had 1,033 members — unfortunately a large number of subscriptions were still being paid at the old rates.

As a result of last year's appeal in Magister however, 40 members had brought their subscriptions up to date — about 180 still paid a £1 though and 39 paid 37p a year! The rate, which was agreed two years ago is £2 a year or £25 for life membership.

Mr Gillibrand thanked Fred,

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OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1979 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1978			1978		
35	General Expenses	21.20	566	Subscriptions	706.21
71	Postages	14.66	82	Released from Life Membership Fund	
18	Blackburnian Magazines	20.25		Income from Investments —	
787	Magister	968.69		4% Consols	50.00
42	Corporation Tax	46.52		8½% Barclays Bank Ltd. Loan	53.62
7	Surplus to Accumulated Fund	3.41		3½% British Electricity	14.00
					117.62
				Less: Income Tax	38.73
			78		78.89
			79	Savings Bank Interest	82.98
					161.87
			5	War Memorial Ground Rent	5.00
			102	Profit on Annual Dinner	126.63
			41	Profit on Social Activities	5.02
			7	Donations	70.00
£ 960		£1,074.73	£ 960		£1,074.73

BALANCE SHEET

	Life Membership Fund:		1,208	Lammack Ground at Cost less Sales	1,207.77
3,904	Balance at 1.8.78	4,597.03		Investments at Cost:	
775	New Members	685.00		£1,250 4% Consols (Market Value (£415))	1,160.60
4,679		5,282.03		£650 8½% Barclays Bank Ltd. Un. Loan 1986/93 (Market Value £478)	582.59
82	Deletions	—		£400 3½% British Electricity 1976/79 (Market Value £389)	281.75
4,597		5,282.03	2,025		2,024.94
1,208	War Memorial Ground Rent	1,207.77	2,000	Loan to Q.E.G.S.	2,500.00
	Creditors:			Debtors:	
781	Printers	931.00	22	Advertisers	45.00
42	Inland Revenue	45.52	4	Subscription	5.00
		976.52		Ground Rent	5.00
	Accumulated Fund:				55.00
	Balance at 1.8.78	639.07	1,191	Cash at Savings Bank	2,076.60
639	Surplus for the Year	3.41	259	Cash at Lloyds Bank	193.20
			558	Cash in Hand	51.29
£7,267		£8,108.80	£7,267		£8,108.80

HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the above Accounts, which are in accordance with the information supplied to us and give a true correct record of the transactions for the year ended 31st July 1979 and of the state of affairs at that date.

R. B. Holden FCA
W. Hare FCA

New look-New team

MAGISTER not only has a new look this summer — but a new editorial team too.

A sub-committee was elected at a specially-convened meeting of the OBA committee on March 3 at School. The OBA members met following the death of Harry King. **John Duckworth** (1959-65), the editor, gave a concise report on his involvement with the magazine and told how he had relied to a very great extent on Harry King in the production and the associated paperwork. Harry cor-

responded with old boys not only all over the country but all over the world.

Mr Duckworth reminded the committee he had only been able to continue editing the magazine three years ago because Harry King had offered to do so much to help. Quite simply, said Mr Duckworth, the logistics had become too much for one man.

The cost of the magazine had risen to £931 for the latest issue (No 23) and postage had pushed the cost over £1,000. Because of this, Mr Duckworth asked for

several quotations before starting this magazine.

The result is new printers and a new look. The current edition is produced by the "photo-litho" method, which results notably in finer reproduction of photographs and a greater flexibility in other illustrations.

The final cost, which is not known exactly at the time of writing, will be about half the former projected cost for this year.

One of the reasons for the saving is increased advertising

charges. The cost of adverts has risen slightly to reflect a more reasonable price — but the scope has risen too with the introduction of colour.

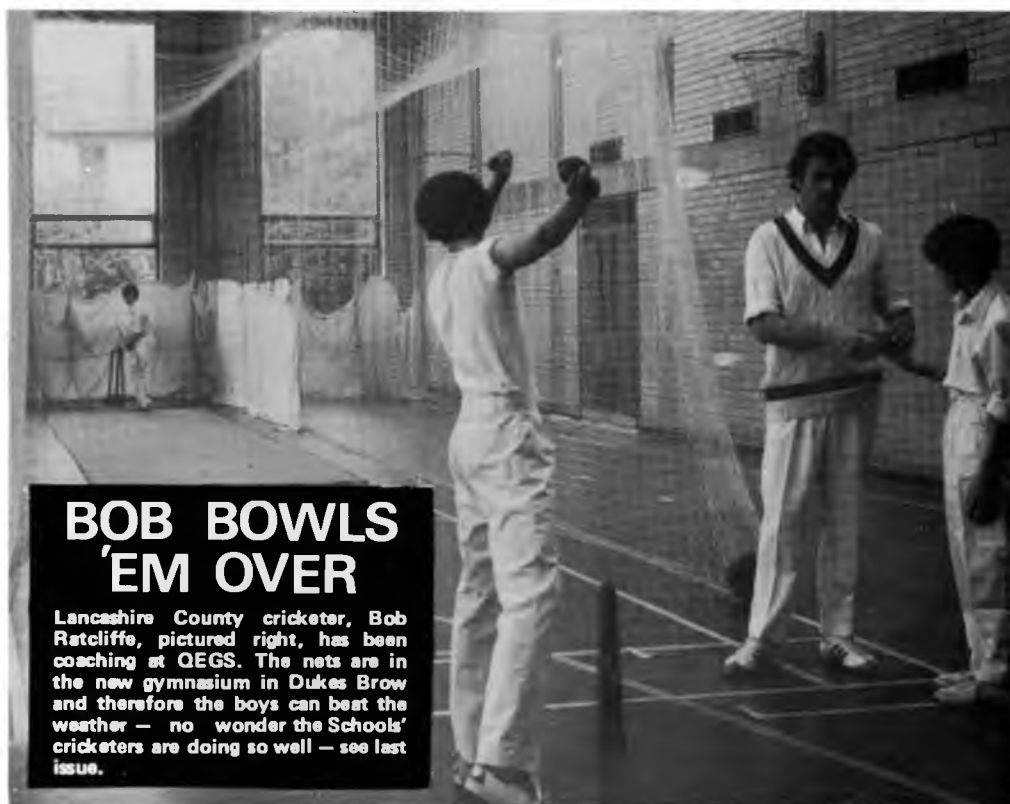
QEGS teacher, Mike Holgate, is responsible for advertising and is hoping next year to increase the number of adverts. He can be contacted on Whalley 3215.

We have also received our first order for a full-page advert — in colour to boot! The savings in print costs and the higher advertising rates have helped to keep the price down — which helps the OBA, in one of its primary functions, to provide funds to help the School.

The magazine moves into a new era with a new look and a new team: The headmaster, Mr Johnson; OBA treasurer, **Fred Gillibrand** (1945-56) and **Peter Pearson** (1948-56), a dentist with a practice in Burnley, have joined Mike and John — so good luck and thank you all.

OBA members, fathers, uncles and sons, are asked as a matter of urgency to send any news of any old boys to School as soon as possible.

Committee members are keeping cuttings of their contemporaries, which cover 50 years! But we cannot hope to cover all the activities and that's where you come in. Let us have news of degrees, appointments, obituaries, weddings, anything at all in fact. Send them to Magister, care of School, West Park Road, Blackburn — there is a special file waiting to be filled! Please try to include a photograph wherever possible — we'll let you have it back if you ask us — don't forget! It is news which makes this magazine. It is your magazine.



BOB BOWLS 'EM OVER

Lancashire County cricketer, Bob Ratcliffe, pictured right, has been coaching at QEGS. The nets are in the new gymnasium in Dukes Brow and therefore the boys can beat the weather — no wonder the Schools' cricketers are doing so well — see last issue.

Magazines for school leavers scrapped

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Bury, the previous treasurer and Second Master at QEGS, for his help during this first year in office, and the auditors for their assistance.

Carl Marsden (1921-31) suggested at the AGM finding a higher rate for funds and the committee decided to transfer cash to a National Savings account from the Trustee Savings Bank, but at the meeting in January, Mr Gillibrand reported that, after consultation with one or two other members of the committee, he had not transferred the money

because it would have been impractical.

There was then general discussion concerning the investments of the Association with particular reference to the life membership fund and whether or not such should be income-producing. Eventually, it was resolved that a further loan of £1,500 should be made to the School on the terms of the existing loan and the balance of the monies currently held in the Trustee Savings Bank would be invested partially in a National Savings Bank account and par-

tially in a long-term investment account at the Trustee Savings Bank. The actual amounts were left to the discretion of the treasurer.

It was also agreed to dispense with the distribution of magazines to school leavers and also to dispense with collecting payment of £5 from the football club in respect of a former shilling levy made on the members of the football club in respect of its members being members of the Association. It was felt that this was no longer practical.

At the suggestion of Mr John-

ston, it was agreed he should pursue the practicalities of his proposal to add the cost of life membership of the Association on a pupil's final or penultimate account for school fees with a request that the pupil become a member of the Association. He knew that this was done at other schools and had proved successful.

It was agreed that as there was usually little business to discuss at the committee meeting held in

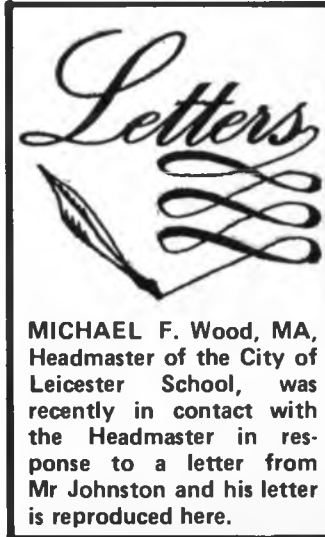
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150 tips for aspiring headmasters

"I WAS on the staff of Queen Elizabeth's from 1948 to 1952 straight after war service and reading Modern Languages at Exeter College, Oxford.

My career never quite reached the same heights of academic esteem again, but first impressions are very important, and I shall always be grateful that my first impressions of teaching were obtained in a first-class school. I know that the best school I have ever been in is Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn; I learned my trade with Leo Collier and Ken Watson, Horace Ingham, Geoff Mercer and the rest of the colleagues I remember with affection. Form 3D and Trevor Benson taught me a good deal too. The walk to Lammack kept me fit, though I never did take to that round ball game! I wonder if the school still processes to the Cathedral in full academics, Head and bible-bearer in the van? That used to stun the hoi polloi!"

Having taught mostly French at QEGS with some Latin and Religious Knowledge, Mr Wood moved to the Priory Boys' Grammar School, Shrewsbury to do A-level French and to look after the Scouts and Combined Cadet Force. "Eileen and I produced two lovely daughters by courtesy of Dr. Porteous and Springfield Nursing Home, Blackburn and a son Timothy in Shrewsbury. After three years in Shropshire I moved to Bolton County Grammar School as Head of French, where we lived in Belmont Village on the moors above



MICHAEL F. Wood, MA, Headmaster of the City of Leicester School, was recently in contact with the Headmaster in response to a letter from Mr Johnston and his letter is reproduced here.

Bolton, and motored into the smoke daily in the ancient Austin 7, my first car."

"A lateral move in 1957 took me to Daventry Grammar School in Northants, a country town mixed grammar school of 350 pupils, as Head of Modern Languages. Here my family grew up and I was ADC for scouts while my wife was Guide Captain. We had successive trips to France and the work with the Scouts produced ten Queen's Scouts the year I left."

"By this time, I wanted to run my own school, and made about 150 applications before I found anything I liked as much as the governors liked

me. Needless to say, I did not get anything like 150 interviews! The girls had to leave Northampton School for Girls when we moved to Somerset for my first Headship at Dulverton County Secondary School in 1963. This was a rural jewel of about 150 pupils, set on the fringe of

and the move to the Midlands. In 1975, after 7 years at Newton's, the reorganisation plans were taking some kind of shape, and I had by now moved to live in Rutland (the smallest county in England).

The head of 'City Boys' school died unexpectedly, and

‘ I know the best school I've been in is QEGS ’

Exmoor, producing a fifth form of a dozen or so, capable of 5 GCE O-levels apiece before transferring to the grammar school in Minehead.

My two daughters were now at Bishop Fox's School, Taunton, where both did O's and A's before going on to read (not surprisingly perhaps?) Languages at Birmingham and King's London respectively. Timothy by this time was showing marked musical talent but little taste for anything else at Wellington School (the Somerset one) and he seemed to need special tuition. So a further move was indicated after five years, despite considerable local involvement and attachment to Somerset. The first grammar school headship to come my way was that 'Eton of the Midlands' (not my words, I hasten to say) in Leicester . . . Alderman Newton's Boys' G.S., the Greencoat School, where I had seven years of relative fulfilment as a grammar school headmaster . . . my original dream. Leicester is a strange

place educationally, and was a city authority during my time at Newton's, clinging on to its grammar schools, all eight of them, despite the pressures of the Mason plan in the surrounding county (comprehensive) and the divided loyalties among the political parties over types of schools. During this period, Timothy joined the Sixth Form and achieved an Open Organ Scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, justifying my early diagnosis

I applied for his school on the Rutland side of the city, the City of Leicester School, where I am now finishing my time. I have had a couple of years in it as a grammar school for boys, and have steered it during the past four years of 'going comprehensive' with a mixed population and a gradually nonselective curriculum. It should have been a fairly small school of 750 pupils, but has already reached 900, and will rise to 1,000 before falling back to 900. Buildings are a headache, because they have not been planned-for, and 'cuts' in staffing and ancillaries make life very trying. Now that retrenchment in the teaching force is required, I feel justified in taking advantage of an offer to grant early retirement, and I shall retire next year without regrets. The disaster of my professional career (don't think it hasn't been fun!) has caught up with me . . . I should have stayed in the independent sector. State schools are not what they were, and they say that if you don't like the heat, you should get out of the kitchen. So I shall!"

Solicitor is county chief

CYRIL J. A. Hargreaves MA (1939-46) in a letter advising us of his new address, tells us he is Chief Executive to the Cleveland County Council and Clerk to the Lord Lieutenancy, offices he has held since 1977. Mr Hargreaves graduated BA, Honours English at Queen's College, Cambridge, in 1951 and became a solicitor in 1956. He lives in Hartlepool.

Singapore broker retires to Dorset

IN the course of our correspondence with Old Boys in connection with the School's Bursary Appeal Fund, we have had several interesting letters from Old Boys with whom we had lost contact. Among them was one from Eric A. Corless, who was at school from 1925-30.

Mr Corless, a chartered accountant, served his articles with Charles Milford in Richmond Terrace, of which the late Frank Astley was a partner. Soon after qualifying in 1935, he went to Singapore with a firm of chartered accountants there, and early in 1942 he was taken prisoner of

war by the Japanese while a lieutenant in the Straits Settlement Volunteer Force. He was sent to build the Burma-Siam railway.

He was released in 1945 and returned to Blackburn. Early in 1946, he went back to Singapore to take up his work again with his old firm. The following year, he joined Fraser and Co, stock, share and exchange brokers, Singapore, and became a partner in 1953.

Mr Corless, a Life Member of the Association, retired in 1962 and returned to England. Mr Corless and his wife live in Canford Cliffs, near Poole, Dorset.

Prof leads three-nation Himalayan expedition

PROFESSOR Keith Miller, of Sheffield University, is currently leading a Royal Geographical Society expedition to the Himalayas, involving 50 scientists from three countries.

Keith, who was at School from 1943-48, is professor of mechanical engineering at Sheffield and has taken part in three previous expeditions to the Himalayas.

Ex-head boy enters naval college

DAVID W. Kemp (1966-71) has been commissioned midshipman at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. David, who is a former head boy of the School, entered the college in 1977.

The two-year course comprised a year of professional training and a year of academic study. In his final term, he was a divisional sub-lieutenant.

During his training, he spent some time on HMS Fearless, which took him to the West Indies and America. He later joined HMS Bulwark, a commando carrier ship, for further training.



Metallurgist

P. J. Walker (1967-76), Graduated B.Sc., Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mineral Technology, Imperial College, London University. Appointed a metallurgist, Tara Mines Ltd., Republic of Ireland.



Helsinki post

K. C. Collins (1969-75), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. English, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed teacher of English in Helsinki.

Couple are medical missionaries in Zaire

PHILIP Fell (1965-72), his wife Barbara, and their two small boys, Simon and Matthew, flew to Zaire in December as medical missionaries. Mr and Mrs Fell were actively associated with Christ

He has also been involved with raising money for the Mount Everest Foundation Appeal and for mountain holidays for under-privileged children.

This present project consists of five complementary geographical studies covering the whole of the Karakoram Range of Pakistan; the greatest extent of high mountains in the world. The expedition is an integral part of the celebrations of 150 years service to international geographical studies by the Royal Geographical Society.

It is an international, interdisciplinary expedition involving scientists from China, Pakistan and Britain, who are using advanced and recently-developed technological skills for examining and solving glaciological, geomorphological, seismological, structural, geological and survey problems.

The uniqueness and raison d'être of the project are due to the collision of the Indian plate with the Asiatic plate which has caused the most chaotic state of high mountains, deep river gorges, intense earthquake activity and, for most of the year, impenetrable passes to remote areas.

The expedition covers an area from Chitral in the west, below Tirich Mir (7,690m), through to Gilgit, almost hidden in the mountain folds below Rakaposhi (7,788m) and Nanga Parbat (8,126m), to Skardu on the Indus in the east, the staging point for attempts on the world's second highest mountain K2 (8611m).

The project involves 50 scientists: 6 Chinese, 14 Pakistanis and 30 Britons, plus technicians and an administrative/transport unit, working between June and September.

The planning of this venture is

Church, Blackburn, where Philip's father, the Rev Stanley Fell was vicar before moving to Holy Trinity, Hoghton, last year. Sadly, Mr Fell died while Philip and his family were en route to Zaire.

OLD BOYS ROUND THE WORLD



invested in a Royal Geographical Society committee and has involved three reconnaissance trips to Pakistan and one to China.

Prof Miller, who is married with three daughters, served a five-year apprenticeship with Leyland Motors before going to Imperial College, London, where he gained a BSc.

He served three years at a Nigerian university before return-

ing to London University as lecturer in sciences of engineering materials.

He was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 1969 and was appointed to a lectureship in engineering materials at Cambridge. He was elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge in 1971 and was appointed Professor of mechanical engineering at Sheffield University in 1977.

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OLD BOYS AROUND THE WORLD



Twenty-nine-year-old Dr Christopher Lund is close to completing what must be one of the most unusual periods of GP training ever to be sanctioned by the Royal College of General Practitioners as suitable for membership application to the college.

He is one of only two English members of a programme set up by the United Christian Medical Service, to bring health care and education to one of the most densely populated areas in the world — Kwun Tong, east of Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The statistics are staggering. Estates of high-rise buildings house more than 1,000 people to the acre. Families of six live in single rooms measuring less than 16 feet square.

Dr Lund works at the Yau Tong Estate clinic, one of four set up to take medicine away from the hospitals and into the closely packed communities which mingle with the central area of Kwun Tong, with its population of 650,000.

Christopher Derick Lund, the elder son of the School's domestic manager, Mr Derick Lund, has been a doctor in Hong Kong for two years. He left School in 1969 entering St Andrews University, and graduated in 1974. Following pre-registration posts in Scotland, he returned to Blackburn and commenced a vocational training course for general practice with the aim of joining a practice in Blackburn. After eighteen months, first in obstetrics and gynaecology and later in accident and emergency/orthopaedics, he was offered a post in Hong Kong and has never looked back. He landed in a temperature of more than 90 degrees to find himself the only European among more than 50,000 Chinese in one of the most densely populated areas of the world. He was in charge of a very busy health centre — as indicated by the following article, reprinted from "General Practitioner" of last December.

'Yau Tong clinic was opened in 1974 and we've got 26,000 mainly Chinese patients on our books. Of these, 9,000 are school-children who are automatically assigned to the clinic through the school medical service, which pays the clinic \$30 (£3) per year per child,' explains Dr Lund.

Of the rest, some make only one appearance at the clinic for treatment of a specific complaint, while others are keen to join in one of the health programmes of regular screening and check ups for the old and young alike.

Dr Lund and the two clinical and two community nursing staff cope with between 60 and

Doctor helps poor in Hong Kong



Dr Chris Lund trained in one of the most densely populated areas in the world.

100 patients every day who can come to the clinic during office opening hours. Officially, there are no home visits but Dr Lund is prepared to go out if required during surgery hours. Last month there was a record patient attendance at the clinic with an average of 83 each day.

'It is the children who enable us to keep in touch with families and establish some kind of relationship,' says Dr Lund. Otherwise it would appear an impossible situation for establishing any kind of doctor/patient rapport.

For a registration fee of \$75 (around £7.50) a year women can take their babies for monthly weighing, physical and psychomotor screening and vaccinations. Most mothers continue attending for the first year and then lapse.

Adults may also register at the clinic and pay on a consultation basis of \$10 (£1) a time plus drugs for one week at \$3.

The United Christian Hospital serves the whole area of Kwun Tong, where close to 700,000 people live. It has been open for six years and has 580 beds which are occupied between 95 and 100 per cent of the time.

Dr Lund left Kwun Tong on January 1 and is now working for the largest and longest established group practice in Hong Kong, Dr Anderson and Partners. Under Dr Lund's direction in the last two years, the Health Centre improved markedly in facilities and services and was in December 1979 chosen as one of only two centres in Hong Kong to be used in the near future by the University Medical School of Hong Kong to train general practitioners.

Dr Lund will be maintaining contact with the Centre and the Kwun Tong Community Health Project, of which the Centre is a part.

Currently, he is responsible for three clinics in different parts of Hong Kong between which he commutes daily, caring for the staff and dependents of the famous "Star Ferry Company" and of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, where he conducts his consultations in Chinese.

Dr Lund hopes to send a "letter from Hong Kong" for a later issue.

Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening

TWELVE Old Boys and their ladies had a very pleasant evening at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate, the usual venue for the Yorkshire Branch's Ladies Evening, on May 2.

We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Mrs Johnston among a party from Blackburn who made the journey over the Pennines.

Not surprisingly, mention was made of Harry King and the great loss we have all sustained. Members of the Yorkshire Branch contributed more than £40 to the National Kidney Research Fund in memory of Harry. During the evening, it was decided to send our best wishes to Margaret, together with a plant as a token of our affection.

The following were present: Des and Rosemary Carr, Kenneth and Marjorie Ellis, Ken and Madeline Forbes, Fred and Freda Gillibrand, Philip and Cynthia Johnston, Alex and Betty McCarroll, Bob and Noreen Mayo, David and Elizabeth Riding, Peter and Dorrie Ronson, Eric and Muriel Sagar, Guy and Tanya Shuttleworth, Charles and Gloria Sloan. Next year's Ladies Evening will be held on Friday, May 1.

G. M. S.

Diary Dates

AGM — Lammack, Nov 27 at 8 p.m.

Dinner — Big School, Dec 20 at 7 p.m.

Dinner-dance — New Drop Inn, Ribchester, Sept 25 at 7 p.m.

Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening — Cairn Hotel, Harrogate, May 1, 1981.

South Manchester Branch men's evening: provisional date — Nov 21, 1981 at Bowden Hotel, Bowden, Cheshire.

Ladies Evening: Early May 1981, at same venue.

OBA Ladies Evening, New Drop Inn, Ribchester, Friday Sept 26, at 8 p.m.
Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening — Cairn Hotel, Harrogate, May 1, 1981.

37 at Oxford branch dinner

THE 1979 annual dinner of the Oxford Branch of the Association was held at the Eastgate Hotel, High Street, on Friday, November 16.

The event was organised by John Routh, supported by John Clark. After the loyal toast, proposed by Michael Kay, Mr Routh, who presided, welcomed the guests and proposed a toast to the School.

The Headmaster, in his reply, recounted the outstanding events which had occurred at School

during the year. Harry King supported the Headmaster in his expression of thanks and brought greetings from the Old Blackburnians' Association and the other branches of the Association.

Those attending were: From the university — D.J. Clark, C.J. Garratt, Philip J. Duckworth, Peter W. Duckworth, M.J. Kay, C.W. Slinger, M.A. Ryan, A.J. Aspin, N.R. Holden, P.H. Banks, A.I. Evans, M.J. Rutter, G.R. Foster, G.N. Walley, A.C. Jackson, G.T. Swift, T. Ahmad, T.J. Masterton, P.M. Bland, A.D.

Goudie, M.R. Bushere, W.J. Routh, Miss Anne M. Chippendale, Miss Jennifer E. Sutcliffe.

From Blackburn: Mr P.F. Johnston (Headmaster), E.C. Marsden (chairman of the governors), W. Hare (former chairman), Mr R. Hunter (School Bursar), E.J. Kay, F. Raby, J.S. Read and H. King.

Resident in the Oxford area: H.L. Schollick, C.P. Waring and the Rev P. Mayhew (former member of staff), and from the London Branch, J.E. Tabor and J. Haworth.

Barrel is sunk at Nell Gwyn buffet

A VERY successful informal buffet evening was held on Thursday November 29 at "Nell Gwyn's Pad", London Corinthian Sailing Club.

A barrel of Young's best bitter was bought by the committee and quickly emptied by those present — perhaps the price of 35p a pint contributed to this indulgence.

The buffet consisted of meat and potato pie, peas and pickles, followed by cheese, pickles and biscuits. Forty members and guests attended and members present were: Miss Joanna Barnes, Miss Clare Stevens and Messrs M. Stirrup, P. Price, R. Benson, S. Cocker, D. Vipond, E. Race, S. Allen, M. Dewhurst, S. Hird, H. Abel, M. Richardson, E. Norcross, P. Byrom, P. Isherwood, N. Dickinson, J. Howells, C. Brandwood, S. Matthews, P. Slater, P. Atherton, R. Whitby, J. Buckles, A. Stainton, J. Lavery, A. Sharples and P. Winterbottom.

A night enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all

MANY people have been involved with contributions and production of this magazine. The editor would like to thank them all, especially Mrs Judith Lord and the editorial committee mentioned elsewhere.

The Headmaster, Mr Philip Johnston, replied to a toast: 'The School' proposed by W.J. Routh at the Oxford Branch dinner.



Cheshire stag 'do'

THE annual "stag" party arranged by the Cheshire and South Manchester branch of the Old Blackburnian's Association was held in the executive suite at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire, on Friday, October 19.

The loyal toast was proposed by the secretary of the branch, Harold Ramsbottom, who also welcomed the guests.

The Headmaster replied on behalf of the guests and gave news of the School, referring to the academic successes and the building alterations in the office area and the masters' Common Room.

It was most gratifying to see several younger members of the Association present.

Those attending were the Headmaster, Mr Philip F. Johnston; Mr Ron Hunter, (School Bursar), and Messrs Brian Batey, Roger Bury, Fred Gillibrand (OBA treasurer), Philip Haworth, Eric Kay, Harry King, Herbert Marsden, Iain Moore, Fred Raby, Harold Ramsbottom, Henry Schollick, Peter Singleton, Roger Smethhurst, Ernest Taylor, Dr Gordon Gilmore, Dr Dennis Martin and Dr Herman Morris.

QEGS wins gala

Swimmers are tops in town



QEGS won the annual Blackburn and Darwen Schools Association swimming gala, held for boys aged 14 - 16, at Belper Street Baths in November, beating by eight points St Mary's

College who were runners up on 28 points. The champions are pictured with some of the boys wearing the smart, new, blue sweatshirts bearing the School badge and motto.



MICHAEL A. Rothwell (1959-66), has been appointed head of the systems development group at the headquarters of British Petroleum, London.

Mr Rothwell went to University College, Durham, in 1966 to read mathematics. He graduated with honours in 1969, and took up a post with BP (Chemicals), Epsom.

He later joined the headquarters staff of the parent company, British Petroleum. He lives in Dulwich.



RAYMOND Jacobs (1920-26) has been elected chairman of the North West Tourist Board which he helped found.

Mr Jacobs is a Lancashire County Councillor and a member of Blackpool Borough Council. He has lived in Blackpool since 1937 and was mayor of the resort in 1972-73. In 1974, he was made a Freeman of the City of London. He has a gifts and fancy goods business.

Jim is an official of US cricket team

CRICKETER, Jim Reid (1938-42), who emigrated to California more than 20 years ago, has returned on several occasions on various cricket tours, but last summer he was here as an official with an international cricket team.

He came as president of the American Cricket Association with the United States party for the ICC Trophy Competition, a preliminary to the World Cup Competition.

Jim's eldest son John, who was born in the USA, was a playing member of the party.



MARK Jones (1969-79) who is, paradoxically, studying English at the Swansea College of the University of Wales, turned the tables on the Celts recently when he won the class for composition in the annual eisteddfod competition between the five Welsh colleges which make up the University of Wales.

The class was titled: Song for piano and voice by any Glamorgan poet. He chose Dylan Thomas's "Lie still sleep, be calmed".

Triple success at festival

Queen Elizabeth's chamber music group carried off three major prizes, on a very successful first visit to Norwich Festival.

Anthony Murphy on flute, Ian Dobson on oboe and Edward Longstaff on piano won the first prize, the Deneburn Trophy, in the Chamber Group section.

Anthony also had two personal successes when he won the Melos Trophy for the flute instrumental solo and the Hardman Trophy for the highest mark in the festival with 92 points.

Banker retires

WILLIAM W. Prescott (1930-36) retired in July 1979 after 42 years with the Yorkshire Bank. He joined the bank in Blackburn on leaving school and after holding several managerial appointments, became the North West regional controller

First secretary

BOB Howard (1949-50), who has been secretary of the Lancashire Association of Trades Councils since 1977, has been appointed the first full-time secretary of the Northern Regional Council of the Trades Union Congress, based in Newcastle.

£2,000 fair

THE School's Christmas fair raised more than £2,000 for school funds.

Martin Dobson, the Burnley footballer who attended Horncliffe, opened the fair.

ON August 21 last year, Harry King and his wife, Margaret, set off for the "holiday of a lifetime" and an invitation to the Old Blackburnians Association branch dinner in Calgary. It was something Harry talked about all spring and summer and something

he looked forward to every day after receiving the invitation.

Mrs King has graciously allowed us to print an account of the trip to which Harry put the finishing touches only the day before his sudden death.

It's Harry, isn't it? said a chap in the Rockies

IT all began in February 1979 when we received a letter from Dr Roy Ashcroft in Trochu, Alberta, in which he wrote: "I have been asked by the Old Boys here to ask whether you and Mrs King feel up to a trip out to Canada. We would each be able to help out with accommodation.

Well, there was only one answer to that ! And so we began to make our plans — discuss dates first by airmail, then by direct telephone, visit the travel agent and, inevitably our bank manager.

Finally a period of about three weeks was agreed upon of which about two weeks would be spent with the Old Boys in Alberta and a week with a relative in Vancouver BC. We were able to arrange a flight direct from Manchester to Calgary and returning from Vancouver, which was ideal for our purpose.

The great day arrived when we left Manchester Airport at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday August 21, and, after dropping off passengers at Edmonton, we touched down at Calgary Airport at 1.50 p.m. (Calgary time) half an hour in front of schedule.

We were met by Dr Roger Maltby, organiser-in-chief of the Calgary OBA branch, accompanied by his eldest son, Roy, Dr Ashcroft and Dr Man Lomax, who lived at Fort St. John BC but has now moved south to Creston, BC.

After coffee, we set off for Trochu 90 miles north of Calgary in Roy Ashcroft's large and commodious car, accompanied by Alan Lomax who was staying overnight at the Ashcroft's, and where we were to stay for nearly a week.

The weather was hot and sunny — it didn't rain during the whole of our stay in Canada — and presently Roy Ashcroft re-

marked that "they would soon have his jacket, collar and tie off". I was dressed to match the typical "summer" weather of Lancashire ! Long before we reached Trochu, he had achieved his objective.

It is impossible to record in detail all the wonderful experiences we had on this memorable holiday. During our stay in Trochu, we enjoyed the splendid hospitality of the Ashcroft family, (Roy, Jean and the five children, Louise, Janice, Christine, Robert and Stephen). We visited a granary; were shown round Roy's impressive veterinary clinic; spent a day with Roy on his rounds over the rolling prair-

ies, attending the castration of a horse and helping with the artificial insemination of a cow; and visited a large ranch where two of the children kept their horses.

Some of the most interesting outings were to a Hutterite Brethren Colony; a beaver dam; an indoor rodeo show at Stettler, about 60 miles north of Trochu, Buffalo Canyon and the dinosaur country around Drumheller.

Among the many people we met were Mr and Mrs George Braham, neighbour of the Ashcroft's. Mr Braham is headmaster of the local school and a cousin of the late Group Captain J. R. B. (Bob) Braham an old boy of QEGS (1935-38), who was one of the foremost night-fighter pilots of the second world war and whose obituary was recorded in Magister 1974.

On Sunday August 26 we drove with Roy to the Maltby's in Calgary and later that evening the highlight (for me at any rate) of the trip took place. This was the Old Boys' Dinner at the Lake Bonavista Inn, Calgary.

What an honour and privilege it was to be there. Although I have attended countless OB gatherings — informal meetings, dinners, ladies' evenings — up and down Britain, little did I ever think I would be a guest at an Old Boys' dinner in Canada. A proud moment indeed !

Those present were Dr Roger Maltby (1948-53), Dr Roy Ashcroft (1945-52), Bob Darwent (1947-54), Dr Roger Pilkington (1950-58), Dr Alan Lomax (1949-56), and H.K. Apologies were made for Dr Ian Oates (1948-55), and John Morris (1960-67). During the evening I was the surprised recipient of a pair of moccasins and a signed photograph of the members of the Calgary Branch taken at their previous dinner, together with two souvenir plates for my wife, Margaret. After a magnificent meal (I had Alberta beef) several photographs, and animated conversation about Blackburn, and, of course, the School, the OBA, and the contemporary old boys, we reluctantly broke up, Roger Maltby taking us back to his

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The Calgary branch dinner with HK right.

Dinner 'profit' is £273



Officials and guests at the OBA dinner in December are, from the left, Mr Philip Dobson, chairman of the Old Clitheronians; Mr Ken Fish, president of the Old Marists; OBA Chairman, Supt Jim Warner (1943-48); OBA president Eric Sagar (1919-25), the guest speaker, the Rev Canon J. R. Smith, Rector and Dean of Bury; the Mayor of Blackburn, Mr Rendall Allen; the Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnston; Lancashire Education Officer, Mr A. J. Collier; and chairman of the Governors, OBA committee member, Carl Marsden (1921-31).

THE highlight of the Old Blackburnians' year, the annual dinner in Big School, continues to grow in popularity — unfortunately the accommodation does not, and this causes some embarrassment last year. About 30 people had to be put on a waiting list.

It does underline the necessity of sending off your application for tickets as soon as you receive the notice if you are not to be disappointed. All the allocations last year were taken up within a week.

One unusual and delightful sideline to the dinner last time was a profit — of £273.39. The association does not set out to make a profit and the surplus last time was due mainly to the difference in the cost of the meal charged by caterers who had to give back word and the charge by the firm which took over — 60p a head.

The football club manned the bar as usual and donated £35, in December, towards the bar fittings, making a total of £155 since the association bought its own bar three years ago.

Chief guest at the dinner was the Rev Dean J. R. Smith, Rector and Dean of Bury and vice-chairman of Bury Grammar School, and the town's football club.

This year's chief guest will be top test pilot Mr Paul Millett, DSC, OBE, first person to fly the

30 MISS OUT AS TICKETS SOLD IN A WEEK

Tornado warplane. Mr Millet, aged 48, is executive director of flight operations at British Aerospace's Warton division (See back page).

The headmaster said at the dinner he didn't want QEGS to be a private public school. "We do not need assisted places, but we welcome them for what they will mean to boys from poorer homes whose parents could not otherwise afford to send their sons and daughters to the School."

"As a free grammar school, we want to be open to everyone who is worthy of a place."

"The success of the busary appeal means the school is moving into an exciting sphere of its history. We must light the path for others to tread."

Mr Johnston was replying to a toast to the school by former head of English, Mr Peter Widens, now headmaster of a Preston school.

Mr Winders said it had often been denied that QEGS was a

privileged school but it had given him 11 very good years and had been a privilege to teach there.

There had been much shrillness and hysteria directed at the school and others of its type over

OBA committee members, John Read and Harold Burrows have stepped on to the dinner committee to replace Harry King. Mr Burrows is a former organiser of the dinner and his experience will be of great benefit.

the past few years. The school itself had no need to shout because what it did, it did extremely well.

He gave his credentials for proposing the toast as being at the school longer than many of the members present and as parent of a boy at the school — his son started in September.

There were some Old Boys

who had been at the school longer. One was Mr Ellis Metcalfe (1948-56), head of the chemistry department who proposed a toast to the guests.

They included head boy, Nick McKeown, the Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor Rendall Allen and the County Education Officer, Mr A. J. Collier as well as Canon Smith, who told the diners: "Schools like yours and mine have turned out the best minds in the country. You've received a great deal in the way of education and you have put much back into the life of your town."

QEGS was gaining a worldwide reputation as boys were being sent to the school from Beirut to Oslo, said Mr Johnston.

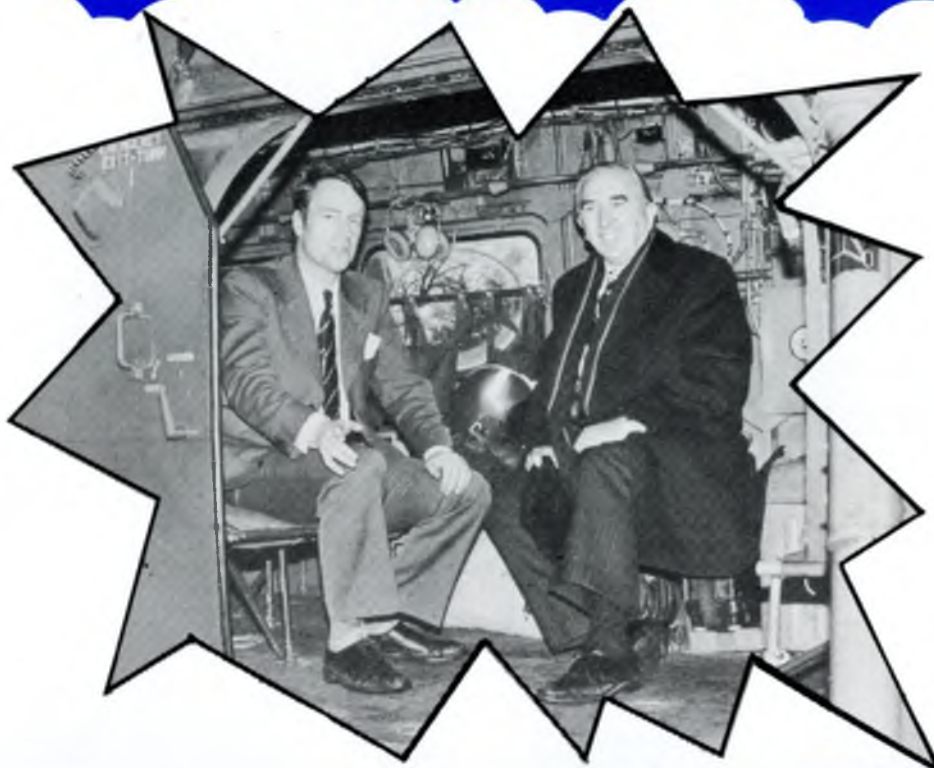
Pupils included sons of "old boys" who were living in the Transvaal, Tehran, Oslo and Beirut, he told the 200 members and guests.

One retired crofter in Rhodesia, who lived miles from anywhere had sent money towards a bursary for a boy at the school. Mr Johnston thanked the Old Blackburnian's Association for its donation towards a bursary.

Harry King, organiser of the evening, asked members to return the toast of the chairman for the evening, the OBA president, Mr Eric Sagar, in the decades they had left school.

As usual, members faced the war memorial after the chairman's address, in memory of those who had died during the year. Toastmaster was Gordon Birtwistle (1947-54).

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS!



THE Royal Naval schools' presentation team dropped in on Queen Elizabeth's in November as part of a general studies course.

A Wessex 5, piloted by Lt Croyden landed in Corporation Park, opposite School and, hitching a lift from the RAF base at Woodvale were the Headmaster Mr Philip Johnston and Blackburn's Chief Executive, Clifford Singleton (1934-39) but they stopped short of abailing down from 200ft – they left that to Lt Beardon, RM.



The Headmaster, of course, is no stranger to the air – he spent his national service in the RAF and came out as flying officer although his eyesight wasn't quite good enough to actually fly. He was Squadron Leader of the RA Volunteer Reserve in Lincoln and has several paintings of planes on his study wall.



Following the helicopter's arrival at School, sixth-form pupils attended an illustrated lecture on international affairs and the role of the navy.



QEGS Footballers have a record of which Liverpool would be proud – 42 games without defeat, the equivalent of a full First Division season for the Anfield side.

The record is even more impressive for the players have been replaced as they have left School.

The lads and their parents celebrated the two-year record from February 1978 with a dinner in Big School on April 18 at which the guest speaker was Blackburn Rovers' president and old boy, William Bancroft (1943-50).

ent and old boy, William Bancroft (1943-50).

Mr Bancroft congratulated the team on winning 37 and drawing 5 of their games.

Pictured are, from the left, back row: Stephen Schofield, Alan Holden, Ian Westney, Nick McKeown, David Brunton, Mark Taylor (sub) and Brian Hardcastle.

Front row: Andy Green, Craig Mann, Neil Murphy (capt), Martin Haworth and Philip Orrell.

SCHOOL NEWS



Pupils win 16 of 23 Peel Awards

OF the 23 Scholarships of £60 awarded by trustees of the Peel Foundation Scholarship Fund in 1979, sixteen were won by QEGS pupils. The awards are granted to students with outstanding GCE Advanced Level results. The successful QEGS pupils were: Eli Heyworth Memorial Scholarships – Peter Banks, Phillip Bland; Daniel Thwaites Memorial Scholarships – Graham Lewis, Timothy Masterton; J. E. Fielding University Scholarship – Christopher Slinger; John Lund Modern Language Scholarship – James Fowler; Peel Scholarships – Alastair Ballantyne, Nigel Brunskill, Anne Chippendale, Jane Dobson, Andrew Evans, Simon Rayner, Stephen Searby, Michael Rutter, Michael Ryan, Simon Swift.

JACK MONK MOVES TO HORNCLIFFE

Jack Monk (1948-53) is to move from head of physical education at QEGS to teach in Horncliffe from September. "I believe sports masters should have the good grace to step down and let a younger man take over when they can't keep up as they used to," said Mr Monk.

Not that Jack, whose outside interests include running a boarding kennels on Haslingden Old Road, Oswaldtwistle, has reached that position. He has simply taken the opportunity to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Jack Wade from the junior school.

He will be taking on Mr Wade's role as history tutor and will teach maths and English as form master. As well as teaching geography in main school, Jack has recently been teaching maths, so is no stranger to the academic side. The most rewarding part of Jack's new job will, he says, be teaching swimming. He obtains great satisfaction from guiding



Jack Monk

boys from their first tentative splashes to the breadth and length and all.

One thing he will regret with the move is having to relinquish his role as manager of the public Schools side, a team in which QEGS has played a large part in recent years.



Top award for Scouter

MR Stanley G. Cooke, who has been a member of the School staff since 1969, has been presented with a medal of merit for outstanding services to the Scout movement. Mr Cooke is leader of the School Scout Group. David Banks, of Preston Old Road, Blackburn, a member of QEGS scouts, received the Chief Scout Award in April.



Stanley Cooke



Dr M. A. Cantrell joins the staff in September to teach biology and replaces Michael Walker (1963-70). Dr Cantrell took his PhD in fresh water ecology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and lectured in ecology at the University of Malawi from 1975-79.

His thesis title was - 'The development of benthic fauna during filling of a new lake' and he has considerable published work, particularly concerning environmental changes in response to hydro-electric development in Malawi.

He is former head of house and captain of school rugby at St Peter's School, York, where he is well known to Guy Shuttleworth (1937-45).



The Rev Brian Underwood, MA, has joined the staff at QEGS to be head of religious education. He was assistant chaplain of Trent College, Nottingham, a boarding school, and served his title as Curate in Blackpool at Christ Church from 1959 to 1961 before becoming travelling secretary of the Pathfinders from 1964-68 and serving as Chaplain in France at Chantilly, Rouen and Le Havre.

Jack Wade retires from Horncliffe after teaching there nine years. He was educated at Accrington Grammar School and Didsbury Training College, and had a series of appointments in local schools before moving to the Junior School in May 1971.



Stephen Counsell (1962-70), who gained a BA in languages from University College, London, has been appointed head of the department at Hutton Grammar School. He had previously taught at the Latymer School, Edmon-ton, and Sutton Manor High School, Surrey.



The Headmaster, Mr Johnston, wrote a two-page article in the February edition of 'Lancashire Life' advising parents how to choose a school for their child.



The road between QEGS science block and main school linking West Park Road and Dukes Brow, is to be closed.

Blackburn highways committee saw it as a danger to pedestrians—especially the pupils!

Check if there's a branch near you

We should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, the London area and at Oxford and Cambridge. They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

Yorkshire Branch:
Mr Guy Shuttleworth,
1 St. Peter's Grove,
York.
Tel. York 0904 22450

South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch:
Mr Harold Ramsbottom,
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London Area Branch:
Mr Eric Race,
9 Willowmead Square,
Marlow, Bucks. SL7 1HP
Tel. 06284 2757



For the university branches at Oxford and Cambridge please contact Mr Eric Kay, c/o School, West Park, Blackburn, who is the liaison officer between the branches, all Old Boys, the parent association and the School.



Old Boys will also be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary. For further information, Old Boys in Canada should contact:

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Calgary,
Alberta,
CANADA T3C 3N9.

Smile please !



19 win places at Oxbridge

AS a result of last December's examinations five Open Awards were obtained and a further fourteen secured places.

The scholarships go to:
 James H. Aldred, Demyship, Magdalen College, Oxford, Mathematics. John C. Headley, Open Scholarship, University College, Oxford, Philosophy, Politics and Economics. David J. Preston, Open Scholarship, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, Mathematics. Stephen Searby, Lubbock Scholarship, Balliol College, Oxford, Engineering. Steven J. Butterworth, Exhibition, Girton College, Cambridge, Veterinary Science.

The places go to:
 Anthony J. Bate, Christ's College, Cambridge, Veterinary Science. Mark S. Frankland, Magdalene College, Cambridge, Law. Kevin A. Hayes, Merton College, Oxford, Chemistry. Robert J.

Haynes, Exeter College, Oxford, Modern Languages. Daniel J. Lindley, Robinson College, Cambridge, Geology. Shireen Peermohamed, Balliol College, Oxford, English. Martyn J. Sharples, Exeter College, Oxford, Engineering. Chris J. Sutton, Wadham College, Oxford, Mathematics. Simon T. Swift, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, Veterinary Science. John C. Chamberlain, Magdalen College, Oxford, Medicine. Michael D. Flannery, Oriol College, Oxford, Medicine. Alison Hartley, Lincoln College, Oxford, Classics. Andrew C. Jennings, Magdalen College, Oxford, Chemistry. David T. Holden, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge (conditional place), Law. R. D. Bliss, Girton College, Cambridge, Medicine.



David McDonald, aged 13, of Highfield Farm, Coppull, near Chorley, won £500 worth of books for the School library with an essay in a competition to make people less fearful of an appointment with a dentist. David was presented with the prize and £100 for himself by Jimmy Savile OBE at the General Dental Council's Great Wimpole Street HQ in December. The Headmaster, Mr Johnston and David are pictured being congratulated by the Council president, Prof Frank Stenton.

Chris moves on

Mr Christopher Oversby, biology technician at School from May 1974, left QEGS on Friday May 9 to take up a new position at Blackburn and District Childrens Homes as care officer, which involves supervising boys aged 16 to 18 in local authority care. Mr Oversby is working towards an Open University Honours Degree in Psychology. He is also a St John Ambulance first aid instructor, and has organised the Duke of Edinburgh first aid courses at QEGS for several years.

Boys' blaze rescue

TWO QEGS boys bravely helped to rescue two toddlers from a blaze at a house in Zion Road, Blackburn in April.

David Skidmore, of Sunny Bower Road, and Brian Hindle, of Bank Hey Lane South, both of Blackburn, were praised for their courage by a police spokesman and the children's father.

A fire began downstairs and severely damaged the ground floor of the house. The boys and two friends rescued the children from their beds upstairs.

Ladies Evening is a growing success down in Cheshire

THE Cheshire and South Manchester branch Ladies Evening at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire, is proving more popular than ever.

There were 38 members and their ladies at the dinner on May 16. A full list appears below. Mr Harold Ramsbottom proposed a toast to the School and the headmaster, Mr Johnston, replied.

Those present were: Mr and Mrs B. Batey, Mr I. C. and Mrs J. Batey, Mr and Mrs W. Birtwell, Dr G. R. and Mrs C. Gilmore, Mr and Mrs H. S. Liversedge, Mr J. and Mrs M. Kenyon, Dr R. and Mrs J. Ormerod, Mr E. and Mrs Taylor, Mr E. and Mrs E. M. West, Dr T. S. and Mrs K. Hindle, Mr and Mrs F. Frank, Mr H. and Mrs B. J. Ramsbottom, Mr and Mrs P. Johnston, Mr and Mrs F. Gillibrand, Mr and Mrs J. E. Sagar, Mr and Mrs K. Forbes, Mr and Mrs R. Hunter, Mr and Mrs F. Raby, Mr and Mrs E. J. Kay.

Apologies were received from: Mr F. Bamford, Mr M. T. J. Bolton, Mr H. A. Field, Mr R. D. Goldstein, Mr J. A. Mescki, Mr H. Mayhall, Mr D. M. Martin, Mr J. A. Redman, Mr J. C. Pearson, Mr R. Pearson, Mr H. L. Schollick, Mr R. W. Bury, Mr W. Holden, Mr A. Race, Mr E. Race (London Branch).

The Elizabethan Association (parent/teacher association), launched in Autumn 1978 with a series of Wine and Cheese Evenings to which all parents were invited, has been very active. Since its inauguration there has been a nearly new sale, a very successful Christmas Fair, opened by Old Boy Martin Dobson, of Burnley FC; and a May Ball held in Big School on May 9. There will be a cricket match and a barbecue/disco in July.

Derrick is appointed St. John chief



Mr Derrick G. Lund, the School's Domestic Manager, has been elected vice-chairman of Blackburn and District Community Health Council. Mr Lund, who is a Commander of St John, has recently been appointed East Lancashire Area Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Association.

George retires

GEORGE Potter (1928-33), assistant district education officer for Blackburn, retired at the end of last year after more than 46 years service in the Blackburn Education Offices. He joined the accounts department on leaving school, and except for war service, has been with the authority ever since.

A cast you all know ...



QEGS took a prominent part in Revidge Fold United Reformed Church Dramatic Society's play, "Honey Pot" in spring. Jim Grogan, left, a teacher at School, played PC Saunders, Gary Hunt, (1947-54), centre, a committee member of the OBA, was Ben, and Eric Kay (1937-43), right, senior science master at QEGS and the OBA chairman was Toby. Just to complete the picture, Gary's daughter Suzanne is on the left and OBA president Eric Sagar's wife, Muriel, is between Gary and Eric.

Change of rules at AGM

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May, no such meeting should be fixed. The secretary could always call a committee meeting if any member of the committee considered it necessary. It was agreed that the annual meeting should remain in November and it was fixed for Thursday, the 27th at School.

Roger Smith (1954-59) was thanked at the AGM in November by the chairman, Eric Kay (1937-43), for organising the very

successful dinner-dance at the Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe, in October (see page 25 for details about this year's dinner-dance). The evening actually lost £17, although the object was not to make money but to provide a good night out, which it did. The chairman also thanked members of the OBA Committee for addressing and filling envelopes — a great help to the Association.

A team of OBA members had

given a short talk in May to school-leavers, at the request of the headmaster, and this had resulted in several members being recruited. Those who attended were warmly thanked.

David Forbes, OBA secretary, agreed at the January meeting, to take over Mr King's role in collecting information from and liaising with the various branches. He would write to the various secretaries and inform them of the change and at the same time

request them to supply as much information and news as possible concerning the various activities for inclusion in Magister.

Bill Proctor (1932-40) reported that the records of the School continued to be in good order with the help and guidance of the County Archivists Department. The School had recently unearthed some plans of the original School buildings in West Park Road dating back to the 1880's

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Boost to teams but 'Blacks miss 'pots'

By STEVE TART

THE season got off to a most unfortunate start when for the first time in the history of the competition, the Old Blacks Sevens had to be cancelled because of the waterlogged state of both club's and School's pitches.

However, with many new faces at the club, hopes were high that all teams would be strengthened and competition for places would be keener than for several years leading hopefully to at least one team carrying off a trophy at the end of the season. The new players to the club this year were David Proos (who had previously been playing for Old Smithilians), Ian Johnson, Colin Wilson, Alan Ratcliffe, Guy Anderson, Mick Fenton, Andy Compton, Steve Woolley, John Ainsworth, and the only player hanging up his boots was Derek Cox, who for many years has been a stalwart of the club and we are glad to report that Derek has maintained his links and can be seen most Saturdays at Lammack.

The First XI, under the continued captaincy of Phil Sumner, had some excellent results throughout the season, but proved inconsistent particularly away from home, and consequently were never quite in the running for the league championship. They eventually finished fifth with 32 points from 30 games. The club only managed one fixture in the FA Vase, but it proved to be quite a match. They drew Wren Rovers at home in the preliminary round of the competition and after an exhilarating game in which Brian Hardcastle was outstanding, the Old Blacks finally went down 4-3 to a goal in the very last minute of extra time having fought on for nearly half an hour with only ten men when Phil Sumner had had to leave the field after

PHIL WINS TWO AWARDS

A notable feature of the club's affairs has been the success of the First XI captain, Phil Sumner, in being awarded both the club awards, Clubman of the Year, for his contribution to the general running of the club, and Player of the Year for his playing ability and work on the ground. It is the first time these two awards have gone to the same person.

Congratulations Phil.



sustaining a broken nose. In the Lancashire Amateur Cup, the club was eventually beaten in the third round by Whalley Range 2-1 in another exciting game.

The club's most successful side was the Second XI, this year captained by Dian Partington. They played open attractive football throughout the season scoring 87 goals in 30 games, but they were, in the end, unable to overhaul Broughton Amateurs

and had to settle for second place.

The third team had a disastrous start to the season taking only one point from the first seven games, but things improved considerably and they finished in mid-table after knitting themselves into a very good side indeed. After a promising start, the fourth team faltered somewhat later in the season and slipped down the league finishing with only six victories.

HOW THEY FINISHED

	Pl.	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1st XI	30	13	6	11	46	46	32
2nd XI	30	20	4	6	87	36	44
3rd XI	26	10	3	13	54	59	23
4th XI	26	6	4	11	44	70	16

Medical chief retires

DR John K. Brown (1927-35), a Blackburn senior clinical medical officer, retired in July last year. Dr Brown qualified at Manchester University School of Medicine. He became a principal in the re-organised Health Service in 1948, and was a member of the planning team that helped to build the Larkhill and Montague Health Centres, in Blackburn. He is a founder and vice-president of the International Friendship Association, an organ-

isation formed more than 20 years ago to help to integrate foreign students into the community. He is also chairman of Blackburn Philatelic Society and Blackburn Naturalist Club, and is an authority on botanical plants.



NORMAN B. Boderke (1932-36) has retired as assistant executive engineer for the Blackburn telephone area.

GOLF

Tourney switched after washout

THE annual OBA golf competition was severely affected by a terrific thunderstorm on June 5 at the Blackburn Club.

Three members, David Forbes, secretary, Peter Hobkirk and committee member, Ray Smith, set off but only managed to complete three holes before the heavens opened. The Blackburn course, with its clay, is well known for waterlogging and, following torrential rain, was closed at 4.30 pm.

A new date was arranged and, although numbers of competitors are never known until the end of the day, it would seem the rain and rearranged date helped to cut the field from the average 30 players to the 21 who took part on June 19.

The competition was played eventually in high winds and Peter D. Haydock won the Judge Walmersley Cup with 90-20-70 on his home course. Runner-up was another Blackburn player, David Smith, with 87-16-71.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score was won again by Gary Readett with a gross 79.



GOLFER, Eric Holden (1952-59), was the winner of the first national finals of the ERF Trail Blazer Golf Classic played at the Belfry, Birmingham. Eric is managing director of Wilfrid Holden Distributors, Blackburn. He received his prize, a blue blazer, from Mr Peter Foden, chairman and managing director of ERF, which sponsored the tournament for distributors and operators of their heavy trucks.

Mr Boderke joined the Post Office on leaving school and trained at Pleasington. He worked as a technical officer at the old Blackburn Exchange, Darwen Street, and was later in charge of exchanges at Wilpshire, Mellor and Ribchester.

During the second world war, he saw active service in France and India. He has been in his present post for 11 years prior to his retirement.

Hat-trick for first aiders

QEGS Scout first aiders have done it again! The first aiders led by School Domestic manager, Mr Derrick Lund, have won the John Rowntree First-Aid Shield for the third year running.

The victory meant they qualified for a crack at a unique treble, the East Lancashire Shield, which they have held for the last two years. Unfortunately, two of the team were ill just before the competition and a weakened team couldn't hold on to the trophy.

The competition for the John Rowntree Shield took place at Red Cross headquarters, Blackburn, and consisted of a team test and four individual tests.

The injuries dealt with included burns to the hand, a fractured right leg and an unconscious patient.

The QEGS team is pictured with the trophy. From left to right: Andrew McIlroy, 14, David Berry, 13, David Ibbotson, 17, Clive Maudsley, 13, Mr Derrick Lund, and Neil Ogden, 13.



More room for staff at School

THE School had a new Staff Common Room opened in January.

The old Headmaster's House, at the front of School, with its Victorian bedrooms, has now been submerged into oblivion with a light, airy room, proper facilities for ladies as well as gentlemen, and some very comfortable chairs and living accommodation for what will shortly be an academic staff of 70.



MR Alan Jackson, senior modern languages master at School, was the leader of the 20th Thwaites (Blackburn) Travel Scholarship taken last summer. The party of students, which included David Holden of QEGS, went to Czechoslovakia for a three-week educational tour.

Vicar of Chatburn retires

THE Rev Norman Maddock (1923-31) retired last summer after 40 years in the ministry of the Church of England. He was Vicar of Chatburn.

He was ordained in Blackburn Cathedral in 1939, and served his first curacy at St James' Church, Chorley, and was Vicar of Entwistle, Holy Trinity, Rusholme and St Thomas', Blackpool, becoming Vicar of Chatburn in 1969.

He and his wife, Marjorie, now live at the Parsonage, Priest Hutton, Warton, near Carnforth. Mr Maddock is an honorary assistant priest and takes services in the local churches.

His father, the late Rev John Maddock, was the first Vicar of the Church of the Saviour, Blackburn, and a well-known football referee.

Speech Day guest

THIS year's Speech Day guest on December 17 in King George's Hall will be Mr P.W. Cunliffe CBE, MA, Chairman of ICI Pharmaceuticals, Alderly Edge, Cheshire. Old Boys are welcome to attend. Apply to Association chairman, Eric Kay at School.

obituaries

A former Governor of QEGS, Mr Lawrence Edwards, who was Mayor of Blackburn in 1965-66, died in hospital earlier this year, aged 72.



Peter John Smith (1968-76) died in a motorcycle accident on April 10. His family formerly lived in Feniscowles, Blackburn, but moved to Bolton-le-Sands.

Peter went to Salford University.



The death occurred on March 3 of Mr Ronald Lincoln Stead, of Whinney Lane, Blackburn, a member of the Old Blackburnians Association, who attended School in the 1920's.

Mr Stead, for many years prior to his retirement, owned a sweets and tobacconist shop/cafe at Sudell Cross. He leaves a widow, Mrs Grace Maud Stead.

Display plan for school records

Continued from page 18 which had revealed one or two interesting features and in particular that the Headmaster's study has been in the same place since the School was originally built. It was hoped eventually some of the School's record could be on permanent display.

All the officers and committee were re-elected en bloc, namely, President — Eric Sagar; Chairman — Jim Warner; Vice-chairman — Eric Kay; Secretary — David Forbes; Treasurer — Fred Gillibrand; Auditors — Messrs W.

Hare and R.B. Holden; Committee — Messrs J. Birtwistle, H. Burrows, J.F. Duckworth, W.K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E.G. Hunt, H. Isherwood, N. Jepson, H. King, E.C. Marsden, I.D. Newton, K.V. Newton, P.T. Pearson, W.H. Proctor, J.S. Read, T. Riley, R. Smethurst, R. Smith, R.B. Smith, W.E.T. Walsh and K. Weightman, Ex-officio — Mr P.F. Johnston (Headmaster), Mr S.H. Tart (Chairman of the Football Club).

It was resolved that subscriptions remain the same.

The committee considered the OBA's powers of investment which resulted in the following change of rules, passed at the January meeting:

Rule 6 (d), third line: delete "such" and substitute "any". Fifth line: delete "such" and "or in such trustee savings bank as it may determine" and substitute "or by way of loan to the governing body of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School or by way of loan or gift to Queen Elizabeth's School Development Trust Fund".

QEGS master taught present head

A NEW Master's Common Room has been opened at QEGS. It has been created from the third-form classrooms at the head of the stairs running up from the south entrance hall. It will provide much more room and is already a hit with the staff — who now number 70.

This news contrasts sharply with the scene

WHAT is special about the 1921-23 C.R.? The 1914-1918 war left QEGS, in common with many schools, in a ragged state staffwise. For one thing, the headmaster, Mr G. A. Stocks, who wrote the School's Cantilena, had ended his 16-year reign. This ill wind actually blew good, for the zeal for the school of his successor, Arthur Holden, did much over the next 28 years to put QEGS on the map.

Lower down, things were less easy, and it needed 20 changes in a staff of average strength of only 20, to produce, over the following three years, the relatively stable team which assembled in September 1921, and formed Common Room 1921-23.

For the sake of those OBs antique enough to be still interested, I give the names of that team, figures in brackets being the years of service, P.C. Northam, (1909-1935), S. Stevenson, (1910-48), E. Towle, (1907-46), W.R. Elliott, (1919-47), A. Montagnon, (1919-24), W.E. Thomas, (1919-28), J.S. Wain, (1919-24), T. Turnbull, (1919-39), Rev J.T. Jenkins, (1920-32), J.R. Lewis, (1920-23), G.C. Lewney, (1920-58), Miss Ormay, (1920-23), C.E. Sterry, (1920-38), Rev J. Strain, (1920-33), H.A. Field, (1921-23), T.C. Partington, (1921-54), F. Shaw, (1921-27), T. Shaw, (1921-59), F. Whitehouse, (1921-27), B.C. Wilderspin, (1921-45), Miss Dunbar, (1921-27), Miss Christian, (1921-58). See page 4.

Even with only 19 men, (the three ladies had a separate sanctum), the C.R. was crowded, and we seemed to spend most of our time standing up. When only the fortunate few who had a free period were present, I suppose we sat, but I cannot definitely recall doing so, nor what there was to sit on. Despite its dinginess, however, the room was a friendly one, and I owe much for the kindness, hospitalities and friendships that came my way.

If space permitted I could pen picture every colleague, but space does not permit, and I must be selective and brief.

There was the burley chemist, Turnbull, who, on pre-prayer assembly duty, could hold the whole gathering in absolute silence and absolute stillness by, it seemed, eye-power alone. Percy Northam, always immaculate in light-grey suiting, was a caustic but paternal in-form master. He ranked cleanliness at least equal with godliness, and insisted that every boy should have soap and nailbrush in his desk. The kindly but over-voluble Sterry, physics, was so verbose and circuitous that he rarely managed to finalise his answers to any questions.

The senior English master was a Welshman, the fluent and lively W. E. Thomas, and A. Montagnon, senior maths, was possibly the best all-round schoolmaster of us all. The second master, E. Towle, was quiet and self-effacing, but was respected by all for complete dependability.

in 1921 — the start of a purple period for the School, and one which now seems appropriate for former chemistry teacher Mr H. A. Field to recall. Mr Field went on to Manchester Grammar School, where he taught QEGS present headmaster, Mr Philip Johnston, chemistry and lacrosse. Mr Field writes:

"The death last summer of the faithful

Tommy Shaw, who taught at QEGS 1921-59, left only one survivor of the 1921-23 Common Room — myself. The late Harry King, only a few days before his own sudden death, asked me if I would write for 'Magister' a few recollections of the C.R. and, as far as an octogenarian memory permits, I obviously must try."

1921 — a vintage year for School

There was the cheery G. C. Lewney, maths, who had perfected the thumb and finger flick of chalk pieces with which he scored bull's eyes on the inattentive. The smallest of us, B. C. Wilderspin, had the most cutting tongue. He was geographer, and forms came to him rather than he to them. At period changeover, the ingoing form, lined up silent and tense, would whisper to the chastened-looking outgoers: 'What'e he like?', and, as often as not, the reply, also whispered, would be: "Awful!". So much, but not enough, in praise of famous men.

The latest 'Blackburnian' records a most impressive list of

successful out-of school activities, the sort which must have called for much devoted involvement on the part of staff. In 1921-23, strange as it may seem, and good though the staff was, there was practically nothing of this, and, with the exception of the breezy Roger Elliott, who was linked with the soccer, I can recall no man then linked with anything outside his teaching.

Soccer must have been good, (for this period produced the Corinthian W. T. Whewell), and cricket, with help from the East Lincs club next door, was certainly average.

Frank Whitehouse, (killed on ARP duty in Wallasey, 1941),

filled a vacuum in mid-school soccer by starting and running a successful third-form league, and I initiated cross-country running, for which the country beyond Revidge and Billinge, with the help of judicious trespassing, was nearly ideal.

A spin-off from the cross country was a school steeplechase in the spring, from Lammack to Lammack via the fields beyond Mellor. Such things need lasting supervision, however, and after 1923 this enterprise wilted and died.

How cheering then to read of the abundant and flourishing present-day activities, and how many schools, one wonders, include caving in their repertoires!



John arranges opera

JOHN Longstaff (1971-78), son of Mr T. J. Longstaff, director of music at School, spent a large part of his time between leaving school at Christmas 1978 and going to university last October, commuting between Blackburn and Leeds where he played a prominent part in a performance of a Monteverdi opera.

He arranged the opera and played the harpsichord and chamber organ. He also played

the chamber organ in last year's performance of Bach's Mass in B Minor by the John Bertalot Singers in King George's Hall, Blackburn.

John, who is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, has just completed his first year as an Organ Scholar at Girton College, Cambridge. He is one of the first 50 male undergraduates at this, hitherto, all-women's college.

A real Lancs welcome at London dinner

THE annual dinner and annual meeting of the London branch was held on Friday March 7 at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London.

Forty one people journeyed into central London, which gave them a typical Lancashire welcome — cold, wet and miserable. Joining us from sunny Blackburn were Mr and Mrs Philip Johnston, Mr Eric Ray and Mr Harold Burrows. Half way through the evening Mr David Ramm unexpectedly arrived and was made most welcome.

Grace was said by Mr Scott Allen, followed by a silent tribute to Harry King. The meal comprised hors d'hourves, Longe de Porc Rotie a l'Anglaise, Haricot Fins, Pommés Rissolée, Crepe de Fruits aux Mandarine Napoleans, Cafe.

Mr Scott Allen, the chairman, proposed the Loyal Toast. The toast to the School and guests was eloquently proposed, sometimes in Latin, by the life President, London Branch, Mr Ray Vipond. Mr Philip Johnston replied on behalf of the guests and gave us a resume of the school's year.

Mr Eric Kay gave us the comings and goings at the parent branch.

After the speeches, came the AGM. The officers still had one year to run, Chairman: Mr Scott Allen, treasurer: Mr Denis Vipond, secretary: Mr Eric Race.

Three members have retired from the committee and our thanks go to Gordon Smith, Roger Duckworth and George Cummins. Messrs Sandy Hird, John Buckles and Peter Slater have been elected to fill the vacancies.

Members present were Messrs Ray Vipond, Gordon Smith, Denis Vipond, Gordon Parkinson, Scott Allen, Eric Norcross, Sandy Hird, Eric Race, Michael Stirrup, Roger Byrom, Chris Brandwood, Godfrey Charnley, Andrew Dick, Neil Dickinson, Nigel Kemp, Stewart Matthews, Paul McKintosh, Philip Parkinson, Mark Richardson, Andrew Stainton, Peter Slater and Wayne Winder.

For information regarding the Branches activities please contact Mr Eric Race, 9, Willowmead Square, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1HP. Tel. Marlow (06284) 2757.



Russell Harty (1946-54) returned to Blackburn in February to tell Round Tablers of Blackburn Greys about his experiences behind the scenes in radio and television. Our picture shows him helping out back on the family's market stall. Round Table spokesman, Brian Snape said Russell was a natural choice for guest speaker at the charter dinner because so many of the members are old boys and knew Russ at School.

Once again may I appeal through the columns of Magister to all you Old Blackburnians who are still wayward in reviewing their subscriptions to the present day levels.

Following my article in the last edition may I express my thanks to those of you who took notice and acted. By your action 40 or so more members now pay the current rates. Unfortunately there are many more than this number still requiring to be uplifted. The process of appealing to individual members has begun and if no response is forthcoming communication through the School will easily and unnecessarily be lost.

As is reported elsewhere, in detail, the sudden loss of Harry King, his knowledge and connections over so many years is a big blow to the committee but nevertheless all members are attempting to do that bit extra so that the 'quality' of the Association will continue in, we hope, every way. You as members throughout the world can do your part by continuing your contact through the Association to individual members of the committee or through the School direct.

Fred Gillibrand
OBA Treasurer

HARRY KING'S CANADA TRIP (cont)

home in Calgary where we were guests for the next ten days.

Roger had arranged to take a week's holiday during our stay and he and his family—Margaret and the three boys, (Roy, Martin and Sam)—like the Ashcroft's, gave us a wonderful time.

We spent a day in Heritage Park, Calgary, where the history of the region is preserved; we had breakfast in the revolving restaurant at the top of the Calgary Tower (similar to the London Post Office Tower); spent one evening with the Darwents (Bob, Meena and the three children Natalie, Alison and Robert); visited a family of Vietnamese 'Boat People', 12 of them sponsored by the Maltby's, and who, until we arrived, had been staying at the Maltby's since they arrived in Canada in the middle of July. We also visited and had lunch with Mrs Dessa Macklin, widow of Hugh Macklin (1907-09), a founder member of the Calgary OBA branch and whose obituary

was printed in Magister in 1978.

While in a shop in Calgary, we were very surprised to run into Walter H. Wilkinson, (1922-27), a contemporary, who was also on holiday in Canada.

On Friday August 31, Roger took us up to Banff National Park, the Rockies and Lake Louise, where we stayed the night —the Maltby children had re-started school after the summer holiday and so Margaret was unable to accompany us. This was a breath-taking experience, the mountains, the lakes, the rivers, the waterfalls left us with indelible memories.

We then spent two days, — Sunday and Monday, as guests of Dr Roger and Carol Pilkington at their delightful home 15 mile across Calgary from the Maltby's. Monday was a national holiday in Canada so Roger and Carol were able to take us a most enjoyable drive among the foothills of the Rockies, together with a look round Calgary University Campus.

Our stay in Alberta was nearing its end and on Tuesday September 4, we embarked on the trans-Canada railway en-route for Vancouver. Roger Maltby, who was now back at work but contrived to get to the station, and his wife Margaret saw us off at 4.15 p.m. on an overnight 20-hour journey which took us through the Rocky Mountains and scenery indescribably impressive, to Vancouver to spend our final week in Canada with relatives and where quite unexpected we met people from home once more — Mrs Yates, a former canteen supervisor at QEGS and her husband — in a Vancouver park!

A truly memorable holiday came to an end when we flew out from Vancouver at 9 p.m. on Wednesday September 12, arriving at Liverpool (Manchester airport was strikebound) non-stop at 1.35 p.m., our time, on Thursday.

Old Boys of Calgary — thank you for everything.

This is to
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That

John J. Howarth
Principal of Lloyds Bank Staff Training College, Kingswood, Surrey.
Appointed teacher of English in Helsinki.

Degrees and things

NEWS IN BRIEF

ELIZABETH Wade, the first girl to attend Queen Elizabeth's, was among 52 former pupils who gained degrees over the year.

Elizabeth went to QEGS from Witton Park and gained a BA degree in Geography from Girton College, Cambridge.

J.D. Ainsworth (1968-78), Graduated B.Sc., Computing Science, Sheffield City Polytechnic. Appointed Analyst Programmer, British Leyland.

G.D. Ashfield (1969-76), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. History and Sociology, Lancaster University.

K.G. Bagot (1970-76), Graduated LL.B. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Sheffield University.

M.I. Barcroft (1968-75), Graduated B. Tech., Civil and Structural Engineering, Bradford University. Appointed graduate engineer with Gleeson Civil Engineering Ltd.

Dr. D.N. Bateman (1956-66), Awarded M.D., Royal Postgraduate Medical Hospital, London. Appointed Senior Registrar in Clinical Pharmacology and Medicine, Newcastle Area Health Authority.

IVOR Bolton, FRCO, LRAM, LLCM, (1969-76) graduated BA Honours Music at Clare College, Cambridge. He also passed the (CHM) Choir-Training Diploma examination at the Royal College of Organists, London, and was appointed assistant conductor of the Cambridge University Orchestra for 1979-80. Now director of music, St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Lincoln.

P.J. Brogden (1965-75), Awarded Higher National Diploma in Chemistry and G.R.I.C., Preston Polytechnic.

Gerald Brooks (1942-49) is sixth form director of studies at The Wulfric School, Burton-on-Trent.

J.D. Brookes, M.A. (1966-73), Qualified M.B., B.Chir., Downing College, Cambridge University. Appointed House Surgeon at Plymouth.

R.B. Brookes (1966-75), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed trainee accountant with Coopers and Lybrand, London.

G.C. Brown (1967-74), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting, Preston Polytechnic. Appointed trainee accountant, County Hall, Preston.

J.C. Buckles (1969-76), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Physiology, Bedford College, London University.

P. Burton (1966-72), Graduated B.A., Hons. Music, Liverpool University.

M.R. Bury (1969-76), Graduated B.Sc., Hons. Chemistry, Leeds University. Awarded Association Football Colours, Leeds University. Appointed to a post in production management.

A. Clarke (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Textile Technology, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

M.V. Clegg (1969-75), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. German and Russian, Reading University.

S.A. Cole (1966-76), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Drama, Manchester University. Appointed deputy publicity director, Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester.



Alan C. Dyson, BA (1962-72) has qualified as an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He works in London and formerly lived in Preston New Road, Blackburn.

K.C. Collis (1969-75), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. English, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed teacher of English in Helsinki.

R.G. Cooper (1969-76), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Agriculture, Reading University.

A.D. Cronshaw (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Microbiology, Dundee University.

M.R. Cross (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Agricultural Zoology, Newcastle University.

P.S. Crozier L.R.A.M., (1972-76), Graduated B. Mus., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Music and awarded the Glynne Jones Prize for Organ, University College, Cardiff.

J.S. Dick (1964-74), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Social Science, Manchester Polytechnic. Appointed trainee manager, Sainsbury's Doncaster.

P. Dorricott (1969-74), Graduated B. Com., Hons. Business Studies and Accountancy, Edinburgh University.

P.W. Duckworth (1969-75), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford University.

O.M. Evans (1964-74), Graduated LL.B., Class 3, Hons. Law, Brunel University.

P.A. Greenhalgh (1970-76), Graduated B. Mus., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Music and awarded the Mor Fydd Owen Music Prize, University College, Cardiff.

J. Hargreaves (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Building Management and Technology, Salford University. Appointed engineer, Sir Alfred McAlpine & Son Ltd.

E.J. Hawkes, B.A., (1968-74), Awarded post-graduate Certificate of Education, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed assistant master in Mathematics, Gresham School, Holt.

C.R. Haworth (1958-66), Appointed assistant chemist, C.E.G.B., Dungeness 'A' Power Station.

P. Haworth (1970-76), Graduated B.Sc., Medical Science, St. Andrews University.

B. Henderson (1972-75), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Business Studies, Preston Polytechnic. Appointed trainee manager, Shorrock's Developments, Ltd., Blackburn.

I. Holden, B.Sc., (1965-72), Awarded Ph.D., Organic Chemistry, Nottingham University.

JOHN J. Howarth (1945-50) has been appointed principal of Lloyds Bank Staff Training College, Kingswood, Surrey. Mr Howarth, who is a former captain of the Old Blackburnians' FC, joined the bank in Blackburn in 1950, and has since worked in Huddersfield and London. Prior to his new appointment, he was assistant regional manager of the bank's South-east region.

A.C. Jackson (1968-74), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Chemistry, Magdalen College, Oxford University.

John Leston (1969-71) has been elected national chairman of the Young Liberals.

John was agent for Frank Beetham the Liberal Party candidate for Blackburn in the 1974 General Election and spent 12 months as youth organiser for the party after coming down from Oxford. He is married and is now working in London.

N. Longman (1968-75), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Business Studies, Liverpool Polytechnic.



R.G. Lund, A.I.B. (1961-68), Awarded diploma of Institute of Bankers.

Andrew Ian MacIntosh (1966-73) has qualified as an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants on passing Part II of the institute's professional examination.

Mr MacIntosh who is with a London firm of accountants is a graduate of the London School of Economics.

D.N. Molyneux (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Agricultural and Environmental Science, Newcastle University.

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Wedding Bells



Mick Walker (1963-70) married Miss Jean Chippendale, a PE teacher, at Salesbury Church last summer. They honeymooned in Greece. Mick, who left Manchester Grammar School to teach biology at QEGS, has taken over a cycle business in Great Harwood — take note all you bicycle enthusiasts. The couple live in Bank Hey, Blackburn.



Dr Keith Charnley (1958-68), was married last September to Miss C. Brown, B Sc, at Bath.



Michael W. Barton (1968-74) was married last October to Miss Gail Suzanne Bancroft at St Silas' Church, Blackburn. Miss Bancroft's father is an Old Boy and a Governor of the School. Mr Barton, an honours graduate of Cardiff University, is a chartered accountant. The couple live in London.



Philip S. L. Isherwood (1974-76) was married to Miss Susan Shaw in January at St Peter's Church, Salesbury, Blackburn. Miss Shaw is the younger daughter of Mrs Branda Shaw and the late Mr Denis Shaw, who was senior biology master and careers master at QEGS. The best man was Philip N. Haworth (1969-76).



Captain Ian I. McMahon, B Sc, (1966-73) was married last July to Miss A.E. Baker at Fordham, Suffolk.

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Eric John Tomlinson (1968-74), eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Tomlinson, of Balmoral Road, Accrington, married Miss Jill Donovan of Altham, above, at St James Parish Church, Accrington, in February. Eric's brother Michael was best man. A reception was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Barrow. The couple honeymooned in London and live in Cardiff, where Eric is working on the development of carbonless copy paper for Wiggins Teape. Picture by J. G. Farnworth, Darwen.

SUCCESSSES IN SHORT

QEGS had more open awards in 1978 at Oxford and Cambridge than Harrow, Bolton (Boys' Division) or Sedburgh! —and an all time record of 311 applicants for this year's limited number of places to Main School.

P.J. Mitchell, M.A., M.Sc., D.Phil. (1960-67), Appointed head of Mathematics, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

G.W. Officer (1933-39) has been appointed to the board of Dick Bearings, Britain's largest stockists and distributors of power and transmission equipment. He joined the firm in 1951 and has been company secretary for the last 20 years. He served with the RAF during the war. He is married with two sons and lives at Feniscowles.

D.J. Oldcorn (1970-76), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Latin, Bristol University. Appointed Library Assistant, Manchester University Business School.

Keith Orrel (1971-78) of Bank Hey Lane South, Blackburn, has gained the Associate of the Royal College of Organists. He is also an Associate and a Licentiate for piano playing of the London College of Music.

R.M. Parkinson (1969-75), Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Mathematics, St. John's College, Oxford University. Appointed student accountant, Deloitte, Harkins & Sells, London.

B. Partington (1969-76), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, Liverpool University. Appointed distribution management trainee, Tankfreight Ltd.

R. Partington (1970-77), Appointed a junior executive with the Littlewood organisation.

JOHN Pittard, who graduated B. Tech in Industrial Technology and Management at Bradford University last year, is now the sole proprietor of John Prittard, Industrial Cleaners. He was at QEGS from 1967-74.

C. Robinson (1970-76), Graduated B.Sc., First Class Hons. Pharmacology, Kings College, London University.

RAYMOND Robinson (1937-42) retired in May as President of the National Association of Funeral Directors. He was elected last year at the annual conference in Bournemouth. He was president of the North Western Area Federation some years ago and has been a member of the National Board of Examiners for the last ten years.

Swimmer sets new record

Nicholas Hodgson, a pupil at QEGS, while swimming for England at Copenhagen on Feb 2 in a triangular match between Denmark, Norway and England, won the 200 m butterfly in a **NEW BRITISH JUNIOR RECORD TIME OF 2m. 8.7 secs, knocking 2.5 seconds off the previous record.**

QEGS staff were so delighted with Nick's success, they presented a special commemorative tribute to him at the school's annual swimming gala at Belper Street baths on Thursday Feb 14.

J. MICHAEL Rowe (1963-70) has been awarded his Ph D by Liverpool Polytechnic for research on cereal pest. Dr Rowe, who is a life member of the Association is currently researching at ABM Chemicals, Stockport, on a liquid protein food for cystic fibrosis.

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A SECOND Ladies Evening has been arranged for the OBA following last year's successful night at the Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe. As last time, OBA committee member, Roger Smith has organised what looks like being another hit. This time the date has been brought forward to Friday, September 26, and the venue is the Newdrop Inn, Ribchester. Tickets are £7.50 and may be obtained from Roger by filling in the enclosed form. The meal is arranged for 8pm and there will be dancing until 1am.

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MORE SUCCESSES

D.J. Saul (1969-76), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Genetics, Sheffield University.

P.J. Scrambler (1968-77), Graduated B.Sc., First Class Hons. Medical Biochemistry, Manchester University.

C.G. Schoffield (1969-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Civil Engineering, Leeds University. Appointed site engineer with French Kier Construction, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

A.J. Sheldon, M.Sc. (1949-58), Awarded Ph.D., Birmingham University.

I.J. Smith (1969-76), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Nottingham University.

NORMAN Snape (1939-44) has been appointed deputy regional director of National Westminster Bank's North region. He joined the bank in 1944 on leaving school, and since, his career has taken him to various parts of the country. He was assistant area manager in the Inner Merseyside and City of London areas before being manager of Cornhill and Prescott's office in the City of London. Since 1977, he has been chief manager, planning and marketing, of the domestic banking division of NatWest.



THE Association congratulates **William E. Woolley** (1912-15), chairman of Cupal, Blackburn, and his wife Marion, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last August. Mr Woolley was a governor of School from 1962-78, and is a former chairman of Blackburn Borough Magistrates.

He served on Blackburn District Hospital Management

N.A. Summersgill (1969-76), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting and Finance, Manchester Polytechnic. Appointed to a post in industrial management with W. Holt Ltd., Rochdale.

E.J. Tomlinson (1968-74), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Chemistry, Merton College, Oxford University. Appointed graduate trainee, Wiggins Teape Ltd.

D.A. Verity, LL.B. (1965-74), Passed the Law Society Part 2, qualifying examinations.

M.J. Walmsley (1967-76), Graduated B.Ed., St. Martin's College, Lancaster and Manchester University.

R.J. Whitby (1967-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Agricultural Marketing, Newcastle University.

P. Winterbottom (1969-76), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Oriel College, Oxford University. Appointed to a post with Benton and Bowles Ltd., a London advertising agency.

R.D.R. Wright (1967-76), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Chemistry, East Anglia University.

T.J. Wright (1969-76), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Engineering Production, Birmingham University. Appointed to a post with A.P.E. Allen, Bedford.

Committee from 1952-74. He was National Liberal MP for Spenn Valley from 1940-45 and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Health.

He was made Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire in 1976, and was awarded the CBE in the 1974 New Year's Honours List.

Our picture shows Mr and Mrs Woolley at the presentation.

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HEAD WINS U.S. AWARD

THE headmaster, Mr Johnston, has been named this year's winner of the prestigious Headmasters' Conference Page Scholarship to the United States.

The Page Scholarships, funded by the English-Speaking Union perpetuate the memory of Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador

in London during the first world war. They enable academic staff from all spheres of education to travel in North America, comparing schools and colleges, and enriching contact between the two countries.

Mr Johnston, who has been headmaster for 2½ years, was formerly

head of Boston Grammar School, Lincolnshire for eight years, and hopes to visit Boston, Massachusetts, where there are strong historical links with his former medieval Grammar School, and independent schools in New England.

He wishes to travel extensively, viewing the

working of the voucher scheme in California, by which parents are given educational vouchers to 'spend' on their children's private or state education, and also to examine the bussing problems in Louisiana in the Deep South. Mr Johnston will be away for about six weeks early next year.



Former test pilot to be guest at dinner



MR Paul Millett, OBE, DSC, executive director (flight operations) at British Aerospace, aircraft group, Warton division, has accepted an invitation to be guest speaker at the annual dinner in Big School on Dec 20.

Mr Paul Millett, 49, was educated at the Commonwealth Grammar School, Swindon. After leaving school, he worked at the Royal Military College of Science, then in 1949, joined the Royal Navy and underwent sea training and flying instruction.

He flew from aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean and in 1952-53, was based in Korea.

After 175 operational sorties, Mr Millett was awarded the DSC.

He amassed 6,500 flying hours in more than 100 different types of aircraft, from

at dinner

helicopters to 'V' bombers, and played an important part in the flight test programmes of the Anglo/French Jaguar.

He was a project pilot at RAE Bedford on the Handley Page HP 115 slender delta research aircraft, the Bristol T188 stainless steel high-speed research aircraft, and the Short SB5 high sweepback research aircraft.

He took part in the initial deck-landing trials of the Wasp helicopter on HMS Nubian. He was awarded the Queen's Commendation for valuable services in the air. During this period, he spent three weeks at USAF Flight Test Centre, Edwards Air Force Base working and flying with American test pilots, including Neil Armstrong of moon-landing fame.

Mr Millett left the Royal Navy in 1965 as Lieutenant Commander and joined Hawker Siddeley Aviation at Brough, Yorkshire to test-fly Buccaneer aircraft.

He joined BAC Preston Division in 1968 as senior experimental test pilot. He was appointed chief test pilot of Preston Division in 1970.

He piloted the first prototype of the Panavia Tornado on its maiden flight in Germany and has since played a leading part in the flight development of this aircraft, including making the first flight to Mach 2.

He was awarded the OBE in 1976 and was appointed to his present position in 1978.

Mr Millett lives with his wife and two daughters in Barker Lane, Mellor.

Head boy will study in States

The head boy at Queen Elizabeth's has been awarded a scholarship for study in America in the next academic year, after he completes his A-levels this summer.

Upon the recom-

mendation of the Archdeacon of Blackburn, the Venerable C.D. Carroll, Nicholas McKeown, of Holly Tree Close, Darwen, has been selected to study at Chowan College,

Murfreesboro, North Carolina for a year, jointly sponsored by Chowan College, and Rotarians of District 771 in North America.

Nick's father is a

prominent Rotarian in the Blackburn Borough Club, and Nick, captain of the School's triumphant first XI soccer team, hopes to continue his studies in physical education.

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Assisted places at QEGS

THE School Governors, after consultation with the headmaster and staff, gave a cautious welcome to this new scheme, designed to attract able boys (and Sixth-form girls) into the school from back-grounds where fee-paying might present insurmountable problems. The difficulties of the scheme (with the weight of administration falling entirely upon the school) are outweighed by its merits: unlike the former Direct Grant system, the criteria for selection is personal to the headmaster (and clearly here is an academic selection procedure)

and financial considerations are strictly tied to a means test. (The old D.G. system could rightly be said to favour the middle-class, and — as I said on Radio Blackburn in welcoming the scheme, applicants need to come from ultra-large families where the father is in prison!).

It is a pity that a scheme which restores our birthright as the local Grammar School, should have been accompanied by political controversy and that threat to withdraw the scheme when the present Government shanges. Notwithstanding this, much interest before our main school examina-

tions resulted in a large number of entries and I awarded 30 places at 11, 4 at 12 and 5 at 13; our 5 places at Sixth-form level were eagerly snapped up, one going to an internal candidate and two to boy-applicants and two to girl-applicants to the Sixth-form. In view of the interest in Sixth-form entry, mainly boys and girls in Lancashire comprehensive schools without Sixth-forms, the Governors decided to make certain other monies available in bursaries to outside applicants, over and above the Government's five places.

**Head
in USA**

The Headmaster
Mr Philip Johnston, has
been chosen as one of nine
lay people to represent the
Diocese of Blackburn on the
Church of England General
Synod for five years. Last
summer he travelled in
the United States and
Canada as winner of the
Headmasters' Confer-
ence Page Scholarship.
His account of the trip
is on page 15.



When Eamonn
said: "Russell,
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Obituaries

Gordon Birtwistle

Mr Gordon Birtwistle, a member of the Old Blackburnians' Association Committee and our Master of Ceremonies at the Association Annual dinner, died on October 23, 1980.



Gordon Birtwistle

He was a pupil at School from 1947 to 1954, on leaving School he took his degree at Manchester University. Mr Birtwistle joined the pharmacy department at Manchester Royal Infirmary and remained there until 1961 when he joined the family pharmacy business.

At School he was a keen sportsman and later became a playing member of the Old Blackburnian' football club. He was a former President of the Castle Toastmasters Club, now the Speakers Club.

Gordon Birtwistle was a sincere man with a lively sense of humour and will be greatly missed by his many friends. Our sincere sympathy and condolences to Mrs Birtwistle and her family.

LESLIE THORNBUR

MR LESLIE Thornber (1927-33) died suddenly on February 2nd, 1981, aged 64. Articled as a Surveyor and Valuer on leaving school he returned, after service with the Army in the Middle East and Africa, to qualify and serve for over 25 years as Rating Valuation Officer in the Wigan District.

Luring that time he was an active and prominent Rotarian and took a keen interest in sport, particularly cricket, although in his fifties he gained a Duke of Edinburgh award for swimming one million lengths.

Another Old Blackburnian, a lifelong friend Vic Whitsey, Bishop of Chester, took part in the funeral service at Roby Mill Methodist Chapel.

He leaves a widow, Bertie, a son Robin, and a daughter Barrie.

Wilfred Crumblehulme

Mr Wilfred Crumblehulme of Over Hulton, Bolton, died on February 16, 1981 aged 71. He was a pupil at School from 1922 to 1925. Mr Crumblehulme was a former President of Lancashire County Cricket Club and was also President of the Bolton Cricket League and Westhoughton Cricket Club.

Mr Crumblehulme was a generous benefactor to the Old Blackburnians' Football Club. Several awards, both team and individual, were initiated through his generosity. One individual award will in future be known as 'The Crumblehulme Award'.

He also had a great love of music; he did pursue a singing career which took him all over the world.

FRANK TYSON

Mr Frank Tyson who gave the toast to the guests at the 1980 Old Boys Dinner died suddenly in January this year.

He was a pupil at school from 1924 to 1931, took his degree at Pembroke College, Cambridge. After graduating he went into the Aircraft Industry, for some years at Fairey's then at Handley Page where he stayed for over thirty years, becoming Chief Stressman and eventually Deputy Chief Designer. Soon after the closure of Handley Page he went to Scottish Aviation (now British

Aerospace) there becoming Chief Designer. Mr Tyson was one of a team who designed the Jetstream.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and in 1979 was awarded the MBE for services to the Aircraft Industry. Following his retirement several years ago he still acted as consultant engineer for British Aerospace.

His other interests were sport, particularly cricket in his younger days, bowls, chess, music and books and he was also widely travelled.

He leaves a wife and two sons.

Former Headmaster N. S. Trevor Benson

Members of staff, both past and present, former pupils of the School and many present-day parents will have been saddened by the news of the death of former Headmaster, Rev. N.S.T. Benson, A.F.C., M.A., in November last year, only three days before he was due to retire. He was 68 years of age. He died in Ashford, Kent, where he was preparing for his retirement move to nearby Wye.

Mr. Benson was born in 1911, and educated at Wolverhampton Grammar School. In the Sixth Form he specialized in Classics, obtained a Higher Certificate three years in succession, and won the Classical, Reading and Scripture prizes. He played soccer and cricket with more enthusiasm than skill, was Chairman of the Debating Society and Editor of the magazine, and became in his last year senior cadet in the Officers' Training Corps and Head of School.

In 1930 he won an open classical scholarship to St. John's College, Oxford, and also County Major and school-leaving scholarships. At University he read Honour Moderations and *Litterae Humaniores*, and took his degree in 1934. During those four years he found time for a wide variety of pursuits: he rowed for his college and became Captain of Boats; he learned to fly with the Air Squadron and joined the Reserve of Air Force Officers; he acted with St. John's College Mummings and he was a member of various clubs and societies.

After a term at Shrewsbury School, Mr. Benson joined the Staff at Giggleswick, where he taught Classics and English to a wide variety of forms. He absorbed the elements of Rugby football, played for a local club, and coached junior sets. He was appointed a Housemaster, and commanded the Officers' Training Corps.

At the outbreak of war he was given further training in the R.A.F. and then became a flying instructor. Soon after he

NIALE Sean Trevor
Benson A.F.C., M.A.,
Headmaster of Queen
Elizabeth's Grammar
School, Blackburn, 1948-
56.

was posted to Upavon in Wiltshire, to help with the training of instructors, and was promoted Squadron-Leader in October, 1941. The following spring he became Deputy Chief Instructor at the new Empire Central Flying School, where the students were all senior officers from all parts of the world, and late in 1943 he joined the staff of the Director of Flying Training at the Air Ministry. In London, and later back at Empire Central Flying School, his work was largely concerned with writing training-publications and preparing official memoranda. He was awarded the Air Force Cross in 1942.

At the cessation of hostilities in Europe, Mr. Benson returned to Giggleswick to continue his teaching career, until he was appointed Headmaster at Queen Elizabeth's at the beginning of 1948. He arrived in Blackburn shortly after the Governors had taken the bold and courageous decision of making the School an independently administered unit. The difficulties ahead could but vaguely be perceived, but clearly the task of the new headmaster would be no sinecure: indeed the problems that Mr. Benson had to meet called for vision, courage and great enterprise. All this, and much more, Mr. Benson gave, and under his able administration the School proudly carried the banner of independence with signal success. At the very outset of his headmastership, Mr. Benson had to cope with the vexed problems of superannuation rates caused by the change-over from the Government Scheme to the Independent Schools' Superannuation Scheme. He showed impressive skill and mastery in dealing with the financial complexities associated with this move, and succeeded in negotiating for the Staff an acceptable and equitable solution. Further, he advised in the revision and consolidation of the salary

scales, and his shrewdness and perception made possible the miracles of annual budgeting against the sombre background of the rapidly-rising costs of this period. He carried out, with astute business acumen, the many deferred repairs and decorations of the war years, saw to the modification and extensions of the teaching facilities in Hartley House, as well as the purchase of adjoining properties for the future extensions and needs of the School. He was responsible for the erection of the wing of eight classrooms, now called the 1953 block. All these activities give some indication of the persistent and indefatigable pursuit of an ideal of dignity and usefulness for the School which Mr. Benson followed. That ideal received further impetus by the launching of a Building Fund Appeal during his last year of office, a measure that has been successfully followed by Headmasters and Governors on several occasions since.

At Easter, 1956, Mr. Benson was appointed Headmaster of Giggleswick School, a post he held until he became Headmaster of the Cathedral School in Salisbury in 1963. In 1968 he was ordained and in 1970 was preferred to the living of Broad Chalke, and Bowerchalke. From there he served as priest-in-charge of Ebbesbourne Wake, Fifield, Bavant, Alvediston and Berwick St. John. He was Rural Dean of Chalke from 1974 to 1979.

Great honour and credit must be given in retrospect to Mr. Benson for the magnitude of the effort he made on behalf of Queen Elizabeth's, on which he has left a lasting imprint. We remember him for his special gifts: his fine presence and dynamic personality, his purposefully affected unpredictability which always commanded respect, his fearless courage and refreshing independence of thought, and especially for his great qualities of friendship.

To his wife, Helen, from whom the School received such a kind letter in mid-November last, and to the rest of the Rev. Benson's family, we of the Old Blackburnian's Association extend our deepest sympathy.



N. S. T. Benson

William Armistead

AFTER gaining a scholarship to Christ's College, Cambridge in 1924, Bill Armistead (1905-10) read Mathematics, was subsequently declared a Wrangler and went on to join the Staff of Christ's Hospital School at Horsham in Sussex. He served this ancient foundation for forty years becoming Head of Mathematics in 1937 and Second Master in 1949.

He achieved a high rate of scholastic success and could count distinguished academics, actuaries and engineers amongst his former pupils. He was influential in the Mathematical Association, lectured for the Inspectorate and the Ministry of Education and collaborated in the writing of textbooks.

On retiring in 1967, Bill and his wife Joan moved to Shalbourne in Wiltshire.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and five grandchildren.

Percy Bolton

MR PERCY Bolton died on January 6 aged 91. He was a pupil at the School from 1900 to 1908. On leaving School he took the Natural Science Tripos at King's College, Cambridge. He spent a year teaching at Cheltenham College, was then appointed Head of Physics and Engineering at Oundle School. Later he became Headmaster of Dean Close School and in 1938 was appointed Headmaster of Watford Grammar School, a post he held until 1951.

He leaves a son and a daughter

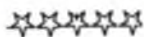
Edward Collins

MR EDWARD Collins, after a long illness died in Hong Kong on February 10 aged 67.

Mr Collins left School in 1931 and took Natural Sciences at Downing College, Cambridge. He was government chemist from 1938 to 1947 in Mauritius, before going to Hong Kong, where he retired in 1968.

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to that room and was indeed
impressed by the handsome
curtains covering the win-
dows and the matching wall-
paper.

My enquiries as to the reason
for this somewhat unusual stan-
dard of comfort in a classroom
elicited the information that the
curtains had been provided, as
indeed had the old curtains which
they had replaced, by the 'Old
Blackburnian Lodge'. My further
enquiries as to the nature of this
organisation were referred to
Trevor Procter (1949-55) who, I
am told, is the Lodge Secretary.

Trevor tells me that, in 1963,
a group of members of the
Association came together to
form a Masonic Lodge for the
benefit of those members of the
Association who wished to join
in its activities. The Lodge was
permitted by the Headmaster and
the Governors to meet in the
school, instruction meetings being
held in the Garstang Room. The
members therefore thought it
appropriate that they should bear
the cost of curtaining the room.

Masonic lodge's gift to School

Trevor added that the Lodge
has, from time to time, taken the
opportunity to make small gifts
to the school. Thus, when the
new Assembly Hall was con-
structed, the Lodge bought the
timber from which the stage
furniture was fashioned and, in
1975, the wrought iron gates at
the main entrance in West Park
Road were purchased.

More recently, the Lodge has
welcomed the opportunity to
sponsor a pupil who might other-
wise have had to leave because of
an unfortunate change in his
family circumstances. To date
some £1,250 has been contrib-
uted in the form of a bursary
to support this boy.

In these various ways it would
seem that the members of the
Lodge, all of them members of
the Association, are glad to com-
plement the work of the Old
Blackburnian Association in help-
ing the school.

J.D.



The Garstang Room and curtains.

How to make the most of it! recycle . . .

DURING this century, a very large number of boys (and a smaller number of girls!) have passed through QEGS. However those leaving school in recent years have had to face a very different sort of world to their fathers and grandfathers.

We are only too well aware of the situation with regard to unemployment and inflation — but most people are far less aware of the tremendous pressures under which the environment has been placed this century.

Our standard of living has reached a point where the advance technology has made televisions, telephones, hi-fi, fridges, freezers, and a whole range of other electrical gadgets common household appliances. The majority of homes have some form of central heating and many households have at least one car. But what has been the cost of these technological developments? In short, man has radically altered the surface of the earth, robbing her of valuable mineral resources and energy reserves to the point where we should now be taking stock and looking to the future — the earth's resources are finite and the need for widespread policies of conservation is paramount.

In the Western World, our general style of living is extremely wasteful. For example, most goods on the market are elaborately packed — mostly as a sales-aid for the manufacturers — and a search through any household dustbin will reveal where this packaging ends up — whether it be tin, glass, plastic or paper. We have very much become a "throw-away" society.

Many of the raw materials from which this waste is produced come from renewable sources — nevertheless it would seem to

make sense to recycle as much as possible, whenever possible. This is already being attempted to some extent, with the appearance of 'Bottle Banks', tin and paper collections etc, but we are still a very long way from recycling being the norm.

It is probably in the area of energy consumption where the wastage is most acute. Almost every facet of life today involves the expenditure of some form of non-renewable energy. The advance of industry and spread of transport have meant that the traditional fossil finds of coal, oil and gas will only last into the foreseeable future — we MUST make every effort to conserve the remaining supplies while viable alternatives are phased in to replace them. When we look at the vast numbers of vehicles on our roads every day, surely even a limited cut-back here could save a considerable amount of fuel?

Another area of tremendous energy wastage comes from the heating of poorly insulated buildings. The government has, during recent years, tried to encourage adequate insulation by the introduction of a grant system — but this, relatively, has had little effect.

Coupled with our "advances" this century has seen a widespread pollution of our environment — both from the obvious sources of vehicle fumes and industrial waste and from the large quantities of artificial fertilizers now used in the world of agriculture. It is surely in our own



MICHAEL Walker (1963-70) is a biologist who is also an environmentalist. He is a member of the "Green Party", the Ecology Party. He began teaching at Manchester Grammar School after gaining a B.Sc. in biology from Oxford. He taught biology at QEGS before opening a cycle shop in Great Harwood. He has kindly consented to writing this article specially for Magister.

interests to strive to reduce such pollution to a minimum — otherwise we are slowly poisoning the earth — and ourselves.

It seems to me that our present way of life cannot be sustained indefinitely — if we are to conserve our valuable resources and reverse the drastic effects that man has had on our environment then we must all be prepared to adapt our life styles accordingly. Many see this as being retrogressive — far from this, it may well be the only way that man as a species can survive. What is called for is a massive programme of education, so that people may understand what has been going on in the recent past and why things will have to alter if man is to look forward to any reasonable future. Action is required at once, before man's effects on his environment become irreversible.

Jobs boss retires from Civil Service

AFTER 42 years in the Civil Service, Mr Ron Armstrong has retired.

For the last three years Mr Armstrong has been operations manager of the Youth Opportunities Programme which has helped thousands of the region's teenagers get into full-time jobs or training. He has also been responsible for the operation of the Special Temporary Employment Programme, which helps the long-term adult jobless. During this period, Mr. Armstrong who started his career in 1938 with the then Ministry of Labour at Blackburn, has guided the rapid expansion of the Youth Opportunities Programme.

Following wartime service in the RAF, Mr Armstrong returned to become manager of the Bacup employment exchange from 1950 to 1952. After a period in the Manchester Regional Office he became manager of Stretford employment exchange until 1966, when he was promoted to be area manager at Stockport, also covering Buxton, Wilmslow and Macclesfield.

He took charge of the regional planning unit in 1977 before taking over his post as regional operations manager of the Manpower Services Commission's special programmes division.

Taunton post for college principal

Mr Keith M. Knott MA (1943-50) is now the Principal of The Richard Huish College at Taunton in Somerset.

Between 1970 and 1975 Mr Knott was at Alnwick in Northumberland, having moved up from London. In 1975 he was appointed headmaster of Huish Grammar School, before taking up his present position as principal of the Sixth Form College.

Building certificate

Mr Ian James Ibbotson (1957-66) of Lammack Road, Blackburn, was one of 103 candidates who have been awarded Certificates of Distinction in the 1980 Chartered Institute of Building professional qualifications examinations.

Roger marries



OBA long-serving committee member Roger Smethurst (1955-62) married Patricia Proctor in August at Blackburn Register Office. After a blessing at St. Stephen's Church Blackburn, the couple left for a honeymoon in the Lake District. Roger is works manager at Gaskell Broadloom, Oswaldtwistle. He is a regular competitor in the annual golf competition.

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Flying visit to Ewood

SEEN recently (incognito) at Ewood Park, Blackburn, was expatriate (I) M.W. "Mick" Catlow (1952-59), currently enjoying a spell of leave from Hong Kong.

Mick is now a helicopter pilot with the Hong Kong Government having completed a 15 year stint with the Royal Air Force.

His tour of duty took him from R.A.F. Odiham, to Hong Kong via Borneo.

"It must be 10 years since I was at Ewood," stated Mick, "and it will probably be 10 more years before I grace these hallowed portals again."

We gather that the voluptuous attractions of Hong Kong's golf courses command more regular attendance from Mick.



TRIBUTE TO MAGISTER

MR. H.G. Field who was a colleague of Tommy Shaw (they were 'new boys' together in September 1921) has written to say how much he enjoys Magister. He describes it as a wonderful record of Old Boys, their successes and exploits. "Somebody must do a tremendous lot of hard work in assembling all the data and they deserve congratulations (Many thanks - Editorial Staff).

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Yorkshire branch holds ladies' evening

A STRONG party from Blackburn, including the Headmaster and Mrs Johnston and the President of the Old Blackburnians' Association and Mrs Sagar, attended the Ladies Evening at the Hotel St. George in Harrogate on Friday, May 1st. Even though many had travelled long distances to be there, nobody seemed to want to leave and the party did not break up until nearly midnight.

Those who attended were: The Headmaster and Cynthia Johnston; The President of the OBA Eric, and Muriel Sagar; David and Barbara Ball; Eric and Jean Beaumont; Des and Rosemary Carr; Ken and Barbara Chadwick; Ken and Marjorie Ellis; Fred and Freda Gillibrand (Hon. Treasurer); Charles and Marjory Harvey; Ron and Kathleen Hunter (Bursar QEGS); Eric and Doreen Kay (Senior Science Master and Chairman of the OBA); Bob and Noreen Mayo, David and Betty Riding; Guy and Tan Shuttleworth; Charles and Gloria Sloan. Peter and Dorrie Rohson joined us later in the evening.

Diary Dates

- 1981
- 13th October - London Branch, Pub Evening from 6.30 p.m Old Chesterfield Shepherds Market.
 - 16th October - Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Stag Evening, Bowden Hotel, Cheshire.
 - 30th October - Oxford Branch Dinner, Eastgate Hotel, Oxford.
 - 10th November - OBA. AGM at the School
 - 27th November - London Branch, Buffet Evening at London Corinthian Yacht Club, Hammersmith.
 - 19th December - OBA Annual Dinner, Big School.
- 1982
- 21st January - London Branch, Pub Evening*
 - 5th March - London Branch AGM/Ladies Evening
 - 1st April - Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies Evening Bowden Hotel, Cheshire
 - 30th April Yorkshire Branch, Ladies Evening
 - 12th May London Branch, Pub Evening*
- *Venue to be decided.

Old boys are honoured

THREE old boys received Orders of the British Empire in the Queen's New Year's Honours list. One of them, Raymond Jacobs MBE (1920-26), a Blackburn County Councillor, recounts his experience at the Palace, right.



Mr Keith Robinson (1931-38), was awarded a CBE. More than 40 years on, a former Captain of School Cricket still occasionally dons flannels as President of the Castle Cricket Club in Winchester. As a matter of interest Mr F. Bury, (second master and former O.B.A. treasurer) was Vice-Captain at that time.

BLACKBURN businesswoman Dr Brian Mercer (1939-44) was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

Dr Mercer, president of Netlon Ltd invented the Netlon process in 1955 and Tensar process in 1978. In 1974, he was awarded the Royal Society's Mullard Medal for inventing the Netlon

process on grounds that the invention was of "great ingenuity and simplicity, with an extremely wide range of applications". In 1975 the company won the Queen's Award to Industry. At Edinburgh University the following year Prince Charles presented Dr Mercer with the Honorary Doctor of Technology degree. In 1978, he was invited to Buckingham Palace to receive the Prince Philip Award for "plastics in service of man", presented for the Netlon process by the Plastics and Rubber Institute. Netlon is now manufactured under licence in 23 countries.

TOM IS DEPUTY BOSS OF EDUCATION



TOM Sharratt (1949-56) was elected to Lancashire County Council as Labour member for South Ribble East on May 7. He polled 2,029 votes against Conservative opponent's 1,781, a majority of 248 on a 37 per cent poll. Mr Sharratt is pictured right.

County Councillor Sharratt is now vice-chairman of Lancashire education committee and represents Lancashire County Council on the Council of Salford University. He writes for the Guardian and lives at Coupe Green, Hoghton.

He successfully led a campaign against the derelict Whitebirk power station cooling towers (pictured above) and now hopes to see them demolished after their sale by the CEBG for 25p each to Hyndburn Council. The Council will be eligible for a 100 per cent derelict land grant to pay for the demolition. Mr Sharratt is a keen and active environmentalist.

● County Councillor Raymond Jacobs (pictured at top of page), was re-elected at the same poll as Tom — but for the Conservatives at Blackburn.

Raymond hears wedding news at Palace

IMAGINE my surprise when a letter from 10 Downing Street dropped through my letter box, stating that my name had been submitted for inclusion in the 1981 Honours list — and a few weeks later another one from Buckingham Palace confirming this, and inviting to attend the investiture.

What to wear? Easy for a man, but not so easy for my wife and daughter who were allowed to be present at the ceremony. What colour? what hat? what dress? to match my looking like a lord in my hired morning suit and grey topper.

On arrival at the Palace gates a number of foreign tourists, not having seen this kind of outfit before, were most anxious to take photographs, and I felt 10 feet tall.

Entering the Palace I was directed to ascend a most beautiful staircase with mounted Horse-guard in full uniform on the landing, and Swiss guards. A mixture of pageantry and tradition. I was impressed with the manner in which the superb horses know how to do the right thing at the right time.

I was shown to the Art room to await my investiture with other recipients, and what marvellous pictures. Two I could not take my eyes off—that I felt impelled to leave my seat and see them at close quarters—to find out they were an original Rembrandt and

the other a Van Dyck. Now I at last understand why old masters are priceless.

Stewards briefed us on what we were expected to do and then announced that Her Majesty The Queen had a special message for us which she would be announcing in a few minutes time. Imagine our excitement and delight when it proved to be the betrothal of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. What a wonderful surprise to share a little of this exciting day with her.

We then had to approach the State Ballroom in single file about a metre apart, where the ceremony was to take place in the presence of the assembled guests. To the strains of "If I were a rich man" from "Fidler on the roof" played by the Guards band I approached the ballroom to be directed by the official to enter and advance to the centre by 3 paces, turn left, 3 more paces forward to the edge of a narrow table.

The excitement was terrific and my heart beat faster as my name was called, the signal to advance. I turned left. This brought me directly facing Her Majesty The Queen. Three paces forward, Her Majesty spoke to me and I was spellbound, recovering to have a small conversation with her as she invested me with my medal and shook my hand. Three paces backwards, turn right and the ceremony was complete.

Never did I believe when I sang "40 years on" in Queen Elizabeth Grammar School main hall that this would happen to me—particularly as I never hit the high spots academically or on the sports field. I hope many of you will have wonderful experiences similar to this.



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Obituaries cont

Very Rev. W. Kay Haydn Cundick

Mr Kay died at his New Forest home aged 95. He was Provost of Blackburn for 25 years from 1936 to 1961. Whilst at Blackburn Cathedral he was largely responsible for initiating the building of the Transepts and the East Wing.

Mr Kay was a pupil at School and later had a distinguished career in the Army before being ordained in 1919. He rose to the rank of Captain, was awarded the Military Cross and Bar in the field in 1918, and later the D.S.O.

Mr Haydn Cundick who was School Marshall in the Fifties died at his home in Rishton aged 73. Mr Cundick was a former regimental sergeant major in the Ninth Lancashire Regiment.

Reverend Albert Brown

The Rev Albert Brown (1940-43) Vicar of St John's Church, Workson, and a former missionary in Africa, died in September, aged 54.

The Rev Jack Whittacker (1939-43) Rural Dean of the Vale of the White Horse, Oxfordshire, writes: Albert was a contemporary of mine at School.

He attended Hatfield College, Durham, and gained a BA, then received theological training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

Another contemporary old boy, Peter Hall, the Rector of Birmingham, was also present at the funeral.

After training, Mr Brown began his ministry as a curate in Blackpool. He and his wife, Joan, then left for Africa and Ruanda/Burundi where Mr Brown taught theology in Buye. He later became principal of Stanley Smith Theological College, Ruanda, and bishop's adviser. He returned to Britain and spent six years as vicar of St John's before first becoming ill in February.

Arthur Wilkinson

Mr Arthur Wilkinson died at his home on the 25th May aged 72. After studying at Manchester University he was appointed Language and Sportsmaster at Queen's Royal College Trinidad. It was whilst he was in Trinidad that he coached a number of cricketers who later became personalities in the West Indies cricket team. Mr. Wilkinson held posts at Dean Close, Cheltenham, Wrekin College and Wellington and later became Headmaster of his own boarding school in Essex.

He returned to Blackburn where he became an Elder at the former Chapel Street Congregational Church, a Chairman of Blackburn Liberal Association, Treasurer of the R.S.P.C.A. Shelter at Altham, a Governor of St. Mary's College and a member of the Probus Club.

George Potter

Mr George Potter died in June, aged 62, only five months after retiring, following 45 years service in the education department, first with the Borough and then with Lancashire County Council following reorganisation in 1974. Mr Potter attended School from 1928 to 1933. He was a prominent member of the Crown Bowling Section of the East Lancashire Club and a regular team player with NALGO and NORWEB. He leaves a widow and three sons.

In addition...

In addition to those already mentioned, the following names of Old Boys who have died since the last issue of Magister have come to our notice:

R. Cullier, A. R. Entwistle, H. Haworth, S. J. Hindle, R. B. Holden, B. S. Jepson, H. Longworth, J. T. M. Mellilieu, F. O'Hare, F. E. Smith, A. B. Thomas, E. Walker, D. G. Wilkinson.

Radio Foursome!



RUSSELL Harty (1946-54) was 'caught' by television presenter Eamonn Andrews just before Christmas to become the subject of a 'This is Your Life' episode. Russell had his 'revenge' by including Eamonn Andrews amongst the guests on his own chat show shortly afterwards. Earlier this year Russell was in Blackburn to compere his Radio 4 show 'Midweek', when the deputy head boy and girl from QEGS were invited guests. Russell had held a similar post during his time at school.

When Russell was in Manchester making preparations for his new TV show he found that not all his school ties were hanging in the wardrobe. The director of his new programme turned out to be Alan Walsh, another old boy. The coincidence didn't end then however. Being interviewed about his chat show by BBC Radio Manchester presenters Simon Cole and Alan Yardley, he discovered that they too, were old Blackburnians.

PROFESSOR AWARDED MEDAL

PROFESSOR Keith Miller, of Sheffield University who led the Royal Geographical Society's expedition to the Himalayas covered in the last edition of Magister, has been awarded the Royal Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, for 1981, for his fieldwork in the Karakoram, Iceland and Greenland.

The Award was presented by Professor Michael Wise at the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 8 June.

The project consisted of five complementary geographical studies covering the whole of the Karakoram Range of Pakistan. It was an international expedition involving scientists from China, Pakistan and Britain using advanced and recently developed skills for examining and solving glaciological, geomorphological, seismological, structural, geological and survey problems. Keith, who was at School from 1943-48, is professor of mechanical engineering at Sheffield.

and Sutton-in-Ashfield Group of Hospitals of the Nottingham Area Health Authority (Teaching).

REVEREND Dr J. Astley, M.A., Ph.D., has been appointed the first director of the North of England Institute for Christian Education.

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School old boy **Mr J. A. Greenhalgh**, has been appointed General Manager of the Halifax Building Society.

Now an assistant general manager, he joined the society in 1951 and served at Blackburn, Liverpool, Crewe and Leicester, before being appointed manager at Nottingham (Friar Lane) in 1968.

He became head office Mortgage Controller in 1970 and

joined the Executive the same year. Aged 50, Mr Greenhalgh is married with two daughters and a son.

GEOFFREY H. Riding B.Sc. (1967-74) has been awarded a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Bristol University.

He is currently employed doing a Research Fellowship in the Davey Laboratory, Department of Chemistry, Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A.

GEOFF Peake (1943-48) is currently secretary and treasurer to Blackburn and District Cancer Research Campaign. The campaign has recently celebrated its 21st anniversary with a record annual amount raised of £37,000 to take its total fund raised over the 21 years to £37,000.

JOHN Longstaff (1971-78) played a Hammond Organ at Blackburn Music Society's performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion at King George's Hall following the severe fire damage to the Hall's integral organ. John is the son of Mr J. Longstaff, director of music at QEGS, and studies at Girton College, Cambridge.

MICHAEL Manley (1972-79) composed the words and music of the theme song of a 'New Day' assembly at Blackburn Cathedral, attended by some 1,000 young people from the Diocese. Michael was also a member of the 'New Life' Group, comprised of local young people, who performed the song. He is studying for a BA degree in theology at Durham University.

ALAN Baxendale (1956-61) is hoping to set up an organisation in North East Lancashire for the new Social Democratic Party. Mr Baxendale has offered his services to the SDP as area organiser and is currently acting as link man for them between London and this area.

Ivor takes up Oxford baton

IVOR Bolton (1969-76) has been appointed conductor of the highly-rated choir, The Schola Cantorum of Oxford. Mr Bolton won an organ scholarship to Clare College, Cambridge and was there from 1976-80. Mr Bolton has been a conducting scholar at the Royal College of Music, London and is now sub-organist at St. Martin's-in-the-Field.

ANTHONY J. Whitaker L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., F.F.A. (R.C.S.) (1960-68) has been appointed Consultant Anaesthetist with special responsibility for Intensive Care Services, to the Mansfield

Golf

THE OLD Blackburnians Golf Competition took place at Wilpshire on Thursday 27th August, having been postponed from June.

Entries: Blackburn 13
Wilpshire 9
Pleasington 1

Winner of the Judge Walmesley Cup (Best net) was I. R. Warburton (Blackburn) 78-11-67 and runner up E. R. Holden (Wilpshire) 78-10-68.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup (Best gross) was won by G. H. Readett (Blackburn) with a score of 75.

The team for the Lancashire Old Boys' Association of Grammar Schools Competition withdrew because of the high cost of green fees.

Final Hurdle

JOHN L. Woodbine (1969-76) has passed the final examinations for the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants. John studied at the Royal Army Pay Corps College, Winchester. He works in the accounts department at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Chorley.

TWO PASS OUT FROM BRITANNIA



DAVID Ian Bradshaw, above left, was among officers at a passing out parade at the Britannia College, Dartmouth last September. He joined the Navy in January 1980. He has visited the Mediterranean and ports in Northern Europe aboard HMS Intrepid. He was a member of the College rugby XV and the sailing team at Dartmouth. Having successfully completed his training he has now joined the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manandon in Plymouth studying for a degree in engineering.

In April this year, Peter Haworth, above right, was one of 272 cadets who passed out from the Royal Naval College. He joined the Navy in 1979 as a general list seaman officer and has visited many countries including Madeira, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Brunei and Hong Kong.

Former head boy's new post

MR BRIAN Molyneux (1940-47), a former head boy and head of the wire division at Mullard's factory for five years has taken up a new post at the London base of the company's parent, Philips Industries.

After spending some time with Philips in London, Mr Molyneux is to be appointed to a senior post elsewhere within the concern. He joined the Blackburn factory as a management trainee after graduating from Cambridge University.

Head gains OU degree

KEITH Anthony Hitchen (1950-57), headmaster of Stedham County Primary school near Midhurst, Sussex has gained a B.A. degree in education from the Open University. It was conferred upon him at a ceremony in the Civic Hall, Southampton. After attending teacher's training college in Middlesex he became deputy head of St. John's C of E School in Blackburn. He emigrated to Canada six years later, spending two years there before returning to teach in London and took up his present post seven years ago.

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Widow presents books to school

It was nice to have Mrs J. Comberbach in school recently to present to the School a copy of Shakespeare's complete works, presented to her late husband in December 1923 as a result of a prize which was donated by the late E. Hamer, J.P. Mr Comberbach left school in 1923 to become apprentice plumber. He suffered ill-health over a great number of years, and after developing a heart condition, died recently. He was an all-round cricketer and was described as a 'most sincere and wonderful person'.

The Headmaster was interested to meet Mrs Comberbach and to see a letter from Mr Arthur Holden praising her husband's work, and also correspondence from Mr Arthur Montagon (Mathematics master).

Professorship for biologist

AFTER lecturing at the University College, Galway, Ireland for the last ten years, James Haughton has been awarded a professorship. Following the Government award, he is now professor in micro-biology. James left QEGS in 1962 for Liverpool University, where he gained a B.Sc. and Ph.D.



MICHAEL Stirrup (1960-66) former secretary of the Old Blackburnians London branch, married Miss Jeannie Aspinall at St. Mary of Bethany Church, Woking, last July. Michael was an actor with Manchester Library Theatre before joining the BBC as continuity announcer seven years ago. His wife also works for the BBC.

Double Blue for Kevin

KEVIN Hayes (1973-79) took the first steps towards winning a double Oxford Blue when he helped the University soccer side to beat Cambridge 2-0 at Wembley in December. This summer he completed the double by being chosen to represent the University at cricket.

In the match at Wembley, Kevin played as a sweeper in front of the back four and his tackling and reading of the game played a big part in Oxford's triumph. Kevin is on a four year chemistry degree course at the University.

PETER Houldsworth (1945-49) has been appointed manager of the Garforth branch of Barclay's Bank. He joined Martin's Bank in 1949 and after working at several branches in the Leeds district became assistant manager at Dewsbury in 1968. Since 1976 he has been manager of Barclay's Pudsey branch.

Our thanks

The Editorial Staff of Magister would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters and general news, without which the production of this magazine would not be possible.

MICHAEL Crossley (1956-64) has been appointed assistant managing director of Scotsman Publications Ltd. He first entered the newspaper industry in Newcastle as an advertising salesman after gaining a B.A. degree at Durham University. Before being appointed to his present position he was assistant managing director of Lancashire and Cheshire County Newspapers, Stockport. He is married with two children.

MR J. M. Threlfall (1952-55) formerly Head of School of Engineering at Hull College of Higher Education is now Vice Principal at Reading College of Technology. After obtaining his B.Sc (Eng) at Imperial College, London, Mr Threlfall spent four years with the English Electric Company including two years as assistant to the works manager, experimental aircraft. This was followed by a Senior Lectureship in Mechanical Engineering at the John Dalton College of Technology, Manchester.

THE REV Dr Alan Sowerbutts (1960-66) was initiated vicar of St. James', Lower Darwen, by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Rev Robert Martineau and inducted by the Archdeacon of Blackburn, the Ven C.W.D. Carroll. He was associated with St. Luke's before being ordained as curate to Canon Neil Pritchard at St. Peter's, Salesbury. After leaving QEGS he went to Sheffield and on to Queen's College, Cambridge where he took an M.A. degree in theology, followed by a theological course at Westcott House, Cambridge.

THE Rev Frederick William Stephens, vicar of St. Mark's church, Witton, Blackburn for the past 18 years has retired. After leaving QEGS (1919-29) he was ordained 46 years ago at Manchester Cathedral and after brief ministries in Horwich and Stalybridge was appointed Vicar of Christ Church, Dukinfield in 1939. From 1948 to 1961 he was Vicar of St. Mary's, Liskeard, Cornwall, followed by a year as rector of Kingston Parish Church, Jamaica.

GRAHAM G. Dickinson (1965-72) in a letter advising us of his new address, tells us he is now a partner in the firm of solicitors of Robin Thompson & Partners. From January this year he has been the partner in charge of the firm's Birmingham office.

Harry switches off after 43 years

AFTER 43 years service with the Electricity Board, **Harry Bradley (1931-37)** is hoping to watch a bit of cricket and catch up on his gardening. Cricket is the passion in Harry's life, and it is not all that long ago he was playing the game with distinction. He was opening bowler for East Lancs. and for Blackburn Northern. During the war, when with the East Lancashire Regiment, he spearheaded the pace attack of the Kenya Kongonis.

BRIAN Dowbiggin (1954-59) has been appointed assistant branch manager of the Trustee Savings Bank in Longridge. After joining the bank in 1966 at Blackburn he has held appointments at the Leyland and Chorley branches.

Brian's hobbies include stamp and coin collecting, model railways and DIY. Brian is also a keen member of Cherry Tree Cricket and Tennis Club.

STUART Hirst (1970-76) last year gained an honours degree in law at Dundee University. His interests as an undergraduate included being treasurer of the union, president of the debating society and chairman of the university's Conservative Association. He also formed and led a student brass band.

M. R. CROSS (1968-75) joined the Health and Safety Executive in April last year as one of her Majesty's Inspector of Factories and was assigned to the North-East Area Office based in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. This year he attended a post-graduate diploma course at Aston University in Birmingham.

DR JACK Flint who left QEGS in 1946 has been appointed to the post of Professor of Hispanic Studies at Hull University. After leaving school, he attended Manchester University where he gained a first class honours degree in modern languages. He then spent a year researching at the University of Madrid before taking up a career in the textile industry. In 1964 he joined the University of Strathclyde where he was a student in Spanish, Latin and American Studies.

Banker's Success

COLIN Douglas Turton (1900-00) has qualified as an Associate of the Institute of Bankers. Colin is with Lloyds Bank at Preston.

GIRLS AT DINNER FOR FIRST TIME

Below: One of the diners and right: Toasting years at School.



Ms Susan Kay, one of the first lady members of the OBA to attend the dinner.

OLD GIRLS attended the annual dinner in Big School for the first time in the association's 52 years — and they voted it a success.

There were five ladies at the meal, which had a slightly different format than usual. They included former pupils, Jennifer Sutcliffe, who is reading history at St. Anne's College, Oxford; Judith Cooke, currently at Seale Hayne Agricultural College; and Susan Kay, who is studying marine biology and oceanography at Bangor University.

Susan is the daughter of Eric Kay, chairman of the OBA and senior science master at School. She said she had enjoyed her first dinner and next year, would invite more friends and former colleagues.

The two other ladies present were Mrs Lesley Read, a teacher at School and wife of OBA committee member and the organiser of the dinner, John Read, a science master at School; and Mrs Edna M. Arnold, a representative member of the Governors.

John Read, in collaboration with the late Harry King 11 months earlier, had arranged that members only would be admitted to the dinner. This restriction followed the regrettable refusal of 25 members' application for tickets in 1979 because of lack of

space. The decision to ban guests inevitably left some members disgruntled — especially as some had been regular attenders with their guests for many years.

There were many more younger members than usual, including the girls, and the final list was 143 — 73 down on the previous year. There were of course no diners in the anteroom, which was much better, and there was a little more room, which was much appreciated. The meal itself, at £7.50, was up to standard. The caterers were Simpson Confectioners of Chipping.

There have been lady guests in the past. Blackburn's former MP, Mrs Barbara Castle was a guest speaker and Mrs Nen Bramley-Haworth, the Mayor of Blackburn, was a guest in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year, but this was the first year girls were eligible to attend as former pupils.

The diners found other changes. They faced the war memorial but this time they were remembering Harry King among the members who had passed away during the year. The list included former OBA president Prof Gordon Manley (see last year's Magister) and committee member Gordon Birtwistle, who acted as toastmaster at the dinners. (See page 2).

The Cantilena was sung before a short break preceded the

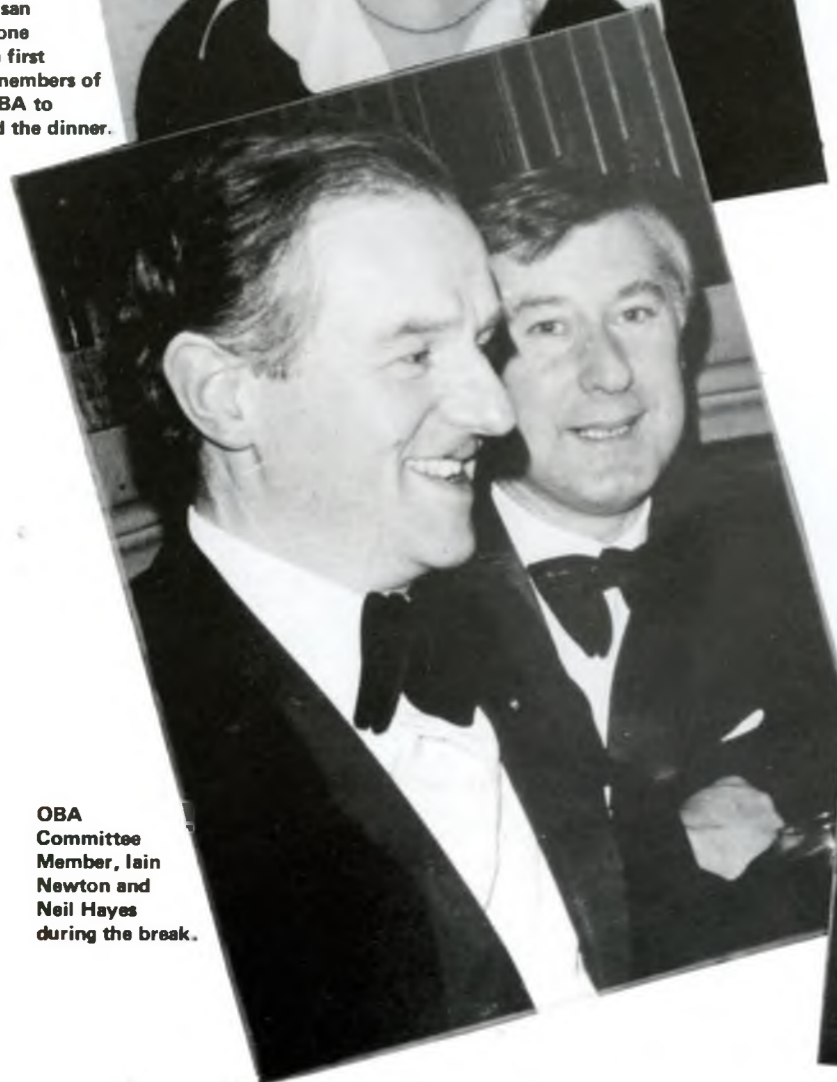
speeches. This year, a translation of the School song appeared in the Speech Day programme and it is produced on page 19

Eric Race (1959-64) the ebullient chairman of the London branch, was to have proposed a toast to the School, but family illness forced him to step down only four days before the dinner. Clifford Singleton, the Chief Executive of Blackburn, agreed to stand in at the last moment to make it a full house of speakers associated with flying.

Mr Singleton was a former Fleet Air Arm pilot like the main speaker, Mr. Paul Millett, executive director (flight operations) at British Aerospace, aircraft group, Warton. The Headmaster spent his National Service in the RAF, coming out pilot officer and was squadron leader of the RAVR in Lincoln. The fourth speaker, Frank Tyson (1924-31) a former active member of the London branch, is an aircraft designer and worked on the Handley Page HP 115 design. Mr Tyson proposed a toast to the guests.

The toastmaster was Mr Derrick Lund, the School's domestic bursar.

At a meeting of the OBA committee at School in January, Mr Read thanked the football club for their help manning the bar at the dinner and said no one had been refused a ticket. There were 160 diners and there was a surplus of £14.82.



OBA Committee Member, Iain Newton and Neil Hayes during the break.



Mr Clifford Singleton, proposing a toast to the School.



Above: One member obviously enjoying the evening.



Above: Three of the ladies were also enjoying the dinner, from the left, Ms Jennifer Sutcliffe, Ms Judith Cooke and Mrs Lesley Read.



Eric Kay - New Chairman

Life membership goes up to £30

John Duckworth informed the Annual Meeting that the cost of the last edition of Magister was £840. Although he had stepped down as editor he was still prepared to contribute to the production of Magister. A sub-committee for Magister was elected, namely Peter Pearson, chairman and convener; the Headmaster, Roger Smethurst, John Duckworth, Fred Gillibrand, Mike

Holgate, Roger Smith, Steve Monk and Eric Fairhurst. It was again stressed that all members of the committee should supply as much information and news as possible. Roger Smith agreed to supply any useful golfing information.

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OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1980

1979		1979	
21	General Expenses	—	—
15	Postages	90.24	—
20	Blackburnian Magazines	—	—
969	Magister	736.43	—
47	Corporation Tax	76.75	—
—	H. King:— Memorial	15.00	—
3	Surplus to Accumulated Fund	525.27	—
1,075		£ 1,443.69	
706	Subscriptions	—	753.92
—	Released from Life Membership Fund	—	125.00
Income from Investments:		—	
—	4% Consols	50.00	—
—	8% Barclays Bank Ltd. Loan	53.62	—
—	3% British Electricity	7.00	—
—	15% Term Bond	—	—
		110.62	—
Less: Income Tax		32.17	—
79		78.45	—
83	Savings Bank Interest	150.05	228.50
5	War Memorial Ground Rent	—	5.00
127	Profit on Annual Dinner	—	273.27
5	Profit/(Loss) on Social Activities	—	(17.00)
70	Donations	—	40.00
—	O.B.F.C. — Final Payment re Bar	—	35.00
1,075		£ 1,443.69	

BALANCE SHEET

Life Membership Fund		1,208	Lammack Ground at cost less sales	1,207.77	
4,597	Balance at 1st August, 1979	5,282.03	Investments at Cost		
685	New Members	650.00	1,161	£1,250 4% Consols	
5,282		5,932.03		(Market Value £412)	
—	Deductions	125.00	582	£650 8% Barclays Bank Ltd. Unsecured Loan 1986/93 (Market Value £458)	
—	Written off to Accumulated Fund	323.53	282	£400 3% British Electricity Stock 1976/79	
5,282		448.53	—	Trustee Savings Bank 15% term Bond (Market Value £700)	
1,208	War Memorial Ground Rent	5,483.50	2,500	Loan to Q.E.G.S.	
		1,207.77	Debtors		
Creditors			45	Advertisers	
931	Printers	700.00	5	Subscriptions	
—	Postages	143.53	5	Ground Rent	
46	Inland Revenue	77.00	2,077	Cash at Savings Bank	
—	Interest on Investment received in advance	920.53	193	Cash at Lloyds Bank	
—		17.50	51	Cash in Hand	
Accumulated Fund				155.00	
639	Balance at 1st August, 1979	642.48		26.65	
3	Surplus for the year	525.27		1,406.22	
—	Profit on realisation of Investment	118.25		—	
—	Amount written off Life Membership Fund	323.53		1,432.87	
		1,609.53			
8,109		£ 9,238.83		£ 9,238.83	

HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the above accounts, which are in accordance with the information supplied to us and give a true and correct record of the transactions for the year ended 31st July, 1980 and of the state of affairs at that date.
W. Hare F.C.A.
R. B. Holden F.C.A.

Head visits New World Old Blacks

29 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 22 beds
7 x 4

THE rather unusual equation in the title demonstrates the extent of my recent North American travels, as the Page Scholar of The English-Speaking Union to the U.S.A. and the recipient of much North American hospitality — a particular pleasure being that of meeting Old Blacks on three memorable occasions.

I visited 29 schools, three Universities, 3 State Colleges and all three American Service Colleges, USMA at West Point, USNA at Minniapolis and the USAFA at Colorado Springs.

All this covered more than 14,000 miles in seven weeks on 28 airline flights (with 7 different companies) and the equation as solved meant sleeping in 22 beds. I wore out one pair of shoes, had to buy one extra suitcase, acquired enough school prospectuses to fill a large bookcase and gained a veritable wealth of school experience which should make me better at my job and help OEGS as we sail into the completely unknown waters of Independence.

Independence was certainly the keynote of all educational establishments I visited, and the funding of American and Canadian Schools, and the application of, or rather non-application of, the Voucher system was what my report to the School's Governors was inevitably focused upon. But links with the Old Blacks and Blackburn were mightily impor-

tant and enabled me to extend my visit to Georgia and Canada, at the beginning and end of my 'official' tour.

My Page Scholarship (named after Walter Hines Page — the American ambassador to London at the end of the 1st World War) provided me with hospitality and accommodation in a variety of locations which I chose. New York (where I stayed with the Reverend Dr John Andrew, Rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on Fifth Avenue), Boston-Massachusetts (where I visited the Boston Latin School, founded in 1634 by old boys of my last school, Boston Grammar School), Baltimore, Maryland/Washington, D.C./Mobile, Alabama/Colorado Springs, Colorado/Salt Lake City (where I was the guest of an old friend of a current architect-parent) Los Angeles, California/San Francisco, California/ and Portland, Oregon.

It was not unusual for me to visit three educational establishments in one day, have breakfast appointments, as well as speak at dinner-parties, and I became adept at quick-change



clothing, packing suitcases and whizzing through airport security. During this time, Prince Charles dutifully became engaged, the President was nearly assassinated, and Prime Minister Trudeau virtually threatened U.D.I. — so my training in history did not come amiss!

But my happiest memories centre on three Old Blacks meetings. In my first three days in America, I was the guest of Scapa North America at their Waycross, Georgia plant where I was most kindly entertained by Mr and Mrs Bill Westhead, (Bill being an Old Rossallian) who showed me their Waycross plant and introduced me to the four Old Blacks Scapa folk there, as well as an introduction to my first live alligators, black beans, white-tailed deer and millionaires! The President of the company dined me out at The Green Frog — the beginning of the sad saga in which I gained altogether half-a-stone in weight!

In San Francisco a month later I had a leisurely lunch with Peter Murphy, who left in 1961 to read Law at Cambridge and is now with the celebrated law-firm of Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon in their fabulous skyscraper offices in the Bank of America pyramid which now dwarfs that fantastic city. Peter has only recently joined the brain-drain but was anxious to hear news of the School, despite his having to move house, do his (American) Bar finals, all at the same time. I was able to present him with a new Old Blackburnian tie and I was only sorry that a lengthy lunch hour was our sole time together.

My extra ten days in Canada rounded off a most memorable "sabbatical" when, leaving my Page Scholarship behind, I flew to stay with a former head-boy of Barnard Castle School (where I was Senior History master) who is now a most successful actuary in Vancouver. Then — after a computer error which caused my sleeping-car to be already occupied when I boarded the Trans-Continental express (by a beautiful brunette, I hasten to add) I then went by train through the fabulous Rockies to Calgary to meet the three wise men of the Old Blacks in Canada, Doctors Alan Ashcroft, Alan Lomax and Roger Pilkington, whilst being hosted by the fourth, Roger Maltby and his charming wife on the Maltby Ranch.

Arriving late on Friday night, (after 24 hours on the train — doing the reverse trip of the late Harry King's) I was whisked around Calgary, the Banff National Park and parts of Alberta in a glorious weekend of fellowship and good humour. With the Maltby family I was given a quick overview of expanding Calgary and the glorious Banff National Park — as well as being tempted by a Phil's Yum Yum Sundae in

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QEGS memorabilia: The head chats to Roy Ashcroft, right and Alan Lomax

Headmaster's visit to United States

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Pancake House! In the evening, with a glorious sunset as backcloth to our discussions, Alan Lomax and Roy Ashcroft and Roger entertained me to dinner at the Inn on the Lake and I reviewed the school's progress and showed them memorabilia of the school which I had brought with me. We were able to think of Harry King and send a card to Margaret, his widow, to drink to the continued success of the school and to flame so many dishes at our table as to cause other diners to move further away.

On Sunday, after morning church and formidable Scrabble battles with the Maltbys (younger versions!), we were joined by the ladies and by Dr and Mrs Roger Pilkington for another memorable meal when we spoke of QEGS, of Blackburn High School for Girls and education past, present and future. I hardly had time to seek my bed before I was up next morning to visit Calgary Tower, the Hudson Bay Company's shop and observe Calgary's new rapid

transit system being built. Then off to the airport to ride Connoisseur class to Ottawa, to be guest of their City Commissioner, an Old Boy of Bury Grammar School.

My thanks for splendid hospitality — Old Blacks — and a renewal of my vision that a school, based on traditional values with a real sense of academic purpose and a vision for the future, will never be short of loyal Old Boys, whose friendship this headmaster genuinely appreciated.

28 May 1981

P.F.J.

NAUGHTY BUT NICE . . . !

● Headmaster enjoying Yum Yum dessert in Phil's Pancake House Banff.



Wedding Bells



In July, Robert Andrew Norman of Isle of Man, Ramsgreave, married Ruth Alison Sharples of Belmont Close, Wyfordby Avenue.

The wedding took place on the day the groom heard he had been successful in his Accountancy exams.

The couple, pictured above, will reside in Wigan.

Paul Nigel Hudson Walmsley (1964-73) MA, MB, ChB, married Lee-Anne Mohr in Kentucky, USA, in July 1980.

The couple now live in Lancaster. Paul is to take up duties as demonstrator/lecturer in physiology and anatomy at the medical school, Manchester University in September.

OBA committee member John Read and Christine Lesley Metcalfe, both teachers at QEGS married in July 1980, at Blackburn Registry Office.

John and Christine spent their honeymoon touring National Parks in the Western United States including the Grand Canyon and Yosemite, and visiting San Francisco.

Andrew Geoffrey Walsh MA, LLB, (1962-71) elder son of Dr and Mrs G.P. Walsh, of Gorse Road, Blackburn, married Louise Jane Connery, BA, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald P. Connery of Nuttall Lane, Ramsbottom, in May at Chelsea.

John Charles Stuart Gascoigne the only son of Mr and Mrs Gascoigne, married Anne Carter, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Carter, of Oak Road, Easington, at St. Mary's Church, Easington in August.

A honeymoon in Ischia followed the wedding of Martin B. Holt and Amelia Dunne at St. Bartholomew's Church, Great Harwood.

The bridegroom is the only son of Mr Derek Holt, Head of Junior School, and Mrs Holt.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Dunne of Meins Croft, Blackburn.



Paul Atwood (1970-74) married Vanea Pentney of Aylsham, Norfolk at Christ's College Chapel, Cambridge on 28 June 1980. The couple are now living in London where Paul is with Cooper and Lybrand (Accountants) and Vanea is a "physio" at Guy's Hospital.

**Cheshire
branch
going
strong**

It's a capital life in London

THE Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting of the London Branch of the O.B.A. was held on Friday 6th March 1981 at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London.

The attendance of twenty eight was down on the previous year but seven had travelled from Blackburn to keep the flag flying and they were: Mr Carl Marsden (Chairman of Governors), Mr and Mrs Eric Kay, Mr and Mrs John Read, Mr Jack Monk and Mr Harold Burrows.

After a somewhat exotic meal of Filet de Macqueron, Fumée aux Groseilles, Escalope de Dindonneau Emanuelle, Panaché Bergère, Pommes Parisienne, Parfait Glacé au Marsala, Pêche au Cointreaux, Café, Scott Allen proposed the Loyal Toast and as retiring chairman also proposed the Toast to the school and guests.

Mr Eric Kay replied on behalf of the school and guests, informing the ensemble that the Headmaster was unable to attend as he was away shooting crocodiles (with a camera) somewhere in the U.S.A. Mr Kay gave a resume of school activities, examination successes, sporting achievements and Old Blackburnian Association news.

The A.G.M. then followed

and after Scott Allen, the retiring chairman, was thanked for his hard work during the past three years, the following officers were elected: President: Mr Ray Vipond; Chairman, Mr Eric Norcross; Secretary, Mr Eric Race; Treasurer, Mr Denis Vipond.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present although the numbers attending were less than in previous years and consideration will be given to a less expensive venue and possibly a simpler meal. Other functions of the branch have been well attended by both London residents and students from the various London colleges and hospitals.

Present were: Mr and Mrs Scott Allen, Mr and Mrs Ray Vipond, Mr and Mrs Eric Norcross, Mr and Mrs Michael Stirrup, Clare Stevens, Sheila Tibbles, Godfrey Charnley and guest, Neil Dickinson and guest, Denis Vipond, Eric Race, Denis Hull,

Andrew Shaw, Graham Foster, Stephen Singleton and Paul Isherwood.

For information regarding Branch activities please contact Mr Eric Race, 9 Willowmead Square, Marlow, Bucks SL7 1HP. Telephone Marlow (06284) 2757.

AN Annual Buffet was held once again in Nell Gwynn's House at Hammersmith on Thursday 27th November, 1980 with the kind permission of the London Corinthian Sailing Club.

Some 46 people turned up to enjoy an informal evening consisting of talking, drinking and eating.

The menu was: Soup, Meat and Potato Pie, Cheese and Biscuits followed by coffee, for the fantastic cost of £1.50.

In a way it was a 40's reunion, when a lot of old friends caught up with 40 years gossip.

Members present were: C. P. Waring (39-43), T. E. Tomlinson (39-43), D. Vipond (39-46), R. Croasdale (39-43), M. Wilkinson (39-47), J. Whittaker (39-43), G. Smith (34-39), A. W. Shaw, P. H. Price, M. Richardson, D. E. Hull, S. Hird, R. Vipond, G. Charnley, A. Eastham, S. R. Singleton, M. W. Barton, A. Stainton, M. Stirrup, E. Horcross, E. Race, Clare Stevens, M. Bradley, P. Isherwood, N. Dickinson, G. Foster, P. Atherton, C. Garrett, S. Allen. With apologies from J. Lee.

AN informal evening was held at the Old Chesterfield in Shepherd's Market on 15th October 1980.

During the evening Mr Geoff Mercer (ex classics master) arrived and some of the older members enjoyed reminiscing of the "good old days".

Those attending were: Eric Race, Mark Richardson, Eric Norcross, Michael Stirrup, John Buckles, Scott Allen, Sandy Hird, Ray Vipond. And newcomers: Andrew Shaw, Derek Hull, Stephen Blakey, Stephen Singleton and Mike Bradley.

THE Old Boys' Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies Evening was held, as usual, in the Cheshire Suite of the Bowdon Hotel on Friday May 15th. In spite of there being a longer list of apologies than usual, the dinner was attended by 24 guests including 5 from Blackburn.

The Headmaster replied to a toast to the school, and related some of his experiences in Canada. Eric Kay mentioned the current activities of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Those present were: Mr and Mrs B. Batey, Mr and Mrs I. C. Batey, Mr and Mrs W. Birtwell, Dr and Mrs T. S. Hindle, Mr and Mrs H. S. Liversedge, Mr and Mrs E. Taylor, Mr and Mrs E. West, Mr and Mrs H. Ramsbottom, Mr C. R. J. Bury, Mr I. C. Moore, Mr H. L. Schollick - and from Blackburn, Mr and Mrs P. F. Johnston. Mr and Mrs E. J. Kay, Mrs K. Hunter.

A 'Mens Night' was held at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire on Friday, November 21, 1980.

Harold Ramsbottom, secretary of the branch and organiser of the evening, proposed the loyal toast and welcomed the guests on behalf of the nine branch members present. He also offered apologies for twenty eight branch members who were unable to attend.

The Headmaster replied on behalf of the seven guests and gave a report on the activities of the school and Old Blackburnians Association during the past few months.

In spite of the reduced numbers the evening was voted a great success by all present.

Those attending were: Mr Philip F. Johnston (Headmaster), Mr R. Hunter (School Bursar), Messrs W. N. Barton, B. Batey, J. Kenyon, H. S. Marsden, D. M. Marton, Dr H. Morris, E. Taylor, E. West, H. Ramsbottom, E. J. Kay, J. E. Sagar, F. Gillibrand (O.B.A. Treasurer), K. Forbes, R. Smethurst.

44 at Oxford meal

The 1980 Annual Dinner of the Oxford Branch of the Association was held at the Eastgate Hotel, High St. on Friday, Oct. 31st, 1980.

The President of the local branch of John Routh organised the event, ably supported by Mr John Clark.

The loyal toast was proposed by John Clark and John Routh welcomed the guests and proposed a toast to the late Harry King to whom this meeting meant so much. The President then proposed a toast to the school, to which the Headmaster responded giving a brief resume of the current activities of the school.

Mr Routh then called upon Mr E.J. Whittle, the school's Careers Master to speak as chief guest. This he did with commendable humour and panache. Mr E.J. Kay spoke briefly of the activities of the Parent Teacher Association and brought greetings from the other branches of the Association.

Those attending were, from the University, Miss Jennifer Sutcliffe, Miss Ann Chippindale, Miss Sharon Atherton, Miss Alison Hartley, D.J. Clark, M.J. Kay, A.J. Aspin, P.J. Duckworth, W.J. Routh, N.R. Holden, P.H. Banks, P.M. Bland, T.J. Masterton, A.I. Evans, B.G. Lea, M.A. Ryan, J.H. Aldred, A.C. Jackson, C.W. Slinger, S. Searley, M.J. Sharples, K.A. Hayes, A.C. Jennings, J.C. Chamberlain, C.J. Sultan, D. Preston.

From Blackburn: Mr P.F. Johnston (Headmaster), Mr E.C. Marsden (Chairman of Governors), Mr R. Hunter (School Bursar), Mr E.J. Whittle (Chief Guest), Mr W.E. Metcalfe, Mr S.J. Ingham, Mr E.J. Kay Resident in the Oxford Area: Mr C.P. Waring, Rev Jack Whittaker, Mr J. Lee, Mr E. Race, Mr C.G. Edmondson (from London), C.J. Garratt.

Late Visitors Were: Miss Rachael Baggaley, Miss Claire Stevens, Miss Elizabeth Clarke, S.S. Raynor, R.J. Haynes.

Check if there's a branch near you

We should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, the London area and at Oxford and Cambridge. They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

Yorkshire Branch:
Mr Guy M. Shutteworth,
1 St. Peter's Grove, York, YO3 6AS
Telephone York 22450

South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch:

Mr Harold Ramsbottom,
157 Chester Road, Hazel Grove,
Stockport, Cheshire.
Telephone 0625 87 3344

London Area Branch:

Mr Eric Race,
9 Willowmead Square,
Marlow, Bucks. SL7 1HP
Telephone 06284 2757

Oxford Branch:

Mr Peter Banks,
Christ Church College, Oxford.

For the University branch at Cambridge please contact Mr Eric Kay, c/o School, West Park Road, Blackburn who is liaison officer between the branches,

all old boys, the Parent Association and the school.

Old Boys will be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary. For further information Old Boys in Canada should contact:

Dr Roger Maltby
Box 59, Site 2553, Calgary, Alberta,
Canada T3C 3N9

Should any Old Boy in an area not covered by the above branches wish to act as liaison for that area, please get in touch with Mr Eric Kay at school or Editor of MAGISTER c/o school.

Membership almost at 1,000 mark

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The following officers were elected: President: Mr J.E. Sagar was re-elected; Chairman: Mr E.J. Kay was elected; Vice-Chairman: Mr R. Smith was elected; Secretary: Mr D.I. Forbes was re-elected; Treasurer: Mr F. Gillibrand was elected; Auditors: Messrs W. Hare and R.B. Holden were re-elected. Committee: H. Burrows, J. Duckworth, E. Fairhurst, W.K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E.G. Hunt, H. Isherwood, N. Jepson, E.C. Marsden, S.J. Monk, I.D. Newton, K.V. Newton, P.T. Pearson, W.H. Procter, J.S. Read, T. Riley, R. Smethurst, R.B. Smith, W.E.T. Walsh, J. Warner and K. Wightman. Ex Officio: Mr P.F. Johnston, Headmaster and Mr R.N. Hornsby, Chairman of the Football Club.



Roger Smith - new vice-chairman

The Secretary reported with regret that Mr Duckworth had tendered his resignation as editor of Magister which had very reluctantly been accepted by the committee. Everyone would know of the tremendous amount of work Mr Duckworth had put in over the past 10 or 11 years in producing Magister and the committee was well aware of the task in front of it regarding production of future editions. In particular, it was pleasing to report that following Mr Duckworth's decision to use a different printing process for the last edition, costs had been substantially reduced. All members of the committee had been requested to supply information and newspaper cuttings for material for the next edition of Magister through the Headmaster, the School had kindly agreed to act as a clearing house for this material and also other association business. In this respect, Mr Kay had taken on some of the mantle of Harry King and for this

the association was grateful. It was obviously important that a liaison between the association and the School be maintained and it was fortunate that there were several members of staff on the committee.

On the social scene, OBA vice-chairman Roger Smith had arranged a dinner dance which was due to be held on September 26 but due to lack of support, he had felt it necessary to cancel. However, thanks were due to Roger for his efforts.

The secretary thanked the rest of the committee for their efforts on behalf of the association during the past year which had been a particularly more difficult one than usual. He also stressed to those members who would be elected to the committee for the following year, the hard work which would be needed in replacing the efforts of Harry King and John Duckworth.

Mr E.C. Marsden informed the meeting that the School Governors had considered recruitment of new OBA members and had agreed that the £30 caution money held by the School on behalf of each pupil could be used as a life membership fee to the association. It was therefore agreed that the life membership fee should be adjusted to £30 from September 1981 and thanks were recorded to the Governors and the Headmaster for allowing this facility. The treasurer, Mr Fred Gillibrand, reported there were just less than 1,000 members. Some were still slow in updating their bankers orders to £2 and 152 members still owed subscriptions; 31 members were still paying at the old rate of 37p. However these members were not serviced by the association. It was agreed that no further action be taken with regard to the association's investments other than allowing the treasurer to reinvest the Term Bond in January. The accounts were adopted and the chairman recorded a vote of thanks to the treasurer for his report and for preparing the accounts.

John Read reported the cost of the 1980 Dinner had almost doubled as a result of employing new caterers but it was hoped that this would result in a marked improvement. See reports on the dinner on pages 12 and 13.

All at sea . . .!



WHEN long distance singer Darryl David returned home to Blackburn he had logged 250,000 miles at sea as a cabaret singer on a cruise liner. The multilingual singing and dancing act is part of the entertainment on the C.T.C. cruise ship "Mikhail Lermontov".

Darryl who sings under the name of Danny Lester said that he is looking forward to travel-

ling the world for another five years. It is hard work but it is an exhilarating life at sea.

Darryl met his partner Gretchen Griffith, formed a duo act "Milk and Honey" and started their ship-board life.

As well as his cabaret act Darryl helps to organise ship-board entertainment. He sings and speaks in five languages.

No Magister? Have you moved?

THE OLD Blackburnians' Association has a membership in excess of 1,000 Old Boys.

During the year each member still subscribing at the very old rate of 7/6d. (37p) was approached individually and invited to subscribe at the current £2 subscription.

At the present time, 42 lapsed annual members and 131 still subscribing £1 by Bankers Order are being independently invited to up-date their payments. When correcting a Bankers Order amount please remember to cancel the old Bankers Order.

Owing to the high costs of "Magister" and postal charges the Association will only continue to service a membership paying at the current subscription rates.

As it is difficult to bring all members up-to-date with subscription amounts it was decided that the Annual Subscription of £2 would remain the same but Life Membership increased to £30.

This year should see the implementation of the Headmaster's suggestion whereby the cost of life membership is added to a pupil's final account for school fees.

In 1980, an exercise in verifying the Life Membership Fund was carried out; the result being that £323.53 was written off to the Accumulated Fund. It has been suggested that this exercise be repeated about every 5 years. Except for this item the accounts are straightforward and appear to be entering a more simple, concise form than in the past.

Probably the most difficult task of a Treasurer is keeping the membership roll correctly. While some mistakes are perhaps inevitable when this roll is 1,000 plus, every effort is made to keep these to a minimum. Your assistance in notifying ANY news for "Magister", Obituaries and Changes of Address are always gratefully received and these can be sent directly to any Officers or via the School, West Park Road, Blackburn.

OLD BOYS AROUND THE WORLD

What about branches in Australia, Hong kong and USA?



ALLAN Dodd writes from Melbourne to say that Australian education is following the lead set by QEGS in having co-educational sixth forms in Public Schools. In fact, some have now started bringing in the girls at Prep. School level. Dissatisfaction with the State system has led to a boom in demand for Public School places despite annual fees for day boys of about £1600.

Allan is suggesting an 'old boys' gathering at the Mel-

bourne Hilton, quite near to the Melbourne Cricket ground, so what about you Test Match fans.

Allan is now at 8 Crellin Grove, Camberwell, Vic 3124, Australia.

CHRIS. Lund has asked us to mention that now he is permanently resident in Hong Kong, he is in a position to act as a 'link-man' in setting up a Hong-Kong/Far East branch of the Old Blackburnians. He believes there are several 'old boys' dotted

around the Far East. He can be contacted at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, Telephone 3-673011 during office hours.

Another "overseas posting" although much nearer to home has been reported to us, that of the promotion of **Mr John A. Redman** who has been appointed manager of the Douglas, Isle of Man branch of the National Westminster Bank.

PETER Murphy informs us that he and his wife Hilary

are widening their horizons by moving to the United States. They have both been offered positions with law firms in San Francisco. San Francisco is a beautiful city, Peter writes, if you don't mind the occasional earthquake, delightful in which to live and work. Peter can be contacted at the Law Offices of Bronson Bronson and McKinnon, Bank of America Center, 555 California Street, San Francisco, California 94104. (Tel: 415-391-4500).

CANTILENA

QUAM Elissa refundavit,
Schola Blackburnensis,
Sæcla tria plus duravit,
Non quod largius dotavit
Virgo Tudorensis.

Frustra quaerimus annales,
Majorum Historiam,
Nisi numerem legales
Formas admodum ferales,
Vix vocaris gloriam.

Laus si desit diluturna,
ne queramur fraudem.
Adsit virtus hodierna;
Haec manebit sempiterna;
Haec meretur laudem.

Virtus potius quam stemma,
Sortem ne ploremus,
Haec voluntas, hoc sit therma;
Suum cuique diadema
Decus id petemus.

Vivat membrum quodlibet,
Summo sit honore:
Matrem almam decactemus,
Hanc colamus exornemus
Semper sit in flore.

VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT!

SCHOOL SONG

Blackburn School, by good Queen
Bess
Refounded in its hour of stress.
Three centuries and more has
stayed;
But not because of bounties paid
Or blessings from the Tudor Maid.

In vain for records shall we look
In our Elders' history book.
The Charter, true, we mat extol
And many a dusty parchment
scroll.
But Glory—these you'd hardly call

If lasting praise should seem to
fail.
Let us not our loss bewail:
Let Manliness be seen to-day,
For this alone abides for aye:
'Tis this that merits praise alway.

Nay, let us not hard fortune
weep.
This wish, this motto, let us keep:
"To each his crown of Glory be,"
That is the honour we long to see.
For 'Pluck is more than Pedigree.'

Live on, then each member here,
In highest Honour soon appear,
Our alma Mater let us sing
All reverence and all honour
bring.
Long may she reign, tho' we are
gone,
And evermore Live On! Live on!



Mr Eric Sagar, our President, suffered a heart attack since our last edition, but we are pleased to report he is recovering satisfactorily and we all wish him the best of health for the future.

Banker is appointed manager

FOR many people, working in the management world of banking means frequent changes of scene and a recent man on the move is **Mr Don Newton**. He has been employed in banking since leaving QEGS in 1949, starting work at a local branch of Barclays. Now he has been appointed manager of the bank's branch at Whitworth Park, Manchester. He is no stranger to Manchester, having gained some of his early experience in the profession working at several branches in the Manchester area.

Many people in Bolton will also know Mr Newton from his appointment as assistant manager at the Market Street branch in 1967, an appointment which lasted only a year before his promotion to manager at the Marple branch.

Since 1974 he has been an inspector at Barclay's Preston local head office.

'Blacks injuries keep cup at bay

GOLF

THE annual OBA golf was rained off in June – for the second year running. It was re-arranged to be held at Wilshire Golf club in August. (See page 10).

THE season got off to its customary start with the annual 7-a-side competition, and even though the Old Blacks fielded three sides (two being only to make up numbers due to backwards), they were unable to win the Trophy. The 1st 7 were knocked out in the semi-final. The eventual winners were Old Rivingtonians who have never before won the competition.

The weather has once again played a big part in this season's fixtures, with the Club having played only half its matches at the end of the official season. It has been rather an inconspicuous season, where the major highlight has been the performance of the 4th XI, who are pressing for

promotion with a run of twelve games without defeat, under the captaincy of Tim Mercer.

The 1st XI have had an indifferent season in the League and Cup: being likely to finish in the bottom half of the table in the League, and being knocked out of the F. A. Challenge Vase in the first round by Clitheroe, and the Lancashire Amateur Cup in the third round by Blackpool Rangers.

The Club has been hit by a large number of injuries this season, one of which was to Dave Hindle who has unfortunately been told to give up the game. Two more 1st XI players on the injury list were Phil Sumner (foot injury) and Keith Taylor

(cartilage) who were out of the side for quite a while, but are now both fully recovered.

The 2nd XI under the Captaincy of Nigel (Dud) Tolley have not been able to emulate their successes of the past two seasons, this being mainly due to fielding an ever changing side due to the injury problem. Moving to the 3rd XI they are having their worst season for a number of years, being in danger of relegation.

Finally, on a brighter note, three young players have had quite a good season, Ian Johnson and Guy Anderson both making the 1st XI and in the latter stages of the season Nick McKeown has made a place for himself in the 1st XI goal.

Ian D. Sagar (1955-61) son of the President J.E. Sagar (1919-25) was elected Captain of Blackburn Golf Club on 24th November 1980. J. N. Prest (1932-40), Governor of the School and past Captain and Council Member of Blackburn Golf Club was elected Captain of Pleasington Golf Club on 22nd January 1981. Both attended Manchester University where they both gained their Maroons for Golf.

Table tennis team beaten in final

THE Club entered 5 teams in the Blackburn and District League this season. The first team in Division One finished comfortably half way up a very strong division. Both the Second and 'A' teams competed in Division Two, with the Second team finishing half way up the table, but sadly the 'A' team in the relegation zone.

The 'B' team competed in Division Three, winning the League Championship, being undefeated in their 16 matches. The 'C' team won the 4th Division title losing only two matches.

In the knock-out cup the 'B' team had a fine run, reaching the final where they met the 1st Division champions Alec's Field. In a fiercely competitive match the 'B' team lost by a mere 3 points.

Once again Steven Derbyshire, a Junior player with the Club, represented the Town Junior Team in all their matches in the Lancashire & Cheshire League.

COMPLETED FIXTURES TO THURSDAY, 30th APRIL, 1981

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1st X1	26	10	3	13	34	43	23
2nd X1	28	11	7	10	58	42	29
3rd X1	24	8	4	12	42	49	20
4th X1	25	14	5	6	80	51	33



This photograph came into our hands, source unknown. Does any old boy recognise these stalwart youths forty years on or so? Replies in confidence to the editor!

This is to
Certify
That

Degrees and things

NEWS IN BRIEF

M.E. Barton (1970-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div 1, Hons. Ancient History and Archaeology, Newcastle upon Tyne University.

Flying Officer **P.J. Bell** (1968-75) Awarded his wings at Finningley by Air Vice Marshal B. Brownlow. Posted to Vulcan Training, R.A.F. Scampton.

A.S.D. Birchall (1970-77) Graduated LL.B., Hons. Law, Sheffield University.

S.A. Blakey (1967-77) Graduated LL.B. Class 2, Div 2, Hons. Law, Bristol University.

M.J. Brookes (1970-77) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Zoology-Applied Zoology, Bangor University.

R. Byrom (1966-76) Graduated B.Sc., Econ. Class 2, Hons. Accounting and Finance, London School of Economics. Appointed Student Accountant with A. Anderson, London.

Gillian P. Campbell (1976-78) Awarded Half-Blue for Squash, St. Andrews University.

D.J. Clark (1969-75) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Modern Languages, Exeter College, Oxford.

A. Coar (1970-77) Graduated B.Sc(Tech) Class 2, Div. 2. Hons. Chemical Engineering, Sheffield University. Appointed Process Engineer, John Brown Limited, London.

S.W. Cocker (1970-77) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Petroleum Engineering, Imperial College, London. Appointed Process Engineer, Davy McKee Ltd., London.

D. Collison B.Sc. (1969-70) Awarded Ph.D. in Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry at Manchester University.

H.H. Cook, B.A. (1967-74) Awarded D. Phil in Chemical Engineering at Balliol College, Oxford. Appointed Mechanical Engineer with B.P. Chemicals, London.

M.C. Cook (1968-75) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Manchester University. Appointed Junior House Officer, Burnley Victoria Hospital and Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

M.C. Cooper (1970-76) Graduated B.A. Class 1, Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford. Appointed Scientific Officer, Government Communications H.Q. Cheltenham.

S.J. Counsell (1962-70) Appointed Head of German Department, Hutton Grammar School, Preston.

S.J. Davies (1970-76) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Engineering Science, Keeble College, Oxford. Appointed to post with Racal (Slough) Limited.

D.M. Dempsey (1969-76) Graduated B.Sc., Hons. Physiology, York University.

N.J. Douglas (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics and Geography, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University.

A. Duxbury (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. French, Leeds University. Appointed Graduate Trainee with Boots Limited, Nottingham.

G.R. Foster (1968-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Physiological Sciences, Wadham College, Oxford.

S.B. Fowler (1970-77) graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biology, York University.

G.M. Gabbutt (1967-76) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Medical Sciences, St. John's College, Cambridge.

T.J. Gabbutt (1966-76) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Manchester University.

C.J. Garratt (1969-77) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Physiological Sciences, Magdalen College, Oxford.

A.E. Geldeard (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Accountancy, Preston Polytechnic.

D. Gibson (1970-77) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Microbiology, Swansea.

M.F. Gibson (1966-75) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Manchester University. Appointed Houseman, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

A.D. Goudie (1967-76) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Engineering Science, Exeter College, Oxford. Appointed Engineer with British Aerospace, Warton.

H.R. Graham (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Ancient History, Classical Civilisation, Sheffield University.

S.J.K. Hall (1967-76) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. French, Leeds University.

D. Hardman B.A. (1966-68) Staff-Appointed Deputy Headmaster, King Edward VI School, Lichfield, Staffs.

J.J. Haworth (1945-50) Appointed Principal, Lloyds Bank Staff Training College, Kingswood, Surrey.

M.J. Haworth (1967-74) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Modern Languages, Durham University. Appointed Lecturer at the University of Limoges (France).

P. Howarth (1970-76) Graduated B.Sc., Medical Sciences, St. Andrews University.

S. Hunter (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Geography, Queen's College, Oxford. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Preston.

A. Ibbotson (1968-77) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Civil Engineering, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University.

S.A. Kay (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Quantum Chemistry, New College, Oxford.

G. Kelleher (1969-76) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Social Psychology, London School of Economics.

D.C. Kinlock (1970-77) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Geochemistry, Cardiff.



Allison J. Lord (1976-78) Awarded the Jelf Medal in Medical Science, King's College, London.

C.J. Manson (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Religious Studies, Lancaster University.

R. March (1972-77) Graduated LL.B., Class 3, Hons. Law, Liverpool Polytechnic.

S. McKinstry (1968-75) Graduated B.D.S., Manchester University.

C.E. Melling (1970-77) Graduated B.A. Economics, Liverpool University.

A.J. Mitchell (1970-76) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Business Studies, Preston Polytechnic.

P.V. Moore (1969-76) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Ancient History and Classical Civilisation, Sheffield University. Appointed Constable in the Cheshire Police Constabulary.

D.G. Morgan (1970-77) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Leeds University.

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Step up for Jim

MR JIM Danson (1935-40) has been appointed to the post of Assistant Accountant General, Finance Department, Department of Employment. He was formerly the manager of Employment Exchanges in Bacup, Bamber Bridge and Bolton before being 'exiled' to London in 1967. Before his present appointment he spent five years with the Manpower Services Commission. Although he obtained a B.Sc. Economics degree, he claims that his exalted position and knowledge of high finance is due more to the efforts of 'Jud' Lewney and 'Spike' Kennedy than any professional qualifications!



SCHOOL NEWS

AS A result of last October's examinations, eight Open Awards to Oxbridge were obtained and a further fifteen secured places.

The scholarships were awarded to:

Jane Horshall, Exhibition, Balliol College, Oxford, History. Giles E. Hundleby, Scholarship, St John's College, Oxford, Engineering Science. Sally Millett, Scholarship, Exeter College, Oxford, Medicine. Jonathan Procter, Exhibition, Brasenose College, Oxford, Jurisprudence. Michael R. Walker, Scholarship, Christ Church, Oxford, Mathematics. Alan Whiteley, Exhibition, Balliol College, Oxford, Mathematics. Andrew J. Gosden, Scholarship, Magdalene College, Cambridge, Chemistry. Declan G. Murray, Scholarship, King's College, Cambridge, Mathematics.

The places go to:

Michael W. Gibson, University College, Oxford, Jurisprudence. Michael T. Harrison, Regent's Park College, Oxford, Philosophy and Theology. Andrew J. Holden, Jesus College, Oxford, PPP. David Hurst, Christ Church, History/Ancient History. Thomas L. Phillips, Magdalen College, Oxford, Medicine. Alan J. Shepherd, Merton College, Oxford, Chemistry. Howard J. Smith, Oriel College, English. Jennifer J. Tonge, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, Geography. Charles E.S. Bullcock, Christ's College, Cambridge, Chemistry. Collette M. George, New Hall, Cambridge, Medicine. Mark R. Headley, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Engineering Science. Culam A. Patel, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, Medicine. Donald M.E. Redding, Trinity College, Cambridge, English. Michael R.H. Wright, Exeter College, Oxford, Classics.

Peel Foundation Awards.

A number of awards were gained by Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Pupils.

J.H. Aldred, A.J. Bate, A.D. Bell, R.D. Bliss, J.H. Bretherton, S.J. Butterworth, J.C. Chamberlain, M.D. Flannery, M.S. Frankland, H.N. Halliday, Patricia A. Hartley, R.J. Haynes, J.C. Headley, D.T. Holden, P.B. Hollins, D.E. Hull, L.W. Hundleby, I.P. Jones, D.T. Lindley, P.F. Mahoney, D.J. Preston, B.N. Rostron, D.W. Starkie, I.J. Stockdale.

Also in 1980 there were 1227 'CE' 'O' level passes and 948 'A' level passes.

**ERIC'S
NEW
LOOK**



ERIC Veevers, 24 year old architectural assistant with Whitbread's at Liverpool had a vital cornea graft operation just before his birthday after waiting over twelve months for a tissue match from a suitable donor. He underwent a similar operation on his other eye two years previously, and the only hope of him having normal sight was the further surgery. The cornea graft followed the death of a Merseyside athlete Peter Everett whose heart was also used in a transplant operation. Eric stated that it was a shame there had to be a tragedy to make it possible for him to have the operation but expressed his gratitude to the donor's parents for giving their consent. Eric added that the hospitals are very short of donors and would urge people to consider being donors.



NEWS IN BRIEF

P.R. PARKINSON (1969-75) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Mathematics, St. John's College, Oxford. Appointed Student Accountant, Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, London.

M. POLLARD (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. History, Leeds University.

P.D. RIGBY (1972-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accountancy, Preston Polytechnic.

M.A. ROTHWELL B.Sc. (1959-66) Appointed Head of the Systems Development Group at the Headquarters of British Petroleum in London.

A. SEWELL (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Ancient History and Classical Civilisation, Sheffield University.

E.D. SHARPLES (1967-74) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Salford University.

G.C. SHAW (1970-75) Qualified M.B., Ch.B. Manchester University. Appointed House Officer at N.W.M.G.H. in Neurology.

S.R. SINGLETON (1968-78) Awarded Higher Diploma in Estate Management, Leicester Polytechnic.

P.W. SLATER (1968-75) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Psychology and Philosophy, Bedford College, London University.

B. SMITH (1969-76) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Environmental Studies, Leicester University.

T.P. SOUTHERN (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting, Preston Polytechnic. Appointed Trainee with Robson Rhodes C.A., Manchester

J.G. STEVENSON (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Quantum Chemistry, Merton College, Oxford.

G.T. SWIFT (1975-76) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Engineering Science, Balliol College, Oxford. Appointed Installations Engineer with Rascal Communications Ltd., Bracknell, Berks.

M.G. TAYLOR (1969-74) Graduated B.Sc., Urban Land Economics, Sheffield Polytechnic.

M.P. TAYLOR (1970-77) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. History, Bristol University. Appointed Trainee Manager, Midland Dairies, Birmingham.

J.M. TOMLINSON (1969-76) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Combined Studies, Manchester University.

P.J. WALKER (1967-76) Graduated B.Sc., Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mineral Technology, Imperial College, London University. Appointed a Metallurgist, Tara Mines Ltd., Republic of Ireland.

P.N.H. WALMSLEY (1964-73) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Appointed Houseman, Lancaster Royal Infirmary.

J.P. WALSH (1969-76) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Archaeology, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University.

C.J. WALTON (1974-75) Qualified M.B.Ch.B., Birmingham University.

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JUDGE TO BE GUEST

THE chief guest at the Old Blackburnians Association annual dinner in Big School in December is to be His Honour Judge Bell.

Judge Alistair Watson Bell has been a Circuit Judge since 1978. The judge, who is 51, was born in Edinburgh and now lives near Preston. He was educated at

Lanark Grammar School and George Watson's College. He gained Master of Arts degrees from Edinburgh and Oxford Universities and a Bachelor of Common Law degree from Oxford. He concluded National Service as a 2nd Lieutenant in the RASC in 1955 and was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple. He was a Harmsworth Scholar

in 1956 and entered practice on the Northern Circuit in the following year. He was a Recorder of the Crown Court from 1972 to 1978.

He contested Chorley and Westmorland constituencies for the Labour Party in 1964 and 1966 elections respectively.

Joseph N. Prest (1932-40) will propose a vote of thanks.



Tom Sharratt

TOM WINS COUNTY POLL
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THREE GAIN HONOURS IN NEW YEAR'S LIST

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Unilever deputy chief to present prizes

The School Speech Day this year is in December at King George's Hall. Old Boys are welcome to attend and are asked to contact Association chairman, Mr Eric Kay at School for further details.

The chief guest will be the vice-chairman of Unilever Ltd., Mr Kenneth Durham who attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1935 to 1941. He served with the Royal Air Force in the second world war and was demobilised as Flight Lieutenant in 1946.

He gained a B.Sc honours degree in physics at Manchester University where he won a Hatfield Scholarship.

After a short spell with the Atomic Research Establishment, Harwell, he joined the Research Laboratory of Unilever at Port Sunlight in 1950. He was made a director in 1974.

Father and son lead the parties

LIKE father - like son for Nigel Bramley-Haworth (1955-66). Nigel is a dentist with a practice in Accrington. Nigel's father, George (1927-37) is personnel manager with the Lancashire and Cumbria Trustee Savings Bank - and leader of the Conservative group on Blackburn Borough Council. Now Hyndburn Conservative group has elected Nigel its leader.



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Obituaries

Courage cup in memory of Fergus

The Christian analogy of a seed dying to give new life is one with which we are all too familiar, and a trite repetition of its hope of Everlasting and Eternal life gives but scant comfort to those immediately bereaved.

Yet our great sense of loss at Fergus Scott's death last year (aged but 14 and of a congenital heart disease) has been tempered by the reaction of his form and his school in the intervening months.

All were reminded of the reality of life beyond the grave, an existence not just earthly and of our situation as pilgrims on a perilous and sometimes shortened path. But Fergus' memory will live on, in the form of a splendid trophy designed by Vijay Hajela and hand-crafted by Mr. Barry Brown (Head of Handicraft) in silver and gilding metal. Suggested by his contemporaries and supported by the staff, this Fergus Scott Trophy, to be known as the 4X Trophy for Courage, will be awarded — as the occasion arises, rather than as an annual award — to those who have demonstrated Fergus' grit in the face of physical disability, of Fergus' courage in the face of growing impotence, of Fergus' faith in the future.

It happens that the first recipients of the Trophy will be joint-holders of this memorial to Fergus whose first pacemaker implant in 1973 was replaced in 1975 and in 1979. Like Fergus' O-level results (10 grade A's at his first attempt in the 4X form) we expect similar results from Timothy Perry, who joined us from Malsis Preparatory School in April 1980. Increasing muscular sclerosis meant increasing restriction of Tim's mobility and his last term saw his use of a wheelchair around the school and his taking O-levels with increasing pain and discomfort. He leaves us this summer to continue his studies in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and we send him our good wishes for the future, in a setting a little easier for the handicapped than our hilly site. Similarly, Helen Cruden who came into our Sixth Form from The Royal Grammar School for Girls at Clitheroe in September 1980 has — despite her rheumatoid arthritis — battled with courage and cheerfulness against her problems of movement in the hurly-burly of a Sixth-form of 380 members, most



The trophy for courage

of whom move constantly about the premises at the end of each period. Helen has now completed her A-levels and is on her way to University, but she will share the Fergus Scott Trophy.

Moreover it has been Fergus' parents' wish that all the money in his estate should pass to the school and in particular to endow a Fergus Scott Memorial History Library, which is presently being established.

So Fergus' life here will not be forgotten, nor our pain that he was never permitted to try for that Oxbridge place which was his goal, but his trophy and those to whom it has been awarded will continue to be with us.

We salute a brave old Blackburnian through this trophy and two worthy successors to the Fergus Scott tradition.

P.F.J.

Didicere Prodesse

We publish below a small list of those Old Blackburnians who have passed away during the year. We apologise for the brevity. We would be obliged for as much information as possible about former pupils who have died.

Mr Ronald Pearson; Mr Tom Ratcliffe; Mr A. M. Fairbrother (1915-18) passed away 23.10.81; Mr James Holden (1905-1909) aged 91, of Dukes Brow, Blackburn, died June 11.

Emma is student of the year



Emma Taylor (1977-1979) won the Colgate Palmolive student of the year award for 1981 at the Abraham Moss College in Manchester. After gaining "A" levels in Chemistry and Biology, Emma attended a two year beauty course at the College where she successfully obtained her diploma as a beautician. Emma has now established a mobile beauty therapy service from her home in Great Harwood, which is already proving to be most successful.

Picture by courtesy of "Lancashire Evening Telegraph".

IN A letter to the Headmaster, Jeff Vent (1936-44) writes that he is now in his 33rd year at King Henry VIII School Coventry.

He claims, with some justification, to have passed the stage of settling down in the post! When not being harrassed by colleagues for articles for the magazine (we know the feeling) Jeff spends most of his free time sorting out the under 12 rugby team. In jocular vein he tells us that he was recently photographed in the local paper in front of a newly-built road which was to be named Jeff Vent Close — until the local planning department decided they didn't want roads naming after people still alive. As one small girl said: "In your case, how could they tell the difference!!"



H. G. FIELD (1921-23) has written to thank us for his copy of Magister. Although most of the people referred to are, by now, only names to him, he still gets a 'bit of a kick' reading about them. He pays tribute to Q.E.G.S. by simply saying 'What a stream of useful people the school sends out' and is looking forward to the

next edition (hope we can get it out on time!)

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ANOTHER letter received in response to the football photograph on page 20 of the last issue (further details see page 20) was from none other than former classics master, G. A. Mercer, who entered School in May 1935 as the successor to one Percy Northam, and as form-master of 3A!

He writes that he can remember every single one of them by sight, but putting names to faces is a different matter.

Mr Mercer's sons also get a mention. Peter, the elder, is now a senior lecturer at Brighton Polytechnic dealing mainly with electronics and microprocessing.

His younger son, Christopher, emigrated to America and now lives in Idaho working for a firm called Power Engineers who design National Grid transmission lines, substations for mines and "Heaven knows what else". Mr Mercer ends by saying he is always glad to see any Old Boys or members of staff and in fact quite a few have called over the years. He can be found at Craiglure, Laurieston Rd., Gatehouse of Fleet, Kircudbrightshire. In a post script he points out that the version of Cantilena on page 19 of the last issue was printed without any acknowledgement of authorship. It is the work of C. A. Smith, Mr. Mercer's predecessor as head of Classics. Quote: "He and I both produced 'versions': fortunately you've found the better one — my own has sunk without trace!"

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Engineering head honoured with medal

THE Biomedical Engineering Unit of which North Staffordshire Polytechnic is so justly proud is largely a quite remarkable personal achievement by Mr Owen Frederick Phoenix (1928-1938).

His contribution was publicly recognised when Mr Phoenix was awarded the Mitchell Memorial Medal and invited to give the associated lecture.

Each year, the Stoke-on-Trent Association of Engineers invites a distinguished engineer or scientist (often chosen from very far afield) to give a lecture in memory of the late R. J. Mitchell, the designer of the Spitfire fighter aircraft and a founder member of the association. The choice of Mr Phoenix was the first time for many years that someone working locally had been so honoured.

In his lecture, Mr Phoenix spoke on technology in medicine referring to its applications to treatment and diagnosis and discussed the balance between the uses of technology and the retention of humanity.

His own main research interest is now in the understanding and treatment of osteo-arthritis, particularly when this follows accidental injury and in education and training of orthopaedic surgeons. He has been concerned in the organisation of practical courses for the surgical treatment of injuries at Stoke-on-Trent; the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry; the Medical School, Nottingham; the Royal College of Surgeons, London and in Davos, Switzerland.

After obtaining a B.Sc. (Engineering) Degree from London in 1940, Mr Phoenix worked as a trainee draughtsman/estimator for Foster, Yates and Thom Ltd Blackburn, moving to Joseph Lucas Ltd in Burnley in 1947 as a research engineer on aero-gas turbine development. From 1941-1946 he served with the



Mr Phoenix

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in North Africa and Italy being discharged with the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

After joining Blackburn Municipal Technical College as an assistant lecturer in 1948, he moved to become Senior Lecturer at Nottingham and District Technical College, (1948-58). Then came an appointment as Head of the Engineering Department at the North Staffordshire College of Technology, a post he held until becoming Head of the Bio-Medical Engineering Unit in 1970.

Derick's interest in sport, fostered at Q.E.G.S., still remains. Until he left Blackburn in 1948, he played soccer for the Old Blacks and cricket with East Lancs and Rishton and still turns out occasionally for the 2nd XI of his local club in the N. Staffs & District League.

Derick would be very pleased to know of any O. B.'s in the N. Staffs/S. Cheshire area.

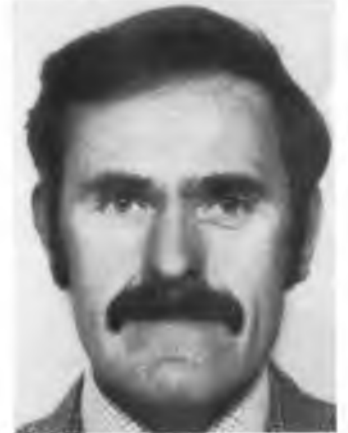
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DR Brian Mercer's (1939-44) Netlon Limited has been granted a Royal Warrant of Appointment to the Queen. This most recent award follows past achievements since 1973 when in that year the company received a Design Council Award followed by the Queens Award to Industry in 1976. On a personal note Dr Mercer has been honoured by the Royal Society's Mullard Medal, a Doctor of Technology degree, the Prince Philip Award for "plastics in the service of man" and an OBE in 1981.

WILD SIDE OF ALBERT

Old boy tells of globetrotting in

Third World



SHORTLY after I left Ethiopia, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed: a year after being in The Gambia, there was a coup — there is no correlation between these events, and there may be several non sequiturs in this "trip down memory lane", which I hope will be interesting and entertaining.

In my bachelor days, I had wandered around India and Peru: now with a wife and three children it's annual pilgrimages to Windermere and the relations. Life in Oxford is pleasant yet pedestrian, and, having worked overseas, the itch to travel never seems to go away. Fortunately, several good offers have come my way in recent years for work during our long summer vacations, and, in this article, I propose to write about three of these overseas trips.

My first "expedition" was to Guyana on the north-east coast of South America. Early Spanish explorers believed this "land of many waters" to be the kingdom of El Dorado and that the streets of his cities were paved with gold. What they found was a land of mountains, waterfalls and swamps.

My job was to be the Director of a six week Management Development Course for managers of co-operatives in the various Caribbean countries. There were about 20 people on the course, mostly men, average age around 30 years, and the ability ranged from a man from Surinam with a Dutch Ph.D. to a girl from Trinidad with formal qualifications approaching GCE 'O' level.

Our location was a fairly new co-operative college some 36 miles from Georgetown, the capital. Like mediaeval monasteries we were situated in the middle of nowhere on the principle that it would be conducive to studying. We lived in Davy Crockett type wooden huts, ate chicken for lunch and chicken for dinner on most days, and being close to the Equator it was hot and humid.

Since the course was residential, we got to know the students very well, and mixed with them socially in the evenings for

Albert Eastham (1946–51) M.A., B.A. (Admin) Dip. Ed., M.B.I.M. is a senior lecturer in Management at Oxford Polytechnic. He taught English at Q.E.G.S. from 1960–65 and here tells of his "adventures" in Guyana, The Gambia and Swaziland during the past few years.

dancing, concerts, talking and drinking. A continual flow of local speakers from the University of Guyana and various business firms and banks complemented the U.K. visiting lecturing team, and we would like to think that in some small way we contributed to the personal development of our clients. Whether they will be able to improve effective performance at work is another matter.

People from this part of the world are relaxed, light-hearted personalities and we certainly enjoyed their company. The local rum is quite superb; the steel band music unforgettable: nor shall we forget the tarantula spider that we discovered on the outside of our mosquito net, or the le barria snake which had crept under the floorboards into our wardrobe.

In 1970 Guyana became the first Co-operative Republic in the world, but, sadly, one has to report that the philosophy is not working. GNP declines every year, there is racial and religious antagonism, choke and rob gangs terrorise Georgetown, and Prime Minister Forbes Burnham, Q.C. rules very autocratically. I cannot recommend readers to visit Guyana, unless they wish to explore Sir Conan Doyle's "Lost World" territory in the Pakaraima mountains, or to see the spectacular waterfall at Kaietur, which has a vertical drop of 741 feet.

Before coming home, I visited friends in Caracas where petrol was 8p a gallon and everyone seems to have enormous cars: you may prefer the tropical islands of Tobago and Trinidad.

The following year, the British Ministry of Overseas Development were sponsoring a similar course in West Africa, in the smallest country in Africa, and in Britain's oldest African colony, The Gambia. Except for a short Atlantic coast which tourists now find very popular for winter sunshine, the country is enclosed within Senegal. About 15 years ago the Swedish package-tour firms made a Viking invasion here, and the fishermen of yesteryear are now porters and waiters in the new hotels. Tourism brings costs as well as benefits, and needs to be carefully controlled.

The President Sir Dawda Jawara trained as a vet over here, plays golf at the local club, and genuinely believes in the rule of law and democratic rights, to such an extent that he has resisted pressure to make The Gambia a one-party state. Whilst in England for the wedding of Prince Charles there was a small left-wing coup which was dispersed after a week by Senegalese troops (The Gambia has no army). Political science readers might like to consider the idea that change is necessary for stability, and that in Nigeria and Ghana the written constitution limits the president to two terms, whereas in The Gambia, the president has been in power since 1965.

The main ingredients to our course were Accounting, Economics, Marketing and Management, and I had been invited to do the Management inputs. Unlike the Guyana course, it was not residential and suffered accordingly. But it suffered even more by

being held during Ramadan. Most of our managers were Muslims and fasting seems to support Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs i.e. a student does not learn on an empty stomach.

During the entire month that I was there we had no electricity, owing to a mechanical failure at the power station. We British lecturers lived in a large semi-detached bungalow on the coast out at Fajara, some 12 miles from the capital. Temperature around 85°F and 90% humidity, so we swam in the sea every day after work. Shopping was done in the local stores and we made our own meals, including bread when there was a shortage. Evenings were spent by candle-light, eating, drinking and talking. In some ways we resembled M.P.s in the House of Commons i.e. sitting around and waiting for things to happen. Occasionally we ventured out for badminton or scottish-dancing, or a meal at the Atlantic Hotel where they had electricity from their own generator.

Topographically The Gambia is uninteresting, and the capital Banjul is not an attractive city: more like a John Wayne Western town, but, at least, it's perfectly safe to walk around in the evenings.

My most recent overseas lecturing tour has been to Swaziland in South-East Africa. Formerly a British protectorate, this beautiful little country, the size of Wales, is the home of the gentle Bantu people. Economically and geographically the country is linked to South Africa, and many South Africans cross the border at week-ends for gambling and other nefarious pleasures.

Our residence was the comfortable Holiday Inn in the spectacular Ezulwini Valley on the Manzini—Mbabane mountain road, and our customers were, once again, mature middle-aged managers who needed to be stimulated and rejuvenated, and to be given some new ideas for

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London dinner goes Swiss

THE Annual Ladies Evening Dinner and Annual General Meeting of the London Branch of the O.B.A. was held on Friday March 5, 1982.

The new venue for the evening was the Swiss Cottage Hotel and a meal of six courses, which was excellent in every way, even had the gourmets among the assembled company beaten by the time the coffee arrived.

The Chairman, Eric Norcross, proposed the toast to the school and combined it with a toast and welcome to the guests. The Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnston, replied in his customary racy fashion and was followed by O.B.A. Chairman Eric Kay who gave a short report on past and future activities of the association.

The formal speeches were followed by a very abbreviated AGM and the meeting adjourned so that old and some new friends could spend time chatting.

A total of 40 people attended the evening including wives and guests of members present and everyone was happy with the new venue.

The party from Blackburn comprised the Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnston and Mrs Johnston, Mr and Mrs E. J. Kay and Mr Harold Burrows.

Branch members present were: E. Norcross (Chairman) D. Vipond (Treasurer) N. A. Dickinson and P. D. Isherwood (Joint Secretaries) J. S. Allen, R. P. Byrom, G. J. Charnley, R. B. Collinson, J. K. Grant, D. E. Hull, D. W. Kemp, E. Race, C. Riley, A. Shaw, S. R. Singleton, G. Smith, R. Vipond, J. A. Whittaker

Provost is guest at Oxford meal

THE Provost of Blackburn was the chief guest at the Annual Dinner of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians Association held on 30th October 1981 at the Eastgate Hotel.

A total of fifty seven attended the dinner which included a healthy contingent who had travelled from Blackburn.

After the loyal toast which was proposed by T. J. Masterton, the Branch President P. H. Banks proposed the toast to the school to which the Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnston, replied in his customary eloquent manner. The Provost of Blackburn who was the Chief Guest replied on behalf of

the visitors and amused the assembled gathering with his lively humour and witty remarks.

Attending from the University: P. H. Banks, M. A. Ryan, T. J. Masterton, A. I. Evans, A. J. Ballantyne, G. Lewis, S. Searby, Miss S. V. Millett, M. T. Harrison, M. J. Rutter, Miss A. M. Chippendale, Miss D. J. Horsfall, J. A. Whiteley, P. M. Bland, J. H. Aldred, J. C. Chamberlain, B. G. Lea, C. W. Slinger, M. R. Walker, M. Wright, H. J. Smith, C. Sutton, D. Hurst.

From London, Bristol, Cambridge L. C. Cavannagh (L) P. D. Mc Intoch, N. P. Kemp (L) P. J. Duckworth (B) D. Holden (C).

From Blackburn: The Provost (Chief Guest) Mr E. C. Marsden (Ch. of Gov) Mr J. Singleton

(Vice Ch. of Gov) Mr P. F. Johnston (Headmaster) Mr E. J. Kay, Mr R. Hunter, Mr M. J. Kay, Mr & Mrs B. Hardcastle, Mr D. I. Forbes, Mr F. Gillibrand, Mr R. Smith, Mr H. Burrows.

Resident in the Oxford Area: Mr J. Lee, Rev P. Mayhew, Mr H. L. Shollick, Mr J. Howarth, Rev T. L. Walsh, Dr C. M. P. Johnson (from Cambridge) Mr E. Race (from London) Mr C. P. Waring, Mr B. W. Croft.

Later Visitors: Miss J. Sutcliffe, Miss L. O'Reilly, Miss S. Atherton, Miss A. Hartley, M. W. Gibson, A. Shepherd, M. Flannery.

Never say Di!

Dion Partington playing for Mullards in the Orphanage Cup competed in his fifth final. He first played in the competition 20 years ago. This win gave him his third trophy win.

Now a veteran of 39, he is looking forward to playing again regularly next season for the Old Boys team.



Barrel and buffet

THE London branch of the O.B.A. held a buffet evening at the London Corinthians Sailing Club on Friday 27/11/1981.

Some 47 people attended and after a buffet of soup, meat and potato pies, bread and cheese, spent an excellent evening making new acquaintances and catching up on gossip while seeing off a barrel of beer.

Members present were: Paul Price, Ray Vipond, Denis Vipond, Stephen Singleton, Graham Foster, Sandy Hird, R. Croasdale, F. & E. Tomlinson, John Clark, Godfrey Charnley, Andrew Shaw, Paul Isherwood, Clifford Garrett, David Kemp, Arthur Byrom, Roger Byrom, Clifford Waring, Neil Dickinson, Michael Stirrup, Gordon Smith, Andrew Whittaker and his brother from Blackburn, Eric Race, Eric Norcross, Michael Wilkinson, Clare Stevens and two newcomers David Holmes and Adrian Stainton, plus many guests.

Out thanks to Mary Vipond for her help during the serving of the meal.

Cheshire dinner

THE Old Blackburnians Cheshire and South Manchester branch dinner was held at the Bowden Hotel, Bowden, Cheshire on Friday 16th October 1981.

The event lost its title of 'Mens Night' with the presence of Miss J. L. Geldard among the eleven branch members present.

Harold Ramsbottom, secretary of the branch and organiser of the evening, proposed the loyal toast and in welcoming the guests on behalf of the branch members present, offered apologies for the thirteen unable to attend.

The Headmaster in reply gave a report on the activities at school and Mr E. J. Kay talked about the various activities of the Old Blackburnian Association.

Those attending were: Mr P. F. Johnston (Headmaster) Mr R. Hunter (School Bursar) Mr J. E. Sagar (O.B.A. President) Mr E. J. Kay (O.B.A. Chairman) Mr R. Smith (O.B.A. Vice Chairman) Mr F. Gillibrand (O.B.A. Treasurer) Messrs N. Barton, B. Batey, T. S. Hindle, H. Morris, D. M. Martin, E. Taylor, P. G. Ratcliffe, H. Ramsbottom and Miss J. L. Geldard.

Check if there's a branch near you

WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, the London area and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

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Mr P. D. Isherwood,
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Tel. Uxbridge 52142

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Regents Park College, Oxford
For the University branch at Cambridge
please contact Mr Eric Kay, c/o School,

West Park Road, Blackburn, who is liaison officer between the branches, all old boys, the Parent Association and the school.

Old Boys will be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary. For further information Old Boys in Canada should contact:

Mr Roger Maltby,
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Organ scholars make mark at Cambridge

SO far as I am aware, only two Old Boys have ever achieved the distinction of becoming Organ Scholars at Cambridge, and both of these in recent years — Ivor Bolton (1969–1976) at Clare and John Longstaff (1971–1978) at Girton, and it is pleasant to be able to record that both have recently been making their mark in the musical world.

One of the smaller record companies has recently issued a disc of music played by Ivor on the organ of his old College. He has had the courage and sense not to go for the obvious, but to devote his record to three major, though little known, masterpieces of the twentieth century. Frank Martin's Passacaille is a clean-cut piece of neo-classicism at its best, and once you have got used to his somewhat astringent harmonies, should not be too much of a problem to anyone who knows Bach's C minor work in the same form. Schonberg's "Variations on a Recitative" is an extremely interesting work, not least because even at this late stage (1941) he was prepared to admit the validity of tonality. I must confess that I find this work something of a hard nut to crack, and though I welcome its tonal basis, I still feel that the composer is trying to prove something rather than to write music that he really feels. The major work on the disc is Nielson's Commotio, and here Ivor shows what a splendid grasp of its overall form he has got. If there is one passage which I feel doesn't entirely "come off", I am certain that this is due to the limitations of the excellent but small Clare organ.

To complete the whole, Ivor has added a most valuable note for the record cover, which not only shows his clear insight into the works he has chosen, but is also of great help to the listener. Wealden WS 195 is commended to all music-loving Old Boys.

Franz Schmidt (1874–1939) is accepted in his native Austria as one of the last of the great 19th century symphonists, but in this country he is still almost as unknown as, forty years ago, was his tutor, Anton Bruckner, and it is astonishing that his delightful Third Symphony has never been publicly performed in this country until last November, and perhaps even more so when that public performance was under the baton of John Longstaff, with an orchestra consisting wholly, I

believe, of his fellow undergraduates. I must admit that I was a bit nervous of how it would go, and I only hope that, telepathically, I didn't transmit that feeling to the players, for in the first half dozen bars I was seriously worried. Fortunately, John and his band soon got into their stride and the performance steadily increased in confidence as it progressed; the finale seemed over all too soon — always a tribute to both composer and performers. The concert — which also included attractive performances of Jarnefelt's puckish Praeludum, and Haydn's "family party" — the Sinfonia Concertante — was, unfortunately, poorly attended, but the audience included the music critic of the Sunday Telegraph, who wrote, the following week, in an article devoted to Franz Schmidt, "... yet, thanks to the evident grasp of its young conductor, John Longstaff, and to the firm translucence of Schmidt's scoring, the message came across directly and delightfully: here is a symphony, which, relinquishing any of the warmth and fullness of late romanticism, yet seems to recover something of the spirit and formal clarity of a Schubertian or even classical symphony." I can well believe that in forty years time this work will be as popular as Bruckner's Fourth, and we all may be proud that it was a young Old Boy who first brought it into the open for us.

Many thanks to both of you, Ivor and John, for enlarging my musical experience.

E.C.M.

Degree in African Studies

JIM Roberts (1961–67), who gained a BA degree in Philosophy from Sussex University, has been awarded an MA in African Studies by the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies.

He is currently working as a teacher of English and a books editor in Zimbabwe.

Jim is the son of the late Neville Wilson Roberts who, at the time of his sudden death (1959) was headmaster of Audley Primary School.

MANY Old Boys may wonder how the school has changed over the years and to this end we invited the headmaster to respond to the question: Has QEGS changed?

I AM SOMETIMES asked this question and invariably reply "Yes and No", a slightly enigmatic answer to a perfectly reasonable question.

Like the Delphic oracle who always replied in such a way as to be right (and proved right by subsequent events!), I can argue that your old School is much changed and yet little changed.

Yes, of course, you would see many changes if you were to drop into School one day in the near future. Extra classrooms, bigger boys in the junior forms, about a hundred girls in the Sixth bringing the total of post 'O' level students to just under 400, fees at £1250 per annum, rugby being enthusiastically followed in the park, whilst the dungeons contain video tape-recorders and a television set and the Second Master's room houses a genial wizard, Bury-like over his pets and commodores. (These are computers for the uninitiated).

No, an Old Black of years ago would certainly recognize much of what we are about. My educational psychology still involves a bamboo twig, pupils still wear uniform and are required to do homework, University entrance is — for most — the next stage of their lives, but an active careers section encourages sixth-formers to seriously consider their future employment prospects, gowns still rustle on platforms; academic standards are tenaciously maintained, but not

Vive la difference . . . at School



at the expense of a wealth of extra-curricular activities in the fields of music, sport, art, societies and visits abroad.

I believe that many parents still expect schools to be ordered places, with structural organisation and parameters of behaviour established and maintained. The recent demise of the School's Council has signalled — at least at national level — an end to the trendy educational pattern of the sixties and seventies, in which effort and money were poured into some quasi-educational resources which tended to weaken rather than to strengthen pupils' academic purpose and that at a time when employers increasingly demand proven academic achievements, as well as personal qualities of the highest order.

Of course there are changes and it would be idle to deny these, but no great school can live in the past and ignore the present. Moreover schools tend to reflect society at large and had we clung tenaciously to past tradition we might have had little or no future. We shall celebrate our Golden Jubilee as a Public School next

year (using the definition of the Headmaster's election to the Head Masters' Conference) but we remain a local as well as a national school. If our standards of academic entry have risen then it is because of the demise of 13 out of the 14 local education authority's Grammar Schools in recent times, Burnley Grammar School having disappeared this year, not even being allowed to keep its name! Our buildings desperately need specialist expansion, but we seek to do this to satisfy educational demands not Public School prestige. Our Assisted Place pupils come from a wide variety of backgrounds and increasingly reflect our bond with Blackburn, but the demand from a wider catchment area has strengthened our financial basis, when we revert to full Independence as we shall do before our next "Magister".

I look forward with interest to seeing our recent school photograph (the first for eighteen years) and I hope that the faces shown thereon will reflect Q.E.G.S. in 1982 as a humane tolerant place, concerned about the world a-

round us and the Christian demand for forgiveness and understanding, yet proud and concerned for the koinonia (fellowship) of a communal band of academic and ancillary staff, with a willing group of able boys and girls all working towards a common cause of 'Disce Prodesse'.

I write this on the day when the sixth Bishop of Blackburn has been enthroned, himself a product of a similar school, the Royal Grammar School at Lancaster. As I walked in academic dress in the blazing sunshine down truncated King William Street with the Headmaster of R.G.S., also so attired, he commented on the number of those in the watching crowd who greeted me. In front of the Cathedral our School Marshal, a Commander in the St. John Ambulance Brigade, waited whilst around me several clergy, Old Blackburnians, greeted me warmly. Inside the sparkling Cathedral the Provost — one of our active Governors — orchestrated a remarkable service, whilst the Cathedral choir gave of its very best, numbering at least a dozen of our schoolboys, whilst several parents could be seen in the vast congregation. It was the same at the Civic Luncheon afterwards, when our Old Black Chief Executive welcomed us to lunch and the toast to the new Bishop was most elegantly proposed by one of our several Old Black Councillors.

It was but a microcosm of Old Blacks warmth towards the person who has presently the privilege of leading your School, but no doubt had I spared the time, I would have had a similar overview at the Rovers' match, even if they did lose 4-1 at Rotherham!!

But why don't you come and find out for yourself if Q.E.G.S. has really changed? At the five Old Boys' Dinners this year, I have tried to give a "state of the nation" address to our assembled Old Blacks: next year we add a sixth at Durham, and I hope to be able to see you there to elaborate on my theme "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose".



HAVE THINGS CHANGED! — judge for yourself with a picture of the 81/82 netball team.

P. F. JOHNSTON

SCHOOL NEWS

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School presented £386 to Blackburn's Peter Pan Club at Christmas. The cash was raised by a sponsored walk and it was hoped that a new music centre would be acquired by the Club. The gift was a fitting gesture at the end of the International Year of the Disabled.

Michael Iddon was one of the top 64 from 24,000 entrants in a Lloyds Bank national competition "China Clipper 81" which required entrants to answer questions on a subject of their choice with a compulsory question on China. Michael received his £50 second prize from the bank's North West Regional Manager, Eric West (1933-39).

Twenty-five years ago, Blackburn Town Council decided to give £15,000 to the appeal by Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for a new science wing, its equipment, a new assembly hall and improvements to the playing fields.

One of the last functions to be attended by the retiring Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Rev Robert Martineau, was the annual prizegiving of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, where he gave the address.



FAMILY DOUBLE

JOHN B. Williamson (72-79) has graduated at Nottingham University — upper 2nd class Hons. in Production Engineering with special emphasis on Robotics. In September he is to take up a Rotary Scholarship at the College of Industrial Management of the Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S.A.

David A. Williamson (70-77) has been awarded the H.N. Diploma in Electronic Engineering at Preston Polytechnic. In September he is to embark on a 2-year course leading to an M.Sc. in Digital Systems at the Cranfield Institute of Technology.

Ex-chorister is principal

ANTHONY Robinson (1948-1955) has been appointed principal of a new tertiary college which is being created at Peterlee, County Durham. Since 1974 he has been a departmental head in Humanities at a large tertiary college in Exeter. Anthony, a former Blackburn Cathedral chorister read English at Exeter College, Oxford graduating with a B.A. later becoming M.A. He has held teaching posts at Belle Vue Grammar School, Bradford and the Liverpool Collegiate School before becoming a lecturer at Birmingham Polytechnic.

Old Blacks presentations

David Jones, sports producer at Radio Lancashire, presented awards to Old Blacks members at the Lammack pavilion. Pictured at the presentation are, from the left: Ian Woods and Tim Chaloner (joint fourth team players of year) Andrew Kidson, chairman and clubman of year; David Jones; Nick McKeown, first team player of the year; Craig Hindle, second team player of the year; Richard Garratt, third team player of the year.

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increasing efficiency and effectiveness at work. How far they are able to effect change is debatable, especially in a culture which respects seniority.

King Sobhuza II, the longest serving monarch in the world (since 1921), he has over 100 wives and around 500 children. Though frail and bent with his 82 years, the King looks remarkably well; he is much loved by his people, who worry what may happen when he dies. Meanwhile the King is using all his political skills to lead his traditional and prosperous country away from

any conflict in Southern Africa.

Landlocked as it is by the Republic of South Africa and Mozambique, this tiny kingdom is scenically superb, and one does not find it difficult to imagine the wealth of character that inspired Sir Rider Haggard to write his novels. The visitor is told that the father of Umslopogaa lived in the mountains here.

Swaziland is one of the few African countries to have an almost entirely homogeneous population. Without the tribal divisions that have troubled other states, the Swazis have developed their political institutions in a climate of peace, stability and

order. The Swazis are a hospitable friendly, gentle people, who, despite the influences of western civilization have retained their colourful traditions and customs.

Illiteracy is around 70% and although outside the Tropics, health is not good, mainly because 80% of the people drink dirty water. There are many respiratory and intestinal diseases. Nevertheless, one does not see the match-stick men of India and Ethiopia. Amongst the developing countries of the world, Swaziland is a popular place in which to work.

If you go for a holiday remember that it is their summer at our

Christmas, and that in September they have their famous Reed Dance or Umhlanga. At this festival, some 10,000 naked virgins dance before the old warrior King, and it is said that he may select another wife. Unfortunately, my plane left on the day of the festival (fixed by the moon) and I only caught sight of the young girls walking from all parts of the kingdom to Lobamba.

My wife accompanied me on a study tour of Thailand in 1979, but maybe that will have to wait for another article, because my quota of words has been exhausted.

Lecturer retires after 34 years

ONE of the original members of the Chemical Engineering Department at Blackburn College of Technology and Design, Mr Harold McCarty, has retired after 34 years. Mr McCarty went straight to the College from the Army in 1947. He was the only original member of the department left. He was presented with a retirement cheque by the Principal Lecturer in the Mechanical and Production Engineering Department.

Mr Arthur Dugdale (1932-39) has retired as Headmaster of Avondale Primary School, Darwen. Mr Dugdale has been in teaching for 33 years. Previously he had lectured at Lower Chapels School, Darwen, and also taught at St. Bartholomews.



Bishop Whitsey

The Rt Rev Victor Whitsey (1927-32) Bishop of Chester, retired at the end of last year. He left school to work in the Midland Bank until he joined the Army, served with the Royal Artillery, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. From the Army he went to Oxford University.

His first curacy was at Chorley and he was vicar of Downham for three years before becoming Suffragan Bishop at Hereford.

Committee man appointed Police No 2

THE new second in command of Colne Police Division is Superintendent Jim Warner (1943-48).

Jim commenced his new duties in December after a period at the police headquarters at Hutton specialising first in home defence and then in "operations" - taking responsibility for contingency planning for big police operations such as the Conservative Party conference and guarding prisoners during the prison officers' dispute.

Superintendent Warner joined the police in 1952 and served with the Blackburn Borough force. He was promoted sergeant in 1963 and spent two years at the police training school at Warrington.

He became an inspector in 1967 and chief inspector at Blackburn in 1973. It was following his promotion to superintendent, that the move to Hutton took place.

Jim is married with two



Jim Warner

children and lives in Blackburn. He is a keen swimmer and until recently played water polo, he also holds a certificate of merit for life-saving.

The Colne division covers the Pendle and Ribble Valley districts.

Caroline is admitted associate of marketing institute

Caroline Muckle (1977-1979) has been admitted as an Associate of the Institute of Marketing. Caroline gained "A" levels in Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry and General Studies and went on to successfully complete her two years Associateship Course leading to her admittance in 1981. At the time of her admittance to the Institute Caroline was 20 years old and thus gained the eminent distinction of being the youngest ever Associate entrant to the Institute. She hopes to successfully complete her Fellowship Course and is presently applying her marketing experience within the family business.

Historical note

Twenty five years ago Professor Gordon Manley (1910-1918) was quoted as saying that he had it on good authority that courting nights were sending up the cost of coal bills in the North of England. A coal board official had told him that fuel consumption was appreciably affected by the custom of lighting the sitting-room fire in the middle of the week. Things were reputedly different in other parts of the country where the custom was for courting couples to go to the cinema.

Cambridge Dinner date

Tony Bates writes to inform us that he has booked the Old Combination Room at Christ's for Friday November 19th and that Mr Putt is looking forward to presiding over the Dinner again.

Further details can be mailed to interested members of the Association and Tony would very much like this year's Dinner to be heavily subscribed up to the O.C.R.'s seating capacity of 38.

School in general knowledge quiz

"Would anyone interested in forming part of a general knowledge quiz team please report to 5S form room at 1.30."

Following this announcement in one Friday assembly, about fifty boys and one girl presented themselves to Mr Brian Healey for a trial quiz, whose object was to select a team to take part in this year's Schools' Challenge General Knowledge Quiz Competition. After spending four dinner breaks in testing the candidates' collections of worthless information, Mr Healey was able to pick a team of four boys: Phillip Anderton, Mark Fallon, Oliver Longstaff and Avijit Chatterjee.

In previous years, the school team had failed to win the first round, so it was with some trepidation that we approached the contest at Blackpool Collegiate School.

We began badly, but once we held the lead, we never surrendered it, and won 440-350. Mr Healey's first comment was: 'You should have had at least 500.'

Having vaulted the first hurdle, we looked forward to the second round with a certain amount of glee. These feelings were diminished when we learnt that we were playing Arnold School, who had beaten last year's winners in the first round. This time we were playing on our home ground (the language laboratory) and despite our fears and inefficient electrical systems, we achieved our easiest win of the competition 610-220.

The regional semi-final, it transpired, was to be a repeat of last year's contest, when the school had been easily beaten by a strong team from Bury Grammar School. At one point, when Bury were winning 130-10, we felt that this meeting was going the

same way. However, the team's morale did not sag, and after half an hour's hard grind we won 600-360.

Because of various changes in date of the semi-final, we only had one day clear after the Bury match before we travelled to Lancaster to play the Royal Lancaster Grammar School in the regional final. In the early stages of the match we held the lead, but about half-way through, the team seemed to lose its grip, perhaps through a combination of nearby orchestral manoeuvres and a question-master who suddenly appeared to contract difficulty with his hearing. Suffice it to say that Lancaster won 830-560. It only remains for me to thank Mr Healey for his constant willingness to find questions to test us, for his driving, and above all for his encouragement, which was always a great help to us. We hope to be back next year.

Oliver Longstaff

OLD BLACKS' ICE SPECTACULAR



Judge Bell replies on behalf of the guests.



From the left: OBA Committee member, Keith Newton, John Read, dinner organiser, and Roger Smith, OBA vice chairman.



Members enjoying a drink before the meal.



Above left: Chairman of the OBA, Eric Kay chats at the break

IT SEEMS a long time now since last winter when the snow whirled around while we held the annual dinner in Big School.

Particularly bad weather was predicted for the night of Saturday December 19 but it prevented few of the diners, who numbered just short of 150, from attending the 52nd dinner.

Unfortunately one of those unable to attend because of the weather was Mr P. Ronson, who had been due to propose a speech to the guests.

The headmaster Mr Philip Johnston however stood in at the last minute and gave an admirable speech — his second of the evening, following his reply to a toast to the School, proposed by Mr George Hayhurst.

The head told of a conver-

sation with the Queen, to whom he was introduced at the 75th anniversary of the Historical Association at the Stationers' Hall, London. Her Majesty told him: "Long may your school remain selective," — with which the diners heartily concurred.

Earlier the headmaster had told of a successful year both academically and on the sports field.

Judge Alistair Watson Bell, a Northern Circuit judge since 1978, replied on behalf of the guests and told Old Blackburnians to be of good cheer — their school was in safe hands.

His Honour Judge Bell, who lives near Preston, contested Chorley and Westmorland constituencies for the Liberal Party in the 1964 and 1966 General Elections respectively. His speech was nostalgic and he praised the

School, the governors and the staff for their commitment.

The Toastmaster was, as usual, the School's Domestic Bursar, Mr Derrick Lund, who has been associated with the OB dinner now for 25 years, and was thanked by the OBA president Mr Eric Sagar, chairman for the evening.

Members faced the war memorial as the lights were put down in the usual fashion in respect as the names were read out of Old Boys who had passed away during the year. A minute's silence was observed in memory.

A bar was open in the old gymnasium manfully staffed by members of the Old Blackburnians FC.

Members started on a very cold way home about midnight.



Above right: Mr Lund, right thanked by OBA chairman. Right: The headmaster during one of his two speeches.



Below: At the bar in the old gym.



Below: Peter Hobkirk practising at the bar.

Pictures by Mick Walker



Above: Ellis Metcalfe chatting to old boys — and girls.



QUO VADIS? – CHIEF EXECUTIVE POINTS THE WAY TO THE TOP

IN THE BEGINNING

The opportunity is granted to few to start on the bottom rung of the ladder of one's chosen career either in the Public Service or, indeed, in any large scale organisation, and to climb to the very top – it is granted to even fewer to do so in the Local Government Service in the town of one's birth, upbringing and, indeed, of affection.

However, the confidence developed by a sound education at "the Grammar School", gained through a concern of dedicated school masters, and stimulated by eager class mates, coupled with the encouragement over the years of talented colleagues to take advantage of the exceptional opportunities presented, enabled the progression from the bottom up to the top to become a reality.

PROGRESS

The traditional avenue of promotion for the entrant into Local Government is firstly to gain admission to a relevant professional body and, secondly, through a widening of experience gained by service with differing types of Councils in size, function and in location, for example, industrialised towns with special urban problems, or with resort area Councils with changing and seasonal population problems. The varying statutory framework within which Municipal Boroughs operate compared with that within which the more rural County Councils function is an important input which has to be recognised by the politician and the administrator as it embraces the areas of public activity, regulation, enforcement and intervention.

Including a short period of Government Service in Canada, the writer has served five very different Local Authorities in England, in positions of increasing responsibility, and now modestly claims to know six ways of doing the job wrong.

TARGET IN SIGHT

In common with many school colleagues whose career aspirations have been more than fulfilled, it is, indeed, a very great honour to be able to pursue one's career in the service of one's town. There are unique and real advantages in being local, for the knowledge of the community, its hopes and aspirations, tempered by the experience and traditions

THIS article was kindly written for Magister by Mr Clifford Singleton, Chief Executive of Blackburn. After leaving school in 1939 Clifford started work in the Borough Treasurer's Department of the Town Hall. Between 1942 and 1946 he served as a Fleet Air Arm fighter pilot on HMS Victorious with the Pacific Fleet. He was mentioned in despatches and was involved in the sinking of the Tirpitz. On leaving the services he went to Manchester University obtaining a B.A. degree in 1949. Continuing in Local Government he became a Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting and served with Lancashire County Council, Southend, Fleetwood, where he was Borough Treasurer for six years, before moving to Canada as Financial Adviser in the Department of Municipal Affairs in Toronto for two years. He came back to the U.K. in 1966 taking up a post with Lancashire County Council on special financial assignments. Returning to Blackburn in 1967 as deputy Borough Treasurer in 1971, and, in open competition, was appointed Chief Executive/Town Clerk in September 1973. A Blackburnian by birth and affection.



of the past, have already been absorbed, and a commitment to the good of the community is inborn.

Blackburn is somewhat of an introverted community with a compassion and understanding of its own people, but with a concern for others in the region whose problems, economic and social, are inextricably linked.

It is interesting to reflect how many Old Blackburnians are opinion formers in the town and are leaders in every aspect of the town's life, are captains of industry, are developers of technological change, are senior people in the banking and commercial world and lead in the important fields of education, of cultural and of spiritual development. A

election of all its members by the residents at large – in fact, it is a body more democratic than Parliament itself, which includes the non-elected hereditary House of Lords.

Local Government in a town the size of Blackburn, with a population of some 145,000 and an area of 38,000 acres, is by any standard big business, consuming considerable resources, including a manpower budget of some 2,300 persons with a wide range of professional and practical skills; with physical assets in land, buildings, plant, machinery and vehicles valued at well over one hundred million pounds, and with a financial turnover of some £40 million per annum.

Such an operation requires

for all political groups. The vital and essential priorities frequently meet with all party support, the most common argument being not content but pace. In short, Local Government is essentially local choice, and hence the scale and level of service must vary, even between neighbouring towns.

THE PRODUCT

The evidence of one's eyes will show that much has been achieved by the present generation, but the same evidence shows that much remains to be done. It has been said that you can recognise an educated boy when you meet him – it is also true that you can recognise a compassionate and well organised community when you see one – I believe Blackburn fills that description.

How is this measured in the jargon of commerce and industry? Much of the Local Government operation provides products without a shelf life, for example, empty seats on a local 'bus journey are gone forever, recreational facilities unused one day cannot be recaptured, public health regulation and enforcement need continual replacement.

Without the economic regulator of a profit and loss account, which is used to measure the success of a commercial business, Local Government organises its affairs by defining its objectives, sometimes extremely vaguely, like "happiness of the residents", underpinned by many sub-objectives, e.g. promotion of industrial development, and then measuring the success or otherwise of the activities by a system of output measures. For example, a correlation of the clean air programme with the fall in notified bronchial complaints may justify the relevance and the expenditure of that programme.

Similarly, the costs of regulatory control on activities such as meat inspection, public health nuisances and planning enforce-

“ There must have been 200 in his class at school ”

not insignificant number of Old Blackburnians have attained these positions not in their home town but on the wider national and, indeed, international stage.

Operating in an introverted society has many advantages – access into the many local networks of culture, social structure, Local Government and economic activity is facilitated, thereby enabling the Council to maximise its influence and use its powers effectively for the common good. Access is made easy – indeed, I understand my Personal Assistant has been heard to remark to an enquirer, "There must have been 200 in his class at school!"

THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Local Government is a special branch of the Public Service which, together with the House of Commons, is the only democratically directly elected body in the country. Whilst Local Government receives its powers from Parliament and can thereby be considered to be a creature of Parliament, it nonetheless enjoys an independence derived from the democratic process of direct

considerable policy-forming skills of the elected members, to interpret the wishes, the aspirations, and a compassionate caring of a dynamic population. It also requires not inconsiderable management skill of the paid service to plan and to implement efficiently and effectively the policies adopted by the elected Council.

The Council, however, is not simply a provider of services. This is where it differs from the public and nationalised boards which are essentially providers of specific services. The fundamental difference is that the Local Authority is engaged in the process of government, exemplified by a wide choice of alternative courses of action. Alternatives is the name of the game. More housing and less public transport, or more public transport and less recreational facilities, more recreational facilities and less environmental improvements, and so on, are alternatives to be decided within the resources available. The final choice of alternatives can be conditioned by political considerations, although there is a large area of common ground

RECORD RESULTS FOR QEGS

In his opening remarks at last year's Speech Day, the Headmaster welcomed the guest speaker Mr Kenneth Durham and congratulated him on having been named that week as chairman of Unilever.

Mr Johnston expressed his concern at the cuts in the Government's education programme but pointed out that it would be naive to think that the problems of the universities were not also ours. For the next few years, grades of results would need to be at the highest level to assure our pupils of tertiary education prospects.

Our swollen sixth form is the logical outcome of a competitive society which emphasises academic qualities almost to the exclusion of all else.

In a recent paper entitled "Education — the next decade" by Professor Cox of Manchester University, there was a call for a system of highly selective specialist schools in inner cities with rigorous academic selection.

This, of course, has been the order of the day for many years at Q.E.G.S. and, as mentioned in "The Times", the school is rated very highly among those who have a national overview of the changing role of independent schools.

Mr Johnston paid tribute to the efforts of the staff for the fact that the year's results had set a new record — 93.4 per cent pass rate at 'O' level with each boy gaining on average 8.67 passes. At 'A' level, the pass rate was 89.2 per cent over half being at Grade A or B.

The headmaster emphasised however that the school as a whole was about many individuals with diverse talents — staff who coach and encourage, groundsmen and caretakers, parents who transport and stamp on the sidelines and who give generously to our prize funds.

In conclusion, the Headmaster stated one of his most outstanding memories of the year which concerned the Rev Bill Fancutt, who told him of the day he appeared before a selection committee, having satisfied the School's academic requirements, for a sponsorship to attend Queen Elizabeth's. There were 10 applicants and he was not selected because his parents could not afford a suit for the interview.

This was in the early twenties, and his employer, a well known local man, took pity on him and paid for him to go to college and

Jim's Charley's Aunt



THE play "Charley's Aunt", given by Revidge Fold Drama Group, has in its cast four old Blackburnians: Iain Moore (1965-74) back row right; Roger Bury (1966-75) back row left; Gary Hunt (1947-54) and producer Eric Kay (1937-43) who are not pictured.

Also in the cast are Jim Grogan, classics master at School (front centre) and the sisters of two old boys, Gillian Swales (front left) (David Swales 1969-74) and Katy Kinder (front right) (Christopher Kinder 1971-74). Picture by courtesy of Citizen Weekly Newspapers.

Founder's Day guest

Former Head Boy, Canon Peter Hall (1942-49), Rector of Birmingham, was the visiting guest at the 1981 Founders Day Service held at Blackburn Cathedral. The service was attended by a record number of present day pupils who also mingled with parents and former pupils.

qualify for the ministry.

The headmaster expressed the very real wish that we may be saved from the return to those days when inability of a parent to pay stopped a boy, or girl, from coming to the ancient foundation of Queen Elizabeth's at Blackburn.

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ment can be avoided, but at a risk to the community where these problems are unresolved, leaving as the only safeguard available to the community redress in the Courts, a not inexpensive exercise.

THE FUTURE

Local Government has always been a challenging service, particularly during the period of renewal and redevelopment and the expansion of community services. It will continue to be equally challenging in the new environment, demographic changes requiring a review of the role of Local Government and of questioning priorities, particularly where resources are being restricted as part of the public service contribution to the national financial problems.

Returning to Blackburn, almost like the prodigal son, it is a privilege to serve the community through Local Government as head of the town's paid service. Democratic control of the town's affairs is a prize everyone must continue to safeguard. It has its critics and it must strive for efficiency with compassion, with the permanent staff supporting the elected representatives not only with sound advice and with a good performance, but with an initiative born of commitment.

C. H. Singleton
Chief Executive

'PEAKE' OF ACHIEVEMENT

GEOFF A. Peake (1945-48), secretary of the Blackburn and District committee of the Cancer Research Campaign, is pictured right being presented with the Devonshire Shield by Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, chairman of the Cancer Research Campaign at the 59th annual meeting in London.

The Devonshire Shield was awarded to the Blackburn and District committee for its tremendous fund raising efforts during 1981. The shield is a new award from the campaign and is named after the Duke of Devonshire who, until his retirement last year, was chairman of the Cancer Research Campaign for 25 years. Throughout his service the Duke exerted a great influence on the campaign and, in his honour, the shield will be awarded annually to one local committee in the United Kingdom whose fund raising efforts on behalf of the campaign are judged to be exceptionally praiseworthy. With more than 1,000 local committees working for the campaign competition is extremely keen. The Devonshire Shield will be retained by the Blackburn and District branch until next summer. Since its formation in 1957 the committee has raised £417,000 for Cancer Research and during 1981 the committee sent £35,825 to headquarters. The money was



Mr Peake is pictured receiving the shield from Lady Elizabeth Cavendish

raised by a diversity of efforts, including the extremely successful Blackburn House Boxes — small boxes designed by the Blackburn people for use in homes, a dancing display, and the sale of Ken Dodd 'tickling sticks'.

On a more personal/family theme, Geoff, formerly works director of Broadloom Carpets Ltd. has now been appointed Managing Director. Broadloom are manufacturers of high quality

Axminster carpets and rugs and is part of the Gaskell Broadloom group of companies. Geoff's son Duncan, (1967-77) has obtained a Diploma in Rural Estate Management from the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. As a prerequisite for entry to the college, Duncan spent a year 'down on the farm' to obtain practical experience. He is presently working as a management assistant on the Mulgrave Estate in North Yorkshire.

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October 15 — Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Dinner, Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire.

October 19 — London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street (off Regent Street) (Oxford Circus tube) London.

October 29 — Oxford Branch Dinner, venue to be arranged

November 19 — Cambridge Branch Dinner, the Old Combination Room, Christ's College, Cambridge.

November 23 — O.B.A. Annual General Meeting in the Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S. 8.00 p.m.

November 26 — London Branch Buffet Evening (venue to be arranged).

December 9 — Speech Day. Prizes presented by Prof H. R. Loyn, principal of Westfield College, University of London.

December 18 — O.B.A. Annual Dinner, Big School, Q.E.G.S. 7.00 for 7.15 p.m.

Diary Dates

1983

January 26 — London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street, London.

March 4 — London Branch A.G.M. and Ladies Evening — venue to be announced.

April 28 — London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street, London.

April 29 — Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening, Hotel St. George, Harrogate.

May 19 — Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies Evening, Executive Suite, Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire.

Further details from E. J. Kay at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn.

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Branch managers on the move

Mr David Sandford has been appointed manager of the Trustee Savings Bank's Clayton-le-Moors branch. David joined the bank in 1968 and qualified as an associate of the Institute of Bankers three years later.

Initially working at the Lord Street West (Blackburn) branch he has also worked in the administration, Clitheroe and Park Road, Chorley branches.

In 1977, David attended the Euroschool to study the West German savings banking system. He is treasurer of the Chorley and District Arts Association.

David Bury, who joined the Trustee Savings Bank after serving in the RAF, has taken over as manager of the Bank Top branch in Blackburn. For the last 12 years he has been in charge of the Oswaldtwistle TSB.

Research grant

Dr David Maudsley PhD (1950-59) received a 260000 dollar grant from the National Institutes for Health towards his research work into cancer which he is conducting in the USA. Dr Maudsley is a senior scientist at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology in Massachusetts. He is also an associate research professor in biochemistry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester.

Called to bar

Steven A. Blakey (1967-77) was called to the Bar at Lincon's Inn in November 1980. He has since been accepted on the International Executive Trainee Programme with Chase Manhattan Bank of New York.

NAVAL SUCCESSES

SIMON Holden has won first prize in his final Navy Department examinations at HMS Fisgard, the Royal Naval Artificers' Training Establishment, at Torpoint Cornwall. He also won a subject prize in naval knowledge examinations. Simon joined the Navy in May 1981 and during his final term in HMS Fisgard was rated petty officer apprentice of his division, in recognition of his powers of leadership. He is now training as an air engineering artificer in HMS Daedalus, Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire.

Gulam's first

GULAM Patel (1974-1981) is the first of Blackburn's immigrant community to gain a place at Cambridge University. He will read medicine at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. Outstanding A-level results helped him to secure his place. His father, Mr Abdulla Patel, an Indian graduate, is an inspector at ICI's Darwen plant. He was formerly an executive member of Blackburn Community Relations Council and Indian Workers' Association.

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account and it was agreed to invest £1,750 in some appropriate gilt edged security with a redemption date of ten years.

John Read reported that a total of 160 had attended the 1980 dinner and all had been accommodated in the big school. The meal and the service had been a big improvement on the previous year and no complaints had been received. Due to the increased cost in the meal, the excess of income over expenditure was only £14.82 on a turnover of £1,125. Mr Read recorded his thanks to Mr Lund and to the School staff for all their help in helping to make the dinner a success.

There then followed some quite lengthy discussion concerning the restriction to members only and whether exceptions could be made in appropriate circumstances. The sub-committee had considered these matters and it was generally felt that while in certain cases exceptions would be desirable, in practice it might be difficult to implement at the risk of creating precedents. It was agreed the matter should be given careful consideration and it was referred to the next meeting of the committee. Notwithstanding this it was proposed and agreed that an invitation should be given to Mr Michael Fitzherbert-Brockholes, the previous chairman of Lancashire Education Committee, who declined, with thanks, because of a prior commitment. (See back page).

The secretary, David Forbes, reported that two committee meetings had been held during the year in January and September. Following the sad death of Mr Harry King early the previous year and the consequent reorganisation within the committee, it was pleasing to report that matters had run very smoothly and thanks were due to those who had undertaken the additional work.

Thanks were also due to the dinner sub-committee and in particular to John Read in his first year in organising the annual dinner which had been its usual success. Although the restriction to members only had involved disappointments to some it was felt that it was of benefit to the members in general and in particular, for the first time, it had not been necessary to turn down any application by a member.

The secretary reported that his comments were shorter than usual which was indicative of the efficient manner in which the committee and its various sub-committees were working but concluded by thanking all his fellow officers and committee members for making his job a

comparatively easy one.

In the absence of Andrew Kidson, chairman of the Old Blacks, Mr Forbes gave a brief report from his limited knowledge to the effect that the football club had enjoyed a successful start to the season. Generally the club was running smoothly and satisfactorily including a very active table tennis section. The club had also been successful in being awarded the Mackereth Cup for administration for the 1980/81 season.

It was generally agreed that the latest edition of Magister was its usual success and once again thanks were recorded to Peter Pearson and his sub-committee and in particular the help from John Duckworth. Various matters were aired and in particular a query on the numbers supplied and a misunderstanding concerning the quotation so far as it involved the supplying of colour pages but Mr Pearson advised the meeting he was well aware of these problems and they would be watched carefully in the future. Once again the committee recorded its thanks to Mrs Judith Lord whose help with Magister, particularly typing, was a great assistance. It was reported that Mrs Lord did receive appropriate reward for her efforts.

The chairman, Eric Kay, reported that the usual meetings had been held at the branches at South Lancashire and Cheshire, Oxford, London and Yorkshire, all being their usual success and all well represented by members from Blackburn. He also reported that Cambridge was reviving its activities and a dinner had been arranged for November 27. Unfortunately this also clashed with the London meeting.

It was resolved that subscriptions remain at £2 a year or £30 for life membership.

The 53rd annual meeting ended at 10 p.m. with thanks to Mr Kay from the 20 present. Apologies were received from Messrs S. J. Monk, B. Birtwistle, I. D. Newton, H. Isherwood, E. G. Hunt, W. E. Metcalfe and L. K. Wyld.

The following were re-elected: President – Mr J. E. Sagar; chairman – Mr E. J. Kay; vice chairman – Mr R. Smith; secretary – Mr D. I. Forbes; treasurer – Mr F. Gillibrand; auditors – Messrs W. Hare and R. B. Holden.

Committee: H. Burrows, J. Duckworth, E. Fairhurst, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E. G. Hunt, H. Isherwood, N. Jepson, E. C. Marsden, S. J. Monk, I. D. Newton, K. V. Newton, P. T. Pearson, W. H. Proctor, J. S. Read, T. Riley, R. Smethurst, R. B. Smith, W. E. T. Walsh, J. Warner, K. Wightman.



ARMS BEND AFTER KNEES BEND

Old Blacks members 'topping up' after toning up in a training session in their £12,000 re-furnished Lammack pavilion.

SIX OPEN AWARDS AS 16 GAIN OXBRIDGE PLACES

THE following members of the School have been elected to Open Awards:

- N. G. Gretton** — An Exhibition to read Mathematics at St Edmund Hall, Oxford.
- J. F. Kedward** — The Rolleston Scholarship to read Medicine at St John's College, Cambridge.
- M. J. Pardoe** — An Exhibition to read Mathematics at Churchill College, Cambridge.
- M. Preston** — A Scholarship to read Engineering Science at Balliol College, Oxford.
- Beth L. Standing** — A Demyship (Scholarship) to read Medicine at Magdalen College, Oxford.
- S. J. Williams** — A Scholarship to read Engineering Science at Exeter College Oxford.

In addition the following have gained places:

- Susan J. Done** - Medicine at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
- Sarah P. Dowson** - Modern Languages at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
- Sarah J. Hargreaves** - Chemistry at Merton College, Oxford.
- Judith Mashedor** - English at Keble College, Oxford.
- Sarah A. Neville** - Modern and Medieval Languages at Trinity College, Cambridge.
- P. J. Romaine** - Geography at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
- Helen L. Taylor** - Medicine at Exeter College.
- R. Taylor** - French and German at Exeter College, Oxford.
- R. H. Webster** - Medicine at Clare College, Cambridge.

Peter passes new test

THE grandson of the founder of G. F. Singleton and Co., the Blackburn and Manchester industrial auctioneers and surveyors, Peter F. Singleton, is helping the firm keep up with trends. Peter has passed the newly-introduced plant and machinery option of the final examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. This is the first year the R.I.C.S. have examined plant and machinery and it reflects the desire to meet increasing interest from industry and commerce in professional valuations of plant, machinery and equipment.

As well as attending QEGS, Peter is an old boy of Kingswood School, Bath, and a graduate of Manchester University. He has been working for the firm founded by his grandfather for four years.



THE wedding took place of Colin Sharples (1965-72) to Sally-Anne Backhouse, at St. Wilfrid's Church, Ribchester on 10 June 1982. After a honeymoon in Switzerland the couple returned to their new home in East Park Avenue.

Colin is presently the manager of the Blackburn offices of a firm of Chartered Accountants where he has been "passing the time of day" (and sometimes night) for the past ten years or so. Since December 1978 Colin has been the Hon. Treasurer of East Lancashire Club and in April this year became the Treasurer of Blackburn Greys Round Table No. 883.

Sally-Anne, his wife, works for her father who is a solicitor in Blackburn.

Photograph: Paul Deaville.

Forty years on . . .the answer



Following the publication of a football photograph in our last edition, the stalwart youths of yesteryear (it is a photograph of the 1936-37 under 14 XI reading left to right: Back Row: A. W. Cunliffe, J. E. Evans, H. Francis, H. Shorrocks, D. Miller. Centre: G. Brown, N. Aspin, H. Worden, H. G. Hindle, F. S. Taylor. Front: R. Heald, J. W. Shaw.

Thank you to all those members who wrote in with information regarding the photograph.

KEVIN CAPTAINS OXFORD

KEVIN Hayes (1973-79) was elected Captain of Oxford University's Soccer team in the annual ballot held by team members.

His year as Skipper will reach its climax when he leads the dark blues out to play Cambridge at Wembley in December.

Kevin has already made two previous Wembley appearances in mid-field for Oxford, gaining his soccer blue in his first term when Oxford beat Cambridge in 1980 and was again on the winning side at Wembley in 1981.

Kevin is one of the very few to win a double blue at Oxford as a first year student as he is also a member of the University's cricket team.

In addition to his university cricket he also plays for Lancashire and East Lancashire in the Lancashire League.

His contract at Old Trafford has two more years to run and although reading chemistry at Oxford he would like to be a full time county cricketer when he leaves university.

GIRLS MAKE HISTORY

The School made history by entering a team of girls for the first time in the English Schools' divisional swimming championships at Crosby.

The girls' team finished fourth in their section.

History was made too when the School's junior medley 12-14 age group became divisional champions for the first time.

This team also took second place in the national team championships, pipped only by Northolt School, London.



OLD BLACKS 81/82 1st XI
Left to right, back row:-
I. Johnson, D. Coucill,
K. Taylor, A. McNamee,
M. Haworth, G. Anderson.
Front row:-
N. Tolley, T. Entwistle,
F. Riley, D. Hopkinson,
P. Sumner, N. Beaumont.

Soccer captain gains PhD

FOR a thesis on "The Measurement of the Diffusion Coefficients of Hydrogen Atoms in Fast Flowing Gases", John Waddicor, (1968-75) has been awarded the degree of PhD from the University of Leeds. Following a period as a Post Doctoral Research Fellow in the Physical Chemistry Department, John has taken up a post teaching Chemistry at Oakham School, Rutland. Whilst at University he has played soccer for England Universities on 52 occasions, recently in Holland and the U.S.A. For the past two years he has played for British Universities and captained them on their latest tour of Belgium.

Driver back in harness

Motor Racing

Racing driver David Ward (1952-58) returned to the track during 1981 in a Thwaites brewery sponsored Chevron for formula Libre racing. David had suffered both mechanical and personal injury problems during the previous season and had to undergo surgery to remove a damaged disc.



Picture by Blackburn Citizen

Captain wins OBA cup on card play off

THE Old Blackburnians Association Annual Golf competition was held at Blackburn Golf Club on Thursday 3rd June 1982. The Judge Walmsley Cup was won by Bill Kelly (Captain of Wilpshire) 86-18-68 on a card play off with Mike Sumner (Blackburn) 88-20-68.

Gary Readett (Blackburn) once again won the Sir Gilbert Gerard Cup with a 74 gross.

Next year's competition will be held at Wilpshire Golf Club on Thursday 2nd June 1983.



Mr Kelly

Golf

Mr W. J. (Bill) Kelly (1949-54) took over as Captain of Wilpshire Golf Club at the Annual Meeting in December 1981.

Mr Kelly was formerly Chairman of House and Social Committees and he has been a council member for three years. After 15 years at the game his handicap is still on the high side but this does not deter his enthusiasm for golf.

Mr Kelly, who has his own company, Boiler Ancillary Services of Great Harwood, was in Drake House when at school and his sporting interests in those days were football, cross country running and athletics.

Soccer call

CRAIG Mann (1973-80) played for the Universities Athletics Union national soccer side against the RAF at Lilleshall when the side drew 1-1. Craig, currently studying biology at Leicester University played in mid-field for the UAU side. He is also registered with Blackburn Rovers as a non-contract player and has turned out for the 'A' team when he has been home from University.

Seconds pipped at post

THE soccer season began with great promise, the 1st XI winning five and drawing one out of their six opening matches. The 3rd XI started with a 9-1 victory. The other teams, too, started well and all seemed set for a successful season. The initial promise however was not sustained and after the now customary mid-winter break due to unplayable pitches, only the two senior teams were still in with a chance of honours. The 1st XI however faded badly and it was left to the 2nds to maintain their challenge and finish runners-up in the Division.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1st	30	12	6	12	43	48	30
2nd	30	18	7	5	83	39	43
3rd	22	9	3	10	66	51	21
4th	20	5	6	9	35	53	16

The Club's leading scorer was a new 'signing' from School, Richard Garrett, who after a difficult initiation into senior football began to find the net with great regularity and ended

Football

the season with 12 goals. Our only other honour, albeit reflected glory, fell to Dion Partington who was a member of the Mullard team that carried off the Orphanage Cup.

Two days after the final whistle, contractors moved onto the pitches and began major renovation work which included cultivating, harrowing, levelling, fertilising and reseeding with coincidental bird feeding! Given kind weather during the summer both pitches will be in top class condition at the start of 82-83 season.

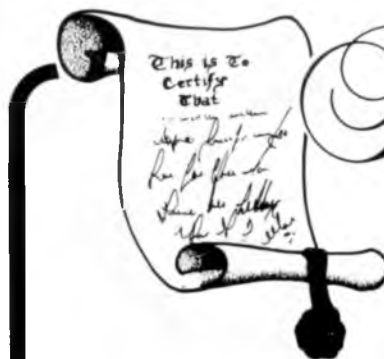
In addition to the pitch repairs a fence has been constructed round the perimeter of the ground to deter the motorcycling and horseriding fraternity who in

the past have found the pitches most inviting.

Progress has been made off the pitch too. In August 1981 we were granted a 10 year Registration and so have hopefully laid the ghost of our unfortunate loss of licence in 1979. Bar income has maintained a steady increase and the Club is gaining much needed income from Private Hiring.

To safeguard this vital source of income and to encourage new and existing members to make use of the Club we are soon to start a major facelift of the Clubhouse. The work will include the building of a new entrance on the front of the club, resiting and redesign of the bar, redecoration of the lounge, dance room and kitchen, new carpets, lighting, furniture and the installation of fixed wall seating. The improvements are scheduled for completion by August so I would like to take this opportunity to invite any Old Boys and Girls to call in at Lammack and have a look round, and perhaps even a drink or two.

A.N.K.



Degrees and things

NEWS IN BRIEF

T. AHMAD (1971-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Physiological Sciences, St. Peter's College, Oxford University.

M. J. ALMOND (1971-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 1, Hons. Chemistry-Biochemistry, Reading University. Research in Inorganic Chemistry at Magdalen College, Oxford University.

A. J. ASPEN (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Physiological Sciences, Magdalen College Oxford University.

The Rev D. J. ASTLEY (1958-64) Appointed the first Director of the North of England Institute for Christian Education.

M. D. ATHERTON (1969-76) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. German, Regent's Park College, Oxford.

RACHEL C. BAGGALEY (1976-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Physiological Sciences, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University. Clinical Studies at St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

A. D. BALL (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accountancy, Preston Polytechnic.

GILLIAN S. BELSHAM (1976-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Jurisprudence, St. Hugh's College, Oxford.

P. J. BOLTON (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic.

C. J. BRANDWOOD (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Medieval and Modern History, University College, London.

S. R. BREWER (1971-78) Commissioned Second Lieutenant with Staffordshire Regiment.

C. BRIGGS (1968-77) Awarded H.N.D. in Hotel and Catering Administration, Fylde College, Blackpool.

D. BROCKLEHURST (1967-76) Graduated B.Sc. Class 3, Hons. Mathematics, Leeds University.

J. C. BUCKLES B.Sc. (1969-76) Appointed Scientific Officer at Cardiothoracic Institute, London.

R. W. BURY (1966-75) Qualified M.B., Ch.B. at Manchester University. Appointed House Physician, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

GILLIAN P. CAMPBELL (1976-78) Graduated B.Sc. Medical Sciences, St. Andrews University, proceeding to Manchester University for further studies.

A. B. CAPSTICK (1969-76) Awarded H.N.D. Applied Biology. Graduated B.Sc. Hons. Biological Science.

R. J. CARTER (1967-74) Passed final examination of Institute of Chartered Accountants. Appointed to post with Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, Southampton.

N. M. CATLOW (1975-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. History, Royal Holloway College, London.

I. M. CAVILLE (1970-79) Awarded college full colours for swimming, U.M.I.S.T.

M. A. CHURCHILL (1968-74) Awarded M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. at Guy's Hospital, London. Appointed Houseman at Guy's Hospital.

J. B. COLE (1968-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, Economics, Liverpool University. Appointed trainee chartered accountant Spicer and Pegler, Manchester.

MICHAEL G. Sumner (1954-1962) has gained a B.A. degree in Social Sciences. On leaving school, he spent four years at Blackburn Magistrates Office. He entered teaching via Chorley Teacher Training College and has worked at Pleckgate School, Blackburn for the past 13 years, where he is presently head of fifth years.

He played football for the Old Blackburnians and is presently a member of Blackburn Golf Club and Blackburn Philatelic Society.

A. S. FIELDING (1970-77) Graduated B.Tech. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Science and Society, Bradford University.

C. J. FOSTER (1968-75) Graduated B.Arch. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Architecture, Liverpool University.

P. HARRINGTON (1961-68) Graduated B.A. Accountancy, Huddersfield Polytechnic.

J. D. HARTLEY (1968-75) Graduated B.Sc. Class 3, Hons. Physiology and Biochemistry of Farm Animals, Reading University.

P. M. HAWORTH (1972-79) Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Appointed Divisional Sub Lieutenant.

S. J. HAWORTH (1972-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 3, Hons. Pharmacy, Liverpool Polytechnic. Trainee with Boots Chemist, Blackburn.

J. M. HEATON (1970-77) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemistry.

W. HEYES (1971-78) Graduated B.Sc. Architecture, University College, London.



A. J. CROWTHER (1972-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 1, Hons. Basic Medical Sciences and Biochemistry, Kings College, London

P. A. CROZIER, B.Mus., L.R.A.M (1972-76) Awarded the 1981/82 Music Scholarship, St. Martin's College, Lancaster.

P. M. DEWHURST (1968-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics, York University.

P. J. DUCKWORTH (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Physics, Magdalen College, Oxford.

P. W. DUCKWORTH, B.A. (1969-76) Awarded M.Sc. in Mathematics, Aberdeen University.

R. W. DUCKWORTH (1970-77) Graduated B.Tech. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Textile Technology, Bradford University.

S. F. FEATHER (1971-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 3, Hons. Computing-Electronics, Durham University. Proceeding to P.G.C.E Leicester.

R. J. HIGHTON (1968-79) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Chemistry, Trinity Hall, Cambridge University.

N. R. HOLDEN (1971-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Engineering Science, St. Peter's College, Oxford University. Accountant with Thornton Baker.

S. J. HOOK (1969-76) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Reading University.

D. W. HUMPHREYS (1968-77) Awarded Higher National Diploma at the Lancashire College of Agriculture.

D. I. HUTCHINSON (1971-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Physiology (Special Hons.) Sheffield University.

M. V. HOOPER (1971-78) Awarded H.N.D. with distinction in Civil Engineering, Bolton Institute of Technology.

S. J. HODGSON (1971-77) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Managerial and Administrative Studies.

M. J. KAY (1968-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Engineering Science, Balliol College, Oxford. Appointed Trainee Engineer with NORWEB.

G. H. KIDNER (1968-78) Graduated L.I.B. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Leeds University.

S. H. LEA, B.A. (1967-74) Qualified M.B., B.S. at St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

A. J. P. MACDONALD (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic.

G. T. MAKINSON (1970-78) Graduated B.A. Class 3, Hons. Politics, Hull University.

T. MARSDEN (1970-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Engineering Science, St. Peter's College, Oxford.

C. R. MATTHEWS (1971-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 2, Chemical Engineering, Newcastle University.

M. J. MEADOWS (1970-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Balliol College, Oxford. Appointed Computer Programmer with J. Lewis, London.

J. MOTHERSOLE (1971-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, English, Liverpool University.

G. MOULDING (1970-77) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Quantity Surveying, Liverpool Polytechnic. Appointed Quantity Surveyor at Ridge & Partners, Oxford.

A. J. MURPHY (1971-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 1, Hons. Management Sciences at U.M.I.S.T.

R. M. J. NEWBERRY (1968-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Manchester University.

P. H. PRICE ((1970-78) Graduated B.A. Hons. History, Lancaster University. Studying for Master's Degree at Birmingham University.

J. S. PROCTOR (1969-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting and Finance, Lancaster University. Trainee Accountant with Kneeshaw Moffat & Co. Burnley.

P. A. RAMSDEN (1964-74) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Business Studies, Preston Polytechnic.

P. J. RICHARDSON (1971-77) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Horticulture, Bath University. Post-graduate studentship East Malling Research Station, Kent.

C. M. RIDEHALGH (1970-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Business Studies, Preston Polytechnic.

C. ROBINSON B.Sc. (1970-76) Awarded Edward Layton Research Award and I.C.I. Pharmacology Prize, Hammersmith Hospital, London.

W. J. ROUTH (1969-79) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford.

Degrees and things

NEWS IN BRIEF

M. ROWLAND (1969-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Agriculture, Reading University.

M. G. SCOVELL (1969-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Management Sciences, Lancaster University. Appointed to Marley Building Supplies, Aberdeen.

R. D. J. SHARP (1966-76) Graduated B.Ed. Worcester College of Further Education.

S. J. L. SHAW (1976-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting, Preston Polytechnic.

A. C. SHORROCK (1971-78) Graduated B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering at Leeds University.

CLARE L. STEVENS (1976-78) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics, Queen Mary College, London. Appointed Student Nurse at The London Hospital.

EMMA TAYLOR (1976-78) Won the Student of the Year Award for Beauty Therapy, Abraham Moss College, Manchester.

D. W. TEBB (1968-77) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Loughborough University.

S. TRANTER (1972-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Philosophy and Religious Studies, Lancaster University.

S. WALLBANK (1970-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Nottingham University. Joining Allan (UK) Limited as Sales and Marketing Trainee.

G. N. WALLEY (1971-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Christ Church, Oxford.

P. J. WARREN (1971-78) Passed Intermediate Exam of Society of Value Auctioneers.

R. WHALLEY, B.Sc. (1962-70) Appointed Service Marketing Manager, UK and overseas, with British Leyland.

P. H. WILLIAMS (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 3, Hons. Medical Sciences with Music, Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Proceeding to Medical Studies.

T. WOOD (1971-78) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Biological Sciences, Lancaster University.

PHILIPPA M. WOODS (1976-78) Graduated L.I.B. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Leeds University. Proceeding to Guildford Law School, London.

W. S. WOOLEY (1968-78) Awarded H.N.D. in Computer Studies, Sunderland Polytechnic. Appointed Computer Programmer at Manchester University.

S. J. WRENN (1969-76) Graduated B.Sc. Civil Engineering at Trent Polytechnic.

I. R. WRIGHT (1971-77) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Hons. Geography, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. Trainee Manager with Blue Circle Industries.

Following in father's footsteps

Simon Hardman Lea (1967-1974) son of Dr and Mrs M. Hardman Lea of Abbot Brow, Mellor, has passed his final MB BS examination at St. Thomas's Hospital, London. Following three years at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he gained a BA degree in physiological sciences, he has recently spent some time working in a hospital in Zimbabwe.

Islands post for solicitor

Peter C. Olsen (1954-1960) M.C.C.Ed., B.A., LL.B. (Hons) has recently been appointed an assistant solicitor with The Centre Management Group, St. Helier, Jersey. The Group is concerned with all aspects of International Financial Planning and has subsidiary, associated and representative offices throughout the world.

Studying law

J. S. Lindsey (1968-75) who worked for Lancashire County Council for three years after leaving school, left to study for a Law degree at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham.

He recently graduated BA, Class 2, Div 2, Hons Law. He has been attending Chester College of Law since September 1981 where he will sit the Solicitors Final Examination.

Engineer's BSc

Iain Mark Caville (1972-1978) has been awarded a B.Sc. honours degree in civil engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

He is continuing his studies at UMIST for his M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in civil engineering and in his spare time he is the captain of Manchester University swimming team.

Musical career

PAUL Mahoney (1973-80) decided to abandon his 'A' level studies to become a professional musician with emerging Manchester-based band The Passage. Paul was studying for 'A' levels in English, History and Ancient History, but decided upon the sometimes precarious life in the tough business of popular music. The group already has two LP albums to its credit.

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New bishop to be guest at dinner

THE chief guest at this year's dinner on December 18 in Big School will be the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Rev David Stewart Cross, who was enthroned on May 8 by an old friend of the OBA, the Provost of Blackburn the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, a School governor.

The Rev L. Cragg (1939-46) vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, will propose a toast to the School. Mr. Peter A. T. Ronson, who was unable to attend last year's dinner because of the bad weather, has again been invited to propose the toast to the guests.

Among the guests will be the former Lancashire Education chairman, Councillor Michael John Fitzherbert-Brockholes, JP, DL, of Cloughton Hall, near Garstang. The councillor was re-

placed as chairman following elections last year. He attended the Oratory School and New College, Oxford, and served as a major in the Scots Guards during the war.

He was created a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire in 1975 and vice-Lord Lieutenant in 1977. He was awarded the Papal honour of Knight of St Gregory in 1978 for his work in the community, in particular for the sick and handicapped. He has been to Lourdes almost every year for the past 25 years as a *Brancairdier* or stretcher bearer.

The Right Rev David Cross, who prefers to be known as Stewart, was formerly Suffragan Bishop of Doncaster in the Diocese of Sheffield.

He was born at Hutton, near Preston and attended a Penwortham junior school before his

parents moved to Lancaster. He attended Lancaster Royal Grammar School and Trinity College, Dublin, where he gained an MA and met his future wife, Mary.

He did not decide to offer himself for ordination until after National Service in the RAF.

He was Curate of Hexham from 1954 to 1957. He was then on the staff of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, at St Albans, Herts for six years including three as precentor. He was Curate of St Ambrose, Chorlton-on-Medlock and assistant chaplain to Manchester University until 1967 when he became a BBC producer.

Bishop Cross, aged 54, was assistant producer of religious broadcasting in the North of England until 1971 when he became religious broadcasting organiser for the Manchester Network Production Centre. He was appointed Bishop at Doncaster, in effect the assistant bishop in the Diocese of Sheffield, in 1976.

He retained his links with radio as chairman of the Local Radio Council, BBC Radio Sheffield from 1980 to 1982.

His hobbies are photography, making music and exchanging puns. He replaced the Right Rev Robert Martineau who retired as Bishop of Blackburn.



The Bishop of Blackburn



Councillor M. J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes

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Three generations at annual dinner



Three generations of Isherwoods: From the left, D.G. (40-46); P.S. (35-39) N. (16-20); M.L. (39-42); P.D. (66-75); P.S.L. (74-76).

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Obituaries

FRANK STONEHOUSE

FRANK Stonehouse (1919-23) died in January this year at home in Hove and our deep sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Frank had a most successful professional career as a surveyor and estate agent, ending as a senior member of the famous London firm of Bernard Thorpe and Co. With them he was largely responsible for huge development programmes in Manchester and Blackburn. But it is as a person and for his devotion to football and cricket that Frank will be most happily remembered. He played cricket for a Sussex village club until after the war. For many years he was a member of the governing committee of Sussex County Cricket Club and

was a considerable benefactor of the club.

In football, he was present at virtually all the most important matches from 1950-1970. He saw Manchester United beat Benfica in Portugal in the European Cup and England win the World Cup in 1966.

As an old boy of the School, he was exceptionally loyal, he kept in touch with countless contemporaries helped by his remarkable memory for people. He was a founder member of the O.B.'s Football Club in 1923 and for the London Old Boys Association and by all his friends he will be remembered for his kindness, his generosity of judgment and his enthusiasm.

FRED HARTLEY

MR FRED Hartley (1939-44) died in hospital on March 10 1983 aged 54 years, after a short illness. He was a business man who began his career after leaving School in Blackburn, and who also became well-known in the dog show world.

Mr Hartley was a director of the Stratford-upon-Avon company of Pedershaab Limited. He began his career on the inspection staff of Martin's Bank in Manchester, transferred in 1955 to their Colmore Row branch in Birmingham joining the foreign exchange department, later moving to become assistant manager at the Shirley branch. In

1967 he moved to Stratford to become assistant manager of the Henley Street branch.

In 1969 Mr Hartley joined Vianova Limited, now Pedershaab, as company secretary later to become a director.

Mr Hartley had a keen interest in the German Weimaraner hunting dog and was a member of the Weimaraner Club of Great Britain. He was successful at shows countrywide as exhibitor, breeder and judge.

Mr Hartley leaves a widow and two daughters.

Didicere Prodesse

In addition to those already mentioned, the following names of Old Boys who have died since the last issue of Magister have come to our notice. We apologise for the brevity. We should be obliged for as much information as possible about former pupils who had died.

C. H. Croasdale 1915-23. Dr. J. A. Longworth 1915-20. H. S. Mellor 1918-25. E. W. Sykes, R. Holden, F. E. Lupton 1899-1904, T. McLeod 1928-37, W. Whittaker 1919-24.

KEITH WILDE

MR KEITH Wilde (1943-50) died on April 30 1983. He had collapsed at the Dunkenhall Hotel on the previous day, where he was attending a charity evening, raising money in support of the Blackburn Theatre Trust.

Mr Wilde, a bachelor, was well known in local amateur dramatics. He was head of drama at St Wilfrid's School and had taught there for 28 years.

Any old links?

QUEEN Elizabeths was host in April to international pianist Allan Schiller who gave a recital arranged by the community services committee of Blackburn Rotary Club. Committee chairman George Wade (1947-52) was later able to hand over the evening proceeds to Blackburn branch of the NSPCC.

Piano recital

GODFREY J. Charnley of St. Thomas' Hospital, London, is interested in buying any old Blackburnians' cufflinks, and an original QEGS Boater Ribbon in good condition. The latter to match a 1920's summer blazer that he has acquired. If anyone is able to help please contact Mr Kay or Mrs Lord at QEGS.

IN 1967 the late G. F. Eastwood published his history of the School, and I have just been refreshing my memory of some of the events with which he concludes that work. This has brought home to me the extent of the changes which have occurred in the School — social, material, educational — in the last 16 years, and I think it is high time that someone, with George Eastwood's gift for narrative style, brought the history up to date with a supplementary volume.

During the greater part of the period — and for six years previously — the School has progressed under the chairmanship of Bill Hare — only his wife is now permitted the more informal and affectionate nick-name by which he was universally known while a boy here — and in June of this year, much to the regret of his colleagues, he decided to retire from the Governing Body and it may be appropriate to put on record some of the service he has given to the School during his term of office. It is hard to record some of this in isolation from the rest of the School's recent history. It was in 1944 under the chairmanship of his late father that the School met the first challenge to its character and independence and the courageous decision to retain our independence even if this meant financial difficulty was made. In 1956 the School was rewarded by being granted Direct Grant status, which meant that it could continue to serve boys of Blackburn irrespective of parental means.

Ten years later the School was again under attack, this time from

Chairman of governors steps down

the Local Education Authority, who though nobly supporting the School over the years had now become — after a surprisingly brief period of consideration — convinced that the comprehensive system was a universal educational panacea, and it fell to Mr Hare to follow his father in putting up a fight to preserve the quality and ethos of the School. Long and difficult negotiations ensued, and that they finally failed was in no way the responsibility of Mr Hare. With the withdrawal of the Direct Grant over a period of years the School was facing something of a repetition of 1944. Once again, a Hare had the courage to fight for what he knew was right, and once again that courage was rewarded when the School was included by the Department of Education & Science in the Assisted Places Scheme. This will probably be the main item for which Mr Hare's chairmanship will be remembered, but by no means the only one.

An increasing pressure from parents who had sons at the School for similar opportunities for their daughters became apparent and once again it was under Mr Hare's leadership that the difficulties which this entailed were surmounted — though I

doubt if, ten years ago, he would have visualised that today we should have nearly 100 girls in our sixth form.

But not only this decision brought problems to be faced courageously and firmly. The increasing demand for further education has meant that there has been an increasing demand for sixth form places, and while the School has increased by some 50% over the last couple of decades, the increase at sixth form level has been nearer 100%. This in turn has created problems of accommodation, buildings and staffing in all of which Mr Hare has given the calm and determined leadership it needed.

It was a happy thought on the part of the Governors when in 1970 they decided to invite Mr Hare to open the new Assembly Hall, itself one of the products of his period of office, and we have his name permanently recorded on the tablet in the entrance hall. But the whole character and spirit of the School in 1983 is the best tribute to the service which Bill Hare has given to his old School.

We wish him and Dorothy a long and happy retirement.
E.C.M.

Paul jumps to it . . .

PAUL Isherwood of Hillingdon, Middlesex sprained his ankle on his first parachute jump with colleagues from Sanderson Fabrics. He enrolled on a two-day intensive training course at Peterborough Parachute Centre, Sibson Aerodrome, near Peterborough. There were about 30 on the course including girls, who for £40, spent all Saturday and most of Sunday attending lectures and practical exercises in preparation for the actual jump.

New principal

THE new principal of Westfield College in the University of London in January will be Professor J. E. Varey, MA, PhD, LittD (Cantab) (1933-41). His vice-principal is Professor Henry Lyon, MA, DLitt, FBA, FRHistS, FSA, our Speech Day guest last December.

Bradley moves !

PETER Bradley (1961-67) has been appointed personnel and administration manager of Kelloggs UK, Wrexham works, which deals with the cereals firm's bran side.

Peter started with Littlewoods as a management trainee in organisation and methods after leaving Durham with a BSc. He moved to Kelloggs six years ago on the O and M side in the computer section of the head office in Manchester and later moved to Wrexham.

Ron and Kath retire

MR RONALD Hunter, who joined the staff in 1967 as bursar to the School and secretary to the governors, retired in February.

His wife, Kathleen, who had worked in various capacities over the years, retired at the same time. We extend good wishes and kind regards to Ron and Kath, as they have been affectionately known among all staff, as they take up residence at their new home in Nottingham.

Ron came as bursar to the School from the Staveley Company (the large industrial organisation), where he started as an accounts clerk in 1934. His student training had been at Chesterfield College. During the war years (1939-46) he served with HM Forces, attaining the rank of Warrant Officer (Staff Quartermaster) and serving part of his time in the Middle East. On demobilisation in 1946, he joined the Staveley Organisation and qualified as a chartered

secretary within the Staveley group in Manchester and Sandbach, until he joined the staff of QEGS as its first bursar in 1967. He took over all the responsibilities as clerk to the governors from Colonel Robinson. During the years following his appointment, every one found it so much easier to solve a financial problem or gain an answer to a personal query since the bursar was now located on the school premises, and not, as in the Colonel's time, in solicitors' offices in Preston New Road.

Mrs Hunter joined the staff a little later than her husband as secretary to the campaign director when the appeal was launched by Hooker Graigmyle and Co. in mid-1967 to raise funds for the building of the new assembly hall and gymnasium. She served in this capacity until the appeal fund closed in 1969. At the same time, the school required a secretary to undertake registration duties and school meals administration. Kath took over these tasks, becoming busily employed as well in all the detailed

work necessary for a new appeal fund, conducted by the governors themselves this time, for the purpose of erecting the Sixth Form Centre, the biology lab. extensions and the new Horncliffe extensions over the Undercroft.

Ron and Kath obviously enjoyed their stay and involvement at Queen Elizabeth's. The varied work of a large independent day school gave scope to their many talents and appealed, I'm sure, more than the constraints of industry. All who came into contact with them, both staff and boys — and later girls — shared Kath's affability and welcomed Ron's sound advice. Ron, a modest, kind and gentle person and ardent sportsman, revelled in hearing details of the sporting successes of boys and staff, particularly those appertaining to the cricket field, and it was a real joy to witness at their farewell meeting the surprise and pleasure, when, in addition to the gifts of the staff and school, the chairman of the

staff committee presented Ron and Kath with two season tickets for Nottingham County Cricket Club. One could detect in the words of reply anticipation of hours of pleasure in the sun on

the benches of Trent Bridge for both of them in the days of retirement. Their new house and garden at Southwell, together with the nearness of family in Nottingham will demand more of their leisure time as they become as well loved and respected in their new surroundings as they have been with us over the past 16 years. Members of the Association will wish to be associated with the kindest regards we accord Mr and Mrs Hunter in their retirement.

Their present address belies their nature and disposition: there is nothing of the OAP about Ron and Kath. They live at 7, Manor Close, Southwell, Notts. NG25 OAP and would be glad to welcome any members of the school or association who may be passing through the area.

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THE School speech day and distribution of prizes was held at King George's Hall, Northgate on December 9 last year and, after welcoming the main guest, Professor H. R. Loyn, principal of Westfield College, University of London, the headmaster pointed out the economic tightrope the school was forced to tread.

Regrettably, shortage of space does not allow us to print the whole of the headmaster's speech but we have tried to include the main points.

After referring to a long friendship with Prof. Loyn, the head said: "We meet in troubled times, particularly here in the North, with a biting recession and a constant need for the school to keep the fees low enough to enable parents who wish to consider this school as a viable alternative to other schools in the neighbourhood, to continue to send their sons here, yet pitched at such a level as to enable the continued development of the school, both in facilities and in buildings.



Mr Johnston

While buildings are not everything, I am most anxious to see continued development of this school, particularly in the provision of purpose-built sixth-form accommodation, if we are seen to be keeping pace with equivalent provision in the State sector, and the recent decision of the Lancashire Local Education Authority to remove all sixth forms from our eight local comprehensive schools (a decision which I much deplore) will accentuate the tremendous interest of parents in entry into our sixth form, for their boys and for their girls.

"Over and above all there is the increased difficulty of gaining university entrance, with improved standards right across the board (and those most likely to be a casualty of such high hurdles are not the bright or the bone idle, but the honest allrounder), and the threat of political action still continuing to hang over our heads. That does not prevent our looking with sympathy on the youngsters in this area, and not just our own flock, struggling to enter life after school, finding nothing but unemployment straddling the way like Apollyon. For while British University degree courses are awarded on proven academic merit, schools like this need to be highly competitive and careful perusal of your Speech Day programme will demonstrate this.

"Although it was very pleasant we did not need 'The Times' to name the school as one of the top fifteen schools in the country

last December — especially as they relocated us to Birmingham. What gives me greater satisfaction is the high regard in which the school is locally held and the continuing competition to get in here, which is more important than our 89.2 per cent successes at O-level, with 1,319 passes overall, or our A-level successes, which include a pass-rate of 89.6 per cent, with 576 passes, and with more than half the papers written by the sixth form gaining either Grade A or Grade B passes. Mind you, in this lies the element of future destruction, for self-complacency is a most insidious and besetting sin. That is why my greatest wrath is reserved for those in the school who occasionally fail to work or let us down by poor public behaviour. I do not entirely despise educational psychology, but I still find that bamboo has its uses.

"It would be very wrong of me to omit to mention the outstanding successes of the Assisted Places Scheme, which for the second year in succession, has brought able boys into this school at the 11+ stage, whose parents would not have otherwise been able to afford our fees.

"My Governing Body and I believe it to be manifestly right that the entrance doors of this school should be well and truly open to all who will benefit from education here. Such are the financial restraints of the scheme that only the poor, the unemployed, the one-parent

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ROBERT Stanley Battersby left School in 1940 and, after a commerce course at the Technical College, joined the RAF for five years until the end of the war.

He had started work as a junior clerk with Blackburn Borough Council before war service and rejoined the council as a clerk in 1946. Two years later, he was appointed assistant in the publicity and public relations department.

ROBERT Stanley Battersby is "Bob" to his colleagues but "Mr Blackpool" to the thousands of people in the publicity and entertainments business.

He is Director of Tourism and Attractions for Blackpool Council and responsible for "the biggest playground in the world".

Everything about Blackpool is big — from the seven miles "of golden sands" to "the biggest free show on earth", the Illuminations. That epithet can also justifiably be applied to Bob Battersby. He is full of good humour and expansive in his praise for the resort, which he has been helping to keep ahead in seaside entertainments for 13 years . . . and like any good publicity man, he is rarely out of the public eye — making sure Blackpool is never out of your mind.

Bob held an ambition to be Blackpool's publicity boss about the time he started in promotions with Blackburn Council just after the war. He achieved that ambition in 1970 but his association with Blackpool began four years before while he was entertainments chief at Morecambe. He was invited in August 1966 by BBC producer Barney Colehan to field a team against Blackpool in the first heat of the now defunct "It's a Knockout" for BBC television.

Since that introduction, he has been in charge of 11 teams in the series. You can imagine his feelings then when the series ended last year.

Bob's mini marathon with "Knockout" was recognised about this time last year when he was a VIP at the last international final at Urbino, Italy. He won't forget the series in a hurry however — thanks to a host of souvenirs and mementoes at the town hall and his home.

Most prized among them is the Bob Battersby Award, marking his contribution to the series and hanging on the wall of his Clifton Street office.

Knockout has been a whole lot more than an assembly line of harmless and silly games. It has brought an understanding of gamesmanship through the team spirit of both competitors and supporters, says Bob, who has his

He was made chief assistant in 1950, becoming Director of Publicity and Public Relations in 1956. Two years later, he was appointed Publicity and Entertainments Manager at Morecambe and Heysham then Director of Entertainments and Publicity at Worthing in 1966. He moved to a similar position at Blackpool in 1970, becoming secretary of the British Association of Tourist Officers the following year. He held the position for two years and in 1976, he was elected president of the association.

He gained the diploma of the Institute of Municipal Entertainment in 1957 and is now a Fellow of the Institute. He was invited to join the North West Advisory Council on Broadcasting by the then chairman of the BBC, Sir Michael Swann. The council is one of eight watchdog bodies which help formulate BBC policy.

In 1980, Mr. Battersby's title at Blackpool was renamed Director of Tourism and Attractions. Sadly Bob lost his wife last year after a long illness.



Picture courtesy of West Lancashire Gazette

Publicity chief ends links with TV game

own story behind the success of the Blackpool team in 1971.

Blackpool had hosted the international finals of Jeux sans Frontiers in 1967 and 1969, the year before Bob moved to the resort, but no English team could hold a match to the Continentals, especially the well-drilled German contingents.

"We were beginning to become a bit of a laughing stock, our true-blue amateur spirit was considered absolutely British but slightly absurd by the Continentals who were taking the whole thing very seriously indeed, said Bob.

"The producer and pioneer of "Knockout", Barney Colehan asked me if there was any chance of fielding a team to beat the others at their own game. I suppose British TV audiences were losing heart and switching over

every week a British team failed to win — or even worse ended up at the bottom of the list. Anyway, I said I thought there was a very good chance of winning. We got together a good strong team of lads and lasses from Blackpool — we have or had a good lot of swimmers and sportsmen and women and we drilled them for six weeks, practising over and over the games they were going to play. To cut a long story short, we won the golden trophy in Essen, West Germany, after getting to the final as the highest losers. We showed the way for other English teams but it led to the rules of the competition being radically altered. Never again were teams allowed to practise because they were never told beforehand what the games would be."

That however was only the

start of Bob and Blackpool's successful links with the Knockout story. A couple of years ago, the resort was still offering something new after 16 years, the first indoor all-water contest at the Derby Bath.

When it was decided to end "Jeux sans Frontiers" while it was still popular, Bob, Barney Colehan and a BBC chief engineer Geoff Lomas were invited to Urbino for the wake.

"Apparently we were the only three who had been there since the start and the final farewell was an emotional occasion, I can tell you."

"Everybody linked hands and a ribbon was wound round the town square. At the end, everyone was left with a keepsake when we cut the ribbon."

Last year, Blackpool introduced lasers to its Lights show, this year, the Illuminations were extended a week at the beginning. There's always something to keep Bob going, always something to fire his imagination and it is always to ensure the North West tourist beacon is kept shining ever brighter at Blackpool.

New £1000 loan to School

THE 54th annual meeting of the association was held at School on November 23 last year with Mr Eric Kay in the chair and 20 members present.

The secretary Mr David Forbes reported that two meetings had been held since the previous AGM, including one at the Lammack clubhouse, the first at the Old Black's Club for three

years. Thanks were expressed to the footballers and to dinner organiser John Read for his sterling efforts and he now appeared to be firmly and efficiently entrenched in this position. Thanks were also due to Peter Pearson and his team in producing another fine edition of Magister, not an easy task to say the least; and to the Treasurer Fred Gillibrand, who had been almost 100 per cent successful in the thorny problem of bringing subscriptions up to date.

Mr Gillibrand reported there were 1,039 paid-up members despite 50 memberships having been terminated because of non-payment or inability to make contact. He gave a general explanation of the accounts and indicated it would be necessary to renew investments soon. Of 45 school-leavers, 38 had taken out life membership by releasing caution money held by the school.

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OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1982

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HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the above accounts, which are in accordance with the information supplied to us and give a true and correct record of the transactions for the year ended 31st July, 1982 and the state of affairs at that date.

Blackburn
8th September, 1982

W. Hare, R. B. Holden
Chartered Accountants

CAMBRIDGE EVENING

THE second annual dinner of the Cambridge branch of the OBA was held in the Old Combination Room, Christ's College on Friday November 19., with Mr Gorley Putt, Fellow of the College, presiding.

Guests attending the dinner were: From School: P. F. Johnston (Headmaster), E. C. Marsden, F. Raby, E. J. Whittle.

From Cambridge: A. J. Bate, D. R. Bury and Miss R. Wey, C. E. S. Bullock, Susan Done, Sarah Dawson, Colette George, Squadron Leader and Mrs R. B. Lamb, Mr and Mrs Heald, Sarah Neville, Dr A. J. Pendlebury, S. T. Swift, R. H. Webster.

From Oxford: J. A. Whitely.

Cheshire night for ladies

THE Old Blackburnians Cheshire and South Manchester branch dinner was held at the Bowden Hotel, Bowden, Cheshire on Friday October 15.

Yorkshire ladies evening

THE Hotel St Georges in Harrogate was the venue for the annual ladies evening organised by the Yorkshire Branch.

The event was very enjoyable marred to some degree by the absence of so many regulars due to illness or business commitments.

Present were the Headmaster and Mrs Johnston, Mr and Mrs E. Sagar, Mr and Mrs D. Ball, Mr and Mrs D. Carr, Mr and Mrs E. J. Whittle, Mr and Mrs C. Sloan, Mr and Mrs C. Harvey, Noreen Mayo and Guy Shuttleworth.

Harold Ramsbottom, secretary of the branch, and organiser of the evening, proposed the loyal toast and offered apologies from 18 members unable to attend.

The Headmaster gave a report on school activities and Mr E. J. Kay mentioned activities of the Old Blackburnians Association.

Those attending were: Mr P. F. Johnston (Headmaster), Mr R. Hunter (School Bursar), Mr E. J. Kay (OBA. Chairman), Mr R. Smith (OBA. Vice-Chairman), Mr F. Gillibrand (OBA Treasurer), Mr F. Raby (School Staff), Messrs. N. Barton, T. S. Hindle, H. S. Marsden, D. M. Martin, H. Morris, J. C. Pearson, R. Pearson, E. Taylor, E. West, B. H. Hadcroft, H. Ramsbottom.

The branch held their annual ladies evening at the Bowden Hotel on June 19.

Harold Ramsbottom welcomed the guests on behalf of the branch and gave apologies for 16 unable to attend. The Headmaster replied giving a brief report on school success and current changes taking place.

Mr Eric Kay reported on other branch activities of the association.

Those attending were: Mr and Mrs P. F. Johnston, Dr F. E. Hesmondhalgh, Dr and Mrs T. S. Hindle, Dr and Mrs H. Morris, Mr and Mrs H. S. Liversedge, Mr and Mrs E. Taylor, Mr and Mrs E. West, Mr and Mrs H. Ramsbottom, Mr B. H. Hadcroft, Miss H. Nolan, Mr and Mrs J. E. Sagar, Mr and Mrs E. J. Kay, Mr and Mrs J. Longstaff, Mr F. Raby.

New venue for London dinner

THE annual dinner and annual general meeting of the London branch of the OBA was held on Friday March 4. at the RAF Club, Piccadilly.

Following the dinner, branch chairman Eric Norcross proposed the Loyal Toast and after a short break, Ray Vipond proposed the toast to the School and guests.

Replying on behalf of the school, the Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnston, commented on the excellent choice of venue for the evening as being a member of the RAF Club, it enabled him to stay the night. He then gave a brief report on the current size of the school, the proposed extension to the Holden Laboratories and other school news.

Mr E. C. Marsden, Chairman of the Governors, then replied on behalf of the guests and concluded his brief message by recounting a number of amusing RAF stories when he was based in North Africa.

The formal toasts and speeches were followed by a short AGM which ended with a resounding rendition of three verses of the school song, Cantilena.

The party from Blackburn comprised the Headmaster and Mrs Johnston, Mr E. C. Marsden and Mr E. J. Whittle.

Branch members present were E. Norcross, J. S. Allen, R. Vipond, D. Vipond, P. D. Isherwood, M. B. Stirrup, A. W. Shaw, C. Riley, S. S. Hird, H. Stancliffe, J. K. Grant, G. Smith, G. T. Charnely, J. A. Whittaker, G. R. Foster, Sally Hall, Dorothy Marsden, Morag Stalker and Helen Williams.

A total of 36 people attended the evening including wives and guests of members together with the contingent from Blackburn.

1983

November 18 — Cambridge branch dinner, the Old Combination Room, Christ's College, Cambridge.

November 25 — London branch buffet evening (informal) - to be arranged.

November 29 — OBA annual general meeting in the Radcliffe Room, QEGS, 8.0 p.m.

December 17 — Annual Dinner, Big School, 7.0 for 7.15 p.m.

1984

January 25 — London branch pub evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingley Street, London.

February — North Eastern branch dinner, date to be fixed.

Diary Dates

March 2 — London branch AGM and ladies' evening - venue to be arranged.

April 27 — Yorkshire branch ladies evening, Hotel St George, Harrogate.

May 2 — London branch pub evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingley Street, London, from 6.30 p.m.

May 17 — Cheshire and South Lancashire branch ladies evening, Executive Suite, Bowden Hotel, Cheshire.

Further details from E. J. Kay, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn.

Check if there's a branch near you

WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, and London area and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below:

OXFORD:

Michael T. Harrison,
Regents Park College,
Oxford.

CAMBRIDGE:

Anthony J. Bate,
Christ's College,
Cambridge.

LONDON:

Paul Isherwood,
47 Bedford Road,
West Ealing,
London W13 0SP.

CHESHIRE & SOUTH LANCASHIRE:

Harold Ramsbottom,
157 Chester Road,
Hazel Grove,
Stockport,
Cheshire.

Tel: 0625 273 3344

YORKSHIRE:

Charles Sloan,
22 Glamis Close,
Garforth,

Leeds LS25 2NQ. Tel: Leeds 861467

NORTH EAST:

Miss C. A. Mackrell,
St Mary's College,
Elvet Hill Road,
Durham.

Old Boys will be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary. For further information Old Boys in Canada should contact:

Mr Roger Maltby,
Box 59, Site 2553,
Calgary,
Alberta, Canada, T3C 3N9.

Should any Old Boy in an area not covered by the above branches wish to act as liaison for that area, please get in touch with Mr Eric Kay at school or Editor of Magister c/o school.

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family and the disadvantaged gain very much from the scheme. Moreover, the scheme has in its first year, brought a crop of bright boys selected for our express stream in the usual end-of-year examinations and half of those in the School on this scheme are from the Blackburn area, thus ensuring our continued connection with the town of our birthright, and with that line of Old Boys who have faithfully served this community for so many generations.

"This school, through the A.P.S. scheme, continues to be sociologically more comprehensive than many Comprehensive schools but I fervently re-echo my chairman's wishes concerning the removal of education from the political scene.

"An illustration of just what could happen has already been given to us by the refusal of the Lancashire County Council to allow five pupils to take up places awarded to them at sixth-form level under the Assisted Places Scheme and enough has already been said about this: I would, however, on this occasion wish to salute my Governors' sagacity and humanity in allowing me a considerable degree of independence in allowing our very limited Trust funds to finance such pupils, whose disadvantaged background would have otherwise precluded their transference here.

"Of course, to wish to change to our sixth-form is to exercise a value judgement on the merit of being at a school like this, compared to the reputations of local schools and colleges, and if that transference is to continue to be denied, it is a denial of that freedom of choice which is something very basic to this country's heritage.

"I remain heartened by the sturdy response of parents to the dual challenge of raising fees and in keeping their heads above water in these difficult economic times and I pledge my bursarial staff to confine those fee increases to the absolutely necessary.

"As the local schools piecemeal lose their sixth-forms over the next two or three years, we must thank our governing body for foresight in this area, and it is not too hard to imagine that which has taken place in other Queen Elizabeth's Grammar Schools might well have happened here.

"What concerns me is the threat to forbid by law the payment of fees for independent education, denying parents the right — a fundamental right as far as the Declaration of Human Rights is concerned and as far as the European Convention of Human Rights is concerned — that is the right of parents to choose the kind of education to be given to their children, and the right to pay for it if they so choose.

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School crest hung in London club

THE Association has subscribed to the commissioning of a plaque bearing the school crest which now adorns the walls of the East India Devonshire Sports and Public Schools Club, St James' Square, London.

The crest has taken its rightful place among others of well known public schools throughout the country.

Membership of the East India Devonshire Sports and Public Schools Club is open to all Old Blackburnians and is particularly good value to school leavers who can join for a composite fee of £50 until they reach their 25th birthday, with nomination through their own headmaster.

For the rest of us "senior citizens", annual subscription levels are £90, £120 and £198 plus an entrance fee in age ranges of under 30, under 35 and over 35, respectively.

The club offers a delightful old world atmosphere with deep leather chairs, roaring fires, good food and well patronised bars all at reasonable prices.

Indeed, where else in London can you stay overnight for £17.50 including full English breakfast, morning tea in bed, shoes cleaned and the full facilities of a traditional and genuine club.

Interested parties for membership are asked to contact the Headmaster c/o Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

Steelman Eric is on the ball

ERIC Jones (1959-64) has successfully guided his specialist stainless steel stockist and distribution company to its currently buoyant position since its formation three years ago.

Eric's venture is a far cry from the days when he left school to join Blackburn Rovers as an apprentice professional. He spent two years at Ewood Park before deciding to leave the professional ranks of football and embark on a marketing career in the steel stockist industry.

Football's loss has proved to be the steel world's gain.

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Director Ian Sharp
(left) with his wife
and Producer
Euan Lloyd at the
Premiere of the
film.



WHO DARES, WINS. . .

MOST people will recognise the motto of the S.A.S. and probably recall that a film of the same name was released last year.

The director of the film gave up a secure and well paid job four years ago to go freelance and spent almost a year out of work but, true to the title of his film, Ian Sharp (1957-65) dared to do it and has now won the acclaim that goes with a successful film and is a very sought after director able to pick and choose from the offers now flooding in.

After leaving QEGS Ian went on to Durham University and after graduating joined BBC radio and from there transferred to television.

It was here he got the film-making bug and started by making five minute 'heap of the week' films for 'That's Life' about the vagaries of vacuum cleaners and recalcitrant refrigerators. Being budgeted to £500 per film he found the pressure of producing a film a week for two ten-week series a tremendous but marvellous experience for what was to come.

His success on 'That's Life' led to the offer of directing the first series of 'The Big Time' - another Esther Rantzen show. After this, her husband, Desmond Wilcox picked Ian to make a film about American football coach Woody Hayes for the series "The Americans".

He worked on the arts programme 'Arena' and 'Omnibus' and the first feature film he directed was 'The Music Machine' for which he got time off from the BBC.

Fired with the enthusiasm of film making it was in September 1979 that Ian resigned from the BBC and set up as a freelance director but it was not until August 1980 he was offered any work.

He and his wife, Glen, managed to make ends meet by living off Glen's BBC salary while he wrote letters, knocked on lots of doors and made many phone calls.

The search for work ended

when he was asked to direct 'Minder' for Thames Television and such was his success with a single episode he was made an offer by London Weekend to direct 'The Professionals'.

It was at this juncture that fate took a hand. The film producer Euan Lloyd had, like many others, been watching the World Snooker Championship on television when it was interrupted by live coverage of the SAS storming the Iranian Embassy in London. He made up his mind to make a film about Britain's most secret but celebrated soldiers. The man he wanted for the lead was 'Professionals' actor, Lewis Collins, and to direct the film the man who had made the best episode Lloyd had seen.

He rang Ian and the young director's career hasn't looked back since.

Hospital post

PETER A. Fletcher (1960-65), a graduate of the Royal Society of Chemistry has recently taken up a post of scientific officer in the chemical endocrinology department at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.



Picture courtesy of Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

OUR good wishes go to OBA treasurer Fred Gillibrand for a speedy recovery from a recent illness and to his wife Freda who is not enjoying the best of health. Also to committee-man Ken Forbes who is convalescing at home after hospital treatment following a heart attack.

A busy lad our Russell

DID you catch up with Mr Harty during his many sorties into the Northern region during the past 12 months or so? He is reputed to have been seen at at least the following, and no doubt more besides:

Opening of Red Rose Radio - independent local radio station based in Preston (September 1982), Empire Theatre Trust (Blackburn) celebrity evening, Dunkenhalgh Hotel (April 1983) and Salesbury (Blackburn) Electronics Fair.

Albert's off again

THE much travelled Albert Eastham (1946-51) has been on the road again. He has journeyed to Zimbabwe to advise the Ministry of Local Government and Town Planning. Albert is no stranger to the African continent where he has worked as a consultant on previous occasions. Consultancy work has also taken him to South America and India.

Gone fishing . . .

MR JACK Morris (1935-40) has retired from teaching after 34 years in the profession. He left Pleckgate School, Blackburn, as a senior master having previously been at Bangor Street Boys School and Lower Darwen Junior School.

Mr Morris served in the Fleet Air Arm during the second world war on the aircraft carriers Searcher and Illustrious.

As an extension of his interest in young people, Mr Morris was a founder member of the Blackburn Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and has also been secretary and chairman of Blackburn Anglers' Association of which he is still a committee member.

Mr Stuart Butcher's (1933-38) retirement as a telephone engineer after 44 years service marked more than 100 years of family service in the industry. His father contributed 40 and his son, Michael, has 18 years under his belt so far.

Mr Butcher's prime hobby is fly fishing to which he hopes to devote more time during his retirement.



Dinner organiser John Read pours for Mrs Read as Eric Kay looks on.



Keith Wightman and Roger Smith.



OBA treasurer Fred Gillibrand, centre, with son David and daughter Wendy.



The headmaster, right, and the main speakers, from left, the Rev. L. A. Cragg, Peter Ronson and the Bishop.



Bill Proctor, right, with Garth Edwards.



General view of members of the bar.

Committee may ask: cut speeches

Speeches at this year's dinner may be shorter following criticism of the length of the formal proceedings at last year's meal.

A sub-committee led by dinner organiser John Read was formed to investigate complaints about the length of speeches and grumbles about food and service.

The full allocation of tickets for the annual dinner was taken up last year with five guests invited by the association.

Everyone was accommodated in Big School and, unlike the previous year, the weather failed to keep anyone from the 53rd dinner.

The lower price of tickets for younger members had not been very effective in attracting larger numbers, the dinner organiser Mr John Read told a committee meeting in February. He said the dinner had how-

ever resulted in an excess income of £138.68.

There had been some criticisms of the meal and in particular, the service although a sub-committee was being formed to look into the matter although there were contributing factors to take into account.

Mr Read thanked all who had helped towards organising the evening and the committee recorded its thanks to John and his wife, pictured top left, for their efforts.

Ken Forbes felt ill health would prevent him attending future dinners and therefore tendered his resignation from the dinner committee. He was thanked for his help over many years.

Business consultant Peter A. T. Ronson, who because of bad weather the previous year had been unable to fulfill his role in proposing a toast to the guests, was able to make it to the

dinner last year and proposed a toast to the School.

As usual, the headmaster replied. The head is a lay preacher and member of the Church of England General Synod. This gave the evening a reverential flavour as the proposer of the toast to the guests was Rev L. A. Cragg, vicar of St Cuthbert's, Lytham. The Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Rev David Stewart Cross, replied. He said the School should stand for something lest its scholars fell for everything.

Toastmaster as usual was Mr Derrick Lund and as chairman for the evening, OBA President J. E. Sagar took wine with diners in their decades at school. Only one, Mr Harold S. Isherwood, rose in the 1903-12 era. He attended the School from 1908-12 and is pictured with his family, on the Front Page.



More guests at the bar in the gym.



OBA committeeman Roger Smethurst.



Revellers from left, Alan Gorse, Derek Lund, Paul Price, David Dunn and Fred Kemp.



Four old girls, from the left Carolyn Walker, who works for the family steel stockholding firm in Blackburn; Elisabeth Clarke, at Oxford Polytechnic; Caroline Simon, studying art at the Courtauld Institute, London; and Wendy Gillibrand studying for her SRN at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

REUNION FOR INTREPID PAIR

Branch news from Canada



IN MAY 1982, Trevor Haworth (1947-56) and Bob Killingbeck visited Canada for three weeks having received an invitation from Alan Lomax who had volunteered to organise their trips from Calgary onwards.

Trevor and Bob flew to Toronto and then took the train to Calgary arriving somewhat weary after three nights travel and an eight hour delay due to a landslide. They were met by Roger Maltby, who they had not seen for fifteen years.

Roger and his wife Margaret entertained them at their house for two nights and on the last night an Old Boys dinner took place at a restaurant in downtown Calgary.

Roger Maltby had organised

the evening and Alan Lomax, Roger Pilkington, Roy Ashcroft and Bob Darwent all travelled to be there. A great night was had by all reminiscing about events and characters at school, aided by beverages of a strong nature.

The day after the dinner Alan Lomax drove the intrepid pair through the Rockies to his home in Creston near the United States border and then across the States to Victoria finishing twelve days later in Vancouver.

Trevor and Bob would like to thank the Canada Branch of O.B.A. for their great kindness and superb hospitality during their stay. Their abiding memories are that Blackburnians never lose their native accent and school friends however seldom one sees them remain friends for life.



Research fellowship

MARK Richardson (1974-75) has been awarded a research fellowship at Dundee University after having a PhD degree conferred on him by London University.

He has been concerned with investigating the structure of the human chromosome.

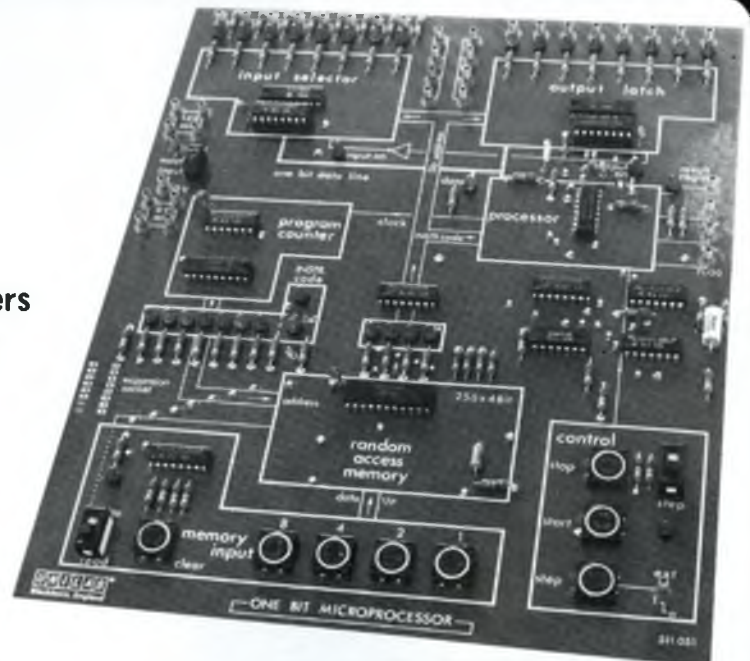
Dr Richardson is the younger son of Mr and Mrs John Richardson of Fairways, Osbaldeston, and formerly of Earnsdale Avenue, Darwen. He is married to a dental surgeon at Dundee University Hospital.



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Tom's campaign bites the dust



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WE don't get many, more's the pity, what are you all doing about it? Can we suggest a "Where are you now" column or "Whatever happened to the likely lads in the lower sixth of '49"?

MR H. A. Field (1921-23) writes to us once again acknowledging receipt of his annual copy. He comments: "By now 'Magister' is, for me, a sort of lucky dip in which I find here and there, mention of folk I remember.

I am afraid that the law of diminishing returns is beginning to operate but it was nice to spot just a passing reference to P. C. Northam, one of the veterans and characters of my time. As a matter of fact I am reminded of QEGS every day, for one of my forms presented me with a hinged shaving mirror when I left and it is still in daily use. It celebrates its diamond jubilee this year!"

Ex Tory secretary is new director

MR David Nicholson (1955-62) has been appointed director of Home Affairs for the Association of British Chambers of Commerce. He was assistant secretary of the Conservative Shadow Cabinet from 1975-79.

AS previously reported in an earlier edition, County Councillor Tom Sharratt (1945-56) had led a campaign against the derelict Whitebirk, Blackburn, power station cooling towers which he wished to see demolished for the general benefit of the local environment.

The successful culmination of the campaign came in May when dawn explosions on two separate days brought the four 4,000-ton monsters folded virtually inside themselves. Despite the early times of the day, a gallery gathered on each occasion to witness the historic event.

Tom has also been involved in a row regarding giant hogweed and has called for it to be classed as an injurious weed under the 1959 Weeds Act.

Finance post for company secretary



Picture: Lancs. Evening Telegraph

MR Michael Thompson (1945-49) of Clitheroe, company secretary of the Blackburn-based international Scapa Group has also become finance director. Michael, who also attended Sedburgh School, joined Scapa Dryers in 1961 after training as a chartered accountant with the Blackburn firm of Waterworth, Rudd and Hare.

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Netlon chief marries in Bermuda

DR BRIAN Mercer (1939-44), millionaire industrialist and inventor of the now world famous Netlon plastic mesh, surprised many of his staff by returning, from what they assumed was an ordinary business trip, with a new bride.

While in Bermuda, he quietly married surgeon's daughter Vivien Counsell, a Darwen health visitor who comes from the sub-tropical island group.

The new Mrs Mercer, daughter of surgeon Mr Brian Counsell, came to England to study nursing in 1976 and worked at Queen's Park Hospital, Park Lee Hospital and Blackburn Royal Infirmary before becoming a health visitor.

A Corsican honeymoon followed the wedding of works study officer Nicholas Longman (1968-75) and careers officer Denise Anne Corner at St John's Church, Liverpool, in October 1982.

The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. T. Longman, of Brownlow Terrace, Pleasington.

Alan Campbell Dyson BA, ACA (1962-72) the only son of the late Mr T. W. Dyson and Mrs S. M. Dyson, of Preston New Road, Blackburn, was married in July 1982 at Wimbledon to Dr Anne Elizabeth Mason, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. T. Mason, of Coombe Lane, London.

Last Year's Page 3 girl, beauty therapist Emma Victoria Taylor (1977-79) was married to company director Mark Leigh Wolstencroft of Millstone Cottage, West Bradford at St Bartholomew's Church, Great Harwood last November.

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"What governing bodies and heads of schools like this one seek is not the victory or defeat of any one political party, we seek only to mobilise on this separate and fundamental issue, an issue of liberty where we can mobilise the opinion of the middle ground so recently demonstrated in public opinion polls about the continued existence of Independent education.

"To my staff and our supporting organisations, I give my grateful thanks, and I include among them, the very real support which we receive from the Old Blackburnians' Association and the Elizabethan Association.

Our thanks

THE Editorial Staff of Magister would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters and general news, without which the production of this magazine would not be possible. We are also indebted to the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and West Lancashire Gazette for their kind permission to reproduce a number of photographs.

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Mr Read reported that the 1981 dinner had realised a profit of £28.94 from a turnover of £1,192.

Mr Bill Proctor unfortunately had to report that some of the school's records, including photographs, had been mislaid during building work. He expressed concern that the history of the school should be updated and the association agreed to assist in whatever way it could. The headmaster reported the matter to the school governors.

Mr Pearson reported that Magister costs had been kept down and, with increases in the advertising rates, economics were becoming more acceptable.

The president Mr J. E. Sagar

was re-elected and Roger Smith was elected chairman with Keith Wightman elected vice chairman. Mr Smith paid tribute to the work of outgoing chairman Mr Kay who said he had thoroughly enjoyed his two years in office.

The secretary, David Forbes and treasurer Fred Gillibrand were both re-elected unopposed. The auditors Messrs Hare and Holden were re-elected as was the committee en bloc with the headmaster and Andrew Kidson, chairman of the football club, elected ex-officio.

Subscriptions were resolved to remain the same at £2 a year and £30 for life membership.

Investment of funds was agreed to be left to the treasurer and it was also agreed a further £1,000 loan be made to the school with £25 donated to the school prize fund.

Charles 'retires' to Zimbabwe

AFTER accepting early retirement following more than 30 years in local government, Mr Charles Frederick Kemp (1941-45) has become a local government adviser in Zimbabwe.

He started his career in the motor taxation office at Blackburn and after a period as financial administrator at Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, joined East Cumbria administration.

The overseas appointment is for three years in the country's capital, Harare.

On the up beat

IVOR Bolton (1969-76), assistant chorus master of Glyndebourne Festival Opera and chorus master of Glyndebourne Touring Opera gained further successes in September last year by being appointed to the professional staff of the Royal Academy of Music, London, and also Director of Music, St James' Church, Piccadilly.

You can bank on 'em

ROLAND Isherwood (1941-45) has been appointed general manager—Europe of the Australian and New Zealand Bank based in London.

He was formerly the London city office manager of the bank before moving to Hong Kong in 1978.

Mr Roger Pearson (1958-63) has become the director of the Rossendale Enterprise Trust on a two-year secondment from the National Westminster Bank in Bolton.

The aims of the Trust are to ease the unemployment situation in the Rossendale Valley and by making the best use of every facility, every available grant and the pooling of local knowledge about 200 new jobs have been created as a direct result of help from the Trust.



Picture: Lancs Evening Telegraph

No fear of success— with an MSc at 61

HYMAN Abel (1935-40) has recently gained an MSc in Psychology from the University of London Institute of Education, his topic being the "Fear of Success" (yes, not failure)!

He writes to say he was one of Arthur's boys and a form pupil of Jud Lewney.

Much water has passed under the bridge since then. He has travelled widely including the Far East (Japan), North America, Canada, USA, Mexico, most of Western Europe and Poland (two educational visits/exchanges), numerous visits to North Africa and a two year residential period in the Negev desert in Israel.

In 1982, he travelled to Egypt - Cairo, Alexandria and El-Alamein. He claims his



academic career has been too lurid to recount in detail starting in 1940 at Liverpool University, later Leeds and London, ultimately graduating in Manchester with MEd plus an as yet uncompleted Doctorate (his supervisor died overnight - can you blame him!) and now his recent MSc.

He has now returned at the age of 61 to pick up the threads of his PhD.

Mr W. Roland Slater (1936-40) has been appointed general manager of the Trustee Savings Bank of Lancashire and Cumbria, being formerly the general manager of the finance division of TSB Lancashire and Cumbria at their head office in Preston.

He joined the staff of the Blackburn Trustee Bank from school and returned there after war service with the RAF. Before becoming accountant then assistant general manager in Blackburn, he held managerial appointments at the Higher Eanam, Blackburn, and Clitheroe branches.

A Bachelor of Commerce, University of London, Mr Slater has long standing connections with Blackburn Cathedral.

In July last year, Mr David Sandford (1956-62) was appointed manager of the Trustee Savings Bank's Clayton-le-Moors branch.

He joined the bank at Lord St West, Blackburn in 1968 and qualified as an associate of the Institute of Bankers three years later.

In 1977, David attended the EuroschooL to study the West German savings banking system. He has also worked in the administration, Clitheroe, and Park

Road, Chorley branches and is currently treasurer of Chorley and District Arts Association.

John Haworth (1945-50) former principal of Lloyds Bank Staff College at Tadworth, Surrey, was appointed manager of the Market Place, Reading Branch in January.

Before becoming principal of the college, John was a member of the bank inspection staff and



Picture: Lancs Evening Telegraph

has held previous managerial appointments in Yorkshire, the City of London and South East regional head office.

John was an active playing member and treasurer of the Old Blackburnians for ten years, captaining the First XI football club for part of this time.

Fourteen gain Oxbridge places

THE following pupils have gained places at the universities of Oxfor and Cambridge.

Steven R. Boardman - a major scholarship to read chemical engineering at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Michael Pilling - a major scholarship to read engineering science at St John's College, Oxford. Penelope R. Jackson - an exhibition at Lincoln College, Oxford to read English. Ian J. Sherlock - an open exhibition to read engineering science at Churchill College, Cambridge.

David J. Astill - to read philosophy and theology at Regent's Park College, Oxford. F. Jane Broadbent - the only girl out of eight admitted to read mathematics at Christ Church, Oxford. Neil H. Caulfield - to read chemistry at Merton College, Oxford. Roger B. Ellingham - to read medicine at St John's College, Cambridge.

Mark S. Greenwood - to read medicine at Magdalen College, Oxford. Alison Hadwin - to read theology at Pembroke College, Oxford. Michael J. Iddon - to read geography at St Edmund Hall, Oxford. Michael, who was a successful candidate in the Lloyds Bank China Clipper Competition in July 1981, gained a six-month English-Speaking Union School-boy Exchange Scholarship to America and spent two terms as a pupil at the Robert Louis Stevenson School, Pebble Beach, California.

Brian D. A. Lewis - to read history at Balliol College, Oxford. Timothy M. J. Sagar - to read classics at Magdalene College, Cambridge. A. Elizabeth Whalley - to read mathematics at New Hall, Cambridge.

Political editor joins county

RALF Robinson (1945-51) took up a new post in November last year as Information Officer to North Yorkshire County Council based in Northallerton, after 19 years with the BBC.

After leaving school and graduating from Manchester University, Ralph spent two years with the Cumberland News in Carlisle and two years with Reuter in Fleet Street before joining the BBC world service.

Prior to his present position, Mr Robinson served as news editor at BBC Radio Leeds and more recently as political editor of BBC Radio Sheffield.

TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



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Lancashire Evening Telegraph

WHEN I drove back into Blackburn after almost 20 years, to take up my present appointment, the memories came flooding back.

Memories - who remembers the putting competitions held during breaks and lunch on the newly opened Hartley House putting green? (It was possible to get a hole in one at the first if you went up the hill and came in from the right). Playing table tennis in the prefects' room in Big School. What about Saturday morning school and the determined walk through the park over the 'Tank' to Lammack ready to thrash Drake 6-0 (Hawkins for ever!).

Yes in 1964, bidding a fond farewell to "Killer" Watson and Leo Collier, I boarded a train for Durham University to take a B.A. in French, Spanish and Politics, and it was to be 18 years before I returned.

Leaving Durham, I decided

AFTER holding a number of positions in regional newspapers. Mr Michael Crossley (1956-64) has returned to Blackburn to become assistant managing director of the North Western Newspaper Company, publishers of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

to go into newspapers (as you would expect - having majored in French and Spanish!!) and started work with the Thomson Organisation newspapers in Newcastle - The Evening Chronicle, Journal and Sunday Sun - as a commercial graduate trainee. Thus, I became an advertising specialist. During this period, I married my wife, Ann, and produced two girls - who are now 10 and 13 years old.

In 1980, we moved into South Manchester when I was appointed Assistant Managing

Director of a group of weekly newspapers owned by the Thomson Organisation in Stockport, Wilmslow and Macclesfield.

In the Summer of 1981, we moved North of the Border to Edinburgh, where I held a similar position with the Scotsman and the Evening News.

Then, there came the magic call "Come back to the North West Riviera" - back home to familiar surroundings - but would they be familiar?

Driving down Preston New Road to the Boulevard in November, to take up my present appointment at the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and Evening Star as Assistant Managing Director, I felt a growing realisation that I had come home. I saw the familiar uniform turning up West Park Road and again the memories came flooding back.

The pride when Fred Raby told me I was in the 1st X1. (I still treasure the copy of Magister which pen pictures me as a "good ball player who lacks weight" - I know I am heavy enough now!!). The successful escapes from Witton Park on Sports Days! Working in the Flies at the Community Theatre during the School Play. (I still know Midsummer Nights Dream off by heart!).

Memories - my mind wanders back over my QEGS life - 2B and "Pop" Lawler, down to 3C with "Judd" Lewney, back to 4B with "Cluker" Fowls, into 5B with Jack Sutherland, back down to UVG with "Spud" Tate, up into L6 Arts with "Killer" Watson and finally, into 6A and U6A with Leo Collier.

Imagine my surprise and delight that following my move to Mellor, I find I am living next door to Dave Hindle. Imagine my pleasure when George Pendlebury recognises me, despite my loss of hair and my weight addition, when he filled out my prescription at his Preston New Road Chemist.

Then my first Speech Night since 1963 with the staff list looking like a Who's Who of ex-school friends!

They say that nostalgia is not what it used to be. Well, I have been doing a bit of unashamed wallowing this past few months and I have enjoyed it. We have just published the GCE results and QEGS seem to be doing better than ever, I am glad to say.

Yes, it's good to be back to try to put a bit back into the town which has given me so much and to have renewed some old acquaintances.

I look forward to hearing from all you who know me - Pete, Nick, Foss, Skill. What are you doing now?

Joanna's top award

Joanna Hayes won the prestigious Saddle of Honour award in the Horse of the Year show.

On her prize-winning mount, Duke of Newcastle, 17-year-old Joanna, of Longworth Farm, Higher Ramsgrave was one of the youngest riders at the show.

In 1968 when I was three, I won my first major competition on a show pony.

My father used to lead me round on a small bad-tempered grey show pony called Weston Woodbine. A show pony is the elegant ballerina of the equine world suitable for a child to ride.

In the following 12 years I endured many cruel riding lessons to achieve a fair amount of success at local shows. However, it was not until my last two years in junior classes (1980,1981) that the family decided to attempt to compete against professional men and women (who produce show horses and ponies to the highest standard for their clients) to qualify for the championships of the equine year, the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) and the Royal International Horse Show (RIHS), both held at Wembley.

Two beautiful show ponies were bought, and yet we were unable to achieve many wins in my first season. For my final year, a great attempt was made, involving being up at 6.00 am to ride every morning, from January to the beginning of the show season in April and

Rider wins saddle of honour

grooming each pony for an hour every day.

We were all set for a fantastic last year. However, it was not to be. One of the ponies, Jacobee, who was much loved, and a dear friend, had to be put down, when he broke his leg in an accident with a car.

The whole family was heart-broken and totally lacked enthusiasm but eventually we picked ourselves up and competed at many great county shows, travelling as far afield as London and the Scottish border. Still however, we did not manage to qualify for Wembley, several times being pipped at the post and midseason the pony went lame and I was unable to compete for the rest of the year.

Out of the junior grade, I had to buy a new horse and having decided to compete in hacks, we had a great search on our hands to find a suitable little horse.

The hack class is a very traditional class. It relates to the production of a horse such as would have been ridden in Hyde Park and down Rotten Row by the gentry of London in by-gone days. You can picture wealthy young men and women of that age considering riding out on a Sunday afternoon

as a social occasion, each wanting the most elegant and blooded yet mannered animal. It was customary for young ladies to ride side-saddle but nowadays the majority of hacks are ridden astride.

Animals of such perfection are rare and difficult, not only to find, but also to train to the required standard.

We were extremely lucky to be able to purchase the lovely small hack Duke of Newcastle (Charlie at home). Last season was my best. We travelled thousands of miles, winning on him many championships at county shows and qualifying three times for both HOYS and RIHS. In the finals of these shows at Wembley, Charlie was third at both in the highly competitive small hack class then to top it all, he won the Saddle of Honour at the HOYS, beating all the professionals. The Saddle of Honour is a saddle worth about £300 awarded to the ridden horse produced in the best condition, and turnout at the show.

Next year I am hoping for greater successes but what the future holds is yet to be seen.

Before I can begin next season's shows, I have to do a great amount of work for my A-levels in biology, chemistry and physics, because I am aiming to study veterinary at Liverpool. Failing this, I should like to be an animal physiotherapist, specializing in horses. Prior to coming to Queen Elizabeth's, I completed my O-levels at Notre Dame, Blackburn, in June 1980, and entered Queen Elizabeth's in September 1980, for my A level course.

IN LAST year's Magister I outlined the work that was planned for the clubhouse improvements and for the pitches.

The 'newlook' interior was completed on schedule and was officially open in September by Mr William Fox, chairman of Blackburn Rovers, the town's other football club! (see picture). Increased support from members, opening six nights per week and sustained income from private hire resulted in a 65 per cent increase in bar turnover which amply justified the investment.

The work on the pitches also proved very successful, despite the very wet winter the First XI were the first team in the Lancashire Amateur league to complete their fixtures. Certain problem areas remained however on the 3rd team pitch but further levelling and drainage work this summer should overcome these wet patches.

On the field it was not a particularly inspiring year but credit to the First XI who pulled out the stops at the end and avoided what at one stage had seemed impending relegation. The 2nds failed in crucial matches and this cost them the chance of honours but they finished a very

Old Blacks avoid the drop

creditable 4th. The 3rds did even better, ending the season runners-up to Old Boltonians despite continuous team changes through senior calls or injury. The 4th XI with even worse selection problems played a steady season and finished in mid-table. One disturbing factor in the year was the increase in disciplinary offences recorded by Old Blacks players — especially dissent. The result of encouraging free expression no doubt!

Congratulations to Craig Hindle, Mark Taylor, Phil

Entwistle and Brian Woodhead for winning the teams' Player of the Year awards.

Finally I should like to extend an invitation to all Association members, especially former players who might not have been to Lammack recently, to call in and see us. I can promise very pleasant surroundings, excellent beer and good company!

Andrew Kidson, chairman.
August 1983.

● The Seven-a-Side competition, revived after a one year absence because of the pitch improvements was held on Sunday August 21 and won by Old Rossendalians who defeated the Old Blacks 2-1 after extra time. The event was held on a Sunday for the first time and proved a great success. Eric 'Taffy' Jones, former First XI goalkeeper and managing director of Stainless Metric Stock Limited, Darwen, sponsored the competition and provided the individual finalists trophies and the Man-of-the-Final award.

George wins the judge's trophy

THE Old Blackburnians Association annual golf competition was held at Wilpshire Golf Club on Thursday June 6.

Twenty three competitors from the Blackburn and Wilpshire clubs participated and conditions were the best for a number of years.

The Judge Walmsley Cup was won by George Looms (Wilpshire) with a nett 67 on a card play off from Les Stone (Wilpshire) also with a nett 67.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross was won by Mel Lee (Blackburn) with a 76.

The prizes were presented by Bill Kelly, Wilpshire Vice-Captain and winner of the Judge Walmsley Cup in 1982.

As the competition has clashed with the spring holiday in recent years, the date for 1984 will be Thursday June 14, one week later, to see if more players can attend.

Anyone interested in playing should contact Ray Smith, secretary of Blackburn Golf Club — (Tel 53266) for further details.

The captain of Blackburn Golf Club this year is Gary Readett who took office in December 1982 and continues a long tradition of Old Blackburnians being captains of Blackburn and Wilpshire Golf Clubs.

Kevin's hat trick

KEVIN Hayes (1973-79) made his third appearance at Wembley when he captained the Oxford soccer team in the annual match against Cambridge last December.

Oxford won the match 4-2 with Kevin scoring two goals and this completed a hat trick of wins during the past three years.

Kevin, who is reading chemistry at Merton College, has won blues at Oxford for soccer and cricket and is hoping to make a career in county cricket.

£10,000 refit at Lammack




Picture shows Andrew Kidson presenting Mr William Fox with a memento of the evening at the official re-opening. Watching, left to right, are Derek Griffiths, president of the LAL; Dave Hopkinson, club captain; George Looms, sales manager of Daniel Thwaites Ltd; and Ken Forbes, Old Blacks president.

BLACKBURN Rovers chairman, Mr William Fox, was chief guest at the official opening of Old Blackburnians FC's clubhouse extensions at Lammack.

The club, which runs four teams in the Lancashire Amateur League, has spent about £10,000 during the summer extending and renovating the already impressive facilities. Another £3,000 has been invested in improving the standard of the playing pitches, which have been redrained and reseeded.

Mr Fox, an Old Blackburnian himself, declared the new facilities officially open in front of an invited audience, which included all those people who had worked on the improvements.

Old Blacks' chairman Andrew Kidson said: "We have about 180 members and we hope that by improving our facilities we will not only retain our present members but attract new ones. It is an investment in the future.



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D. ASPIN (1972-79) Graduated B.Sc., with Commendation, Electronic Engineering, Bolton Institute of Technology. Appointed engineer with Rascal Automation Ruislip.

R. ATTWATER (1970-75) Awarded Higher National Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Preston Polytechnic.

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P. H. BANKS (1972-79) Graduated B.A. Class 1, Hons. Mathematics, Christ Church, Oxford. Appointed Trainee Accountant, Price Waterhouse, Manchester.

MISS J.F.M. BARNES (1977-79) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Sociology, Bedford College, London. Commencing Pitman's Secretarial Course in London.

P. BARON (1970-77) Graduated B.Ch.D. Dentistry, Leeds University. Associate Dental Surgeon with Garnett & Garnett of Oswaldtwistle.

P. N. BARON (1972-79) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Microbiology, Surrey University.

B. C. BERNASCONI (1971-78) Awarded Higher National Certificate in Business Studies, Blackburn College of Technology.

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D. R. BURY (1971-79) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Metallurgy, Leeds University. Undertaking research at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

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I. M. CAVILLE (1973-79) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Civil Engineering at U.M.I.S.T. Studying for M.Sc. at U.M.I.S.T.

D. CHANG (1967-77) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Manchester Medical School. Appointed House Surgeon, the Royal Hospital, Salford.

MISS A. L. COCKER (1977-79) Graduated Ll.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Leicester University. Proceeding to Law College.

PETER J. L. Searle (1966-73) general subjects teacher at Heathfield School, Rishworth, Yorks. and housemaster in the main school since September 1978 was appointed deputy head of Heathfield Preparatory School in September 1982.

Peter was awarded a B.A. degree by the Open University in December.



C. G. COOKE (1969-76) Awarded H.N.D. in Mechanical Engineering, Preston Polytechnic. Appointed Pipe Line Engineer with McAlpine Limited.

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P. J. CRAVEN (1969-75) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Sheffield University. Appointed Junior Casualty Officer, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

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P. J. DUCKWORTH, B.A. (1971-78) Gained P.G.C.E. Bristol University. Appointed Assistant Master, Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood, Middlesex.

A. I. EVANS (1972-78) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Engineering Science, Balliol College, Oxford. Appointed Graduate Engineer with Scott, Wilson, Kirkpatrick, Consulting Engineers.

P. A. FLETCHER Passed Part 2 of Graduateship of Royal Society of Chemistry at Preston Polytechnic.

R. KELLY (1968-79) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mathematics and Computer Science, Kent University. Appointed Trainee Computer Programmer with Leicestershire C.C.

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P. D. MACINTOSH (1968-78) Graduated B.Sc. (Econ.) Class 2, Div. 2, Hons., Geography, London School of Economics & Political Science. Appointed Trainee Manager with E. Slinger and Sons Limited.

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M. PRESTON (1972-81) Awarded ½ Blue - Water Polo, Saturday March 5 1983 - Oxford University.

M. J. PARDOE (1979-81) Awarded ½ Blue - Triple Jump, Saturday May 14 1983 - Cambridge University.

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Round the world and back to School

INDUSTRIAL relations expert Mr Jack Lee will propose a toast to the guests at the annual dinner.

Mr Lee is well known to soccer fans for his distinguished amateur footballing career which culminated in his appearance for England against Germany at Wembley before the war.

He was at School from 1925-33 where he was captain of the First XI, before gaining his Blue at Oxford, playing three times against Cambridge. He graduated in Spanish and French from St Edmund Hall and became personnel manager with Rootes Motor Company.

Before that however in 1935 and 1936 he turned out for the Corinthians, the successful amateur side, but it was the following year he will always be pressed locally to talk about. He had been training with Blackburn Rovers and had turned out many times with the reserves. However, he was included in the first team when the Rovers were beaten by Accrington Stanley in the FA Cup third round replay at Peel Park.

In 1944, Mr Lee was asked to go to India as labour adviser to the Indian Employers Association, returning to England to take

up an appointment with Shell International which was to take him all over the world, to more than 60 countries as head of the worldwide industrial relations department.

In 1972, he became a director of a private industrial relations consultancy specialising in the legal side, mainly concerned with tribunals.

He has now retired and spends much of his time playing golf and again travelling all over, umpiring top tennis. He turned to playing tennis in 1950 when concussion made him give up his playing soccer. He has been an umpire at Wimbledon for the past 15 years and chaired McEnroe's first match in this country.

Perhaps he will tell us the young American's reply when Mr Lee foot-faulted him in his first set . . . perhaps. His umpiring has taken him to Dubai for the Arab Championships and to Paris for the French Open - his knowledge of languages being an immense help of course.

He still retains a keen interest

in soccer however, keeping up his membership of the Corinthians Club which celebrated its centenary last year. He has lived at Oxshott, Surrey, since returning from India, where incidentally he captained Calcutta in the first division of the Indian Football Association. He now supports Fulham though he still looks for Blackburn's result.

He will be very busy in December for besides the OBA dinner, it is the centenary of Oxford University Soccer Association and he retains very close links with his Alma Mater. In 1976-79, he was president of St Edmund Hall Association succeeding a former ambassador to Iran. He is a regular attender to the OBA Oxford branch dinners and indeed arranged the latest dinner for October 28 at St Edmund Hall.

He was president of the Institute of Personnel Management in 1969-70 and still travels as guest all over the country to meetings of the Institute. He is married with a son and daughter.

**Judge will
be chief
guest at
dinner**

HIS Honour Judge Brian Duckworth is to be chief guest at the association's annual dinner in Big School on December 17.

He was recently appointed a judge after being a Recorder on the Northern Circuit for 11 years. He was a councillor with Blackburn Rural District Council for 14 years from 1960 and was chairman of the council from 1970-72. He is married with three sons and a daughter and attended Sedburgh School and Worcester College, Oxford. He was called to the bar of Lincoln's Inn in 1958.

He lives in Abbey Village, Brinscall and is a member of Pleasington Golf Club. His hobbies, besides golf, include gardening and motor sport.

FILM director Ian Sharp is to propose a toast to the School. Ian, who was born in Clitheroe and attended QEGS from 1957 to 1965, directed the SAS movie, "Who Dares Wins" (See page 9), which is currently doing well at the box office.

He gained a BA in politics, philosophy and Economics from Durham and joined the BBC researching for radio in 1968. He later transferred to the television side editing and directing before leaving in 1979 to pursue his career as freelance film director.

Fencing medal

DR Gordon R. Gilmore (1953-60) a member of the Warrington and District Fencing Club, won a silver medal in the North West section of the Amateur Fencing Association Epee Championship.

He was knocked out in the semi-finals of the team event but took his medal in the individual junior.

Gail's essay wins a £250 prize

GAIL Perry (6E2) and the Headmaster, Mr. P. J. Johnston, attended a presentation dinner at the Goldsmith's Hall, London, organised by the Ross McWhirter Memorial Foundation for prize-winners in their Memorial Essay Competition.

The compulsory title in the Junior section (under 19 years) was "Do Schools Need Rules?" Gail won second prize and after the dinner, Lord Beloff presented her with a cheque for £250.



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Bill Proctor has been elected a governor of OEGS following his retirement this year. Full story-Page 5.

Former OBA treasurer and School Second Master, Mr Fred Bury retired this term. Full story-Page 7.

Dr Mercer elected FRS

Magister co-ordinator, Burnley dentist Peter Pearson, has been proposed the next vice-chairman of the OBA committee. ● AGM report - Page 6.

THE chairman of Unilever, Kenneth Durham (1935-41) was made Dr of Laws by His Grace, the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of Manchester University, in May. - More honours and successes - Pages 26 and 27.

Old Blacks won the annual seven-a-side competition for Lancs amateur teams in a curtain raiser to the season at Lam-mack. Report on the 83-84 season - Page 18

INVENTOR, Dr Brian Mercer (1939-44) president of the Blackburn based Netlon Ltd has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

It is the crowning achievement to a distinguished business life. Dr Mercer is widely respected in industry for his invention of Tensar polymer grids in 1978, which led to a wave of new technology in the civil engineering field.

● The story behind the award - Page 25.

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Obituaries

Mrs Florence Fowler

A WELL-known member of the teaching staff at QEGS, Mrs Florence Fowler, after having had a distinguished scholastic career, has died in hospital at Richmond, Yorkshire. She was 77 and had been ill for some years.

Mrs Fowler, whose maiden name was Ashton, attended Blakey Moor Girls' School and Blackburn High School, where she gained a State scholarship. She obtained a first-class BA degree at Manchester University and was the Prizeman of the year in the English school. Two years later, she gained her MA.

During the war years and for a short time afterwards, she taught at QEGS and subsequently she was on the staff of the Friends' School, Great Ayton, Eston Grammar School, Yorkshire, and finally at Richmond Girls' High School.

Her husband, Harry, was a lecturer at Bamber Bridge Teacher Training College and his last headship was at a large new school in Richmond. Since retirement, they had lived in Hurgill Road, Richmond. There are two sons, John, a consultant physician in Hampshire and David, a senior lecturer in mathematics at Warwick University.

The Rev Geoffrey Duckworth

IT is with regret that we learn from Mrs Duckworth of the death of her husband, Geoffrey in September 1983.

After leaving school in 1930, Geoffrey entered Lincoln College, Oxford, to read Modern Languages and obtained his degree in 1933. He then felt called to the Ministry and went to Marefield College for Theological training and was ordained in 1938 into the Congregational Union of England and Wales (now The United Reformed Church).

In 1939, he was awarded a B.Litt for a thesis on "The Jesuits and The Council of Trent". It was a happy surprise in 1979 to hear from Lincoln College that his thesis had been re-examined and he was sent an M.Litt Certificate. From 1938 to 1966, Geoffrey served churches in Shropshire, Sussex, Hampshire and Wiltshire. During the war and after, from 1943 to 1947, while in Shropshire, he was an HCF, firstly with the RAF at Redrel and then at Park Hall with the Army. One of the highlights of his career was in 1960, when, in December, he was greatly honoured, as a Free Church man, to preach the School Speech Day Sermon in Blackburn Cathedral. Mrs Duckworth recalls that they had then been married for ten years and knew what a great joy it was for him. After an enforced retirement due to a severe coronary (from which he made an amazing recovery) he led an extremely full life in the village of Mere, Warminster, preaching often on Sundays and being very involved in ecumenical work between the churches; he was everything from meals on wheels to treasurer of the horticultural society; gardening and music being his main hobbies. To Mrs Jean Duckworth, we offer our sincere condolences.

H. A. Spencer

A LETTER from Mr John Spencer informed us of the death of his father at the age of 77. John recalls that although having spent nearly 50 years in Yorkshire, his father often told the family of his formative years in Lancashire and the important role that Blackburn Grammar School played in training him and enabling him to become a very successful citizen and well-known pharmacist and optician in South Yorkshire.

His jacket and badge are still kept by the family as they were his proudest possessions. John was aware that his father still corresponded with many of his contemporaries and would like to pass on the sad news through the columns of Magister. To John and his family (25 Ashdell Road, Sheffield, S10 2DA) we extend our sympathy.

David Squires

DAVID, whose father Mr Frank Squires was formerly Town Clerk of Blackburn, died suddenly in South Korea, aged 43. He was a free-lance writer and had worked in South Korea for the past three years being the director of an advertising agency and assisting with the editing of an English language magazine. Before moving to South Korea, he had worked for several advertising agencies in this country. His father, Frank, only survived David for a few months and died earlier this summer.

We have to report also the death of Mr Thomas Holden (1919-24) who died in August, 1983.

THOSE old boys who visited School during the past five years will, no doubt have noticed, apart from the new buildings, the striking portrait of former headmaster, Douglas J. Coulson, which hangs in Big School. The artist commissioned to paint the portrait and who in fact presented it to the School, was Garth S. Edwards.

He retired this year as senior tutor at Blackburn School of Art and intends to devote more time to another skill which he practises successfully, glass engraving. Below he tells us a little about the art. First a little about Garth, (pictured below).



THE former vicar of St James' Church, Canon David Robinson, was responsible for my involvement with glass engraving as he asked me to decorate in some way the new glass panels in the porch of St James', which had been renovated.

Fortunately I was able to borrow some engraving tools, an electric motor and flexible drive from Blackburn Stained Glass and in the summer of 1971, designed and engraved the figures of two angel musicians on lancet windows with a dove on the glass above. It was really a question of "fools rush in" but in spite of all the defects, I believe that the work captures some spiritual vigour.

This led on to one or two secular commissions at the invitation of local architects who asked if I would decorate two glass panels for the entrance of the new school hall at QEGS. Other work for a school in Manchester presented quite a headache as the completed glass panel which was about 6 ft by 5 ft, was damaged in transit and I had to do the whole thing again. The design included several children in a playground.

Glass engraving involves the removal of the surface of the glass to create an opaque quality which varies in its whiteness according to the depth of cutting. The diamond tipped tools which can be used are of different sizes and shapes and permit fine or coarse effects to be produced. I like the elusive, unobtrusive qualities which the process offers and so much depends on the illumination of the glass and the type of background which should preferably be dark.

He attended QEGS from 1935-40 and in the School Certificate year became more enthusiastic about art largely through the influence of a new art teacher, Miss Mary Carter, who was an excellent artist. Moving to the Technical College, Garth took the Drawing Certificate in 1942 then went in to the Army. Service with the Rifle Brigade in Italy led to hospital, transfer to the Pay Corps and eventually early demobilisation.

He resumed art studies at Liverpool College in 1946 and obtained the Art Teachers' Diploma in '49.

At first he taught at Blakey Moor Boys' School, Blackburn, and when it was closed in 1957, moved to Shadsworth School from where he obtained an appointment at Blackburn School of Art. As Senior Tutor, he was involved with the establishing of a new DATEC Diploma Course in Art and in 1983, with the transfer of the school to new premises in St Paul's Street.

In his retirement, he hopes to do more engraving in addition to painting. He enjoys gardening at his Whittle-le-Woods home and caravanning.

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST

On small items of glass such as goblets, vases etc., minute specks of white are picked out by a diamond point held in a pen-like holder and the artist gradually builds up a picture on the curved surface. This is painstaking work but the results are rewarding and magical effects can be achieved especially in the hands of experts like Lawrence Whistler.

I like working on a large scale from a theme suggested by a client or by the nature of the building. I usually begin by doing several small, rough sketches from which the best ideas are selected. These are developed, information about the subject matter discovered by research and further drawing and eventually a full-scale drawing on white paper produced in pencil. This is placed

underneath the glass to enable a fine-line engraving to be made and, as this is so delicate an image it is hardly visible against the white background. A sheet of black paper provides an appropriate tonal contrast and the design can then be developed fully to exploit areas of texture and tone.

Mistakes cannot be rectified so it is important to work slowly and carefully. The use of hydro-fluoric acid enables matt areas to be obtained but this etching process necessitates careful protection of the rest of the glass. The frosted effect can contrast well with the engraved line and the use of stencils extends the scope of this process.

In the past few years, I have been fortunate to receive commissions for memorial windows at St James' (these are in the St Paul's chapel in honour of the late Mr Jack Dent, former warden and old boy of QEGS), memorial doors at Revidge Fold United Reformed Church, Blackburn, also for panels in the entrance hall at Westbury Gardens URC, Blackburn.

Two entrance doors for St Paul's School, Hoddlesden, incorporate local heraldic images and the glass was sent to Liverpool to be toughened after the engraving had been done. Fragile decorations of this kind may need additional protection with sheets of clear perspex being superimposed on the exterior of the windows.

Unquestionably, coloured, stained glass is supreme in window decoration but there is a place for engraved glass and the best examples, such as John Hutton's windows at Coventry Cathedral, illustrate its effectiveness.



The memorial engravings at St. James Church, Blackburn.

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THE boy with the pink bow tie and the ice-cream suit playing the drums in "Maple Leaf Rag" at School Speech Day had won the top scholarship at Oxford to Lady Margaret Hall College. He had gained seven As at A-level in science and arts subjects. A synopsis of the headmaster's speech appears below:

Caretaker on the interview panel

WE have just won a superb cup as the Blackburn and District Schoolboys' Swimming Championships. You will have seen in "The Daily Telegraph", we were tipped to win the Public School Sixes; we also had another article praising us as the best Northern soccer school - the fact that we did not win was, in fact, just one of those things but we did have one of our boys injured. We also have in the school some remarkable swimmers who have, in fact, recently achieved national recognition in the English Schools Swimming Association championships at Brighton; those of you at Speech Day will have seen a remarkable jazz group who are an offspring of the Christian Union and the music department, playing such well-known things as "Maple Leaf Rag" but I had to persuade them not to play "When the Saints come Marching in" as the Governors mounted the stage - that remark was the property of the Provost of Blackburn and the boy with the pink bow tie and ice-cream suit on Wednesday, who was playing so delightfully on the drums, had only this morning got the top Scholarship in Oxford to what used to be a ladies' college at Oxford - Lady Margaret Hall. He also has seven As at A-level, both in science and arts subjects but he was by no means an academic swot.

The governing body of the School is about to be changed under the direction of the chairman of the governors but it is the wish of the governors - and certainly my wish - that we should always maintain our warm links with the local authority.

Oxford and Cambridge results are only just being published, but the first three scholarships to Oxford University are all Lancashire LEA sponsored boys under the old Direct Grant system and in the 21st century there are going to be sociologists who will turn back to 1976 and bitterly rue the day when the old Direct Grant system, which served this country so very well, was removed...

The governing body has got to have among its members those who have the interest of this school at heart and no other school - you can't serve more than one master, as the New Testament would remind us.

Arranged marriages are, in fact, not very happy - I came here from a Voluntary Grammar School which was about to be destroyed by political action but anyway that's why I came here - or one of the reasons - and it is only too clear that there are going to be fewer of the old grammar schools, like the Royal Grammar School at Clitheroe, and there are going to be some very different schools in the immediate future. We want to arrange our own affairs and we don't want them arranged for us. A period of arranged marriages in education does not tend to lead to very happy situations. I must tell you one absolutely true story about one of my teachers, recently interviewed at a Lancashire School for a mathematics job, whose qualifications were very high indeed. The interview panel comprised six people: not the headmaster but his deputy, a parent, a representative of the Parent/Teacher Association, an adviser from another school, a teacher from another school and the head caretaker who had full voting powers. Is it any wonder that the numbers wishing to leave state education seem, to me anyway, to be getting higher?

Between 1985 and 1995, there will be a 30 per cent drop in the age group between 16 and 19 and I don't think that this school will be affected.

It is, of course, always difficult for old boys of any school - and I feel this about my own - it is always difficult but when a school takes on the characteristics of Peter Pan, the school is in very grave danger of, in fact, not standing still but going backwards. If you see new buildings, if you see different faces, and incidentally we still have no computer building, no library and no sixth-form centre, if you see a school standing still, then as Jimmy Haythornthwaite rather aptly puts it, we are in grave danger. You will have heard the story about Mr Justice Avery who had just sentenced a hardened old lag to 20 years imprisonment, when the old rogue said: "But my Lord, I shan't be here that long!" Mr Justice Avery turned to him and said, "Well do your best my man". I hope that the school is always going to do its best.

48 YEARS AT SCHOOL

IN THE autumn of 1932, William Holden Proctor, in common with the rest of that year's eleven-plus intake to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, made a first and almost certainly apprehensive entrance into Big School.

It could never have entered his thoughts that more than half a century later he would be hearing, in that same hall, tributes by colleagues to a life-time's service given to that same school. His school-days were happy and rewarding, as school-days should be, and he left, as a Harrison Scholar, to read English at the Victoria University of Manchester from 1940 to 1943.

Even in residence at Manchester, in Dalton Hall, there had been a portent of the service and commitment ahead, for he was Student Librarian, and it is more than likely that Mr Arthur Holden, the then Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's, having shrewdly noted these attributes in his former pupil, bore it in mind when he asked Mr Proctor to return in January, 1944, as replacement for the recently deceased Mr Fred English, rather than take up a provisionally accepted appointment at Burnage. All parties concerned reaching agreement, the long appointment began.

Within a few years, the many and varied threads of Mr Proctor's school-masterly activities were well woven into the general fabric of school life. By December 1945, he was on the magazine committee, in the following year he was rehearsing "Julius Caesar" as the school play. He had become Secretary to No 657 Squadron ATC under F/O F. Tyler and was to remain so until its disbandment in 1948, was joint-organiser of Harvest Camps from 1944 until their abandonment in 1950, was Dr Tyler's August assistant on the School Timetable, had started (with Mr H. King) a school files system, enthused into existence a Middle-School Debating Society, had become the deputy House Master of Raleigh to Mr G. C. Lewney and had also become secretary of the School savings group.

It was fitting that there was early recognition of the dedicated energy which was the secret of such involvement. The School savings group's contribution to National Savings had been really quite phenomenal. During one massive drive, £8,000 was collected in a single day and in six years up to April, 1946, a total of £23,000 was assembled, much of it by weekly savings of the order of 6d to 2s 6d (the old,

Bill Proctor retires

OBA committeeman and guardian of our records, Bill Proctor retired after a lifetime teaching English at West Park Road. He was presented with an ice pick among other things on his retirement and in return, presented a silver trophy for inter-house netball. How things have changed since Bill first entered the School. FRED BURY looks back over the career of a deeply respected member of staff.

real money!) by a majority of boys, the best results in the county. Accordingly, Mr Proctor, with one other, represented Lancashire at a Garden Party given by their majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace on June 6, 1947. This might have been the culmination, but it was not the end of the movement and the savings group was to continue under Mr Proctor's leadership for some considerable time. Getting those shillings however became harder and harder and the following tribute from a senior boy, appearing in an earlier edition of the "Blackburnian" magazine, pinpoints the essential nature of that leadership: "We thank Mr Proctor for his unfailing administration and his way of making his helpers enjoy a tedious job".

Enjoyment was also the keynote at Harvest Camp, even if back-breaking work had to be re-defined as such, but Mr Proctor's ready manipulation of language was equal to any occasion, and his own infectious friendly enthusiasm a sure persuasion. When the camps ended, with the loss of their unique out-of-classroom rapport between staff and students, he substituted (along with Mr King) the Whit Hikes, which for years afforded memorable and pleasurable Malhamdale visits for the fourth-formers of those days.

Involvement of new staff relieved him in due time from association with the School Play and, after some dozen years, there was also help with debating but it is clear from the regular reporting in the School magazine, that for a long period, his had been the one steady support which had kept the Middle-School branch alive.

The glorious summer months spent round the Radcliffe Room table, providing the necessary sympathy and adroit observation for Dr Tyler's time-tabling problems, were to last but a decade, for the growing complexity of the school was demanding an earlier solution. Dr Tyler however was not one to waste such genial reliability and



so it was that come Open Days, Parent Evenings, the Quarter-centenary, Prizegivings (that magnificently-set table!), Mr Proctor would be in evidence, arranging, coaxing, smoothing . . . or, on sports days, marshalling the results, hopefully with Raleigh 1st . . . a man for all occasions, indeed. So also, when Dr Tyler decided to hand over the escalating administration of the GCE examinations, it was to Mr Proctor, who became Secretary for Examinations, a post held into the early 1970s.

Meanwhile the School, aspiring to a better records-system, started the present student-files and the necessary photography required an organiser. no one could have doubted the choice and for years the whole school has been presented to the cameras, form by form, with good-humoured efficiency, by the indefatigable, swiftly circling Mr Proctor. The operation was considerable but always well-contained, the ensuing salesmanship impressive and, at the end, there was a sure profit, made available over the years to many a school need. Eventually the entire records-system fell to his responsibility and almost his final task before retirement was ensuring that those files were up-to-date.

Alongside these school adventures, Mr Proctor was running a parallel involvement with the

Old Blackburnians' Association. As early as 1946, he was on the historical records committee and those records are still in his keeping. A little later he became Editor of the "Old Blackburnian" (that part of the school magazine which later became "Magister") performing the task of linking School, those in residence at the universities and other Old Boys, until the aforesaid new independent publication appeared. Throughout his years on the staff, he has given unstinting service to the Old Blackburnians' Committee, his friendly conciliatory nature ever available to ensure harmony around the table.

Boys entering Queen Elizabeth's must be expecting new dimensions in regard to their classroom teaching (and teachers) and in Mr Proctor, it is unlikely that they were ever disappointed. True, until such time as they recognised that the qualifying and quantifying were more impressionistic than strictly accurate, they might have been a trifle apprehensive about breathing heavily, but they would soon realise that the colourful language was meant to enhance, to irradiate, the enlargement intended to stimulate imagination . . . it was all bubbling friendliness . . . to be enjoyed. Throughout the years and across each year, he had the ability to reach each boy as an individual and when the experiment was introduced whereby boys who would otherwise have been denied entry to the sixths as unqualified, were allowed in, he was one of the two trusted with the delicate tutorial task of bringing them into the A-Level fold from within, warding-off any wounding sense of inadequacy or failure. His teaching spanned the regimes of eight senior English masters with two interregna when he held that office himself. He was link-man and served each one loyally. It is beyond doubt that each would wish to pay tribute to his contribution to their successes.

Though Mr Proctor . . . Bill Proctor, will be long remembered on many accounts, be it for any of the aforementioned, or for having at one time the only driverless car in the county (unless spotted, on closer scrutiny, through the driving wheel), or for giving to the Manchester Old Blackburnians a speech of 1½ hours eloquence, or, in his smoking hey-days, for the ability in any morning-break to bring visibility in the staff-room down to three feet, or for unfailingly starting House Assembly first and finishing last, there is one account indubitably predominant Raleigh!

For 35 years (from 1958,
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**Further
£1,000
loaned to
School**

THE 55th annual meeting of the Old Blackburnians Association was held at the School on Tuesday, November 29, 1983 with Roger Smith in the chair and 25 members present.

Secretary David Forbes reported: The committee had met twice during the past year on February 1 at the football club and on September 13 at the School. He thanked the football club and the Headmaster for the use of these facilities. The committee had conducted its normal business largely centering around the annual dinner and "Magister".

The secretary, on behalf of the committee, expressed his appreciation to the two sub-committees and in particular their chairmen John Read and Peter Pearson for the excellent work in arranging the annual dinner and producing "Magister".

The secretary reported that various matters had been discussed and were appropriately dealt with by the committeemen during the year, of which most members present were familiar and included the provision of a School Shield for display in the Public School's Club and formation of a North East Branch, the

adjoining of the Association of representatives of old pupils society, the proposed preparation of an up-to-date history of the School and the consideration of information from the Independent Schools Information Service.

The secretary thanked the other officers and members of the committee who had assisted in the Association's activities and in particular to the chairman Roger Smith; the treasurer, Fred Gillibrand, and also Eric Kay for maintaining and enhancing the liaison between the Association

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**OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1983**

	1983	1982	
INCOME			
Subscriptions	899.79		891
Released from Life Membership	4.20		
Income From Investments			
4% Consols	50.00	50	
8½% Barclays Bank - loan	53.26	54	
13½% Exchequer Stock	265.10	132	
	<u>368.72</u>	<u>236</u>	
Income Tax	110.60	71	
	<u>258.12</u>	<u>165</u>	
Bank Interest	134.04	210	
			375
War Memorial Ground Rent	5.00		5
Profit on annual dinner	138.68		29
	<u>1,439.83</u>		<u>1,300</u>
EXPENDITURE			
General Expenses	76.23	9	
Postages	111.55	90	
Magister	734.60	966	
Corporation Tax	77.86	74	
Subscription to ISIS Association	150.00	—	
	<u>1,150.24</u>		<u>1,139</u>
Surplus Transferred to Accumulated Fund	<u>£ 289.59</u>		<u>£ 161</u>
NET ASSETS	1983	1982	
Lammack Ground at cost less sales	1,207.77		1,208
Investments At Cost			
£1,250 4% Consols	1,160.60	1,161	
(Market Value £ 475)			
£650 8½% Barclays Bank PLC			
Unsecured Loan 1986/93	582.59	582	
(Market Value £ 517)			
£1,963.73 13½% Exchequer			
Stock 1992	1,750.00	1,750	
(Market Value £2,190)			
	<u>3,493.19</u>		<u>3,493</u>
Loan to QEGS	5,000.00		4,000
Debtors - Advertisers	245.00		245
Cash at Savings Bank	251.81		230
Cash at Lloyds Bank	2,765.23		1,892
	<u>12,963.00</u>		<u>11,068</u>
Creditors - Printers	985.00	980	
Inland Revenue	80.44	84	
Postage	131.00	173	
	<u>1,196.44</u>		<u>1,237</u>
	<u>£11,766.56</u>		<u>£ 9,831</u>
Represented By			
War Memorial Ground	1,207.77		1,208
Life Membership Fund -			
Balance at 1st August 1982	6,836.70	6,336	
New Members	1,650.00	500	
	<u>8,486.70</u>	<u>6,836</u>	
Deletions	4.20	—	
	<u>8,482.50</u>		<u>6,836</u>
Accumulated Fund -			
Balance at 1st August 1982	1,786.70	1,626	
Surplus for the year	289.59	161	
	<u>2,076.29</u>	<u>1,787</u>	
	<u>£11,766.56</u>		<u>£ 9,831</u>

HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT, YEAR ENDED JULY 31st, 1983.

We have examined the accounts set out above, which are in accordance with the information supplied to us, and give a true and correct record of the transactions for the year ended 31st July 1983 and of the state of affairs at that date.

Blackburn
12th September, 1983

W. Hars, R. B. Holden,
Chartered Accountants.

SECOND MASTER RETIRES

MR FRED BURY

Mr Fred Bury's opening paragraph in his article on Mr W. H. Proctor's retirement carries a strong autobiographical flavour.

Like Mr Proctor, Mr Bury won an eleven-plus scholarship to Blackburn Grammar School, as the School was then familiarly known, in 1931. No doubt he, too, had apprehensive feelings about what the future had in store for him when he first entered Big School with its stained glass windows and portraits of benefactors looking down on him. Nor could he have envisaged that in 1949 he would return as a teacher and thirty-five years later hear, in that same Hall, tributes to his devoted service to the School.

As a boy, Mr Bury had a distinguished school career. He soon showed his academic potential by regularly accumulating points for Drake in the competition for the Marsden Merit Cup. In 1936 he joined the Magazine Committee, was made a prefect, and received his first steps in administration - School Sports' Secretary, responsible for obtaining and co-ordinating all sporting fixtures. The following year he became School Vice-Captain and House Captain of Drake. At the same time his prowess as a cricketer rapidly emerged: he topped the Second and First Eleven bowling averages. 1938-39 saw his elevation to the posts of School Cricket Captain and Head Boy. "The Blackburnian" of July, 1939, contains the following comment: "Bury has proved himself a very able Captain, not only distinguishing himself with the ball, but also by inspired spells of hurricane batting and a unique record of success with the toss." To round off his schooldays, he won a coveted State Scholarship as a result of his excellent performance in the Higher School Certificate Examination.

Throughout his time in the Sixth Form, Mr Bury lived under the shadow of his father's death, which had occurred just before he sat for the Matriculation Examinations; but encouraged by his sister, then at Homerton, he took up residence at King's College, Cambridge, in October, 1939, to read Mathematics. Two years in war-time Cambridge held one big disappointment for him: he found it a struggle to buy food! Consequently in June, 1941, he acted upon impulse and visited C. P. Snow, the novelist, who was recruiting for the RAF. Instead of spending the long vacation at home, he was back in Cambridge in July on a pre-service Radio Course at the Cavendish Laboratory, from which he emerged as the



best student in laboratory work and in the written examination. He enlisted in the RAF in November 1941, completing a Radio/Signals Course at Cranwell in 1942. Once again he had the honour of being placed top in the course, but he elected to join Signals rather than Radar. He felt he was not cut out for an electronics' wizard; he preferred the broader challenge of management as a Station Signals Officer. The major part of his war service was spent at No. 242 Group HQ in Taranto, Italy, then in Venice, finally being demobbed from the post of station Signals Officer in Aden.

He returned to Cambridge to complete his studies, but soon realised that any ambition he might previously have had of living the life of an academic had been thwarted by the war. Instead he turned with interest to teaching. It so happened that there was a Mathematics vacancy at QEGS in 1949 which he eagerly accepted. The position enabled him to live at home, at a time when his mother was ill, and put an end to ten years of living out of a case or kit-bag.

In 1951, the School decided to start its present Stock Room. Mr Bury undertook the job of preparing and painting a rarely used junk room next to the Staff Room, unaware that it would in years to come be a very pleasant second-master's room for him. The supply of money for School stationery was tight, but Mr Bury was equally parsimonious. All unused pages in exercise books were torn out, trimmed and recirculated as the following year's exercise paper. His Do-It-Yourself effort in the Stock Room proved to be a valuable practice for the annual end-of-year schemes of the early 1950's, when he led teams of sixth-formers on various repair and painting projects around the School. Further association with pupils

who had finished their 'O' and 'A' levels followed in 1958. Along with Mr G. H. Tate, he helped to run the Sixth Form Course, developing Initiative Tests and the 5th Form Course.

Treasurerships seemed to seek Mr Bury, perhaps because of his skill with figures and his liking for administration. He soon was in charge of the weekly House collections for the Building Fund. In 1956 he took control of the financial side of "The Blackburnian", which appeared three times a year and had to be, unlike today, self-supporting. A small profit was made by virtue of vigorous salesmanship. Five years later, he added the treasurership of the Old Blackburnians' Association to his tally. To remedy the shaky finances of the Association he saved postage by having pupils deliver communications to Old Boys by hand, having previously employed Saturday detention boys to address the envelopes. Mr Bury came to the conclusion in 1963 that, as a disseminator of news to Old Boys "The Blackburnian" was inefficient and wasteful. Consequently he persuaded the Committee to introduce "Magister", with an enthusiastic Tom Sharratt as Editor.

F.B.'s infinite capacity for undertaking positions of responsibility led to his becoming a GCE examiner at 'O' and 'A' levels, and to his succeeding Mr H. Ingham as Assistant Masters' Association representative in 1968. He soon rose to be Chairman of the N.E. Lancashire and then the larger Lancashire Branches, and served on the AMMA Council for ten years.

No matter what commitments Mr Bury undertook outside the classroom, it will be his work inside that most former pupils will remember. In his early years he taught Mechanics to the 6th Form for two thirds of the week alongside Mr H. Kennedy's Pure Mathematics. For fifteen years he reversed his role and taught Pure Maths to Night School students. When he was given Upper Fifth Modern as his form, he soon realised that, instead of being a lecturer to gifted 6th Form mathematicians, he had to learn how to bring the best out of boys of limited ability, an aim he pursued when he became Head of Mathematics in 1964 and when he succeeded Dr Tyler as Second Master in 1967. On assuming the latter post, he relinquished his position as deputy to Mr Eastwood in Drake House.

During his term as Second Master, Mr Bury demonstrated his administrative skill not least in producing an ever more

complicated, workable time-table as the pupil numbers increased and the combination of 6th Form subjects grew. He played a strong hand in many changes which took place: the re-naming of the 6th Form, the Entrance Exam, Parents' Evenings, 'O' and 'A' level testing, the 6th Form Centre, the abolition of punishment schools (House masters were to deal with offenders), and the introduction of girls into the 6th Form, to name a few.

The range and depth of F.B.'s interests will surprise many past and present pupils, for he does not readily disclose personal details. Mention has already been made of his cricketing prowess; this he displayed when opening the bowling for the annual Staff v The School match and for Taxes in the local mid-week League. Tennis, badminton, youth-hostelling and walking had their day, as did membership of a foreign film club, opera, reading and politics. He could well have made a name for himself as a spotter of winners. After a visit to a Blackburn Rovers' Reserve match, he enthusiastically forecast that a young winger, Bryan Douglas, would be a future England star. On another occasion he advised that a certain Lester Piggott was worth following for those interested in turf accountancy.

By his colleagues, Fred Bury will be remembered for his puckish humour, understanding, keen intellect and articulate speech. To his early students he was a stern disciplinarian, but as his responsibility increased the severity mellowed without losing firmness. Any boy or girl with a grumble or sent to him for misbehaving was guaranteed a fair hearing before judgement was passed. In assemblies his talent for "be most just" was clearly discernible in the prayers he composed in balanced prose reminiscent of the Book of Common Prayer; and his rare sermons or talks always had some new ideas or thoughts which held his hearers' attention.

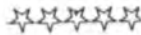
Although not averse to change, he retains a deep sense of tradition and debt to the past. His gratitude to his parents and the School of his formative years is readily acknowledged. From time to time he used the prayer of Sir Francis Drake, which he had heard his Headmaster, Mr Arthur Holden, regularly offer up: "Grant us to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing, of the work unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished." Mr Bury can truly feel that his long service to QEGS fully lived up to these words.

We wish him good health and a happy retirement in Southsea.

Fred Dewhurst

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and its various branches and more importantly with the School.

The secretary also thanked the School for its assistance and in particular to Mrs Judith Lord, whose help and efforts had once again been invaluable.

The treasurer presented the accounts and answered queries. He explained accounts were pretty much the same as the previous year but that with the large influx of new life members from the ranks of school leavers, the Life Membership Fund would show quite an increase in the next accounts. He reported that 33 new life members had joined during the year ended July 31, 1983.

He also said that he was still experiencing problems with the failure of some people to notify changes of address but nevertheless endeavoured to keep his records up-to-date as much as possible. The accounts were adopted and there then followed some discussion as to the Association's investments. The treasurer reported that at the time of the meeting, he would have approximately £2,500 available for investing and it was resolved to increase the loan to the School by £1,000 and that the investment of the balance of £1,500 should be considered further by the treasurer and the committee and that this should include consideration of whether or not the 4% consolidated stock should be sold. He reported that in addition to the school leavers who joined as life members, one other person had applied to become a life member, the difference being that he had been at school from the years 1914 to 1919 and was aged 83.

John Read reported a full house for the 1982 annual dinner and had had to refuse one member only whose application had been received after the closing date. He said the reduced price for recent school leavers had not had any dramatic effect. He reported a profit as shown in the accounts of £138 and said this was unusual as it was not the Association's intention that a profit should be made on the dinner. Accordingly the price of the tickets had been reduced for the 1983 dinner.

This also reflected a slightly inferior menu due to problems with the caterers. Once again, he thanked the School and its staff and the Football Club for their respective efforts in making the dinner its usual success.

Andrew Kidson reported that financially the Football Club continued to progress and had shown a 65% increase in bar-takings during its last financial year. Unfortunately the same success was not shown on the football field as the 1st XI had only just escaped relegation. However the 2nd XI finished fourth and 3rd XI second in their respective

divisions with the 4th XI finishing in mid table. More work had been done on the pitches during the summer and the pitches were now in excellent condition. Ray Smith reported on the golf competition. It had been agreed that the second Thursday in June was a better time to hold the competition.

Mr Proctor and Mr Kay reported that the duly completed information sheets which had been included with the Magister were now being returned and some of them made very interesting reading indeed. Further consideration was to be given as to just what would be done with these with a view to bringing the Who's Who of 1967 up-to-date.

Peter Pearson recorded his thanks to the sub-committee of Eric Fairhurst, Roger Smethurst and John Duckworth and to all contributors for their efforts. He emphasized the need for all members to supply as much information on themselves and all other Blackburnians as possible.

The usual branch functions had been held, although the numbers of the South Lancashire and Cheshire branch appeared to be dwindling. Mr Kay particularly mentioned that the London branch did an excellent job in liaising with the School and recruiting new members and organising several functions during the year.

Officers elected were: President; Mr J. E. Sagar re-elected; chairman; Mr R. Smith re-elected; vice-chairman; Mr K. Wightman re-elected; secretary; Mr I. D. Forbes re-elected; treasurer; Mr F. Gillibrand re-elected; auditors; Messrs W. Hare and R. B. Holden re-elected; committee; H. Burrows, J. Duckworth, E. Fairhurst, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, H. Isherwood, N. Jepson, E. J. Kay, E. C. Marsden, S. J. Monk, I. D. Newton, K. V. Newton, P. T. Pearson, W. H. Proctor, J. S. Read, T. Riley, R. Smethurst, R. D. Smith, W. E. T. Walsh, J. Warner, Mrs L. Read. Ex-Officio; P. F. Johnston (Headmaster), A. N. Kidson (Chairman of the Football Club).

A suggestion was made that the date of the annual dinner should be moved to another time of the year and there followed quite a lot of discussion on this point and on the question of the Dinner generally, including the reduced rate for school leavers and the numbers attending and it was resolved that all of these matters would be considered very carefully by the Dinner sub-committee in due course.

The Association of representatives of Old Pupils' Societies held its Annual General Meeting in London on November 15 and Paul Isherwood, one of the secretaries of the London branch, had attended on behalf of the Association and had sent a detailed report to the chairman.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

All the world's a stage for Daryl

What are you going to do about the weather then . . . ?

SINCE leaving QEGS, a London Drama School, and having completed several stints in Provincial Theatre, appearances in the West End, on Radio and TV, I have watched my yearning for legitimacy gradually decrease and disappear.

By this I mean of course the legitimate stage and not some thwarted ambition to legalise my birthright. For in "Showbiz", there is a gap between the "serious stage" and "variety" as wide as the Suez Canal and, despite severe aching in my stretching muscles, I have endeavoured to bridge that chasm, so much so that my career crossed entirely over on to the other side. In short, I became a full-time all-singing all-dancing cabaret artist.

After a brief career as a solo, I became half of a "Glamorous Boy/Girl Duo" (to quote our publicity blurb); the other half being Gretchen, who has recently become my partner in marriage, thus giving the lie to those who say that business and pleasure cannot mix. Indeed in all our time together as "Danny and Gretchen" I can only recall us arguing over two things — everything I said and everything I did.

But enough of rhapsodising over marital bliss, let me get to the reason this article was written; firstly an obvious shortage of intelligent contributions and a tentative request for me to tell you, the reader, of some of the happenings of the last four years which I have spent as an entertainer and assistant entertainments manager aboard several luxury cruise liners.

This aspect of my career has led me to experience, at no personal financial cost to myself, the midnight sun over the Fjords, a palm-encrusted Caribbean beach; a Moroccan market place; carnival time in Rio and a "Force 10" storm in the Bay of Biscay. After or prior to all these sights, my colleagues and I had been

DARYL David (1957-67) married his singing and dancing partner, Gretchen, at Morfa Hall Register Office, Rhyl, North Wales, in March.

He attended the Drama Centre London from 1967 to 1970 and took up an acting career until 1978 appearing in "The King and I" in the West End and with various repertory companies. TV appearances include programmes such as "Z Cars", "Coronation Street", and "Family at War". He went into cabaret in 1978 and tells us of his life at sea entertaining cruise passengers all round the world.

doing our best to entertain the people who had paid for these privileges and even with regard to the latter, cabaret was put on during the gales.

Trying to sing, dance or juggle through a hurricane-force wind to a greatly depleted audience consisting of glassy-eyed, green and yellow hued faces is really what the job is about. This slightly "Hi-De-Hi" attitude of "forced" entertainment resulted in my partner and I actually being tied to pillars in the middle of the dance floor to enable us to sing in a moderately upright position. Whilst on another rough night, our dance routine was slightly modified to accommodate our escape from being chased around the floor by a rogue magician's cabinet — which had "loosed its moorings" owing to the movement of the ship. The cabinet was a legacy from the previous act who had peremptorily given up the ghost, fled to the nearest loo and had abandoned himself to the indulgence of a "technicolour yawn".

This behaviour, as you may gather, obviously implies that not everyone who accepts a contract to work at sea is automatically a good sailor. Remember Nelson was constantly seasick and even I, when aided by the vision of a colleague's cabbage soup swashing

AND NOW, AS YOU
MAKE YOUR WAY
TO THE LIFEBOATS,
A MEDLEY OF SONGS
FROM THE SHOWS...



Cabaret duo singin' and dancin' in the tropical rain



and fro in his plate, even I have been forced to value the culinary delights of several days' previous banquets into a rather tawdry green bag.

But the essence of the job is to merely get on and do it come hell or very high water — what one has to do is to entertain and put to the back of one's mind the heaving motion of the ship, tossed about on the sea, tossed back and forth, back and forth and back and forth . . . er, excuse me a minute.

There, that's better. Now where was I? Oh yes, recalling my golden days of cruising the world's oceans.

A large percentage of our time on the ships included a great deal of public relations. This required us to organise games and sports, bingo in four languages, help with the port and immigration formalities and meet our audience on a "one-to-one" basis; the latter sometimes being an unpleasant experience for both parties concerned but nonetheless highly encouraged by the faceless ones who paid our salaries back

on land.

The title of this article arose out of the average holiday maker's total commitment to the belief that if something has been paid for, it must as a matter of course take place. Let me explain: After a whole week of traversing the Atlantic — thus forcing our passengers to bake under a burning sun, cool off with duty-free iced drinks and eat like princes at opportunities more regular and more consistent than the average three-day-old baby — they had rightly begun to believe that these hardships were coming to an end and the true business of cruising was about to begin.

This is, of course, island-hopping, the "if-it's-Wednesday-it-must-be-Barbados" syndrome. It consists of being roused at six in the morning, disembarking, boarding coaches whose concepts of air conditioning begin and ends with a half-open window, being driven for about two hours or half the length of the island — whichever comes quicker — then

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Pair honoured by Queen



Mr Singleton

TWO old boys received awards in the New Year's Honours list. Blackburn's Chief Executive, Clifford Singleton (1934-39) was awarded the Order of the British Empire and his contemporary at School, Alan B. Totty (1934-41), received the OBE.

They didn't meet at the investiture but Clifford recognised his school friend's name on the list and advised Magister. Following some "detective" work, which took our reporter from Buckingham Palace via No 10 Downing Street to Edinburgh, Alan, retired principal of the Animals Breeding Research Organisation, Agricultural Research Council, was finally tracked down to Gavinton, near Duns, Berwick.

He entered the Foreign Office

from Manchester University in 1944. The name of his brother, N. G. Totty (1923-30) appears on the War Memorial in Big School. His nephew was also at School from 1950 to 1960.

He left the Foreign Office in 1952 to join the Agricultural Research Council.

Clifford Singleton joined the Borough Treasurer's department at Blackburn Town Hall straight from school and served as a Fleet Air Arm pilot on HMS Victorious during the war. He was mentioned in despatches. After the war, he gained a BA degree from Manchester University. He returned to Blackburn in 1967 as deputy Borough Treasurer via Lancashire County Council and Canada.



Mr Totty

From Geoff Mercer

FORMER classics master, Geoff Mercer writes from Gatehouse-of-Fleet, Kirkcudbrightshire, with memories of Charlie Croasdale, whose passing was recorded in the previous issue of Magister.

Mr Mercer writes: "The first year I was at QEGS, 1935, the summer camp for the scouts had been fixed for Borrowdale by Jimmie Loadman and I was there. Charlie Croasdale had just driven back from Nigeria across the Sahara with a Nigerian who was, I gathered, his houseboy in Africa. It was a wonderful car with all sorts of gadgets for crossing deserts and it proved invaluable in Borrowdale when we were flooded out by raging torrents, which no ordinary car could have crossed.

"Years later, when long trousers took the place of shorts in the scouts, Charlie rang me when on leave in England to say how disgusted he was with the idea — Harold Burrows also got a call, as I'm sure he'll remember. Charlie never wrote letters but it was his endearing habit to phone the length and breadth of the country to chat away for 20 minutes or so about anything which upset him. He was always very keen on scouting and was, in his own way, a real Colonel Blimp — I liked him very much.

"At the same camp, we had Jim Schollick, who was, at that time, training for the Roman Catholic priesthood — in Spain, I think. I still have a photo taken at the camp, of Croasdale,



Schollick, Loadman, myself and a young Californian whose name I don't recall.

"Marjorie and I are to visit Chris again in Idaho next year. He came over for our Golden wedding in the summer. We may hire a car to take in the Rockies and, as Calgary is only 600 miles away, we may see Roger Maltby. The last time I saw him was in camp at Gatehouse — 1960, I think. Bruce Clegg and Michael Bradford were helping with the camp that year. Regards to all who remember me."

From C. E. Winsor

MR C. E. Winsor, of 42, Alledale Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, who was at School from 1921 to 1924, writes with memories of Frank Stonehouse, whose passing was mentioned in Magister No 27.

His father was parks superintendent and lived in the lodge in West Park Road, across the road from the Meadows, where he played after school with Frank Stonehouse and Jack Fielding. He remembers masters such as P. C. Northam, F. Austin Hyde, "Jud" and "Tommy" Turnbull, "whose

teaching decided my future career". He says: "It's nice to hear that H. A. Field is still around — another fine master. He called me out from my seat for 'inking' my classmate. I was prepared for a good right-hand slap to my face — forgot he was left-handed and did a somersault to roars of laughter from the rest of Upper 3A.

My brother Vic (1924-32) was a fine left-hand bat and was school cricket captain and later played for East Lancs first team. After 45 years in the Midlands, I've not lost my Lancashire accent or some of the old dialect words and phrases.

Support for parents

MARTYN Smith (1955-62) has recently been appointed national treasurer of the Compassionate Friends (CF) — an organisation which strives to give comfort and support to parents who have lost a child. Martyn, who is branch accountant with the National Westminster Bank in Burnley, and his wife Kathleen lost their daughter Helen, aged five, in a road accident in 1974. They had a son, aged three, and say they have been fortunate in being able to build their family again and now have two sons (aged 12 and seven) and a daughter (six). Nevertheless, they say, "we shall never be able to replace Helen".

He says he is sure the grief of losing a child has touched other Old Blacks and tells how CF helped the couple and hopes it can help others similarly bereaved. Anyone who is interested in CF is asked to get in touch with Martyn or his wife Kathleen who is Lancashire County Secre-

tary, 262, Manchester Road, Burnley. Tel 23408.

He says a newsletter and leaflets can be sent but funds are low and if any Old Boy would like to contribute to this worthwhile work, it would be greatly appreciated — you may telephone Martyn during business hours on Burnley 57721.

Martyn's contemporaries may remember his interest in music. He is no longer an instrumentalist but is a member of the Burnley Municipal Choir and the Pendle Opera Group — for which he is also publicity officer.

He signs off by thanking the Association for "Magister". "I look forward to its annual visit to my house and, like Michael Crossley in last year's issue, I too enjoy wallowing in nostalgia".

Hyman Abel

HYMAN Abel (1935-40) writes from London where he is currently writing up his Ph.D. Psychology jointly at Birkbeck and University colleges. Hyman is progressively becoming recognised as a well-known academic in the world of psychology and has recently prompted a review feature in the Psychology journal in the context of reports on the British Psychology Society's annual conference in York. Hyman is a stalwart of this annual conference having missed only three in the last 25 or so years.

His longstanding involvement in the world of psychology has brought him an MEd at Manchester and an MSc from the Institute of Education and he now ranks as a Counselling Psychologist.

Two vice-masters

ON the retirement of Mr Fred Bury, (See Page 7), the following teachers will be vice-masters from the beginning of the academic year 1984:

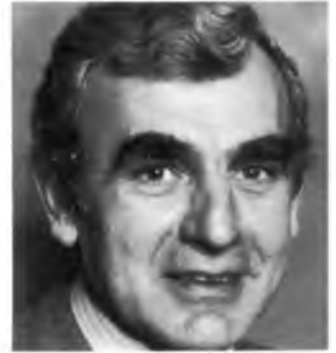
Mr E. J. Whittle, who joined QEGS staff in September, 1959: currently head of general studies department.

Mr J. G. Knowles was educated at St Bees School, Cumbria. He read physics at the University of Manchester before completing his PGCE at Worcester College, Oxford. He proceeded part-time

to take his MSc degree at the University of London in Nuclear Physics. From 1970-75 he was assistant master, Mill Hill School, then at Wellington College, Crowthorne, from 1975-76.

From 1976, he was successively head of physics then senior science master at Watford Grammar School, Herts.

Mr Knowles is the author of "Elgar's Interpreters on Record - an Elgar discography". He is treasurer of the Elgar Society and conducts the church orchestra.



Eric Whittle

ADVICE TO DINERS

THE demand for tickets for the annual dinner in Big School last December was so great that all the tickets were sold by the annual meeting of the association - despite squeezing in six extra places.

Even so, 10 members who applied after the closing date had to be disappointed, dinner organiser, Mr John Read, told the OBA committee at a meeting in School on August 11.

His advice, as usual, to members wishing to attend this year's dinner on December 15 was "book early".

Despite a cut in the price of tickets last year, the dinner managed to make an excess of income over expenditure by £50. Five fewer former pupils took advantage of the £2 discount on the tickets which was taken up by 24 school leavers.

Shorter speeches had meant more time in the bar, said Mr Read, and that had led to the bar running out of beer - the first time in the dinner's 55-year history.

There had been 134 members at the dinner, the 24 school and 10 guests - among the diners were many fathers, sons and daughters and this was marked by an additional toast proposed for the first time - to families.

● Full report of dinner and pictures on pages 14 and 15.

Bill Proctor cont. from Page 5

as Senior House Master of Raleigh and in recent years as School's Senior Housemaster) he led by example, with unflagging enthusiasm and devotion. He heard his Captain's appraisal at the final House Meeting: "optimistic, tolerant, good-natured and ebullient"; his successor's tribute: "we are all the richer for our involvement with him". In the early years, as the single assistant house tutor, the commitment and support given were total and if, in more recent times there are many house-tutors, house-numbers have doubled, activities escalated, and for the leader the challenge remained and



Do you know these men ?

WE HAVE had the following requests for information about old boys: P. J. Waddington, of Two Willows, 51, Hall Croft Way, Erdington Road, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, WS9 8UN would like to know the whereabouts of Bill Lazenby, who played for the Old Blacks in the early 1950s.

W. G. Brooks, of 203, Calais Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, DE13 0UN would like the address of Stanley Pomfret.

We would like to hear from anyone with information about themselves or a friend - we all like to know what our contemporaries and former friends are doing now - Don't forget to write to School with details and a photo if possible - we'll return it if you want.

was met. Nor have the members of Raleigh been sole beneficiaries of his leadership, for as House-master he regularly spoke to Main Assembly and never failed to command its interest and attention. It was often an occasion to surprise those who did not know the breadth of his knowledge and interests or his love of nature and the great open spaces, though no surprise to those who could have seen his obvious delight and enjoyment from the year he was President of the Scientific Society or those who had shared with him some Pennine trek; it would be an occasion to remind those who did not know, of his earlier Methodist lay-preaching in the halcyon days

of Clayton Street Church. The construction, the cadence, the careful choice of content all combined to urge us to become better in every way, without saying as much he was asking us to aspire to the ideal, in keeping with his own hero, Sir Philip Sidney, the whole man, the ideal of a bygone age.

Few teachers will be remembered with such universal affection as Bill Proctor, whether it be by colleagues or students. None have contributed more, for he gave, wholeheartedly, everything he had. Only friends remain behind and they offer him and his wife, Margaret, every good wish for many happy years of retirement ahead.

Anyone for a Sheffield branch ?

Three old boys circa (1970-77) who are hoping to gain enough support for a Sheffield branch of the OBA are from left, Michael Pollard a teacher at Aston Comprehensive, Hugh Graham, a sales executive with Johnson Wax and Tony Coar, an accountant. Anyone interested in the branch idea, contact Michael on (0742) 661560 or Hugh on 28398. The picture was of course taken in the old gym at the annual dinner.

Pro-vice-chancellor

DAVID E. Bland (1952-59) has recently completed a term of office as Dean of Social Sciences at the University of Sheffield. He will now become pro-vice-chancellor. David graduated from University College, Durham in 1964 and was appointed a research fellow at the University of Sheffield. Perhaps a candidate for the new branch . . .

Nice job – if you can get it



Photo courtesy of West Lancashire Gazette

HARD-worked? - You've got to be joking. . . however Bob Battersby's planning to retire in March, so any takers. . .? Applications for the job to Slush Fund, care of Magister.

Our picture was taken when Bob (1935-40) was hard at work in his capacity as tourism director for Blackpool Corporation, while compering the resort's bathing beauty contest this summer.

"The department's activities have mushroomed over the past 14 years - at times, we are chasing our own tails with a workload which seems to grow daily," said Bob when he announced his intended retirement.

Talk about chasing tails . . . with a workload like this to worry about, who's bothered how high the in-tray piles up.

Before you girls write in accusing us lads of sexism, we who are grey enough to remember single-sex schools are merely wallowing in fantasy - and before those lads who write in applying for Bob's job - you are merely wallowing in optimism - the job's already gone to his director designate - yes they were queuing up for it.

Many of you will remember the article

in last year's Magister about Bob's work with Blackpool and the TV "It's a Knock-out" game.

Since arriving at the resort in 1970, Bob has seen many changes - the visitors expect higher standards - and they get them. Bob reckons the most significant event during his time in Blackpool was the opening of the four-star Pembroke Hotel, North Shore,



'Gosh, they've oil derricks bigger than mine!'

two years ago. "It encouraged others to look at their own standards and to improve them."

The Anglo-German Karneval Week in August is the brightest thing to hit the town since the Illuminations, says Bob, who predicts Blackpool will live up to its motto "Progress" well into the future.

A £6 million super sandcastle leisure development will soon be opened on the site of the old South Shore baths and the motorway will be extended right into a car park on the site of the former Central Station.

The Americans will soon be encouraged to visit the resort while Arabs with connections at nearby British Aerospace, Warton, have already returned with their families on holiday to Blackpool. Closer to home, the resort continues to capitalise on its links with Southern Ireland.

"The success has been nothing short of phenomenal and at least 18 tour operators now provide holiday packages," says Bob, who, before he retires, will submit plans for strengthening the resort's tourism department into the next century.

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Ex - head boy is bishop

THE Rev Canon A. P. Hall, MA (1940-49) has been appointed Bishop of Woolwich. He was head boy of School in 1948-49 and after National Service in the RAF studied modern languages at Cambridge.

Canon Hall began his ministry in 1955 as Curate of St Martin's in the Bullring, Birmingham, then spent ten years in Zimbabwe. He returned to Birmingham in 1970 where he has been Rector for the past 14 years. He will succeed the Right Rev Michael Marshall, who is going to a Church appointment in the United States. Bishop Hall will take up his duties as area Bishop of South London on January 1.



THE Rev John E. Dennett (1948-51), above, has been inducted vicar of St Thomas Parish Church, Blackpool.

The Bishop of Lancaster, the Right Rev Dennis Page, officiated at the institution and the Rev Richard Impey, Rural Dean of Blackpool, lead the induction.

After National Service in the Royal Air Force, Mr Dennett took an apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce at Barnoldswick. He left as a planning engineer, aged about 30, to go to Tyndale Hall Theological College, Bristol. He was appointed curate in Stoke-on-Trent, then at Bispham, Blackpool, and Cheltenham, before being appointed Vicar of Coppull Parish Church, Chorley in 1975. He moved in 1979 to become rector of three small churches just outside Bideford, Devon, from where he was appointed to Blackpool.

Mr Dennett, who is married with two daughters, has family connections in Clitheroe.

Degree for doctor

Former head boy, Dr Robin P. Bolton (1961-68) has been awarded an MD degree by the University of Bristol. A graduate of Cambridge and Oxford, Dr Bolton is a lecturer and honorary senior registrar at the University Department of Medicine, St James' Hospital, Leeds.

Alec is mayor in centenary year

COUNCILLOR Alec McCarroll (1935-40) has been installed Mayor of Harrogate in its centenary year.

Alec was brought up in Blackburn by his grandparents after his mother died at his birth and his father in a tragic accident 18 months later.

He gained a commission in the Indian Army and fought in SE Asia. Back in England, he became a Conservative agent in Manchester where he met his future wife, Elizabeth.

Alec left England to fight the Mau Mau rebels in Kenya as an Assistant Superintendent of Police for four years.

He married in 1957 and lived in Mombasa and Uganda before returning to England in 1962. He became a regional public relations officer with an international oil company and recently worked as an overseas recruitment consultant.

He and his wife have a daughter, Anne, 20, and a son John, 18, who has gained an Army Scholarship to Sandhurst.

Since his installation as Mayor, he has met Stan Whalley, a contemporary in 5A. He has met others over the years in Africa and India and suggests that perhaps consideration should be given to changing the school motto to 'Disce Prodesse Ubique'.

Pair on council

S. A. Hirst (1968-77) of Ryburn Avenue, Blackburn, and P. G. Holmes (1974-77) of Earndale Road, Darwen, were elected to Blackburn Town Council in May.

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LEFT: Eric Kay and younger daughter Christine (head girl 1983-84).

BELOW: From left: John Read, Keith Wightman, Ian Sharp, Roger Smith and Judge Brian Duckworth.



BELOW: Norman Howarth (left) and Jack Lee.



Janet and Gillian Poole with friends.



BELOW: Peter Worsick (left) and James Weisters

Dinner is family night out

ONE notable point of last year's dinner was the number of fathers, sons and daughters present.

The realisation might add a few lines to some fathers' foreheads but it certainly helped to create a family atmosphere - more perhaps of a party flavour to the annual get-together. It is also reassuring in some way to see the continuity - and of course we record the fact with the usual crop of pictures.

Dinner organiser, Mr John Read had advice though for parties of members wishing to sit together this year: Book early and apply for tickets together to make it easier to arrange and therefore make sure. Last year, 20 late applicants could not be fitted in.

Mr Read read out decades and old boys and girls who had left during the appropriate

years took wine with the chairman. The School song, "The Cantilena" was sung.

We had an eminent top table with chief guest, Judge Brian Duckworth, who sits at Preston Crown Court. Jack Lee (1925-33) former personnel manager with Shell International, proposed a toast to the guests and film director, Ian Sharp (1957-65) proposed a toast to the School. The headmaster, Mr Philip Johnston, as usual, replied. A synopsis of the head's speech is on Page 4.

Mr Lee described a growing divide between the North and the South. He lives, as he has for more than 20 years in Oxshott, Surrey, on the banks of the Thames and he told in a serious speech how dismayed he was on his return to Blackburn.

He recalled J. B. Priestley's words: "These decaying towns and worthless people" and said:

"It cuts me to the quick to see the divide between North and South reflected in Blackburn. We are lucky to have got what we have for this school." He went on to call for a higher standard of education for all.

The judge, in contrast, replied with a witty speech. He concluded by saying the country needed leaders. His advice was: Do not be afraid to be good. Ian Sharp delighted members with behind-the-scenes tales of the film world in light vein.

Toastmaster, as usual, was School domestic bursar, Mr Derrick Lund. Chairman for the evening was OB president, Mr J. E. Sagar.

Following the speeches, members retired to the bar in the old gymnasium - staffed ably as every by members of the Old Blacks football club.



RIGHT: Fathers and sons (and daughter) from left: Gillibrands, Suttons, Howarths, Kempes, Warners, Rileys and Longstaffs.



From left: Graham Winterbottom, Keith Newton and Ian Grimshaw

It costs £2 - £3 for an operation - plus firewood to sterilise instruments

THE Republic of Zaire is situated in West and Central Africa, straddling the equator, and is the third largest country in the continent.

It has a coastline of only 40 km, which is the centre of all imports and exports at Matadi.

Since independence from Belgium in 1960 and the subsequent civil war, Zaire has been a socialist, democratic state, with a single national party, headed by President Mobutu (rumoured to be the third richest man in the world). It is still very much a police state, with the armed forces very much in evidence throughout the country.

The currency is undergoing enormous devaluation at present, and combined with a circulation of very small notes, this means that it takes a large suitcase to carry the equivalent of £100.

The population of Zaire is estimated to be 30 million, of which 2 million live in the capital, Kinshasa, about 120 miles from the coast.

The Zairean airline would not pay the baggage handlers so the passengers had to load their own luggage. My previous encounters with Zaireans had involved endless wrangles and visits to the London Embassy to obtain a visa.

The Air Zaire DC10 left Brussels for a direct flight to Kinshasa, arriving at N'djili airport at 6.30 a.m. The contrast was tremendous - a solid wall of heat, the chaos of customs with hundreds of swarming people trying to carry your luggage and bribe your way through customs. Eventually I found a taxi and arrived in Kinshasa at 7.30 a.m. My first memories of Africa involve dozens of people walking along the roadside carrying things on their heads to market.

The people are basically very friendly, often greeting in the street with a cheery hello.

From Kinshasa, I travelled by Air Zaire 36-seater piston engined Fokker to Linsala, the regional capital of Equateur, in the north of Zaire. The plane flies very irregularly, supposedly once a week and I had to bribe my way through the airport at 5.00 a.m. to obtain my already reserved seat. People were sitting down the aisle, and chickens ran

Up the Congo in a dugout canoe

ALAN Crowther, in his final year as a medical student, chose to spend two months as an elective among the dense jungle of Zaire. He went with the United Kingdom Baptist Missionary Society to an extremely isolated mission hospital at Pimu in the heart of the Congo Basin. He has kindly written this most interesting account of his journey and time there.

about the plane.

I spent three days at Upoto, a mission station. Here my mosquito netted bed was invaded by a deadly poisonous green mamba snake - fortunately the natives killed it, before it killed me!

My journey continued with a crossing of the river in a dugout canoe accompanied by two natives. I was met on the far side by one of the missionaries from Pimu on a Yamaha 125 trail-bike. The last leg of my trip consisted of a five-hour ride

and pastor and several dozen mudhuts for the nursing staff, teachers, patients' relatives etc.

It is so isolated it was the only mission station not evacuated during the civil war in the 1960's and I was the first white medical student to visit in five years.

The village of Pimu is adjacent to the mission and consists of about 50 mudhuts with about 500 people all descended from two main families.

The staple diet consists of kwanga, a root crop with the

The nurses do their rounds by motorbike

along narrow jungle trails wading through rivers carrying the bike, to arrive at Pimu just after dark - seven days after leaving London.

The mission at Pimu is run by the Baptist Missionary Society from the UK and is situated in the heart of the Congo basin equatorial rain forest, amid dense jungle. The area is crossed by several 'roads', which are basically trails as wide as a landrover, kept open by natives walking from village to village. At present the mission is paying native workers to clear away an airstrip to allow better communications, but so far it has taken several years and the work is slow. Meanwhile all supplies arrive by river and road, taking several months from Kinshasa.

The BMS began work in Zaire in 1878 and the hospital at Pimu was built in 1924. The mission station itself consists of a school (primary and secondary), hospital, church, eight cement-built homes for the missionaries

taste, consistency and nutritious value of Plasticene! There is also a little rice and makemba (cooking bananas). Protein is mainly derived from fish, nuts, caterpillars and some meat from goats and monkeys. There are also a few eggs and milk.

Black magic and witchcraft is very rife among the jungle peoples, and indigenous medicine will often be preferred to a visit to the hospital.

At Pimu, the villagers pay for their treatment - about 50p for a consultation plus medicines, and about £2 - £3 for an operation plus firewood to sterilise the instruments.

There is a small TB ward where patients are confined while receiving drug treatment for several weeks. A new ward for this purpose is currently being built. Leprosy is now treated on a community basis, with nurses going out on motor bikes to the villages.

Running water is generally

available if the water pump from the river works but it needs boiling and filtering before drinking. Electricity is only available for three hours every evening (fuel supplies permitting - which they did not for half of my stay there). The operating theatre has its own mini generator for light.

The day begins at 6 a.m. when it becomes light, signalled by the mission drum (a hollowed out log), prayers at 6.15, followed by the national flag and anthem ceremony at 6.30 (compulsory for all Zaireans throughout the country) when political messages are chanted. The hospital work commences at 6.45 until 12 noon, then the afternoon in the heat of the day is only two hours from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

It goes dark very rapidly about 5.30 p.m. and the evenings are spent talking and reading, going to bed about 9 p.m.

One very important event for me was the delivery of the village chief's latest son which I conducted. He named the child after me and presented me with four spears to bring home - the customs at Brussels nearly had a fit.

My return journey started January 10 by Land Rover 50 miles to the local plantation, where an eight-seater missionary plane flew me back to Kinshasa. It was a great experience to fly in a small plane over the jungle. I spent four days in Kinshasa, mainly souvenir shopping and re-adjusting to "civilised" life - I suffered a tremendous culture shock coming out of the jungle back to thousands of people, busy roads, electricity and running water.

My Air Zaire flight to Europe was slightly held up, which gave me time to bribe the customs (technically an art tax on souvenirs) and submit to two total body searches - one for smuggled Zairean currency, and the other by security for bombs, since the arrivals lounge had been destroyed two days previously by a passenger on an incoming Aeroflot flight. However Zaire had the last laugh on me - we should have landed in Paris, but landed instead in Brussels - too late to catch a connection to London! The hotel in Brussels certainly gave me a funny look when I turned up declaring I hadn't had a bath in two months!

My bed was invaded by a deadly poisonous green mamba snake

Who's the monster?

FORMER Magister Editor, John Duckworth (1959-65) a journalist who is currently bringing up to date George Eastwood's History of the School, is in danger of becoming schizophrenic.

He is building up a portrait painting business under the name of John Frederick. One of his early commissions however was, to say the least, not the ordinary run of oil portraiture.

He was asked to paint the monsters and villains in BBC Television's "Dr Who". They appear on a mural 16 ft wide by 5 ft 6 in deep at the Ritz Cafe, Central Promenade, Blackpool, and act as a large advert for the Dr Who Exhibition next door. He also painted another mural slightly smaller.

OBA committeeman, John, of 188 Bispham Road, Blackpool, is increasingly being asked to paint fine art signs as well as portraits in oils. A small exhibition of his portraits is being organised in Blackpool later this year.

● John is pictured with the monsters. He says it is difficult to spot him!



School wins shield

QUEEN Elizabeth's won the J. N. Prest (1932-40) Shield for the best team gross in a recent East Lancashire Golf Association tournament at Wilpshire Golf Club. The winning team of Tony Syme and Rob Adams was presented with the trophy by ELGA President Tom Martin (1945-50).

Sportsmen's dinner

A sportmen's dinner was held by the PE department at Queen Elizabeth's at the Moat House, Blackburn. Funds raised by the event attended by 200 will ensure the School will soon have a new all weather cricket wicket. The evening was organised by David Edmondson and Brian Woodhead of the school's PE department.

BOB RETIRES

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One area will be in the field of conferences. The resort has a conference officer such is the importance this field of activity holds in the town. The number of conferences has risen from 120 in 1970 to 450 this year.

Computerised bookings is one innovation during Bob's "reign" but one of the most dramatic breakthroughs he has seen has been the rise in self-catering. It is no longer regarded as the cheap alternative but is acknowledged for its flexibility for families.

No doubt about it - Blackpool remains a successful resort and there's no doubt there's a lot of hard work behind any success. Bob well deserves his retirement - good luck to him . . . and where better place to spend it than by the sea - at Blackpool.

Peter wins

PETER Hobkirk (1951-58) managing director of Hobkirk (Sewing Machines) Ltd, won the trade association's annual golf competition of Leicester. He is a member of Blackburn Golf Club.

Commissioned

LIEUT Derek E. Hull (1972-79) of The Esplanade, Rishton, was commissioned during the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, where the Duchess of Kent represented the Queen. After leaving school, Derek gained an honours degree in mechanical engineering at Imperial College, London.

Schools FA Coach

FORMER Old Blacks captain and head of School geography, Brain Hardcastle, has been appointed a coach to the English Public Schools Football Association.

Check if there's a branch near you

WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, and London area and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

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Old Boys will be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary. For further information Old Boys in Canada should contact Dr J. Roger Maltby, Box 59, Site 2, SS3, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 3N9, Canada.

GOLF

THE 1984 Old Blackburnian's Golf Competition was held at Blackburn Golf Club on Thursday, June 14 with 31 entries.

The Judge Walmsley Cup for the best nett score was won by Jack Worsley of Wilpshire with a 77-12-65 followed closely by David Smith of Blackburn 82-16-66. The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score was won once again by Gary Readett with a 73. The prizes were presented by the President of the East Lancashire Golf Association, Tommy Martin, a member of Wilpshire.



Roger takes the trophy

Roger Masters, second left, is pictured receiving the Third Division Championship trophy from Canon Smith at the Old Blacks annual dinner on June 1st. Looking on, left to right, are: Andy Green (First XI player of the year), Norm Beaumont (second team), Phil Sumner, Keith Gillibrand (third team), and Tim Chaloner (fourths).

LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE FOR THIRDS

AFTER a barren spell of six years, it is pleasing to report success on the playing side this year.

While the firsts and seconds gained respectable mid-table positions, after very disappointing starts to the season it has been the third and fourth teams which have stolen the limelight. The thirds, captained by Roger Masters, won the league title after a play-off with Ashton G.S.O.B. then completed the double by defeating Bolton C.G.S.O.B. 2-1 in the Cup Final.

Former players will no doubt recall the last league success of the thirds as long ago as 1966-67 season.

To complete a notable hat-

trick of honours, the fourths, inspired by Tim Chaloner, won their supplementary Cup Final beating Southport Amateurs 1-0, bringing success at last to the likes of Forbes and Gregson! A tremendous end to the season and it is hoped an inspiration for future years.

At the annual club dinner in early June, we welcomed Canon Reg Smith, vice-chairman of Bury F.C. as chief guest and speaker and he presented the teams' Player of the Year awards to Andy Green, Norm Beaumont,

Keith Gillibrand and Tim Chaloner. For his outstanding committee work, Keith was also awarded the Clubman of the Year Award.

Off the field, it has been a busy year as always. The new-look interior, completed nearly two years ago, has proved to be a worthwhile venture in terms of comfort and increased private hire booking. However, while bar turnover has improved once again, there has been a great rise in staff wages. The latter of course can only be expected and increased

sales do keep the brewery happy. Blackburn Bridge Club is now an established part of the club, meeting four nights a week, and no doubt would welcome any new players who were keen to join. One innovation over the past year to help finances has been the formation of a '100' club and this has proved popular, especially with the winners of the monthly draws!

Finally, on behalf of everyone at the club I would like to extend a warm welcome to former players and Association members to join us at Lammack for a drink and a chat. Also I'm sure any support on Saturday afternoons would be greatly appreciated!

Phil Sumner (Chairman).



Old Blackburnians' third team. Back, left to right: Keith Gillibrand, Paul Rigby, Steve Woolley, Roger Masters, Roger Pickup, Peter Catlow; front, left to right: Geoff Mallock, Steve Shepherd, Colin Crawford, Steve Walker, Pat McCarthy, Andy Compton.

School at war: memories of a southern exile

MY first sight of Blackburn was on a dark night in October 1940, following the ginnell leading from Buncer Lane into Irving Place. It was a town of shawls, setts and shuttles — very different from Essex whence I had come.

The relief from the Battle of Britain was however very welcome to a little boy who had spent the preceding few months in Anderson shelters close to the Royal Air Force fighter station at Hornchurch. The only bomb which fell in Blackburn (Ainsworth Street) preceded my arrival. My father, who had spent all his working life with the Port of London Authority, had been sent to Lancashire to open and run a series of food warehouses, of which the first was in a disused weaving shed at Highfield Road Mill.

So I went to St Silas' and in 1943, passed the Scholarship to QEGS. The fees were three guineas a term for boys entering school between the ages of 10 and 12. In the Blackburnian for December 1943, it was reported that a card had been received from Mr Collier in Camp C, Java. "So far the Java camps have not been inspected by the Red Cross, nor are they allowed to receive food parcels or supplies either from home or from the Red Cross".

I remember an assembly in Big School that autumn with the autocratic figure of Arthur Holden on the platform (George Eastwood described him as a "benevolent despot") and the first rendering of the two school songs — "Forty Years On" and "The Cantilena".

I shall always be grateful for the grounding in mathematics (Johnny Povah and Kennedy), English (Proctor), chemistry ("Bud" Earle and Harry King), physics (Tyler), history (Teddy

BRIAN O. Corbett, (1943-47), BSc, CEng, FICE, MStructE, MASCE, MSocIS(France) graduated at the University of Manchester in 1953 and joined Sir William Halcrow and Partners, serving in the airfield construction branch of the Royal Air Force from 1955 to 1957. In 1959, he moved to Soil Mechanics Ltd, concentrating on the design and construction of heavy foundations, of which the most challenging were Ravenscraig Steelworks, the reactors at Oldbury Nuclear Power Station and the deep basement at Fawley Power Station.

After joining Ove Arup in 1968, he had a key involvement in the design of basements and foundations at Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall, Centre Pompidou and the Barbican Centre. He led the route-planning team for the proposed M40 extension from Oxford to Banbury and was responsible for the reconstruction of a Victorian quay wall at Ayr.

He worked for a year in France in 1972-73 and has spent periods on jobs in the Middle East, North and West Africa and North America.

Since joining Brighton Polytechnic in 1980, he has lectured in construction and geotechnics and researched the problems of contaminated land.

Forty years on from entering school, he has generously agreed to share his wartime memories of School and has three letters from Arthur Holden from 1949-54, copies of which are available to anyone writing a biography.



"Forty years on, when afar and asunder, parted are those who are singing today . . ."

Alan Bennett's diary for November 10, 1968, in which he discusses his play "Forty Years On" (revived earlier this summer at Chichester Festival Theatre) quotes "One always forgets the most important things, it's the things one can't remember that stay with you". This sets the scene for this article.

Towle and George Eastwood), Latin (Smith) and French (Collier). Before the last's return from the Far East, we had a roundish lady whose name I have forgotten — she called me "Oliver". Stuffy Stevenson kept us fit, "Dusty" Miller taught me how to use a chisel and Tommy Duerden encouraged my limited piano skills.

Schools inevitably bring rules on discipline, do's and don't's and even the most timid of us would find ways of breaking them. We used to take a short cut across Alexandra Meadows, which became semi-legal with junior membership of the cricket club. Horncliffe was an obstacle to reaching Dukes Brow and that was another illegal route.

We managed to tunnel through the wall into the basement of Atholl House, in which the activities were related to bomb disposal and have been recalled by George Eastwood. We found weaponry of great variety.

We were never caught. However we had no intention of helping the German war effort by disclosing what we had found. I cannot remember who "we" were. I was not responsible for hiding the 500 lb bomb which was uncovered in the grounds in January, 1953. I do not think

that these escapades were in any way responsible for my being trained in demolition and other explosives work during National Service.

My interest in playing cricket diminished after being struck in the eye when playing with Richard Sagar (it was not his fault).

Many an hour was spent on the station, logging the numbers of Barton Wright and Aspinall locomotives and later products from Horwich. I organised a visit there from school in 1947 when the Black Fives were on the production line. Other visits in 1946/47 were to the Mullard Factory, ICI in Darwen (Perspex) and a colliery at Atherton.

My best friend was Edwin Entwistle; together we produced an ABC of the corporation buses. (If anybody would like details of the fleet in 1947, I should be pleased to send a copy). Edwin died from pneumonia in late 1947 when he was in the sixth form and with him went my main Blackburn contact. He had shown his artistic talent early in his school career. I note that he was second in the handwork section of the Eccles Handicraft Prize when he was in the Second Form. I lost another friend, Harry Bertwistle, who was

killed in the Bolton football disaster at Burnden Park. Harry was a skilled accordionist.

School Certificate (1947) was taken in the Army surplus hut which was erected in 1921 merely as a temporary measure. (George Eastwood).

In the summer of 1947, my father resumed his work with the Port Authority in London and we returned to Essex to live and I completed my schooling at Brentwood School — where one of the later pupils was the present Blackburn MP, Jack Straw. From there I went to Manchester University, graduating in Civil Engineering in 1953.

Denis Vipond, also a civil engineer, was at Manchester at the same time, preceding me by two years; we were both resident in St Anselm Hall (of which Arthur Holden was a Governor representing the Blackburn Diocese).

I kept up a correspondence with Arthur Holden after he retired — in one letter I recall how he had returned to the school during 1949 to plug a gap in the teaching of applied mathematics in the Sixth Form. He was a remarkable man as whenever he wrote, he was able to recall the achievements of past pupils in detail, to commiserate with one's own failures and to urge one on towards future successes. He thus encouraged me through the difficult times at university and after.

Apart from National Service in the Royal Air Force, my next 27 years were spent in industry, split between contracting and consulting. I worked for a while with Alastair Eddie before he set off to establish his consulting practice in the Antipodes. During the expansion years of the sixties and early seventies, I was fortunate to be involved on the foundation design and construction of steel-

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London AGM and dinner

THE annual dinner and annual meeting of the London Branch of the OBA was held on Friday, March 2 at the Royal Horseguards Hotel.

Following the dinner, Eric Norcross proposed a toast to the Queen. Ray Vipond proposed a toast to the School and guests.

The Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnston, replied on behalf of the School. He passed on good wishes from the chairman of the Governors, Mr E. C. Marsden, and also from the Blackburn OBs. The Head then proceeded to give a report on the life of the School.

Mr Eric Norcross replied, expressing his appre-

ciation of the news from Blackburn and rejoiced in the successes.

The formal toasts and speeches were followed by the AGM at which Jim Grant became the new chairman.

The guests from Blackburn included the Headmaster and Mrs Johnston, Mr F. Bury, Mr E. J. Kay, Mr E. J. Whittle, Mr D. Ramm and Mr D. I. Forbes.

Branch members present were - Messrs J. S. Allen, S. Blakey, D. I. Bradshaw, G. J. Charnley, N. A. Dickinson, N. Duxbury, J. K. Grant, D. Kemp, R. Norcross, E. Race, G. Smith, M. Stirrup, D. Vipond, R. Vipond, G. Woodhouse.

Oxford branch meets at St Edmund Hall

THE annual dinner of the Oxford Old Blackburnians Association was held on Friday, October 28, 1983 in St Edmund Hall, Oxford, and a total of 31 people attended.

The toasts to the Queen and the School were proposed by branch president Michael Harrison, and the Headmaster replied on behalf of the School, bringing the assembled company up to date with news and events from 'Alma Mater'.

This was the first dinner for some years to be held in a college and although undergraduate attendance was disappointing, this was balanced by those Old Blackburnians who had travelled long distances to be present.

Thanks must go to Mr Jack Lee (1925-33) for his invaluable help in arranging the venue; and also to the St Edmund Hall Bursary for its assistance.

Those attending the dinner were:

From the University, Misses: Ann Chippendale, Jane Horsfall, Judith Masheder. Messrs: K. Hayes, M. Walker, A. Whitely, M. Harrison, D. Hunt, H. Smith, N. Gretton, M. Preston, S. Williams, P. Romaine, R. Taylor, D. Astill, M. Iddon, B. Lewis.

From Blackburn: Headmaster, E. J. Kay, F. Raby, H. Burrows, E. C. Marsden, J. S. Singleton.

From Oxford and elsewhere: Messrs. J. Lee, H. Schollick, C. Waring, J. Haworth, A. Aspin, C. Warren (Oxford Polytechnic) and Revs P. Mayhew and T. Walsh.

NORTH EAST DINNER

THE second annual dinner of the North Eastern Branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held on Friday February 17, 1984, in St John's College, Durham, attended by 20 people, including the Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnson, Mr E. J. Kay and Mr E. Metcalfe from School.

Following a very enjoyable meal the Head gave a brief report of activities at School and the branch secretary, Miss C. Mackrell, read letters of apology and good wishes from several Old Boys in the area who were unable to attend.

After the official proceedings, the more energetic visited a disco while others took in the sights of Durham and the University.

CAMBRIDGE DINNER

THE third annual dinner of the Cambridge branch was held in the Old Combination Room, Christ's College on November 18, 1983, with Mr Gorley Putt, Fellow of the College, presiding. Sirs Hans Kornberg, FRS, Master of Christ's, was the guest of the School.

Guests attending were, from Blackburn: The Headmaster and Mrs Johnston, E. C. Marsden, Mr and Mrs J. S. Singleton, Miss Anne Singleton, R. Smith, E. J. Whittle.

From Cambridge: A. J. Bate, S. R. Boardman, C.E.S. Bullock, Susan Done, Sarah Dowson, R. B. Ellingham, J. F. Kedward, N. H. Nwokonko, I. J. Sherlock, P. D. Simm, S. T. Swift, R. H. Webster, Elizabeth Whalley.

From Oxford: J. A. Whiteley.

Ladies' night out in Cheshire

THE Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch held its annual Ladies Evening at the Bowdon Hotel on May 24.

Harold Ramsbottom welcomed the guests on behalf of the branch.

Those attending were: Mr and Mrs B. Batey, Dr and Mrs G. R. Gilmore, Dr and Mrs T. S. Hindle, Mr and Mrs W. Holden, Mr and Mrs H. S. Liversedge, Dr and Mrs H. Morris, Mr and Mrs E. Taylor, Mr and Mrs H. Ramsbottom, Mr and Mrs P. Johnston, Mr and Mrs F. Raby, Mr and Mrs E. Sagar, Mr and Mrs R. Smith, Mr and Mrs E. J. Kay.

The Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Dinner was held in the executive suite at the Bowdon Hotel on Friday, October 14, 1983.

Harold Ramsbottom, secretary of the branch and organiser of the evening, proposed the loyal toast and offered apologies from 13 members unable to attend.

In the absence of the Headmaster, who was unable to attend, Mr Eric Kay gave a resume of the recent successes and activities of the School and also the Old Boys Association.

A very pleasant evening, including an excellent meal was had by all.

Those attending were Messrs N. Barton, B. Batey, Dr T. S. Hindle, H. S. Marsden, D. M. Martin, Dr H. Morris, Mr W. G. Newton, Mr E. Taylor, Mr E. West, Mr H. Ramsbottom.

From School: Mr E. J. Kay, Mr E. Sagar, Mr F. Raby.

Apologies: Mr P. Johnston (Headmaster).

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November 23 - Cambridge branch dinner, the Small Hall, Clare College, Cambridge.

November 23 - London branch buffet evening (informal) The London Corinthian Sailing Club, Linden House, Hammersmith.

November 27 - OBA annual general meeting in the Radcliffe Room, QEGS, 8 p.m.

December 15 - OBA annual dinner, Big School, QEGS, 7 p.m. for 7.15 p.m.

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January 30 - London branch pub evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street, London.

February 15 - North Eastern branch dinner. The Three Tuns Hotel, Durham.

March 29 - London branch AGM and Ladies Evening,

Diary Dates

RAF Club, 138 Piccadilly, London W1.

April 26 - Yorkshire branch Ladies Evening, at the home of Mr and Mrs D. W. Carr, Scotton Orchards, Lands Lane, Knaresborough.

April 30 - London branch pub evening, Red Lion,

14 Kingly Street, London, from 6.30 p.m.

May 23 - Cheshire and South Lancashire branch Ladies Evening, Executive Suite,

Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire.

Further details from E. J. Kay Esq., Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn.

California calling . . .

Dr Guy A. Marlor (1948-1957) writes from San Francisco Bay, California, where he knows of just one other old boy - Eric Kay (1937-1943).

Dr Marlor recalls his contact with Stanford University and Hewlett Packard, Varian and other, what he refers to as "semi conductor shops". He particularly extends an offer of help to any present students who might feel that some benefit could emanate from these contacts which Dr Marlor still keeps active. Dr Marlor also extends a warm welcome to any old friends visiting the area.

Anyone wishing to get in touch with Dr Marlor or who wishes to follow up any of his "contact lines" should write to the Editor, Magister at school.

Hong Kong calling . . .

DR Chris Lund (1961-68) writes from Hong Kong requesting that a note be included in this issue suggesting the setting up of a Hong Kong branch of the Old Blackburnians Association. We have mentioned this previously (Issue 25, page 19, Magister 1981) but do so again for the benefit of any old boys in that part of the world. Chris will be quite happy to act as 'link-man' for the Far East and can be contacted during office hours on Kowloon 3-673011 (but don't forget the time difference!)

When our reporter spoke to Chris recently, his father, Derrick, the domestic bursar at QEGS, was enjoying a holiday in Hong Kong.

Germany calling . . .

MARTIN Davies (1973-79) writes from Germany to inquire whether there might be a good enough number of OBs in "mainland Europe" to get together and form a European Branch, and would like to be in touch with any potential members in France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Holland or Germany.

Martin left QEGS to take up a four year sandwich BSc (Hons) mechanical engineering course at Portsmouth Polytechnic. He remarks that he was fortunate enough to be able to complete the two-year industrial training requirement in a variety of firms in West Germany. In 1981, he was awarded a scholarship by the Deutsche Akademischen Austauschdienst (DAAD) to study mechanical engineering at Siegen University, West Germany for a year. Fluency in technical as well as day-to-day German was a considerable advantage to Martin.

Martin hopes to complete his course this summer and take up one of the job offers he has received in West Germany and to take up residence there.

Anyone wishing or prepared to "start the ball rolling" with Martin may obtain his address from the Editor, Magister, QEGS.

OLD BOYS ROUND THE WORLD

Quebec calling . . .

Dr David G. Whalley (1955-1963) writes from Montreal West, Quebec, and simply but generously offers hospitality to any OBs "passing through". Contact via the Editor, Magister, QEGS.

Over to Houston . . .

CHARLES S. Dewhurst (1964-1974) joined the Houston office of the public accounting firm of Seidman and Seidman last September from the Johannesburg, South Africa, office of Binder Dijker Otte and Co, Seidman's international affiliate. After school, Charles obtained a BA Hons in Economics from Manchester University and qualified in 1980 as a chartered accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants while working with BDO in Manchester.

2,000-mile trip

SIMON Ellis (1975-1982) has completed a trip round America by Greyhound bus, travelling 2,000 miles in two months. He is now studying political philosophy at the London School of Economics.

Russell Sheldrick (1977-1984) attended a Baptist Youth World Assembly for two weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he helped in local churches. Russell moved to Brazil for a week and is now at Oxford to read Theology.

Studying in America

TWO students who left school last year have spent a year studying in America. Gregory Haddock (1976-1983) attended Princeton University and, before returning home, spent a week on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota followed by travel around the country by Greyhound bus.

Tina Cook (1981-1983) spent her year at Cranbrook School, Birmingham, Michigan. Again, Tina visited New York, New Orleans, Florida and into Canada to Toronto.

Both students enjoyed their stay in America and now go to Oxford, Tina to Exeter College to read law and Gregory to Balliol College to read modern history and modern languages.

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School at war 40 years on

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works (including Ravenscraig), fossil-fired and nuclear power stations, dock and harbour works and roads. In particular I was responsible for the design and supervision of construction of the basements for the Barbican Centre and Centre Pompidou.

By the end of the decade, jumping on and off aeroplanes in the search of work in hot climates and oppressive police states was becoming a little frustrating and the chance in 1980 to switch to teaching at Brighton Polytechnic came at an opportune time. Here was the opening to hand on to the younger generation the knowledge accumulated over the years and to commit to paper some case histories of construction jobs which had gone well and those which had not gone quite so well. Marking can be kept simple by using Dr Tyler's system of standardised laboratory reports — it has taken forty years to appreciate why we had to do it his way.

As a relaxation from the preparation of teaching material, I started supporting Brighton and Hove Albion which gave a break from academic work.

My mother keeps her contacts with Blackburn, in particular with Jessie Powell, widow of the late Borough Engineer, Frank. My sister, Sheila, was in the same class at St Silas' as Russell Harty.

A few weeks ago, I sat down to lunch with a colleague, Peter Mercer, from the Electrical Engineering Department. We were discussing the Abbeystead disaster; his Blackburn accent became apparent. "My father was Senior Classics Master". (See letters, Page 10).

Where was I forty years on? — at Ewood Park for the visit of Brighton and Hove Albion to the Rovers for a match which ended in a 2-2 draw.

What a life on the ocean waves

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the bus is stopped and shaken but not stirred, "cruisers" are disembarked and encouraged to photograph a banana tree. They are herded aboard the coach once more and driven to a beautiful secluded beach to spend half an hour in paradise — a paradise they could have enjoyed for a good deal longer and a good deal cheaper had they travelled on their own initiative. However, they are finally driven back to the ship tired, happy and poor. For when they read in the brochure that the natives of the

Engineer goes it alone

LEN Fletcher (1949-56) has left Lancashire Development Corporation, where he was principal civil engineer, to form his own business Fletcher Associates of Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, with an associated practice, Enterprise Computing Services.

He graduated from Manchester University in 1959 with a B Sc Tech Civil Engineering and is a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and of Institutions of Public Health Engineers and of Highways and Transportation.

He worked first in the Town Hall before leaving Blackburn for marriage and a job at Skelmersdale New Town, followed by a spell at Building Design Partnership, leading up to his recent position at Central Lancashire Development Corporation.

His wife Mavis is a musician and has taught at Horncliffe for



Len Fletcher

the past four years. Their son is just leaving the sixth form, having been taught at times by Len's contemporaries and "by fellows who taught me — they were never as old as we used to think, were they?" Their daughter is studying for O levels at Queen Mary School, Lytham.

Sergeant Brian is father of twins

BRIAN William Whewell (1970-75) has become the father of twin sons Michael and Robert.

Brian, of 87, Lydgate, Burnley, is a village bobby. He joined the Lancashire Police Cadets from school and joined the full force in August 1977.

Since then, he has been stationed in the Burnley Division, spending the last three years as a rural beat officer in the village of Worsthorne, near Burnley.

In 1979, he passed the sergeants examination and in 1983, he attained the required standard in the inspectors examination, both of which were taken at the earliest opportunity in relation to length of service required to do so.

He married in 1980 and his wife Lucille gave birth to twins in November 1982.

Let us in on the secret

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island were accustomed to diving for money — they little realised it meant diving into the tourists' pockets. The passengers spend the rest of the day lying in the sun, eating, drinking and being entertained while the ship sails on to another island where the next day the process will be repeated exactly.

But I digress, the title of the article refers to an irate "punter" who, having paid for sunshine, entered the harbour of the beautiful island of Guadeloupe during a torrential tropical rainstorm. Outraged he turned to me

and, realising I was the nearest company representative, uttered the immortal words: "What are you going to do about the weather then?" I informed him that we had sent a telex to "head office" and indicating heavenwards that, as the distance it had to travel was so great the reply would take some time to return. My brilliant, placating wit was greeted by a snort and muttered imprecations. As he walked away, the tropical rainstorm stopped — as is their wont — to be replaced by brilliant sunshine. So maybe the telex had arrived after all.

It is episodes such as these that confirm the belief of travel-workers the world over that when people go on holiday, the only thing they forget to pack is their brains. This is not so harsh a judgement as you may think for how else do you account for such remarks as those of the lady who on first seeing a school of flying fish inquired: "How did they train those budgies to fly so low"? or the passenger who ascertained: "The ship must have stopped as we don't seem to be moving". Can you find another explanation?

Beverley Susan Kay (1978-80) elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. Kay, of Wilpshire, married Mr Andrew Thomas, Haverfordwest, South Wales, at Revidge Fold United Reformed Church, in March.

They own a china, jewellery and antiques business in Bridge Street, Haverfordwest which they opened last November after graduating from Bangor University. They were hoping to go on a delayed honeymoon at the end of the summer season. Receptions were held at Stonebridge Restaurant, Ribchester and Wilpshire Golf Club.

Susan was given away by her father Eric (1937-43) who is of course senior science master and a former chairman of the OBA. Chief bridesmaid was sister Christine, head girl (1983-84), and groomsmen were Michael Kay (1969-78).

● Susan and Andrew are pictured right.



Judith Eileen Cooke (1976-78) daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Cooke, of Northcliffe, Great Harwood, married Mr Richard Thomas of Salisbury, Wilts, at St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Great Harwood, in June.

Lieutenant Roger J. Whitby, only son of Mrs D. Painter and stepson of Mr D. Painter, of Whitecroft Lane, Mellor married Miss Camilla Philomena Lloyd, younger daughter of Judge Denis Lloyd, of Brough, Derbyshire and the late Mrs M. Lloyd.

Roger is serving in submarines and several of his colleagues formed a guard of honour.

A reception was held at the bride's home and the couple, who met at Newcastle University spent their honeymoon in the Greek islands.

Miss Sharon Ruth Atherton, a former pupil whose father teaches chemistry at QEGS, married Mr Peter Michael Blair, a barrister, at Leamington Road Baptist Church, Blackburn. The bride, a teacher, is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. N. Atherton, of Revidge Road.

She was attended by the Misses Joanna Mitchell and Jan Tulloch and Mrs Pippa Rossita. The groom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. M. G. Blair, of Alexandra Crescent, Bromley, Kent. Best man was Mr Malcolm Evans, a university friend of the groom.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev Michael Cleaves and family friends, the Rev James Wood and the Rev Michael Quicke.

Following a reception at Foxfields, Billington, the couple, who are to live in Bath, left for a honeymoon.

Mr Peter Elgin (1974-80), a graduate trainee manager, married Miss Christine Park, a bank clerk,

bridesmaids with Master Ben Stirrup, page boy. The reception was at the Stirk House, Gisburn, and the couple spent a honeymoon in Majorca.

Dr H. Howard Cook (1967-74) a mechanical engineer with BP International based in London has become engaged to Dr Linda K. Bell, a development chemist with ICI Petrochemical and Plastics division at Wilton, Teeside.

His brother, Dr Martin C. Cook (1968-75) at present working on a GP training scheme in Burnley has become engaged to Miss Christine Driver, who is a Sister carrying out training at Booth Hall Hospital.



Dr Roger Bury (1966-1975), only son of Mr and Mrs W. L. Bury, of Clayton-Le-Dale, Blackburn, married Miss Heather Walsh, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. I. J. Walsh, of Blackburn, in July. They are living and working in Manchester.

Two move up at carpets company

Geoff A. Peake (1945-48) managing director of Broadloom Carpets Limited, part of the Gaskell Broadloom group of companies, has now been appointed to the main holding board of Gaskell Broadloom PLC.

Old Blackburnian Committee Member Roger Smethurst (1955-62), who works for the same group of companies, has been appointed general manager of Gaskell Broadloom (Ireland) Limited, which is a subsidiary of the Gaskell Broadloom Group. This is in addition to his current position as works manager of the Oswaldtwistle factory and will involve regular trips to the factory in Dublin.

40 years on . . .

John Whalley Tickle (1912-19) of Hove, Sussex, has recently entered his life membership of the Association. We are indeed delighted to welcome him and wish him well.

Our thanks

THE editorial staff of Magister would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters and general views, without which the production of this magazine would not be possible.

Fourth Blue

Kevin Hayes (1973-79) gained his fourth cricket Blue when he captained Oxford University against Cambridge University at Lord's earlier this year. Having been awarded his degree, he is returning home to take up a two-year contract with Lancashire County Cricket Club.

Musical director

IVOR Bolton (1969-76) was the musical director of the 1984 London Piccadilly Festival in July. He is Director of Music for the St James's Players, a new group using period instruments to recreate the music and atmosphere of the 17th century.

Work on show

ROGER Meadows (1968-73) a final year architectural student at Hull University has had some of his work on exhibition at the London Royal Academy of Art following an international competition to provide a design for a think-tank and research centre for Sinclair Research.

Sports hall and pool plan at Lammack

MARCH saw the announcement of plans by Queen Elizabeth's to build its own £600,000 swimming pool and sports hall on the school's Harrison playing fields, Lammack.

Planning with the architects commenced in September 1983 on the scheme which is intended to provide a 25 metre, six-lane pool, a large sports hall and a multi-gym fitness room, with changing rooms, showers and other facilities.

The proposed siting is on a low-level part of the playing fields to afford screening from the surrounding area.

The plan has, however, evoked opposition during the planning application stages from local residents who are principally against the proposed site. Matters are still in abeyance at the time of going to press.



Stephen is pictured with from left: Peter Watkins, managing director of Whitbread's, Blackburn; the Headmaster Mr P. F. Johnston; Mr T. H. Chaloner, economics master; and, Geoffrey Cornwall of Encyclopaedia Britannica.

SCHOOL NEWS

Stephen wins essay award

QUEEN Elizabeth sixth former Stephen Powell certainly has a way with words. His entry took the North West prize in the 1984 annual Observer Whitbread national essay competition, beating about 800 other entrants at regional level. His prize was a £200 cheque, certificate and a set of encyclopaedias for himself, and a £100 cheque for the school.

The win puts Stephen in line for the national award along with seven other regional finalists where prizes include British Caledonian Airways breaks worth £1,000, £600 and £400.

BURSARY BOOST

BURSARY assistance at Queen Elizabeth's has been augmented by financial assistance of £25,000 made available by the Wolfson Trust. Government assisted places scheme and other bursaries had provided financial help to 15 pupils last year and the Wolfson Trust donation will mean that additional children will now benefit.

Competition for sixth form places is already keen, and the demand for places is unlikely to slacken with this increased scholarship availability coupled with local sixth-form reorganisation.

Golf success

QUEEN Elizabeth's Grammar School, represented by Tony Syme and Rob Adams won the J. N. Prest Shield for the best team gross, in the East Lancashire Golf Association tournament at Wiltshire Golf Club.

20 gain Oxbridge places

The following pupils have gained places at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Stephen J. Baines - to read Veterinary Science at Christ's College, Cambridge. **Tina G. Cook** - to read Jurisprudence (Law) at Exeter College, Oxford. **Cameron S. Doley** - has gained an Open Instrument Award and will read History at The Queen's College, Oxford.

John S. Das - to read Politics, Philosophy and Psychology at Oriol College, Oxford. **Andrew G. Felce** has been awarded an Open Scholarship to read Physics at his father's college, Jesus College, Oxford. **Darren Dowds** - to read Mathematics at Magdalen College, Oxford. **Alexandra H. A. Dugdale** - to read Veterinary Science at New Hall, at the University of Cambridge.

Steven W. Hacking has been offered a place at Girton College, Cambridge to read Engineering. **Gregory Haddock** - to read Modern History and Modern

Languages at Balliol College, Oxford. **David J. Hunter** has been awarded a place to read English at Oriol College, Oxford - a regular member of the First XI soccer team and has also represented the English Public Schools side at the ESFA Festival of Soccer in 1983.

Gordon L. Houghton - to read English at Magdalen College, Oxford; another outstanding sportsman, representing the School in the First XI soccer team. **Richard J. Hunt** - a venture scout having recently acquired his Queen's Scout Award, is to read Mathematics at Magdalen College, Oxford. **John A. Newman** - to read Geography at Hertford College, Oxford. **Neil Parker** has been awarded an Open Scholarship in English to Lady Margaret Hall, in the University of Oxford. Neil was also the drummer for the school's light music group - The Golden Aspidistras I

Gail S. Perry - in addition to winning the Ross McWhirter second prize last year and also a

Scholarship to Greece, has now been awarded a Dicey Trust Fellowship. Having held a post on the teaching staff of the Junior Department at Giggleswick School (Catteral Hall) Gail has been awarded a place to read Classics at St John's College, Cambridge from October 1984.

Anne C. Rowland - to read Modern Languages and Medieval Languages at Trinity College, Cambridge. **Russell S. Sheldrick** - to read Theology at Regent's Park College in the University of Oxford.

Chiagozie Hilary-Nwokonko - now at Fitwilliam College, Cambridge reading Law. **David I. Whiteley** - currently doing industrial training having been sponsored by the Ministry of Defence to read Engineering at St John's College, Oxford. **Nicholas J. Whittle** - to read Oriental Languages at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He has just spent six months in Hong Kong, undertaking practical background work for his future studies.

25 years on — well nearly!

THE first official meeting of the London branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held on June 22, 1960. Prior to that, there were ad hoc gatherings which happened to coincide, I am told, with the fixtures of a certain well-known football team, obliged to travel south of Watford!

Dr Brian's patent remedy

THE Tensor grid process, invented by Netlon president, Dr Brian Mercer in 1978, has been used in extending the runway at Stanley airport in the Falklands; in stabilising landslides in the San Francisco Bay area and in the construction of oil drilling pads in Northern Alberta, Canada. New motorways will be built in this country over weak soil using Tensor grids — and of course soil reminds us that Netlon is well-known to the amateur and professional gardener.

Dr Mercer's early innovation led to the establishment of Blackburn as the world centre of the tufted carpet machinery industry in the early Sixties.

The Royal Society awarded Dr Mercer its Mullard Medal in 1974 for his contribution to science and technology. The Prince Philip Gold Medal Award presented by the Plastics and Rubber Industry Institute for plastics in the service of man, was given to Dr Mercer in 1979 and he received the Order of the British Empire in January 1981.

Dr Mercer has more than 700 patents in his name around the world and the latest accolade recognises him as one of the country's leading inventors.

Six prizes for Simon

IN January, Simon A. Clarkson (1982-83) passed the Associate-ship Examination of the Royal College of Organists, gaining the Limpus, Frederick Shinn and Durrant prizes for highest marks in the organ playing; the Sower-butts and Durrant prizes for highest marks in the paperwork section; and the Read Prize for the highest overall marks in the complete examination.

At our last committee meeting we decided to designate 1984-85 as the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the London Branch, notwithstanding possible objections from the historical purists. Our aim is to get as many former members of the school as possible to participate in convivial evenings at "The Red Lion", the Autumn social gatherings and the annual dinner.

To our youngest members, the term, "Old Boys' Association", must inevitably conjure up a picture of staid, silent, old men in black leather armchairs but I can assure you we are not - not staid, not too old, mostly we cannot afford the black leather armchairs and, as to being silent, I will challenge you to get a word in edgeways! If you are newcomers to the South-East, perhaps as students undergoing further education or in new jobs, your contribution would provide that vital spark essential to the well-being of any organisation. If you have not quite settled in to life around our capital, we would be delighted to help you: it is part of our role.

To the better established members ("better established" — good euphemism that!) let me say this, I know you are all very busy but without people we can do nothing. I would like to be able to say at the end of the Anniversary Year that I met and talked to everyone. Do please come, otherwise I shall be denied the pleasure.

I have kept in touch with an OB who has never been to any of our meetings. The other day, I persuaded him to make at least one attendance this year. You must have similar acquaintances, so do you think you could do the same? How wonderful it would be to see more faces — to expand, when all about us is in recession. I look forward to seeing you all.

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T. AHMAD, B.A. (1971-77) Qualified M.B., B.Ch., Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Appointed House Surgeon, Norfolk and Norwich hospital.

J. H. ALDRED (1973-79) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed Trainee Actuary with Bacon and Woodrow, London.

D. R. ANDERSON (1972-79) Graduated B.Sc., Applied Chemistry, Sheffield City Polytechnic. Appointed Analytical Chemist, London Scandinavian Metallurgical Co. Ltd., Rotherham.

SHARON R. ATHERTON (1977-79) Graduated B.Ed. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. English and Music, Westminster College, Oxford. Appointed Junior School Teacher, Tiverton C. of E. School, Bath.

A. S. ATWOOD (1972-79) Graduated B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Power Engineering, Derby Lonsdale College of Higher Education. Awarded Rotary Sponsorship to Georgia Southern College, Georgia, USA, to study Business Studies.

K. A. BARNES (1978-80) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Medical Science (Anatomy), Leicester University Medical School.

M. BARTON (1973-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Industrial Economics, Nottingham University. Appointed Buyer for 3M (UK) Brackwell, Berkshire.

A. J. BATE (1970-79) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Medical Sciences & Law, Christ's College, Cambridge. Following a 3 year postgraduate course in Clinical Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge. Elected Bachelor Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge.

N. A. BENNETT (1973-79) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Building Economics & Measurement, Aston University. Appointed Quantity Surveyor with J. Laing Services Limited.

N. S. BENNETT (1973-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Sheffield University. Training to be Royal Marine Officer.

JANE BICKFORD (1977-80) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Biology & Chemistry, Goldsmiths College, London Univ.

ANNE BILLINGTON (1978-80) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Modern European Studies, Loughborough University.

Q. M. D. BIRCHALL (1973-80) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Sheffield University.

R. D. BLISS (1976-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Medical Sciences, Girton College, Cambridge. Proceeding to Clinical Studies at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

I. BOLTON (1969-76) Appointed to Professional Staff, Royal Academy of Music, London. Appointed Director of Music, St James' Church, Piccadilly, London.

P. J. BROGDEN, B.Sc (1965-75) Awarded Ph.D. for work on the Chemistry of Chromemes & Chromanones at Preston Polytechnic. Appointed Research Chemist with Palmer Research Limited, Holywell.

A. BUTLER, B.A. (1968-74) Ordained to the Ministry of the Church of England, July, 1983.

K. L. BUTLER (1975-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics & Social Studies, Manchester University. Appointed Management Trainee with Mallinson-Denny (U.K.) Limited.

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E. CHARNLEY (1973-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Politics, Hull University.

G. J. CHARNLEY (1971-78) Awarded M.B., B.S., Medicine, St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London. Awarded "Bhatia Medal & Prize in Paediatrics" 1983. Appointed House Surgeon in Orthopaedics and Vascular Surgery, St Thomas' Hospital and House Physician, Medway Hospital, Kent.

ANN M. CHIPPI DALE (1977-79) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Chemistry, New College, Oxford. Proceeding to Degree Course at Oxford University.

K. C. COWBURN (1972-78) Passed P.G.C.E. examination Worcester College of Further Education. Appointed Systems Engineer with Marconi Space & Defence Systems.

D. G. DAVENPORT (1978-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Sheffield University.

P. D. DAWSON (1972-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Engineering Geology & Geotechnics, Portsmouth Polytechnic.

P. M. DAY (1972-79) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Archaeology, Southampton University.

P. D. DEWHURST (1970-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Combined Studies, specialised in Ancient History, Newcastle Upon Tyne University. Proceeding to Degree Course.

M. I. DUGDALE (1973-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Accounting & Financial Admin. University College of North Wales, Bangor. Appointed to Ernst & Whinney, Chartered Accountants, Manchester.



STEPHEN HUNTER (1970-77) has passed the Professional Examination II of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He will continue working for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Chartered Accountants of Preston.

N. I. DUXBURY (1973-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics, Newcastle Upon Tyne University.

A. L. F. EDDLESTON, M.A., D.M., F.R.C.P. (1951-58) Appointed Professor of Liver Immunology, London University.

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P. ELGIN (1974-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Nottingham University. Appointed Graduate Trainee, J. Lewis (Retail Management) Newcastle.

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J. E. FOWLER (1972-78) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Modern Languages, Exeter College, Oxford. Distinctions in colloquial French and German.

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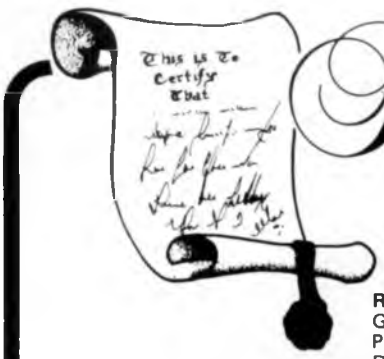
DR M. F. GIBSON, M.B., Ch.B. (1966-75) Passed primary examination FRCS. Appointed Surgical Registrar, Sheffield Area Health Authority.

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P. A. RIDING (1972-79) Graduated B.D.S. Dundee University.

N. J. RILEY, B.Sc. (1967-76) Awarded Ph.D., Bristol University. Appointed Consultant Geologist at the Institute of Geological Sciences, Leeds.

V. ROBINSON (1967-73) Prize Research Fellowship for post-doctoral research in Geography, Nuffield College, Oxford, 1980/82. Appointed Lecturer in Geography at University College, Swansea, October, 1983.

J. R. S. ROLL (1971-78) Graduated B.D.S., Dentistry, Welsh National School of Medicine.

DAVID COLLISON has been awarded a Royal Society Fellowship in Chemistry. This is one of only 20 Science awards, which cover the pure and applied fields, throughout the country. Initially the award is for 5 years and the work will be done at Manchester University where David is currently engaged in post-doctoral research and teaching.

S. SEARBY (1970-79) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Engineering Science, Balliol College, Oxford University. Appointed Executive Engineer, British Telecom, Research Dept., Martlesham Heath, Ipswich.

P. J. L. SEARLE (1966-73) Graduated B.A., Open University. Appointed Deputy Head of Heathfield Preparatory School, Rishworth, Yorks.

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D. W. STARKIE (1974-80) Graduated B.Med.Sci. Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Medicine, Nottingham University.

D. M. STUART (1972-79) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Politics, Newcastle University. Reading Law at London.

A. SUMNER (1974-80) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Pure Maths and Astronomy, Sheffield University.

D. TAYLOR (1974-80) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Microbiology, Leeds University.

S. W. THORNLEY (1973-80) Awarded M.Ch.S., Northern College of Chiroprody. Appointed Blackburn/Hyndburn & Ribblesdale Valley Health Authority.

J. E. VAREY (1933-41) Appointed Principal Westfield College, University of London.

D. J. WALKER (1971-76) Graduated B.Sc., Building Surveying, Leicester Polytechnic.

B. W. WHEWELL (1970-75) At present a Police Constable at Burnley, has become one of the youngest policemen anywhere to pass the Inspector's examination.



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MP is guest at annual dinner

THE legal slant on the annual dinner continues this year with the distinguished QC, Sir Edward Gardner, MP for South Fylde, as chief guest.

He follows Judge Brian Duckworth, who showed a packed Big School the humorous side of the judiciary (See pages 11, 14 and 15 for dinner report) last December.

Sir Edward, who lives with his wife Joan at Outlane House, Chipping, has been MP for South Fylde since 1970, although he first entered Parliament as MP for the Billericay Division of Essex in 1959.

Sir Edward, who is 72, had previously travelled the world in a legal career which saw him appointed PPS to the Attorney General from 1962-63.

His roots however are much nearer home. He was educated at Hutton Grammar School then became a journalist with the Lancashire Daily Post and the Daily Mail before freelancing and work in broadcasting.

He joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve as an ordinary seaman on Mediterranean cruisers in 1940 and rose to commander RNVR, serving as chief of naval information, East Indies in 1945.

He returned to freelance broadcasting and journalism at the end of the war before being called to the bar of Gray's Inn in 1947.

He was admitted to the Nigerialan and British Guianan Bars in 1962 and appeared in the courts of Goa, the High

Court of Singapore and the Supreme Court of India. He was Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn in 1968.

His political public life began in 1955 when he contested Erith and Crawford constituency for the Conservative Party. He was unsuccessful but four years later, entered Parliament as MP for Billericay in 1959.

Sir Edward subsequently led an extremely busy life at Westminster, working on many law committees. He was chairman of the Society of Conservative Lawyers in 1975.

Three years previously, he had been appointed Recorder of the Crown Court.

He married Joan Elizabeth Belcher in 1963 and returned to the North West as MP for South Fylde in 1970, with the largest



SIR EDWARD

Conservative majority in England at just above 26,000. The constituency stretches from Chipping to Lytham St Annes.

Proposing a toast to the guests will be Yorkshire branch stalwart Guy Shuttleworth (1937-45). Guy is senior maths teacher at St Peter's School, York, and

Sprightly knight !

AN MP is faced with a considerable amount of work and travelling. Sir Edward, in fact, travelled with an all-party delegation from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to Lusaka in Zambia last year. An MP, therefore, must keep fit. One way in which the sprightly 72-year-old stays healthy is by walking. He lists walking among his hobbies - whether over Chipping Fells near his cottage in East Lancashire or to Westminster from his Gray's Inn home 40 minutes from the House of Commons - besides, says Sir Edward, it cuts down on the exorbitant taxi fares in the capital.

formerly taught at Mill Hill School, London. He is married with two children and "did the honours" by proposing a toast to the School at the 1971 dinner.

Proposing this year's toast will be another schoolmaster, Jeffrey (J.B.) Vent (1936-44) a contemporary of Guy, and senior house master at Coventry School.

Coventry comprises two schools, Bablake and King Henry VIII, which Jeffrey joined in 1949 - and as "a product of Leo Collier's", teaches French and Spanish.

He has run an Easter trip to Paris since 1953 and has been annually to the summer camp in Guernsey. He is keen on rugger and runs the school's junior sides. He is also a regular correspondent to "Magister" and told us in the past of a plan to name a newly-built road after him. The council scotched the idea by saying it did not want roads naming after people who were still alive, but one smart girl put him on the spot by asking him: how did they know the difference in your case?

Right up the poll . . .

ONE story Sir Edward tells concerns a Conservative rally he had been addressing. As he was leaving the rally, he was approached by a woman pollster who asked what party he would be voting for. "I have never had much faith in opinion polls since then," he says.

However, on poll predictions, we have this story to tell . . . Sir Edward is on record as saying before the 1974 General Election: "If I were a betting man, I would bet confidently on a Conservative victory. My only uncertainty is the size of the majority." You may remember that Sir Edward Heath's Government was toppled and Lord Wilson, then plain Harold, formed a Government in one of the most closely-contested polls of recent years . . . Good thing Sir Edward wasn't a betting man . . .



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THOUGHTS FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

or . . . "WHEN IS A CENTENARY NOT A CENTENARY?"

by PHILIP JOHNSTON

ORIGINALLY charged by your editor to write an article about the centenary of our then new buildings on the West Park Road site, it is with some chagrin that I write that we are now a year out of date because it is pretty certain that the centenary of the West Park Road buildings should have been celebrated in 1985, despite the implication of the heading of Chapter Six of the school's history. 'The School on the Hill 1886 - 1919'.

Brian Lewis, now reading History at Balliol College, Oxford, and the author of a most useful little book called 'Life in a Cotton Town 1818 - 1848' — (£1.50 available from Seed & Gabbitus and other distributors) reminds me that the structure was finished and used in Michaelmas Term 1884. The old Blackburn Times for July 5th 1884 mentions 'the splendid structure which is now all but completed and which stands as a lasting monument to the munificence of the gentlemen and neighbourhood'. An advertisement on August 2nd quotes 'work will be resumed in the new buildings on West Park Road on Monday, August 4th' and on August 9th the editor wrote — 'The New Grammar School: Without formality, possession has been taken of the fine new premises adjoining the park, erected by the governors of the Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth and the school will henceforth be carried on in the commodious rooms so provided'.

If we have lost the opportunity of celebrating one centenary, surely we must now all be anxiously looking forward to the long-awaited, much delayed new buildings, designed by Messrs. Bray and Singleton of Lytham St. Annes for both an extension on the main school site and also a different development at the Harrison Playing Fields at Lammack. Both schemes have been much hindered by complicated stories of planning decisions, shape of buildings, availability of services, and, of course, above all the wherewithal to finance such buildings to match the munificence of our forebears and to provide and prepare for future generations of boys and girls.

Exciting plans are now very much in the sight of the Governing Body and its building sub-committee, and a staff/governors/architects consultative committee has burnt the midnight oil in ensuring maximum building in keeping with the latest academic thought, for it is quite clear — on our constructed site — that after this, no more building can actually be done within the curtilage of our present boundaries. The acquisition of Adelaide House (the former Christian Science Church) eighteen months ago and of the Dukes Cliffe Hotel nine months ago has provided us with the extra space we so urgently needed, but — unfortunately — has not precluded a rash of temporary classrooms at present disfiguring our car parks and upper yard. In the latter place, even that most enduring of conveniences, the boys' toilets, have fallen victim to the demolition gang, and it is a very interesting experience to look across to the school to a view which is now substantially different to one obtainable in the last three-quarters of a century; would that our previous architects a century ago had not put the boilers and chimney stack right in the centre of

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Artist's impression of the imposing new extension to the main school on West Park Road.



PRESIDENTIAL KNIGHTHOOD

IN November 1984, the Annual General Meeting of the OBA appointed Kenneth Durham into Presidential Office. The 1985 New Years Honours List bestowed a knighthood on our President and we extend our hearty congratulations to Sir Kenneth on this honour.

The once research scientist is presently chairman of Unilever PLC, the British side of the Anglo-Dutch firm which is one of the largest companies in the world.

Born in Blackburn in 1924, Sir Kenneth was in the RAF during World War 2 and subsequently gained a first class honours degree in physics from Manchester University. He joined Unilever at Port Sunlight in 1950 as a research scientist and progressively moved through the organisation to become a member of the three-man committee that controls Unilever world-wide.

Sir Kenneth is Vice-chairman of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and a Trustee of the Leverhulme Trust. Last year Manchester University conferred an honorary doctorate of Law degree to Sir Kenneth.

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OBITUARIES

It is with regret that we record the deaths during the past year of the following Old Blackburnians. We offer our deepest sympathy to their families.

NORMAN JEPSON

MANY old boys will be saddened to learn that Mr. Norman Jepson (1919-1922) died at the age of 78 in Our Lady of Compassion Hospital, Blackburn. Norman Jepson was a man of numerous parts and will be missed in many circles, especially for his services to Queen Elizabeth's. We reproduce a tribute to him by William Hare.

"Following the death of Norman Jepson, I think it is perhaps appropriate that I should write a few words of appreciation of his outstanding services, not only to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, but also to the community of Blackburn.

It so happens that on the 6th June, 1956, I was appointed a Governor of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and Mr. Jepson was appointed a Governor also on this date, and on the 26th April, 1961, I became Chairman of the Governors and on the 5th February, 1964, Mr. Jepson became Vice Chairman of the Governors, an office which he held until the 9th February, 1977. During those years, I must say that no Chairman of the governing body could have wished for a better Vice Chairman.

Norman fortunately was an early riser and I knew exactly where to find him in town at 8 o'clock on Wednesday and Friday mornings, so we often used to have informal discussions at my office between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. if we had any difficulties to resolve.

In this respect he was a most unusual Governor, because I could almost rely on receiving a letter from him the morning after a Governors' meeting, setting out his suggestions for disposing of various difficulties which had arisen at the meeting on the previous day. Fortunately, his views and mine almost invariably co-incided on which procedures we should adopt for running the School, particularly in respect to becoming independent when direct grant status was lost and also later on in admitting girls to the 6th form. We were also fortunate during most of our joint period of office in having as Headmaster Douglas Coulson and Ronald Hunter as Bursar, and they in their turn were good to work with, and they also very much appreciated Norman Jepson's line of approach and his advice, as I am sure so did the present Headmaster, Philip Johnston.

Norman had a good sense of humour which was rather satirical in style and on first meeting him a stranger might be a little bewildered by his direct method of observation upon people and life in general. He was, however, an excellent companion and had a most remarkable knowledge not only of the history of Blackburn but also the history of many of the people who lived in the Borough and also many people in all walks of life. He was for many years the Secretary of Walpamur Manufacturing Company in Darwen and he was also a Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Blackburn and a Commissioner of Income Tax. In addition to this, he was a member of one of the London Livery Companies and a Freeman of the City of London.

But all in all, he was very devoted to his sister and brother with whom he lived and also devoted to the School of which he was an old boy. His competence was outstanding and he will be sadly missed by many."

JAMES McLELLAN

JAMES McLELLAN died earlier in the year, aged 72. After leaving Queen Elizabeth's he trained at Chester College and went to teach at St. Aidan's CE Primary School, Blackburn. He served with the Royal Corps of Signals during the war and was then appointed headmaster of St. Silas's CE Junior School, Blackburn, where he taught for more than 25 years. Mr. McLellan, of Preston New Road, Blackburn, was an active member of St. Silas's Church and a founder member of Blackburn Arts Club in 1947, and was president at the time of his death. He was a keen amateur film maker and also chairman of the trustees of Samesbury Hall. He leaves his wife, Hilda, and daughters Elizabeth, Margaret and Janet. His funeral took place at St. Silas's Church, followed by cremation at Pleasington.

DR. FRANK WILD

DR. FRANK WILD (1927-35). After leaving Queen Elizabeth's he went to Downing College, Cambridge, graduating in natural sciences. He was a Fellow and Tutor of Downing College from 1945 and a senior tutor from 1950-66, becoming a research chemist in the department of medicine. As Deputy Register in 1966 he introduced 'job evaluation' which was a controversial move. Appointed secretary of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate in 1972 he waged a losing battle against the amalgamation of the GCE O-Level and CSE examinations for the 10 years he held the post.

ROY HIGHAM

MR. ROY HIGHAM (1954-59) died suddenly at his home, Whinney Lane, Blackburn on 19th October, 1984.

WILLIAM ROSS

MR. WILLIAM ROSS (1938-43) died in Blackburn Royal Infirmary on 17th April 1985. As a chartered auctioneer and estate agent he was well known in Blackburn as a partner in the estate agents Mortimer, Gorse and Ross.

ALBERT EASTHAM GOES TO ZIMBABWE AND PAKISTAN

*Albert Eastham, M.A., M.Sc., who was in school 1946-51, and on the staff 1960-65, now lectures in Oxford.
He writes here about two Easter "expeditions" to Zimbabwe and Pakistan.*

When you think of Zimbabwe you may think of Robert Mugabe, David Livingstone and the Victoria Falls. In many ways Zimbabwe is the best kept secret in Africa. Most of the tourists are from South Africa and Zambia, yet the charm of this country lies in its simplicity, in its warm sunshine throughout the year, in its magnificent wide skies, in its friendly people, and in a high standard of service and efficiency.

If you are disenchanted with life in industrial East Lancashire, there are many interesting professional opportunities in Harare and Bulawayo. For £30,000 you can buy a beautiful detached house with swimming pool and tennis court, although there are certain difficulties in getting your money out of the country afterwards.

There is general agreement that the economy is quite sound, and that the worst is over for the whites. Politically the country is moving towards a one-party state, in line with other African countries. Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo are trying to form a political alliance, even though it is doubtful whether Zanu PF and Zapu can, after 20 years, reconcile their differences. Watchful observers tend to believe that the deeprooted divisions between the country's 80% Shona tribe and the Ndebele will continue.

ODA sent two accountants and myself to analyse the financial problems in local government, with special reference to the training of accountants. Upon independence in April, 1980 a lot more professional people left Zimbabwe, and there was a particular shortage of accountants in town and county hall. Add to this the newly formed councils, with a black majority, keen to over-spend, and you are beginning to appreciate some of the difficulties.

After a night in Meikles at £40 for a bed, but where everybody meets everybody in Harare, we moved out into an excellent family hotel. The Bronte. This is excellent value for money, and I recommend you to stay here. For us it was a short walk at 07.30 to the Government Offices in the 23 storey Earl Grey Building. Almost all the Permanent Secretaries are now black, and where Ian Smith had only promoted the whites, the reverse is now true. Loyalty to the political party also pays good dividends in one's promotion prospects.

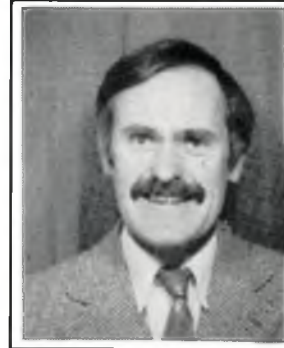
Harare is at 1,500 metres, and in April it was around 86°F, so not unpleasantly hot, and all the offices were air-conditioned. We made dozens of visits and interviews to all the professional accounting bodies, to the University and the Polytechnic, and to the City Treasury. Ian Galletly, the Treasurer of Harare, used to have a direct line to Mugabe, such was his importance, and even today he is a very powerful character, controlling a budget of £100m.

Zimbabwe is three times the size of England, and it was necessary to visit several other towns. We were given a six seater plane, pilot and two senior mandarins, one white, one black, to accompany us on our whistle-stop tour around the country. There does not appear to be any rust in Zimbabwe, and it is therefore a vintage car museum at large. Beautiful saloons of the 1950's drove us to the Regional Administrator, to the Town Clerk, to the Principal of the local Technical College.

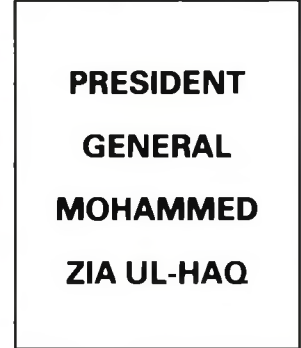
My most unforgettable memory is Easter week-end in the Zambezi River Lodge a few miles from the Victoria Falls. This must be the country's top tourist attraction. Not only is it unspoilt by T-shirt vendors and by commercialism, but it is still the paradise which David Livingstone described when he became the first white man to view the Falls in 1855. Imagine a waterfall



ROBERT MUGABE



ALBERT EASTHAM



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1,700 metres wide, 100 metres high, and with 120,000,000 gallons of water per minute pouring over. The spray rises 450 metres. Pay £30 for a 15 minute "Flight of the Angels", over and around the falls: it's well worth it for spectacular aerial photographs.

My biggest surprise was on day two, when attending an Evangelical Anglican Church in a very posh suburb of Harare. Upon entering the foyer of Avondale Parish Church, I looked at a large oil painting of the Rev. Peter Hall, now a Bishop of Southwark. Peter had been rector there for many years. When he was Head Boy at Q.E.G.S. in 1949, he had fined me six pence for climbing out of a 5 Science classroom window!

The following April took me to Pakistan to do some management lectures for senior public sector officials. The UNDP were paying, so one flies out in style, and stays at the best club in Lahore, a city of three million, and unquestionably the cultural, artistic and architectural centre of Pakistan.

Pakistan is just over twice the size of Zimbabwe, or as large as France and West Germany. At present the country is supporting several million Afghan refugees, and the autocratic President General Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq has to steer a careful diplomatic policy with his formidable neighbours, especially the USSR and China. When things get too hot for him, he is expected to disappear to his bolt-hole in Texas.

A labourer earns £2 a day, a bus driver £4 a day, a desk clerk in the Hilton Hotel £5 a day, but a Permanent Secretary with the Civil Service, £16 a day together with excellent fringe benefits such as a house, car, two or three servants, telephone, entertainment allowance and free travel within Pakistan. My students were aged about 40 years, and were of the Senior Principal grade. A few of them might make it to the top.

They were very helpful and completely trustworthy. Good Muslims that they were prevented them from drinking, in fact, during a month in the country I drank more fruit juices and less alcohol than I've ever done before. Outside of class, we played squash, badminton and scrabble. They are expert racquet players in spite of their excess weight. The pyjama type trousers which they wear, the Shulware Khameez, hides their growing waistline, and thus they don't notice the extra inches. They also grow upwards, and at 8' 3", Pakistan boasts the tallest man in the world.

Like Zimbabwe, traffic is on the left, but here one has the heterogeneity. One is forced to battle with noisy scooters and motor-bikes, with heavily loaded trucks, with cattle and pedestrians, and with two or three people on one bicycle. There is a tremendous sense of colour, noise and smell.

I wouldn't like to be a woman in Pakistan, because it's very much a man's world. Women are expected to do the housework, to bring up the children, and to hover in the background, very much the servant of their husband. Of the 17 participants on our course they were all male, which seems to imply a policy of discrimination against the ladies.

During April the temperature reached 104°F, and therefore the swimming pool was most welcome. It's a wonder that I didn't get webbed feet since I swam 23 miles in the club pool. My base was a delightful old institution, The Punjab Club, which also offered a full-sized snooker table. Harry, a Swedish pediatrician, was also staying in the club, so we middle-aged gents played many games of snooker in the evenings.

At weekends we would visit the Badshahi or Imperial Mosque, said to be the largest in the world, since 100,000 attend on important religious days. Its domes and delicate minarets are a landmark for miles around. Nearby is the old Fort built 400 years ago by the Emperor of the day.

Three treasures were omitted (a) the Kara Koram Highway, which it took 20 years to build, and at one time 15,000 Pakistani and 10,000 Chinese were working on the project. This two lane highway is 842 miles and reaches 15,072' on the Chinese border. Permits are necessary to travel on this wonder of modern Pakistan, completed in 1979.

(b) the Khyber Pass which in 1586 was part of the Grand Trunk Road from Kabul to Delhi.

(c) Baltistan, the main climbing centre, where, within a radius of 15 miles there are 10 of the world's 30 highest mountains.

Like James Hilton in 'Lost Horizon' one begins to think of early retirement and a return trip to these scenically superb mountains. It's said that the locals eat dried apricots and live to be 100! Certainly the apricot tea is refreshing.

Travelling does broaden the mind, and it's a real education. I just hope that more of my contemporaries at Q.E.G.S. will make the effort to travel to the Old Boys' Dinner in December. See you there.

TELEGRAM GREETINGS FROM HONG KONG

Chairman, Headmaster,
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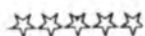
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LETTER FROM AMERICA

'WARM trans-Atlantic links continue' says Head Master, who was delighted to tell 'Magister' that no less than three sixth-form leavers have enjoyed six months in America and Canada under the English-Speaking Union, North American Schoolboy/girl exchange system.

The Ashville School, Asheville,
North Carolina. 28806.
4th June, 1985.

Dear Sir,

Having said that I would write, I'm sorry it has taken this long. School is now over, so at least I am able to look at the year as a whole. You will be pleased to hear that I managed to graduate without too much difficulty. Graduation was on Saturday and I have remained at school a few further days before leaving on my travels.

The subjects that I took were U.S. History, U.S. English, French and the philosophies of the Western Man, together with courses in speech and computer studies. While these subjects were not the most enjoyable for me, for the purpose of 'widening my horizons' they were certainly the best. Though the standard of work was easier, the amount of homework did not prevent me from doing other things. There are many highlights of my time here, which I'll be delighted to tell you about when I get home. However I'll mention just a few.

We had a freak period of cold weather and snow in February when the temperature fell to -22°F , 13°F below the previous lowest record. While there was snow on the ground still, a hike was announced for anyone who wanted to go. Being gullible I put my name forward. When I arrived at 7.00 a.m. the next morning I was surprised to find no other student wanting to go. My anxiety increased measurably when being handed crampons and an ice axe. To shorten the story I was further alarmed when I was informed that this was a memorial hike for one of a previous group who had plunged to his death. We left at 7.00 a.m., returned at 11.00 p.m., climbing initially in 6 inches of snow increasing gradually to four feet of snow on the summit — 6,593 feet high Mt. Leconte. I would like to emphasise that it is not easy making your way along a trail deep in snow when to one side of you there is a fall to certain death. Anyway it was an experience! Once it was over it was something that leaves fantastic memories, but being fond of my life, if asked to repeat it in those conditions I would definitely respond negatively. However I climbed it again six weeks ago when it was 90°F and stayed overnight on top with fellow students and that was most enjoyable.

The next real highlight was the televised visit to the school of Alex Haley, who is almost a national hero over here. He was probably the most amazing man I have every met, and he was so humble.

My parents came over at Spring Break for part of the time and we travelled down through South Carolina and Georgia to Florida. When you meet alligators in the wild you really realise that you have left Penwortham!

Towards the end of February we began to play tennis outdoors. Our coach is a former world class player and he is also a superb coach. I played every afternoon from then until a few days ago. In all that time we were only stopped by rain once — that's somewhat different from England as well! The standard was incredibly high and I was only just good enough to play doubles. Our team strength was such that the team had a hundred per cent success rate in all the regular season matches. I personally never dropped a net and we won the C.A.A. Conference tournament. After this I was not a member of the team for three matches due to a loss of form. This fortunately came back and I registered a few good results against higher ranked members of the team. I've certainly learnt a whole new way to play and train for the game of tennis in the last few months.

This term I also went up to Princeton University for an ESU gathering and this trip was kindly paid for by the ESU. Other weekend trips have been into the mountains. Asheville is itself a tourist resort being only an hour's drive from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the most visited National Park in America. The surrounding area is very attractive. The school is set in 200 acres of grounds and the facilities are incredible.

The weather is great for sunbathing! Yesterday was 96°F in the school, today 93°F . Normally it would be about 85°F . Sometimes it gets too hot in my room. There have been times when my room has been over 110°F . Now I can't work in that — so I just go outside and lie out!

In many ways I'm sorry it is all over, I have made a lot of friends and it has been sad to see them all leave in these last few days.

On Thursday I am taking the bus to Minneapolis to meet Helen Hoyle. We arranged to travel together at the Princeton gathering and it will be great to travel with someone I know. We have a 30-day Greyhound bus ticket and we are going to stay with ESU families and mainly alumni of the Asheville School. Our proposed route is to spend three nights in the following places: Denver, Colorado Springs, the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, and finally, after six free nights to cross the country, New York.

I am very much looking forward to it. I hope we meet no major problems and in many ways I will be relieved when I finally get home, presumably exhausted.

From the taste of my experiences over here you can probably realize that I have had an absolutely fantastic time. I look forward to telling you more about it. I hope everybody at school is well.

Your sincerely,
PETER COWBURN.

MASTER SPORTSMAN/MUSICIAN RETIRES

Fred Dewhurst (1948-1985)

IN the spring of 1948, a young Oxford graduate who had recently served a short term in the Royal Navy, came to Queen Elizabeth's to complete his teaching practice. Before the term was finished, Fred Dewhurst had been offered the post of assistant master in the English Department to commence in the Autumn term of the same year. Thus began a long and distinguished teaching career of 37 years during which Fred Dewhurst has endeared himself to colleagues and pupils alike both as schoolmaster and friend.

In the intervening term before Fred took up his appointment, I learned much about him, for during a long Queen Elizabeth's versus Clitheroe Royal Grammar School cricket match at Low Moor, I happened to mention to Mr. Laurence Hardy, that much-revered headmaster, actor and sportsman, who was umpiring with me at the time, that a former pupil of his had been appointed at Blackburn. I was joyously and enthusiastically regaled with interesting details of Fred's career to that date: Fred Dewhurst was born in 1924 in Blackburn. He attended St. Gabriel's Primary School, Whalley New Road, under the headmastership of Mr. Harry Ridings (Rev. Donald's father.) In 1936 he began his secondary school career at the Royal Grammar School, Clitheroe. I learned that during the whole of his seven years there, Fred was always interested in sport, becoming ultimately a successful member of both the first XI soccer and cricket teams. Indeed, the Autumn Term edition of 'Blackburnian' for 1939 recalls that the Clitheroe second soccer XI, playing at Lammack, beat the School 9 - 6, largely because of the efforts of the opposing centre forward, an opportunist who scored 6 goals! Fred was just 15 at the time and this is the first of many references to him in the 'Blackburnian' over the next forty-odd years.

At the end of his school career in 1943 Mr. Dewhurst sat scholarship examinations for the Christ Church group at Oxford and the Pembroke group in Cambridge, but the Royal Navy claimed him for military service instead. Unfortunately Fred had to be discharged on medical grounds in 1944. He was enabled to accept a place at Brasenose College, a fortunate event as it turned out since Fred was able to develop his musical career when he was awarded the Organ Scholarship which carried a small monetary entitlement. Together with his grant from the Education Department (Fred had already decided to follow a teaching career), his student life became more amenable in those spartan post-war years, particularly as he was able to share the amenities of Christ Church as well as those of B.N.C. You are to remember that Oxford colleges in the difficult years after the war were grouped in twos so far as all facilities were concerned. Brasenose shared with Christ Church. Fred's sporting talent did not go unnoticed at Oxford, either. He played for the Centaurs and represented the university in soccer on several occasions. He played cricket for his college as well. During his academic training in the English Schools, he was fortunate to be taught in seminar and lecture by C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien of Lord of the Rings fame, Neville Coghill, the New Zealand farmer's son, who without any formal academic training became one of the leading authorities on Chaucer, M. R. Ridley, Helen Gardner and Dr. Leishman, the last two perhaps the best authorities on the metaphysicals in their day and whose works are still prized in every sixth-form English library. I never pass the Leishman Centre in Glencoe without being reminded of anecdotes told by Fred of Dr. Leishman's tutorials. What a



pity that great scholar of seventeenth century literature had to die prematurely on a Scottish mountain. In 1947, Fred graduated Bachelor of Arts in the Honours School of English Language and Literature and proceeded in 1951 (in accordance with usual custom at Oxford and Cambridge), twenty-one terms after the commencement of his studentship, to the degree of Master of Arts. In 1948 he received his Diploma in Education from the department in Oxford. Whilst making applications for teaching posts during that year, Mr. N. S. T. Benson, recently appointed headmaster at Queen Elizabeth's in succession to Mr. Arthur Holden, offered Fred the position of assistant master from September, 1948. For thirty-seven years the school has enjoyed and hugely benefited from the services of Fred Dewhurst until his retirement in July, 1985.

To catalogue all Fred's accomplishments during these long years would be patronising, but mention must be made of some of his achievements. He was an exemplary form master for 35 of his 37 years at the school: generations of schoolboys have cause to be grateful for his unremitting care and attention to each one's individual needs. Very early in his teaching career, he was invited by Mr. Howard Kennedy to become deputy Housemaster of Hawkins. Before 1948 there had been but one housemaster for each house in school. As well as taking charge of house sports, Mr. Dewhurst became involved in first XI School Soccer and was always at pains to obtain the best fixtures. It was — and still is — his firm contention that unless a team plays more skillful sides than itself, it will not improve its own performance. Messrs. Ellis Metcalfe and J. W. Monk will testify to the efficiency of Fred's Saturday morning tactical talks. Ellis will forgive me for quoting one outstanding criticism I remember: "Ellis is the best half-match player I know". The taunt must have worked for we all appreciated Ellis' skill and devotion to the game in later years. Mr. Dewhurst continued his interest in and service to the school's footballers until the total re-organisation of Physical Education and the appointment of Mr. Fred Raby as Head of that department who was deputed to take charge of all sporting activities. Not that Fred merely organised teams or gave advice, he was an active footballer and cricketer for the staff during many seasons and a tennis player and golfer of considerable distinction. Some staff and governors will remember the tennis tournaments at Blackburn Northern. And always in the distance of time past I seem to remember Fred on the cricket field in that multi-coloured striped cap — all reds, and blues, and yellows — which he swears followed him as a sporting accoutrement from his schoolboy days at Clitheroe, through his collegiate years to the annual staff v. boys Annual Cricket matches at Lammack and his summer recreations when he played for Salesbury Cricket Club.

It is to Fred Dewhurst, the classroom teacher,

however, that I must extend my full admiration. Fred was appointed to teach English but in the post-war years of shortages, headmasters had to make full use of all abilities. Thus it was, as well as teaching music at all levels, Fred was required to help out in the Classic Department where he taught Latin for several years. All form masters in those days were required to instruct their own forms in Religious Education once a week. Fred's morning assemblies and form assemblies were gems of moral instruction, always based on sound Christian principle which he himself has rigorously followed all his life. Never quirk to chastise, he yet forthrightly disparaged unacceptable behaviour or intent. A straight admonition from Fred was sufficient to encourage a better ethic. During some years, being the sportsman he is, he was asked to help in physical education by taking Gym classes. I dare say some members of the profession today would raise a questioning eyebrow if asked to do the same.

In his English teaching, Fred Dewhurst has always been an inspiring example: a careful researcher, his lessons never lacked accurate information; he demanded as he always did in music lessons, precision and control in speech and writing; he was adamant about sound syntax and correct pronunciation; he could never abide neologisms nor slang, and to this day will not admit a 'different to' or a 'different than' no more than he will accept 'contact' as a verb, even though the Oxford Dictionary and Webster reluctantly consider them permissible. Fred maintained the classic tradition in all his literature lessons maintaining that Shakespeare and Milton, the metaphysicals and the Augustan age formed a better basis for literary appreciation than many modern authors. He always thought it a pity that some of today's third and fourth formers, well read though they may be in modern novels and twentieth century verse, had never enjoyed 'L'Allegro' or 'Il Penseroso' or been inspired by the verbal extravagance of Browning's 'Fra Lippo-Lippi' or puzzled by the involved word movement of 'A Toccata at Galuppi's'. Fred has never been unwilling to share his knowledge and opinion as many of his former colleagues will vouch. A Wordsworthian reference, perhaps, or a forgotten biographical detail, or even a critical appraisal, would be considerably given in response to a colleague's ignorance. And one has only to scan the tables of results over the years both at 'O' and 'A' level, to realise that eight Senior English Masters' at Queen Elizabeth's under whom Fred has served — Messrs. Dr. Chapman, Allott, Crehan, Davies, Stevenson, Winders, Weeks and Taylor — have all testified to the merits of his wisdom and understanding.

Fred's extra-mural interests, too, impinged upon the lives of pupils at school, for the choir at St. Gabriels Church of England, Brownhill, where he has been organist since 1950, following his father before him, has always had a proportional composition of boys from Q.E.G.S. His insistence on musical order and the disciplined control good singing demands is inevitably reflected in the attitudes of all participants. The tenets involved in training a choir are naturally absorbed into other realms of life. In 1949 T. L. Duerden, Esq., organist at Blackburn Cathedral asked Mr. Dewhurst to become assistant organist at the Cathedral and from 1950-1980, Fred performed that office with vigour and skill, especially after the installation of the new organ in the enlarged Cathedral. There are many of us still relishing in our memories of the clarion calls in the descants and the deep diapason notes at annual Founders' Day services. Mr. Dewhurst is a Blackburn

A.G.M.: TRIBUTE TO RETIRING PRESIDENT

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION — BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JULY, 1984

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
NET ASSETS				
Lammack Ground at cost less sales		1,207.77		1,208
INVESTMENTS AT COST				
£1,250 4% Consols (Market Value £448)	1,160.60		1,161	
£650 8¼% Barclays Bank plc Unsecured Loan 1986/93 (Market Value £509)	582.59		582	
£1,963.73 13½% Exchequer Stock 1992	—		1,750	
£2,421.58 8¼% Treasury Stock 1987/90 (Market Value £2,055)	2,230.62		—	
£2,879.07 6¾% Treasury Stock 1995/98 (Market Value £1,958)	2,230.62		—	
		6,204.43		3,493
LOAN TO Q.E.G.S.		6,000.00		5,000
DEBTORS: Ground Rent	5.00			
Advertisers	220.00			
		225.00		245
CASH AT SAVINGS BANK		268.50		252
CASH AT LLOYDS BANK		2,302.44		2,765
		16,208.14		12,963
CREDITORS: Printers	950.00		985	
Inland Revenue	69.54		80	
Postage	140.00		131	
		1,159.54		1,196
		15,048.60		11,767
REPRESENTED BY:				
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND		1,207.77		1,208
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1983	8,482.50		6,837	
Plus New Members	2,846.02		1,650	
	11,328.52		8,487	
Less Deletions and Caution Refunds	159.45		4	
		11,169.07		8,483
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1983	2,076.29		1,786	
Surplus for the year	84.24		290	
Surplus on Sale of Investments	511.23		—	
		2,671.76		2,076
		15,048.60		11,767

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION — INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1984

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions		873.28		900
Released from Life Membership Fund		9.45		4
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS				
4% Consols	50.00		50	
8¼% Barclays Bank - Loan	53.63		54	
13½% Exchequer Stock	132.55		265	
6¾% Treasury Stock 1995/98	97.16		—	
8¼% Treasury Stock 1987/90	99.89		—	
	433.23		369	
Less Tax	129.95		111	
	303.28		258	
Bank Interest	131.25		134	
		434.53		392
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND RENT		5.00		5
PROFIT ON ANNUAL DINNER		49.48		139
		1,371.74		1,440
EXPENDITURE				
General Expenses	74.40		76	
Postages	131.90		111	
Magister	861.66		734	
Corporation Tax	69.54		79	
Subscription to ISIS Association	150.00		150	
		1,287.50		1,150
SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUND		84.24		290

Honorary Auditors' Report year ended 31st July, 1984

We examined the above accounts, which are in accordance with the information supplied to us, and give a true and correct record of the transactions for the year ended 31st July, 1984 and of the state of affairs at that date.

Blackburn, 5th September, 1984

W. HARE/R. B. HOLDEN, Chartered Accountants.

THE 56th Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Tuesday the 27th November, 1984.

Mr. R. Smith was in the chair and twenty-one members were present. Apologies were received from Messrs. P. W. Sumner, R. Smethurst and H. Isherwood.

Secretary's Report

Two committee meetings had been held at the Football Club and the School respectively and the Secretary thanked the Club and School for their hospitality and in particular, thanked the Headmaster and the staff for the generous assistance given to the Association. Thanks were recorded to the Officers and Committee and in particular John Read and the Dinner Sub Committee and Peter Pearson for "Magister", both of which had been their usual successes. In thanking the Treasurer, Mr. Fred Gillibrand, the Secretary informed the meeting that the investments discussed at the previous Annual General Meeting had been made and the Committee had also felt it desirable to have the facility to invest in building societies and hence the proposed change of rules. The Secretary also thanked the Headmaster for keeping the Association informed of developments at School and in particular informed the meeting that the Association had offered its support to the School in its appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the swimming hall at Lammack. During the year resignations had been received from Mr. Norman Jepson, Mr. Herbert Isherwood from the Committee, and Doctor Tom Riley from the Committee and as a Trustee, the meeting recorded its thanks to these people for their efforts on behalf of the Association over many years. The Secretary also informed the meeting that the President, Mr. Eric Sagar, had indicated his wish to resign and that the Committee had reluctantly accepted this. Mr. Sagar was thanked for his not inconsiderable efforts for the Association over many years and in particular his six years as president. The Secretary was pleased to inform the meeting that Mr. Sagar had indicated his desire to remain on the Committee.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer explained that although the excess of income over-expenditure was lower than last year he still felt the accounts were in a healthy position, and the balance sheets reflected the increase of new life members particularly from recent school leavers.

The Annual Dinner

John Read once again reported a maximum attendance having had to refuse eleven people who had submitted their applications for tickets after the closing date. However, the number of young members attending seemed to be fewer. He felt the Dinner and the arrangements had run more smoothly than the previous year and was pleased to report that he had received no complaints. The timing of the meal and the length of the speeches had enabled members more time in the bar so much so that it had run out of beer. The arrangements for the 1984 Dinner were in hand and new caterers had been appointed who he hoped would prove successful.

Although the Committee had hoped, in some way, at the Annual Dinner, to recognise the retirement of Fred Bury from the School staff, it seemed that it was unlikely that he would be attending the Dinner. The Secretary had written to Mr. Bury recording the Association's best wishes and thanks for his services to the Association and had also expressed the hope that he would be able to attend the dinner.

Sport

In the absence of the Football Club Chairman, the Secretary gave a brief report to the effect that the previous season's results and activities had been reported in "Magister". Unfortunately non of the teams had made a very successful start to the present season, although the Club had won the annual seven-a-side competition. Socially the Football Club continued to flourish.

Ray Smith informed the meeting that the 1985 golf competition would be held on the 13th June at Wilpshire Golf Club.

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LONDON A.G.M. AND DINNER

THE Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting of the London Branch of the O.B.A. was held on Friday, 29th March, 1985 at the R.A.F. Club in Piccadilly which has been a popular venue in the past and proved to be so again.

The number of people attending totalled 27 including four popular and welcome guests from Blackburn.

Mr. Kay reported the news from school which was, as always, received with keen interest and the reply was given by the new Chairman of the London Branch, Jim Grant.

Paul Isherwood who has been Branch Secretary for the past three years was warmly thanked for his sterling services and his successor is Neil Dickinson.

Members attending: Messrs. J. K. Grant, D. I. Bradshaw, M. Stirrup, S. Pomfret, H. Stancliffe, M. I. Duxbury, R. Vipond, J. Lee, C. R. Hunt, G. J. Charnley, P. Isherwood, N. A. Dickinson, J. S. Allen, D. Vipond and Dorothy M. Marsden.

From Blackburn: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kay, Mr. J. Monk, Mr. H. Burrows.

NEW VENUE FOR YORKSHIRE DINNER

IN past years the Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening has been held at the Hotel St. Georges, Harrogate, but due to declining support, the Ladies Evening held on Friday, 26th April, 1985 was in the beautiful home of Desmond and Rosemary Carr in Knaresborough overlooking the picturesque Nidd Valley.

An excellent buffet meal was provided by professional caterers and the informal atmosphere created was much appreciated, being highlighted by the Headmasters 'State of the Nation' report.

Following a sincere vote of thanks to the hosts for their generosity, it has been confirmed that the same venue will be available for the Ladies Evening on Friday, 25th April, 1986.

Those attending were: The Headmaster and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whittle, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sager, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. B. Park, Mr. and Mrs. C. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shuttleworth, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sharratt, Mr. and Mrs. P. Rowson, Councillor and Mrs. A. McCarroll, Mrs. Leighton and Mr. C. M. Sloan.

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kay and Mr. and Mrs. F. Gillibrand.

CHESHIRE DINNER

THE Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Dinner was held once again at the Bowden Hotel, Cheshire on Friday, 12th October, 1984.

Harold Ramsbottom, Secretary of the branch and organiser of the evening proposed the loyal toast and tendered apologies from nine members unable to attend.

The Headmaster gave a brief report on activities at school and recent successes.

Those attending were: Messrs. B. Batey, T. S. Hindle, D. M. Martin, H. Morris, J. C. Pearson, E. Taylor, H. Ramsbottom.

From School: Messrs. P. F. Johnston, E. J. Kay, R. Smith, F. Gillibrand.

CAMBRIDGE DINNER

THE fourth Annual Dinner of the revived Cambridge Branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held on Friday, 23rd November, 1984 in the Small Hall, Clare College. The Dinner was attended by 25 people, including the Headmaster, Mr. P. F. Johnston, and Mr. E. C. Marsden, Chairman of Governors. The guest of the School was Dr. G. H. Wright M.A., M.D., a Fellow of Clare College.

It was a most enjoyable evening, and following an excellent meal the Headmaster spoke on behalf of the School and reviewed the year's activities.

Mr. E. J. Kay, speaking for the Old Blackburnians Association, emphasised the need to ensure that the branch continued to flourish and Dr. Wright told humorous anecdotes about college life, and the history of Clare College.

Miss S. Done proposed the vote of thanks.

Guests attending were, from Blackburn: The Headmaster and Mrs. Johnston, F. Gillibrand, E. J. Kay, E. C. Marsden, R. Smith and E. J. Whittle.

From the University: S. J. Baines, A. J. Bate, S. R. Boardman, Sarah Clarke, Susan Done, Alexandra H. A. Dugdale, S. W. Hacking, Katherine Jones, J. F. Kedward, I. J. Sherlock, R. H. Webster, N. J. Whittle.

From Cambridge and elsewhere: C. E. S. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Heald, Squadron-Leader R. B. Lamb, P. D. Simm.

DIARY OF EVENTS

1985

Sept. 17th—O.B.A. Committee Meeting, Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S. 8 pm.

Oct. 11th—Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Dinner, Bowden Hotel, Cheshire.

Oct. 22nd—London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street (off Regent Street), (Oxford Circus tube), London, from 6.30 p.m.

Oct. 25th—Oxford Branch Dinner, The Hall, Exeter College, Oxford, 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

Nov. 22nd—Cambridge Branch Dinner, the Borradaile Room, Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Nov. 26th—O.B.A. Annual General Meeting in the Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S., 8 p.m.

Nov. 29th—London Branch Buffet Evening (informal). The London Corinthian Sailing Club, Linden House, Hammersmith.

Dec. 21st—O.B.A. Annual Dinner, Big School, Q.E.G.S. 7 p.m. for 7.15 p.m.

1986

Jan. 21st—London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street, London.

Feb.—North Eastern Branch Dinner.

Mar. 7th—London Branch A.G.M. and Ladies' Evening, R.A.F. Club, 138 Piccadilly, London. W1.

Apr. 25th—Yorkshire Branch Ladies' Evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carr, Scotton Orchards, Lands Lane, Knaresborough.

Apr. 29th—London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street, London, from 6.30 p.m.

May 22nd—Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies' Evening, Executive Suite, Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire.

Further details from E. J. Kay, Esq., Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn.

CHECK IF THERE'S A BRANCH NEAR YOU

WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, and London area and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

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Old Boys will be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary. For further information, Old Boys in Canada should contact Dr. J. Roger Maltby, Box 59, Site 2 SS3, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 3N9, Canada.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

IN JULY, 1950, I left Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School to go to college. While I was there my parents moved to Northumberland and I never returned to Blackburn.

This meant that I lost touch with the friends I made at school. Now I would like to trace three particular friends and find out how they fared.

If any readers know the whereabouts of John Scott Allan, James Lancaster, and James Shaw I would be most grateful if they could let me know.

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CARCASSONNE '85 . . . sans "Queggies"

THE following article is written by **Bill Standfield**, ex. Q.E.G.S. teacher extraordinaire of French and P.E. Bill is now exiled in France, in the town of Carcassonne, birth-place of his wife **Janine**, but has regular contact with friends, ex-colleagues and little "Queggies", except this year (Easter 1985) when because of lack of numbers the trip didn't run. The Carcassonne trip was the brain-child of Bill and has been running for 16 years.

Bill misses Q.E.G.S. a lot and above all would love to hear from any colleagues and O.B.'s who may remember him. Please write to him at: **Plaine Mayrevieille, 11000 Carcassonne, France.**

Pâques 1985 — triste époque, aussi bien pour l'Auberge de la Jeunesse, habituée à recevoir professeurs et élèves bien élevés de QEGS, que le vendeur de glaces et le patron du café de la Cité, pour Mme DEVEZE notre fidèle guide des remparts, pour Monsieur BIAU, enseignants et élèves du Collège de TREBES, et, bien évidemment, pour votre serviteur, ravi chaque année de revoir anciens collègues et petits "Queggies" dans ma ville et dans mon département adoptifs depuis 1972.

Pour les abonnés au "Blackburn" qui tiennent des archives, l'on peut constater que le voyage annuel a démarré en 1970 par le déplacement d'une équipe de gymnastique au village de RIEUX-MINERVOIS. Le No.10, Volume 15 de Septembre 1971 raconte le "mariage" entre la gymnastique et l'étude de la langue française — page 13 la photo de famille avec la moscotte, mon fils Mark devant . . . cette année à 21 ans, prêt à entamer sa troisième année de formation d'instituteur; l'on aperçoit aussi le chauffeur, John ROWNTREE, fidèle lui-aussi chaque année depuis, avec des autocars de plus en plus grands (je n'ai rien dit sur la fiabilité — demander à Harry INGHAM!)

Lorsque j'ai été "exilé" à Carcassonne. Messieurs JACKSON et HOLTATE ont continué l'entreprise, aidés et accompagnés par divers collègues, y comprises de charmantes dames (qui servaient comme mamans et infirmières pour les petits!) — dans le dernier No.4, Volume 16 le surnom de Monsieur BENNET est resté pour l'éternité peut être inscrit dans le sable.

Au fil des années la forme du séjour a été modifiée, améliorée: la connaissance de notre belle région — plaines, plages, montagnes, gorges, grottes, châteaux cathares et la Cité de Carcassonne; l'approfondissement de l'apprentissage de la langue française, contacts avec les indigènes — l'accent français du Midi correspondant admirablement avec l'accent de Lancashire (mais non pas le climat!).

L'Auberge aussi a vu des changements: un bâtiment vétuste, avec une ancienne chapelle (salle de ping-pong!) qui menaçait de tomber sur nos têtes, transformé en auberge de luxe 5 étoiles — salle de séjour, salle d'activités, grande salle à manger, chambres de 4 à 6 lits avec 2 lavabos (toilettes à proximité . . . détente de faire pi-pi dans les lavabos!) et de grands placards (malgré lesquels les Queggies ne sont pas toujours les champions du rangement) — tout cela en plein cœur de la Cité de Carcassonne.

Je fais déjà de la publicité pour CARCASSONNE '86 — demander à voir la brochure sur l'Auberge et la région, que je mets à la disposition du "French Department", lors des journées "portes-ouvertes", aux réunions parents-professeurs.

Outre les collègues je tiens particulièrement à voir en '86 deux élèves: le "petit" HOLTATE; et le "petit" THISTLETHWAITE — tant pis si les français n'arrivent pas à prononcer son nom . . . son père c'est un vieux copain, un frère que je n'ai pas vu depuis 20 ans! Et pourquoi pas inviter (en payant!) des parents ou des collègues en retraite au voyage?

Pour les lecteurs qui m'ont connu, anciens collègues, anciens élèves (65-72) on élèves qui sont venus à Carcassonne depuis 1972 je dis d'abord "Bonjour et Salut!" et ajoute quelques nouvelles — des bonnes et des mauvaises:

- nous avons eu un deuxième fils en 1981 . . . son grand frère, à 17 ans, tirait la poussette derrière sa moto!
- j'ai pris la nationalité française (mars 85) — double nationalité, donc; j'ai demandé d'être exempté de faire le service militaire!
- malgré l'Europe et la CEE, la France ne reconnaît toujours pas "nos" diplômes et titres d'enseignement (Cert. Ed.) — je suis encore Maître Auxiliaire, autorisé à enseigner l'EPS . . . non pas le latin, grec — ni même l'anglais; aux deux élections européennes je n'ai pas eu le droit de voter ni en G.B., ni en France. Connaissez-vous des députés européens?
- je me suis toujours occupé de gymnastique et de montagne; membre de Club Alpin Français nous avons des sommets de 3,000m (9 à 10,000 pieds) à proximité; membre de la Commission Nationale Scolaire de Gymnastique; entraîneur bénévole d'un club de gym. (ville) de 110 membres masculins.
- mais, vieux et "usé" j'ai quelques problèmes de santé: discopathie lombaire qui me gêne depuis 1978; double hernie discale cervicale, dont une opérée (mars 85), l'autre "en attente" . . . incapable de continuer le métier de prof. de gym!
- des lois et décrets qui me donnent droit, en tant que prof. dans l'enseignement privé sous contrat (state aided), à un reclassement professionnel auprès

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THOUGHTS FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

or . . . "WHEN IS A CENTENARY NOT A CENTENARY?"

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

our proposed development!! However, a most exciting scheme which will enable the school to have a proper quadrangle linked to the old front of the school and to the masters' common room, will provide so much better accommodation than has been possible heretofore. Not that anyone should assume that luxurious buildings of boarding school type are being provided at horrendous cost.

We are for the very first time to provide the school with a proper reception area to replace, what, after all, is the entrance to the former headmaster's house: nor has any school of this standing, in my experience anyway, ever lacked for a library, which we are now providing, together with ancillary classrooms for specialist teaching in a wide range of Arts subjects, equivalent to the splendored Science facilities already extant in the Holden laboratories. I very much hope that Old Blackburnians will at the appropriate time, dig deeply into their capacious pockets to contribute to the appeal which will have to be launched to provide for the swimming pool, the sports hall and other much needed necessities!

Meanwhile, the school continues about its way with the usual excitements of distinctions gained by former pupils, new records established, new faces in the Common Room, computers lurking in the Bursar's office, and the usual paraphernalia associated with the joys, pleasures, and sometimes sorrows of dealing

with young lives, male and female, whom we ever try to launch out into an ever-more confused and confusing world.

I believe that many past pupils would not actually sense much difference in the school from their own day, other than the presence of girls, in itself something which gladdens the eye! Occasionally, the far off swish of bamboo, the gentle bubbling of chemicals under Mr. Metcalf's eagle eye, the odiferous smells from the kitchen, chalk dust and gown inextricably woven together, and the gentle murmur of teacher and taught on an Autumnal afternoon when a late summer has suddenly decided to visit the old school.

Still the queries come in, this one for a boy to enter in 1991, that one to ask if a turban might be worn, the ever increasing—and commendably so—usage of our splendid facilities by local organisations with charitable aims in mind, the measured step of begowned headmaster, the piping treble of angelic voices, and the stentorian bellow of angered academic, irritated beyond measure by a foolish boy . . . Long may our corridors echo to the tread of those whose parents wish them to learn, whose staff are anxious to teach them, and whose governors and Old Blackburnians survive to support the Head Master and his team in the never-ending task of bringing the skilled brain of an academic to the virgin field of willing, but untutored mind!!

MANAGER ON THE MOVE

MR. PETER HOULDSWORTH (1945-49) has been appointed as the new manager of Barclay's branch in Crossgates, Leeds.

He joined Martins Bank, now merged with Barclays in Blackburn in 1949, and has been manager of the bank's branch in Garforth, near Leeds for four years.

Whilst in Blackburn, Peter was Vice-president of the Blackburn Junior Chamber of Commerce, assistant treasurer of Blackburn Civic Society, and played football for the Old Boys 1st XI.

ROGER SMETHURST

OLD Blackburnian Committee Member, Roger Smethurst (1955-62) has been appointed to the board of Gaskell and Company (Bacup) Ltd., a subsidiary of the Gaskell-Broadloom Group of Companies.

He has been with the group for the past twenty-three years and becomes Works Director of Rhoden Mill, Oswaldtwistle.

ON THE BOARD — AT 27

MR. MICHAEL BARTON (1968-74) has been appointed to the board of Cheshire based electronics company, Solidate of Sandbach, as financial director. He previously worked for the company's chartered accountants Deloitte, Haskins and Sells.

Michael is married and lives at Meins Road.

APPOINTED DIRECTOR

JOHN THRELFALL (1952-55) was appointed Director, Colchester Institute from 1st January, 1985. After leaving school, John obtained a B.Sc. (Eng.) at Imperial College, London, before joining English Electric, where he spent four years, two as assistant to the works manager on experimental aircraft. He followed this by becoming senior lecturer in mechanical engineering at the John Dalton College of Technology, Manchester.

Before taking up his appointment at Colchester, John was Vice-principal at Reading College of Technology.

His new address is: Lyncombe, Church Road, Layer-de-la-Haye, Colchester, Essex.



WALTER H. SHARRATT
(1948/53)

APPOINTED Group Administration Manager with Extel plc in London. The Company has a turnover of £150 million and employs about 3,500 staff in printing-publishing-sporting/financial news—supply of microcomputer services and advertising/public relations.

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Married with a grown-up son and daughter, Mr. Sharratt is a Fellow of the British Institute of Management (currently Chairman of Northamptonshire Branch) and a member of the Institute of Personnel Management.

Previous appointments have included 12 years with Avon Cosmetics, General Management and Consultancy.



BROTHERS MARRIED

IN September 1985, Dr. H. Howard Cook (1967-74), elder son of Harry and Florence Cook of Wilpshire, married Dr. Linda K. Bell.

The ceremony was held in Balliol College Chapel, followed by a reception in the College Hall.

They met at Oxford, while Howard was an engineering student at Balliol College, while Linda (St. Ann's) studied Chemistry.

Linda works for I.C.I. at Welwyn Garden City and Howard works for B.P. International in London. Their home is in Harpenden.

HOWARD'S younger brother Dr. Martin C. Cook (1968-75) married Miss Christine Driver, in March 1985.

They met at Burnley General Hospital, where Christine was a midwifery sister.

Their wedding took place at Sutton-in-Craven, followed by a reception at Stirk House Hotel.

Martin recently joined a team of G.P.'s at Blackpool and Christine has taken a post at Blackpool Victoria Hospital.



Barry Brown with friends.



MEMORABLE EVENING FOR TWO STALWARTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FEWER younger members than usual attended the annual dinner in Big School despite the reduced price. Dinner organiser, John Read, put down the drop in numbers to an earlier date which meant, in many cases, university terms had not concluded.

There were however 10 recent school leavers, half of whom were ladies, included in the total of 145 who sat down to dinner.

The reduction in overall numbers meant there was more space in Big School to move about, although the hall itself still seemed full.

There were five guests and one special guest of the Association at the dinner, but unfortunately, the then recently elected president of the OBA, Sir Kenneth Durham, chairman of Unilever, was called to a meeting abroad the day previously and had to miss the dinner. He sent apologies and expressed his intention to be at this year's meal.

One charming feature of last year's dinner was the chance for two stalwarts of the Association to be with their children: School head of chemistry, Ellis Metcalfe with his son, Christopher, in his capacity as head boy; and committeeman Keith Newton with his daughter Julia, as head girl. They are pictured on this page.

An overall excess of income over expenditure of £45.54 compared with the previous year's £49.48. The chief guest was the Member of Parliament for the Fylde, Sir Edward Gardner, QC, with the Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor C. West, and the Assistant District Education Officer for Blackburn, Mr. P. Willis, the other guests.

John Read reported general praise for the catering by The Larder, of Clitheroe, and the Old Blacks football committee provided their usual stout assistance with four men on bar duty from 6 a.m. In fact Phil Sumner, on behalf of the Old Blacks had donated three bottles of wine for top-table guests.

The headmaster was rightly singled out for thanks by John Read for entertaining the guests as usual with pre-prandial hospitality. He had carried out this service for many years under particularly trying circumstances, reported John.

The night was a particular triumph for the treasurer Fred Gillibrand: Two life subscriptions and 10 annual subscriptions were drawn—a total of £80.



OBA Treasurer Fred Gillibrand (foreground) chatting at the bar.



Geoff Greenhalgh, Michael Thompson and OBA committeeman Eric Fairhurst.



From left: Mick Summer, John Forbes, David Forbes, Peter Forbes and Richard Ranson.



The Newtons from left to right: Don, Julia, Keith and Iain.



From left: Derek M. Cox, Bill Proctor (in background), Peter W. Hobkirk and John D. S. Wishart.



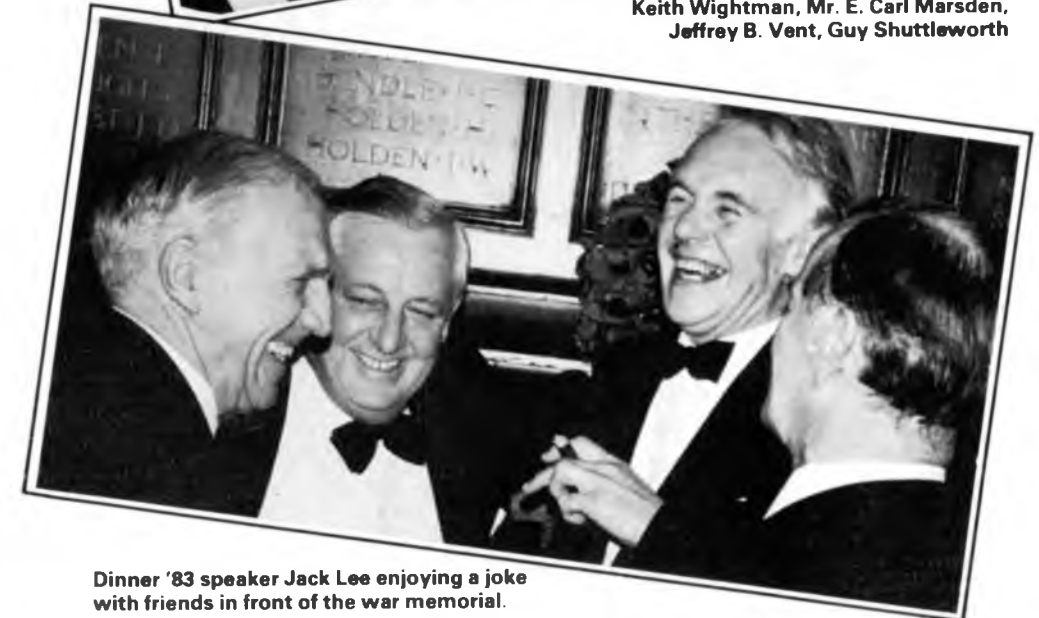
The Very Reverend Laurence Jackson, Arnold Sharples, Guy Shuttleworth, Peter Isherwood.



From left to right: Ellis Metcalfe with son Chris, the Headmaster and Julia and Keith Newton.



The Headmaster (left) with, from left: Councillor Clifford West; Sir Edward Gardner Keith Wightman, Mr. E. Carl Marsden, Jeffrey B. Vent, Guy Shuttleworth



Dinner '83 speaker Jack Lee enjoying a joke with friends in front of the war memorial.

Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire Retires

AFTER nearly 45 years in local government, Keith Robinson, Hampshire County Chief Executive has retired.

Just before he retired he was made a Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, being appointed as such by the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

He will not be entirely idle in retirement as he has become a self-employed Consultant (Management Consultant) on a part-time basis. This however should not interfere with his fishing and family commitments (five grandchildren and two on the way). He will remain on the board of three theatres (in Southampton, Salisbury and Portsmouth) and retain various other interests.

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Records

Mr. Proctor confirmed that he continued to collect such material as came to him, and also confirmed that the Governors had agreed to assist John Duckworth as much as possible with his proposed updating of the School history.

Branch Activities

The usual branch activities had been held and attended by various representatives from the Association and School.

Election of Officers and Committee

As the secretary had reported Mr. J. E. Sagar had tendered his resignation and this was reluctantly accepted by the meeting. The Chairman paid further tribute to Mr. Sagar and thanked him for his support and work for the Association. He trusted that Mr. Sagar had enjoyed his six years as President, and Mr. Sagar replied that he most certainly had. Following consideration by the Committee the name of Doctor Kenneth Durham had been proposed, and the Headmaster had previously put the proposal to him. Doctor Durham indicated he would be delighted to be considered for this position, and there being no other proposals he was duly elected. The Headmaster reminded the meeting that Doctor Durham was the Chairman of Unilever International and a Director of British Aerospace and various national and international companies. He had recently been made an honorary Doctor of Law at Manchester University.

Mr. Roger Smith having completed his two years as Chairman stood down and in doing so proposed Mr. Keith Wightman to replace him. The Secretary, on behalf of the Association, thanked Mr. Smith for his work as Chairman and in particular for the assistance given to him. There being no other nominations Mr. Keith Wightman was duly elected.

Mr. Peter Pearson was elected Vice-chairman, Mr. D. I. Forbes was re-elected as Secretary, and Mr. F. Gillibrand was re-elected as Treasurer. The auditors Messrs. W. Hare and R. B. Holden were also re-elected.

The following were duly elected to the committee: B. Brown, H. Burrows, H. Dabbs, J. Duckworth, E. Fairhurst, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E. J. Kay, E. C. Marsden, S. J. Monk, I. D. Newton, K. V. Newton, W. H. Proctor, Mrs. C. L. Read, J. S. Read, J. E. Sagar, R. Smethurst, R. Smith, R. B. Smith, W. E. T. Walsh, J. Warner.

Ex officio: P. F. Johnston (Headmaster), P. W. Sumner (Chairman of Football Club).

Change of Rules

It was resolved to change the rules of the Association to allow the Treasurer of the Association under the direction of the Committee to invest surplus funds in trustee securities, building societies, or by way of loan to the governing body of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School or by way of loan or gift to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Development Trust Fund, or any combination thereof.

Subscriptions

It was resolved that these should remain the same at £2.00 per year or £30.00 for life membership.

SUCSESSES

JOHN VERITY.

John has gained a Master of Education degree at Manchester University. John took his first degree, a BA in multicultural education through the Open University. He works in Bury, teaching English to Asian Children.

BRIAN BIRTWISTLE

A new team to run Central Lancashire New Town's remaining multi-million pound assets after the development corporation is wound up is being set up by the Government. Heading the new administration will be Brian Birtwistle, the development corporation's chief legal and liaison officer. He has been appointed executive officer in charge from the still-undecided hand-over date by the Government-sponsored New Towns Commission.

ANJALI DURGE

Anjali Durge, 18, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. G. Durge, Goodshaw Avenue, Blackburn, has been awarded the London Academy of Acting Bronze Medal.

KEITH BOWSKILL

Keith Bowskill has been promoted to inspector with the North Yorkshire police. He started his police career with the Lancashire force in 1969. In 1975 he moved to Scarborough and was promoted to sergeant at Selby in 1978.

Any Other Business

Mr. Eric Kay took up the point mentioned by John Read as to the small number of recent school leavers attending the Dinner and said that his daughter had given some indication that it was felt that the recent school leavers did not particularly enjoy a function such as the Annual Dinner. She felt that if a Dinner and Disco could be organised for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year leavers, it would be well attended. It was agreed that the Association should support such a venture and that if necessary assist financially. Mr. Kay agreed to report back to his daughter and would endeavour to obtain some facts and figures for the Committee Meeting in January.

Mr. John Duckworth suggested that the Association might benefit by having a publicity officer and the meeting unanimously agreed that he was just the person for the job. He was duly given this position.

The Chairman of Governors confirmed that the planning appeal was in the hands of the school Solicitors and Architects and that they seemed satisfied with the response they had received from the Association in support of such appeal.

The Treasurer reported that in the past the Association had made a donation to the School speech day prize fund and it was agreed that this should continue and indeed be increased to £50.00.

On the question of the investments it was suggested that a further addition to the loan to the School might be made. Mr. E. C. Marsden in his capacity as Chairman of the Governors readily confirmed that the School was most appreciative of the Association's generosity, but as a member of the Committee felt the Committee should not in any way become bound by tradition to increase the loan each year and should only do so if it felt its financial position from year to year, supported such action being taken. It was agreed that the Committee would further consider investments including the question of increasing the loan. The Headmaster indicated that included in the School's development proposals, were the provisions of rooms primarily for social activities and he felt that the Association might wish to consider financing the furnishings of one of such rooms and it to be known as the "Old Blackburnians' Lounge". It was agreed that this matter should be given further consideration by the Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm with a vote of thanks and congratulations to the new Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

It may interest your readers to know that I have recently been elected a Fellow of the Textile Institute.

Having been employed in the textile and clothing industries for most of my working life, I am now Chairman and Chief Executive of Woodrow Universal Ltd, Keighley, W. Yorks—the textile manufacturing division of GUS PLC; Chairman of Polikoff-Universal Ltd., Treorchy, Rhonda, S. Wales—one of the largest men's and youth's clothing manufacturing factories in Europe and Chairman of Barratts of Staffordshire Ltd.—manufacturers of earthenware pottery. The last two companies also being subsidiaries of GUS PLC.

I was at school from 1940-45 and remember well Dr. Tyler and Mr. Kennedy (Spike)—to whom I owe my facility with numbers!

My son Simon M. Allen was also at school from 1977-1984 when he left to read for an honours degree in Archaeology at Durham University—Van Lulbert College.

ERNEST ALLEN.

Dear Editor,

Our son Peter John L. Searle B.A. (1966-73) was married on August 4th, 1985 at St. John's Church, Flixton, Manchester, to Margaret Susan Green, B.Ed. They are both on the teaching staff of Rishworth School, West Yorkshire, where they have taught since 1978. Peter is Deputy Head of the Preparatory School, Heathfield. Peter's best-man was also an old boy of Q.E.G.S. William Haworth, B.A., a student at the school at the same time.

M. and R. J. SEARLE.

Dear Editor,

Very many thanks for "Magister". It made me, this past weekend, almost feel that I was living in Blackburn!

What a heap of enthusiastic work must go into its compiling, and what a picture it gives of the stream of talent that pours from this school. Good value indeed.

Naturally as one becomes more antique the numbers of those whom one remembers and who are still alive dwindles yearly, but it was good to recognise the names (from 1921-23) of Croasdale, Schollick and Burrows, and to realise that I have practically achieved immortality by smacking C. E. Winson's face with my left hand. Although you doubtless deserved it Winson, I do apologise!

All power to the Editorial elbow!

H. G. FIELD.

THE EAST INDIA CLUB

FOLLOWING an initiative by the Association in 1983, the Queen Elizabeth's shield now hangs in a prominent position amongst the other Public School badges on the main staircase of the East India Club.

This is a West End Club of some standing with 4,500 members of all ages and from almost all walks of life. In a very attractive club house, situated right in the centre of London in St. James's Square.

It is normally quite difficult to be nominated for membership but any Old Blackburnian, upon the personal recommendation of the Headmaster, can join under the J/7 scheme. This provides recent leavers with the full membership of a top London Club at a purely token subscription rate of £9 per year for seven years and no second year for membership is required.

The Headmaster would be delighted to support any application for membership of the Club.

INAUGURAL STUDENTS' DINNER

THE inaugural dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Students was held at the Moat House Hotel, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 13th, 1985, and was aimed at attracting students who have left school during the past five years and who are members of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

An invitation was also extended to current members of the second year sixth form who would be leaving school in the summer.

Formality was kept to a minimum and following an excellent four-course meal, a disco was held.

Mr. E. J. Kay representing the Old Blackburnians' Association welcomed the students and the Headmaster thanked Christine Kay for her efforts in organising the evening.

In all 82 people attended the function, including 35 members of the current sixth form.

The evening was voted a great success and as continuity towards this becoming an annual event, next year's venue has already been arranged at the Trafalgar Hotel, Samlesbury, for Friday, 14th April, 1986. Your contacts and organisers are Chris Metcalfe and Julia Newton.



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“WILD BILL PROCTOR”

CANADA 1985

Stampede! Within what seemed only hours of leaving the dull, overcast sky of Manchester Airport, we were thrust into the hot, sunlit morning of the opening parade of the Calgary Stampede. For three and a half hours we beheld, from the steps of the Municipal Buildings, the unending lines of horses, flower-decked floats, fast-stepping bands, streams of lovingly maintained veteran cars, police corps displays, fire trucks, tribes of Indians, serried ranks of R.C.M.P., specially invited guests (Mohammed Ali in the longest American automobile you ever saw, Sir Edmund Hilary in a neat horse-drawn carriage), gaily-dressed clowns who paraded the main avenues of the town, distributing balloons, stickers, fire crackers and candies to delighted children, and all the past presidents of the Calgary Stampede finely mounted on carefully groomed bays and palominos. In spite of its modernity, huge skyscrapers and vast office blocks, Calgary remains a horse town. An amazing contrast, all the international business atmosphere of the city centre yet everybody wears a cowboy hat and loves to see a bronco broken. Every homestead in the surrounding countryside boasts its specialised or thoroughbred horses. Indeed everything about Canada astounds you: the incredible distances along straight highways, the high summer temperatures (88°F - 92°F whilst we were there), the loneliness of the prairie, the saw-toothed jaggedness of the mountains, jagged because the Rockies are a recent geological creation, their upheaval from the earth being a mere 50 million years ago, the gigantic size of the air-conditioned shopping malls, the multitudinous varieties of ice-cream, the excellence of the coffee (you cannot get a bad cup of coffee in Canada), the size of the beefsteaks and the uninhibited friendliness of the people.

We stayed with the Ashcrofts and Pilkingtons in Calgary. We enjoyed the free breakfasts given by corporations and businesses during Stampede Week (6,000 people attended ours!) and the remaining performances at the Stampede grounds. We talked to native Indians. I never before realised the significance of the Rain Dance, but having trodden the wide open spaces of the tinder-dry prairie, I knew why the plea of the song was specially directed towards the formation of rain clouds. On that sultry afternoon, one Indian Chief had abandoned his visitors to take siesta. The call came from the leader of the dance: “If Chief Ed Bad Eagle will get himself down to the Sun Lodge, we’ll begin the rain dance”. I always imagined the ‘reservations’ as small enclosures for a few tepees, specially fenced and protected for the sole use of the natives. The one we passed on the outskirts of Calgary was 700m long and 200m broad!

From Calgary we made our way round the corner, as it were, to Trochu, a mere eighty miles to where Dr. Roy Ashcroft practises as veterinary surgeon. A little more leisurely here at his new home on the prairie, though we were fully occupied for the next few days. We were privileged to accompany Roy on his



W.H.P. mingling with the crowds at the Calgary Stampede.

veterinary duties, visiting remote farms to cure a prolapsed cow or on a nearer homestead tending a colt with a nasty barbed-wire gash on the knee. We were quests of the Hutterites, the religious community whose excellent farming methods are much admired. Then back to the clinic in Trochu to deal with the daily catalogue of domestic animal upsets. To be asked to deputise in the operation of spaying a cat was a bit of a surprise, I must admit, but all went well and the cat returned home healthy and well the following day. In the afternoons, we played dangerously, rather like teenagers given an unexpected half-day from school. We rode the white waters of the upper reaches of the Red Deer River; we paddled, Indian canoe fashion, from Buffalo Leap to the Tolman Bridge, a distance of eight miles, in the utter silence of the ‘Badlands’, stopping once only to scrutinize an early pioneer’s hut; we rode long miles from Drumheller, the site of much dinosaur excavation, down to Rosedale, where the best examples of ‘hoodoos’ are to be found, massive stone-pillared erosions that the Indians came to fear as disgruntled giants, and we motored home in the evening sun, which had gashed itself on the sharp teeth of the distant mountain tops and shed a blood-red glow down the full length of the valley. On the Sunday we were treated to a champagne breakfast. Typical of Dr. Roger Pilkington to add the final touch to our pleasure.

On Saturday, 11 July, the Annual Dinner of O.B.’s living in Alberta and British Columbia was held at the hotel on Lake Bonavista in Calgary. Doctors Roy Ashcroft, Alan Lomax, Roger Maltby, Roger Pilkington and myself were present. It seems incredible to all in Britain that O.B.’s in Canada are willing to travel such vast distances to renew annually their acquaintance and maintain the friend-

ships formed so many years ago at school. Perhaps because they are so far away from Blackburn they make special efforts to keep O.B.’s, Western Canada, thriving. A good meal and informal conversation about the school in particular and education in general was completed by joining the ladies in the dance lounge until the early hours. I must say here, that though I had not seen the O.B.’s in Canada for some 30 years, I found them quite unchanged, as likeable and Lancastrian as I knew them as schoolboys years ago. Their Englishness persists and their humour, particularly that of joke-a-minute Alan Lomax, is much appreciated by English and Canadians alike.

After the hectic activities of the past ten days, it was deemed we needed a more leisurely pace. The Pilkingtons drove us down to Banff, that lovely little town about the size of Clitheroe, in the National Park. From a comfortable mid-town hotel we had time to admire the beauties of the Rockies. For five days we explored the town and its environs, the Cave and Basin Hot Springs, the museums and the Indian trading post. We could contemplate the summits of Cascade Mountain and Rundle Mountain (so named after the first Methodist minister to reach Banff at the end of the last century) from our hotel window. We sampled the best restaurants but could rarely complete the meal. Those steaks on the rib and those ‘doubles’—steak and chicken, or trout and steak, or any combination of two meat dishes—were too much for us. We travelled further afield, visiting Kicking Horse Pass, Lake Louise, and the Crowfoot Glacier. We traced the Bow River to its source at Bow Lake, and climbed, by bus, the mountains on the eastern side of the Great Divide. The culmination of this marvellous journey through the Rockies was to go by snowcat vehicle to the highest point

on the Columbian Icefield, the largest glacier system in the whole of the north American Continent. We ate barbecue style in the forest, attended lectures in the open air on the geological structure of the Rocky Mountain range and the formation of the Bow River. We were bitten by mosquitoes and warned of the dangers of entering bear country. We saw mountain goats and elk, or 'moose' as they say, heard the lonely coyote whine in the distance and were told of the early pioneers' struggles in these remote mountains areas. We approved the efforts of nineteenth century conservationists, for without them the vast national parks of Banff and Jasper would not exist today. At the end of five days, the Ashcrofts arrived to set us on our journeyings again towards the Creston Valley in British Columbia.

The swirling waters of Marble Canyon demanded a mid-morning break, then on through Sinclair Gorge to Radium Hot Springs, the half-way stage where we were to meet Alan Lomax who was to conduct us on the remainder of the journey. Farewells to the Ashcrofts had to be brisk and then on to Fort Steele, the national Heritage Park recreation of the original settlement, Cranbrook and Creston Valley. In a different time zone by now we began to understand the demand for powerful engines, arm-chair seating and air-conditioning in all vehicles.

Creston was as different again as the Rockies were from the prairie country. Rich and fertile fruit-growing farms, gentler slopes to the hills, softer sunsets. A hazier, lazier atmosphere. A joy, again to see the accomplishments of conservationists at the Wildlife Interpretation Centre and their efforts to preserve the original characteristics of the old Kootenay river formation. Or to visit the trout farms, to ride the longest free vehicular ferry in the world across the storm-harrassed Kootenay Lake, or to drive through Summit Pass, where even the conifers shrink with cold and perish. We managed to reach the summit of Thompson Mountain in the Lomax Jeep (take note, Bob Killingbeck and Trevor Haworth) and I flew in Alan's plane down to Richmond, Idaho, for Sunday breakfast. What a pity we had no American dollars when the bill had to be paid!

Three days later we were on our way down the Lower Fraser Valley by Trans-Canadian Highway One to Vancouver Island and Victoria, the most typically English provincial capital in Canada. Twenty four hours to see the sights — Parliament Buildings, the Provincial Museum, the undersea gardens, the notable Butchart Gardens landscaped in the first instance from a disused quarry and the famous hotels in Victoria. Next day

TRIBUTE TO FRED DEWHURST

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

Archdeaconry Representative for the Royal School of Church Music and has often acted as Housemaster at instrumental courses at St. Elphin's, Darley Dale, and at other centres round about the diocese. Many O.B.'s think of Fred as an Old Blackburnian (as, of course, he is really, since the rules of the Association admit all members of staff as Old Blackburnians), rather than an Old Clitheronian, for he always plays the accompaniment at annual O.B.'s dinners. Not only the Association, but this magazine itself has cause to be grateful to Fred Dewhurst, for it is largely his production of the school's annual O.B.'s Newsletter under the auspices of Brian Kemball-



Old Boys' Dinner, Bonavista Hotel, Calgary, 11th July, 1985.
Dr. Alan Lomax, W.H.P., Dr. Roger Maltby, Dr. Roger Pilkington, Dr. Roy Ashcroft.

northwards to Nanaimo and Departure Bay for the two-hour ferry crossing to the city of Vancouver.

Vancouver is a lovely city, surrounded as it is by inlets and waterways. A freshness from the Pacific pervades the down-town streets and walkways. An ideal venue for Expo 86, which we visited, for most of the multi-national exhibits are already sited and the Expo dome complex functioning. By the end of July, 1985, some 200,000 visitors had paid to view Expo 86 and the amazing Omnimax Theatre where a huge hemispherical screen surrounds the 500 seat audience. Gigantic images, nine times larger than those shown on normal large cinema screens, engulf the audience with scenes and sounds from all sides. No sojourn in Vancouver would be complete without a visit to an American football game in the newly constructed Place Stadium, with its 60,000 armchair seats and its famous air-inflated fibreglass roof. The admission prices were as surprising as the architecture — \$20 per seat, \$5 to park the car!

We must finally state our indebtedness to our Canadian hosts. We shall be eternally

grateful to all O.B.'s in Canada for inviting us to share their homes and lifestyles. Our particular thanks are due to Doctors Ashcroft, Pilkington and Lomax who arranged our hospitality. We followed what has now become almost a tradition of inviting members of staff to travel in Canada — the late Harry King, Eric Whittle and the Headmaster have preceded us. Anyone who intends to visit or undertake professional duties in Western Canada would be most warmly welcomed by Messrs. Ashcroft, Pilkington and Lomax. They will not mind if I quote their 'phone numbers: Doctor Roy A. Ashcroft, 0101 403 442 3048; Doctor G. Roger Pilkington, 0101 403 239 0370; Doctor Alan Lomax, 0101 604 428 9371. Dial direct, but remember the 8-hour time difference to Alberta and the 9-hour difference to British Columbia. Once again, from Margaret and myself, sincere thanks for a great holiday, and let it not be long before we meet again, next time, perhaps, in Blackburn.

W.H.P.

Cook, Headmaster, that Old Blackburnians began to receive an annual communication about their affairs, sporting interests and professional successes. The newsletter was so welcomed that Tom Sharratt, professional journalist with 'The Guardian' at the time, was inspired to launch a first edition of 'Magister' which has been so appreciated by Old Blackburnians ever since.

Sportsman, musician, teacher and mentor, Fred Dewhurst has exercised his multifarious talents over long years with constant grace and good humour. In their orchestra and classroom, the school will long remember his unsparing service. We wish himself and his dear wife, Margaret, continued good health and a long and happy retirement.

W.H.P.

OUR THANKS

THE editorial staff of "Magister" would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters and general views, without which the production of this magazine would not be possible.

PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' A.F.C. REPORT 1985

THE season began as usual with the Old Blacks Sevens with 16 teams from the L.A.L. playing on one of the hottest days of 1984. Starting on a high note, the first team paced themselves well and came through to defeat Old Boltonians 4-3 in the final, winning the Tommy Whewell Trophy for the fifth time.

In the league, however, the 1st XI never recovered from some heavy early defeats which sapped confidence amongst some players far too easily. The defence was eventually shored up and more points gained but it was a continued struggle and relegation only escaped by one place. Club captain, Dave Ainsworth clearly has a difficult task to raise his side after a few disappointing seasons at 1st team level.

The 2nds had an excellent start and after ten games were lying second and going strongly. The inevitable 1st team calls and loss of student players, forcing team changes, didn't help and a few defeats before Christmas proved to be crucial. However, Tony McNamee as captain managed to steady the boat and a final league position of fifth was quite respectable.

As often happens the 3rd and 4th XI's bore the brunt of selection problems and it was soon obvious that Roger Master's third team would not have the success of the previous season. The 4th XI proved to be the entertainers and produced some excellent performances under Pete Earnshaw's leadership.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1st	30	7	7	16	41	63	21
2nd	28	14	5	9	64	38	33
3rd	26	12	4	10	59	60	28
4th	26	14	2	10	88	69	30

On the club scene, one of the main highlights was the Annual Dinner on June 7th. A larger than usual attendance enjoyed an entertaining evening with Wilf McGuinness proving a good choice as guest speaker. The teams' Player of the Year and Clubman awards were presented as usual, and Mick Heaps of the 4th team also picked up the new leading goalscorer award. A sum of £150 was raised at the dinner for the Bradford City Fire Disaster Appeal.

Private hires have once again formed the major source of bar income but it is now clear that these will have to be reduced next year and more social activity generated within the club. New members will of course be made most welcome in very comfortable surroundings and can receive details at the club or from Pat McCarthy (Tel. 46132).

The '100' Club has continued to flourish under the watchful eye of Norman Beaumont, the Club's new Vice-Chairman and £1500 in prize money has been eagerly snapped up this year by the lucky participants.

Finally, on behalf of the Old Blacks, I would like to pay tribute to Ken Forbes, our current President, who has been connected with the Club for all of its 60 years — a tremendous feat! The full list of his main achievements are: membership started 1925, Trustee elected 1929, Chairman 1929-48, Life membership elected 1948, President 1963 to the present. Ken still shows a great deal of interest in all matters and we enjoy his continued support.

Many thanks Ken.

PHIL SUMNER, July, 1985

PRESIDENT OF E.L.G.A. WINS JUDGE WALMSLEY CUP

THE Old Blackburnian's Golf Competition was held at Wilpshire Golf Club on Thursday, 13th June, 1985.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of Blackburn, David A. Smith (1946-51).

Winner of the Judge Walmsley Cup was T. A. (Tommy) Martin, of Wilpshire (1945-51), President of the East Lancashire Golf Association with 74-6-68 followed by David I. Forbes (Wilpshire) (1954-63), Secretary of the Old Blacks with a 91-22-69. The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup winner was Robert Adams (Wilpshire) (1978-83) with a gross score of 76.

Because of the relatively low entry a discussion ensued as to whether to change the date at Blackburn next year with no decision to date.

Enquiries are welcomed by the organiser, Ray Smith, telephone number 0254 53266.



Wilf McGuinness, the ex-England international and former Manchester United player and manager, presented the awards at the Old Blackburnians A.F.C.'s Annual Dinner.

McGuinness (2nd left) is pictured handing over the first team Player of the Year Award to 'Di' Partington.

Looking on are (left to right): Phil Sumner (Chairman), Keith Taylor (Clubman of the Year), Dave Forbes (Fourth Team), Craig Hindle (Second Team) and Steve Walker (Third Team).

20 YEARS ON . . . BRIAN KEMBALL-COOK

BRIAN KEMBALL COOK writes from London to bring us up to date on the last 20 years. He left as Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's in 1965 to become head of Bedford Modern School. During his headmastership an entirely new school was planned and built. It was opened in 1974. In 1976 the school was honoured with a visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. In 1977 he retired, and he and his wife Marian moved to East Grinstead, where they are now living at 23 Grosvenor Road.

Since moving to Sussex both Brian and Marian Kemball-Cook have been active in part-time teaching. Brian has conducted classes in Classical Greek and in Greek Civilisation, and taught Latin and Greek for several years in local independent schools. He is currently a tutor with the University of Sussex Centre for Continuing Education. Marian Kemball-Cook has taught music for several years in a local preparatory school, but is now concentrating on private pupils.

They both have a great interest in foreign travel, and in recent years have visited the Greek mainland, Corfu, Rhodes and Belgium, and have made several visits to Italy.

Brian and Marian are both founder members of the East Grinstead Literary Society. Marian has served as Chairman of the Society, and they have both read papers on various literary topics over the years. Brian has happy memories of introducing boys from the school to climbing in Snowdonia and the Lakes, and he still climbs in North Wales with his sons. Combining his interests, he is shortly to read a paper to the Literary Society on 'The Literature of Mountaineering'.

Brian Kemball-Cook recently completed a verse translation of Homer's *Odyssey*. It is a line-for-line translation into English hexameters (the same metre as the original) and is to be published next year.

Their four children are all in London and happily occupied. Jessica took an Honours degree in English at Oxford, qualified as a librarian, and worked for five years as a school librarian. She is now married, with two children, and does much writing for educational journals; she specialises in children's literature. David, after taking degrees in Mathematics and Philosophy at Oxford and in Operational Research at Lancaster, has specialised in the problems of disaster relief; he has visited India, Tanzania and Somalia to report on relief operations. Geoffrey is a research biochemist working on problems connected with blood, while Oliver has been accepted for a degree course in International Relations.

Brian and Marian would be delighted to hear from any Old Blackburnians who were at the School during their time in Blackburn.

MESSRS. RHODES, DEWHURST AND COOKE RETIRE

AS Queen Elizabeth's, along with every secondary school in the kingdom, reassesses its curriculum in order to meet the demands of new ideas and examination systems, anyone who knows about or operates in such curricula realises only too well that for a school to meet with any kind of success there is always another hidden, unscripted curriculum constantly being serviced and added to by a dedicated staff. Thus it was that in July 1985 whilst we ostensibly saw move into retirement a biologist, and English specialist and a geographer, we in fact were deprived of the daily services of so very much more. Simultaneously losing three good teachers of vast experience is a heavy blow to any school, but losing Messrs. Rhodes, Dewhurst and Cooke, and their extra skills as well, is particularly hard upon Queen Elizabeth's.

In straight numerical terms of years spent at QEGS, Mr. Fred Dewhurst easily leads this trio.

A tribute to Fred's outstanding service to the school can be found on page five.

Fred had had his feet under the QEGS table almost two decades when Mr. Don Rhodes joined our Biology Department as a recruit to the teaching profession in September, 1966. His previous experiences over twelve years as Chief Fisheries Officer in charge of the Uganda Fisheries Department based at Entebbe on Lake Victoria had been so illustrious as to gain him the M.B.E. with which he was invested at Buckingham Palace by the Queen. In talking to him, however, one always has the sneaking suspicion that, much as he enjoyed his job, he looks upon the two occasions when he acted as a Game Warden for the Ugandan National Parks as particular highlights of his many years in Africa.

But even before Africa, Don had been much travelled, mainly because of war service. From Aireborough Grammar School, Yeadon, he went up to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he seemed to spend as much time fire-watching, as studying for his degree in Natural Sciences.

Immediately upon graduating, either with the Queen's Royal Regiment or the Royal Indian Army, he saw service as far apart as the North-West Frontier and Burma and was eventually demobilised from Kuala Lumpur in Malaya.

All of such experience, and particularly because some of it was in time of war, is precious to any schoolmaster, and it has shown in Don's service to QEGS. Many of us are going to remember his short homilies, particularly at sixth-form assemblies, which have regularly drawn upon those experiences in order to illustrate the point he wished to make. Equally many sixth-formers—especially those in the last ten years after he became Head of Biology—have had cause to thank him for the orderly administrative skills gained as an Army and Colonial Officer which arranged the excellent Biology Field Trips, local visits to such delights as Salmesbury Sewerage Works and particularly that constantly updated little notebook which could tell you in a twinkle of time exactly which medical or dental school wanted what, when and how. Indeed, not only the sixth-formers, but the Careers Master was also regularly grateful to have such expertise on hand. Equally his services to first, the Railway Society, and then the Senior Scientific Society will be sorely missed.

Just like Mr. Rhodes our third retiree, Mr. Stanley Cooke, is also a Yorkshireman, but unlike the biologist, our geographer is not entirely disappearing from the everyday school scene, since he has offered to continue his services to swimming, at least for the foreseeable future. With Mr. Cooke, as with Mr. Dewhurst, his life apart from interruption for military war service—even his graduate training at Leeds came in two sections—has been one of constant service to education, from London to Stockton-on-Tees, then by way of Ashby-de-la-Zouche and Caistor to Blackburn, where he joined QEGS Geography Department in 1969.

Here again however, the academic discipline is only part of the enrichment that Stanley has given to school. For many years as leader of the Scout Group he was the man who compiled the weekly training sessions which found their proving in the camps both at home and abroad which he also arranged. Simultaneously he breathed new life into the whole of school swimming. I know of more than one Head of P.E. who has been more than grateful for Stanley's caring for this very important sport and skill. At the same time Stanley has been quietly very proud of being associated with those young swimmers who have progressed right up to Olympic level in that sport. Certainly there are many boys and young men who point to him as the provider of chances to practise and compete.

Quite apart from Scouts and swimming, Stanley brought his skills as a lay reader in the Church of England to bear in the classroom as a teacher of Religious Studies and as the master-in-charge of the first forms. Here his sympathy towards and understanding of the needs of new boys in the school have quietly but definitely borne lasting results for good over the years of his influence.

Thus it is that in terms of years — all told some 73 accumulated years in the case of these three gentlemen — that I suppose one could glibly make an assessment of their service to QEGS. However, let me emphasise as I end what I stated at the beginning, that service in depth and width and much of it hidden is what makes a good school into a great one and I hope I



have showed just how very deep and wide has been the service which Fred, Don and Stan have given to QEGS. Let all three rest assured that they will be as equally missed in the staff room as they will in the classrooms, laboratories and those manifold places outside school in which they have readily provided help, learning, care and encouragement. They are welcome to call on us at any time during what we hope will be long, healthful and interesting retirements.

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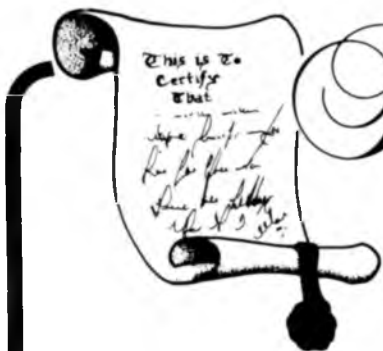


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RACHEL BAGGALEY (1976-78) Qualified M.B., B.S. Medicine, St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School. Appointed Houseman at St. Thomas' Hospital.

C. M. BALDWIN (1973-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. American Studies (History) University of Kent.

SARAH BARNES (1977-79) Qualified M.B., B.S. Newcastle-upon-Tyne University. Appointed House Physician Darlington Memorial Hospital to Jan. 1985, then House Surgeon, West Cumberland Infirmary, Whitehaven.

SUSAN E. BEAUMONT (1980-82) Awarded the Marks and Spencer Prize and an industrially sponsored scholarship.

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R. P. BOLTON (1961-68) M.A., B.M., B.C.L., M.R.C.P. Awarded M.D. by Bristol University. At present Lecturing and Honorary Senior Registrar, University Dept. of Medicine, St. James' Hospital, Leeds.

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A. BUTLER (1968-74) Ordained Priest in Blackburn Cathedral. Appointed to the Parish Church of St. Luke, Skerton, Lancaster.

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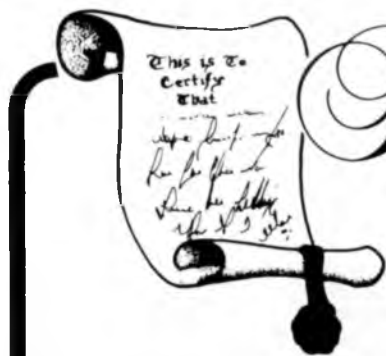
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Oxford and Cambridge Successes

The following members of the School have been elected to Open Awards:

Cameron S. DOLEY: Instrumental Scholarship: *Queen's, Oxford. History.*

Andrew G. FELCE: Open Scholarship: *Jesus, Oxford. Physics.*

Neil PARKER: Open Scholarship: *Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. English.*

In addition the following have gained places:

Stephen J. BAINES: *Christ's, Cambridge. Veterinary Science.*

Tina G. COOK: *Exeter, Oxford. Law.*

John S. DAS: *Oriel, Oxford. P.P.P.*

B. Darren BOWDS: *Magdalen, Oxford. Mathematics.*

Alexandra H. A. DUGDALE: *New Hall, Cambridge. Veterinary Science.*

Steven W. HACKING: *Girton, Cambridge. Engineering.*

R. Gregory HADDOCK: *Balliol, Oxford. Modern History/Modern Languages.*

F. Chiagozie HILARY-NWOKONKO: *Fitzwilliam, Cambridge. Law.*

Gordon L. HOUGHTON: *Magdalen, Oxford. English.*

Richard J. HUNT: *Magdalen, Oxford. Mathematics.*

David J. HUNTER: *Oriel, Oxford. English.*

John A. NEWMAN: *Hertford, Oxford. Geography.*

Gail S. PERRY: *St. John's, Cambridge. Classics.*

Anne C. ROWLAND: *Trinity, Cambridge. Modern and Medieval Languages.*

Russell S. SHELDRICK: *Regent's Park, Oxford. Theology.*

J. R. WALSH: *St. Catharine's, Cambridge. Philosophy.*

David I. WHITELEY: *St. John's, Oxford. Engineering.*

Nicholas J. WHITTLE: *Selwyn, Cambridge. Oriental Studies.*

MOUNTAINEER TO BE GUEST AT THE ANNUAL DINNER

THIS year's speakers at the annual dinner represent a real variety of backgrounds and interests, but they have one thing in common—they do get around.

The speakers, Professor Keith J. Miller, Dr. T. S. Hindle and Mr. Robert S. Battersby, cover a 20-year span at School from the "Roaring Twenties" to post-war, and in a combination of work and leisure, they have visited many parts of the world.

Dr. Hindle, who will propose a toast to the School, spent 30 years in general practice at Sale before retiring at the beginning of 1981. He has been round the world twice with his wife. They have friends in Australia and New Zealand and spent some time with Roger Maltby a couple of years ago while visiting British Columbia for four months—Roger giving them a tour of Calgary in his TR 7.

Dr. Hindle, at School from 1927-37, is a contemporary of Fred Bury and first attended the annual dinner in Big School the year he left. He has regularly returned over the years and was last at the dinner three years ago. He qualified in medicine from Cambridge and Middlesex Hospital, London, in 1942, and, after war service with the RAMC, he held various hospital posts for two years before moving to Sale.

He has a married son, who is an accountant and a married daughter, who is an actuary. His brother William (1922-31), a retired accountant and company director, lives in Solihull, Warwickshire.

He lists walking as his main hobby, one of the reasons for retiring to the Lake District this year. He lives in Grange-over-Sands.

The chief guest is Professor Keith J. Miller (1943-48), currently head of the largest mechanical engineering department in a British university, having moved to Sheffield in 1977. He had previously been a lecturer in the engineering department at Cambridge University and is a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

He took up an apprenticeship at Leyland Motors on leaving school followed by three years at Imperial College, London, and three years at English Electric with a further three years at a Nigerian University before taking up

a lectureship in science of engineering materials at the University of London.

He is currently a director of possibly the world's best university fracture laboratory, examining failures in aircraft, aerospace and nuclear and generating plant. He has been editor-in-chief of the international journal "Fatigue and Fracture of Engineering Materials and Structures" for eight years.

Prof. Miller is managing director of a consultative group concerned with the safe design and operation of industrial engineering plants.

It is Prof. Miller's hobby, mountaineering, which has taken him around the world and led him to write several authoritative books on the subject—see separate article.

Prof. Miller has been a School governor for a long number of years.

The third speaker proposing the health of the guests, will be well-known to readers of "Magister", articles having appeared about him and his "life-with-the-stars" in the previous two editions of the magazine. Bob Battersby left School in 1940 and after completing a commerce course at the technical college, joined the RAF for five years until the end of the war. He resumed his job as a junior clerk with Blackburn Borough Council and was appointed assistant in the Publicity and Public Relations department two years later.

He became Director of Publicity and Public Relations in 1956 before moving to Morecambe and Heysham then to Worthing in 1966. Four years later, he moved to Blackpool as director and became secretary of the British Association of Tourist Officers the following year.

He was invited to join the North West Advisory Council on Broadcasting by the then chairman of the BBC, Sir Michael Swann. The council is one of eight "watchdog" bodies which help formulate BBC policy.

Bob has played host, in his capacity as Director of Tourism and Attractions, to many celebrities—just think for instance of the stars who have switched on Blackpool Illuminations over the past 15 years.

Bob retired earlier this year. His wife died in 1982 after a long illness.

It is Bob's connection with the BBC game "It's a Knockout" which took him travelling all over Europe—see separate story.

Profile on KEITH J. MILLER

KEITH MILLER'S interest in mountaineering has taken him all over the world.

He has led 15 expeditions to different parts of the world, many of them international. He is a gold medallist of the Royal Geographical Society and in 1980, led the Pakistan-Chinese-British Scientific Expedition to the world's highest mountains, the Karakoram—behind the Pakistani side of the Himalayas. The venture was recorded in "Magister". And of course much more extensive was the subject of Professor Miller's own "Continents in Collision—the story of the 150th Royal Geographical Society's Anniversary Expedition to the Karakoram", an important record of the scientific journey.

Keith has written several books in fact about mountaineering and numerous short articles concerning the development of new techniques for use in remote areas—for example, new radar systems to measure the thickness of glacial ice and to find volcanoes under the ice in Iceland.

Keith's trip to Iceland was also mentioned in a past edition of "Magister". But what of the future? Well Keith, who is married with three grown-up daughters, is currently co-ordinating a return to the Karakoram in a similar venture to the one described above—this time from the Chinese side.

"IT'S A KNOCKOUT"

WHEN Bob Battersby was entertainments chief at Morecambe, he was invited by BBC producer, Barney Colehan (of "Old Time Music Hall" fame) to field a team against Blackpool in the first heat of the now defunct "It's a Knockout" television game.

He followed it up by taking charge of 11 teams in the series—one a year. Bob has many souvenirs and mementoes of that time but none more prized than the Bob Battersby Award—presented to him as thanks for his contribution to the series, which finished in 1982.

No English team had been able to match the well-drilled Continental sides in the four years from its inception in 1966 until Bob moved to Blackpool in 1970. English TV audiences were losing heart and switching over every week as an English team failed to win—or worse still, ended up last.

"We were beginning to become a bit of a laughing stock," said Bob. "Our true-blue spirit was considered absolutely British but slightly absurd by the Continentals, who were taking the whole thing very seriously indeed."

He was asked by Barney Colehan, pioneer of the game, if he could find a team to win. "We got together a good set of lads and lasses from Blackpool and thoroughly drilled them for six weeks, practising over and over again the games they were to play. We paved the way for other British teams by winning the golden trophy in Essen, West Germany, after getting to the final as highest losers. Never again however were teams allowed to know the games beforehand. The rules were immediately changed so sides could not practise."

Bob, Barney and BBC engineer Geoff Lomas were treated as VIPs at the last international final in Urbino, Italy. They were the only ones to have stayed with the show from its inception—and the memories of those 11 years will always remain with me, said Bob.

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de l'Education Nationale (ou mise en retraite anticipée!)... MAIS, paraît-il je suis le premier en France à vouloir en bénéficier depuis la publication des textes. Pour les faire appliquer correctement, il faudra peut-être aller en Tribunal Administratif ou en Conseil d'Etat!

En tant que lecteur du "Blackburnian" (et grâce aux collègues qui viennent à Carcassonne), je me tiens au courant des bonnes et des mauvaises nouvelles de QEGS: très touché et attristé par la mort de Dennis SHAW (my Housemaster) de "Docteur" TYLER de Monsieur COULSON de "Jack" Marchant... j'apprends les départs à la retraite — Harry INGHAM, Ken WATSON, Bill PROCTOR et, dernièrement, Fred BURY — et je me demande souvent s'ils vont bien... j'aimerais avoir des nouvelles. Et puis tous les anciens collègues et amis qui restent fidèles au poste... cela fait 10 ans, par exemple, que Jim GROGAN promet à m'écrire; la caravane "RABY" nous a fait le plaisir de faire un arrêt devant chez nous; j'ai pu entendre la voix (musicale) de Jack MONK au téléphone il y a quelques années; M. et Mme WHITTAKER ont quitté les plages nudistes d'AGDE une paire de fois pour venir nous voir; "Arlette" (Mme LINDLEY) nous a visité; j'ai vu qu'en '79 (No.18 Volume 15) Stan COOKE et Brian HARDCASTLE en sont, Phil ROYLE, plus frileux en survêtement, ont encore pas mal de cheveux sur la tête — par contre, Barry BROWN (photo avec Fred BURY 1985) commence à en perdre! Et les autres... ?

Allez les gars, des lettres, des nouvelles: je regarde la photo des profs. dans le No. 10 Volume 15 1971 (nous étions tous plus jeunes) — au moins la moitié sont encore là et capables d'écrire — en anglais ou en français... le boulet, les promotions et responsabilités, la famille (les petits que je faisais sauter sur le trampoline le samedi matin, les dames que je draguais aux repas des profs et aux "Sherry parties"), les célibataires qui ont dû se marier (et avoir beaucoup d'enfants!), sans oublier les amis de Horncliffe qui me "prétaient" les petits pour les cours d'EPS, le club de gym, les cours de français, le "Marechal" secrétaires...

Pour ceux qui ont eu du mal à comprendre mon "français" — les élèves: travaillez davantage et venez vous perfectionner à Carcassonne; les parents: réviser votre français de l'école ou faites traduire par vos enfants; les collègues: en cas de difficulté, JACKSON traduira à 5 francs la page (pour payer sa "presque nouvelle" voiture).

Mes respects à Monsieur le Directeur, Monsieur JOHNSON, et mes meilleurs souvenirs à tous à QEGS. W. C. STANSFIELD, B.A. Hons. Classics, Dip. Phys.Ed., Cert.Ed. ... chômeur?



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CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW BLOCK IN GLORIOUS SUNSHINE

AFTER the indifferent weather of the summer — vividly etched in the Head Master's memory, typing University references by electric light in the middle of the day on the supposed Bank Holiday Monday — September has proved warm and sunny, and the good weather held until the last for the slightly delayed Laying of the Foundation Stone by the Chairman of Governors, Mr. E. C. Marsden.

Although not known to the school beforehand, the sub-contractors of the pre-cast concrete floors, Bisons, arrived as if on cue at 0715 hours, and by the time the assembled group had met just before mid-day, 40 ft. slabs of concrete were being cheerfully swung to and fro, as, at a small domestic ceremony, Mr. J. S. Singleton, J.P., F.R.I.C.S., Vice-Chairman of the School Governors and Chairman of the Building Sub-committee, warmly welcomed Mr. Marsden and Bishop Victor Whitsey to what Mr. Singleton described as 'this most auspicious occasion'. In a few apposite words, Mr. Singleton pithily elaborated upon the paper work which the Chairman of the Governors directed concerning the new buildings, and he then invited the Chairman to lay the Foundation Stone. Mr. Charles Carefoot, representing the builders, presented the Chairman with the usual silver trowel, suitably inscribed, which was then used to lay the Foundation Stone in place, and in this latter task, Mr. Marsden was helped by Bruce Greenwood, age 13, of 3U, Nasim Labib, age 11, of 1S, and Benjamin Coupe, aged 10 of J3.

Throughout the ceremony, from a brilliant blue sky the sun shone down upon the assembled throng, with shafts of light softly illuminating the artificial stone of the new building and casting a warm glow over the proceedings. The words of the ceremony were punctuated by the creaking of the 200 ft. crane as it worked away, the whirr of the machinery of the jib and, in the far distance, the continued hum of the school at work in the middle of these exciting events.

After Mr. Carefoot, for the builders, had welcomed the opportunity of thanking the school for the contract on behalf of themselves and the consultants, Bishop Whitsey sought God's blessing upon the work in hand, upon the work of the Governing Body, the Staff and the School, and closed the ceremony with the Blessing.

Invited guests included Peter Kennedy Head Boy, Rebecca Whalley (daughter of Old Black Ivor), Messrs. Singleton and Fraser (from the building's architects, Bray/Singleton of Lytham St. Annes), Mr. D. Lomax from Donald Lomax, and Mr. T. Chadwick, representing the consultants, Mrs. Oakley and Mrs. Duckworth, representing The Elizabethan Association, Mr. Keith Wightman, Mr. David Forbes and Mr. Fred Gillibrand representing the Old Blackburnians' Association, and the two Vice-Masters, Mr. John Knowles and Mr. Eric Whittle, the Bursar and Mrs. Waring, and Mrs. Martindale, Chairman of the Common Room.

The assembled throng then donned suitable head gear (the Head Master looked particularly fetching in his blue hard-helmet, colour co-ordinated with his Oxford academic hood), and inspected the ground-floor of the new buildings whilst Bishop Victor went down Memory Lane on an extended tour of the School, (which you, the reader, can also do in later pages of this magazine).

Then forty-four visitors adjourned to the Head Master's House for a lunch thoughtfully prepared by the school's kitchens where further examination of the school's plans were undertaken. The assembled party did full justice to a good lunch, which prompted the Provost to remark that it was a pity we did not lay Foundation stones more often! but it was reassuring to step out into the warm October sunshine and realise that nigh-on 1200 pupils were by now quietly working away, with their attendant 81 masters and mistresses, eagerly looking forward to the new buildings which some will remember as the main location of their studies, in just eighteen months time. Some will note with considerable irony the juxtaposition of £1½ million pounds worth of building being officially begun in the very week when the Labour Party reasserted its threat to destroy the School forever, and to thank God for the traditions of the past and that hope for the future which had been the theme of the Bishop's prayers ...



L. to R.: Headmaster; Rebecca Whalley, Head girl; Peter Kennedy, Head boy; Benjamin Coupe, J3; Chairman of Governors; Bruce Greenwood, 3U.



L. to R.: Peter Kennedy, Head boy; Benjamin Coupe, J3; Chairman of Governors; Bruce Greenwood, 3U; Bishop Whitsey; Nasim Labib 1S.

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OBITUARIES

It is with regret that we record the deaths during the past year of the following Old Blackburnians. We offer our deepest sympathy to their families.

BERNARD DEAN WALMSLEY

MR. BERNARD DEAN WALMSLEY of St. Annes, Great Langdale, Cumbria who died on July 2 last, left estate valued at £293,840 gross (£291,546 net). He left his home and the plot of land known as Colwyth Pasture to the National Trust, £1,000 to Fairhaven Congregational Church, Fairhaven, for the repair of the stained glass windows, £500 each to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Langdale-Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team, the full-size cartoon of the stained glass windows made by this wife and himself for Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, to that school, the heraldic cartoons for the windows made by his wife and himself for Samesbury Hall, near Blackburn, to the Samesbury Hall Trust, and his bookcase and brass coal box formerly belonging to John Ruskin to the Brantwood Trust, Coniston.

ANDRÉ BUR

ANDRÉ BUR died May 1986 at the age of 67. He taught French at Q.E.G.S. for about four years in the early fifties. At this period he lived in Duke's Brow where Ormerod House now stands. He retired about seven years ago and since then has lived in Robertsbridge, East Sussex.

He is survived by a widow, two daughters and two sons, the youngest being about 28.

HERBERT ISHERWOOD M.A., Cantab., F.R.I.C.S.

HERBERT ISHERWOOD M.A., Cantab., F.R.I.C.S. died in Blackburn on 25th October, 1985 aged 81. Educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn and Downing College, Cambridge. He was a keen athlete at school and a member of Downing College Boat Club, rowed in the Downing College Trial Eights in 1924.

In 1926 he joined the Colonial Service as a probationer surveyor with the survey department in Lagos, Nigeria, where he rose to Assistant Director of Land Surveys in 1947 and four years later was appointed Director of Surveys in Accra, Gold Coast (later Ghana) where he remained until his retirement in 1954.

Herbert became involved in Freemasonry in 1932 and was a founder member of the Old Blackburnian's Lodge. He was a sidesman at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mellor and was also a member of Mellor Parochial Church Council. Since retiring he had been an active committee member of Mellor Conservative Association and was a founder member of the Ribbles Valley Conservative Association. He was a member of Blackburn Arts Club and Theatre Trust, and a valued member of Blackburn Society of Antiquaries being a collector of furniture, porcelain, rare books and maps.

He leaves a widow, Kate, daughters Jean and Cathleen, five grandchildren and two great grandsons.

MRS. MARY C. SEYD

MRS. MARY C. SEYD (nee Carter, formerly Watson) died in a Guildford Hospital on 5th October, 1985 aged 67.

Miss Carter as she then was, taught art at Q.E.G.S. (1939-40).

LORD WOOLLEY

LORD WOOLLEY the Blackburn-born former president of the National Farmers' Union has died, aged 81.

He was a director of the family pharmaceutical firm, Cupal Ltd. of Blackburn and farmed at Hatton Heath near Chester.

Educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn he later went to the Lancashire School of Agriculture.

As Mr. Harold Woolley, he started farming at the age of 20, and held many posts in the farming world including six years as NFU president in the 1960s.

For services to agriculture, he was awarded the CBE, knighted, and then made a Lord in 1967.

He retained links with his home town as a former chairman of the Old Blackburnians.

Lord Woolley, a widower, is survived by four sons and two daughters. He has many relatives in the Blackburn area, including present health authority chairman, Ian Woolley, who is his nephew.

The funeral was at Waverton Church near Chester.

MR. GEORGE F. SINGLETON

MR. GEORGE F. SINGLETON of Links Road, St. Annes on Sea, has died in Blackpool Victoria Hospital. He was 95.

He was a leading Blackburn and Manchester business man and also a member of Blackburn Town Council for many years.

After having been a mill manager in Blackburn at the age of 23, Mr. Singleton established the firm of G. F. Singleton and Company Auctioneers and Valuers in 1922 and although he retired 12 years ago, he retained a close interest in the textile industry and became consultant to the company.

He had been president of Blackburn Chamber of Commerce and of Blackburn Liberal Association, and a governor of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. A stalwart of Methodism in Blackburn, he assisted in the inauguration of Queen's Hall Methodist Mission of which for many years he was honorary treasurer and he remained keenly interested in the Wesley Hall which followed the original mission.

For many years he took a great interest in the musical life of Blackburn and at St. Annes where until recently he was a familiar figure on the Royal Course. He leaves four daughters and a son, John who is now senior partner in the firm.

RACY START FOR MODEL



YVETTE LIVESEY, a former pupil of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, has made a dream start to her new modelling career—by winning the title of Miss Haydock Park. Yvette, 18, of Clitheroe Road, Whalley, lifted the £250 first prize in her first week as a model, working for a Manchester-based agency. She was chosen from six finalists and now hopes to receive other assignments as a result of her victory.

A HALF CENTURY!



COMMITTEEMAN Harold Burrows (1913-22) has notched up half a century with the Rotary Club of Blackburn. And the unique achievement was honoured with a special presentation dinner and a Rotary International fifty year membership award.

Mr. Burrows is pictured receiving his award from John Brown, President of the Rotary Club of Blackburn watched by, from left, Jeremy Stirrup, Keith Gledhill and Keith Isherwood.

DIAMOND JUBILEE FOR TWO PROFESSIONALS



MR. ERIC SAGAR

SIXTY gone and not out! That's the boast of two Blackburn professionals who are celebrating their diamond jubilee careers.

Solicitor John Sharples and chartered accountant Eric Sagar, (a past President of the Old Blackburnians' Association), both completed 60 years with their respective firms.

Mr. Sharples 83, first qualified as a solicitor in 1925 and has enjoyed all aspects of the job ever since.

"You never lose interest—there's always something new to learn," he says.

He does admit, however, that he will probably bow out of the family partnership before he reaches 90, and leave it to son James and the other partners.

There's one problem however—Mr. Sharples lives above the office in Preston New Road with his wife Winifred, so retirement may never be quite complete.

"When you're always at the end of an intercom," he says, "you can never fully escape!"

He says the secret to his stamina is moderate outdoor exercise, either gardening or walking.

Meanwhile, 77 year-old Eric Sagar is still going strong after 60 years with chartered accountants Porter, Matthews and Marsden, East Park Road, Blackburn.

He qualified in 1931 and became a partner in the firm in 1939, now acting as a consultant.

His son Ian is also a partner and Eric's wife, Muriel, said the firm was part of his life, and he was not planning to give up for some time yet.

Mr. Sagar's main hobby is golf and he is a member of Blackburn Golf Club.



MR. JOHN SHARPLES

SUCCESS FOR CONDUCTORS

Ivor Bolton and John Longstaff have both been in the news this year. John was singled out for special praise at the second Leeds Conductor's Competition sponsored by the Leeds Permanent Building Society. He was one of the youngest among the 80 entrants and the Chairman of the Jury spoke most enthusiastically about the promise shown by John who was awarded fourth place. John was at Q.E.G.S. from 1973-80 and is the eldest son of Jack Longstaff, Director of Music at the school until his retirement this year. After studying music at Cambridge, John has spent 18 months as a conductor in Kiel, West Germany.

Ivor Bolton (1969-76) is Director of the Glydebourne Chorus and Director of Music at St. James's Piccadilly and of the Piccadilly Festival. After graduating from Clare College, Cambridge with MA and MusB degrees he continued his studies at the Royal College of Music where he was Conducting Scholar and gained major prizes in conducting and harpsichord solo. A year at the National Opera Studio coincided with his appointment as conductor of Scholar Cantorum of Oxford. He is increasingly in demand as a conductor and has conducted performances of Mozart's 'Don Giovanni' and Stravinsky's 'The Rake's Progress' for Opera 80 and will conduct Mozart's 'Così fan tutte' at Aldeburgh later this year.

CHRISTOPHER CATLOW B.Sc., A.C.A. (1972-78)

CHRISTOPHER has been appointed to a post with Arthur Anderson & Co. in Perth, Western Australia, and is engaged to marry an Australian girl (Helga) who is studying for Ph.D. at an Australian University.

His sister Gillian Catlow (1981-83) is now a very successful International Model who spends her time globe trotting.

FELLOWSHIP AT HARVARD

BRIAN LEWIS of Balliol College, Oxford has been offered a Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship at Harvard. Placed on a short list back in February, amongst the reserves, he thought his chances to be minimal, since there were about 180 applicants from all over the Country and in every discipline. With only four Fellowships on offer therefore, there is a degree of prestige attached to this award.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIUMPH

A TREMENDOUS success was achieved by swimmer Nick Hodgson (1974-83) at the XIII Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh during July. Nick produced a personal best time in the 200 metres Butterfly to win the bronze medal.

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LETTER FROM AMERICA

Fountain Valley School
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Dear Mr. Bancroft,

Greetings from America!! I hope you are well, and that you are managing to keep the maths department running with its usual degree of controlled mayhem.

The school has about 200 pupils and about 30 teachers. School starts at 7.55 in the morning, and finishes at 3.15. The day is divided into 9 periods of 45 minutes each, with 5 minutes between each period. There is no "break" or "lunchtime", but everyone has period 3 free, and has period 6 or 7 free for lunch. On Monday period 3 is given over to the all school meeting, the only official school assembly of the week. There are no hymns, talks or prayers, just notices and sports results. On Monday evenings, there is the all school dinner, the only other time during the week when the whole school meets. It is a formal dinner, with smart dress required and waiters for each table, selected from the freshman, sophomore and junior (1st, 2nd and 3rd) years. I, being a senior, (4th year), am spared this task. It seems strange to me that the only two occasions when the whole school meets happen within 8 hours of each other, but no-one here thinks it odd at all.

The school library is extremely well stocked and run, infinitely better than our library is. A good library is invaluable for doing work, and it's a great pity we don't have one at QEGS.

The food here is excellent. There is a wider selection and there's more of it. Even so, you can soon start to miss the traditional QEGS delicacies of sausage, mash and beans, with apple crumble and custard for pudding. In fact, Americans don't have custard at all, and they can't make rice pudding to save their lives. Even a really delicious spaghetti meal can't make up for this.

Students study up to six major and two minor subjects at a time. English is compulsory throughout their time here, and other subjects are required to be studied for other lengths of time. Some courses take a whole year to complete, whilst others last only a term.

There are a much wider range of courses available than at QEGS, especially in the senior year where teachers can teach their favourite subject, without worrying about it fitting into any external syllabus. This is because pupils are not working towards final, externally set exams but are being continually assessed and graded on every piece of work they do. This means that for the seniors applying to university, the grades at the end of this term are the last ones their colleges will see before making decisions, and so next term is not important for them. This contrasts sharply with the British system, where the last term for the 2nd year Sixth is the most important.

I am studying Physics, English, History and Photography as majors, and Jazz Band and Vocal Group as minors. I am not studying maths as I am already well beyond the highest level course offered. I am enjoying all the courses, and particularly enjoy having such a wide variety. With all due respect, just studying maths and physics all the time could get pretty boring. This said, I find some of the courses drag a little as we have fewer lessons per week.

The school works on a two day time table instead of the five day one used in British schools. Thus instead of a Monday, Tuesday etc. timetable, we have A-days and B-days. These simply alternate throughout the week. This is very easy to use, although the first question you usually hear in the morning is "What day is it, you know, like, er A or B?"

The whole atmosphere at the school is a great deal less formal than at QEGS. Both pupils and teachers wear jeans and open neck shirts to class, and you are not required to call teachers "sir". I find that this is typical of the whole idea of which the school is based. Like QEGS, the school aims to give its student a good academic and physical education, but unlike QEGS and many other independent schools in Britain, it does not stress manners, respect, appearance or, for want of a better word, chivalry. The school aims to prepare the students for university and life after that, but not to turn them into "ladies" and "gentlemen", which is what I always believed to be part of the QEGS philosophy.

Because pupils can change their courses so often, they don't have forms and form tutors, but rather are split up into advisor groups with between 5 and 10 pupils in each group. It is the job of their advisor to see that they are well, and to help them if they have any problems. Each advisor group meets each Thursday period 3, and advisors sometimes take their group on trips or out to lunch.

The school is at 6,000 ft and the weather has been wonderful, very warm and hardly any snow. I'm going to spend a week skiing with Mr. Hogarth, a British Latin teacher as part of Interim Week, when all normal school activities are suspended and various trips are undertaken.

I hope everything runs OK at school, although it would have been flattering to discover it fell down after I left. I extend my best wishes to yourself, the Headmaster and family all the staff at the school, especially those who had the misfortune to teach me whilst I was there. I'm enjoying myself, but also looking forward to getting home.

Yours sincerely, TOBY SCOTT.

ERIC KAY RETIRES

'ERIC! . . . ERIC!' — these words, spoken in stentorian tones and with Churchillian authority, were frequently to be heard ringing round the old laboratories and reverberating through the corridors of the Radcliffe wing and were the source of much speculation amongst my fellow sixth formers at the time. However, I had to wait several years — until my return to Q.E.G.S. as a member of the teaching staff — before I was able to appreciate fully the significance of these opening ejaculations. They were, indeed, synonymous with a request for help — a call from the then Senior Science Master, Dr. Tyler, for a second opinion on either a departmental matter or an administrative problem relating to the whole school. Eric Kay was the man who provided this counsel, and throughout his teaching career his wisdom and advice have been sought by a variety of organisations and individuals within the school community.

Eric was a pupil at school from 1937-43, but describes that particular period of his life as 'undistinguished' — although he did acquire early administrative experience as the prefect's dance organiser! At the age of 17 he entered Queen's College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences, but soon found that life there was not all a 'bed of roses'. A letter written at the time from Cambridge to the editor of 'The Blackburnian' states that 'Kay is reported to spend two afternoons per week crawling through pungent ditches under the lofty, eagle eye of the S.T.C. sergeant'. After graduation Eric spent two years as a research physicist with the Dunlop Rubber Company, Birmingham, before moving to a similar position with Lansil Textiles Limited, Lancaster. Research however, did not provide the challenge he was seeking, and after obtaining a Diploma of Education at Manchester University he joined the staff at his Alma Mater in 1949.

Eric is perhaps a little reluctant to admit that he was initially appointed to teach Chemistry along with Physics and Mathematics — hence he had some experience of real teaching before, like the good physicist he is, taking the path of least resistance and concentrating on what many regard as the fundamental science. In 1960 he was awarded the A.Inst.P. in recognition of his research in Physics, was promoted to Head of Department in 1970 and from 1976 was both a Senior Teacher and Head of the Science Department. His appointment to the latter post was both well merited and appropriate, for Eric was very much involved in the conception and design of our splendid Holden Laboratories. The fact that the first floor is the domain of the Physicists whilst the Chemists are condensed below has been a point of discussion on a variety of occasions. Eric's explanation for this is quite simple — as some of their work involves consideration of matters extraterrestrial and cosmological, it is not unreasonable for Physicists to be sited closer to heaven! Justifiably proud of the buildings he still is, but it is to the personnel who have operated in them that he has shown the greatest allegiance, and whose efforts and achievements over the years he was always willing to enunciate. Clear and concise when expressing his views, there was never any doubt as to where he stood on a particular issue and he could be singularly dismissive of anyone who ventured to be mildly critical of his beloved Science department. Administrative duties were performed without



ostentation and with an efficiency that rendered the ratio of work output to work input almost 100%. Never dictatorial nor one to bear a grudge, he was always approachable and held in the highest regard by all members of his department. Unquestionably it was the school which benefited primarily from his expertise as a Physics teacher, but Eric also found time to serve as a visiting lecturer to Blackburn Technical College from 1951-63 and as a J.M.B. 'A' level Examiner since 1963.

Although the teaching of Physics was his *raison d'être* and an obvious priority, his involvement in so many facets of school life made his overall contribution of inestimable value. Furthermore, his enthusiasm and energy (both potential and kinetic) for any activity in which he was involved appeared boundless and was a source of encouragement to others. During his time at Q.E.G.S. Eric was instrumental in the organisation of School Dinners and a National Savings Group, held the position of inaugural secretary to both the Staff and Housemasters' Committees, edited the School Year Book (a forerunner of the present Calendar) and was Vice-President of the Scientific Society. Less sedentary and more physical involvement was displayed in both his role as Master in charge of the Second XI cricket team and as a member of the choir. Along with the late Dr. Tyler — but minus a computer — he was, for several years, responsible for the planing and construction of the School Timetable. This particular exercise, however, must have been a 'labour of love', for it was imperative that preliminary work on each succeeding year's arrangements should begin on Valentine's Day. As stage lighting adviser to the Dramatic Society, his contribution to the success of many memorable productions has deservedly won much praise. The spectacular and varied effects created by his ingenious use of floods, spots, dimmers and gels, invariably provided the audience with an experience that was both illuminating and enlightening. Never consciously seeking the limelight himself, he graciously performed, nevertheless, the duties of an unofficial P.R.O. on occasions such as the Carol Service and Speech Day when 'town officially met gown'.

If Eric's first love was the Physics Department, then this affection for Frobisher came a very close second. He was a House Master from 1950 until his retirement and between 1970-76 was proud to hold the position of Senior House Master. In this capacity he led by example, never shirking the extra demands made on his time and always present to give advice and encouragement whenever the House was involved in any sporting activities. Not surprisingly, therefore, he has spent many

unforgettable Saturday mornings on a wind swept, rain lashed Lammack, when even the most ardent non-scientist would have found it preferable to remain at home, curled up in an easy chair, reading an unexpurgated version of 'Computer Orientated Mathematical Physics'. Under his enthusiastic leadership, it is fair to say that the House enjoyed a considerable degree of success and, win or lose, retained the spirit of "friendly Frobisher".

Eric Kay's affinity for the school is also evident in his long standing connection with the Old Blackburnians' Association. He has been a committee member for some twenty years and his election as Chairman for 1980-82 was justifiable recognition for his many years of service. During his period of office he persuasively encouraged all leavers to become members of the Association and travelled the length and breadth of the country in visiting the various O.B.'s branches. It should be a source of satisfaction to all concerned with the continued well-being of the Association to know that Eric is to maintain his link as the liaison officer between these branches and the school.

Away from the academic environment Eric's extra curricular activities have been — and still are — many and varied but, in keeping with the school motto, invariably involve his talents being used for the benefit of the community at large. He is an elder and choir member at Revidge Fold U.R.C. and a leading light in the Church's Dramatic Society, membership of which has enabled his interest in the stage to find further expression as a producer of several plays and musicals. Not content with remaining behind the scenes, however, his Thespian tendencies have projected him across the footlights, where he has portrayed a variety of roles ranging from a 'bemused butler' to a 'vacillating vicar' — thus ignoring Sir Laurence Olivier's maxim that 'acting is the not thing for a grown man'.

To say that Eric will be missed from Q.E.G.S. is an understatement, for he leaves a gap that will be very difficult to fill. Dedicated schoolmaster he certainly was, but above all he was a Christian Gentleman who respected the individual irrespective of his rank or possessions. He was also one of a number of recently retired staff, whose collective contributions over the years have been a major factor in establishing the excellent reputation the school now holds both locally and nationally. Those of us who remain should not only be conscious of this fact but also exceedingly grateful.

Proud of his own status as an Old Blackburnian, Eric has had the further satisfaction of seeing his three children — Michael, Susan and Christine — not only receive an integral part of their education at Q.E.G.S. but attain considerable academic distinction in the process. His richly deserved retirement will give him the chance to reflect not only on their past achievements but also on their future progress. Additionally, there will be the opportunity to pursue his interests in golf, gardening and photography, as well as time to complete those 'little' decorating jobs lined up for him by his charming wife Doreen. To them both go our best wishes and the hope that they will enjoy good health and every happiness for many years to come.

A.G.M. REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JULY, 1985

	1985		1984	
	£	£	£	£
NET ASSETS				
Lammack Ground at cost less sales		1,207.77		1,208
INVESTMENTS AT COST				
£1,250 4% Consols (Market value £489)	1,160.60		1,161	
£650 8 1/4% Barclays Bank PLC Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/93 (Market value £556)	582.59		582	
£2,421.58 8 1/4% Treasury Stock 1987/90 (Market value £2,224)	2,230.62		2,230	
£2,879.07 6 3/4% Treasury Stock 1995/98 (Market value £2,228)	2,230.62		2,231	
		6,204.43		6,204
LOAN TO Q.E.G.S.		6,000.00		6,000
DEBTORS: Advertisers	180.00		220	
Ground Rent	—		5	
		180.00		225
CASH AT SAVINGS BANK	285.30		269	
CASH AT LLOYDS BANK	600.46		2,302	
CASH AT NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOCIETY	1,750.00		—	
		2,635.76		2,571
		16,227.96		16,208
CREDITORS: Printers	925.00		950	
Inland Revenue	33.53		70	
Postage	165.00		140	
		1,123.53		1,160
		15,104.43		15,048
REPRESENTED BY:				
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND		1,207.77		1,208
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1984	11,169.07		8,483	
New members	2,460.00		2,846	
	13,629.07		11,329	
Deletions	5.25		160	
		13,623.82		11,169
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1984	2,671.76		2,076	
(Deficit) surplus for the year	(2,398.92)		84	
Surplus on sale of investments	—		511	
		272.84		2,671
		15,104.43		15,048

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 1985

	1985		1984	
INCOME				
Subscriptions		905.32		873
Released from Life Membership Fund		5.25		10
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS				
4% Consols	50.00		50	
8 1/4% Barclays Loan Stock	53.63		54	
13 1/2% Exchequer Stock	—		132	
6 3/4% Treasury Stock 1995/98	194.32		97	
8 1/4% Treasury Stock 1987/90	199.78		100	
	497.73		433	
Tax	149.29		130	
	348.44		303	
Bank Interest	111.67		131	
		460.11		434
CORPORATION TAX		10.23		—
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND RENT		5.00		5
SURPLUS ON ANNUAL DINNER		45.54		50
		1,431.45		1,372
EXPENDITURE				
General Expenses	108.25		74	
Postages	149.44		132	
Magister (incl. Who's Who)	3,419.13		862	
Corporation Tax	—		70	
Subscription to I.S.I.S. Association	150.00		150	
Deficit on Easter Disco	3.55		—	
		3,830.37		1,288
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUND		£(2,398.92)		£ 84

Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting held at the School on the 26th November 1985 at 8.00 pm.

Present

Mr. Keith Wightman and sixteen others.

Apologies

Messrs. E. Fairhurst, B. Birtwistle, W. K. Forbes, B. R. Brown, E. C. Marsden, I. D. Newton, W. H. Procter and Professor Varey.

The Minutes of the 1984 Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report is annexed to these minutes.

Accounts

The Treasurer produced and gave a brief report on the accounts for the year ended 31st July 1985 which unfortunately showed a loss of some £2,398.00. This was wholly accounted for by the unusual cost of the previous edition of Magister and Who's Who previously referred to in the Minutes. He reported that an account had been opened at the National and Provincial Building Society and the sum of £1750.00 invested. It was resolved that the accounts be adopted and the meeting recorded a sincere vote of thanks to the Treasurer Fred Gillibrand and also a vote of thanks to the Auditors.

1984 Annual Dinner

Mr. Read referred to the report he had given to the Committee in January 1985 and reminded the meeting that 145 had attended the Dinner and no applicants for tickets had to be refused. The new caterers had proved to be very satisfactory and he had received no complaints. He thanked the Football Club for bar arrangements, the Head Master for his hospitality prior to the Dinner and the School and its staff for all their assistance.

Magister

The Meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Roger Smith and rest of the Sub-Committee who had taken on the onus of producing the last edition of Magister and Roger Smith in turn paid tribute to Garry Readett and his printing firm for their considerable help. Magister had taken on a slightly new format and it was agreed that it was an excellent edition. The meeting was also pleased to note that the cost had been kept down to £775.00. Due to a technical hitch in the majority of the copies of Magister not being available on the evening arranged for envelope filling, John Read and his wife Lesley had undertaken this task almost entirely unaided. The meeting recorded its sincere thanks for this.

Branch Activities

Mr. Kay reported on the usual activities although he said that the Cheshire/South Manchester branch did not seem to be as flourishing as it had in previous years. Various representatives from Blackburn had attended the Branch Activities but it was felt that more would always be welcome. It was mentioned that Mr. Kay would be retiring shortly but the meeting felt very strongly that he should if possible and if willing endeavour to maintain the close liaison between the School and the Association which he did at the present time and in particular the liaison between the Association and the various branches. Mr. Kay touched on the question of costs and it was agreed that all proper expenses should be paid and that he should certainly not be out of pocket. It was agreed to refer this aspect to the next committee meeting.

Secretary's Report

The Association has conducted its usual activities during the preceding twelve months and it is my pleasant duty to report on those and to record the Association's thanks and appreciation to those who have worked for and assisted with the Association.

As usual our thanks are recorded to the School, the Headmaster and staff for the use of the School's facilities for both meetings of the Association and, of course, the Annual Dinner. Unfortunately the Governors in their wisdom decided to demolish the bar because, apparently, it was found to be rather redundant for the remaining 364 days of the year. Nevertheless the School has allowed the bar to be re-sited for the forthcoming dinner. Our thanks also to the Football Club for use of the Pavilion for one of the Association's committee meetings and also for its essential work in running the bar at the Annual Dinner. I am sure it will

continue to provide just as efficient service in the new surroundings.

Once again thanks are due to our Treasurer Fred Gillibrand who has efficiently conducted the financial affairs of the Association and also looked after membership and subscriptions which, in view of some members failure to bring their standing orders up to date, is not a particularly easy task.

Members will have seen the recent edition of Magister in its changed format which is consequent upon a change in the Magister Sub-Committee and a change in the printer. At the Committee meeting in January the Sub-Committee Chairman Peter Pearson tendered his resignation which was reluctantly accepted but with grateful thanks to Peter for his work in producing Magister over the recent years. At the same meeting the Magister Sub-Committee was elected and the mantle of responsibility for co-ordinating the production of Magister appears to have fallen upon Roger Smith; I think, perhaps, without him really realising it until it was too late. Our grateful thanks are due to Roger and all others who have helped in producing what, I think, is an excellent edition of Magister. Our thanks also must be recorded to Garry Readett whose firm has been responsible for the printing. Garry is an Old Boy of the School and has been very actively involved in the preparation and production of Magister.

At the last Annual General Meeting Mr. Eric Sagar tendered his resignation as President of the Association and following discussions your Committee approached Mr. Kenneth Durham, (as he then was) to accept the Associations' Presidency which he gladly accepted. Shortly after this in the New Years honours list Mr. Durham received a Knighthood though this was perhaps not entirely due to his election as the Associations President.

My thanks also to John and Lesley Read for their work in organising the Dinner which was, once again, its usual success and John Read's more detailed report will follow.

Last year saw the innovation of a disco dance for the younger members of the Association ie. those who had left school within the preceding three years. The second one has been organised for April 1986 and it is hoped that these functions would help to encourage and stimulate an interest in the Association within its younger members.

Election of Officers and Committee

President — Sir Keith Durham was re-elected.
 Chairman — K. Wightman was re-elected.
 Vice Chairman — P. T. Pearson was re-elected.
 Secretary — D. I. Forbes was re-elected.
 Treasurer — F. Gillibrand was re-elected.
 Honorary Auditors — Messrs. W. Hard & R. B. Holden were re-elected.

Committee

The Committee was re-elected on block as follows:
 B. Brown, H. Burrows, H. Dabbs, J. Duckworth, E. Fairhurst, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E. J. Kay, E. C. Marsden, S. J. Monk, I. D. Newton, K. V. Newton, W. H. Proctor, Mrs. C. L. Read, J. S. Read, J. E. Sagar, R. Smethurst, R. Smith, R. B. Smith, W. E. T. Walsh, J. Warner.

Subscriptions

It was resolved that subscriptions should remain at £2.00 per annum or £30.00 for life membership.

Meetings

The following meetings were arranged—
 Committee — 4th February at the Football Club
 16th September at the School
 AGM — 25th November
 Annual Dinner — 20th December

Any Other Business

There still seemed to be some uncertainty on the part of John Duckworth in relation to his proposed up dating of the School history. The Headmaster agreed to contact him to establish and inform him of the Governors wishes in this respect.

The Headmaster reported that an Old Boy Professor David McLean had been appointed Chairman of the House of Laity.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

REPORT ON 1985 ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION

ONCE again the evening was a successful one. Big School was nearly full with only 7 spare places not taken up out of a total of 165. The Association is fortunate that applications for tickets do regularly come so very close to the seating capacity of the hall. The Chief Guest was Professor Keith Miller, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Sheffield University, a Governor of the School and an Old Blackburnian. After the Dinner he spoke of the difficulty of recruiting suitable British students into University Engineering Departments. Bob Battersby — Mr. Blackpool — provided a very entertaining speech in proposing the toast to the guests. Besides Professor Miller these included Mrs. Pat Case (Chairman of Lancashire County Council), Mr. Stephen Jones (Chief Executive Officer of Blackburn Borough Council), Sam Westhead (head boy) and Geeta Gurumurthy (head girl). Mr. Michael Fitzherbert-Brockholes was welcomed as a special guest of the Association. Dr. T. S. Hindle proposed the toast to the school and the Head Master replied.

The number of young members attending showed some increase from last year 17 out of a total of 147. However, the greatest satisfaction came from the fact that nearly half of the members present had left school since 1970. Ten of the members were ladies and 20 members had come from places well beyond the local boundaries, including 9 from London. It was especially pleasant to see Sir Kenneth Durham, president of the Association, take the chair at the Dinner.

The administrative arrangements proceeded smoothly despite the change in location for the bar. The inclement weather and the shortage of drinking time had depleting effects on their custom but it is to be hoped that the arrangement of using the Assembly Hall will only be a temporary one whilst the school acquires new buildings. The thanks of the Association are due to all those who helped in any way to make a successful evening.

With the numbers attending the Dinner remaining so stable from year to year, the accounts are similarly able to show a consistent pattern. The excess of income over expenditure was £45.59 which is within a few pounds of what it was last year. It would be difficult to budget for a closer balance on a turnover of about £1500 without increasing the probability of making a loss to an unacceptable level.

J.S.R.



L. to R.: Bob Battersby, Dr. T. S. Hindle, Prof. K. Miller, Mr. K. Whiteman, Mr. S. Jones, Mr. M. Fitzherbert-Brockholes, Headmaster, Mrs. P. Case, Sir Kenneth Durham, Sam Westhead.

STUDENTS' DINNER

THE second dinner of the Old Blackburnians' students was held at the Trafalgar Hotel, on Friday, 4th April, 1986. It was again most successful in attracting those students who had left school during the past 5 years. The excellent 3 course meal and disco provided a lively, yet relaxed atmosphere, for what proved to be a most enjoyable reunion. As last year, some 80 students and staff were present, including 25 members of the current sixth-form.

In the absence of the Headmaster and Chairman, the best wishes of the Old Blackburnians' Association were conveyed to the gathering by Mr. Kay. Coincidentally, all those present were able to offer Eric their best wishes for his forthcoming retirement, and thank him for the initiative he had shown in setting up a students' section within the Association.

A further Dinner and Disco is planned for next Easter and further details of this event will be forwarded to members at a later date. Finally, if anyone has any bright ideas for events/activities aimed particularly at the younger age group, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Metcalfe (Tel. Blackburn 65882) or any member of the committee.

LIEUTENANT ANDREW MILLS



THE photograph shows Sub Lieutenant Andrew Mills gaining his Bachelor of Engineering degree, conferred upon him in the Great Hall of HMS Thunderer, Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon, Nr. Plymouth, by Admiral of the Fleet, Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff. Andrew came to Queen Elizabeth's in 1974 from Broughton C.E. Primary School and after gaining eleven O-level passes, of which seven were at Grade A, he gained four A-level passes before entering the Royal Navy. He numbers cricket, tennis, soccer and badminton amongst his interests, and is now a fully-fledged Royal Naval Engineering Officer.

The Wardroom,
HMS Fife,
BFPO Ships, London
9th September, 1986

Dear Mr. Johnston,

Thank you for your kind letter, congratulating me on the award of my degree. It was a very proud day when I graduated, especially since my parents and sister had travelled down to participate in the celebrations.

My college days are now over. I am now continuing my training on board our largest remaining destroyer, HMS FIFE. At Christmas I shall be sitting my fleet board — an oral examination testing a general understanding of the organisation and routines of the Royal Navy.

I then return to RNEC, but on the post-graduate course which is much more intensive than the degree. Following that course I shall be appointed to HMS COLLINGWOOD, in Portsmouth, where hopefully I shall finish training around this time next year. Having finished, I shall then go back to sea as a Weapons Engineering Section Officer.

You enquired in your letter whether I was a member of the Old Blackburnians. I joined when I left school and regularly receive the Magister. I have often tried to attend a Dinner, but they have so far clashed with my Naval commitments!

Following my fleet board, I expect to have a couple of weeks leave, so I shall make every effort to come into school before this term finishes.

Please pass my regards to all on the staff and tell them I often reflect on the good times I had in Blackburn.

Yours aye,
Andrew Mills, Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Navy

MICHAEL D. FLANNERY

A FORMER Blackburn man has qualified as a doctor at Oxford.

Mr. Michael D. Flannery, 24, a former pupil of Queen Elizabeth's from 1973-80, passed his final examinations in medicine at Oriel College, and is to take up a post at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

BISHOP of WOOLWICH

the Rt. Rev. Peter Hall, M.A.



The Bishop of Woolwich, the Rt. Rev. Peter Hall, M.A., has become our second old Blackburnian Bishop, following Victor Whitsey in that august position.

Formerly Rector of St. Martin's in the Bullring, Bishop Peter Hall, who was at school in the late 40's, graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge in 1953 before proceeding to Theological Studies at Ridley Hall.

He was Curate of St. Martin's in the Bullring from 1955-60; he served overseas, completing his overseas service as Canon of St. Mary's & All Saints' Cathedral in Salisbury, Rhodesia from 1968-70, before taking up his Birmingham post, and is a member of the General Synod of the Church of England from 1980, where he associates with both the Provost and the Head Master.

An alternative title to this article could have been "*Bishop Confesses to Punch-up with Headmaster in Dukes Brow*", which refers to the present Headmaster of Pleckgate School, Mr. Keith Walmsley, who was involved in a fight with Peter as schoolboys on Dukes Brow, and it was interesting that in the course of his sermon, Bishop Peter referred to his delight at being back in Blackburn, his debt to his old school, and in particular the challenge exercised in his youthful mind both in academic and spiritual terms, and how he still thinks of the North of England as being the genesis of all things good.

AN INDIAN ADVENTURE FOR JIM

GEOGRAPHY teacher Jim Dewes has been globetrotting himself during past months—thanks to cricket.

For Jim, a member of the staff at Queen Elizabeth's GS, Blackburn, completed a three-week tour of India in the company of a number of top class players.

Organised by Christians In Sport, the tour comprised 11 matches, including three against India. One of these was against a full-strength national side.

A Cambridge Blue and son of former England player John Dewes, Jim who has signed for Cherry Tree since joining the staff at QEGS this year, was in distinguished company.

ARCHDEACON TAKES OVER

A NEW archdeacon and his wife will figure in a double "take-over" when they move back to Blackburn in the New Year.

Canon David Robinson, a former pupil of QEGS 1942-49, will succeed Archdeacon Desmond Carroll at Blackburn Cathedral, and his wife, Carol, will take over as diocesan president of the Mothers' Union from Archdeacon Carroll's wife, Doreen.

Canon Robinson was vicar of St. James's Church, Blackburn, from 1963-73, and since then has been diocesan stewardship adviser, and priest-in-charge at Shireshead, near Lancaster.

In his new appointment, he will also take over from Archdeacon Carroll, as vicar of Balderstone.

PROFESSOR JOHN McLEOD

A Saskatoon-based team working on computer-guided educational diagnosis has received a \$195,000 grant over three years from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. This is in addition to a \$37,000 feasibility grant awarded earlier.

The team, centred at the University of Saskatchewan, is developing an "expert System" for using microcomputers to help teachers diagnose and remedy learning disabilities.

Professor John McLeod, of the Institute of Child Guidance and Development and the College of Education, is the team leader. Professors Gladene Robertson, of the College of Education, and Marlene Jones, of Waterloo University, are the other team members, supported by three research assistants. The Saskatoon team is closely linked with a research group at Waterloo, of which Professor Jones is a member. The Waterloo researchers have received a \$450,000 grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council to develop an advanced authoring language, THEORIST. This language is particularly appropriate for use with diagnostic expert systems.

Professor McLeod said the latest grant will support the researchers in developing and refining a diagnostic expert system which incorporates the knowledge and skills of experienced educational diagnosticians. The rules for the system will be generated by the researchers in consultation with practising Saskatchewan diagnosticians, and fine tuned through reactions from educators across Canada.

When the system is operating, teachers will still test students for learning problems. They will also continue to receive reports from parents and other teachers.

"With the computer, however, more expert background data will be readily accessible than previously, and the information will be analyzed more quickly, more accurately and more comprehensively than would otherwise be possible."

The research grant is the largest individual grant ever awarded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Dr. McLeod attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, from 1936 to 1942. His postgraduate studies in Education and Psychology were undertaken at St. Andrews University, Scotland, where he was awarded the University Medal in Education (1950). He was elected Fellow of the British Psychological Society in 1968.

Dr. McLeod was formerly Deputy Director of the Remedial Education Centre (later the Schonell Educational Research Centre) at the University of Queensland, from 1959 to 1968. He graduated Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Queensland in 1965.

Dr. McLeod has been a member of the International Advisory Board of the Orton Society for over twenty years, a member of the editorial advisory boards of the *Journal of Learning Disabilities* and *Journal of Reading, Writing and Learning Disabilities International*, a foundation Fellow of the International Academy for Research into Learning Disabilities, member of the Fulbright Society (having been a Fulbright Scholar in 1965) and a member of the International Council of Psychologists.

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HORRORS OF THE SOMME NOT FORGOTTEN

VISITORS to headmaster Philip Johnston's study may find the hand grenade on his desk a little unnerving.

However, the grenade is not a deterrent to unruly pupils but a sombre reminder of the horrors of war.

The grenade — now of course made safe — still contains the bullets designed to rip into the enemy during trench warfare.

It was given to Mr. Johnston as a memento of his visit to the scene of World War One's bloodiest battle.

Mr. Johnston joined the official party invited to Belgium to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

Mr. Johnston said he would never forget the moving experience of joining the politicians, clergymen and old soldiers in remembering the Somme.

He said: "The first morning of the battle was re-enacted on July 1. The sun was shining and the only sound was birdsong. Then a soldier stepped up from the trenches and the peace was shattered. Seeing the trenches and sensing the atmosphere of the place was something I shall always remember."

Mr. Johnston said that the sight of graves at the Lochnigar cemetery brought home to him the numbers who died. More than 200 QEGS old boys were killed in the trenches.

"Our school, like many others, suffered a tremendous loss. Boys went straight from the classroom to join up and were lost in the carnage."

Mr. Johnston attended the main memorial service at Thiepval and later joined in celebrations.

He said: "There were veterans from all over the world and it was good to see that British, French and Germans came together."

"There were some tears but there was also a quiet sense of thanks among those who had survived. The celebrations went on into the night and the atmosphere was tremendous. I was even kissed on both cheeks by a French colonel."

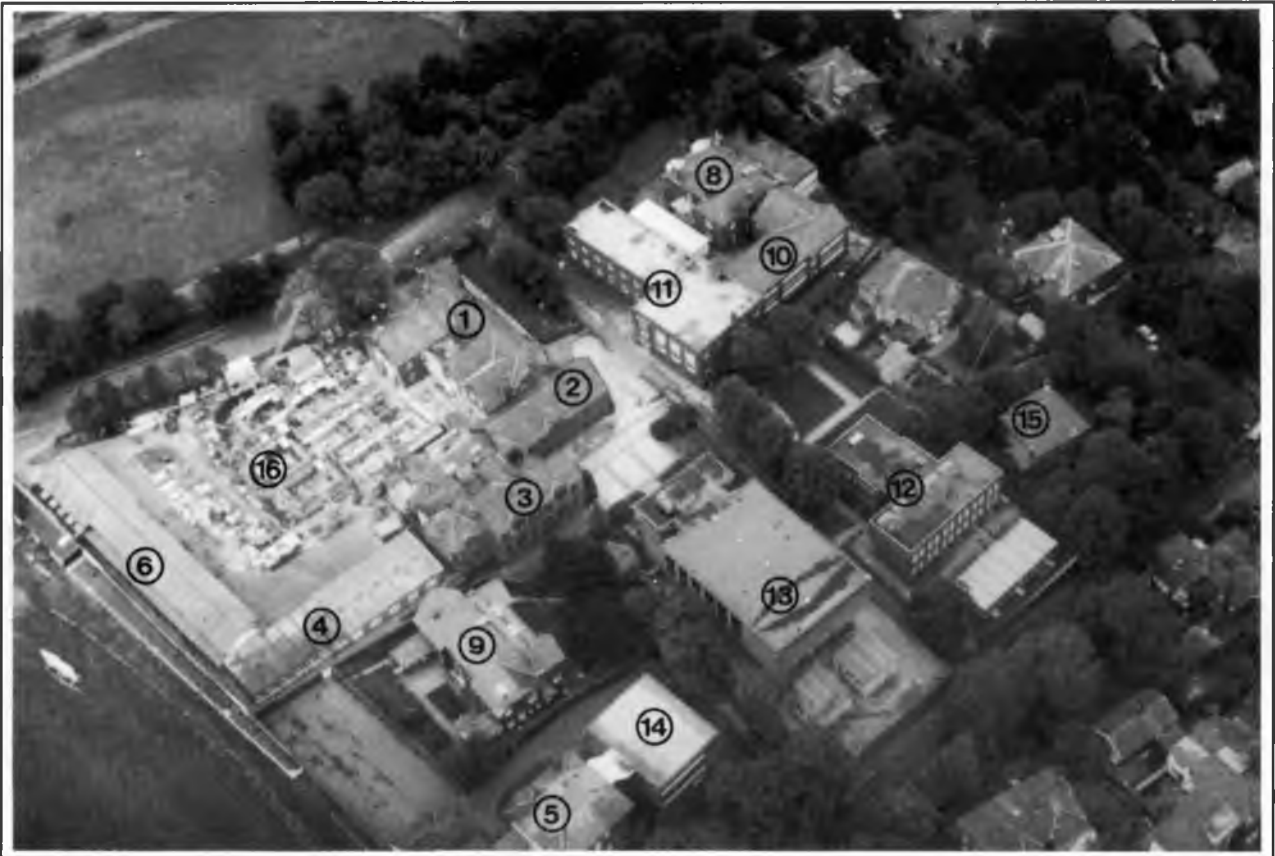
QEGS pupils will not be allowed to forget the significance of the war. Mr. Johnston added: "This anniversary will probably be the last of its kind. Soon there will be no more veterans. But we must not forget."

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' GOLF

THE 1986 competition was held at Blackburn Golf Club in June. Winner of the Judge Walmsley Cup was Eric Holden (1952-58) with 84.12.72 with runner-up Mick Sumner (1954-62) 88.16.72.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup winner was Tom Martin (1945-51) with a gross score of 84. Prizes were presented by Blackburn vice-captain David Smith (1946-51). As in the years of the recent past the number of competitors was disappointing and consideration is being given to a significant change of date. Interested members observations are always welcome by the organiser, Ray Smith on 0254 53266.

DOWN MEMORY LANE — TO “C” BLOCK



1. ORIGINAL BUILDINGS

First buildings occupied in 1888 after the school moved from Freckleton Street. The headmaster's house (corner) faced West Park Road with adjoining classrooms and dining hall. Other staff quarters were located above.



2. 'BIG SCHOOL'

Main assembly hall of the original buildings with magnificent stained glass Charter Window. Current use is primarily as a pupils dining hall with the Old Blackburnians Association enjoying its facilities each Christmas for the staging of its Annual Dinner.



3. RADCLIFFE WING

Completed and opened in 1907 by generous gift of Mr. R. C. Radcliffe the then Chairman of Governors, this science wing contained two laboratories and a lecture room. Its large south facing window was designed in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Radcliffe.

4. SITE OF 'OLD' HUTS

1921 saw the introduction of a surplus Army Hut in the Upper Quad as 'temporary' class accommodation, now replaced by more conventional buildings used as Art and Metalwork centres.

6. 'NEW' HUTS

At the town's expense the 'New' Wood Wing was erected in 1935 incorporating additional classrooms, a biology room and a new woodwork room. This structure was again introduced as a temporary facility - and is still in regular, active use!



5. HORNCLIFFE

Junior School was located in the original Horncliffe building, purchased by the Governors in 1925.

7. LAMMACK SPORTSFIELD

12 acres of land were purchased at Lammack in 1919. A small wooden hut served as changing room, dressing room, groundsman's storeroom and general bathroom until the new pavillion was opened in 1941.

8. HARTLEY HOUSE

As 'Atholl House' it had been the residence of Sir William Thom and was purchased in 1946 by subscription of private individuals. During the second World War the property was commandeered by the Army for occupation by a bomb disposal unit. A 500lb bomb was unearthed in the grounds several years later.





9. LAWN BANK AND CLIFFE MOUNT

Lawn Bank has provided the Headmaster's residence since its acquisition in the mid 50's, having previously been the residence of the Chief Constable of Blackburn (any connection?!). Cliffe Mount has been in school ownership far longer and, after a variety of uses, now affords a combination of Domestic Bursars accommodation and girls sixth form centre.



10. HORSBURGH BLOCK

Opened in 1953 by the then Minister of Education, Miss Florence Horsburgh, this two storey building provided four classrooms per floor, and, at the time, offered much needed additional pupil accommodation. The block is now linked with the Holden Laboratories.



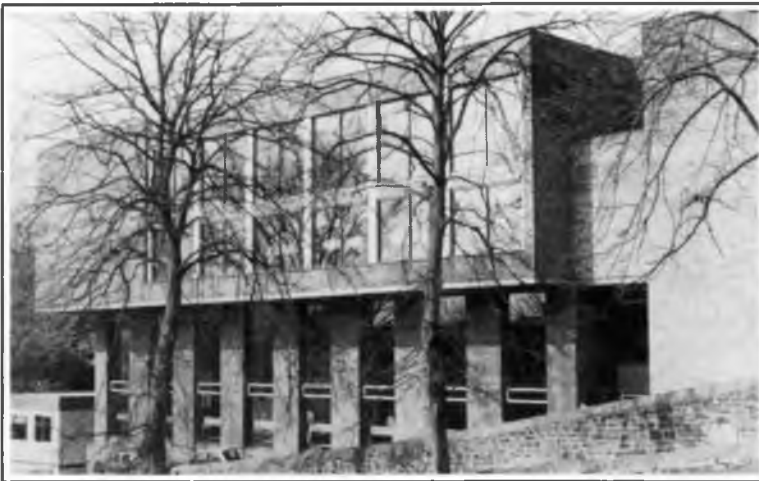
11. HOLDEN LABORATORIES

The resources of the school building fund were considerably swelled by a grant from the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Scientific Education in Schools to provide this magnificent science block project. Opened in 1958 the buildings bear the name of Mr. Arthur Holden, revered Headmaster (1919-47) and Governor of Queen Elizabeths.

12. ORMEROD HOUSE

Four classrooms, Biology laboratories and main Artroom/Pottery Bay were amongst the facilities provided by the opening of Ormerod House in 1964 to house the lower main school.





13. NEW HALL

Major assembly facilities which had diminished with Big School performing more of a dining hall role were restored by the opening in 1968 of this building, located on the site of the 'bottom quad'. The Hall boasts modern equipment and is complemented by a new gymnasium at lower floor level afforded by the natural gradient of the site.

Some 70 years had passed since the 'old' gym was added to the original school building structure.

14. HORNCLIFFE EXTENSION

The demands of an ever enlarging Junior School saw an extension to Horncliffe built and opened in 1973.

15. DUKES CLIFFE

The purchase of Dukes Cliffe Hotel in 1985 provided not only facilities for English and Music but also a full set of Gideon Bibles as part of the fixtures and fittings! Re-roofing was a priority, necessitating a full scale scaffolding operation.



16. ORIGINAL GYMNASIUM AND ADDED CLASSROOMS

These buildings are no more - as outlined on page 1 - although the original clock and weather vane are to be incorporated within the new library and classroom block presently under construction on the site. Remember those wall-bars?!



CHECK IF THERE'S A BRANCH NEAR YOU

WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, London area and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

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LONDON DINNER AND A.G.M.

THE Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting of the London Branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held on Friday, 7th March, 1986 at the R.A.F. Club in Piccadilly which has proved a popular venue over the past few years.

The business of the Annual General Meeting was efficiently dispensed with and there followed a most adequate five course meal. Thirteen branch members attended the evening together with the Headmaster and O.B.A. Chairman Mr. Keith Wightman.

Mr. M. Stirrup proposed the toast to the School and guests and in his reply the Headmaster gave a full report on current activities at School. Members present: Messrs. A. J. Holt, N. Duxbury, G. Smith, R. Vipond, M. J. Coulthurst, J. Lee, S. Pomfret, P. Isherwood, D. Marsden, M. Stirrup, N. Dickinson, D. Vipond, D. Bradshaw. From Blackburn: The Headmaster and Mr. K. Wightman.

OXFORD DINNER

THE Annual Dinner of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held in the delightful main hall at Exeter College on Friday, 25th October, 1985 after a welcoming reception in the Morris Room by the President, Miss Tina Cook.

Following an excellent meal the Headmaster reported on recent events at school and thanked Tina Cook for her excellent organisation of the evening. The ensemble retired to the Morris Room for general conversation and Mr. Clifford Waring proposed the toast to the school.

Guests attending were: Mr. E. C. Marsden (Chairman of Governors), Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook (former Headmaster), Mr. & Mrs. W. Hare (ex. Chairman of Governors), Mr. J. Lee, Mr. C. Waring, Mr. E. J. Kay, Mr. S. Dexter (E.S.U. student from U.S.A.).

Students: Miss H. Hoyle (President elect), Miss A. Cook, Miss J. Horsfall, Miss A. Wilson, Miss L. Hargreaves, Miss T. Cook, Miss J. Whiteley and Messrs. B. Lewis, D. Astall, J. Newman, G. Haddock, K. Whiteley, D. Dowds, J. Das, D. Hunter, D. Barnes.

PLEA FROM THE NORTH EASTERN BRANCH

THE branch which is based jointly upon Durham and Newcastle Universities did not hold a formal gathering during the year but its members are determined to revive the annual meeting of Old Blackburnians from those areas during 1986-87.

With this in mind they request that any Old Blackburnian not resident at either University but living in the area to contact the Secretary, Vijay Hajela, if they would like to attend the Ladies' Evening which is to be held at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Friday, 20th February, 1987.

Vijay's current address is listed with that of the other branch Secretaries.

Please would all Old Blackburnians in the area make every effort to attend this function.

CHESHIRE DINNER

THE Cheshire and South Manchester Branch Dinner was held at the usual venue of the Bowden Hotel, Cheshire on Friday, 11th October, 1985.

Harold Ramsbottom, Secretary of the branch welcomed the guests and tendered apologies from nine members unable to attend.

The Headmaster in his reply gave a report on the current activities at school and the progress of the building programme.

Those attending were: Messrs. B. Batey, Dr. T. S. Hindle, H. S. Marsden, D. M. Martin, Dr. H. Morris, J. A. Redman, E. Taylor, H. Ramsbottom

From school: Messrs. P. F. Johnston, E. J. Kay, F. Gillibrand, R. Smith,

LADIES' EVENING IN CHESHIRE

THE Cheshire and South Manchester Branch held their annual Ladies' Evening at the Bowden Hotel on Thursday, 22nd May 1986.

Branch Secretary welcomed the guests on behalf of the members present and tendered apologies from those unable to attend.

In the absence of the Headmaster, Mr. E. J. Kay gave a brief resume of the recent activities of the various branches of the Association and mentioned the changes taking place at school with the current building programme.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all attending and it was decided to change the Autumn meeting of the branch to a Ladies' Evening for the future in view of the small numbers attending.

Harold Ramsbottom was thanked for his organisation of the event and for many previous years as branch secretary.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. B. Batey, Dr. & Mrs. T. S. Hindle, Mr. & Mrs. W. Holden, Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Mr. & Mrs. E. West, Mr. & Mrs. J. Redman, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. H. Ramsbottom, Mr. & Mrs. F. Raby, Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Kay.

CAMBRIDGE DINNER

THE Annual Dinner of the Cambridge branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held on Friday, 22nd November, 1985 in the Borrdaile Room, Selwyn College.

A pleasant evening was spent by all who attended the event which was held in new surroundings.

Mr. E. C. Marsden, Chairman of Governors, took with him menus from the Oxford and Cambridge dinners of fifty years previous which had all been signed by those attending. It was a fitting end to the evening to maintain such a tradition by each guest signing a copy of the menu.

OUR THANKS

THE editorial staff of "Magister" would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters and general views, without which the production of this magazine would not be possible.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

1986

- Sept. 16th—O.B.A. Committee Meeting, Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S. 8.00 p.m.
 Oct. 2nd—Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies' Evening, Bowden Hotel, Cheshire.
 Oct. 21st—London Branch Pub Evening, Pontefract Castle, Wigmore Street, (off Oxford Street).
 Oct. 31st—Oxford Branch Dinner, The Old Dining Hall, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
 Nov. 21st—Cambridge Branch Dinner, New Hall, Cambridge.
 Nov. 25th—O.B.A. Annual General Meeting in the Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S. 8.00 p.m.
 Nov. 28th—London Branch Buffet Evening (informal). Venue later.
 Dec. 20th—O.B.A. Annual Dinner, Big School, Q.E.G.S. 7.00 for 7.15 p.m.

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- Jan. 21st—London Branch Pub Evening, Pontefract Castle, Wigmore Street, (off Oxford Street, London).
 Feb. 20th—North Eastern Branch Dinner, Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Mar. 13th—London Branch A.G.M. and Ladies' Evening.
 April—Young Old Blackburnians' Annual Dinner and Disco (to be arranged).
 May 6th—London Branch Pub Evening, Pontefract Castle, Wigmore Street, (off Oxford Street, London).
 May 15th—Yorkshire Branch Ladies' Evening, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Carr, Scotton Orchards, Lands Lane, Knaresborough.
 May 21st—Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies' Evening, Executive Suite, Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire

*Further details from E. J. Kay Esq.,
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PROFESSOR

DAVID McCLEAN, M.A., D.C.L.

PROFESSOR David McClean M.A., D.C.L. (1948-57) has been elected Chairman of the House of Laity of the General Synod of the Church of England. This appointment is the highest to which a layman in the Church of England can be elected.

The Headmaster, Mr. P. F. Johnston, is also a member of the House of Laity and both he and Professor McClean took part in the House's Centenary celebrations in February at which the Prince and Princess of Wales were present.

David has been Professor of Law at Sheffield University since 1973 specialising in International and Air Law. He also does work for the Commonwealth Secretariat which sends him globe trotting from time to time.

Another ex Blackburnian and colleague of Professor McClean at Sheffield is Dr. D. E. Bland B.A., M.Litt., Ph.D. (1952-59) formerly Dean of Social Science at the University and now Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Sorby Hall. He is also a Member of the Economic History Society, Fellow of the Society of Company and Commercial Accountants and Treasurer of the Anglican Chaplaincy.

MEMORIES

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This morning I received my copy of "Magister" and this brought back many memories of the School. It is now over 75 years since I became a pupil there. I began in form 3A and my form master was the legendary P. C. Northman—whose Latin teachings have remained with me till now. I left school in 1916 while G. A. Stocks was still Headmaster.

Apart from a visit when on leave from the Navy early in 1918, I have only been back once when the Scout Troop celebrated its 50th Anniversary. I was one of the founder members — a Patrol Leader.

Now I read Magister but I don't even know the "Obituaries". I wonder if anybody remembers me or my two brothers Edmund and Ronald who followed me much later. When I left School there were only about 130 boys in all and in the Sixth Form I was one of five. I would like to attend the dinner but at 86 I cannot travel as I could once.

Best wishes and continued success for "Magister".

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OLD BLACKBURNIANS' A.F.C. REPORT 1986

AFTER winning their cup competition two years ago and finishing well placed last year, the fourth team have gone one better this time and ended the season as champions of Division 'B' North. This is an excellent achievement and full credit to captain Pete Earnshaw and all the players who contributed to this success. Eagerly awaiting them now are the thirds in 'A' Division with the prospect of two very keen league encounters at Lammack in September and December. No doubt there will be one or two side bets on the outcomes of these games where pride will be very much at stake.

The 1st XI started the season quite confidently, gaining some good victories over difficult opposition, but then gradually slipped away and once again ended disappointingly in the lower half of the Premier Division. However, two more victories were gained than the previous season from four fewer league fixtures.

The 2nds under Tony McNamee's leadership maintained a good league position throughout the season but never quite looked likely to steal the show and eventually finished fifth, ten points adrift of champions, Broughton Amateurs. New captain Steve Woolley with the 3rds found victories difficult to come by and they struggled throughout the season for no apparent reason, very often losing out by the odd goal. Some spirited performances in April, however, saw them climb comfortably into mid-table respectability.

Rick Grogan, now back with the Blacks after quite a few years with Great Harwood as player and manager, ended up as top goal scorer, the majority of his goals scored with the top two teams — not bad for a 40 year old!

The sevens competition held in mid-August, 1985, was won this time by Southport Amateurs beating Old Rivs in the final. The host club were defeated in the semis by Southport and in spite of a reduced entry, an enjoyable day's football was had by all. As I write, preparations are well in hand for the 1986 competition.

A record attendance at the Club Dinner on June 6th welcomed guest speaker Arnie Martin, President of Bootle C.C. and saw the usual teams' Player of the Year and Clubman Awards. A special presentation went to Brian Hardcastle who is leaving to take a teaching post in London after 19 years playing service with the Old Blacks, half of them as Club Captain. Our best wishes go to both Brian and Myra and no doubt he will be visiting us in the future with news of his playing exploits down there.

At present, the pitches are in excellent condition with a minimum of work having been carried out during the summer and regular cutting by Vince has helped enormously. Money and time spent on both pitches over the past few years has paid dividends and Frank Masters has also spent many hours patiently replacing divots and generally looking after them.

In general, money has been spent prudently over the past couple of years, not a bad thing in view of the fact that the complete re-roofing for the Clubhouse is now a necessity before water eventually cascades through. Plans are also in hand for a possible separate members' room to provide better all round facilities and both projects will mean big money as they say. As usual, we are looking to the brewery for a further loan at favourable interest rates and negotiations are going on at present. No doubt news of these plans will be in next year's Magister.

Finally, looking ahead, the new season is just over a month away and training twice a week is now well established with friendly matches also arranged. A new sponsorship deal is going ahead thanks to Pete Worsick of C. Worsick, Crane Hire and we look forward to using two new sets of shirts being provided. Peter was a playing member up until a couple of years ago.

Hopefully 1986/87 will bring further success on the field and no doubt the clash on 13th September will be an interesting afternoon for those concerned.

PHIL SUMNER, July, 1986

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1st	26	9	2	15	42	65	20
2nd	26	13	5	8	53	33	31
3rd	26	9	6	11	66	70	24
4th	26	17	3	6	62	35	37



Old Blackburnians Association Football Club 4th XI

Back L. to R.: Keith Gillibrand, Ian Battersby, Craig Hindle, Brian Woodhead, Roger Masters, Andy Kidson, Mick Godwin.
Front L. to R.: Dave Botur, Andy Crawford, Pete Earnshaw, Jim Whitehead, Colin Crawford.



Club Dinner

L. to R.: Phil Entwistle (2nd Team Player of the Year), Steve Woolley (3rd Team), Ian Eastwood (1st Team), Phil Sumner (Chairman), Arnie Martin (President, Bootle C.C.), Pete Earnshaw (4th XI Captain), Mick Fenton (4th Team), Norman Beaumont (Clubman of the Year), Colin Crawford (4th Team).

MR. T. J. LONGSTAFF

IN September 1966, Mr. Longstaff succeeded Mr. R. Rimmer as Head of Music. He had already had considerable teaching experience, having begun his career after service in the R.A.F. during the last war. He spent two years as a student teacher at Leeds Parish Church School before going to an Emergency Training College in Harrogate. While at the former he studied for and gained the A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., and L.T.C.L. diplomas. These successes were instrumental in his being appointed Music Master at Roundhay Grammar School, Leeds in 1950. In addition, he held the posts of Organist to the Leeds Philharmonic Society and Sub-Organist at Leeds Parish Church, where the music is of cathedral standard. In 1952, he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists by examination.

Although a native of Leeds, he decided to enlarge his experience by moving to Bury in 1955, where he was Organist and Choirmaster of Bury Parish Church and taught in the C. of E. Central School. The Head of Music at Stand Grammar School became vacant in 1958. Mr. Longstaff was successful in his application and spent nine happy years there, building up the choir and performing large scale choral works of the kind we have been accustomed to at Q.E.G.S. over the past twenty years.

1967 was the Quarter-centenary of our School and part of the celebrations was a musical concert in the Cathedral. For this occasion Mr. Rimmer had commissioned Michael Rose to write a choral work, but he left for another appointment before any preparation of "Winter Music" was possible. Mr. Longstaff, undaunted, set about teaching the notes of this work and Britten's "St. Nicholas". The ensuing performances were very well received.

One other initial task he gave himself was to increase the numbers of the choir from a small group of competent singers to the present membership of two hundred and fifty. This was achieved by inviting a succession of First Year trebles to join the choir; when this failed, conscription was employed. Many of these stayed on as altos, tenors and basses of their own volition, despite the demands on their lunch-time breaks for rehearsals and the discipline required by Mr. Longstaff if worthwhile performances were to follow. He also involved as many members of staff as possible, irrespective of their vocal abilities; approximately twenty-five ladies and gentlemen have joined the boys and girls in recent concerts and carol services. In the latter, the inclusion of some of Mr. Longstaff's own compositions and arrangements alongside popular hymns and carols contributed to a dignified rendering in words and music of the Christmas story.

The School orchestra similarly received his untiring attention. Pupils, taught mainly by peripatetic teachers, were encouraged to learn instruments in School in order to maintain a steady flow of players for the orchestra. Evidence of the success of this has been provided annually at the Musical Evenings in the spring or early summer. In the orchestra and the choir Mr. Longstaff sought to give pupils and staff the opportunity to perform the works of great composers and to foster the love of good music. He can claim to have done this.

Outside the School he has found many chances for music-making. Reference has already been made to his work as a church organist in Leeds and Bury. To these should be added positions at Stockport, Bowden, Preston and Blackburn, where he is currently at St. James's Church. Directing courses for the Royal School of Church Music, giving organ recitals, and conducting various choral and orchestral groups have made demands on his time; but wherever music is involved his energy seems inexhaustible.

As a change from teaching music, Mr. Longstaff relished a few periods per week of English or Mathematics with his Second Form music specialists. He even had the salutary experience of taking a Fifth form of very limited ability for 'O' Level Maths. Being a non-specialist, he openly admits that he was at one with them mentally and understood their bewilderment at mathematical abstractions.

Whatever the subject, he demanded that this pupils always give of their best. This could not be achieved if they had a casual attitude towards either their personal appearance or their studies. Neatness of presentation was imperative at all times. How many boys recall not having the right look on their faces; being prodded into action in moments of inertia; chastised for untidy neck-wear or unpolished shoes? It was not a case of "Do as I say, not as I do." Like Chaucer's Poor Parson, he practised what he preached.

Perhaps it was at choir practices that Mr. Longstaff's apposite vocabulary and dry wit were heard to their best advantage. His verbal rebukes could be withering to the individual, but he did not harbour grudges. At other times he could be very humorous while maintaining a

posture of seriousness. At a Speech Night not many years ago, his feigned ignorance of jazz, as he introduced the musical items by boys who had formed a jazz group, brought the biggest applause of the evening. Unfortunately, this was not to last. Following an occasion on which he uttered some pointed remarks on the Borough Council's treatment of the organ in King George's Hall — a subject on which he has strong views — he found himself muzzled from above, since when his voice has not been publicly heard.

All too often pupils have a one-sided view of their teachers. They are not privileged to see their mentors in other situations. Soon after Mr. Longstaff had taken up his post as organist at Preston Parish Church, one of his choirmen was heard to remark with a hint of affection: "We've got a right Jekyll and Hyde of a choirmaster now. Put a baton in his hand and he can be a very devil; give him a pint glass in the pub after the practice and he's the friendliest of fellows". It may surprise many people to know something of Mr. Longstaff's other side.

He loves companionship and delights in entertaining his friends at his home, where he and his wife are the most genial of hosts. His home-made beer and wine are a speciality. Reading has always been a favourite recreation of his, but latterly, television has provided him with the late-night horror film, snooker and until recently, the World Cup. Proof-reading "The Blackburnian" is another interest. Like Antony Hopkins, the conductor, racing car enthusiast and broadcaster on music, he has a penchant for getting from A to B as fast as possible. Travelling with T.J.L. from School to the Cathedral for a rehearsal is a hold-light experience; to dash to Cambridge in three hours to hear his son, John, conduct "Messiah" must have been hair raising.

Music may occupy most of his time and thought, but it comes second to his family. Without the whole-hearted support of his wife and sons, John, Edward and Oliver, he acknowledges he could not have had so much pleasure and success in music-making. Past and present pupils, members of staff and parents are indebted to Mr. Longstaff for his contribution to the musical life of the School. May he and Betty have a long and happy retirement.

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JUDY MASHEDE (1980-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. English, Keeble College, Oxford Appointed Bairn and Co., working in Boston, Massachusetts

DOROTHY M. MARSDEN (1980-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Medical Sciences with Physiology, King's College, University of London Proceeding to Clinical Medical Studies King's College Hospital

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A. PETTINGER, B.A. (1970-77) Graduated M.A., University of Essex. Proceeding to studies for Ph.D.

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M. G. PICKUP (1975-82) Gained B.Tec. HND, Business Studies, Huddersfield Polytechnic Appointed Trainee Manager Kwik Save

G. ROBINSON, B.Sc. (1952-59) Appointed Export Manager of the South African Motor Corporation

D. C. ROE (1980-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics, Leeds University Appointed Assistant Production Manager, Colmans of Norwich

V. J. RILEY (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Computational Science, Hull University Appointed Graduate Trainee I.C.L., Middlesex

C. W. RYAN (1974-81) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Chemistry, University of St Andrews Appointed to Research Department, International Paints (Courtauld P.L.C.)

P. J. ROMAINE (1974-81) Awarded Rugby League Blue St. Edmund Hall, Oxford Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Geography, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford Appointed Trainee Accountant, Arthur Anderson & Co., (Manchester)

P. SHUTTER (1979-81) Graduated G.R.S.M. (Hons) and awarded L.R.A.M. (Music), Royal Academy of Music, London

I. J. STOCKDALE (1973-79) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemical Engineering, Imperial College, London Employed in Technical Section, B.N.F., Risley

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R. N. E. SMITH (1976-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemical Pathology, Leeds University

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R. ANNE SINGLETON (1979-81) Graduated B.Sc., Mathematics, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic

D. J. SAUL (1970-76) Awarded Ph.D., in Genetics, University of Sheffield Awarded Post Doctoral Fellowship at University of Auckland, New Zealand

C. J. SUTTON (1973-79) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Wadham College, Oxford Appointed Scientific Officer, G.C.H.Q., Cheltenham

I. S. SIMPSON (1975-82) Graduated B.A., Economics, Lancaster University

A. J. SPOUSE (1980-82) For past 18 months employed by Lancashire Constabulary as a Constable at Burnley Division

BETH STANDING (1980-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Medicine, Magdalen College, Oxford Proceeding to John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

P. THOMPSON (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Electrical and Electronic Engineering, U.M.I.S.T.

H. TAYLOR (1980-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Physiological Sciences, Exeter College, Oxford Proceeding to St Bartholomew's Hospital, London

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MARGARET ANN WILSON (1980-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. English, Leeds University Proceeding to P.G.C.E. course at Leeds

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S. J. WILLIAMS (1975-81) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Engineering Science, Exeter College, Oxford Appointed Graduate Engineering Trainee, Rolls-Royce, Bristol

P. D. WALKER (1970-80) Graduated B.D.S. University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne

A. WARREN (1973-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Graphic Design, Preston Polytechnic Appointed Graphic Designer at David Davies Associates, London

J. YATES (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., A.R.C.S., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biochemistry, Imperial College, London University

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SUCCESES

The following members of the School have been elected to Open Awards

Michael J. HAMPSON *Open Exhibition — Jesus, Oxford, P.P.P.*

E. Janet WHITELEY *Jubilee Scholarship — St. Hugh's, Oxford Mathematics*

In addition the following have gained places

Alison J. BATTERSBY *New Hall, Cambridge Medicine*

Neil E. J. DEWHURST *Merton, Oxford Mathematics*

Dipanker DEY *St. Peter's, Oxford Biochemistry*

E. Marcus GREEN *Merton, Oxford History*

Helen E. HOYLE *St. Edmund Hall, Oxford Geography*

Carla L. JONES *Trinity, Cambridge English*

Benjamin P. KERSHAW *Ornel, Oxford Modern History*

John A. LORD *Balliol, Oxford Engineering* (1986)

Sarah K. MAHONEY *Trinity, Cambridge French/Japanese*

M. Shahzad A. MALIK *Queen's, Oxford Medicine*

Graeme D. MILLAR *Magdalene, Cambridge Engineering*

Andrew M. ORMSBY *Hertford, Oxford English Literature/Language*

Catherine SLATER *Newnham, Cambridge Medicine*

STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

THE following Queen Elizabeth's students have received scholarships from the Peel Foundation Scholarship Fund:

Eli Heyworth Memorial Scholarships: Anrudda Datta, Graeme Millar, J. E. Fielding University Scholarships: Alison Battersby, Oliver Longstaffe, Daniel Thwaites University Scholarships: Julia Newton, Peel Scholarships: Avigil Chatterjee, Martin Dayman, Dipanker Dey, Edward Green, Timothy Jacklin, Carla Jones, Matthew Jones, David Leitch, John Lord, Sarah Mahoney, David Prest, Mark Stott, Peter Sutcliffe, Timothy Wilson

The Peel Foundation was set up in 1898 to provide grants for Blackburn schoolchildren going to university and the trustees now make awards based on the best A-level results.



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M. J. ALMOND, B.Sc., D.Phil. (1972-78) Appointed to Lectureship in Inorganic Chemistry, Reading University.

P. D. ANDERTON (1974-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Computer Science, Liverpool University. Proceeding to post graduate research at Liverpool.

M. ASHBY (1976-83) Graduated L.L.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

D. J. ASTILL (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Philosophy and Theology, Regent's Park College, Oxford. Proceeding to Law College.

D. BRADLEY (1972-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Business Studies, Manchester Polytechnic. Proceeding to Personnel Officer at The Engine Systems Division of Lucas Aerospace Ltd, Birmingham.

GEMMA M. BESWICK (1979-82) Awarded H.N.D. with distinction in Agriculture, Lancashire College of Agriculture and Horticulture. Appointed Agricultural Technical Advisor and Livestock Specialist.

N. BLAND (1974-81) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mathematics, University College, London. Proceeding to Manchester Polytechnic for C.N.A.A. in Hotel and Catering Management.

D. BURY, B.Sc. (1972-79) Awarded Ph.D. in Metallurgy, Leeds University. Appointed to a post with A. E. Rugsley.

D. E. BLAND, B.A., M.Litt., Ph.D. (1952-59) Appointed Pro Vice Chancellor and Warden of Sorby Hall.

D. R. BOLTON, M.A. (1957-64) Appointed County Adviser in Modern Languages to Buckinghamshire.

ANNE BILLINGTON (1978-80) Appointed manager British Shoe Corporation concession, Co-operative Society, Brighouse, Yorkshire.

S. R. BOARDMAN (1976-82) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Natural Sciences (Chemistry), Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Proceeding to research for Ph.D.

D. JANE BRIDGETT (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1 Hons. Geography with Economics. Appointed trainee accountant with Deloitte Haskins and Sells, London.

A. J. BATE, B.A. (1970-79) Qualified Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine, Christ's College, Cambridge. Proceeding to vocational course at the Inns of Court School of Law, London.

S. J. BUTTERWORTH, B.A. (1970-79) Qualified Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine, Girton College, Cambridge.

M. P. BARRETT (1981-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, Leeds University. Proceeding to postgraduate research.

JANE BROADBENT (1980-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mathematics, Christ Church, Oxford. Proceeding to Consultant Actuary Training with Bacon and Woodrow, London.

A. M. BROTHERTON (1982-83) Graduated L.L.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Newcastle Polytechnic. Proceeding to Chester Law College, then articles with Farleys Solicitors, Blackburn.

K. A. BARNES Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Leicester University.

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D. BUNKER (1975-81) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Sociology/Psychology, Leeds University.

S. J. BUTTERWORTH (1973-80) Qualified M.B. Veterinary Medicine, Girton College, Cambridge University.

R. M. CRAVEN (1970-75) Qualified M.B., Ch.B. Sheffield University Medical School. Appointed House Physician, Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

C. CATLOW, B.Sc. (1972-79) Qualified A.C.A. Appointed to post with Arthur Anderson and Company, Perth, Western Australia.

SUSAN CHEUNG (1981-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Electronics, Salford University.

M. P. COX (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Business Studies, Sheffield University.

SHABNAM S. CHAUDHRY (1982-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Pharmacy. Proceeding to Boots Chemist.

R. N. CUNLIFFE (1975-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Manchester University. Proceeding to Consultant Engineer in the Power Station projects division of G.E.C. Turbine Generators Limited, Manchester.

HELEN CRUDEN (1980-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Major French Studies with Minor English, Lancaster University.

M. COLE (1972-81) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Politics, University of York 1984 M.A. Politics 1985 Took 12 month sabbatical as full time Deputy President of Students Union. Now been elected Part-time Executive Committee Member.

S. P. DANIELS (1976-83) Qualified M.B., Ch.B. Leeds University.

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S. C. ELLIS (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., (Econ) Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. International Relations, London School of Economics. Proceeding to Law Diploma, London University.

J. A. ELLISON (1978-81) Graduated B.Ch.D., Leeds University. Appointed as an associate in General Dental Practitioners, Burnley.

H. T. FARRELL (1976-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Electronic and Computer Engineering, Nottingham University. Appointed to post with Plessey Defence Systems.

K. FARQUHAR (1976-83) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Nottingham University.

KATHRYN T. FISHWICK (1979-81) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University.

ALLISON GREENALL (1981-83) Graduated B.Pharm., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. University of London. Proceeding to Guys Hospital, London.

ELIZABETH M. GIBSON (1978-81) Graduated B.Ch.D., Leeds University. Appointed General Dental Surgeon in Clayton-le-Moors.

SALLY HALL (1979-81) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, French, King's College, London. Proceeding to P.G.C.E. at Institute of Education, London.

CHRISTINE HEYWORTH (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Economics and Accounting, Leeds University. Proceeding to marketing with Ushers Brewery, Trowbridge.

G. J. F. HUMPHREYS (1974-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. British Government and Public Policy, Newcastle Polytechnic. Proceeding to Trainee Manager with W. J. Foster Limited, Preston.

I. HAMPSON (1976-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Environmental Science, Lancaster University. Awarded a Special Award of Merit by the University Athletic Union. Proceeding to Linacre College, Oxford for P.G.C.E. in Physics.

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ELAINE IBBOTSON (1981-83) Appointed Assistant Manageress Weir and Son, Jewellers, Burnley.

C. S. JEPSON (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting and Financial Management, Sheffield University.

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VALERIE LIVESEY (1978-80) Awarded M.Sc. in Agricultural Botany, University College of Wales, Continuing with research for Ph.D. at Aberystwyth.

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SEEMA MARROTT (1979-81) Qualified M.B. Ch.B. Manchester University.

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M. W. MELLODYE (1974-82) Awarded H.N.D. Agriculture, Lancashire College of Agriculture.

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A. T. NEWTON Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. St. Andrews University.

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KAREN PARKINSON (1979-81) Qualified M.B.B.S. St. Georges Hospital, London. University Appointed House officer, Gillingham Hospital.

I. D. PROCTER (1976-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Engineering Science, Hatfield College, Durham University. Appointed trainee chartered accountant Grant Thornton International, Manchester.

M. PROCTER (1976-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Psychology, Hatfield College, Durham University.

M. PARDOE, B.A. (1979-82) Awarded Post-graduate diploma with distinction, and John Wisart Prize in Mathematical Statistics, Churchill College, Cambridge. Appointed to post with Watson and Sons, Consultant Actuaries, Ryegate, Surrey.

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DEBORAH PATTISON (1981-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Chemistry/Pharmacology, Sheffield University.

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B. N. ROSTRON (1973-80) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Environmental Science, Bradford University.

C. J. RAWSON (1975-82) Graduated B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Politics, Reading University. Appointed to Management Development Scheme, of Lloyds Bank P.L.C.

N. J. ROBBINS (1978-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Industrial Studies, Sheffield City Polytechnic.

S. M. ROBINSON (1971-81) Qualified M.B., B.S. St. Barts Med College, London.

N. A. ROWLAND (1974-81) Awarded H.N.D. Agriculture, Harper Adams Agriculture College. Now farming in Canterbury.

A. W. ROBINSON (1977-82) Graduated B.D.S. University of Edinburgh, School of Dental Surgery. Joined Dental Practice in Blackburn.

MICHELLE A. RAKOWSKI (1981-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Chemistry, King's College, London. Proceeding to P.G.C.E. at Leeds University.

A. J. SHEPHERD (1974-80) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Chemistry, Merton College, Oxford. Appointed Organic Chemist with Lancaster Synthesis Limited.

T. K. SOUTHWORTH (1948-54) Appointed Her Majesty's Vice consul to the British Consulate-General Lille, France.

I. J. SHERLOCK (1976-82) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Electrical Science, Tripos, Churchill College, Cambridge.

S. T. SWIFT, B.A. (1976-79) Qualified Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

JACQUELINE A. SPENCER (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Leicester University.

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T. M. J. SAGAR (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Classics, Magdalene College, Cambridge. Proceeding to P.G.C.F. Cambridge.

M. J. STOCK (1975-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Social Policy and Administration, Hull University.

S. E. SUMNER (1977-83) Gained Professional Diploma, Environmental Health, Trent Polytechnic. Appointed Environmental Health Officer by London Borough of Barnet.

JACQUELINE A. SPENCER (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Geography, Leicester University.

R. T. SMITH (1976-83) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Leeds University.

T. A. SHEARER (1974-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Food Marketing Sciences, Sheffield City Polytechnic.

I. R. SPENCER (1975-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Economics, University of Salford. Proceeding to Trainee Accountant with Alliot Crossley and Davis, Preston.

D. TEBB, M.Sc., D.I.S. (1968-77) Awarded Ph.D. in power electronics, Loughborough University. Appointed to post with Mullard Limited, Stockport.

A. P. TAYLOR (1975-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Materials Science, Manchester University. Appointed Assistant Technologist, Cyanamid Fothergill, Wrexham.

N. A. TONG (1971-81) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University. Appointed House Officer, Ormskirk District General Hospital.

B. TAYLOR (1981-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Zoology, Manchester University. Proceeding to Durham University for P.G.C.E.

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R. TAYLOR (1974-81) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Modern Languages, Exeter College, Oxford. At present doing P.G.C.E. Start teacher training in September at York.

I. A. TRICKETT (1976-83) Graduated B.Eng. Class 2, Div. 1, Engineering Science, Liverpool University. Proceeding to Graduate Trainee in Technical Efficiency and Organisation Department, Mullards, Burnley.

J. D. TURNER (1976-83) Graduated L.L.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Law, Nottingham University. Proceeding to Law College, London.

PETER JOHN WALSH (1952-59) Drake, Awarded Master of Education, Newcastle University, December 11th 1985. At present Head of History Department, Pennywell School, Sunderland. Teacher Governor of the same School.

D. I. WHITELEY (1977-83) Awarded a Scholarship in Engineering, St. John's College, Oxford.

J. WHITTAKER (1938-42) Appointed Honorary Chaplain of Helen House, Oxford — the first children's hospice in the world.

HELEN L. WILLIAMS (1980-82) Graduated B.Sc., (Eng) Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Nuclear Engineering, Queen Mary College, London. Appointed Instructor W.R.N.S.

F. WRIGLEY Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Kent University.

M. J. WHALLEY (1976-83) Graduated B.Ed., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Biological Studies, St. Martin's College, Lancaster. Appointed Salesbury C. of E. Primary School, Blackburn.

ALISON D. WALSH (1981-83) Graduated L.L.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Law, Leeds Polytechnic. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

P. WILLIAMS (1973-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Computer Science, University College, London. Appointment with Q.M.C. Interactive Systems Limited.

ANNE B. WILSON (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Creative Arts (Music Major), Newcastle Polytechnic. Proceeding to Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff.

D. H. WEST (1973-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Biology, University of York.

1986 DINNER PREVIEW

THIS year's Old Blackburnians' Dinner at school on December 20th will be a special occasion for a man who has been at every meal for almost 30 years.

He is, of course, Mr. Derick Lund, School Marshall and domestic bursar, who has been toastmaster at almost all those 30 dinners.

He will be dining not working however at this year's meal when his biggest thrill will be seeing his son Christopher propose a toast to the school.



Chris Lund, who was at school from 1961-68, is an associate partner with Dr. Anderson and partners in Hong Kong. Chris moved to the colony in 1977 and Mr. Lund and his wife Phyllis have visited Chris several times in the intervening years.

Chris will arrive in Blackburn early in December to attend Speech Night, the dinner and his father's retirement party and farewell dance at school on December 18th. He will return to Hong Kong on January 2nd. More about Derick's retirement and his years at school in our next edition.

Chris graduated from St. Andrew's University in 1971, and also from Dundee in 1974, following pre-registration posts in Scotland, he returned to Blackburn and commenced a vocational training course for general practice with the aim of joining a practice in Blackburn.

After 18 months, first in obstetrics and gynaecology and later in accident and emergency orthopaedics, he was offered a post in Hong Kong, — and has never looked back.

Chris went to work at the Yau Tong estate clinic at Kwun Tong, east of Kowloon in 1978, in one of the world's most densely populated areas as one of two English members of a programme set up by the United Christian Medical Service. It was probably one of the most unusual periods of GP training to be sanctioned by the Royal College of General Practitioners as suitable for membership application to the college.

After six years in Hong Kong, he now conducts consultations in Chinese.

His brother Robert, who was at school from 1961-68 and is now accountant for Barclays Bank at Lancaster University, will also be attending the three functions.

One man who has seen all the Old Blacks speech-making before is Brian Birtwistle, who will this year be proposing a toast to the guests. Brian, executive officer in Central Lancashire for the Commission for New Towns, proposed the same toast 15 years ago — but he assures us the speech will not be the same!

Brian was at school from 1948-57 and read law at Leeds before becoming adicled to the then Town Clerk of Blackburn, Mr. Frank Squires. Brian later became assistant solicitor at Blackburn then moved to Salford, Stretford and Trafford before becoming chief legal officer for Central Lancashire Development Corporation.

He was appointed to his present post when the Commission became established in Central Lancashire, taking over the corporation's assets on January 1st.

He lives with his wife Anne, to whom he has been married 17 years, in Buncer Lane, Blackburn, and the couple have three children.

Replying to Brian's toast will be County Education Officer for North Yorkshire, Mr. Fred Evans, who took over the reins in Northallerton in August. Mr. Evans has had a distinguished career since leaving Chadderton Grammar School for St. Peter's College Oxford, where he read French. He took a Diploma in Education at Oxford after gaining his degree and taught in various parts of the country between 1964-67, when he was promoted to head of department. He was made professional assistant in Gloucester in 1970 and appointed assistant director (secondary) for education by Lyndsey County Council. On local government reorganisation, he was made assistant education officer (development) for Lincolnshire.

In 1974, he moved to Buckinghamshire as senior assistant education officer for development, then as second deputy chief education officer for Cambridge in 1978.

Three years later, he was appointed director of educational services for Kirklees in Huddersfield.

He is president of his alma mater, St. Peter's Society and his hobbies include music, vintage transport and photography. He has been seen on the seafort at Blackpool pursuing one of his hobbies . . . no, not snapping the Tower but driving a tram!

He lives, with his wife Lesley, in Northallerton, where he moved from Rastrick in summer. They have two sets of twin boys, aged 12 and 16.

SOLICITOR IS NEW PRESIDENT



SOLICITOR, Mr. Stuart Shorthouse, a pupil of Queen Elizabeth's from 1966-73, has taken over as president of Blackburn Lions in their 25th year.

He received his chain of office from Mr. Peter Singleton, at a special presentation in the Foxfields Restaurant, Billington, in front of 130 guests.

Mr. Shorthouse is a former president and district president of the Leos, the junior section of the Lions.

WENDY J. GILLIBRAND

WENDY J. GILLIBRAND, a pupil between 1979-81 has been accepted for a Care of the Aged Course at Queens, Nottingham, after qualifying as a Registered General Nurse at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

MEDICAL FIRST FOR LASER PIONEER



A FORMER East Lancashireman has pioneered a world-wide breakthrough in treating heart disease.

Dr. David Cumberland has successfully used a laser to burn through a blocked coronary artery in a 39-year-old patient.

His technique, pioneered at Sheffield's Northern General Hospital, avoids the need for expensive and often-traumatic open-heart surgery.

The technique is a major step forward on its less successful forerunner—inflating a minute balloon in the artery to squeeze and split fatty deposits.

And it will spell hope for many patients anxiously awaiting by-pass surgery to remove the threat of heart attack.

Dr. Cumberland was at Queen Elizabeth's from 1952-62 and his parents live in Billinge End Road, Blackburn.

MARK GORTON



AS a presenter on 'Granada Reports', Mark Gorton is a familiar face on your television screen.

On leaving QEGS, Mark went to Durham University, where he gained his English degree.

He left Blackburn 3½ years ago, about the same time as he joined Granada, and now lives just outside Birkenhead, though his parents, George a retired policeman, and Marjorie a retired teacher, still live in Adelaide Terrace, Blackburn.

PETER J. WALSH

PETER JOHN WALSH was awarded Master of Education, Newcastle University, December 11th, 1985.

At present he is head of the History Department at Pennywell School, Sunderland. He is also teacher governor of the same school.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School between 1952-59 and was in Drake house.



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THE ROYAL EVENT

RECENT announcement from the Home Office, dated 7th October, 1987 — "Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the recommendation that permission to name the new building at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, 'Queen's Wing' should be granted".

As we go to press final hectic preparation of the new building, designed by Messrs. Bray/Singleton of Lytham St. Annes, and built by William Carefoot & Sons of Longridge, is taking place as the school eagerly awaits the first visit of Her Majesty The Queen to East Lancashire on an official visit for nineteen years.

It was announced from Buckingham Palace in the middle of August that Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, after a visit to Burnley, would be travelling by Royal car to West Park Road on Thursday, November 12th, and Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will tour the new building, name it after herself, and meet members of the school's academic and ancillary staff, parents, governors and friends. Details of the full programme are in the final throes of preparation, but are expected to follow these lines:

The first to arrive will be His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh accompanied by the Vice Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Chief Constable and their wives. Just before 1100 hours, Her Majesty The Queen, attended by the Duchess of Grafton, the Lady Farnham and Mr. Robert Fellowes will arrive, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant, Mr. Simon Towneley and Mrs. Towneley, the Clerk to the Lieutenantcy, Mr. Brian Hill, Deputy Lieutenant, and Mrs. Hill, and the Chief Constable of Lancashire, Mr. R. B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

On the steps of West Park Road, inside the new entrance by the bell tower, the Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor Mrs. S. Liddle, will greet Her Majesty, present the Mayoress, Mrs. Stephen Jones, Chief Executive, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Jack Straw, Member of Parliament for Blackburn. By the bell tower, the Lord Lieutenant will present the Rt. Revd. Stuart Cross and Mrs. Cross, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Derby and the Countess of Derby, and the Chairman of Governors.

The Chairman of Governors, in turn will introduce his wife, his Vice-Chairman of Governors, Mr. Goodall, and the Head Master, and in the new buildings, the Head Master will greet Her Majesty, present his two Vice-Masters, Mr. John Knowles and Mr. Eric Whittle.

Her Majesty, escorted by the Head Master and Joanne Iddon, the Head Girl, (who will have presented Her Majesty with a small posy) will tour the new buildings. His Royal Highness will be escorted by the Head Boy and by the Chairman of Governors and other distinguished guests.

Her Majesty will see normal lessons in session (as far as any session can be normal when the Queen is present), and will visit the new language laboratory on the first floor, before going to the dias in the sixth-form study on the second floor for the opening of the new wing.

There, after dedication and consecration of the buildings by the Bishop of Blackburn, Her Majesty will unveil a commemorative plaque before moving to the exhibition area and the library.

Other presentations of senior staff will follow, and Her Majesty will sign the visitors' book and commemorative photographs.

At about 1220 hours, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will then descend through the remodelled Garstang Room and the annexe to Big School before posing for pictures in front of the Charter Window, where Her Majesty will also meet the Provost of Blackburn, Mr. Marsden, Mr. Prest, Mr. West, the Bursar and Mrs. Waring.

The original School Charter will be on display, and Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will then move through a line of school scouts to the Assembly Hall, where she will informally meet school governors, members of the Common Room, Old Blackburnians and friends of the School. Andrew Booth, Head Boy, will make a presentation of a Coat of Arms, hand-crafted in silver by Mr. Barry Brown, Head of Craft/Design/Technology, and also Chairman of the Common Room, to Her Majesty. Forty two and a half minutes after arriving Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will depart by car to Blackburn Railway Station.



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Many parts of the school have been extensively refurbished under this rebuilding programme, and Old Blackburnians will hardly recognise the Head Master's study, now relocated in the former school office, the new Bursary (whose chief feature, apart from very pleasant working conditions for increased bursarial staff) includes a cleverly hidden trap door, through which non-paying, unsuspecting parents can be ejected into the cellars below!, remodelled staff accommodation, new studies for the Vice-Masters, new room for the Head Boy and Head Girl and the prefectorial body, together with a refurbished, relit and redecorated Big School.

Exciting plans are afoot to hang chandeliers in Big School to show off the school's splendid portraits to full advantage, and the Old Blackburnians' Association has already generously promised the money for these chandeliers, together with the superb new doors, which will make access to and from the new bar (a tea-bar during term time, and alcoholic bar during the holidays) on the night of the Old Blackburnians' Annual Dinner.

Mr. Fred Bury, so long associated with the Old Blackburnians' Association, former pupil, Head Boy, Assistant Master, Head of Mathematics, and finally Second Master, is going to open the refurbished Science Wing on the same day, following the departure of Her Majesty The Queen. It is fitting that Her Majesty will depart from the ginnel, linking the old buildings and the new, where the school scouts will have formed a guard of honour, and the school choir will have sung the school song. After luncheon, distinguished guests and representatives of the school's various organisations will watch Mr. Fred Bury unveil a plaque linking the Holden Laboratories to the Florence Horsburgh Wing, and also an entirely new wing, cleverly constructed by Costaine's of Manchester, alongside the existing Florence Horsburgh Wing. These new refurbished laboratories provide a mathematics suite of rooms, a computer room (appropriately relocated in the former boys' urinals), a completely new entrance, and very much remodelled Physics, Chemistry and general laboratories. All this in tune with the new demands of GCSE and the demands of the 1990s. Every room is equipped with white boards, sophisticated electronic devices and every sort of scientific apparatus to encourage pupils in a scientific approach to life. The total cost of these buildings so far to date has been £1.37m. for Block C, and £400,000 for the laboratories.

In addition to all this, a corridor of green has been established round the Queen's Wing, with the school entrance relocated to the bell tower, from which strikes the school clock, now firmly back in position, and swings the weather vane. Flowers and climbing plants have greatly enhanced the whole front approach to the school, but perhaps most significantly of all, and more important than sophisticated fire and burglar alarm systems, has been the washing of the old building with acidic rain, which has completely transformed the black grimy building of yesteryear into a mellow, yellow building which tones in beautifully with the new building.



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SCHOOL SCOOPS SCHOLARSHIPS

QUEEN Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, has scored 18 Oxbridge successes. Nine students have been offered places at Cambridge and nine at Oxford.

Some places are conditional on forthcoming examinations.

The Cambridge successes are Isobel Bush, Trinity College, mathematics; Susan Davies, Christ's College, economics; Rebecca Dearden, Christ's College, history/law; Stephen Gate, Magdalene College, natural sciences; Dominic McCormick, Downing College, natural sciences; Lee Medlock, Emmanuel College, geography; Helen Morton, St. John's College, geography; Jane Myat, King's College, medicine; David Walmsley, Magdalene College, veterinary science.

Oxford: Paul Das, Oriel College, medicine; Katherine Fletcher, Hertford College, modern languages; Ruth Hart, Merton College, biochemistry; Nigel Hitchman, Merton College, music; Indra Hughes, Oriel College, Jurisprudence (organ scholarship); James Kennedy, Brasenose College, engineering; James Rumfitt, Christ Church, philosophy, politics and economics; Susan Taylor, Merton College, PPE; Michelle Waterworth, St. Hugh's College, theology.

SCHOOL THROWS OPEN ITS DOORS TO ALL OLD BLACKBURNIANS



COME and see where the Queen set foot! Relive your experiences in your old school, see how things have changed! Watch demonstrations, join in the music, meet the staff, talk to the pupils, live with the vibrant Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School of 1988.

Tuesday, 19th April - Sunday, 24th April, 1988:

The Head Master and staff give a very warm welcome to all Old Blacks to attend various Open Days at school during an Elizabethan Celebration.

Tuesday, 19th April

Evening: Open production off 'Noye's Fludde'. A new production by Mr. Geoffrey Lavery, with a cast of hundreds and exotic scenery in the School Hall.

Wednesday, 20th April

Evening: Second production of 'Noye's Fludde'.

Thursday, 21st April - (The Queen's Birthday):

Special lunch for Heads of local secondary and primary schools.

Afternoon: For educational guests.

Evening: Third production of 'Noye's Fludde'.

Friday, 22nd April

Afternoon: Open Afternoon for all parents and the general public.

Evening: Final performance of 'Noye's Fludde'.

Saturday, 23rd April

Morning: Second Open Day session for parents and public between 1000 and 1300 hours. Lunch for academic staff and wives and husbands at the invitation of the Chairman of Governors.

Afternoon: 1400 - 1700 hours. Third Open Day session for parents and public.

Evening: Elizabethan celebrity concert under the auspices of the Old Blackburnians' Association, Elizabethan Association and the School. The Palm Court Orchestra will give a performance of 'Going Down the Ritz'. Tables for two couples each, that is a table for four at only £14, to include one bottle of wine and cheese per table. While away the evening in a nostalgic welter of waltzing, jitterbugging and the Charleston. Bring your friends, book your table now! Further detail and tickets later. All this in the Assembly Hall with an Elizabethan theme, with special prizes for the most outrageous costume on the night. Book the date! Book your friends! Book your boat!

Sunday, 24th April

1030 hrs: Special Service at the Cathedral within the Family Eucharist, the Celebrant The Very Revd. the Provost of Blackburn (School Governor). Special Preacher the Rt. Revd. & Rt. Hon. G. D. Lennard P.C., M.A., D.D., Lord Bishop of London. Join the Governors, the Staff, Parents and Friends in an act of thanksgiving for the continued tradition of your old school.

CHANGE OF GOVERNORS

DISTINGUISHED Old Blackburnian takes over the helm from his equally distinguished predecessor.

Mr. E. C. Marsden, who was a boy at school from 1921 to 1931, before reading Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge, and qualifying as a solicitor in 1937. Articled to his father in the firm known as Marsden and Marsden, he flew in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War and became a Governor of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in the early '50s, succeeding his father who had been Chairman of the Governors until his death in 1936.

Mr. W. Hare stepped down from the hot seat; upon Mr. Marsden fell much of the administration of the re-writing of the school's instrument of government, the prolonged and often tortuous seeking of planning permission for various extensions, and long and wearisome hours involved in the lengthy meetings with our architects concerning the plans for extending the school buildings to satisfy the urgent requirements of overcrowding, out-moded laboratories and unsatisfactory classrooms. It was only right and proper that he should have had the privilege of laying the foundation stone of the building which Her Majesty The Queen is going to open on November 12th, and only fitting that he, together with Mr. Hare and the new Chairman of the Governors, Mr. John Singleton, will conclude those ceremonies by planting trees to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

Society of Land Agents and Surveyors, former Chairman of the Manchester Branch of the R.I.C.S., former President of the Blackburn Incorporated Chamber of Industry & Commerce, and father of four children, three of whom are all Old Blackburnians. Church organist, Rotarian, member of Pleasington Golf Club, it is a very great privilege that such a distinguished businessman should be prepared to give of his time to the continuing fortunes of his old school, and the very greatest thanks are due to Messrs. Marsden and Singleton for their work down the years in furthering the traditions of your old school.



Founder Vice Chairman of the Blackburn Round Table, Trustee of the Samlesbury Hall Trust and other charitable foundations, Mr. Marsden served his school most faith-fully and became Chairman of Governors in 1979 when

Mr. John Singleton's appointment as Chairman of Governors was adopted unanimously by the governing body in February of 1987, his new Vice Chairman being Mr. Bill Goodall of Scapa, and Mr. Singleton immediately stepped into a miasma of meetings, building site sessions and conferences concerned with the massive building programme. Mr. Singleton was a boy at school (1932-34) before going as a boarder to Kingswood School, Bath, the Methodist Boarding School, he himself being well-known in Blackburn Methodist circles. A Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Blackburn, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, a Fellow of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, a Fellow of the Royal Society, Mr. John Singleton is senior partner of G. F. Singleton & Co., Chartered Surveyors and Industrial Property & Plant Valuers, and Auctioneers, of Manchester, Leeds, Blackburn and Belfast. Former President of the Manchester



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ANY NEWS

THE Editorial Committee of Magister would greatly appreciate any news or articles from any Old Blackburnian for publication.

It is only by YOU sending information in that we can publish to let others know.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION GOLF COMPETITION, 1987

THIS was held at Wilpshire Golf Club on Thursday, 27th August, 1987, in beautiful weather, resulting in Eric Holden, of the home club, recording the lowest ever score in the Judge Walmesley Cup 72-11-61 followed by Alan Gorse of Wilpshire with 80-15-65. This was Eric's second win in succession. The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross was won by Tom Martin of Wilpshire again for the second time in succession with 79. This was also Tom's fifth success.

It is intended that next year's competition will be held at Blackburn G. C. on Thursday, 7th July.

Those interested in playing or requiring any further information please contact Ray Smith on Blackburn 661122 (Work) or 53266 (Home).

THIRD STUDENTS DINNER

THE third annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians students was held at the Trafalgar Hotel on Friday, 3rd April, 1987.

As in previous years members of the second year sixth form were invited and the Association was represented by Mr. P. T. Pearson (Chairman), and Mr. E. J. Kay and Mr. J. S. Read.

Those present enjoyed a fine meal, disco and the opportunity to reunite with friends and members of staff.

The evening was intentionally informal with speeches being kept to the absolute minimum.

The dinner has steadily grown in popularity since its inception and the increased numbers attending this year demonstrated the support available for an organised reunion of this kind. Any Old Blackburnian who has left school during the past five years and has not yet attended the Students Dinner is strongly advised not to miss what is likely to be the social event of 1988. This is to be organised by Rebecca Whalley (Tel. Broughton 8652435) and further details will be circulated in due course.

If anyone has any ideas for other events or activities aimed primarily at the younger age group of the Association please contact Chris Metcalfe (Tel. Blackburn 65882).

OUR THANKS

THE editorial staff of "Magister" would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters and general views, without which the production of this magazine would not be possible.

PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' A.F.C. REPORT, 1987

A new cup competition organised by the L.A.L. at the end of the season for over 35's proved to be just the thing for the Blacks team with plenty of 'talent' on show. After successfully coming through the earlier rounds our club staged the four team final at Lammack, in May, and after beating Bolton Wyresdale with a penalty and Middleton 3-0, the Blacks drew with Hesketh to win overall. An excellent evening was completed with the presentation of medals and supper for all concerned.

Not to be outdone, the 4th XI had already gained the Frank Aubert trophy as a result of finishing as the highest 'B' team in the 'A' Division, having completed another very satisfactory season with Alan Upton in charge.

The 1st XI, with some new faces, showed early promise at the start of the season but as happened all too frequently in recent years, fell away badly after Christmas, only just escaping relegation from the Premier Division. A leaky defence didn't help matters. Cup competitions gave some light relief, particularly the League Cup where they reached the semi-final and they only just lost out in a penalty shoot-out with Old Gregorians.

The 2nd XI managed one place better this year, fourth, and might easily have made up the seven points on the eventual champions, Belvedere, if silly points hadn't been dropped at various stages. Keith Taylor takes over the captaincy from Tony McNamee this season, Tony acting as club captain. Steve Woolley's 3rd team completed a good round of performances for the lower teams by also finishing fourth in the league and they were never far away from the leaders all season.

For the record, the two 3rd v 4th team clashes in the league were evenly shared with one victory each and both games were well contested with honour very much at stake.

Ten teams contested the Old Blacks Sevens in August, 1986, with Southport Amateurs successfully retaining the trophy. Unfortunately, this year's competition in August had to be cancelled as the summer rains left the pitches quite wet and actually flooded them the day before.

The main social event for players proved once again to be the Club Dinner on 5th June where the 'Player of the Year' and 'Clubman' awards were presented. This year our chief guest and speaker was Judge H. Andrew, Q.C., and he did an excellent job keeping us entertained.

Our club facilities have as usual been a popular venue for private functions of all kinds and these do provide us with a large part of bar income. However, it would be fair to say that our own members could do more to support club functions at various times of the year and this is a continuing problem. The '100' Club now under Geoff Malloch's care has provided a valuable source of income and is now well established. The installation of a Jackpot machine has also been a worthwhile venture in terms of the income it provides.

Last year I mentioned that the re-roofing of the Clubhouse was a necessity and I am pleased to report that this went ahead successfully in October 1986 with a further loan from Thwaites brewery helping matters. However, plans for a separate members' room were shelved as it was felt not to be worthwhile in view of the costs involved.

On the membership side, numbers have remained fairly constant with Pat McCarthy working hard as membership secretary. New social members with the club's interests at heart are always welcome and it would be nice to see more of our previous full and social members from time to time.

Finally, our steward for many years, Joe Derbyshire, has now left the club after excellent service since the mid '70s. I am also pleased to say that a new part-time steward, Warren Smith, was appointed in mid-August and hopefully he will be with us for a good number of years.

Phil Sumner, August 1987

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1st	26	7	5	14	42	73	19
2nd	26	13	6	7	50	39	32
3rd	26	15	6	5	55	36	36
4th	26	7	7	12	38	46	21

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' OVER 35's TEAM



BACK L. to R.: Keith Taylor, Dai Partington, Tony McNamee, Brian Mawman, Roger Masters, Peter Earnshaw, Rick Grogan
FRONT L. to R.: Peter Halloren, Alan Upton, Brian Woodhead, Dave Hopkinson, Brian Jenkins, Phil Sumner

CHECK IF THERE'S A BRANCH NEAR YOU

WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, London area and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

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THE NORTH EASTERN BRANCH DINNER

THE dinner was held in the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Friday, February 20th, 1987, and was attended by 32 people. After a lapse of one year, the branch was revived with great success due to the untiring efforts of Vijay Hajela, in his third year medical course at Newcastle. The guests foregathered in the Empire Bar and then moved to a delightful adjoining room for an excellent meal. Vijay Hajela welcomed the guests and proposed a toast to the school to which the Head Master replied, and then Mr. Eric Beaumont (1937-42) who had recently retired from the Mullard Organisation was invited to speak.

It was good to see both Durham and Newcastle Universities well represented. Guests attending the function were: Mr. E. C. Marsden, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. I. Moorhouse, Mr. and Mrs. D. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Newton, Mr. D. Ratcliffe, Mr. P. T. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. F. Raby, Mr. E. N. Kay, Mr. P. Cowburn, Mr. H. Culshaw, Mr. N. Diggle, Miss B. Dixon, Mr. J. Eatough, Mr. R. Grimshaw, Miss V. Johnston, Mr. A. Johnston, Mr. O. Longstaff, Miss T. Newton, Miss S. Newton, Mr. S. Patefield, Mr. C. Strahan, Mr. V. Hajela.

LONDON BRANCH EVENTS, 1986/87

PUB EVENINGS

Three Pub Evenings have been held which attracted attendances from 10 to 19. For the forthcoming Pub Evenings there will be a return to the popular venue of the Red Lion, Kingly Street, W. 1., which has been refurbished.

BUFFET EVENINGS

An inaugural summer buffet evening was held in July at the only Thwaites pub in London, the George IV Islington, and proved a great success with a total of 37 people attending the event. Such was the popularity of the evening that a winter buffet of hot pies and peas was held in November which proved equally successful.

A.G.M. and DINNER

As a finale to the events for 1986 the A.G.M. was held in the Directors Lounge at Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and the attendance of 38 was the best for a number of years. Myra Hardcastle, now resident in London, was welcomed as a new member.

Guests from Blackburn were the Head Master, Mr. E. J. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. E. Metcalfe.

CHESHIRE DINNER

THE Cheshire and South Manchester Branch of the Old Blackburnians Association held their annual dinner on Thursday 2nd October 1986 in the Marlborough Suite at the Bowden Hotel, Cheshire.

Harold Ramsbottom, Secretary of the Branch, proposed the Loyal Toast, welcomed the guests and tendered apologies from ten branch members who were unable to attend.

The Head Master in his reply gave a resume of the current school activities and the progress of the building programme.

Eric Kay gave a brief report on the activities and forthcoming events of the other branches of the Association.

Those attending were: Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hindle, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Mr. H. S. Marsden, Mr. D. M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsbottom. From school: Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. F. Raby.

Even though lady guests were invited to the dinner, numbers were down again and perhaps only one meeting will be held in the 1987-88 session but this will be decided at the Ladies' Evening in May.

CAMBRIDGE DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Cambridge branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held on Friday, 21st November, 1986 in the New Hall, Cambridge.

Guests were welcomed in the Fellows Lounge by Miss Alison Battersby and Miss Alexandra Dugdale who were joint presidents of the branch and had organised the event very efficiently.

The excellent meal was held in the comfortable Fellows Dining Hall and after Alison had formally welcomed the guests and the loyal Toast had been drunk, Alexandra proposed a toast to the school to which the Head Master replied.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the Fellows Lounge where everyone enjoyed an informal get together and Eric Kay briefly talked about activities at the other branches of the Association and forthcoming events.

Present were: Miss A. Battersby, Miss A. H. A. Dugdale, Mr. S. R. Boardman, Miss V. Feely, Mr. G. D. Millar, Mr. J. F. D. Smith, Mr. R. B. Taylor, Miss E. M. Whalley, Mr. T. Sagar.

From Cambridge Area and guests: Dr. R. Lynden-Bell, Mr. C. Dooley, Miss M. Oli, Mr. D. Battersby, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. P. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Heald, Squadron Leader B. Lamb, Miss E. M. McKay, Mr. M. G. Pearson, Mr. P. Joshi, Mr. R. P. Anderton, Mr. P. D. Anderton, Mr. P. Fugar, Mr. I. J. Sherlock.

From Blackburn: Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. E. C. Marsden, Mr. E. J. Whittle, Mr. F. Raby, Mr. E. J. Kay.

DIARY OF EVENTS

1987

- 15th Sept. O.B.A. Committee Meeting, Radcliffe Room. Q.E.G.S. 8.00 p.m.
- 20th Oct. London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingley Street, (off Regent Street—Oxford Circus Tube) from 6.30 p.m.
- 23rd Oct. Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies Evening, Marlborough Suite, Bowden Hotel, Cheshire.
- 30th Oct. Oxford Branch Dinner, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
- 20th Nov. Cambridge Branch Dinner, Old Kitchens, Trinity College, Cambridge.
- 20th Nov. London Branch Buffet Evening (informal). Venue later.
- 24th Nov. O.B.A. Annual General Meeting in the Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S. at 8.00 p.m.
- 19th Dec. O.B.A. Annual Dinner, big school, Q.E.G.S. 7.00 for 7.15 p.m.

1988

- 20th Jan. London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingley Street (off Regent Street—Oxford Circus Tube) from 6.30 p.m.
- 19th Feb. North Eastern Branch Dinner, Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle.
- 11th Mar. London Branch A.G.M. and Ladies' Evening. Venue later.
- Apr. Young Old Blackburnians' Annual Dinner and Disco (to be arranged)
- 4th May London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingley Street (off Regent Street—Oxford Circus Tube) from 6.30 p.m.
- 29th Apr. Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carr, Scotton Orchards, Lands Lane, Knaresborough.
- 20th May Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies' Evening, Marlborough Suite, Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire.

Further details from:—

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HONG KONG SOCIAL EVENING

A SMALL gathering of Old Blackburnians together with Dr. and Mrs. David Jolliffe (Ex Billinge Grammar School) met for cocktails at the Tower Club, Kowloon in December 1986.

Pictured below left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hood, Norman Haworth, Dr. and Mrs. David Jolliffe, Robert Wong, Dr. Chris Lund.



FIRST BRANCH DINNER IN HONG KONG

THE first dinner of the Hong Kong branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held in the Officers Mess at Stonecutters Island on Friday 19th June 1987. The evening was organised by Cmdr. Allan Hirst and was attended by Dr. Chris Lund and Messrs. Norman Haworth, Brian Hood and Derrick Lund.

Pictured below left to right are Norman Haworth, Brian Hood, Derrick Lund, Dr. Chris Lund, Cmdr. Allan Hirst.



REPORT OF ANNUAL DINNER, DECEMBER 1986

Once again I am pleased to report that the Annual Dinner of 1986 seemed to me to be a very successful occasion. There were not quite so many diners as last year but Big School was comfortably full for the occasion. Of the 137 members attending who paid for their tickets, 23 were in the 'young' category, a significant increase on last year's figure. There was some disappointment in that we were unable to attract many Association guests. Only the Head Boy, Peter Kennedy and the Head Girl, Rebecca Whalley joined chief guest Mr. F. F. Evans as guests of the Association. It may be of interest to record that a precedent was established at the dinner. Mrs. Wendy J. Walton became the first married former girl pupil at the school to attend the dinner.

The meal (of pheasant) was excellent — piping hot, full in quantity, quality and speed of service. Mrs. Susan Fillery was very eager to please and I am sure you will agree that she did an excellent job. The dinner committee decided to opt for a rather higher priced menu this year and I am sure that their decision has been amply vindicated. The accounts show a surplus of £30.15. The same caterers have already been appointed for next year's dinner.

The highlight of the evening came during the Chairman's remarks. The President, Sir Kenneth Durham, on behalf of the Association, presented Derick Lund with a gavel in appreciation of all his work for the Association during the last 30 years. Derick has decided to retire as toastmaster to the Annual Dinner at the same time as his retirement from school as Domestic Manager. Amusingly Derick had also decided to present the Association with an inscribed gavel for use by his successor. This exchange of gavels caused much mirth in the company.

In addition Mr. Lund used the occasion to present the school with a portrait of himself in his Commander of the Order of St. John robes. Mr. Marsden, the chairman of governors, received the gift on behalf of the school.

Also attending the dinner was recently retired Eric Kay who continues his valued work with the Association in co-ordinating all branch activity and communication.

After the meal, the speeches ran true to form. Dr. Christopher Lund proposed the toast to the school and the Head Master replied. Christopher's reminiscences of his life at home in the school were appreciated by the company. Brian Birtwistle proposed the toast to the guests, and the chief guest, Mr. F. F. Evans replied. Mr. Evans is the County Education Officer for North Yorkshire County Council and commented on the current educational scene.

As the meal had finished quite early there was ample opportunity for members to talk to old friends after the formal proceedings to round off an excellent evening.

It remains for me to thank all those many people who helped in so many ways to make the event so successful. In particular our thanks are due to the Governors and Head Master of the school for their willing assistance in the use of their facilities. Also I would like to mention the willing help given by the new School Sergeant, Mr. Bamber, in trying to ensure that all preparations went smoothly. We will miss Derick Lund but his successor is quite eager to step into the breach. — J.R.



The Newton Mafia... brothers (L. to R.) Don, Iain and Keith



President Sir Kenneth Durham — Chairman for the evening



"Drop of good stuff, dad" Robert Lund passes the bottle to father Derick



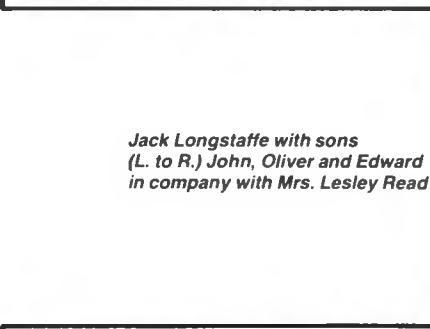
Dr. Chris Lund proposes the Toast to the School



L. to R. OBA Chairman Peter Pearson with daughter Susan and Chris and Ellis Metcalfe



Has Provost of Blackburn, Very Reverend Laurence Jackson (right) found a new 'striker' for Blackburn Rovers Chairman Bill Fox



Jack Longstaffe with sons (L. to R.) John, Oliver and Edward in company with Mrs. Lesley Read



L. to R. Iain Newton, Neil Hayes, Keith Newton, Don Newton, Peter Pearson (OBA Chairman)



L. to R. David Matthews, Garth Edwards, Edgar Bird, Bill Procter (Regular revellers)



above: L. to R. OBA President Sir Kenneth Durham presents gavel to Derick Lund
below: OBA Branch Co-ordinator Eric Kay (left) OBA Dinner Organiser John Read

Brian Birtwistle, Headmaster, Chris Lund, Fred Evans, Rebecca Whalley (Head Girl) and Peter Kennedy (Head Boy)



PAST PUPILS CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Johnston,

Just a short note to thank you and your staff for the very warm welcome I received recently when I visited the old school with my brother.

It was fascinating to see how the "gap" between myself and the teachers had closed completely; it just seemed an instant since I left 16 years ago as a fairly quiet schoolboy and how I was returning there with a son of my own at secondary school: Time is definitely passing much too quickly!

Another bonus to the visit was clearing up all the "odd" ideas I still harboured about the teachers — they really are normal like me!

Anyway, on a more serious note, as I am now permanently resident in Anglesey and rarely visit the Blackburn area I can see no advantage from joining the "Old Boys" association either from my point of view or yours. However, I do intend to visit again hopefully with my family and if I can be of any use as a contact in the Nuclear Power industry then please do contact me.

Finally, anyone visiting the Anglesey area and needing "semi locals" knowledge or a cup of tea then do please call on us.

Yours sincerely,
D. G. SINNETT

CONVERTED

Sir,

In September 1948 I became a pupil at Mill Hill School. One of the junior masters there was G. M. Shuttleworth who had played both football and cricket for Cambridge; but not rugby.

In those days all rugby place kicks were taken with a direct approach, the slanting ball being hit with the point of the toe.

At practice one day Shuttleworth set the ball up vertically and approached it from a 45-degree angle, hitting it with the side of the foot as one might take a corner at soccer. This occasioned great hilarity among us boys, until he began regularly kicking goals from inside his own half.

This demonstration was, I believe, witnessed by two future England players, John Williams and Jim Roberts, who may have had a hand in spreading the idea. Now that "round-the-corner" kicking is more or less universal in rugby, I wonder if any of your readers knows of any earlier invention of it.

If not — and if Guy Shuttleworth truly invented it — this may be the only instance of a major innovation in a sport by a man who never played the game seriously at all.

Yours,
DAVID BUTLER.
London SW13

The above article was sent in by Mr. G. Lewney who was at Q.E.G.S from 1933 to 1943. Guy Shuttleworth was also a pupil from about 1936-1945.

Dear Sir,

The visit to my offices recently of another Old Boy from Q.E.G.S, Albert Eastham, has prompted me, after an absurdly long absence of time, to write to inform you of my whereabouts as an Old Boy of the School.

From my position as Director of Administration and Legal Services with the Blackburn Council, from which I resigned in July 1980, I emigrated that August to Perth, Western Australia.

I took a position initially as Director Of Finance and Administration with the international engineering company of Kaisers, based on California, and was responsible for overseeing the construction of a \$1.5 Billion project Alumina Refinery.

In June 1982 I was appointed as Deputy Secretary for Local Government for the State of Western Australia, which position I still hold.

In January 1983 I remarried, this time to an Australian girl, and we now have a three year old daughter, Misha.

My personal address in "Coralynn", 2 Turton Street, Guildford, 6055, Western Australia, with an Ex-Directory telephone number of (09) 378 1010.

I should be grateful if you would ensure (subject to your editorial amendments) that such of the above relevant information be made available through your magazine so that those who may wish to know of my present circumstances are suitably informed.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL J. HARDING

Dear Sir,

The British Public Schools Association of Victoria provides a means by which Old Boys from Headmasters' Conference Schools now living in Melbourne and Victoria can get together and maintain links with their past.

We meet monthly for luncheon, have "family" days, theatre nights, and other outings. We would welcome new members.

We are seeking your assistance to help us make contact with Old Boys from your school who are living in, or who are moving to Victoria. We would be grateful if you would make known the existence of the Association in your Old Boys Magazine or by person contact.

Enquiries should be made by post to:

P.O. Box 34,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE Vic. 3000
Australia.

Yours sincerely,
(Dr.) T. O. PENMAN
President of the British
Public Schools Association
of Victoria.

Dear Mr. Johnston,

You very kindly agreed to be my job referee when I asked you at the Old Blackburnian's Dinners in Cambridge in 1985 and 1986, and as I have now accepted the offer of a job with Peat Marwick McLintock, the Accountants in London, I am writing to fill you in on what I have been doing in the four and a half years since I left Queen Elizabeth's (although it doesn't seem that long).

On the academic front, I gained seconds in Part IA, IB, and II of the Mathematics Tripos in my first three years at New Hall, and I am now preparing for the examinations of Part III of the Mathematics Tripos, having Graduated last year. Part III is an optional extra year after Part II, leading to the Certificate of Advanced Mathematics.

My two main 'extra-curricular' interests at University have been German and ballroom dancing. I started learning to ballroom dance shortly before I went up to Cambridge, and I joined the Cambridge Dancers Club in my first year. In my third year I became a member of the Committee, and at the end of last year I was elected to Junior Treasurer for 1986-87. Cambridge Dancers Club is one of the largest Clubs in Cambridge, with an annual membership of over a thousand and turnover of around £13,000.

I have also been a member of the Industrial Society, and visited Dagenham and the Stock Exchange with them as well as attending several presentations by various firms; and enjoyed going to concerts and the theatre, as well as the Old Blackburnian's Dinner!

Yours sincerely,
A. ELIZABETH WHALLEY
(Miss)

Dear Sir,

I am afraid that I seem to have lost touch with Q.E.G.S. and the Old Blacks — I didn't receive a copy of Magister last year.

After nine months in 1985 as Senior Project Accountant on the Gannet development with Shell

Exploration and Production, I went to Fontainebleu to undertake the MBA programme of INSEAD. This was a marvellous experience and I would recommend this international business school to any Old Black. After graduating (Dean's list) I was fortunate in fulfilling my ambition of securing a general managership. I am working for ICI, managing their software and literature plant in Reading. We employ 140 people and are growing at a breathtaking pace — I am enjoying myself enormously and there are tremendous opportunities here.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP LINGARD,
B.Sc.(Econ), M.B.A.,
A.C.A. 1967-74

Dear Mr. Proctor,

Having just received my copy of the Autumn 1986 Magister, I decided it was high time that I put pen to paper and provided you with an update on my (and other's) progress since leaving Q.E.G.S.

First, belated congratulations on your retirement from Q.E.G.S. (in 1984/1985, I believe?). I am sure you are enjoying a period of richly deserved peace and quiet, and undertaking other academic pursuits and hobbies.

As you may remember I joined Barclays Bank in 1980, and after 4½ years of Branch experience in Lancashire, I was asked by the Bank to take up duties in London for a two year attachment.

This was certainly a golden opportunity, and in May 1985, after five years' hard study I obtained the Associateship of Chartered Institute of Bankers qualification.

I am also studying for the Financial Studies Diploma at present, but hope to be able to set this aside in early 1988 and take a Master's Degree in business Administration at perhaps Henley Management School or Wolfson College.

On the personal front, I was married in February 1985 to a delightful Lancastrian girl named Julie.

I am delighted to see how well some of my contemporaries of 4/5G have done. I note from the Autumn 1986 Magister that Paul Cocker, Michael Downer, Stewart Hoad, Michael Pearson and Connie Baron all obtained good-class degrees.

I still keep in touch with Peter Whalley. After a short spell at Reading University reading Politics, he decided to leave and is now serving with the Intelligence Corps in Northern Ireland. He is due to be posted to the British Army of the Rhine shortly, and is now engaged as well!

I hope to attend this years Old Boys' Dinner and look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, please accept my very best wishes to yourself and your wife and I would be delighted to hear from you by letter.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL VALLANCE
4G/5G 1978-1980

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Volvo's guests as Northern Winners of A. B. Volvo National Road Safety Competition

'MUST win this competition', I nonchalantly commented to Mr. Barry Brown, head of C.D.T. and OBA committeeman: 'No sweat', he replied, to which I added that when we did, I was to become an honorary member of his department.

So it was with no little embarrassment that I found myself winging — courtesy of S.A.S. — to Gothenburg with our four boys who had carried off the 12 - 15 years (North) 16 - 18 years (North) competition together with my two colleagues — as the guests of Volvo Cars for four days, when I should have been reading and signing 1,200 reports!!

The junior group had produced two ideas, firstly an aerofoil to displace water from tyres to obviate aquaplaning, secondly an audible alarm system automatically triggered if your vehicle came too close to its nearest neighbour. The senior group also devised a form of dead man's handle automatically halting the vehicle if the driver suffered a heart attack. All these plans were drawn, measured and modelled, and submitted amongst 3,000 others: startlingly similar crashes on the M6 attributable to just such problems lent urgency to such devices being commercially available, and an enthusiastic and energetic C.D.T. team encouraged and promoted the boys' interest to the point where we found ourselves with £500 of prize money in our coffers and ourselves luncheoning with the Minister of Transport and enjoying the hospitality of a splendid luncheon at Volvo Concessionaires at Marlow.

But the trip to Sweden was the highlight of these events — something else in every sense and the first (and the last?) time when I have spent four days without paying a sou (a krona) for anything: even when my film ran out, our accompanying photographer seized the camera and inserted a new film, courtesy of A. B. Volvo!

Perhaps well-travelled businessmen are more accustomed to these jaunts than we are for nothing was too much for our hosts. Flights to London (after an amusing but unfortunate incident when I negligently drove over my colleague's luggage), meals on the house, couriers to get us safely to our flights, a whistle-stop tour around Gustavus Adolphus city, a four-star hotel. Immediately we were launched into lavish hospitality: dinner in a restaurant, where the food arrived by small, radio-controlled boats over a miniature lake, our first introduction to the world of shark, crab, stuffed bream and smoked salmon. Then to superb bedrooms, though the staff thoughtlessly removed the miniatures of spirits from the minibars — with beer at £2 a bottle and the cheapest wine at £16!!

The next morning was the highlight of the trip when we toured the Torslinda plant where 10,000 men, women and robots annually assemble 166,000 cars and 45,000 bodies. Completely contrary to our imagined views of car-factories here were few moronic assembly-lines but rather a highly relaxed atmosphere where teams each produce individual cars, free to relax, playing snooker or table tennis, soft

music, incredibly lavish power-tools (the cars were swung through 90° to avoid fatigue and turned over for ease of assembly); a pre-occupation with quality and safety and a highly articulate and English-speaking workforce. Then to the computer application safety division (through a series of security barriers of ingenious design), then advertising with some remarkable films before a sumptuous lunch in the V.I.P. restaurant before touring the exhibition of Volvo's 60 years of car production from the 1926 Jacob to the latest Bertone-model. The boys later told me how much they enjoyed seeing my face growing longer and longer as Svante Mannervik, Volvo's Vice President (whose daughter, coincidentally, was simultaneously undergoing lessons back at school) demonstrated how the Corporation spent £2m. crashing new cars in one year in their praiseworthy search for safety without sacrificing speed, handling or safety.

We spent both our free evenings in the Liseberg Amusement Park (a cross between Disneyworld and Alton Towers) before spending the rest of the time glimpsing life in Sweden, particularly the Gothenburg archipelago, which we toured extensively in a chartered pleasure boat all the next day: a superb farewell dinner which featured an incredible five-helping Smorgasbord dinner (to which the party of four

scholars and staff had been chauffeured in stretched black Volvo limousines), a hasty shopping trip and a bagful of Volvo souvenirs (including a solid glass model of a 760 . . .).

Modesty forbids my mentioning some of the more unusual moments of this trip: inveigled into a horror-train after yet another Volvo banquet, which, turning upside down, caused me to grab an extremely attractive Volvo escort (and the company photographer faithfully photographed my anxiety), the boys' continued amazement at such unlikely school fare as reindeer steak, caviar, smoked eel and fish balls, the real glimpse we had of one of the world's great industrial firms at close quarters, with its concentration on designed-safety.

A jet-lagged but enlightened group thoughtfully flew into Manchester's International Airport 72 hours later — with a new industrial vision firmly implanted in our minds, with grateful thanks to A. B. Volvo.

Now, Mr. Brown: this competition to design a teapot for the Tea Council with a week in Thailand . . .

P. F. JOHNSTON

P.S. Head Master rejects Barry Brown's call for Reindeer Steak on school's menu



The photograph shows three of the successful Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School team and Mr. Barry Brown and Mr. Derek Parsons pose beside a new Volvo outside the Head Master's house (note his polished old machine!).

OBITUARIES

It is with regret that we record the deaths during the past year of the following Old Blackburnians. We offer our deepest sympathy to their families.

KEITH HOLDEN (1946-51)

Long serving player and administrator for Blackburn & District Table Tennis League, Keith Holden died on August 20th, 1986 at the age of 51 years. Over the past 25 years Keith served the League from player to Chairman and was still representing the Town Team in 1985.

JOHN GABBUTT (1930-38)

Former partner in the Blackburn firm of booksellers Seed and Gabbutt's, died on 18th May, 1987. He leaves a widow and two sons Tim and Martin who are both Old Boys.

DAVID KING (c-1976)

The funeral took place in October 1986 of Police Constable David King who was killed in a car accident whilst on leave at his parents home in Blackburn. An officer with the Metropolitan Police, P.C. King had two years previously proved a hero when he saved the life of a small girl injured in a car accident.

FRED DAVIES (1930-37)

Fred died in June 1986, aged 65 years.

ROBERT NORRIS

Robert who was born in Blackburn and educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School has died in Norwich, aged 65 years. During World War Two Bob Norris helped to develop an early airborne radar for RAF Coastal Command and frequently volunteered for flying duties to keep the primitive equipment working.

ROSS WILSON (c 1965-1975)

Ross who was a doctor in general practice was killed in a car crash on Thursday, 14 May, 1987.

H. BROGDEN (1918-27)

Many Old Blackburnians remember Mr. Brogden with affection and he was one of our earliest soccer players to get a blue at either Oxford or Cambridge and we all mourn his passing. He was the founder member of London O.B.A., Headmaster of Brighton Hove and Sussex Grammar School from 1948 to 1970. Justice of the Peace from 1957 to 1979. Trustee of the Trustee Savings Bank (South East). He leaves a widow.

OVERSEAS NEWS

MR. ALBERT EASTHAM

AN ex-Blackburn man, now living in Oxford, sets off on a two-month trip to Australia this month.

Albert Eastham who lived in Blackburn for 30 years, and was an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, where he taught for five years will be going to Australia as visiting Fellow at the Canberra College of Advanced Education, and he will be giving some lectures on administration.

Mr. Eastham will be staying with Mr. Alan Griffith, who has been foreign affairs Adviser to the last five Australian Prime Ministers.

Mr. Eastham's mother still lives in Douglas Place, Blackburn, and his brother, in Billington.

CEA-WHITWORTH AWARD 1986 — Dr. JOHN McLEOD (Student at Q.E.G.S. from 1936 to 1942)

Dr. John McLeod, the Director of the Institute of Child Guidance and Development, University of Saskatchewan, has for the past 25 years been concerned in one way or another with the study of learning disability and much of his work and activity has been devoted to enhancing the reliability and validity of education assessment, both from a theoretical and an applied perspective.

He was born in northern England and graduated from the University of Manchester in physics and mathematics, receiving his teacher's diploma. He did graduate work in education and psychology at St. Andrew's University in Scotland and later obtained a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Queensland in Australia.

In the 1960 Dr. McLeod became interested in information theory, which led to the development of reading tests (in English, French, German, Czech and Polish) that assessed reading achievement level. From this basis were developed the first published tests of reading comprehension based on the Cloze technique, tests which have been widely used for years in Australia and the United Kingdom.

In 1969, Dr. McLeod established a new program at the University of Saskatchewan for preparing teachers of exceptional children, which became the prototype for the SEEC Report (Standards for Educators of Exceptional Children in Canada). The preparation of graduates from this program was compatible with the concept of the "full-service school" and, in the 1970s, a major research project funded by IBM was carried out to evaluate the delivery of special services in rural areas using this model.

In recent years Dr. McLeod has published widely on the concept of educational underachievement and how it should — and should not — be identified. More recently he has been developing a procedure for identifying gifted students based on Renzulli's definition of giftedness, a procedure recently field-tested in Ontario with promising results.

Dr. McLeod's current major research has to do with the development of a computer-assisted "advisory system". The goal of the project, which is being funded for three years by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, with assistance from IBM, is to improve the quality of psycho-educational diagnosis by augmenting the skills of the diagnostician with consultative advice based on knowledge and expertise that can be stored in and made available from a computer.

In 1983, Dr. McLeod received the Mona Tobias award, an Australian national award, for his contribution to special education, particularly for research into the problems of learning disabled children. This year Dr. McLeod is the recipient of the CEA-Whitworth Award in recognition of his truly noteworthy contributions to educational research in Canada.

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DERICK LUND (School Marshall) HANGS UP HIS GUNS



Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Lund with their invitation to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

CHRISTMAS, 1986 saw the retirement from Q.E.G.S. of Mr. Derick Lund after 30 years' service as School Marshall and Domestic Manager. Three decades of duty at the school where he served under three Headmasters and where in a job which also saw him dispensing friendly advice, in addition to first aid treatment. Over 30,000 'patients' have passed through his hands in the school medical room.

In July of that year Derick and his wife Phyllis were invited to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in recognition of their services to St. John Ambulance.

Mr. Lund became Chairman of the National Hospital Service Reserve, Blackburn Association, in 1977 and has been a lay instructor since 1962. After taking further training in London he became a First Aid at Work instructor in 1982.

He was appointed Assistant County Director for East Lancashire in 1977, and in 1980 took on the joint appointment of Assistant County Director and Area Commissioner. He was promoted to the Order of Commander of St. John in 1978.

Mr. Lund has been a member of the Blackburn, Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Community Health Council for many years. Since its beginning, and during this time, he served as Vice-Chairman for two years and Chairman for two years.

Mrs. Lund was a Nursing Sister at the Royal Infirmary and retired in 1984. In 1980 she was appointed Area Superintendent with St. John and is now Deputy Area Commissioner to her husband.

In 1980 she was promoted to Serving Sister of St. John. With her husband she was Assistant Secretary of Blackburn Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Lund look after fourteen divisions in the Pennine Area, from Bacup to Darwen — all dedicated people, working for the Order of St. John. They look forward with confidence to expanding the teaching of First Aid in schools during our Centenary Year (1987).

RECOLLECTIONS

I ENJOYED my 30 years at every Old Boys' Dinner, the challenge of making it a success and working with great people was a pleasure.

The most stressful time on the organisation of an Old Blackburnian Dinner and the happiest time. First on the night in question, it was a bitter night, below freezing, snow outside, the heat was on full and 212 Old Boys and guests were assembled in Big School and the Ante-room. The meal had just started, when to my horror the radiators were cold. I left quietly and quickly down into the main cellar to find a mechanical fault on the boiler which ran the heating in Big School. My one chance of saving the situation was to ring Jack Miles, a good and true man, the chief engineer for Mercers, Northgate. Yes, he was in, but going out to dinner, all dressed and ready, in dinner suit, in half an hour's time. I explained my problem in full. Being a dedicated man he came to school to find the fault. It was a clutch lining gone, no chance of getting a replacement, the dinner would be a disaster, so Jack asked if I had a hosepipe of the rubber type, yes I had, so he cut and shaped with a pen-knife a clutch lining out of this and just inside the half hour it was back on. What a wonderful moment. I thanked Jack profusely and on returning in time for coffee I could feel the heat returning to Big School. Saved again, my blood pressure returned to normal and no Old Boys knew it had happened. Just one of the things that makes life interesting and gives us all a bit of a shock at times.

The most wonderful thing during the time I was your Toastmaster; as you know, every father dreams of his sons doing well in the outside world, and both our boys, having attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, what a thrill on my last evening after 30 years to sit on the top table, one son on each side of me. Christopher, a doctor from Hong Kong, and Robert, Assistant Bank Manager, on my right. Chris had come specially from Hong Kong to give the Toast to the School. The proud moment I shall never forget was when I called on him to speak (The Toast to the School), giving his qualifications. I was very happy, and finally being able to say at the end 'my son'.

It was a wonderful night, all the gifts I received from the Old Boys, and it was a great send off on retirement after so many years of looking after the Old Boys' Dinner. And as a reward you have been kind enough to ask me to attend in future with my sons each year. What more reward could anyone ask. May I say a big 'thank you' to all the wonderful people I have been privileged to meet and enjoy their fellowship throughout my service to the Old Blackburnians' Association.

I have already had a letter from your secretary inviting us to come again in December and I was speaking with my son today, he rang just after lunch, it is about 7 hours different, about 9 o'clock in Hong Kong, I was delighted to know that he could again be with you all and he will be travelling specially to be with the school on Speech Night and with yourselves at the dinner.

We look forward to seeing you, thank you again for so many, many years of happiness and fellowship.

DERICK LUND

A.G.M. REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JULY, 1986

	1986		1985	
	£	£	£	£
NET ASSETS				
Lammack Ground at cost less sales		1,207.77		1,208
INVESTMENTS AT COST				
£1,250 4% Consols (Market value £539)	1,160.60		1,161	
£650 8.25% Barclays Bank PLC Unsecured Loan 1986/93 (Market value £614)	582.59		582	
£2,421.58 8.25% Treasury Stock 1987/90 (Market value £2,361)	2,230.62		2,230	
£2,879.07 6.75% Treasury Stock 1995/98 (Market value £2,393)	2,230.62		2,231	
		6,204.43		6,204
LOAN TO Q.E.G.S.	6,000.00		6,000	
DEBTORS: Advertisers	150.00		180	
CASH AT SAVINGS BANK	307.74		285	
CASH AT LLOYDS BANK P.L.C.	1,347.25		601	
CASH AT NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOCIETY	4,802.74		1,750	
		6,457.73		2,636
		20,019.93		16,228
CREDITORS: Printers	825.00		925	
Inland Revenue	66.20		34	
Postage	220.00		165	
		1,111.20		1,124
		18,908.73		15,104
REPRESENTED BY:				
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND		1,207.77		1,208
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1985	13,623.82		11,169	
Plus New Members	3,505.00		2,460	
	17,128.82		13,629	
Less: Deletions	2.10		5	
		17,126.72		13,624
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1985	272.84		2,671	
Surplus for the year	301.40		(2,399)	
		574.24		272
		18,908.73		15,104

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1986

	1986	1985
INCOME		
Subscriptions	867.80	905
Released from Life Membership Fund	2.10	5
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
4% Consols	50.00	50
8.25% Barclays Bank — Loan	53.63	54
6.75% Treasury Stock 1995/98	194.32	194
8.25% Treasury Stock 1987/90	199.78	200
	497.73	498
Less: Tax	147.06	149
	350.67	349
Bank Interest	22.44	111
Building Society Interest	215.24	—
	588.35	460
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND RENT	5.00	5
BUILDING SOCIETY COMMISSION	17.50	—
PROFIT ON ANNUAL DINNER	26.55	46
	1,507.30	1,421
EXPENDITURE		
General Expenses	81.00	108
Postages	105.56	150
Magister	832.52	3,419
Corporation Tax	32.67	(10)
Subscription to I.S.I.S. Association	150.00	150
Deficit on Easter Disco	4.15	3
	1,205.90	3,820
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUND	301.40	(2,399)

HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1986

We have examined the accounts set out above, which are in accordance with the information supplied to us, and give a true and correct record of the transactions for the year ended 31st July, 1986 and of the state of affairs at that date.

Blackburn,
25th September, 1986

W HARE
R. B. HOLDEN
Chartered Accountants

REPORT OF 1986 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Radcliffe Room at School on 25th November, 1986 at 8.00 p.m. Mr. Keith Wightman took the Chair which was attended by 21 members.

The Secretary reported that the usual Committee Meetings had been held during the year and thanked the School for its hospitality in allowing the School to be used for these Meetings, and of course, for the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary recorded his thanks on behalf of the Association to all the Officers and Committee and in particular to John and Lesley Read for their work in organising the Annual Dinner, Roger Smith and his Sub-Committee for producing Magister, the Treasurer, Fred Gillibrand, for keeping the Association's accounts in order, and Eric Kay for maintaining the liaison between the Association, its Branches and the School, despite the fact that he had retired as a member of staff. The Secretary reminded the Meeting that the Association had decided to present an inscribed gavel to Mr. Derick Lund in recognition of his services to the Association over many years.

The Accounts were presented to the Meeting and adopted and a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and to the Auditors was recorded. Mention was also made at this stage of the invaluable assistance given by Mrs. Judy Scott, a member of the School's administrative staff, who helped to collate a lot of information for Magister and assisted with keeping the Association's membership records up to date.

Reports were presented to the meeting by John Read on the 1985 Dinner and the arrangements for the forthcoming 1986 Dinner and also by Mr. Roger Smith on the recent edition of Magister. The Meeting was unanimous in its thanks to these members for their efforts and complimented the Magister Sub-Committee on the production of an excellent edition, particularly the feature entitled "Down Memory Lane".

As the Secretary had previously mentioned, Mr. Kay has maintained liaison with the Association's various Branches and also managed to attend most of the functions. He reminded the Meeting of the now established Young Leavers Dance which was held in April and which was proving to be a great success. A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Kay for his efforts.

The Secretary reported that it had been agreed to extend the Football Club's Lease for a further period of twenty-one years from 1 November, 1990 and the paperwork was well in hand for this.

Mr. Ray Smith reported on the 1986 Golf Competition which once again, he regretted to say, was rather poorly attended. He indicated that he was considering changing the timing of the event to later in the year in the hope that this would produce better numbers. A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Smith for organising the Competition.

The Meeting then dealt with the appointment of Officers and Committee and the following were elected:
President: Sir Kenneth Durham
Chairman: P. T. Pearson, who assumed the Chair

Vice Chairman: D. I. Forbes
Secretary: D. I. Forbes
Treasurer: F. Gillibrand
Hon. Auditors: W. Hare and R. B. Holden
Committee: B. Brown, H. Burrows, H. Dabbs, J. Duckworth, E. Fairhurst, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E. J. Kay, E. C. Marsden, S. J. Monk, I. D. Newton, K. V. Newton, W. H. Proctor, Mrs. C. L. Read, J. S. Read, J. E. Sagar, R. Smethurst, R. Smith, R. B. Smith, W. E. T. Walsh, J. Warner.

Ex-Officio: P. F. Johnston, P. W. Sumner

Due to the fact that the maximum number of Committee members had been reached, Mr. Keith Wightman was co-opted on to the Committee at the following Committee Meeting. Particular thanks were recorded to Mr. Wightman for his work as Chairman during the past two years.

On the question of subscriptions it was decided these should remain the same at £2 per year or £30 for life membership.

It was resolved that the following Meetings would be held in the forthcoming year, namely Committee Meetings on 3 February and 15 September and the Annual General Meeting on 24 November, all in 1987.

As the number of the Association's trustees was now down to two, namely Mr. E. C. Marsden and Mr. K. V. Newton, it was resolved that Mr. F. Gillibrand and Mr. R. Smith should be appointed additional trustees.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.



Degrees and things

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SUSHILA ADHYA (1979-81) Qualified M.B., B.S., London Hospital Medical College. Appointed pre-registration House Officer, Accrington/Blackburn Infirmary.

F. R. ALI (1976-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Applied and Human Biology, Aston University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Leigh Carr, London.

S. M. ALLEN (1977-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Archaeology, Durham University. **P. ANDERTON** (1974-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Computing Science, Liverpool University.

GILLIAN M. ANSON (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Graphic Design, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic.

KATHRYN E. C. ASHWORTH (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Applied and Human Biology, Aston University. Proceeding to Queen's College, Glasgow to study dietetics.

R. ASKEW (1978-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, King's College, London University.

P. H. ASPDEN (1976-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Land Management Leicester Polytechnic.

Dr. A. J. ASPIN, M.A., B.M., Bch. (1971-78) Appointed Senior House Officer, St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

STEPHANIE J. BAILEY (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Geography, Kingston Polytechnic. Proceeding to Post-graduate course as Tax Inspector Accountant.

S. J. BAINES (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Veterinary Medicine, Christ's College, Cambridge. Proceeding to Veterinary School, Cambridge.

I. BANKS (1975-81) Qualified M.B., B.S., University College, London. Appointed House Physician, Southend Hospital, Essex.

A. J. BATE, M.A. (1970-79) Qualified Bar Final Exam Class 2, Div. 1, Inns of Court School of Law. Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn.

N. P. BARRETT (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mathematics, Nottingham University. Appointed Computer Programmer with British Railways.

A. J. G. BELL (1978-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Psychology, Bristol University. Proceeding to Clinical Studies.

D. J. BERRY (1974-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Accounting and Finance, Manchester Polytechnic. Appointed Management Accountant with Rolls Royce P.L.C.

ALISON BIRTLE (1983-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Physiology, King's College, London. Proceeding to Charing Cross Medical School.

G. BOLTON (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Nottingham University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with A. Young, Manchester.

C. J. BOOTH (1972-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Business Administration, Kingston Polytechnic.

SHELAGH BROWNLOW (1980-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Pharmacology and Toxicology, London University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Cape and Dalgleish, London.

C. BURNS (1975-82) Awarded H.N.D. in General Agriculture at the Lancashire College of Agriculture.

P. E. CATTON (1983-87) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. American History and Politics, University of East Anglia.

ELAINE A. CHEETHAM (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. French and German, Leeds University. Teaches English in Tokyo.

P. CHESTER (1974-81) Qualified M.B., B.S. Newcastle-upon-Tyne University. Appointed House Surgeon, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

I. B. CHICKEN (1982-84) Graduated L.L.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Bristol University.

S. CLARKSON, F.R.C.O. (1981-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Edinburgh University. Appointed Assistant Director of Music, Rossall School, Fleetwood.

JANE E. CONNOLLY (1981-83) Qualified Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy, Manchester Royal School of Physiotherapy. Appointed Physiotherapist at Hope Hospital, Salford, Manchester.

M. CUBBON (1977-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Human Genetics, University College, London. Proceeding to clinical studies at U.C.L. Hospital.

C. JANE DARLING (1979-81) Qualified M.B., Ch.B. Manchester University. Appointed Junior House Officer, Blackpool Victoria Hospital transferring to Preston Royal Infirmary.

J. DARLING (1974-81) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Manchester University. Appointed House Surgeon, Blackpool Victoria Hospital, transferring to Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

A. DATTA (1974-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mathematics and Business Studies.

A. LESLEY DAWSON (1980-82) Graduated B.Pharm., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Pharmacy, Bradford University.

C. DOLEY (1977-83) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Modern History, Queen's College, Oxford. Awarded British Academy State Scholarship for three years. Proceeding to D.Phil. research at Queen's.

B. D. DOWDS (1977-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Grant Thornton, London.

A. DUCKWORTH (1974-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Land Management, Reading University. Appointed Land Agent with Smith and Hodgkinson, Chorley.

ALEXANDRA H. A. DUGDALE (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Medical Sciences, New Hall, Cambridge. Proceeding to Veterinary Medicine course at Cambridge.

A. W. P. DUGDALE (1976-83) Graduated M.Eng. in Mechanical Engineering, Liverpool University.

ADRIENNE EASTWOOD (1983-84) Awarded B.Tec. H.N.D., Hotel Catering and Management, Brighton Polytechnic. Appointed Management Trainee Savoy Group Hotels.

M. A. ENGLISH (1979-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Grey College, Durham University. Appointed Trainee Chartered Accountant with Peat Marwick McLintock, London.

A. G. FELCE (1977-83) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Physics, Jesus College, Oxford. Proceeding to 4 year Ph.D. course at Princeton University, U.S.A. on a University Fellowship.

G. R. S. GELDARD (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Soc. Sci. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Leicester University.

A. GIBBONS (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Combined Studies, St. Paul and St. Mary College, Cheltenham.

M. GISBOURNE (1974-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, Leeds University. Proceeding to St. George's Church, Leeds.

R. LOUISE HARGREAVES (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mathematics, Worcester College, Oxford.

M. HAWTHORNE (1979-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Town and Regional Planning, Dundee University. Appointed Planning Assistant to Hampshire County Council.

JOANNA HAYES (1981-83) Graduated L.L.B. Class 2, Div. 1, Law, University College, London. Proceeding to Law College at Lancaster Gate.

C. HAYMES (1973-83) Graduated B.Sc. Food Science, South Bank Polytechnic, London. Appointed Management Trainee with a Food Manufacturing Company.

C. J. HINDLE Awarded H.N.D. Mineral Surveying, Doncaster Institute of Higher Education.

G. S. HOBSON (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Durham University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Ernst and Whinney, London.

R. HUNT (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford.

ALISON J. HUNTER (1980-82) Graduated B.D.S. Dentistry, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Appointed to General Practice in Rhyll.

D. J. HUNTER (1977-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. English, Oriel College, Oxford.

G. KEMBALL-COOK, B.Sc. (1963-65) Awarded Ph.D. in Biochemistry while employed as Biochemist with the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control.

A. D. M. LABIB (1976-83) Graduated B.Sc., Biophysics, Leeds University. Proceeding to study Philosophy and Theology at the Missionair College, Roosendaal, The Netherlands.

DEBORAH LITTLER (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Classical Studies, University College of Wales.

S. R. MARR (1977-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Combined Science, North Staffordshire Polytechnic.

ALISON METCALFE (1982-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Sociology and Social Anthropology, Hull University. Appointed Trainee Manager, Courtaulds Textiles.

A. B. MATTHIAS (1976-83) Graduated L.L.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Leicester Polytechnic.

C. S. MAUDSLEY (1975-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemistry, Manchester University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Booth Ainsworth, Cheadle.

PHILLIPA C. MEADLEY (1980-82) Graduated B.Ed., Chester College.

MARGARET MILLER (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biology, York University. Proceeding to P.G.C.E. course.

A. MONK (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Leeds University.

A. J. P. MacDONALD (1971-78) B.A. changed to L.L.B. Awarded Home Office Sponsorship for social work Lancaster University. Awarded C.Q.S.W. (Certificate of Qualification for Social Work), Lancaster University. Appointed Probation Officer at Innes London.

D. A. A. MacDONALD (1976-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 1, Hons. Banking and Finance, Loughborough. Appointed to Midland Bank Area Office, Preston.

D. G. MacLEAN (1975-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Scandinavian Languages, Hull University.

A. R. McILROY (1973-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. History of Art and Visual Design, North Staffs Polytechnic.

I. S. McNULTY (1976-83) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Nottingham University. Appointed Senior Engineer with Austin Rover, Birmingham.

R. NOBLE (1974-81) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Aeronautical Engineering, Bristol University.

C. F. H. NWOKONKO (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. Appointed Marketing Trainee, U.A.C. International.

N. PARKER (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. English, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. Proceeding to a one year M.A. course at Berkeley University, California.

J. R. L. PARSONS (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. American Studies (History), University of Kent, Canterbury. Proceeding to M.A. at University of S. Carolina.

S. POWELL (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Nottingham University. Appointed to post on Stock Exchange.

M. PROCTER (1976-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Psychology, Durham University.

D. A. QUAYLE (1976-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 1, Hons. Transport Management and Planning, Loughborough University.

GILLIAM RELPH (1981-83) Graduated B.Ed., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemistry, The College of Ripon and York St. John. Proceeding to Special Education.

N. D. RELPH (1971-81) Graduated B.Sc., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic. Appointed to post with British Aerospace, Warton.

A. N. RHODES (1977-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics and Politics, Manchester University. Proceeding to P.G.C.E. course at Exeter University.

J. J. RIDING (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accountancy and Finance, Leeds Polytechnic. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Walkwork, Nelson and Johnson, of Preston.

A. J. ROBINSON (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., Chemistry with German, Kingston Polytechnic. Appointed translator/medical writer Hoechst A.G., Frankfurt, W. Germany.

Rev. Canon W. D. ROBINSON Appointed Archdeacon of Blackburn Diocese.

D. S. ROE (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mathematical Statistics, Exeter University. Appointed Trainee Accountant Ashworth Moulis & Co. Burnley.

M. ROSTRON (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Electronic Engineering, University of York. Appointed Assistant Engineer Racla Leicester Limited.

J. G. RUSHTON (1973-84) Gained Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Huddersfield Polytechnic.

K. ALEXANDRA SAINT (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Drama, Bristol University. Currently Actress/script writer with Theatre in Education Company in Bristol.

D. G. SCAMBLER (1968-78) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. European Studies, University of East Anglia. Gained the prize for Scandinavian Languages.

P. J. SCAMBLER (1968-78) Awarded M.D., research in Cystic fibrosis at St. Mary's, Paddington.

P. W. SLATER, M.A. (1968-75) Awarded M.Phil. in Management Studies, Oxford University. Appointed to the Management Development Unit of Royal Insurance U.K. Limited, Liverpool.

W. R. SLINGER (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Architecture, Sheffield University. Proceeding to R.I.B.A. course at Sheffield.

ANGELA SMITH (1981-83) Qualified B.Pharm., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Pharmacy, London School of Pharmacy. Proceeding to pre-registration training at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, London.

A. N. STEINER (1978-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Accounting and Finance, Lancaster University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Peat Marwick McLintock, Preston.

ARSHI SULAIMAN (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Pharmacology, London University. Proceeding to clinical course.

P. D. TATTERSALL (1975-83) Qualified Sub Lieutenant, R.N., B.R.N.C., Dartmouth. Appointed to R.N. Submarine Service.

A. J. TAYLOR (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc. in Valuation and Estate Management, Bristol Polytechnic.

D. TAYLOR, B.Sc. (1974-80) Awarded Ph.D. Microbiology, Leeds University.

I. THOMPSON (1975-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Ernst and Whinney, London.

G. S. TINDALL (1977-84) Graduated L.L.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Sheffield University. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

M. B. TITLEY (1976-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Social Sciences, Trent Polytechnic.

ANDREA TOWNSON (1982-84) Qualified M.C.S.P., S.R., Grad. Dip., Phys., Physiotherapy, Withington Hospital School of Physiotherapy.

M. VALLANCE (1978-80) Awarded A.C.I.B. Presently Corporate Finance Analyst with Barclays Bank, London.

JANE E. VINCENT (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Genetics and Cell Biology, Manchester University. Proceeding to research at Birmingham University. Also awarded full University maroons (colours) for rifle shooting.

G. K. WALKER (1978-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. History, Lancaster University.

J. N. M. WALKER (1972-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Computing, Bradford University.

A. S. WALSH (1977-83) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mathematics, St. Andrew's University. Appointed Trainee Merchant Banker, Nat. West Limited, London.

D. WARBICK (1975-83) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Sociology, Durham University. Proceeding to P.G.C.E. course at Durham.

J. G. WARNER (1974-81) Qualified M.B.(Hons.) Ch.B., Manchester University. Appointed House Surgeon, Hope Hospital, Salford.

DIANE R. WEBSTER (1980-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Food Sciences, Leeds University. Appointed Postal Executive with G.P.O.

M. WEST (1977-84) Graduated B.Eng. Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Electronic Engineering, Sheffield University.

A. WHALLEY (1977-84) Graduated B.A. Class 3, Hons. Economics and German, Bangor University.

A. ELIZABETH WHALLEY (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, New Hall College, Cambridge.

G. N. WHALLEY (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Hatfield Polytechnic. Appointed Project Engineer with Presspart Manufacturing Limited, Blackburn.

M. WHALLEY (1977-83) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Modern Studies, North Staffs Polytechnic.

D. I. WHITELEY (1973-83) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Engineering Science, St. John's College, Oxford. Appointed Computer Programmer with Logica Space and Defence Systems Limited, Cobham, Surrey.

J. D. WHITTAKER (1976-82) Qualified M.B., ChB., Manchester Medical School. Appointed House Officer, Bolton General Hospital.

S. M. WILKIN (1979-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Social Policy and Administration, Leeds University. Appointed Graduate Trainee Manager Lloyds Bank, Halifax.

S. J. WORSWICK (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting and Finance, Manchester Polytechnic. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Moor and Smalley, Preston.

1987 ANNUAL DINNER

THE dinner sub-committee has this year restricted speeches to three at this December's annual bash in Big School. Tickets, as usual, are expected to go very quickly and members are advised to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The committee was concerned that proceedings were becoming too drawn out at the dinner, so the traditional toast to the guests has been dropped. For several years, there has not been room for members' individual guests and the toast has therefore, for the most part, become extraneous. Either the president or the Head Master will mention, and thank the top-table guests for their attendance.

PAUL PRICE

The proposer of the toast to the school needs no introduction to committee members on the dinners circuit. Paul Price has been a stalwart of the London branch for many years.

He was at school from 1948-53, a member of Howard House. He went into National Service with the Royal Army Service Corps fire brigade, during which time he won a bronze medal at the Bisley Rifle meeting of 1955 and represented the Army in cross country running a year later. He married in 1960, the girl he had known since schooldays when Jean Hargreaves attended the High School. They moved to Scotland for five years then returned over the border and moved to Watford, where Paul took up a post as sales manager.

Paul and Jean, a teacher for 28 years, have a daughter, 24, and two sons, age 20 and 22. They live in Bovington, a village just outside Watford.

While in Scotland, he was involved with setting up a Scottish branch attending two or three meetings before moving. He got in touch with the late Ray Vipond and joined the London branch. He later became secretary and chairman. This year's dinner will be his eleventh.

Like the main guest, Peter Cunliffe, Paul has travelled the world as part of his job as a consultant in marketing, specialising in frying oils and fats, and also has a trading company in plastics.

Paul was a Tory councillor for Watford from 1974-81, being opposition spokesman for highways and works. In 1982, he was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Hertfordshire and is involved with the juvenile panel.

In 1971, he was elected a Freeman of the City of London in the Worshipful company of Horners, which also encompasses the rubber and plastics industry.

Paul and Jean retain links with Blackburn, having relatives in the area, and return quite often. Paul took an opportunity earlier this year to have a look round the new wing at Queen Elizabeth's — and was suitably impressed. "A beautiful building and a bit different from when I was at school . . ." he said.

PETER WHALLEY CUNLIFFE, OBE

This year's chief guest at the annual dinner in the Big School is the former chairman of ICI's pharmaceuticals division, Peter Whalley Cunliffe.

Peter, who has been a member of the Old Blackburnians' Association for many years, lives

in Wilmslow, Cheshire with his wife Alice, after whom their house is named. They married in 1951 and have one daughter.

Peter, who was created a Commander in the Order of the British Empire in 1980, was at school during the war and before entering Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he gained a Scholarship and left in 1948 with a first-class honours degree. He joined ICI pharmaceuticals division in 1950; by 1968, he was services director. Two years later, he was promoted overseas director and made deputy chairman in 1971.

He was made chairman of the division in 1976, at Alderly Park, Macclesfield, Cheshire, and remained as chairman until his retirement in 1983.

Peter is no stranger to Blackburn—in fact he was chief guest of the school five years ago when he presented prizes at the open day.

He has been actively involved in the international side of the pharmaceutical industry. He was president of the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industries in 1982-83 and a member of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations from 1979, being vice-president from 1982-1984 and president in 1984. He was elected to the executive committee of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries Associations in 1982.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1981 and lists his recreations as reading and walking — presumably when he's not dashing about the globe!

SUCCESSES AND APPOINTMENTS

EAST LANCS. SCANNER APPEAL

A sponsored spell organised by Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School student Rachel Duncan raised a remarkable £5,282 for the appeal.

HEADING FOR STATES

A chance of a lifetime awaits two soccer-mad pupils of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

For 18 year olds David Gregson and Simon Temperley have been awarded a football scholarship to the United States, and will spend four years in New York.

Nigel McNamara, who also won a scholarship is heading towards South Carolina.

CONSERVATIVE M.P.

David Nicholson, aged 43, who was at Queen Elizabeth's, read history at Christ Church, Oxford, before joining the Conservative Research Department in the early 1970's.

Married to Frances, with one son, he was elected Conservative M.P. for Taunton at the last election.

GREGORY HADDOCK

Gregory Haddock, Balliol College, Oxford. (History/French), has gone to Dakar to work with the former British Consul, teaching English.

MATHS POST

A Blackburn maths teacher has been appointed head of mathematics at Monmouth School, Gwent.

Mr. Paul Sanders was the assistant mathematics master at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School from 1979.

FOLLOWING FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

The son of a Blackburn doctor and a retired head mistress, has just become a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Twenty-nine year old Simon Hardman Lea, a former Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School pupil, will soon take up a position as Registrar in Ophthalmology at a Nottingham hospital.

PROMOTION

David Wilkinson, of Lammack, Blackburn, has been

promoted to operations manager for Whitbread Bowland Inns.

David, aged 33, will be responsible for the management of 12 Dutton restaurants and the 18 Brewers Fayre Pubs in the north.

He has been in the licensing trade for several years and prior to joining Whitbread four years ago, was an area manager for Thwaites Brewery.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Indra Hughes who lives in Painter Wood, Billington, will be reading law at Oxford after he leaves Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

ROB WHALLEY

Mr. Rob Whalley has been appointed general manager of marketing for Swindon-based PHH Ltd. He joins them from the Rover Group where he was advertising manager, having originally joined the group in 1973.

Mr. Whalley was responsible for the launch of the Rover 800.

HEAD GIRL

Geeta Gurumurthy, head girl 1985-86, is safely into Liverpool University, reading philosophy and psychology.

SIMON A. CLARKSON

Mr. Simon A. Clarkson has been appointed Assistant Director of Music at Rossall School, Fleetwood.

DIANE FOSTER

Diane Foster has gained a second class honours degree in Psychology at Durham University. Whilst at Durham she was introduced to rowing, eventually being chosen to represent Great Britain in Hamburg.

WEDDINGS

HEAP-CORBETT

TRAVEL agent Miss Rachel Heap and trainee accountant Mr. Barry Corbett were married at Blackburn Cathedral.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Heap, of Mellor Lane, Mellor, and the bridegroom, of Burlington road, Fulham, is the son of Mrs. E. Baxter and the late Mr. J. Corbett.

A reception was held at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, and the couple spent their honeymoon in Switzerland.

SIMONSON — COMBERBACH

THE wedding of Dr. D. M. Comberbach (1967-74) to Dr. C. Simonson took place on December 19th, 1986 at the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, Canada.

Since obtaining his Doctorate from Manchester University Dr. Comberbach has worked at M.I.T. Boston, U.S.A., The Technical University of Nova Scotia, The University of Waterloo, Ontario and ALLELIX in Toronto, where he met his wife Catherine.

After a short honeymoon in Winnipeg, the couple are both taking up positions with Smith-Kline in Brussels where Dr. Comberbach will be Manager of Microbiology Fermentation.

LAVIN — RIDING

ON 23rd May, 1987, Dr. Geoffrey H. Riding (1967-74), elder son of Henry and Olive Riding of York Crescent, Blackburn married Dr. Karen D. Lavin.

The ceremony took place in Grace Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A.

Geoffrey gained a Ph.D. in chemistry from Bristol University in 1981 and was invited to join the faculty of Pennsylvania State University where he is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Chemistry.

His wife Karen, was a Postgraduate student in his group and received a Ph.D. in 1985. She is now a research chemist for General Electric Co.

The honeymoon was spent in San Francisco.

POOLMAN — HARRISON

Michael Harrison who read theology at Regent's Park College, Oxford, studying to be a Barrister at the Temple, married a fellow undergraduate, The Reverend Rachel Poolman at Harrow Baptist Church, Harrow on the Hill, where she is the Minister in charge — June, 1986.



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ROYAL VISIT

Early in September 1988 I received from a friend a copy of a Quarterly Review issued by a firm of building materials suppliers; the front cover was a colour picture of our new entrance and the arrival there last November of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, being greeted by me as Chairman of Governors, the Head Master and others.

This, yet another beneficial bonus for our great school, brought back into vivid focus one of the most exhilarating, if not the best, days of my life, the day of the Royal visit to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for the official opening of the Queen's Wing.

It was appropriate that on this picture I should be recorded introducing the Head Master, for it was entirely due to his great perspicacity, enthusiasm and enterprise that Her Majesty graciously accepted the opportunity of performing the official opening ceremony for the new Queen's Wing.

What a great day too for the school and also for the local community and for Blackburn, and not least for me; I never in my wildest dreams imagined that one day I would be given the privilege of being presented both to the Queen and her husband, but this happened and, moreover, I then had the most exciting duty of presenting Her Majesty to my wife, Audrey, to the Vice Chairman and his wife — Bill and Audrey Goodall — and to Philip F. Johnston himself.

Months and months ago, Philip had been quietly researching and developing the possibility of such a Royal visit — the number and type of people involved are almost legion; he had travelled to London and back to other locations; he had interviewed and been interviewed, both at school and elsewhere, countless people, including Lord Lieutenant, Vice Lord Lieutenant, High Sherriff, County Councillors, Local Authority officials, Security men, Policemen, Members of Parliament, Town Clerks and Chief Executives of Boroughs and organisations, to mention but a few. Visiting dignitaries and high ranking officials were seen to be in the neighbourhood of West Park Road on frequent occasions, and ultimately we received the top secret news that there was a "distinct possibility" of a Royal Visit.

Imagine our immense joy when we finally heard, also confidentially, that not only Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II would be coming to the school but also Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

In the event, after making the initial presentation, I was then allocated the very pleasant responsibility, along with Andrew Booth (the then Head of School) to escort Prince Philip, whilst the Queen was being escorted by the Head Master and Joanne Iddon (the then Head Girl).

We had a very interesting and quite exciting tour of the £2.5 million buildings, including thirteen specialist classrooms, the Bell Tower Entrance, the School Sargeant and First Aid offices, the superb Language Laboratory, Library and Sixth Form Study Centre, most of which are on the site of the Old Gymnasium.

We paused in the Sixth Form Centre for Her Majesty to unveil the ceremonial plaque, sign a photograph and our visitors book, and then proceeded, via a refurbished Big School, now superbly lit by the chandeliers given by the Old Blackburnians' Association, to the Assembly Hall for a final walk-about.

Prince Philip has the most pleasant and yet most searching ability to question and cross-examine, and he requires a speedy yet sensible answer, so it was



an illuminating experience for me to listen in on his conversations, which ranged in quick succession from 7 to 19 year old boys, sixth form girls, parents, teachers, grandparents, suppliers of goods to the school, administrative staff, etc., etc.

Although the Royal visitors were only in school for just over an hour, the beneficial effect is timeless, and hopefully, nay certainly, will inspire our pupils for at least another 400 years, for such visits come rarely.

What an honour to be visited; what a privilege to be the host; what a start to my chairmanship of the governing body.

But what a debt we all owe to P.F.J. for his initiative and persuasive personality.

In the afternoon of 12 November, after joining my two predecessors in a three-tree planting ceremony outside the Assembly Hall, we all gathered in the Science block for yet another important function, i.e. the unveiling of the plaque marking the re-opening of the vastly improved teaching facilities there; this was performed by former Second Master, Fred Bury.

The local newspaper summed it all up by recording that "yet another royal chapter had been added to the long distinguished history of Blackburn's Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School".

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Anecdotes of the Royal Visit

Headmaster in an inspired moment had the three Chairmen of Governors whom he has served plant trees to commemorate the Royal visit. In red a red wood, in blue a mountain ash, and in silver another ash tree. Regrettably out of the three trees well planted by Mr Hare, by Mr Marsden and by Mr Singleton only one has survived the ravages of the first summer of their life. The Headmaster believes this to be an act of God rather than any particular Chairmen's inability to plant a tree.

Mr. Barry Brown and his craft design and technology department designed a triangular silver vase finished in very high polish and with the schools coat of arms as it used to appear on the junior school boys caps in Horncliffe made into a superb rose vase presented to the Queen.

The Headmaster privately wondered whether the Queen would graciously hand this back, but a highlight in the proceedings was as the Queen's equerry popped it into a leather bag and over bounded the Duke of Edinburgh to enquire "what's that" he stated "how charming" and the rose vase disappeared, presumably to Windsor Castle!

The remodelled Headmaster's study now shows a picture of Thomas 2nd Earl of Derby, founder of the free Grammar School in Blackburn in 1514 and alongside this master portrait a picture of Elizabeth the 1st Queen of England and Elizabeth the 2nd Queen of England.

Postscript to the Royal Visit

In Headmaster's study now proudly hangs a letter from Buckingham Palace of 13th November 1987 from Robert Fellowes reading as follows:

Dear Mr Johnston,

The Queen commanded me to write to you to thank you and through you the staff and pupils of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for a most enjoyable visit yesterday. Her Majesty said how much she appreciated the courtesy of the boys and girls and was much impressed by their confidence and readiness to talk freely to her.

The Queen sends her compliments on the design of the new wing, her thanks for your welcome, for your kindness as her escort, and for the charming silver rose vase and her very best wishes to your historic school for the future. The future is clearly in good hands judging from your head boy and head girl who looked after the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh so well.

Yours sincerely
Robert Fellowes
Secretary to the Queen

WEDDINGS

ROE - HACKETT

Helen C. Roe (1982-84) married Simon Hackett (1978-84) on 26th July 1988 at St. Bartholomew's Parish Church, Colne. One of Helen's attendants was Catherine Harrison (1982-84).

Helen now teaches at High Lane Primary School in Stockport, and Simon is in management with a transport firm. They now live in Manchester.



SHERMAN - DUCKWORTH

Philip Duckworth (1971-78), who read Physics at Magdalen College, Oxford married Carol Sherman at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Rugby.

Carol and Philip met at Newcastle-Under-Lyme School where they both teach.

Exciting New Sports Provision Planned both at Lammack and on Main School Site — Appeal Fund Launched

Lord Derby, School's Visitor, has kindly consented to be the president of a new £½ million appeal, his vice president being Sir Kenneth Durham distinguished Old Blackburnian and President of the OBA, both of whom spoke at a launch on 10 September 1988. Appeal funds are for a full size twenty five metre, six lane pool hopefully to be built on the upper quadrangle on the West Park Road site together with a splendid sports hall at the Lammack playing fields. Early indications are that parents, Old Blackburnians and well-wishers have already promised in excess of £100,000 after a series of meetings primarily held for current parents now taking place weekly throughout this term. Each of the evenings so far held has been concluded with a buffet supper and explanations as to how covenanted donations may effect savings for the donees and benefit even more generously their old school.

On Tuesday November 15th by courtesy of Mr Eric Kinder, current Governor and Chief Executive of Smith and Nephew there will be a London launch in which Old Blackburnians resident in that area will be most welcome to hear the school's plans unfolded by the Chairman of the Governors Mr John Singleton, by the Headmaster and by appeal director Mr John Lake of the Craigmyle Association.

The Chairman of the Governors has indicated the nature of the need pointing out that the School Governors have found £3.4 million in the last eight years to undertake an extensive and ambitious development programme including the purchase of nearby property for Music and English departments, modernisation and extension of the Holden Laboratories, conversion of the Florence Horsburgh Wing into specialist laboratories, and new suites for Mathematics and Computer Studies. To crown this programme, in November 1987 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II opened the Queen's Wing. This splendid new building provides 13 specialist teaching rooms, a language laboratory, a superb library, a new reception area and modernised administrative offices which are now fully operational and so much part of the school as to make it unthinkable as to how we managed without such a worthwhile facility in the past.

The Headmaster also explains how, previously, the direct grant position affected the school by precluding the use of fees to build any form of capital works — a requirement not laid on the school by the current assisted places programme.

The Governors are determined that facilities for indoor and outdoor sports and the creative arts shall keep pace, and their 1988 plans are described below. These plans include the building of the sports hall at Lammack in advance of the recent EEC ruling that new buildings will attract VAT from the 1st April 1989 and the Chairman of the Governors has forcibly indicated that whatever else happens the school will try to get this building up in time to avoid the imposition of yet further punitive taxation and it is also hoped that a start may be made on the swimming pool site.

Further urgency has been lent to this requirement for sports provision by the increased numbers in the school now reaching 1200 pupils and the poignant position in which Nick Hodgson, formerly of the school and University of Calgary, has been swimming in the Seoul Olympic Games; it must be most unusual for a school without a swimming pool to produce an Olympic swimmer.

SPORTS COMPLEX

The school has a long-felt need for a covered sports complex at Lammack so that coaching and training can be available in all weathers. A start has also been made on improving the sports ground. The 1st XI pitch has been correctly drained, and it is proposed to extend this to the remainder of the playing area, resulting in more pitches and fewer postponed fixtures.

NEW SWIMMING POOL

At present the school's provision for competitive swimming is hindered by the need for inconvenient journeys to swimming pools in Belper Street, Westholme School and Darwen. A pool within the main school complex, which would be of immense benefit for the whole school, will be built to county educational standards and could be made available to Old Blackburnians and other friends of the school.

SPECIALIST ART CENTRE

The Governors wish to respond to new developments in education by providing specialist rooms for instruction in print design, theatre studies, creative art and many other subjects in which greatly increased career opportunities have recently become available.

The 1988 plan will require a substantial measure of outside help. The Governors therefore decided to ask all friends of the school to contribute to these new developments through an Appeal, with an initial target of £500,000.

An appeal has three main advantages:

- all can contribute according to their means, their loyalty to the school and their enthusiasm for the objectives
- we can approach individuals, businesses and Trusts over a wide area, so lessening the burden on current parents
- contributions can be made by Deed of Covenant, a method which has important tax advantages for the school and, in many cases, for donors.

To reach the initial target wholehearted support will be needed from former parents, Old Blackburnians and other well-wishers as well as from current parents.

Architects sketch of Sports Complex



"STOP PRESS"

- appeal has now reached £200,000!! Target is £500,000
- all can contribute, any form of donation can be enhanced by covenanting (forms enclosed)
- London area interests are being served by the 15.11.88 launch at Smith & Nephew headquarters, Temple House, Embankment with a buffet reception courtesy of Eric Kinder
- maximum VAT advantage can be gained by the earliest possible commencement of building works
- all enquiries will be gladly met at the school/appeal office at QEGS

PUPILS GO TOP OF THE CLASS!

Four pupils from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, have come "top-of-the-form" in a Royal Society of Chemistry contest.

The boys, fifth-year Gavin Thwistlethwaite, fourth-year Ian McGhie plus Andrew Parker and John Armstrong both from the third-year, won this inaugural competition at UMIST college, Manchester.

They were assisted by fourth-year Gavin Aiken who played a part in the final.

Mr. Ellis Metcalfe (1948-56), head of chemistry at the school, said: "There was a lot of good sides in the competition and we had a little bit of luck with the questions, but I think we possibly coped with the pressure better than the rest."

CIBA-Geigy sponsored the event — to be competed for annually — which started before last Christmas.

Diagrams:

The finals of the quiz-type competition — which also included some crosswords and floor diagrams — QEGS beat opposition from Stockport, Oldham, Manchester, Macclesfield, Bolton, Cheadle Hulme, Altrincham, Alderley Edge, Bury and St. Helens.

Granada TV's Mr. Jack Smith, producer of Chemistry in Action, was the question master and a Manchester Polytechnic student designed the trophy which the boys will hold for a year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION

Thank you so much for your kind letter dated 7th June, since which time I have become a Life Member of the Association. Though now living in Shropshire, I still get back to Lancashire fairly frequently, and would dearly love to visit the School to see what has happened over the last 38 years.

I still have very vivid memories of my time at School. I commenced in Hornccliffe at the age of 8 in September 1939 — a start which was delayed due to the fact that air raid precautions had not been completed. My first two years were spent in Transition under the redoubtable Nellie Roberts, whose learning methods stood me in such good stead that I went upstairs to 2C in 1941, with Mrs. M. S. H. Collier as Form Master. The class was a large one of 33, and how important I felt going upstairs, compared with the "youngsters" still in Transition, which was on the ground floor.

Regrettably, I did little or no work in that year, although I did pass the old 11+ and became what was known as a Scholarship Boy. No matter, I progressed to 3D, which Form, at that time, was one of the two small classrooms at the top of the staircase, adjacent to the Head Master's Study — a staircase which, incidentally, was only to be used when returning from Morning Assembly. I can still recite quite easily the Form List in alphabetical order, since that class kept together through 4D (the classroom next to 3D), L.V.S. (the Geography Room, making us a somewhat peripatetic bunch) and then U.V.S. upstairs in the Radcliffe Wing, next to the Prefects' Room.

I am fairly certain that the Form Masters were: Mr. A. D. Easton in 3D
Miss M. P. Graham in 4D
Dr. E. J. Popham in L.V.S.
Mr. D. S. Miller in U.V.S.

The Form List, as I remember it, follows.

Notwithstanding the extra year in the D stream, I completed my School Certificate at the age of 15 and went on to VIB Modern, which was, in those days, always situated opposite the Office, and I believe that the Form Master was Mr. L. D. Collier. The next year I was in VIA Modern, which was then located downstairs in the newly acquired Hartley House, and I think that the Form Master was the then Senior English Master, Mr. Allott.

I remained in that form — which moved upstairs in Hartley House — until my last day at School, May 6th 1950.

Apart from staying at Q.E.G.S. for 11 years, 2 further curiosities emerge — first, during that time, I was in Forms designated A, B, C & D, Lower and Upper and Science and Modern, as well as Transition. Clearly, I did not know in which direction I wanted to go. Secondly, I was never required to use the wooden huts as a form room, something which very few escaped in those days.

As I say, I had no ideas on what I wanted to do in life, and failed the medical examination when Conscriptio came around. That fate was shared at the same time by two notable Old Boys, both prominent members of the Football and Cricket XI's, namely P. H. Hacking and D. H. Dunn. However, my father, being friendly with the local Manager of the Sun Insurance Office, told him one day of his wayward son's inability to determine his future, and, between them, it was arranged that I should be interviewed in

Manchester by the Manager of the County Fire Office — then a wholly owned Subsidiary of Alliance Assurance Co. Ltd. Happily I liked what I saw, and remained ten years with the County Fire Office in Manchester, until 1960, at which time mergers became fashionable, and we were absorbed fully into the wider world of the Alliance. Three years later, a new Sun Alliance Branch was opened in Preston, and I transferred there in 1963 as Accident Superintendent. Three years later, came the merger with the London Assurance, and a move to larger premises in Preston resulted.

In 1976, I was asked to go to Shrewsbury, where I was later appointed Underwriting Manager, and, subsequently, Branch Manager. Life here is extremely pleasant and, outside working hours, I am kept very busy being on the Committee for the prestigious Shropshire Horticultural Society, who run the Shrewsbury Flower Show. I have many connections with the Church, being a member of Lichfield Diocesan Trust, responsible for all properties in the Diocese; the Lichfield Diocesan Panel of Lay Assessors (responsible for every Parish Church's Quota, or Share), as well as being Treasurer to the Deanery Synod, a Church Organist and Hon. Organist to the local Chapter of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary. This is in addition to being a member of several Church Committees in Shrewsbury. I also work for the R.N.L.I. — of which I am a Governor — strange, is it not that that Charity should prosper so far from the sea. This is an interest shared by my wife, Sybil, who likewise involves herself in many charitable works, as well as Church activities. (Incidentally, her brother Jim Cunliffe — who lives in Whalley — is also an Old Boy, as is his son, William, now an F.R.C.S. in Newcastle).

Together we indulge regularly in cruising holidays to faraway places, having visited 36 countries and a similar number of islands and states that do not really qualify for that status.

By and large, we enjoy life to the full, and I have much to be thankful for in my formative years at Q.E.G.S., all of which have left a lasting impression upon me. I am proud to be an "Old Boy", and cannot really understand why I neglected the Association for so long.

I suppose I could reminisce for some time about life at School during the Second World War, when Speech Days were held in Big School and only senior boys could be accommodated. Nevertheless, I remember well the walk/procession to the Cathedral for the Morning Service — why in my recollections can I never remember it having rained on that day? I clearly remember, as we entered the Cathedral, that the Organist — T. L. Duerden — was improvising on the music of the School Song. Ah well, memories — memories.

Anyway, my best wishes to the School and, in particular, to anyone who might remember me all those years ago. I suppose it won't be all that long before I can be talking of 40 years back, rather than 40 years on. With that sobering thought, I will close.

Yours sincerely,
Keith G. Power

Billington, W. K., Codd, P. A., Dewhurst, E. O., Dewhurst, H., Eglington (left circa 1943), Hapgood (joined L.V.S. in 1944), Hargreaves, W. B., Henry, L., Heyes, F., Hodgson, J., Houghton, E., Jefferson, R., Law (joined L.V.S. 1945), Lowe, R. A., Maloney, E., Newsham, A.,

Pitcher, G. C., Power, K. G., Ranson, Robinson, J., Stansfeld, W. B., Summers, R. A., Taylor, L., Ward, F. J., Waters, V., Weill (joined circa 1944 — Austrian (?) refugee)

I think this is fairly accurate. A small group, which doubtless explains our accommodation in the two classrooms overlooking West Park Road in 1942-44.

John R. Clayton (1951-58)

My longstanding resolution to write to you has been prompted into action by the Autumn 1987 edition arriving by a circuitous route while the last one never did arrive.

I moved to Dover in 1985 as Director of Planning and Technical Services with the District Council. The District, which is about 15 miles north to south and 10 miles east to west, includes, Dover, Deal, Sandwich and a large chunk of the Garden of England Kent countryside as well as the whole Kent coalfield.

For years, Dover has coasted along on the back of the cross-channel ferry industry, but as I arrived, Mrs. Thatcher decided there should be a "fixed link" to France, so I dropped into the hot seat.

Currently, besides monitoring the tunnel workings, we are working very hard to change the employment base from mainly ferry dependent to tourism and business.

Dover, as a district, has the potential for both, with fantastic historical attractions, wonderful coast and countryside, as well as a proximity to the new tunnel portal. My greatest challenge is to persuade the locals to accept change.

Of course, the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster, the worst winter in living memory and the recent hurricane have all helped to keep the pressure this year on my Department. I took my appointment through management consultants, and had little idea of the wide range of responsibilities that were hidden in the generalised terms of engineering, planning, architecture, recreation and works. As a trained Bridge Engineer, coastal defences and dangerous structures are not too bad, but I ask you — pail closet emptying.

I relax by membership of Rotary and the occasional day trip to France. My French, classified as "pathetic" by Mr. Ingham in 4B has been more recently described by my medical student daughter:—

"When we first went to France I thought your French was wonderful". "When I got older I realised it was wonderful how you made yourself understood". "Now I realise the French people are wonderful understanding you".

My only response is; thanks to Dr. Tyler, I can quote Hookes Law in Latin!

As for many O.B.'s, I am sure Magister brings two things

— happy memories and news of lost friends
— and a realisation of the truth in the Speech Day final song:

"Forty years on, growing older and older, shorter in wind as in memory long, twenty and thirty — " — stop! That is as far as I have got so far.

Yours sincerely,
The O.B. in Dover
John R. Clayton
23 November 1987

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' GOLF COMPETITION

The 57th competition was held at Blackburn Golf Club on 7th July, 1988.

The winner of the Judge Walmsley Cup was Andrew Norman (75-10-65) with Harold Coupe (86-19-67) second. David Lee won the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup with a gross score of 73.

Only 13 competitors turned out this year which was very disappointing. All golfers should make an effort to compete next year at Wilpshire.

Ray Smith, who has organised the competition for several years, has handed the duty to Andrew Norman (Chorley 68633) for 1989.

Our thanks go to Ray for his efforts.

JOHN BERGUS

As from September 1st my new address will be: The Boarding House, Dallam School, Heversham, Milnthorpe, Cumbria LA7 7EH.

I was recently appointed Head of Economics/Head of Boarding at Dallam School which came into being 4 or 5 years ago when Heversham Grammar School and Milnthorpe Secondary School were merged together by the County.

We leave here in August after seven happy years, but at heart I am still basically Lancastrian and I look forward to returning 'home'. My parents still live near Carnforth and Blackburn will only be a 40 minute drive down the M6.

I am a little out of touch with QEGS news, these days, but I recently bought some paintings off Brian Healey and Steve Monk and his family have been over to stay with us this week. Steve tells me that 14 new teachers are joining QEGS staff next term!

John Bergus, (Staff 1974-1981)

OBITUARIES

THE RIGHT REVEREND H. VICTOR WHITSEY (1928-33)

The former Bishop of Chester died on Christmas Day 1987, aged 71. After attending Queen Elizabeth's, Hubert Victor Whitsey went on to the Blackburn Technical College after which he spent six years with the Midland Bank.

During the war he rose from the ranks to lieutenant-colonel with the Royal Artillery. After the war he read philosophy, politics and economics at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford then went to Wescott House, Cambridge as a theological student before ordination at Blackburn in 1949. He was appointed vicar of Langley near Middleton in 1960 and became an honorary canon of Manchester in 1963. However a breakdown in health caused him to move to the rural parish of Downham in 1968 for a three year period of recuperation. He was appointed Bishop of Chester in 1974 and retired in 1981. He is survived by his widow Jean and by two sons and a daughter.

RAYMOND ETHERINGTON (1939-43)

Raymond, who took early retirement at the age of 58, died at his home on Yew Tree Drive in March 1988. After leaving school Raymond worked for the North Western Electricity Board in Blackburn and Preston.

BRIAN ROGER MARLOR (c 1945-51)

Brian Roger Marlor died suddenly on August 9 at his home in Tasmania. He emigrated in the mid sixties and worked as a sports co-ordinator. He was associated with Roy Marlor Ltd., Gents Outfitters in Blackburn.

He leaves a wife, Vera sons Stephen, Paul and Christopher and brothers Colin, Roy and Guy Marlor.

The funeral was held in Tasmania.

FREDERICK RUSSELL HARTY (1946-54)

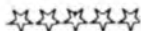
Russell, well known for his broadcasting and journalism died in a Leeds Hospital on 8 June 1988.

After leaving Oxford in 1957 he was appointed Master at Giggleswick School followed by a period from '64 to '66 as lecturer in English Literature at the City University of New York. On return to the UK he became a radio producer (67-69) and then producer of Aquarius from 1969-71. There then followed a period with London Weekend Television until 1980 moving to BBC TV from 1980 to 1988. He appealed to a large cross section of people as is reflected in the number of tributes to him in the visitors book of St. Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick where the funeral service and burial took place.

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WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, London area and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

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Old Boys will be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary.

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OXFORD DINNER

The Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians Association held their dinner on Friday 30th October 1987 in the Old Dining Hall of St. Edmund Hall, and the guests who were welcomed by the joint presidents Giles Slinger and Ian Schofield enjoyed a meal which was excellently served and of high quality.

The Headmaster thanked the joint presidents for their organisation and gave a brief resume of the School's activities after which there was ample time for informal talking.

Present from Oxford were: Helen Hoyle, Giles Slinger, Ian Schofield, Alison Cartwright, Michael Hodgson, Susan Taylor, Michelle Waterworth, Paul Das, James Ruffitt, Indra Hughes, Nigel Hitchman, Albert Eastham, Clifford Waring, Jack Lee, Rev. Peter Mayhew.

From Blackburn: Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Johnson, Andrew Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roby, Mr. J. S. Read, Mr. E. J. Kay, Mr. J. B. Vent and his guest.

CHESHIRE DINNER

The Cheshire and South Manchester Branch of the Old Blackburnians Association held their annual dinner on Friday 23rd October 1987 at the Bowden Hotel, Cheshire.

The branch is enjoying renewed interest and attendances at the meetings have increased during the last year.

Mr. Harold Ramsbottom, Secretary/President of the branch, welcomed the guests and commented that the 33 people attending was the largest turnout for some years.

The Headmaster, in his reply, gave details of the arrangements for the forthcoming visit of the Queen to the school.

Those attending: Mr. and Mrs. B. Batey, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearson, Dr. and Mrs. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. West, Mrs. and Mrs. G. M. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsbottom.

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NORTH EASTERN BRANCH DINNER February 19th, 1988

For the second year the Annual Dinner was held in the awe inspiring surroundings of the Balmoral Room, The Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. As last year, the dinner was well attended, in particular by those students now at Universities in the North-East. It is hoped that for future dinners, those Old Blackburnians now living in the area will be encouraged by the success of these evenings and also be eager to attend.

The guests gathered in the Windsor Room for pre-dinner drinks, a new idea which proved to be well received by those present. Julia Newton welcomed the 35 guests and invited acting Headmaster, Mr. E. J. Whittle to give an amusing insight into the new developments at present occurring at Queen Elizabeths.

It is hoped that now this branch dinner has become established it will prove to be a regular event — and it was proposed at the dinner that the N.E. branch dinner should be held once again at The Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle on February 17th, 1989. It is hoped that this evening proves as much of a success.

The guests attending the function were: Mr. E. Whittle, Mrs. P. F. Johnson, Mr. E. Kay, Mr. J. S. Read, Mr. and Mrs. F. Raby, Mr. P. Cowburn, Mr. V. Hajela, Mr. R. Grimshaw, Miss K. Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Newton, Miss S. D. Newton, Miss L. Warburton, Miss H. Dempsey, Dr. and Mrs. P. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Beaumont, Mr. S. M. Patefield, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mothersole, Mr. N. Johnson, Mr. B. Castling and guest, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Dr. P. Mahoney, Miss B. Dixon, Miss V. Johnston, Mr. A. Johnston, Miss J. L. Newton.

CAMBRIDGE DINNER November 20th, 1987

The annual dinner of the Cambridge Branch was this year held in the Old Kitchens, Trinity College. Trinity was, in fact, the most appropriate venue as Mr. E. C. Marsden, retiring chairman of governors, was himself an undergraduate here before the war and had not been back since 1934. So it was, I suppose, a fitting tribute that the dinner was attended by a record 49 people, which was double the number that was anticipated.

Vanessa Feely and Russell Taylor, who had organised the event, welcomed everybody to the dinner at Trinity, whose good food and high catering standards were appreciated by everyone. After the meal Vanessa proposed a toast to the Queen, Russell tried to make a funny speech and the Headmaster reported on recent events at the school. Mr. E. J. Kay then spoke as representative of the O.B.A. about forthcoming events, thereby bringing the dinner to a close.

Those present were:

Mr. Peter Anderton, Mr. Philip Anderton, Mr. D. N. F. Attride, Miss A. J. Battersby, Mr. D. Battersby, Mr. S. R. Boardman, Miss I. J. Bush, Miss S. A. Davies, Miss R. Dearden, Miss H. Dempsey, Miss A. H. A. Dugdale, Mr. M. P. Eddleston, Miss V. E. Feely, Miss A. Frost, Mr. S. R. Gate, Mrs. C. Heald, Mr. P. G. Heald, Mrs. C. Johnston, Mr. P. F. Johnston, Miss C. L. Jones, Mr. M. A. L. Jones, Mr. P. Joshi, Mr. E. J. Kay, Sq. Ldr. R. B. Lamb, Miss S. K. Mahoney, Mr. E. C. Marsden, Miss M. Maxwell, Mr. L. G. Medlock, Miss J. M. Myat, Mr. M. Pearson, Mr. P. T. Pearson, Mrs. E. M. Raby, Mr. F. Raby, Dr. R. Robson, Miss A. Rutherford, Mrs. E. Sagar, Mr. T. Sagar, Mr. I. J. Sherlock, Mr. P. D. Simm, Mrs. A. Singleton, Mr. J. S. Singleton, Mr. J. D. F. Smith, Mr. R. B. Taylor, Mr. D. Walker, Mr. D. Walmsley, Mr. E. J. Whittle, Mrs. J. Whittle, Mr. N. J. Whittle, Miss M. Wragg, Miss Ann Singleton.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' BRANCH MEETINGS 1988 - 1989

The following dates have recently been fixed:

1988

- 11 Nov. Oxford Branch Dinner, The McKenna Room, Christ Church, Oxford.
18 Nov. Cambridge Branch Dinner, Magdalene College, Cambridge.
Nov. London Branch Buffet Evening (informal). Venue later.
22 Nov. O.B.A. Annual General Meeting in the Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S. at 8.00 p.m.
17 Dec. O.B.A. Annual Dinner, Big School, Q.E.G.S. 7.00 for 7.15 p.m.

1989

- 18 Jan. London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingly Street (off Regent Street — Oxford Circus Tube) from 6.30 p.m.
17 Feb. North Eastern Branch Dinner, Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle.
10 Mar. London Branch A.G.M. and Ladies Evening. Venue later.
8 Apr. Young Old Blackburnians' Annual Dinner and Disco (to be arranged).
22 Sept. Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Carr, Scotton Orchards, Lands Lane, Knaresborough.

Further details from:—

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HONG KONG BRANCH

I wish to inform you that the Hong Kong Old Blackburnians Association — Hong Kong Branch has been formed with myself as the coordinator.

The members are as written below:

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BIRMINGHAM (BRANCH?)

In the period prior to Christmas I greatly enjoyed reading 'Magister'. The articles and reports brought back some very pleasant memories of my 7 years at Q.E.G.S.

However, one thought did occur to me as I was reading the magazine — there is no O.B. branch in the West Midlands. I do not know if there is any particular reason for this, but as Birmingham is reputed (by Brummies) to be the 2nd city of England (a fact hotly disputed by Mancunians!), I have no doubt that there must be many Old Boys (and Girls) working and living in this area. If this is so, would it perhaps be possible to arrange some sort of social gathering in Birmingham.

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OLD BLACKBURNIANS' AFC REPORT 1988

After a number of disappointing seasons, it is sad to report that the 1st XI finally succumbed to relegation from the Premier Division of the Lancs. Amateur League. One more point was needed to save them but it was not to be and together with Lymm O.B., the bottom club, the Old Blacks started the new season in the First Division. Hopefully performances can be improved with manager, Steve Gray and new Club Captain, Craig Hindle at the helm. It will need a great effort and some inspired performances if promotion can be achieved at the first attempt and we wish them well.

The 2nd and 3rd XI on the other hand had good seasons and again it was a case of what might have been. A final position of 3rd from the 2nd XI was very respectable, although a further eight points would have been needed for the championship. Keith Taylor has done very well again in his second year in charge.

The Thirds had the best chance of all for ultimate success, leading the table for most of the season and finally leaving the door open for Burnley Belvedere 'A' to creep in and steal the championship. Even so, a good season for Steve Woolley's team and new captain, Pete Halloren, now takes over.

With Alan Upton looking after the 4th XI once again, the season started promisingly in the same division, but a series of defeats near the end left them hanging precariously one point adrift from the drop to the 'B' division. The 4th XI, of course, always suffer though last minute team changes during the latter part of each week, and last season proved to be no less frustrating for Alan than in previous seasons. Roger Masters as team sec. also did an excellent job finding players to fill in the gaps.

Once again, after preparing for the Annual 7-a-side competition in August, the atrocious weather forced cancellation for the second successive year, not a happy state of affairs. Hopefully we can successfully run this competition for L.A.L. sides next year, and re-establish it on the calendar before it becomes a distant memory. The Sevens has now been running off and on for approximately 20 years.

At this year's Club Dinner and Presentation Evening we welcomed Dave Edmundson, Head of P.E. and Radio Lancashire Sports Presenter, as our guest speaker. This was a new venture for Dave and his contribution undoubtedly helped the evening's overall success. Individual team

awards went to Neil Clayton, Pete Halloren, Phil Dixon and Alan Upton, with Roger Masters winning the 'Clubman of the Year' award.

Work to the tune of £1200 was completed on the two pitches in May, by a local contractor, in order to keep them up to trim. This mainly involved draining work, mole-ploughing, re-seeding and the spreading of 80 tons of Southport sand. The small pitch, in particular, has been the problem one having developed very spongy areas over the last few years and finding a complete cure may involve more work in the future.

A new change in training methods started last season with the use of the Witton Park Astro turf pitch on a fortnightly basis. This proved a popular venture with attendances being quite healthy. The other weeks were spent in the school gym and we are grateful for the continued use of such excellent facilities.

The new season is now well under way and in spite of the usual player shortages at this time of year, the results have been encouraging. The 1st XI showing only one defeat in their first seven games and the 2nd XI also unbeaten in three. Let us hope that results go as well for the remainder of the season, particularly at 1st team level.

Our new steward, Warren Smith, appointed last August, has settled into the club life very well and is doing an excellent job for us. He has turned out for the fourths this season and is a welcome addition to the playing side.

As mentioned before, the club is used on a regular basis for private parties and if any old boy or girl would like to use the Club's facilities for a 21st Party, Wedding Party, etc., please do not hesitate to contact either Warren or myself at the club or home (tel. 52153 or 40055). We would be pleased to accommodate you if at all possible.

Finally, we would also like to hear from any players who now live in the area and would like to play for the Old Blackburnians A.F.C., and enjoy our excellent facilities. Please contact Roger Masters (team sec. on 40805).

Phil Sumner, September 1988

FINAL TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
1st	26	7	4	15	39	56	18	(rel.)
2nd	26	13	8	5	59	37	34	(3rd)
3rd	26	15	5	6	63	35	35	(2nd)
4th	26	7	4	15	43	55	18	(12th)



CLUB DINNER — JUNE 1988

L. to R. Peter Hargreaves (Guest), Phil Dixon (3rd Team), Phil Sumner (Chairman), Peter Halloren (2nd Team), Dave Edmundson (Guest Speaker), Neil Clayton (1st Team).

Left to Right:
A. Aspden,
Fiona Hacking,
Nigel Dawson,
N. King and
S. Lancaster.



Retiring head girl
and boy, Joanne Iddon
and Andrew Booth.



Here's mud in your eye!
Kathryn Ashworth,
Richard Grimshaw and
Myra Hardcastle.



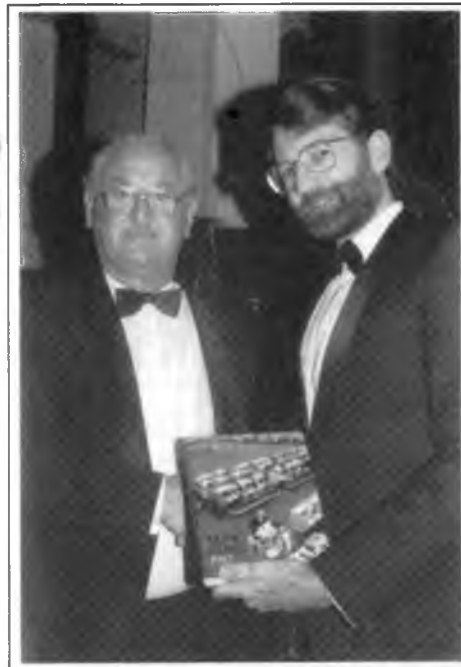
Miss R. A. Singleton,
John Singleton,
P. F. Singleton, and
S. R. Singleton.



Eric Holden and son
with
Alan Gorse and son.



Toastmaster
(1st occasion)
William Stanley
Bamber, MBE.



Dr. Chris Lund presents
the Hong Kong
Association Book to
the President.

REPORT OF ANNUAL DINNER, DECEMBER, 1987

Last year's dinner was held on December 19 in Big School. Pressure of applications for tickets was such that, at a late stage the Dinner Sub-committee allowed the ante-room to be used for dining.

In the event, all who made written application were able to be accommodated. The total number of diners was 184. Of these, 176 were members who had paid for their ticket. The number of "young" members who had left school in the last five years was 38 and there were 27 ladies present.

The chief guest was Mr P. W. Cunliffe, an old boy and former chairman of the Pharmaceutical Division of Imperial Chemical Industries. Other guests were current head boy Andrew Booth, head girl Joanne Iddon and special guest Derick Lund, the school's former domestic burser.

The meal was not inspiring, the best feature being the leek soup. A few members commented adversely on the main course and sweet. The caterer herself was not happy with the beef and recommended a return to the roast pheasant we enjoyed so much last year. The service was smart and efficient, the meal being concluded well in advance of the specified time.

The speeches were kept short and, with the absence of a specific toast to the guests, there was much time after the formal proceedings for members to meet old friends. Before the formal proceedings were concluded, Dr Christopher Lund presented a book about Hong Kong to the Association as a token of the greetings he brought with him from the Hong Kong branch of the Association.

The arrangements in the new building seemed to work quite well, though the space behind the bar turned out to be too cramped. The accounts showed a rather large surplus of £96.60 but it was suggested at an OBA committee meeting in September, that some of this money could be used to replace the glassware on the Illingworth Plate as the vases were broken. It was also decided to buy several corkscrews to speed up opening wine bottles before the meal.

The Association thanked the Headmaster and Governors for their generous help in supporting the dinner and made a special mention of the contribution of School Sergeant Mr Stanley Bamber and his staff to the successful evening. Mr Bamber made his first appearance as Toastmaster and carried out these duties most effectively. The committee thanked John Read for organising the dinner and for his full report on the proceedings.

Members will see a big difference in Big School this year. Mr Bamber and his staff have scraped, polished and generally renovated the wooden floor to make the whole effect lighter.

The committee decided in September to stick with last year's caterers and pheasant will once again be the main course this year.

The committee decided to ask the newly co-opted members Ronald Barham, Peter Singleton, Philip Thompson and Andrew Norman to assist in organising the Young Leavers "Do" around Easter.



Left: Retiring chairman
of governors,
E. C. Marsden and
Right: Incoming
chairman of governors,
J. S. Singleton
enjoy a pre-meal drink.



Left to Right:
Miss C. E. N. Sumner,
Indra Hughes,
Michelle Waterworth,
Peter Kennedy,
James Rumfitt.



Regular Revellers
Bill Proctor and
Garth Edwards.



Left to Right:
Paul Price,
J. S. Singleton,
OBA President:
Sir Kenneth Durham
P. W. Cunliffe, OBE,
Headmaster.



The Gillibrand-
Stevensons decipher
the seating plan.

OLD BOYS SPEND MEDICAL ELECTIVE PERIODS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

EIGHT WEEKS IN SOUTH INDIA

As part of my medical training, I had the opportunity to travel abroad to study medicine in a foreign country and chose to go to India which proved to be an unforgettable experience.

I left Heathrow on 13th November, and after a journey of 5,600 miles by air, train and bus, I arrived at my destination, Vellore, tired, sweaty and very dusty. This was the cool, dry season in southern India and the temperature was about 32°C during the day and 20°C at night.

Vellore is a small, very poor town, of 200,000 people. It is surprising that such a town was chosen as the site of one of the best hospitals in the whole of India — the Christian Medical College Hospital — and as good as any London teaching hospital.

It is a very large hospital with 1,300 in-patients, and fully equipped with even its own C.T. scanner. Ninety per cent of its income comes from patients' fees and most patients have to pay a proportion of the cost of their treatment, although exceptions are sometimes made.

The wards are large, 40-bed airy rooms, with metal grilles at the windows to prevent the monkeys getting in! Patients are usually with their relatives, who can be seen lying around the hospital corridors or underneath the beds! Despite this, the wards are well-organised.

By contrast, the out-patients department is much busier. Usually two or more consultations occur simultaneously in a tiny room, into which all the waiting patients can see, and they regularly interrupt to ask how long they have to wait for their turn! Well over 200 patients are seen by a team of 8 doctors in a session, and, unlike some hospitals I know in England, it seems that the case notes and results of tests are never lost, despite the large numbers involved.

The doctors were very knowledgeable and, as English was the hospital language, they were able to teach me a lot of medicine. Patients came to the hospital from all over India, and spoke a variety of Indian languages. Most of the doctors were able to communicate in two or three of them. I learned a few phrases of Tamil, so I could ask patients to 'Stick out your tongue', and 'Take a deep breath! Examination of women was difficult because they liked to keep their clothes on! I was struck by the stoicism of the patients when they were in pain.

Vellore is three hours west of Madras by bus. It is a very dusty little town, full of tiny shops. The streets are crammed with people, bicycles, cycle-rickshaws, auto-rickshaws (three-wheel motorised taxis), buses, cars and lorries — all of them weaving in and out to avoid the bullock carts, cows and goats — and repeatedly blowing their horns at each other.

I found the food in the hospital was unpalatable. It was standard Indian vegetarian food, comprising a huge mound of rice with several small helpings of various spicy, vegetarian dishes, all to be eaten with the fingers. Fortunately, just across the road from the hospital, was a hotel with a rooftop restaurant, where the food was much better. A filling dinner would cost about 50p. With practice, I was able to eat the very hottest of dishes and hardly perspire! Water outside the hospital in Vellore was unsafe, and, in fact, there was a cholera epidemic while I was staying there, so we had to take bottled

drinks with our food, such as the tasty 'Limca — zero bacteria drink', or the not-so-tasty 'Thumbs up'. Coffee in Vellore was delicious. It was made from boiled milk and very sweet. There were coffee stalls all over the town, including a very handy one right outside the hospital gate.

I had the opportunity to travel around the south of India by train and bus. The trains were very good, and there was never a dull moment during the journey, with people coming round all the time selling tea, coffee, bananas, coconuts, chocolate, cigarettes, snacks and even people to clean your shoes! The bus journeys, by contrast were hair-raising. The buses were usually packed: ladies on one side, men on the other and about 50 people standing. The conductors had to fight to get down the aisle to collect fares, and sometimes it was a struggle to get off, made more difficult by the Indians' impatience to get on! The driving also left something to be desired. Buses overtook everything else on the road, and when they approached a slow vehicle, they just blew their horn and pulled out without checking to see if there was an oncoming vehicle. Several times I had to close my eyes and brace myself for a crash, but miraculously, I was safe. On every bus journey, however, I noticed a bus or truck that had gone off the road, into a ditch, or over a bridge!

On my travels, I visited Bangalore, India's most cosmopolitan city, Mysore and Ooty; the latter being a hill station where I was allowed to ride on the footplate of a 100-year-old steam train! Then I also went to Goa, with its idyllic beaches, and to the state of Kerala on the south-east coast, where I took a boat trip down some coconut-fringed inland waterways.

I left India from Bombay in January. I had had a very useful time in the hospital in Vellore, and made some great friends there. I enjoyed my travels in the south, through the beautiful

countryside, and the peculiar and amusing sights which were everywhere to see. India is a fascinating country, and I look forward to the day when I can return.

Richard H. Webster
King's College Hospital
Denmark Hill, London
(1975-81)

KAINANTU, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

When deciding where to spend my elective, I looked for a country as different as possible from England — somewhere to gain plenty of medical experience, and with a new environment and culture to explore. I eventually settled on Papua New Guinea, and was not disappointed.

I was based at Kainantu Hospital in the Eastern Highlands Province, under the supervision of the Canadian Medical Superintendent, Dr. Carl Hudson. Leeds Medical School has had connections with Kainantu for several years, and Ed Stark, a fellow Leeds student was there at the same time as myself.

Apart from Dr. Hudson, there is only one other doctor at Kainantu and much of the work is done by the Health Extension Officers (HEO's) who are nationals with a basic training in medicine and considerable experience of the more common diseases.

From the start we were given a good deal of responsibility — far more than we had previously been used to, which required some initial adjustment on our part. However, after a couple of days we were able to see all the new patients admitted to the acute wards and begin appropriate treatment with surprising confidence. Suddenly having to deal alone with adults and children, often on the verge of death from a variety of neglected illnesses, does

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Communication was initially something of a problem, but the rudiments of Pidgin English are easily learned, and proved to be great entertainment, both for myself and for the other patients on the ward who listened attentively to every interview and helped (or hindered!) whenever they could.

As a student at the 120 bed hospital, I had the opportunity to become involved in several branches of clinical medicine — obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, general medicine and minor surgery.

However, I chose to spend most of my time on the acute wards, including the 'intensive care unit' where all the new admissions (adults and children) are housed. The commonest conditions we encountered were malaria, typhoid, meningitis, lobar pneumonia, measles and trauma — often knife and spear wounds resulting from the frequent tribal disputes. Although many of these may be unfamiliar in England, they soon become easily recognisable, and we were able to do the necessary diagnostic tests ourselves, such as lumbar punctures and blood slides.

The medical highlight of my elective was a health patrol, which Dr. Hudson arranged for us with a nearby mission station. Ed and myself accompanied a nurse and two carriers into the spectacular mountains, visiting several remote villages reachable only on foot and consequently rarely seen by whites. We lived and ate with the villagers, whose friendliness and curiosity were memorable, and held health and immunisation clinics each day. The patrol lasted a week and was hard work at times, with long treks and several near disasters, including a collapsing makeshift bridge, and being separated during a rainy night in the middle of the bush. However, the whole thing was an incredible experience, and afforded a real insight into rural life in Papua New Guinea.

Dr. Hudson encouraged us to see as much of this beautiful and exciting country as possible, which we took full advantage of. We climbed PNG's highest mountain (Mt. Wilhelm) at 15,000 ft, saw the spectacular and colourful Highlands Show, and visited the coast where we were able to snorkel on amazing coral reefs and enjoy some well-earned sun and sand.

At the end of our elective, we spent a short time in Rabaul, a town surrounded by volcanoes (some of which are active) on an island off the coast.

I would have no hesitation in recommending Kainantu as an elective destination to anybody keen to gain clinical experience in beautiful surroundings, the countryside around is unspoilt, and the climate pleasant at its altitude of 5,300 ft, with no troublesome mosquitos. Increasingly, security is becoming a problem with occasional violent crimes, and highway robberies from gangs of so-called 'rascals'. However, we didn't encounter any trouble in this respect and the people were never anything but friendly and hospitable towards us.

Raymond T. Smith
Leeds: March 1988

TEN WEEKS IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA August - October 1987

I am a final year medical student at the University of Leeds. As part of the course there is a ten-week elective period. This is eagerly anticipated by the students as it is up to the individual student to decide how to use this time in some medically-related speciality. I spent my

time studying general paediatrics at the Bustamante Hospital for Children in Kingston, Jamaica. It turned out to be a revelation into Third World medicine.

Jamaica, to the outsider, is a vacational paradise with delightful beaches, beautiful sunsets and warm tropical nights. Although it is a most beautiful country, in reality, poverty, crime and violence are rife.

The Bustamante Hospital receives cases from the capital as well as others referred from all over the island. It is a 206 bed hospital but often has 250 patients which frequently means that they have to double up in cots and beds. Patient turnover is very rapid — two or three days, with patients often discharged to convalesce at home at a much earlier stage than in the United Kingdom.

Perhaps the most striking feature I noticed on my first day was the lack, in fact there was a complete absence, of toys, which is so different from paediatric wards in England. It is well known that the lack of stimuli to children delays the heading process. Also, many of the children lacked what is known 'in the trade' as TLC (tender loving care).

Casualty was always a hive of activity in that it was extremely busy and unfortunately was understaffed with both doctors and nurse. This meant that patients would often have to wait in sweltering heat up to eight hours before being seen by a doctor. There was also an oral rehydration unit in the casualty department which treated children with gastroenteritis.

Death is always a difficult subject to talk about. In England the death rate amongst children is low, if they do die it is most commonly from accidents or various forms of cancer. However, as became apparent on my second day in the hospital, it is a different story in Jamaica. A five month old boy was admitted with gastroenteritis in a severely dehydrated state. The fundamental management of a dehydrated child is to get fluids into the child via a drip. Therefore, I left this boy realising that he was very ill but not really expecting him to die. The next morning when I enquired I was told he was dead. This shows that diarrhoea is a dangerous disease and if not treated early enough can be fatal.

There were two other aspects of the hospital that were sad to see. The intensive care unit was extremely modern and well-equipped. However, it shows how money in the Third World can so easily be wasted because there are not enough well trained nurses to run the unit efficiently. Also in quite a number of wards there were two or three mentally handicapped children who had been abandoned. They were permanent residents of the hospital, often tucked out of sight in side rooms, because there are no homes in Kingston to look after these handicapped children.

Apart from providing an insight into medicine in the Third World, by living with Jamaican students I was able to learn about another culture. This culture, most famous to the outside world for reggae music and the Rastafarian movement, with their characteristic dreadlocks, is far removed from that found in Britain and other developed countries. Jamaica has enormous potential for prosperity by developing its natural resources and tourism but unfortunately it is slowly destroying itself because of the excessive use of 'ganja' (marijuana) which is readily available and appears to offer to the younger members of the population a solution to their immediate problems. Sadly it provides no such thing.

Nicholas Smith
Ramsbottom, Bury.

ATTAINMENTS and SUCCESSES

JENNIFER ROBB recently qualified as a dentist with degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery at the William Turner Dental School, University of Manchester, recently met the Head Master at 1.30 in the morning on Preston station, en-route to Inverness by sleeper, where her family are now located.

MITCH PRESTON has won RAF training prizes for the best performance in ground school, best in instrument flying and the best overall student on his course.

Mitch, of Wilpshire, who recently finished basic training on Provost jets at RAF Linton-on-Ouse, will now go on to RAF Valley in Anglesey to start advanced training on Hawks.

DAVID GREGSON (1980-87) has been admitted to 'Soccer Hall of Fame' at Oneonta, New York.

David, who comes from Oswaldtwistle, gained eleven O-levels and four A-levels before being awarded a soccer scholarship to Hartwick College in Oneonta after leaving Queen Elizabeths.

Selected to play for the County U.19 Lancashire Schools Football Association as early as September 1986, having already been reserve for the Northern Public Schools XI, he also played as a member of the Public Schools Sixes team which beat Bolton School in the final in December 1986.

At the beginning of his sophomore year, he has been selected as the College soccer captain and will retain this status for his remaining three years there.

His parents and younger brother (also in school) will fly out in October to a special parents' weekend.

RONALD BARHAM (1957-63) recently was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Aston in Birmingham, for a degree in Applied Urban Micro Economics.

Dr. Barham, a former Estates Assistant with the County Borough of Blackburn twenty years ago, was then Senior Estates and Valuation Officer for the Chief Valuer's Department in the County Borough of Bolton, has been a consultant for the last thirteen years and is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Rating and Valuation Association, and a Fellow of the Construction Surveyors Institute, as well as being a professional engineer.

He had three sons in school (two at present), the eldest of whom, Paul, has just gained five Grade As at A-level and is going to be reading Computing Science at Churchill College in the University of Cambridge from the autumn of 1989.

RICHARD HULYER joins Mortimer Gorse and Ross, assisting with residential sales, commercial and industrial sales and lettings, after three years at the Inland Revenue Office in Blackburn. After leaving Queen Elizabeths he gained a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Business Studies at Sheffield City Polytechnic. He is currently studying for the final examinations of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

LADIES BEFORE THE MAST

Nothing, not even the advice and warnings of my predecessors on the Sail Training Association schooners, could possibly have prepared me for my time on the Malcolm Miller — a beautiful three masted top-sail schooner. The S.T.A. is a charitable organisation, the aim of which is not to teach people to sail, but to teach them about themselves, their capabilities and their weaknesses. This is not done gently, but with a bump and a thump!

Life on the schooners is by no means a pale imitation of the working ships of yesteryear — although thanks to technology, they are now blessed with flushing toilets, and an engine for use in emergencies. The thirty-nine (all female) trainees were split into three 'watches' — Fore, Main and Mizzen, of thirteen trainees each. You ate, slept and worked with the girls from your watch — led by a watch leader — a girl who had sailing experience, probably on the schooners, and a watch officer, usually an adult with good technical sailing experience. Out of each twelve hours, each watch gets four hours sleep (by no means always consecutive), the rest being spent eating, cleaning the ship (a heart-warming occasion called 'Happy Hour') or on 'standby-watch' in case the watch on deck requires extra hands setting and stowing sails whilst sailing. After three days, I realised that the permanent feeling of tiredness was here to stay, and resigned myself to it. The only way to combat it is to keep smiling (not always easy) and be determined to make the best of your time on the ship.

After two days of easy sailing in the Solent, mostly for the benefit of a BBC TV Crew from Leeds who wanted to film in reasonably calm waters, we set out into the Channel. Unfortunately, much to our disappointment,

there was no wind and we had to motor out into the North Sea. It was here, after three days at sea, we hit real sailing weather — and real seasickness weather. Due to the rather easy start, most of us had become rather lax about taking sea-sickness tablets, and were now cursing ourselves, and the ship's American nurse who hung on to her supply of tablets grimly, maintaining that seasickness was 'all psychological'. It certainly didn't feel like it was in the mind! We arrived in Amsterdam, and extended shore leave of over 36 hours was granted to enable the crew to recover and start eating properly again. After being issued instructions on where NOT to go in Amsterdam, we all set off to find the no-go areas! Amsterdam certainly lived up to and surpassed its reputation as the sleaze capital of Europe — quite an eye opener to say the least. All good things must come to an end though, and we had to get back to the routine of hard work and little sleep to sail on to Kiel in West Germany. We arrived for the end of 'Kiel Week' — a boating festival. Our ship was lucky enough to be moored in the middle of a huge fireworks display in the harbour.

Next stop was Trevamunde, a small German holiday town on the East/West border. A visit to the border was made doubly interesting as it lay right in the middle of a nudist beach. This state of personal freedom was in sharp contrast with the empty beach patrolled by armed soldiers on the Eastern side of the railings. We were by now in the Baltic Sea, and the weather was glorious. Our last stretch of sailing was to our final port-of-call, Copenhagen. By now most of us were getting to grips with the technicalities of sailing and thoroughly enjoying it, but disembarkation was growing near. However, we concluded our journey on the "Malcolm Miller" in fine style, by

'manning the yards' coming into Copenhagen harbour. This is where all but a skeleton crew of 5 take up positions on the upper yard, lower yard and riggings in a symmetrical pattern. In centuries gone by it was a gesture of peace by the incoming ship, to show that no-one was manning the guns. In modern times it is a quite amazing spectacle for those on the quayside and a breath-taking experience of a life-time for those poised precariously on the rigging for twenty minutes with thick wire cable cutting into their feet and knees aching with trying to stay stood straight!

So, with more than one glance back at the graceful ship, and more than a few tears shed, we boarded a coach followed by a train for Esbjerg — rather mundane means of transport after the ship of which we had all become so proud. An overnight ferry to Newcastle finished our journey and we spent the last night with the people with whom we had become so close — an unavoidable outcome of the hard life at sea. Despite the amazing experience of sailing on such a ship as 'Malcolm Miller', it was the people who made the trip what it was for me. Ranging in age from 16 to 22, they came from widely varying backgrounds — six Swedes, a German living in Canada, an American, people from public schools, detention centres, and those who had saved up every penny of the hundreds of pounds a trip of the 'Malcolm Miller' costs. I doubt any one of my fellow trainees went home not thinking as I did — that is was an unforgettable experience from which they learnt a lot about themselves and others.

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A.G.M. REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JULY, 1987

	1987		1986	
	£	£	£	£
NET ASSETS				
Lammack Ground at cost less sales		1,207.77		1,208
INVESTMENTS AT COST				
£1,250 4% Consols (Market value £531)	1,160.60		1,161	
£650 8.25% Barclays Bank plc Unsecured Loan 1986/93 (Market value £597)	582.59		582	
£2,421.58 8.25% Treasury Stock 1987/90 (Market value £2,371)	2,230.62		2,230	
£2,879.07 6.75% Treasury Stock 1995/98 (Market value £2,373)	2,230.62		2,231	
		6,204.43		6,204
LOAN TO Q.E.G.S.	6,000.00		6,000	
DEBTORS: Advertisers	—		150	
CASH:				
Savings Bank	327.82		308	
Lloyds Bank plc	1,615.55		1,347	
National Provincial Building Society	8,828.72		4,803	
		10,772.09		6,458
		24,184.29		20,020
CREDITORS:				
Printers	—		825	
Inland Revenue	12.98		66	
Postage	—		220	
		12.98		1,111
		24,171.31		18,909
REPRESENTED BY:				
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND		1,207.77		1,208
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1986	17,126.72		13,624	
Plus New Members	4,230.00		3,505	
	21,356.72		17,129	
Less: Deletions	14.70		2	
		21,342.02		17,127
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1986	574.24		273	
Surplus for the year	1,047.28		301	
		1,621.52		574
		£24,171.31		£18,909

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 1987

	1987		1986	
INCOME				
Subscriptions		830.53		868
Released from Life Membership Fund		14.70		2
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS				
4% Consols	50.00		50	
8.25% Barclays Bank — Loan	53.62		54	
6.75% Treasury Stock 1995/98	194.32		194	
8.25% Treasury Stock 1987/90	199.78		200	
	497.72		498	
Bank Interest	20.08		22	
Building Society Interest	460.25		304	
Gross Investment Income	978.05		824	
Less: Corporation Tax	277.10		244	
	700.95		580	
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND RENT		5.00		5
BUILDING SOCIETY COMMISSION		—		17
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS ON ANNUAL DINNER		(11.25)		27
		1,539.93		1,499
EXPENDITURE				
General Expenses	56.00		81	
Postages	107.97		106	
Magister	39.41		832	
Corporation Tax (overprovision in previous year)	(58.47)		25	
Subscription to I.S.I.S. Association	150.00		150	
Deficit on Easter Disco	11.00		4	
Branch Expenses	186.74		—	
	492.65		1,198	
SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUND		£1,047.28		£301

MINUTES of the 59th Annual General Meeting held at the School on 24 November 1987 at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Messrs P. T. Pearson (in the Chair) and 20 members.

APOLOGIES

Messrs W. K. Forbes and R. Barham.

1. MINUTES of the 1986 Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that as usual the Committee had met on two occasions since the last Annual General Meeting, in February and in September. Once again thanks were due to the Headmaster and to the School for allowing the Committee the use of its facilities for these meetings. It was perhaps also appropriate to thank the Headmaster for keeping the Committee apprised of the progress of the building work and showing members round from time to time and also on behalf of the Committee members and other members of the Association invited in that capacity for his invitation to the opening ceremony two weeks previously. As most members present already knew, the Committee had resolved that a donation of £5,000 should be made to the School for the purchase or provision of specific items in relation to the building work and it had eventually been decided that this money should be used for provision of the new chandeliers in Big School which had, in fact, cost a little more than £5,000. Once again the Association's principal activities had been the Annual Dinner and the production of Magister and the Association's thanks to John Read and Roger Smith and their respective sub-committees was recorded for ensuring that these activities were the success that they undoubtedly were. Also thanks were due to the Treasurer, Fred Gillibrand, for keeping the Association's finances in efficient order and also keeping up to date with memberships and subscriptions and to Mr. Eric Kay for maintaining the important liaison between the Association and its various branches. The Secretary also thanked those other officers and members on the Committee who had assisted in making his job a relatively easy one.

3. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer presented the accounts and made certain comments thereon, in particular the fact that Inland Revenue had waived its entitlement to payment of Corporation Tax previously provided for in the accounts and also mentioned that the current accounts did not include the cost of Magister. This was because since the date of publication had been changed from summer to November, ie, after the immediately preceding financial year, the Treasurer had estimated the cost of Magister and had found it increasingly difficult to estimate this accurately. It was decided that the actual cost of Magister should not be inserted in the accounts until the year in which it was actually incurred, ie, the following year and obviously the cost of the 1987 edition of Magister would appear in the accounts for the year ended 31 July 1988. The accounts were adopted with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and to the Auditors.

4. ANNUAL DINNER — Covered separately.

5. MAGISTER

Mr. Smith reported on what was regrettably a slightly smaller edition of Magister which was quite simply due to the lack of information and copy forthcoming. He emphasised again the need to be supplied with material and hoped that next year a twenty page edition would be possible. Once again he thanked his sub-committee and the printer, Garry Readett, for their invaluable assistance. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Mr. Smith for what was, despite its size, nevertheless a very satisfactory and enjoyable publication.

6. BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Mr. Kay reported on the recent branch activities and reported that generally speaking interest in the branches was increasing. In fact the recent Cambridge Dinner had been attended by some 50 people. Details for the Young Leavers Dance, scheduled for Easter, had not yet been finalised but he would keep members informed.

7. ATHLETICS

There was no report from the Football Club but Mr. Ray Smith reported on the Golf Competition which again had been very poorly attended due to one or two reasons beyond his control, and once again he was proposing to change the date, this time to July, in the hope of achieving a better attendance. Mr. Smith was thanked for his efforts in organising this event.

8. RECORDS

Mr. Proctor mentioned that despite the storage arrangements for some of the School's records having been disrupted during the building work, he had now got all that he could find together and they were stored in one place, namely in the former science library and he was also collating and collecting contemporary records relating to the recent developments. John Read reported that there were also some records and in particular copies of the Blackburnian stored in Dukes Cliffe. It was suggested and agreed by the meeting that all the documents should be collected together and probably the best place for them to be stored would be in the new School Library under the control of the recently appointed School Librarian. The Headmaster reminded the meeting that the main historical records of the School, not the least of which was the School Charter, were under the care and control of the County Archivist and stored in proper conditions at County Hall.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Sir Kenneth Durham was re-elected
Chairman: P. T. Pearson was re-elected
Vice-Chairman: D. I. Forbes was re-elected
Secretary: D. I. Forbes was re-elected
Treasurer: F. Gillibrand was re-elected
Honorary Auditors: Messrs. W. Hare and R. B. Holden were re-elected.

10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The following members were elected to the Committee:— B. Brown, H. Burrows, J. Duckworth, E. Fairhurst, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E. J. Kay, E. C. Marsden, I. D. Newton, K. V. Newton, W. H. Proctor, J. S. Read, J. E. Sagar, R. Smethurst, R. Smith, R. B. Smith, W. E. T. Walsh, J. Warner, K. Wightman.

Ex-officio — P. F. Johnston, Headmaster, and P. W. Sumner, Football Club Chairman.

11. SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was resolved that the subscription should remain the same for the ensuing year, namely £2 per year or £30 for life membership.

12. MEETINGS

The following meetings were arranged, all to be held at the School:—

Committee — 9 February 1988 and 13 September 1988
1 November 1988 (Magister meeting)
Annual General Meeting — 22 November 1988
Annual Dinner — 17 December 1988

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Headmaster read the letter of thanks received from the Queen's Secretary relating to the recent opening ceremony and reminded the meeting that a video of the events of that day had been made and was available for purchase at a cost of £15. It was agreed that the video should be shown probably in the Garstang Room on an informal basis prior to the Annual Dinner whilst members were gathering.

The Headmaster also reminded the meeting of the School's celebrations in April and particularly the Open Day on Saturday 23 April, and the concert in the evening of that day in which he wanted to involve Old Blackburnians as much as parents and others interested and it was agreed that Mr. Barry Brown should liaise on behalf of the Association with the committee organising that event.

It was resolved that the Association's donation to the Prize Fund should be increased from £50 to £75 and the Secretary was authorised to make payment accordingly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

HEADMASTER EXTENDS RECRUITING DRIVE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC!

Headmaster Mr Philip Johnston was given sabbatical leave by his Governors to spend the 1988 spring term at the Gertrude Cole Fellow at Rollins College, Winter Park, Orlando, Florida.

The headmaster was there to observe the working of a 1200 strong liberal Arts College awarding BA Degrees, to discover their methods, to take part in seminars, to attend meetings, and generally to involve himself in the life of a great American institution whilst basking in the balmy palm tree atmosphere of glorious fun loving, sun soaking Florida.

Commenting on his experiences the Headmaster nearly swooned on to his typewriter whilst describing some of his more extraordinary experiences. He omitted to say that the temperature was never less than 85°F and that towards the end of his stay the open air swimming pool alongside Lake Virginia (and surrounded by 15 other small lakes) had to be water cooled lest the swimmers found it uncomfortably hot! He spoke rapturously of his enjoying water-skiing, running, fitness training, hours spent in the library in a private research department following microfiche documents, catching up on American education, and above all being a member of a living university (he also seemed to have some difficulty in explaining his somewhat fuller figure which he put down to the size of steaks, the quantity of orange juice consumed, and in particular to his terrible weakness for "Keylime pie".

Highlights of Mr Johnston's trip included the visiting of a series of schools throughout Florida, (in 12 days he visited 15 private schools) particularly talking to their fund-raisers and their headmasters about the problems of maintaining capital expenditure and also thriving academic standards. Film after film was shot by him of the sort of standards that a good North American independent school has, both in terms of plant and in terms of outreach to the general public. He was also privileged to attend the National Association of Secretary school principals at the Anaheim conference centre at Los Angeles in California jetting across America like others jump on Darwin bound buses! He was also able to preach in Rollins College Chapel, attend workshop sessions both with students and with staff, act as the private assistant to the College Principal President Thaddeus Seymour and attend a whole series of lectures, public recitals, and concerts.

Mr Johnston admitted that he found the heat somewhat trying, but said that unlike most Northern Englishmen who throw open the windows and let in the sun, the typical Floridian pulls down the blinds, switches up the air conditioning and has much recourse to the various forms of cold non-alcoholic drink available on every hand. He says that he regularly attended staff meetings which were punctuated by the grinding of ice, the hissing of coke (diet coke, cherry coke, traditional coke, new coke, caffeine free coke, calorie free coke etc), and ate so much salad and steak that he has subsequently gone off both. Interestingly enough he was also able to meet up with several Old Blackburnians, and was able to fly to visit Robert Groves, an Old Blackburnian enjoying an English-speaking Union scholarship (now studying law at the University of Durham) who was at St Georges School, Providence, Rhode Island. There Mr Johnston became much interested in ice-hockey and was also able to inspect their library and swimming pool. On another weekend he flew north to Connecticut, deep snow, to Loomis Chaffee near Windsor where he visited with Peter Kennedy former headboy and Old Blackburnian (now reads law at Oxford on an English-speaking Union scholarship). There was a delightful weekend in heavy snow seeing how a traditional American boarding school in the New England States provides for its pupils and marvelling at their fabulous facilities in every way. Mr Johnston was also able to stay no less than 3 times as the guest of Mr and Mrs Lang Moffatt (former member of Queen Elizabeths and of upper Canada college in Toronto) former chairman of the board of Kodak, North America, whose family are well remembered in Blackburn. He enjoyed their hospitality as well as experiencing —10°F of temperature in both their Canadian cottage and their Toronto home.

After leaving the blazing heat of Florida, Mr Johnston flew back to Canada where his wife joined him courtesy of Ward Air (Manchester-Toronto) and after a brief stay with the Lang Moffatts they were able to call on Old Blackburnians right across Canada. Hedge-hopping by Air Canada and Ward Air he visited Mihal Oh our former English-speaking Union scholar at St Johns-Ravenscourt school in Winipeg, Manitoba where after a 3 day stay with their headmaster he spoke of the bitter cold with icebergs grinding down the river as they kept well inside. Nevertheless this did not stop the headmaster recruiting Marno Olafson to the school, and Marno is now in Blackburn for this current year playing as first eleven goalkeeper and building on his experiences as a Canadian ice-hockey schoolboy national and football national level player. Mr and Mrs Johnston then jetted on to meet the Evitts and their parents now resident in Regina, Saskatchewan and experience their warm welcome to Old Blackburnians. After an all too brief sort into the Canadian prairies visiting the cathedrals of the prairies (that is the huge grain elevators) they then flew to Victoria Island where they called upon the headmaster of Glenlion-Norfolk school where a Queen Elizabeths English-speaking Union scholar from Darwin was a pupil for the year. After some exciting moments in Victoria, the headmaster and his wife journeyed by ferry to the beautiful city of Vancouver to stay with a former old boy of his from Barnard Castle school days. They then joined the Canadian, the via Canadian express which thunders through the Rockies to arrive and to be hosted by Margaret and Roger Maltby at their lovely home on the outskirts of Calgary. There they saw the reminence of the recent Olympics, treated themselves to some olympic clothing and visited the Rockies with their most generous hosts before enjoying a dinner with the Old Blackburnians Calgary branch an event which Philip will not forget (nor will the guests some of whom got snowed in that night in heavy 12 inches of snow!). Next morning back to Toronto and home breathless 10,000 miles of travel behind them. Says Philip at the end of all this, "nothing elevates me more than the thrill of visiting Old Blackburnians all over North America constantly hearing of their debt to their old school and their interest in its present plans", and he himself says how much he enjoys reciprocal correspondence and visitations from North America: long may it continue.

BILL STANSFIELD

Bill left his P.E. teaching post at School in 1970 and moved to France. He has there recently spent quite a spell in hospital and is presently making a slow recovery. He has unfortunately, become unemployed. Bill would earnestly welcome any contact from Old Boys and contemporaries and can be contacted at:—

Plaine Mayrevieille, 11000 Carcassonne, France



Degrees and things

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JANET ADDERLEY (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biological Sciences, Leicester University. Appointed English teacher at a Junior High School in Japan.

I. L. ANDERTON (1978-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Math/Physics, Leeds University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Binder Hamlyn, Manchester.

G. J. BAILEY (1975-82) Graduated B.Sc., Materials Technology, Lanchester Polytechnic. Appointed Financial Consultant F.P.S. Ltd., Birmingham.

S. A. BALDWIN (1973-82) Graduated B.Eng., Quarrying, Leeds University. Appointed Surfacing Supervisor for Wimpey Hobbs in London.

A. BANNISTER (1978-85) Graduated B.Eng., Class 1, Metallurgy, University of Sheffield. Appointed Trainee Engineer, British Steel Corp., Rotherham.

ALISON BATTERSBY (1982-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Medical Sciences, New Hall Cambridge. Proceeding to Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge for clinical.

D. A. BELL (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. English Lang./Literature, University of Leeds.

M. W. BORMAN (1978-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Management Science, U.M.I.S.T.

S. R. BOWKER (1978-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics, Leicester University. Appointed Publishing Manager of Record Company, Leeds.

J. M. BRETHERTON (1973-82) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Property Valuation and Management, City.

DAWN E. BROOKS (1980-82) Graduated B.D.S., University of Wales.

D. S. BROWN Qualified B.Ch.D. University of Leeds.

I. C. BRUNT (1978-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Genetics and Cell Biology, Manchester University. Proceeding to study as Solicitor.

MICHELA BURNS (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biochemistry, York University.

N. J. CARTER (1978-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biology, York University. Proceeding to research.

M. P. J. CASEY (1976-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. History/Politics, Hull University. Proceeding to study for M.A.

J. A. CHADDOCK (1979-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 1, Hons. Molecular Biology & Biochemistry, Grey College, Durham University. Proceeding to study for Ph.D., at Warwick University.

J. D. CHADWICK (1973-83) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Architecture, Manchester Polytechnic. Proceeding to diploma course.

A. CHATTERJEE (1979-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 1, Hons. Mathematics, Nottingham University. Proceeding to research studies at Edinburgh University.

K. CHEETHAM, B.A. (1943-49) Awarded M.A., in Systems Management, Lancaster University.

I. H. CHIPPENDALE (1960-67) Awarded M.B.A., Bradford University. Appointed Managing Director Halifax Insurance Co., Halifax.

A. D. CHISHTI (1980-82) Qualified B.M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Dundee University. Appointed House Officer at Bolton General Hospital.

S. A. CLARKSON (1981-83) Graduated B.Mus., F.R.C.O., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Music Edinburgh University. Appointed Assistant Director of Music Rossall School, Fleetwood.

S. P. DANIELS (1976-83) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Leeds University. Appointed House Surgeon Leeds General Infirmary.

JULIE DAWSON (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography/Physical Education, Warwick University. Appointed to teaching post Bromsgrove School, Worcestershire.

M. DAYMAN (1983-84) Graduated B.Sc., Pass. Mathematics, Bristol University.

R. DEWHURST (1979-85) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Nottingham University. Appointed Electronic Engineer British Aerospace, Warton.

C. DOLDERSON (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Quantity Surveying, Trent Polytechnic. Proceeding to Henry Riley & Son, Bolton.

N. D. DOWDS (1977-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemistry, Queen Mary College, University of London. Appointed Trainee Production Management Trainee with Dorma.

HILARY DUNCAN (1980-84) Graduated L.I.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University. Proceeding to Chester College of Law.

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S. C. EASTWOOD (1977-84) Graduated B.Sc., (Eng) Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Computing Science, Imperial College, London. Appointed Software Engineer, Development Technologies b.v. Heerlen, Holland.

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1988 ANNUAL DINNER

Charlotte Hindle will be the OBA's fourth woman guest in 59 years and only the second to speak at an annual dinner when she proposes a toast to the school in Big School in December.

She follows former Transport Minister and Blackburn MP, Mrs. Barbara Castle, who spoke at the 1965 dinner. Mrs. Castle went on to become a member of the European Parliament and has since retired.

The OBA's chief guest this year is another MP, Mr. David Trippier, member for Rossendale and Darwen.

The second woman to grace the top table was Mrs. Nen Bramley-Haworth, who attended the 1977 dinner as Mayor of Blackburn. Mrs. Bramley-Haworth, wife of George (1928-37) and mother of Nigel (1958-67), did not speak although son Nigel proposed a toast to the School on that occasion.

Mrs. Pat Case, former leader of Lancashire County Council, was the third woman to be invited to an OBA dinner.

Charlotte, a television presenter, attended School from 1980-82 before studying drama and theatre at Birmingham University. She became a receptionist in London, working for agencies from September 1985 until the following March, when she auditioned in London with 300 others for presenter with the Saturday morning childrens show, "Get Fresh".



She was successful and has been travelling the country working with several TV companies on the show for the past three years.

Charlotte, who attended Billinge School and before that, St. Silas's junior school, Blackburn, is the daughter of Preston solicitor, Mr. Michael Hindle and Mrs. Madge Hindle, who has been well-known in amateur dramatic circles for many years before becoming a professional actress. She played the part of Renee Roberts, the wife of "Coronation Street's" corner shopkeeper Alf Roberts in the Granada TV serial, before being "killed off" because she wanted to concentrate on other parts.

She was a lifelong friend of old boy Russell Harty, (1946-54) the chat show host who died so tragically this year after bravely fighting hepatitis. Mrs. Hindle retains a link with Russell in a new series about a country solicitor.

She will return to the small screen in "Capstick's Law", currently being filmed by Eddie Shah's new Messenger TV company at Russell's 16th century cottage at Giggleswick, North Yorkshire.

Charlotte's younger sister Frances, who was at school from 1982-84, has just completed law studies at Trent Polytechnic and is currently studying for the Bar.

Charlotte's uncle, Maurice Hindle, her father's brother, was at School from 1941 to 1948 and is now head of Oral Surgery at Sheffield University and a Colonel in the Territorial Army.

When it came time for Charlotte's father's secondary education however, QEGS Headmaster Arthur Holden told Michael's parents that they lived on the "wrong side of the town boundary" at Cherry Tree. Michael went to Lancaster Grammar School and Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

Michael's best man when he married Madge was Colin Shuttleworth, Guy Shuttleworth's brother, who died in 1969.

Guy, who was at School from 1937-45, has been a prominent member of the OBA for many years, chairman of the Yorkshire branch and proposer of a toast to the School in 1971. He returned to School some years later to toast "the guests".

Charlotte will interrupt rehearsals for the Pantomime "Robinson Crusoe" to propose the toast to the School. She will be appearing in the panto with "The Price is Right" presenter Leslie Crowther at Bath.

The guest speaker at this year's dinner is Mr David Austin Trippier, who has been an MP for nine years, representing Rossendale from 1979 until 1983, when the boundaries changed and the constituency acquired Darwen in its title.

He has been Parliamentary Under Secretary

of State at the Department of the Environment since 1987 but first achieved prominence when dubbed by the Press: "Minister of Small Businesses" while Under Secretary with the Department of Trade and Industry from 1983-85.

Mr Trippier's political life evolved through the council system: he was elected to Rochdale Council in 1969 and served for nine years, including two as leader of the Tory group.



He married barrister Ruth Worthington 13 years ago and the couple have two sons. He was educated at Bury Grammar School and was promoted Command Officer of the Royal Marines Reserve in 1968. It comes as no surprise therefore that he is a member of the Army and Navy Club.

Mr Trippier, who is 42, was elected a member of the Stock Exchange in 1968. It didn't take long for the Parliamentary powers-that-be to recognise his potential. He was appointed to the All Party Parliamentary Footwear Committee shortly after election in 1979 and served on it for four years.

During that time, he also served on the Conservative Parliamentary Defence Committee for two years, at the end of which, he had published "Defending the Peace". It was at this time, he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Health for about 12 months. He then moved to the DTI, followed by a couple of years at the Department of Employment until last year.

He was made a JP at Rochdale in 1975 and was national vice-chairman of the Association of Conservative Clubs from 1980 - 84. When he is not busy doing all that — he likes to relax with his hobby, gardening.

Professor Ray Billington

Prof. Ray Billington left school in 1945, to transfer to Birmingham studying in the Modern Languages area. He read Theology and Philosophy at the University of Birmingham before successfully taking further degrees at the Universities of Bonn, London and Bristol.

Expelled from the Methodist Ministry following the South Bank Theology controversy of the '60s, he has occupied a series of distinguished academic posts and, since 1972, has been Professor of Philosophy at Bristol Polytechnic.

Professor Billington's home address is 5, The Park, Frenchay, Bristol, where he would be delighted to see any Old Blackburnians in that area, and is always anxious to introduce students to the richness of courses at Bristol Polytechnic, particularly the Humanities course, where he is about to become Admissions Tutor.

Cheers as the lads of 2B roll back the years

The years rolled away when old boys from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Form 2B staged a reunion at the Halfway House, Samesbury.

It was sparked off by a picture of the form's cup-winning football team, pictured in 1937 and featured three months ago in our Leaver's Lancashire. A few of the team members were among the 14 who attended.

Organiser Mr. Denis Bleasdale said "We had a good time talking over the old days and finding out what we had all been doing since then".

"One man travelled from Worthing and another from a village near Southampton. We're hoping to organise another reunion because we contacted more people who were unable to get to this event".

VISITOR FROM THE EMERALD ISLE

Professor James Houghton (1955-1962) who is Professor of Microbiology at University College, Galway, Eire; M.A., Ph.D. University of Liverpool, recently visited the school and toured the new buildings.

In renewing his contact with Queen Elizabeth's Professor Houghton joined the Old Blackburnians' Association and bids a warm welcome to any Old Blackburnian to visit him in that lovely part of Galway where he has been for the last quarter of a century.

Professor Houghton is Master of Fox Hounds of the North Galway Hunt; is married to a geneticist and has three children.

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Obituaries

WILLIAM EDWARD WOOLLEY

C.B.E., J.P., D.L. (1912-15)

WILLIAM EDWARD WOOLLEY died on May 11, 1989, aged 88. After leaving QEGS Mr. Woolley attended Woodhouse Grove School, Yorkshire and Edinburgh University, qualifying as a chemist and druggist before entering the family firm, Cupal.

He had a long history of service to the town as a councillor, magistrate and a member of the hospital management committee for many years.

He was also a Liberal M.P. for Spen Valley, elected in 1940 and was, for a time, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Health Minister. Defeated in the Labour landslide election of 1945, Mr. Woolley became a member of the Blackburn and District Hospital Management Committee, becoming Chairman in 1953. He held the post until 1974 when it became part of the Lancashire Area Health Authority. He served on the H.M.C. for 23 years and was also a member of the Manchester Regional Hospital management board.

Other appointments included being head Civil Defence Warden for Blackburn in 1952 and President of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce for a time.

WILLIAM LESLIE WILSON (1907-10)

WILLIAM LESLIE WILSON died on 26 September, 1988. Born in 1893 he must have been one of the oldest 'old boys'. He was an outstanding sportsman. In 1909 he was Lancashire boys swimming champion and played for QEGS first eleven at cricket and football. He served in the Royal Artillery as a Captain in the First World War and was gassed in France in 1917. He became a manager for Lloyds Bank at St. Annes on Sea, Preston and retired from Chester branch. He was a member of Cheshire County Cricket Club and M.C.C. International Senior Golf Champion 1964.

Dr. STUART A. KAY (1969-1975)

REGRETTABLY, Stuart Kay lost his battle in the fight against leukemia and died in October 1988 at the age of 30. After leaving QEGS, he went to New College, Oxford gaining a BA degree in Natural Sciences. He continued his studies at Oxford for a total of seven years, leaving with a doctorate.

He worked for a firm of scientific consultants in Milton Keynes and lived in the town with his wife Sandra, who he had only recently married.

WILLIAM FAWCETT (1919-1925)

BILL FAWCETT died on 30th October, 1988 aged 80. After leaving school, he joined Williams Deacon's Bank in Blackburn and played football for the Old Blackburnians until 1937. He volunteered for the Royal Navy in 1941, seeing active service in the corvette H.M.S. Dianthus on the North Atlantic convoys, and on H.M.S. Illustrious in the Far East.

In 1958 he was promoted manager of Williams Deacon's Bank, Burscough Bridge and retired in 1968 to Arnside, where he spent twenty happy years.

He leaves his wife, Agnes, and his children, Janet and Ian.

ROBERT LUND

WE regret to record the sudden and untimely death of Robert Lund (1958-68). Robert was the second son of former School Domestic Bursar Derrick Lund and was a bank accountant, in Lancaster. Our sympathies go to his wife and family.

WILLIAM GREEN (1917-1923)

WILLIAM GREEN died in July 1988 aged 79 during a visit to Pleasington Golf Club. A keen sportsman, he played cricket for East Lancashire and football for the Old Blackburnians. He was the Managing Director of two Oswaldtwistle companies, Sterling Foods, which he founded and of Fred Miller Ltd. He was described as a larger than life character who was admired and well known for his kindness. On his death, many men wrote to the executors to say how honest he was in business. His word was his bond.

OLD BLACKS WIN FIRST DIVISION

RELEGATED to Division 1 at the end of the previous season, the 1st XI answered their critics in the best possible way, ending up as Champions of that Division for 1988-89, a magnificent performance from all those concerned.

After a couple of early season setbacks, notably against Walshaw SC, new manager Steve Gray soon found a settled side basing his team on a solid defence and workmanlike midfield. The team developed a winning habit and as confidence grew, a long unbeaten run stretched well into April ensuring that the championship would be coming to Lammack. The title was indeed captured as early as mid-March enabling the team to relax a little towards the end of a hard season. Having regained their Premier Division status, we now hope that the players can soon find their feet in the higher grade and a year of consolidation will be the first aim. Anything else will be a bonus.

Success on a second front came in August this year with the Old Blacks Sevens Competition. 10 teams from the L.A.L. competed for the Tommy Whewell Trophy and after a tiring afternoon's work and six matches, the Blacks thrashed Thornleigh 4-0 in the final to win the trophy for a sixth time. It was an enjoyable afternoon as always and we are pleased that this traditional curtain raiser to the new season is now back and running.

While the 1st team was enjoying long overdue success, the 2nd XI found victories in their league difficult to accumulate and overall, had a very disappointing league season. However, the 2nd XI Cup Competition found some light relief for them and the players won their way through to the Cup Final against Southport Amateurs, played at Fulwood. Unfortunately, two quick goals from Southport caught the Old Blacks cold and while fighting back strongly in the second half pulling one back, the equalizer proved to be just out of reach. In spite of this disappointment, Keith Taylor as captain could feel reasonably pleased that a trophy was to be played for at the end of the season.

Once again, the third team under Peter Halloren's captaincy had a very respectable year although they were never really in contention for the title, won convincingly by unbeaten Belvedere 'A'. Alan Upton's 4th XI, still in the same Division as the thirds, got off to a reasonable start and managed to pick up enough points throughout the season in what is a difficult league for them to compete. As usual, finding settled sides was the main problem for the two lower teams.

This year's Annual L.A.L. Dinner was held at the Dunkenhagh, a

First Eleven are back in Premier after a season



The Old Blacks thirds and fourths pictured before their league game in April.

By PHIL SUMNER

pleasant change from the usual trek to a hotel in Manchester. An excellent turnout as expected from the Blacks saw the magnificent 1st Division trophy presented to Craig Hindle together with the team medals. Celebrations were of course further continued at our own Club Dinner on Friday, June 2nd. A full house welcomed guest speaker Ken Beamish, Rovers

Commercial Manager, and his experiences of the game were well received. Individual team awards went to Pete O'Brien, Graham Eaton, Frank Riley and Pete Earnshaw with leading goalscorer award being won by Andy Bullock. Clubman of the Year was Pat McCarthy, membership secretary.

We were delighted to be offered new sponsorship for the present season from Steve Walker, an Old Boy and current player with the

Club. Steve is managing director of Neil Hardy (Trailers) Ltd., a Manchester company. This amounted to four new strips which are now in use and these have obviously been well received. Let us hope they bring us success on the field for the new campaign.

Unfortunately, our excellent steward for the past two years has had to vacate his position and is rejoining the licensing trade full time. Warren is still hoping to continue playing for us if time is available. New steward, Andy Bullock, also a current player, was appointed in August and we wish him well.

The Old Blacks would like to see more Old Boys going along to the club and using the playing and social facilities.

The number of Old Boys joining the Old Blacks from School and further education has dwindled significantly and this trend does need to be reversed.

Roger Masters (Team sec. 40805) would be delighted to hear from any interested players and a warm welcome would be assured.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F.	A.	Pts.	
1st	30	21	5	4	65	30	47	1st
2nd	26	4	10	12	33	53	18	11th
3rd	26	12	5	9	50	47	49	5th
4th	26	9	4	13	53	56	22	9th

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Old Blacks	30	21	5	4	65	30	47
Lymm OB	30	19	4	7	63	37	42
Middleton	30	17	8	5	68	46	42
Old Smithillians	30	14	5	11	54	44	33
Clifton Casuals	30	13	7	10	50	42	33
Old Sladians	30	14	3	13	58	51	31
Bolton Wyresdale	30	12	6	12	53	49	30
Chaddertonians	30	13	4	13	62	68	30
Preston G.S.A.	30	9	9	12	65	68	27

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O.B.A. man is N.W. chairman

Dr. RONALD BARHAM (1957-63), a chartered surveyor, of Windermere Drive, Darwen, has recently been elected chairman of the North West branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Dr. Barham has been a member of the Institute since 1969 and has been involved in the arbitration of construction and property related disputes. He is a Fellow of the Institute and a member of its general council. The appointment is for three years.

The N.W. branch covers from North Wales to the Scottish border. Membership is a mere 450, drawn from senior members of many other professions. Fellowship of the Institute is by examination, although Associate membership is available to members of other professions with an interest in Arbitration. Only Fellows of the Institute are admitted to the Arbitration Panels from which appointments — to sit as arbitrator to hear cases — are made.

Dr. Barham is married, has four sons, and has lived in Darwen for the past 20 years. As a result of his Arbitration activities, he was recently granted honorary membership of the London World Trade Centre Association and was made a Freeman of the City of London about five years ago. He is also a member of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.

Dr. Barham also holds appointments to the North West Area Health Authority Property Advisory Panel and is a member of the local Valuation Court. He also provides several local charitable organisations with informal professional advice on their property holdings and is a member of the OBA committee.



Dr. BARHAM

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH

The second Annual Dinner of the Old Blackburnian's Association, Hong Kong branch, was held on Friday, 9th December, at a prestigious dining club, The Tower Club. Six of the seven members, including some of their wives attended. Their names are as follows: Christopher D. Adamson-Lund (1961-1969), Harry Duckworth (1937-1944), Brian Hood (1963-1970), Norman Howarth (1940-1946), A. W. Malone (1954-1961), Robert Chun Kee Wong (1971-1978).

Oxbridge successes

Oxford: Suleman ALI: *Jesus College*. Biochemistry; Ian D. ASPINALL: *Jesus College*. Modern Languages; Simon A. CRANSWICK: *St. John's College*. Exp/Psy.; Andrew J. FORBES: *Balliol College*. Modern History; Andrew W. GRIMBALDESTON: *St. Peter's College*. Geography; Michael P. HAYTON: *St. Anne's College*. Law; Paul F. HENRY: *New College*. Chemistry; Craig W. JENKINSON: *St. Peter's College*. Modern Languages; Jo-Ann M. LANCASTER: *Somerville College*. Medicine; Adrian J. LOWERY: *Lincoln College*. P.P.E.; Stephen F. MILNER: *Jesus College*. Chemistry; Michael B. PICKUP: *Lincoln College*. Chemistry; Oscar N. SIENNICKI: *St. Hugh's College*. Chemistry; Katherine J. TAYLOR:

University College. Biochemistry; Jonathan R. WOODWARD: *Merton College*. Chemistry; Harsha N. YOGASUNDRAM: *Wadham College*. Mathematics; Andrew BOOTH: *Oriel College*. English; S. Krishnan GURUMURTHY: *Hertford College*. P.P.E..

Cambridge: Rachele M. BUTLER: *Queens' College* Vet. Science; David S. CHATTERJEE: *Trinity College*. Mathematics; Steven EVANS: *Trinity College*. Mathematics; E. Sarah GOLD: *New Hall College*. Modern Languages; Gavin J. THISTLETHWAITE: *St. John's College*. Mathematics; Howard M. YATES: *Downing College*. Engineering. 1990.

Learning what to eat and what eats you!

DEEP IN THE JUNGLE WITH RALEIGH

NINETY venturers and staff flew out of Heathrow on April 1 last year to join an advance party and several overseas venturers in Panama — Expedition 14B had started...

The first two weeks were spent at Fort Sherman, an American Army Base in the Canal Zone. These two weeks were set aside for us to get acclimatised to the temperatures, train at the U.S. Jungle Training School, and sort out our projects for the next three months. The training involved building rafts, a rope bridge, abseiling, assault courses and lectures on what you can eat in the jungle and what eats you!

After these two weeks we loaded all our equipment onto an already fully loaded coastal freighter and sailed west to the North-West corner of Panama; the Bocas del Toro region, and our base camp at Cusapin.

Here we unloaded onto local canoes and some of our boats already at base camp. The next few days were spent sorting out the camp site, moving all the equipment up the hill from the beach, cutting steps into the hill and putting up extra tents for stores.

Whilst at Fort Sherman we had all chosen our three projects and by day two at base camp, the first of these were getting under way. Some of the venturers set about restoring the village water supply, and started building a house for a local muscular dystrophy sufferer. Others set off for the turtle survey beaches whilst two groups of 18 venturers and staff prepared for the first two patrols across the isthmus.

I was part of patrol 2. We spent the first four days in the jungles around base camp, learning about the rest of the party and some of the finer points of camp craft and

ABOUT NEIL ROWLAND

NEIL ROWLAND (1974-81) graduated H.N.D. in Agriculture, Harper Adams Agricultural College, and is now in the field of Agriculture.

Living then in Fulwood, his father working in the Building Design Partnership in Preston, Neil was in the Junior School of King Edward VII at Lytham before QEGS, leaving in 1981.

radio procedure. Unfortunately, during this time I was taken ill and had to be returned by boat to base camp to recover, and await the return of the rest of the party before setting out on our main patrol across the country, via Panama's highest mountain; Vulcan Caru (3474 m).

We were taken by boat to the mouth of the Rio Changrinola, the river we were to follow to the mountain ridge that runs down the centre of the country. This, the northern side of the country, is covered by thick jungle for the most part, but, thankfully, the paths were quite good.

Initial progress was slow and at one point we were discussing "escape routes" if we didn't reach the half way stage to the resupply before half our food was gone. The pace then picked up and we managed to find local guides, taking the quickest, if not the easiest, routes.

We made it over the mountain ridge and down to the town of Bouquette in 12 days, and from there planned our assault on Vulcan Baru. On talking to the locals we discovered that there was a radio station on top of the mountain and a road all the way to the top. This was a bit disappoint-

ing but after obtaining permission from the local police, we set off and managed to get within 3km. of the top before making a very cold camp. The next morning we set off to reach the summit in time for the sunrise and were rewarded with some spectacular views.

It was then back to Bouquette and down to the Pacific coast. This last stretch was done mainly by road due to the limited time left. The southern side of the country lies in the rainshadow of the mountains and is very dry and arid.

Once we had reached the coast we traversed the isthmus by bus to catch the boat back to base camp, and get on with the next project.

My next project was to study the sediment dynamics of the Rio Cricamola. This was not as boring as it sounds! We were looking at the way the delta of the river had built up over the years and how it had changed since the last mapping. We also studied where the sediment was being deposited in the lagoon.

This was originally meant to be part of a series of scientific projects looking at the effect of the rainforest being destroyed on the rivers and marine life of the

lagoon. Unfortunately, only our project and the coral survey came to fruition, due to factors beyond our control.

The sediment project was successful, with some useful information being collected to be written up by the scientist in charge. This project only lasted two weeks and again it was all change and back to base camp.

I spent my last two weeks at base camp working on the community projects and a group of four of us who were left, managed to finish the house for Fernando, the local with muscular dystrophy.

Slowly the different projects were all run down and everyone returned to base camp for the final clean-up and loading. The ship arrived in the Bay of Cusapin late in the evening and not in the best of sea conditions. But loading had to go on, so, by the light of torches, and the ships floodlights, all the stores were loaded and the ship sailed, leaving the main party to fly out the next day.

We flew from Bocas del Toro back to Colon, and then went by coach back to the U.S. Army Base to have a few days rest and debriefing. The container was loaded and a final party thrown, and then it was return by coach to Panama City and then back, via Amsterdam, to London, and a rather chilly England.

We came back with some great memories of our time out there. Some of the venturers had changed beyond all recognition in comparison to how they were when they embarked. They had obviously gained a great deal from the experience.

Me? — I had a great time and have seen and done things I could never have done without Operation Raleigh. My outlook on life has changed a bit, I take things at a slower pace, and am more relaxed. In many ways, being one of the older venturers, I probably gained less out of the trip in terms of character building but feel I have gained in other ways.

My thanks go to all those people and companies who sponsored me and allowed me to take up this challenge.

President on NHS policy board

SIR KENNETH DURHAM, pictured right, President of the Old Blackburnians Association is one of four leading industrialists joining the new NHS policy board, which will decide strategy for the second largest spender of public money.

The others are Sir Roy Griffiths, deputy chairman of Sainsbury's, Sir Graham Day, chairman of the Rover Group and of Cadbury Schweppes and British Steel chief, Sir Robert Schoby.

All four will give their services free. The 13 member board, part

of the Government's reforms of the NHS, aims to make civil servants and politicians less involved in day to day management.

Health Secretary, Kenneth Clarke said the NHS would never be a business but it did need to be more businesslike in the way it spent £26 billion each year if it was going to deliver up-to-date, friendly and effective treatment.





SPORTS HALL ON VIEW



A PEN PORTRAIT OF JACK LEE

JACK LEE (1925-1933) was Captain of Drake soccer 1932/33 and captained QEGS soccer team in the same season.

He was captain of soccer for St. Edmund Hall, Oxford in 1935/36 and was awarded a Soccer Blue in 1934/35/36, having represented Oxford v Cambridge on three occasions at Highbury. He graduated B.A. (Hons. School Modern Languages) in 1936 with his M.A. four years later.

He was an amateur player with Corinthian Football Club in 1935/36/37 and played centre forward for England Amateur XI v Germany at Wembley in 1937/38. He was an amateur with Blackburn Rovers in 1935/37 and his last match was the famous victory for Accrington Stanley over Rovers in the F.A. Cup third-round replay. He played for Calcutta in the First Division of the Indian F.A. from 1944/1950 and was a tennis umpire at Wimbledon from 1971 until 1987.

After graduating Jack Lee worked in the slums of Deptford in 1937 as labour and welfare supervisor before spending much of the war in India, advising upon management and the whole world of labour relations to the Indian Jute Mills Association. Involved in setting up a Personnel Management Diploma course at Calcutta University, he was also instrumental in founding the Indian Institute of Personnel Management.

In 1950, whilst still in India, he was invited to join Shell International Petroleum where he subsequently became Director of Employee Relations until his recent retirement. Now a Companion of the Institute of Personnel Management, he is currently on the Council of the Overseas Employees Federation and on its Management Committee, and makes his home in Oxshott, Surrey.

A recent profile on him read: "Part of his success may be attributed to his North Country toughness and determination combined with an apparently endless supply of energy and an ability to adapt himself to any surroundings. His motto and personal blueprint for success has always been to work hard and play hard. Labour relations, like soccer, demands toughness and skill — if Britain is to win any goals in this field, it needs more men like Jack Lee in the management team."

OPENING TIME AT LAMMACK

IN the presence of a large and distinguished company with much media interest apparent, the new Sports Hall was formally dedicated by the Very Reverend Lawrence Jackson, Provost of Blackburn and long-serving School Governor, and opened by Mr. Jack Lee, former Captain of Drake and Captain of the school soccer team from 1932-33.

Mr. Lee, in a felicitous speech, applauded the Governors' wisdom in providing such marvellous facilities on a ground hallowed in the memory of Old Blackburnians and, in a brief but happy ceremony, the sports hall was brought into full use.

In resulting matches against Manchester Grammar School, great victories were scored and afterwards visiting dignitaries, including many of the Governing Body, Mr. Lee himself, wellwishers of the school, and the Head Master of Manchester Grammar School, together with the Headmaster of Stockport Grammar School, adjourned to the Head's residence for lunch.



Mr. Jack Lee unveils a plaque commemorating the opening of the hall with the Headmaster, left, and Mr. John Singleton, Chairman of Governors, right.

**£400,000
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is ready
for all
sports**



Mr. Singleton is handed the keys to the hall by a representative of the builders.

THE sports hall is, in technical terms, a 1.5 court size, which enables the school to divide the hall into four separate areas for varying activities. The hall is equipped for the playing of indoor hockey, basketball, five-a-side football, tennis and netball. The floor surface is such that specialist cricket coaching can be undertaken without the need for indoor cricket mats. Carefully blending into the landscape, the hall was built in record time by Eric Wright Construction of Bamber Bridge.

The possibilities of further enhancing the school's reputation for sport are clearly magnified. The cricket team was runner-up in the Barclays Bank U.17 Final this summer (see Page 23) and has an outstanding soccer record already this season.

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Zoologist ends up a real high flyer!

RICHARD GRIMSHAW (1976-84) writes:

It seems a long five years since I was picking up my A-level results from the Big Hall and wondering where I was going to progress in the big world which seemed to be awaiting me with not so open arms.

However, Newcastle University eventually offered me a place to read Agricultural Zoology, and in October 1984 I packed up, left home and ventured to the North East, certainly with no idea of departing four years later into the Royal Air Force as a student pilot.

It all started with an article in the University Prospectus on the University Air Squadron (UAS) which offered free flying training paid for by the RAF, partial officer status for two years and an excellent social life.

A medical, an interview and one term later everything proved to be as per the advert. January 1985 saw me flying in a Bulldog propeller driven aircraft operating from RAF Leeming enjoying "the only way" to view Herriot country properly.

As you can probably imagine, it did not take me long to be bitten by the flying bug and it was this which kept me at University when I failed an exam at the end of the first year.

The UAS's give students of both sexes the opportunity to learn to fly and for most the chance to fly in other RAF aircraft such as the Hawk, the Mount of the Red Arrows, and front-line aircraft like the Jaguar, Harrier or Hercules.

Eventually I decided to make a career of flying and applied for a University Cadetship, sponsorship whilst at University which gave me an acting commission and guaranteed entry on graduation via a four day selection round at Biggin Hill and inevitably in November 1988 to the gates of RAF College Cranwell and 18 weeks of Initial Officer Training. Looking back it seems difficult to describe this period which consisted of long days, massive meals and plenty of exercise. Throughout this, the art of leadership, diplomacy, oral communication and decorum were carefully nurtured and culminated in a rather emotional graduation parade in March this year and a commission as Flying Officer RAF.

And so the day to which I had longed for had arrived with the start of flying training. I moved to the other side of the road at RAF Cranwell, took off my blue uniform and got into the green bag flying suit. I don't think I have stopped grinning since. The training so far has been exciting but the rewards are tremendous especially with my first solo flight in a jet aircraft. I've still a long way to go but I'm doing a job which I love and leaves a silly grin on my face at the end of the day, so if you see a Jet Provost overhead, I'm sorry if it may be a little noisy but I'm only doing my job after all!

London branch annual dinner

The annual dinner of the London branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held at the Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street on Friday, 10th March, 1989. Twelve members plus eight guests were in attendance with the Headmaster and Mrs. Johnston and Mr. D. I. Forbes travelling from Blackburn.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. M. Stirrup proposed the toast to the school and guests and the Headmaster, Mr. P. F. Johnston,

suitably responded.

Members present were: J. S. Allen, E. Race, P. D. Isherwood, P. Joshi, D. G. McClean, D. Vipond, M. B. Stirrup, J. Lee, M. Hardcastle, G. Smith, J. A. Whittaker, H. Abel.

During the year the London branch also held three pub evenings together with a "Winter Warmer" buffet in November at The East India, Devonshire, Sports and Public Schools Club.

"Join the club," says the Head

MANY of our recent Old Blackburnians and most of this year's leavers will find themselves either directly or indirectly in the London area at various stages of their professional careers, and I have been asked by the Chairman of the East India Devonshire Sports and Public Schools Club to remind all young Old Blacks of the most advantageous rates which can be obtained for what is perhaps slightly unhappily called the J.7 Scheme, whereby young men, within six months of leaving QEGS, may be admitted to membership on a one lump sum payment of £100 for seven years, which is remarkably cheap for any major London Club.

I regularly use my membership of the Public Schools Club for all sorts of purposes, by especially for cheap overnight accommodation in London in a most splendid setting, very central in St. James's Square, with some of the best food to be found anywhere in London, together with the associated clubs in other parts of the world, and Mr Steele-Bodger reminds me, therefore, to bring this to your attention, which I most happily do, and you might well wish to join the 4,571 recent leavers from schools like this. I have forms in school which I would be more than happy to supply, and give my support to any interested party.

DIAMOND DAY FOR O.B.A.

60th A.G.M. held in Radcliffe Room

THE Diamond Jubilee of the Association — so far as annual general meetings is concerned — was held on November 22, 1988 in the Radcliffe Room at School.

Actually, the 60th annual general meeting was held on that date. This is somewhat misleading because general meetings of the Association have not been held every year since its formation due to one reason or another, not the least of which was the two intervening World Wars. In fact, a general meeting of the Association held on May 20, 1925, is described in the relevant minute book as the first general meeting. This in itself is somewhat misleading as there are minutes of previous general meetings — the first of which appears to have been held on August 2, 1905, when the Blackburn Grammar School Old Boys' Society was formed.

It is perhaps time someone put pen to paper regarding the history of the Association and, time willing, I hope to do this and to produce something for the inclusion in the next edition of Magister. Better still, I will endeavour to delegate this task a pen other than mine.

The meeting in November last year was chaired by Mr. Peter Pearson and attended by 16 other members with apologies from eight members. After the minutes of the 1987 annual meeting were read and approved, the secretary presented his report and once again thanked the Headmaster and the School for allowing the Association to hold its meetings in the Radcliffe Room and also for the School's assistance to the Association generally, particularly the use of the computer and other technical facilities. Not the least of these was the addressing of envelopes for distribution of Magister.

Something approaching 2,000 copies of Magister are now sent out each year and the School's addressing facilities are obviously invaluable. The Secretary made particular mention of Mrs. Judith Scott who, as always, proved of great assistance to the Association.

The meeting was informed that



Mr. John Read — reported a successful dinner

earlier in the year several committee members had contributed to the School's Open Day by manning an Association stall at which general information on the Association and its activities was available and also several Association ties and the like were on sale.

As always, the Secretary paid thanks to the chairman and the other officers and members of the committee and, in particular, John Read and the dinner sub-committee and Roger Smith and the Magister sub-committee for their efforts in what were really the Association's two main efforts of the year.

He also thanked Mr. Eric Kay for



Mr. Fred Gillibrand — re-elected Treasurer

promoting and maintaining the connection between the Association and its various branches throughout the country and in other parts of the world such as Canada and Hong Kong.

Thanks were also recorded to the Association's treasurer, Mr. Fred Gillibrand, who presented the accounts, and to the Auditors, Messrs. W. Hare and R. B. Holden.

A copy of the accounts is reproduced here from which it will be seen there was a minimal excess of expenditure over income for the financial year ended July 31, 1988. Mr. Gillibrand explained that this was almost entirely due to the fact that the cost of Magister had been brought forward into the

current year's accounts.

Life membership continued to increase, there having been 191 new life members during the financial year. The accounts were duly adopted.

Mr. John Read reminded members of the forthcoming dinner and reminded those present that the main guest would be David Trippier MP. A report of the Dinner appears on pages 16 and 17.

Mr. Roger Smith presented his report on Magister and regretted that the edition was slightly smaller than previous years but complained that this was simply due to lack of material forthcoming. Once again, he requested the committee members and members of the Association and those connected with the School generally to let the editor and Magister sub-committee have as much information relating to Old Boys and School activities as possible.

The more material supplied the bigger and, hopefully, better Magister would be. Roger Smith reminded the meeting of the assistance rendered by the printer, Garry Readett, who gave the Association the benefit of his advice and assistance in the laying out and production of Magister.

In his absence, a report was read from Mr. Kay concerning the various branch activities which had been held, all of which had been

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 Nov: Oxford Branch Dinner, The Champneys Room, Oriel College, Oxford.

22 Nov: O.B.A. Annual General Meeting in the Radcliffe Room, Q.E.G.S. at 8.00 p.m.

24 Nov: London Branch Winter Warmer Buffet Evening (informal). Red Lion, 14 Kingley Street, (off Regent St.) Details later.

25 Nov: Cambridge Branch Dinner, Christ's College, Cambridge.

15 Dec: O.B.A. Annual Dinner, Big School, Q.E.G.S. 7.15 for 7.45 p.m.

15 Jan, 1990: London Branch Pub Evening, Red Lion, 14 Kingley St. (off Regent St., Oxford Circus Tube) from 6.30 p.m.

23 Feb: North Eastern Branch Dinner, Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne.

9 Mar: London Branch A.G.M. & Ladies Evening. Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street. Details later.

2 May: London Branch Pub Evening. Red Lion, Kingley Street.

11 May: Cheshire and South Lancashire Branch Ladies Evening, Marlborough Suite, Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire.

Further details from:
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OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JULY, 1988

well attended by members of those branches and various guests from Blackburn. Unfortunately he was still having difficulty in recruiting someone to help with the organisation of the Young Members Dance, normally held in April, but was continuing to work on this.

On the athletic side, it was reported that the football clubs first XI had a good start to the season following its relegation at the end of the previous season. A report from the football club appears elsewhere in this edition.

On the question of historical records, John Read reported that following completion of the building work at School, he was pleased to say that certain other records had been found and, in particular, a large number of old photographs.

It had been agreed that these should be restored and re-framed and that the Association should contribute one half of this expense. The Headmaster agreed that these photographs would be put on display at the forthcoming annual dinner.

The meeting then dealt with the election of officers and committee. Sir Kenneth Durham was re-elected President and Mr. David Forbes as Chairman. Mr. Peter Pearson, having completed two years as chairman, retired from office and was thanked for his efforts and work on behalf of the Association during this period. In particular, he was thanked for his efforts in attending all the various branch activities at one time or another, an achievement which Mr. Forbes indicated he hoped to repeat.

Mr. John Duckworth was elected vice-chairman, Mr. David Forbes, secretary, Mr. Fred Gillibrand, treasurer and Messrs. W. Hare and R. B. Holden as auditors. The committee elected was: Messrs Barry Brown, Harold Burrows, Eric Fairhurst, Kenneth Forbes, Tom Hindle, Eric Kay, Carl Marsden, Keith Newton, Peter Pearson, Bill Proctor, John Read, Eric Sagar, Roger Smethurst, Roger Smith, Ray Smith, Bill Walsh, Jim Warner and Keith Wightman. The Headmaster, Mr. Philip Johnston, and the Football Club chairman, Philip Sumner, being members of the committee ex-officio. It was also resolved to co-opt on to the committee Messrs. Ronald Barham, Paul Geldard, Andrew Norman, Steven Singleton and Philip Thompson.

It was agreed that the current subscription for the Association, namely £2 a year or £30 for life membership, should continue for the ensuing year. Following any other business, the meeting closed at 10 p.m.

DAVID I. FORBES,
Chairman and Secretary

	1988		1987	
	£	£	£	£
NET ASSETS				
Lammack Ground at cost less sales		1,207.77		1,208
INVESTMENTS AT COST				
£1,250 4% Consols (Market value £535)	1,160.60		1,161	
£650 8.25% Barclays Bank plc Unsecured Loan 1986/93 (Market value £595)	582.59		582	
£2,421.58 8.25% Treasury Stock 1987/90 (Market value £2,367)	2,230.62		2,230	
£2,879.07 6.75% Treasury Stock 1995/98 (Market value £2,408)	2,230.62		2,231	
		6,204.43		6,204
LOAN TO Q.E.G.S.		7,000.00		6,000
CASH:				
Savings Bank	345.69		328	
Lloyds Bank plc	1,013.67		1,615	
National Provincial Building Society	9,124.55		8,829	
		10,483.91		10,772
		24,896.11		24,184
CREDITORS:				
Inland Revenue		6.54		13
		24,889.57		24,171
REPRESENTED BY:				
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND		1,207.77		1,208
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1987	21,342.02		17,127	
Plus New Members	5,730.00		4,230	
	27,072.02		21,357	
Less: Deletions	9.45		15	
		27,062.57		21,342
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance at 1st August, 1987	1,621.52		574	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2.29)		1,047	
	1,619.23		1,621	
Donations to School for new building	(5000.00)			
		(3,380.77)		1,621
		£24,889.57		£24,171

OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION—INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1988

	1988	1987
INCOME		
Subscriptions	838.81	830
Released from Life Membership Fund	9.45	15
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
4% Consols	50.00	50
8.25% Barclays Bank — Loan	53.62	54
6.75% Treasury Stock 1995/98	194.32	194
8.25% Treasury Stock 1987/90	199.78	200
	497.74	498
Bank Interest	17.87	20
Building Society Interest	400.59	460
Gross Investment Income	916.20	978
Less: Corporation Tax	241.22	277
	674.98	701
WAR MEMORIAL GROUND RENT	5.00	5
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ANNUAL DINNER	96.60	(11)
	1,624.84	1,540
EXPENDITURE		
General Expenses	201.55	56
Postages	101.81	108
Magister	1,002.55	39
Corporation Tax (overprovision in previous year)	(12.98)	(58)
Donation to I.S.I.S. Association	150.00	150
Deficit on Easter Disco	6.85	11
Branch Expenses	177.35	187
	1,627.13	493
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUND	(2.29)	1,047

HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1988

We have examined the accounts set out on pages 1 and 2, which are in accordance with the information supplied to us, and give a true and correct record of the transactions for the year ended 31st July, 1988 and the state of affairs at that date.

Blackburn,
12th October, 1988

W. HARE
R. B. HOLDEN
Chartered Accountants

KEY TO SCHOOL FUTURE



Tea merchant's home bought for £2,500

HARTLEY HOUSE has featured prominently in the school life for many former pupils in its varied guises as history, language centre, sixth-form block, art wing under Jack Marchant's jurisdiction and for classics with Mr. Richard "Dick" Mercer.

Its association with the School began on Wednesday, November 27, 1946 when Mr. Edwin Leach Hartley, Mr. Arthur Holden, Mr. Allan Walmsley and Mr. Henry Whittaker attended a meeting in Blackburn, at which the following resolution was passed:

"That the use of Hartley House be offered to the Governors of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, for any purpose in connection with the School they think fit, free of rent, on payment of ground rent, rates, taxes, insurance, and the cost of repairs, alterations and decorations, and all other expenses in connection with the said premises."

Thus was initiated the link between Queen Elizabeth's and Hartley House, a link which continues to benefit the School as much today as it did over 40 years ago.

The buildings and land held in trust and leased to the School at a nominal rent, are regarded as vital in helping to accommodate an ever expanding community of pupils and teachers.

November 1946 saw the first recorded meeting of the Trustees. The gentlemen who attended that meeting, along with Mr. William Hare Senior (who had been involved with the purchase of the property during the previous month but was unable to attend that particular meeting) were the five original Trustees. The building itself, however, dates back to 1872, when it was constructed by Joseph Murray, a tea merchant.

From 1878 up until its purchase by the Trustees in 1946, the house

ANDREW JAMES FORBES (1979-1989) is one of our most recent Old Boys having left school at the end of last summer term. He is the son of our chairman David Forbes and has been kind enough to research and write a brief history on Hartley House.

Our Chairman is also secretary to Hartley House Trustees and the history is something he had been meaning to do for some time. The long summer holiday enjoyed by Andrew seemed an ideal opportunity for David to "pass the buck". It has also been good experience for Andrew who has just started his first term at Balliol college, Oxford, where he is reading History.

Andrew enjoys rugby, currently playing for Preston Grasshoppers Colts XV and also plays in a local pop band, both of which interests he hopes to maintain at Oxford. His father says that during the next summer vacation, he hopes to persuade Andrew to write a similar article on the history of our Association.



A HISTORY OF HARTLEY HOUSE

was owned by successive generations of the Thom family, who were successful iron founders. A deed dated January 12, 1901 refers to the property as "Atholl House", and this name was kept until 1946. When the purchase was made by the Trustees, the asking price of £2,500 was provided by Arthur Holden and his wife as to £500, William Hare (the Chairman of the Governors) £500, and the remaining £1,500 being provided by Edwin Leach Hartley. It was in recognition of this contribution that the Trustees decided to rename the newly acquired building "Hartley House".

That first recorded meeting of the Trustees, at which Mr. Hartley was appointed chairman,

obviously came after a great deal of preparatory work, judging by the business that was dealt with and the number of resolutions made. Arthur Holden instigated much of this early activity: the minutes of the first meeting record that he had had the rooms on the first floor of Hartley House converted into a flat, and that he suggested that the School might wish to rent this out to a member of the teaching staff. It is also recorded that he had already made provision for a gardener to be hired to take care of the grounds surrounding Hartley House. This sort of personal involvement seemed to have been typical of the early years of the Trust.

All legal work was carried out by Allan Walmsley (soon to become His Honour Judge Walmsley, KC)

and Henry Whittaker, who made no charge for their services. Mr. Whittaker also took on the role of secretary to the Trustees, although he later decided that, since he was himself a Trustee, someone else should act as secretary. Mr. R. J. Phillips was appointed and held this position from 1949 until his resignation in 1965. In that year, Donald Forbes took over, serving for seven years until his death in November 1972, whereupon he was succeeded as secretary by his son, David Forbes, who holds this position presently.

In 1953, Hartley House was leased to the Governors of the School, initially for seven years, the annual rent being fixed at £123. Thus, at a time when the country

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APPEAL BURSTS £½m MARK

In at the deep end for new School pool

IT is hard to believe now, but when I first proposed the idea of a specific appeal for the Sports Hall/Swimming Pool projects, the reaction from some of my colleagues ranged from indifference to surprise; however, they and others were persuaded and it was decided to consult professional fund raisers for advice.

They confirmed my conviction that there would be people, other than parents of current pupils, ready, able and willing to support and contribute to such projects, and thankfully this conviction, reinforced by the decision to engage Craigmyle to organise the appeal, has been proved correct in that I am able to confirm that the initial target of £500,000 has been exceeded.

This fact has also confirmed my feeling that £500,000 was too low, even for an initial target, and we are now finding that it is difficult to reactivate interest for the considerable increase upon that initial target which we still need.

One other fact I find hard to believe is that there are still ninety people who "promised" to contribute and, in spite of reminders, have not honoured their undertaking.

However, the superb multi-purpose sports hall is now completed. Eric Wright Construction Ltd. have produced, on time, a magnificent building of which I am sure you all will be very proud. The building was opened on Saturday, September 16 at 9.30 am by one illustrious Old Blackburnian sportsman, Jack Lee, MACIPM.

The excellent six-lane 25-metre swimming pool is also well under way, in the capable hands of Walter Carefoot and Sons Ltd,

Mr. Joe Prest, Chairman of the Appeal Committee, and the Headmaster with a model of the completed swimming pool.



Work begins on demolishing the wooden huts to make way for the pool.

who built the Queen's Wing. The site in West Park Road is well worth a quick visit — a view of a large swimming pool in mid-construction is a rarity, as also is the open view across the Meadows (but not for long).

This situation leads me to express the sincere appreciation of my fellow Governors, and my own personal gratitude to so many well-wishers who have given their

time and talents, yes, and their money, to ensure the success of the Appeal so far, and thus the provision of much needed additional facilities to keep the school in the First Division.

In particular, through this medium, I wish to thank all Old Blackburnians for their support in every way. I'm glad that so many have been desirous of supporting their old school, and to those of my

readers who haven't yet chipped in, may I appeal for you to do so **NOW** before the Appeal closes. I feel sure that you would like to have a part in this exciting project; full details and appropriate forms of subscription/covenanting can be obtained from the Appeal Office, telephone number 0254 682441. There is still time (just) for you to make your acknowledgement in a tangible financial manner of the great thanks due to the school for providing you with the basic knowledge which has enabled you to become successful in your chosen careers.

Contributions have been made by many sources, notably Current and Former Parents, Governors, Staff, Trusts and Companies.

My reason for requiring more is that, so far, we have been able to make only a token commitment to the third object of the Appeal — the Craft, Design and Technology Centre; it is an essential requirement for this to be quickly developed so that future pupils will be better equipped to contribute to the technological challenge of the world in which they will be living.

I close by thanking Eric West, our Appeal Chairman and his



The site of the pool with the new wing, left, and Horncliffe, right.

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team, Eric Kay, our Appeal Support Group Chairman and his hard-working colleagues, Craigmyle and their Consultant, John Lake whose persistence and persuasion have concentrated the efforts of so many to generate so much so quickly; also to Sir Kenneth Durham, as Vice President, and to Lord Derby, our School Visitor, who not only helped greatly in his capacity as President of the Appeal, but also so graciously, accompanied by the Countess, laid the foundation stone of the swimming pool building (which I dared to suggest might be now referred to as the 'Derby Baths'!) on 19th May last; above all to the Headmaster, Philip Johnston, whose pen and Volvo are nearly exhausted with campaigning.

J. S. SINGLETON,
Chairman of Governors



- Above:
The cement mixers move in with the new wing in the background, the bell tower left, at the front of the School.

- Left:
The Headmaster addresses the School at the laying of the foundation stone by Lord Derby, centre.

- Below Left:
A rare view across Alexandra Meadows with Corporation Park on the right.

- Another view of the pool foundations with the cricket club scoreboard on the left.



WHO SLEPT IN OUR LIBRARY?

We include a report of the Headmaster's speech to Old Blackburnians at the annual dinner in Big School last year.

After welcoming back all the Old Blackburnians he particularly made mention of the Mayor, Councillor Toole, and the chief guests, Charlotte Hindle, Old Blackburnian, and the Hindle family, together with David Trippier, MP for Rossendale-and-Darwen.

The Head made reference to David Trippier's reputation as a good constituency MP whose star was clearly in the ascendent. He said David was most welcome, despite the fact that he had had the misfortune to be an old boy of Bury Grammar School and the Head cheekily suggested he send his sons to the Sixth Form. The Head welcomed the young people from recent generations of his headmastership, not least Andrew Booth who had flown home, not entirely for the Old Blackburnian Dinner, from his English-speaking Union Scholarship at Moses Brown School, Providence Island, but also to gain a place, after a

Headmaster's Speech at OBA Dinner

successful interview, at Oriel College, Oxford.

After a joke about the usual hot air from the headmaster, he made reference to school trips, to exciting plays and to meaningful productions, particularly mentioning "Accrington Pals", "A Woman in Mind", "Pirates of Penzance" and "Noye's Fludde", in which Vice Master Eric Whittle had, appropriately enough, played the part of God.

The Head also made reference to the fact that under Regulation 7, paragraph 67A, Family Benefits, he was now entitled, or rather his widow, Mrs. Johnston, was now entitled to a widow's pension, to be shared with any polygamous marriage that he might have undertaken. The Head wondered aloud how anyone had the time for such unusual occurrences in a school as busy and as demanding



DOCTORS TIE THE KNOT

Dr. Andrew James Aspin (1971-1978) was married to Dr. Carole Elaine Pilkington on 8th October, 1988 at Hapton Methodist Church. The bride of Manchester Road, Hapton is a former pupil of Accrington High School. Best man was Andrew's friend of QEGS and Oxford, Dr. Phillip Bland, a G.P. in Longridge. After a reception at the Spread Eagle, Sawley, the couple left for a honeymoon in Tuscany. Andrew is a Registrar in Nottingham and his wife, an anaesthetist, has taken up a post in Leicester. The couple now live at Grantham.

The couple are pictured above after their wedding.

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JANE & JONATHAN DARLING

Jane Darling married Ulster man Gordon Jamieson last November. They are living in Preston where Jane is part way through a three year GP training scheme. Gordon works for British Aerospace in the computing division.

Her brother Jonathan is working at Booth Hall Childrens' Hospital, North Manchester, doing a year rotation as a Senior House Officer. He intends to continue to specialise in paediatrics, which will probably involve moving further afield in the near future. He writes to say he'll be sorry to leave Manchester as he feels settled there, partly due to involvement in a Church in Northenden.

as Queen Elizabeth's. He also quoted advertisements from a well-known girls' school in Scotland which ran like this, "Are you aware that Mary Queen of Scots slept in our library? She was the first but not the last beauty of immense personal charm and physical attraction to do so. Today we claim many more of almost equal distinction. This is unashamedly exclusive, expensive, amusingly worldly, feminine, fun and, frankly, successful. Parents broach our brochure."

The Head said he hadn't quite thought of advertising the school like that. He did, however, go on to say that we were still being true to our school motto *Disce Prodesse*, and pointed out that 18 pupils had gained places at Oxford and subsequently it was with great delight that the editors of *Magister* heard that Andrew Forbes, son of our new Chairman, had indeed gained a place at Balliol College, Oxford, and done significantly well.

The Head quoted the Moslem boy who had been rather taken aback to receive a teletext message overnight which read: "Place here, letter follows. Jesus." which had a somewhat different connotation to that envisaged by the originator of the letter from Jesus College, Oxford.

The Headmaster said how grateful he was to the staff for their continuing commitment to the school, and went on to thank The Old Blackburnians who paid £600 towards the replacement of pictures of the school, particularly photographs of prefects, staff, pupils and games teams of the 1930s. He went on to talk about Mark Saurin, British Men's Croquet Champion manager, referee and coach; of Ruth Hart, recent Old Girl, who had been made a Postmaster at Merton College; David Askew, who had become a very successful male model in "Next" magazine; Marno Olafson, the 1st XI goalkeeper, who the Headmaster had poached from St. John's Ravenscourt School, Winnipeg, Canada.

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AS any regular reader of Magister will know, many English medical students manage to fit a lengthy period abroad into their studies; as an essential part of their medical training, carefully disguised with the name "medical elective"!

Those of us at the Medical School of the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne are obliged to spend 13 weeks doing something vaguely medical. I decided to use that time to experience Canada.

On July 4 last year, I flew out of Manchester Airport, the first leg of my big adventure had at last begun. It was at that time that it dawned on me, I was on my way, alone, to a country many miles away from my family and friends, where I knew nobody and had absolutely no idea what I had let myself in for.

Seventeen hours, two planes, one kind inhabitant of Toronto, and the secretary of the local Rotary Club later, I arrived at my destination; Saint John, New Brunswick (*never* abbreviated, *never* apostrophe s). It was pitch black, and a real pea-souper fog enveloped everything, I was there.

After a long sleep, I set out spending my first day exploring. The hospital was amazing, an awe-inspiring four-towered castle situated on a hill, in such a way that it overlooked the city it served. The Regional hospital is only four years old, a 760-bed facility which caters for a city about the size of Blackburn. It was modern and frighteningly efficient. The lobby was more like an airport than a hospital, and the catering facilities ranged from a luxury cafeteria to a 24-hour McDonalds!

I was assigned a room in the bowels of the building — Duty Room Number 1, my home for the next three months, a closet 10ft by 5ft, without a window! I had decided to visit Canada in the hope of learning as much medicine as was humanly possible in such a short period, (finals loom ominously on the horizon!) and that I certainly did. On my first morning of work I was startled to learn that I had to spend my first 3 hours not saving lives! but training on the hospital's computer. Everything imaginable was put on that computer, if it was not on the VDU, it was not worth knowing, it appeared that all the best 'American' technology was a necessity and not a privilege as is so often seen in the N.H.S. After my training and the post-course test, I was given my first glance of the real hospital.

I was refreshed to find none of the dark dingy corridors so characteristic of English hospitals, but bright, spacious areas for the patients — not labelled 'wards', but 'floors'. Patients were in single or double rooms, all carpeted, with

HI-TECH HOSPITAL JUST LIKE A HOTEL

A Medical elective in Canada



JULIA NEWTON, who was at School from 1983 until 1985, writes about her experiences in Canada on a medical elective.

individual bathrooms and decorated in lively oranges and yellows, which emphasised the fact that perhaps this was not a hospital but a hotel, where all the clients just happened to be sick.

As a medical student, I proved a novelty around the hospital, even disregarding my peculiar accent, everyone was eager to take me under their wing, and show me their department, their floor, their particular area of interest, but the thing I will be eternally grateful to those staffmen for, will be the responsibility which I was given.

At first I accepted responsibility tentatively but after a while, I realised that I was regarded as capable and expected to be mature enough to scream for help when I felt I was getting out of my depth.

I was put in the position of clinical clerk for a 10-bed rheumatological diseases unit.

I had sole charge of these chronically-ill patients and was responsible for their day-to-day needs. For my entire elective period, I was known as Doctor Newton and the buzz that gives you as an insignificant medical student is beyond belief — it makes you believe that perhaps the day that you can use the name without fear of being sued for fraud, is not too far away, after all!

I was very lucky during my time in Saint John, I met some wonderful people, not just colleagues and patients but friends. Everyone of course, initially looked on me as a novelty, "Gee what a swell accent" was the usual greeting but I didn't mind, when it was usually followed by "hey let me buy you a beer". I didn't like to shatter their dreams by telling them that my Lancashire accent was not exactly the Queen's English!

Dr. PAUL N. H. WALMSLEY, M.A., M.D., A.S.A (1967-73). Assistant Professor of Anaesthesiology, University of Kentucky, U.S.A. presented "an abstract" (Research Paper) at the American Society of Anaesthesiologists in October 1989 in New Orleans, U.S.A. also appointed Researcher to the American Cancer Society, 1989.

DR RACHEL ON EVEREST TREK

RACHEL BAGGALEY (1976-78) completed GP training at Kings College Hospital and last November began work at the School of General Practice run by St. Thomas' and Guys Hospitals.

Her responsibilities include a half-time general practice in Lambeth district, research into drug dependancy and teaching pre-clinical medical students.

Last November, she went to base camp on

Mount Everest as the Medical Officer attached to the first ever marathon race run in that area.

She took a months attachment in Nepal with a group called Drive for Youth as Medical Officer with a group of eight long-term unemployed youths engaged in several projects in Nepal.

Her brother Paul is in the third year of work for a PhD on D H Lawrence attached to Kings College, London.

The number of ex-patriots in Eastern Canada was astonishing and all of them went out of their way to entertain me, welcoming me into their homes, desperate to hear news of 'back home'. One of these was Lang Moffat, an Old Boy living in Toronto, so it seemed appropriate to hold an impromptu Eastern Canada Branch dinner — (well there were four Old Blacks there anyway!) at his club in downtown Toronto, this proved to be a wonderful evening, and a real eye-opener.

When I look back now, I really cannot believe what I have done; I enjoyed my time with my Canadian friends so much, I went to the movies, drove in a Cadillac, saw a baseball game, ate vast quantities of french fries, big macs, waffles and had maple syrup on everything.

The differences between the cold, aloof English and the warm, open friendly Canadians is extraordinary, and I feel very privileged to have been allowed to experience Canada with Canadians as my guides and friends, and am sure that I have come back to England not only as a passionate ambassador for the beautiful, unspoilt country, but also as a changed person — all the better for the experience.

I have met people who I will consider as close friends for many years, and thank them for accepting me as their friend and allowing me to share a fantastic Canadian summer — the only problem now is I'm back in the real world and am once again an embryo medical student.



Altogether now . . . John Longstaff, left, with a song — and a pint!
Below: Former School Domestic Bursar, Derrick Lund, a regular at every dinner, with the present School Sarjeant, Mr. W. S. Bamber, M.B.E.



DINNER DATE



The President, Sir Kenneth Durham, top left, and the Chairman of Governors, Mr. John Singleton with guests Mr. David Trippier, MP, and Miss Charlotte Hindle.



Left: Andrew Bates and his father with, right, Jeremy Sharpies and his father.

THE Annual Dinner of the Association was held on Saturday, December 17th last year in Big School when 144 people sat down to the meal. Of these, 112 were older members and governors of the school, 22 were young members and six were guests of the Association. The members attending showed a substantial decrease from last year but no clear reason was apparent.

The chief guest was David A. Trippier, MP for Rossendale with Darwen constituency. He gave an entertaining speech at the end of the proceedings. It was a pleasure once again to entertain the Mayor of Blackburn as a guest of the Association. On this occasion the office was held by Councillor Gordon P. Toole. The Head Boy, **Mark Saurin** and head girl **Belinda Cass** also attended as guests of the Association and expressed their pleasure at the occasion.

For the first time, a lady member of the Association proposed the toast to the School. **Miss Charlotte Hindle** carried out this task with considerable feeling and much to the delight of the company. The Headmaster responded and gave an encouraging report of the current activity within the school.

In his remarks, the chairman of the dinner, OBA President, **Sir Kenneth Durham**, commented sadly on the fact that the obituary list was so long this year.

The meal was again excellent with ample quantity of all foods served piping hot. The turnout of the catering staff was especially smart.

Thanks to the personal effort of the Headmaster, the refurbished photographs of former school teams and the whole school were placed in the ante-room for members to view after the meal.

There was considerable interest and the Association thanked the Headmaster for his work in this

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Head Boy, Mark Saurin and Head Girl, Belinda Cass. Sarah Redman, Sam Westhead and Tanya Magell.



- Above Left: David Forbes and his brother, John, Danny King, Phil Sumner and his brother, Mike.
- Above: Mrs. J. Read with Mr. Fred Raby.
- Left: Keeping warm by the fireside are, from left: Andrea Newton, Beverly Dixon, Sharon Newton and Rebecca Dearden.

connection. The Association once again is grateful to the Headmaster and governors for allowing such free use of the school premises for the dinner. Despite the difficulties in engaging outside caterers, just before Christmas, I am sure the dinner would lose much of its appeal if it were to be held outside school.

Finally thanks are due to Mr. Fred Dewhurst and Mr. David McGladdery who once again so readily agreed to help on the evening by providing piano accompaniment and by taking photographs.

The accounts for the dinner are presented elsewhere and show a small excess of income over expenditure of £14.31

JOHN S. READ



From the left: John Wishart, Fred Crawford-Grundy, Bill Critchley and Richard Ranson.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION

As many members will know, this competition has been held annually since the 1930's. Unfortunately, in recent years, the numbers taking part in the competition have become very low. We wish to try to revive interest and to compile a list of members of the Association who are regular golfers or who might otherwise be interested in taking part in the competition. With the help of this list, it would then be the organisers' intention to notify interested members a few weeks before each competition, inviting entries. The more people entering the competition, the more enjoyable and interesting it would be and if numbers sufficed, there is no reason why it cannot be made into more of a social event with, possibly, a meal being held in the evening. Due to very favourable green fees negotiated with Blackburn and Wiltshire Golf Clubs, we are able to keep the entrance fee to a relatively nominal amount.

If you are interested, will you please complete the details below and return this form to:
ANDREW NORMAN, FAIRFIELD, 80 SOUTHPORT ROAD, CHORLEY, LANCS.

Name Years at School (19 to 19)

Address

.....

I am a member at Golf Club.

My current handicap is

I am interested in taking part in future Golf Competitions and think/do not think an organised meal afterwards for all competitors would be a good idea.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER 1988

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT:

	£	1987 £
Income		
116 tickets @ £14 and		
20 tickets @	1844.00	2174.00
Expenditure		
Ticket printing by the School Printing Society	13.25	12.00
Menu printing by the School Printing Society	30.00	35.00
Gratuities Caretakers	20.00	20.00
F. Howard	10.00	10.00
Flowers (Margaret Colbert Flowers Ltd.)	26.00	25.00
Sound Services (Smithson and Webster)	45.00	40.00
145 meals @ £11.50 (The Moorcock Inn)	1667.50	1932.00
Film (cost, processing, printing)	11.49	—
Post and telephone	6.45	3.40
	1829.69	2077.40
Excess of income over expenditure	14.31	96.60

OUR THANKS

THE editorial staff of "Magister" would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters and general views, without which the production of this magazine would not be possible.

PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING.

ANY NEWS

THE Editorial Committee of "Magister" would greatly appreciate any news or articles from any Old Blackburnian for publication.

It is only by YOU sending information in that we can publish to let others know.



WINNER of this years' O.B. Golf Competition was one of our younger members, David Oakely (1977/86) with a score of 77-11-65. He received the Judge Walmsley Cup. The runner up was John Ditchfield (1943/47) with a score of 84-19-65. The best gross score for the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup was won by one of our co-opted Committee Members and organiser of the Golf Competition, Andrew Norman with a gross score of 74 beating Tom Martin with a similar gross score after a card play-off.

Once again everybody expressed concern at the very poor attendance and those present had a short discussion as to ways of improving the situation. It was agreed that a list of members should be compiled who are regular golfers, or who might otherwise be interested in taking part in the Competition. To achieve this list will all those interested please complete the form and return it as soon as possible.

D. I. FORBES

In brief . . .

LEE RIMMER RAF Cadetship at Cranwell for Pilot Training, then sponsorship through University, committed to RAF for sixteen years.

MATTHEW SIDDAL Shell UK sponsorship (worth £1,000 per year) — Chemical Engineering at Birmingham.

S. A. SMITH Geography & Sports Science 1990 at Loughborough University.

JANE THOMPSON Golf Scholarship at St. Andrew's.

KIRK TAYLOR (A.P.S. pupil) has opened own dance school in Whalley New Road.

HOWARD YATES Ministry of Defence Sponsorship — Downing College, Cambridge in 1990. AAAB 1/3.

BILL HIBBITT (1973-83) Awarded Lord King Trophy. Top of the class British Aerospace course at Prestwick. Now on a course sponsored by British Airways, shortly to fly the TriStar.

SIMON J. LIGHTBOWN (1983-1988) Bank Clerk at the Clitheroe Branch of the Yorkshire Bank.

JANE THOMPSON (1987-89) Has been awarded a Sports Scholarship at the University of St. Andrew's where she will read Mathematics/Economics.

Mr. WILLIAM FOX Chairman of Blackburn Rovers, has been made President of the Football League.

O.B.A. BRANCH NEWS

NORTH-EAST DINNER

THE Annual Dinner of the North-East branch was held, for the third year, at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

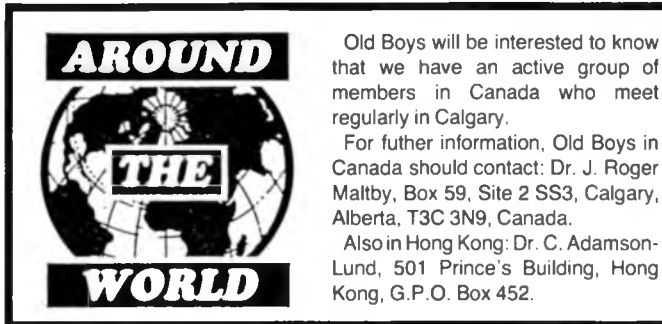
After a week full of disasters, culminating in the ceiling collapsing in the room in which the dinner was originally planned, the North-East branch dinner was held in the awe-inspiring surroundings of the hotel's ballroom. At first the spaciousness was thought to be a disadvantage, however it proved to be extremely successful, and it is hoped to book "the Collingwood Room" in future years.

The dinner was attended by 45 people, a record by previous standards and it was particularly good to see students from both Newcastle and Durham Universities. Now that the evening is established as a successful annual event, it is rewarding to recognize many familiar faces from year to year.

It is sincerely hoped that this extremely enjoyable event goes from strength to strength.

The guests attending the 1989 North-East branch dinner were: Dr. & Mrs. P. J. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. K. V. Newton, Mr. L. P. Bamford, Dr. P. Mahoney and guest, Mr. S. West, Mr. R. Hartley and guest, Mr. P. Cowburn, Mr. P. Duxbury, Miss R. Headridge, Miss S. Kundu, Mr. P. Southworth, Miss J. Newton, Mr. & Mrs. D. Wood, Mr. & Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. K. Wightman, Miss S. D. Newton, Miss M. Edmiston, Miss K. Braithwaite, Mr. R. Turner, Mr. N. Johnson, Miss C. Lewis, Miss J. Boonan, Mr. & Mrs. F. Raby, Mr. & Mrs. S. Monk, Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. J. S. Read, Miss L. Warburton, Mr. N. Holt, Miss H. Dawson, Miss B. Dixon, Mr. S. Patefield, Mr. I. Bannister, Miss T. Woods and Mr. A. Fisher.

JULIA NEWTON (1983-85)



Old Boys will be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary.

For further information, Old Boys in Canada should contact: Dr. J. Roger Maltby, Box 59, Site 2 SS3, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 3N9, Canada.

Also in Hong Kong: Dr. C. Adamson-Lund, 501 Prince's Building, Hong Kong, G.P.O. Box 452.

CAMBRIDGE DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Cambridge branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held on Friday, 18th November, 1988 at Magdalene College. The evening began with sherry in the college parlour followed by dinner in Ramsey hall. The dinner was well attended with the original thirty five being joined by one latecomer. Stephen Gate welcomed all those present and introduced the Headmaster for his annual speech. Mr. E. J. Kay then kindly said a few words on behalf of the O.B.A. The proceedings continued with more informal socialising bringing the dinner to a close.

Those present were: S. R. Boardman, Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Singleton, Rebecca Dearden, Alex Dugdale, Derek Attridge, Dominic McCormick, Jeremy Smith, Alison Battersby, Vanessa Feely, Alison Davies, Lee Medlock, Helen Dempsey, Mr. E. J. Whittle, Sq.Ldr. R. B. Lamb, Mr. & Mrs. F. Gillibrand, Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. M. I. Olufsen, Carolyn Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. F. Raby, Oliver Canning, Jeremy Gould, Simon Mead, Simon Hartley, Stephen Gate, J. David Waimsey, Mr. E. J. Kay, Mr. Blackshaw, Johnathan Thornber, Dr. W. J. R. Mitchell, Mrs. M. Hardcastle and Simon Taylor.

OXFORD DINNER

THE Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held their annual dinner in the McKenna Room at Christ Church on Friday, 11th November, 1988.

The joint presidents James Rumfitt (Christ Church) and Paul Das (Oriol College) welcomed the guests who were presented with a well served meal of high quality.

The Headmaster gave a short address updating those present on the school's activities and achievements in the previous year. The sad passing of Mrs. Martindale, known by many present as a friend as well as a master, was marked by a minutes silence at the end of the meal.

Those present were: Mr. Giles Slinger, Mr. Andrew Starkie, Miss Michelle Waterworth, Miss Susan Taylor, Mr. Indra Hughes, Mr. Paul Das, Mr. Roger Bush, Mr. James Rumfitt, Mr. Peter Kennedy, Mr. Charles Brayne, Mr. Mike Hodgson, Miss Alison Cartwright, Mr. Nigel Hitchman, Mr. Andrew Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Singleton, Mr. & Mrs. P. T. Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. F. Gillibrand, Mr. Robert Graham, Mr. Jeff Vent and guest, Miss Katy Fletcher and

guest, Mr. & Mrs. D. I. Forbes, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Raby, Mrs. Myra Hardcastle, Mr. J. Lee, Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Waring, Mr. R. H. T. Ellicott, Mr. Hugh Rice (Tutor for Admissions, Christ Church), Mr. D. A. Gill, The Rev. & Mrs. C. Miller.

Apologies were received from: Mr. & Mrs. R. Taylor, Mr. E. J. Kay, Mr. Schollick, Mr. A. Eastham, Mr. J. Lord; Mr. E. C. Marsden.

CHESHIRE DINNER

THE Cheshire and South Manchester branch of the Old Blackburnians Association held their annual dinner this year on Friday, 13th October, 1989 at the Bowden Hotel.

Following the large attendance at the 1987 dinner the numbers had diminished considerably and there were only 14 people present.

Mr. Harold Robinson proposed the loyal toast after welcoming the guests and in his reply the Headmaster gave a brief resume of the schools activities.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Newton, Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. P. Batey, Mr. & Mrs. S. Redman. From Blackburn: Mr. & Mrs. F. Raby, Mr. & Mrs. K. V. Newton, Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Kay, Mr. & Mrs. David I. Forbes, Mr. & Mrs. K. V. Newton.

CHESHIRE LADIES EVENING

THE Cheshire and South Manchester Branch of the Old Blackburnians Association held their Ladies Evening at the Bowden Hotel on Friday, 12th May, 1989.

The evening was better attended than the dinner the previous October and Harold Ramsbottom cordially welcomed the members and their guests. The Headmaster in his reply informed those present of the current activities at school.

Those attending: Mr. & Mrs. N. Barton, Dr. & Mrs. T. S. Hindle, Mr. & Mrs. W. Holden, Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Mr. & Mrs. D. N. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. J. Redman, Mr. M. Small, Mr. & Mrs. B. Batey, Mr. & Mrs. H. Ramsbottom, Mr. & Mrs. N. Langson. From Blackburn: Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. J. Singleton, Mr. & Mrs. F. Gillibrand, Mr. & Mrs. F. Raby and Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Kay.

Check if there's a branch near you

WE should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, London area, North East and at Oxford and Cambridge.

They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given in this article.

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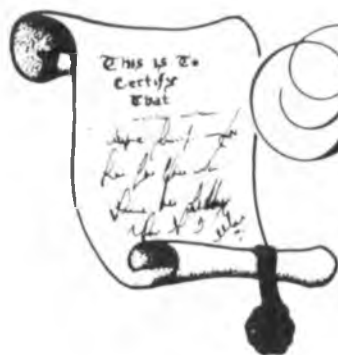
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Degrees and things

C. M. ADDISON (1979-86) Graduated B.Soc.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Banking and Finance, Birmingham University. Proceeding to appointment with British Aerospace.

S. R. ANDREW (1978-85) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, King's College, London.

I. S. ANDERSON (1978-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, Selwyn College Cambridge.

J. S. ASHCROFT (1975-82) Qualified B.M., B.S., Nottingham University, Medical School. Appointed Senior House Officer, Mansfield General Hospital.

HELEN ASHTON (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, Leeds University. Proceeding to Post Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management at Manchester Polytechnic.

A. ASPDEN (1980-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Leicester Polytechnic.

J. S. BACKHOUSE (1981-86) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Staffordshire Polytechnic. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

H. BAMBER (1975-85) Graduated B.Eng., Class III, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Leeds University. Appointed to post with Trans-Marche-Link on Channel Tunnel.

P. A. BARNES (1980-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Biochemistry, Leeds University. Appointed Management Trainee with Waste Management Ltd.

D. BARON (1979-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Librarianship, Leeds Polytechnic. Appointed Curator, British Library Bibliographic Services, London.

JANE BARRETT (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. South East Asian Studies, Hull University.

RACHEL LOUISE BILLINGTON (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Applied Chemistry, Leicester Polytechnic. Appointed Research Scientist with Kodak Ltd., Research Division, Harrow.

A. I. BOYLAND (1978-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Management Science, University of York.

G. R. W. BOYDEN (1979-85)

Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Nottingham University. Appointed to post with Unilever 1990.

J. D. BRIDGE (1979-86) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Manchester University. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

N. BROWN (1982-84) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Aberdeen University Medical School. Appointed House Surgeon Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

H. BUCKLEY (1978-85)

Graduated B.V.M. and S. Veterinary Science, Edinburgh University.

I. M. DEMPSEY (1977-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economic, York University. Appointed Trainee Accountant with Price Waterhouse.

BEVERLY JOAN DIXON (1983-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Agriculture, Newcastle upon Tyne University. Appointed Management Trainee with Marks and Spencer P.L.C.

C. DONE (1976-86) Graduated

THE PEEL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Trustees of the Peel Foundation Scholarship Fund have awarded the following scholarships to Q.E.G.S. pupils for 1989:

Eli Heyworth Scholarship: Suleman Ali; **Daniel Thwaites Scholarship:** Patrick Darren Emilianus; **John Mercer Scholarship:** David Saumitya Chatterjee; **John and Hannah**

Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Biochemistry, Leeds University.

A. L. BURNS (1978-86) Graduated B.Sc., Ordinary. Astronomy and Electronics, University of St. Andrews.

T. M. CHAN (1984-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Computation, U.M.I.S.T.

G. J. CHARNLEY, M.B., B.S. (1971-78) Elected Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

A. CHATTERJEE (1975-84) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh University Medical School. Appointed House Officer, Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

A. D. CHISHTI (1975-82) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Dundee University.

D. COLLINS (1979-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Humanities, Huddersfield Polytechnic.

ELIZABETH K. COWELL (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Accountancy, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic. Appointed as Trainee Chartered Accountant.

S. A. J. CROOK (1977-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accountancy, Hull University.

G. DARBYSHERE (1978-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Archaeology, Cardiff University. Proceeding to Post Graduate Research (Iron Age Ironwork) at Cardiff.

W. J. DAVIES (1978-84)

Thompson Scholarship: David Andrew Hindle.

PEEL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Andrew Gareth Barham, Christopher Michael Brown, Zuber Mohammed Bux, Graham Eatough, Richard Craig Hartley, Michael Brennan Pickup.

B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Physiological Sciences, Queen's College, Oxford.

A. J. DUCKWORTH, B.Sc. (1974-83) Elected Associate of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

N. DUCKWORTH (1977-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Land Economy, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. Appointed Chartered Surveyor, Mason Owen and Partners, Liverpool.

P. C. DUXBURY (1979-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Microbiology, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Proceeding to the Chester College of Law.

E. J. EATOUGH (1979-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, St. Chad's College Durham University. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

H. J. FAIRHURST (1975-84) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh University, Medical School. Appointed House Officer at Darlington Memorial Hospital.

H. N. FARRELL (1978-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Philosophy, University of Sheffield.

VANESSA E. FEELY (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Trinity College, Cambridge. Appointed Trainee Chartered Accountant with Spicer and Oppenheim, Cambridge.

FIONA L. FELLOWS (1985-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. English, Queen Mary

College, University of London.

A. FITTON (1979-84) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., with distinction in Surgery, London Hospital Medical College. Appointed Junior House Officer with Surgical unit of The London Hospital.

ROSALIND GRAY (1983-85) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Bristol University. Appointed Design Engineer for Marconi Defence Systems, Middlesex.

D. A. HADDOCK (1979-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Politics, Newcastle upon Tyne University. Appointed Graduate Trainee with Wincanton Distribution Services Ltd.

JUDITH HAMILTON (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Ancient History and Archaeology, St. Davids University College, Wales.

KATE M. HARGREAVES (1984-86) Graduated B.Sc., Ordinary. University of St. Andrews.

CATHERINE E. HARRISON (1982-84) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. English, Edinburgh University. Appointed to Business Management with Sun Alliance.

R. J. HART (1978-84) Qualified M.B., B.S., St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

D. A. HASTON (1974-84) Gained Diploma, Class 2, Div. 1, Rural Estate Management, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. Appointed Land Management Advisor with Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Development Advisory Service.

FIONA L. M. HAWORTH (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Physiological Sciences/Medicine, Somerville College, Oxford. Proceeding to Clinical Studies at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

A. V. HAYNES (1977-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Politics, York University.

SUZANNE J. HEALD (1979-82) Qualified M.B., Ch.B., Aberdeen University Medical School.

LISA J. HIGHAM (1983-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, York University. Appointed Trainee Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse, Manchester.

A. G. HOCKEN (1979-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Psychology, Reading University.

M. HODGSON (1976-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Engineering Science & Economics, St. John's College, Oxford. Appointed Junior Corporate Finance Executive with Deloitte Corporate Finance.

C. ROGER HUNT (1976-82) Qualified M.B., B.S., St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London. Appointed House Physician at Burton-on-Trent General Hospital.

A. IBBOTSON (1976-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. International History and Politics, Leeds University.

M. A. L. JONES (1979-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2,



Degrees and things

Hons. Natural Sciences, Christ's College, Cambridge.

CHRISTINE J. KAY (1982-84) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geology and Geography, Keele University. Proceeding to read for Ph.D., in Geology at Edinburgh University.

M. B. KENNERLEY (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Maritime Studies, Liverpool Polytechnic. Appointed Trainee Manager with Associated British Ports, Newport, South Wales.

GWEN KENNY (1984-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Pure and Applied Mathematics, Exeter University. Appointed Trainee Actuary with Bacon and Woodrow.

K. N. KING (1979-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Land Management, Reading University. Appointed Trainee Chartered Surveyor with Grimley J. R. Eve, London.

A. K. KOMOSA (1972-79) Graduated B.Ed., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Science and Mathematics, Leeds University. Proceeding to teaching post at Cleckheaton Middle School, Bradford.

K. P. M. LABIB (1978-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Natural Sciences, Peterhouse College, Cambridge. Proceeding to read for D.Phil. at Oxford (1990).

S. M. LANCASTER (1979-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Land Management, Reading University. Proceeding to Healey and Baker, London. Chartered Surveyors.

P. LEYLAND (1984-86) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Electronic Engineering and Mathematics, Nottingham University. Appointed Software Engineer with I.C.L. Stoke.

S. LEWIS (1978-85) Awarded H.N.D. Landscape and Horticultural Technology, Askham Bryan College of Horticulture. Appointed Landscape Foreman, Kieron Beattie Landscapes, Andover.

JOHN A. LORD (1976-85) Graduated B.A., Double 1st Class, Hons. Engineering Science, Balliol College, Oxford. Proceeding to read for a Ph.D., at Sheffield University researching for the Antennas, Propagation and Digital Image Processing Group.

P. J. LORD (1978-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Econometrics and Social Statistics, Manchester University. Appointed Actuarial Trainee, Noble Lownes.

ALISON LYTHGOE (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Geography, Durham University. Participating in an Operation Raleigh Expedition to Zimbabwe.

S. M. LYTHGOE (1979-85) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Civil Engineering, Bolton Institute of Higher Education. Appointed Trainee Engineer with R. M. Douglas Construction, Birmingham.

TANYA MAGELL (1984-86) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Southbank Polytechnic. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

T. S. MAY (1985-86) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Electronic Engineering, Bristol University. Appointed Electrical Engineer, B. P. Engineering.

J. A. MALIK (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Ophthalmic Optics, U.M.I.S.T.

(88) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biochemistry, Dundee University.

ANDREA H. NEWTON (1983-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. French, Hull University. Proceeding to P.G.C.E. studies at Hull.

N. P. NIXON (1976-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Agricultural Zoology, Leeds University.

MAEVE O'REILLY (1983-85) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, University of Reading. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

KIRSTIE OWEN (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Humanities (History & Literature), Hatfield Polytechnic.

N. D. PALEY (1975-83) Graduated B.D.S., Dundee University.

N. PARKINSON (1975-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2,

F. REID (1979-86) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Leicester University. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

DEBRA RIDEHALGH (1984-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. English Literature, Westfield, London University. Appointed Advertising Trainee with Yellowhammer P.L.C., London.

LOUISE ROSTRON (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Nursing, Bristol Polytechnic.

D. J. RYDEN (1964-74) Graduated B.Eng., Class 1, Hons. Engineering (Design and Appropriate Technology), University of Warwick.

SARAH SAYNER (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Environmental Studies, Newcastle Polytechnic.

ALEXANDRA H. SHAND (1984-86) Graduated B.Sc., Speech Pathology and Therapy, Manchester Polytechnic.

M. W. SHAW (1979-86) Graduated B.Eng., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Civil Engineering, Loughborough University of Technology. Proceeding to Accountancy with Ernest and Whinney.

KATY SHUTTLEWORTH (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Chemical Sciences, University of Leeds.

JOHN IS BANK'S AREA DIRECTOR

JOHN HAWORTH (1946-50) has been appointed Lloyds Bank area director for Berkshire, covering 16 branches in Berkshire and South Oxfordshire.

He will be one of 90 area directors round the country, controlling groups of branches, and with increased planning, budget control, promotional and marketing responsibilities across the range of bank services.

John said "This is a further major development in improving our services and bringing decision-making closer to the customer. Effectively it means we are moving the bank's head office out to the locality and greatly shortening our lines of communication."

John, 55, has been with Lloyds Bank since 1950. He was previously chief manager for Reading.

As well as overall control of the area's 16 branches, he will be responsible for services to corporate business customers through Lloyds Bank Commercial Service and to smaller businesses through the bank's newly created small business centre.



Appointed Trainee Optician with Dolland and Aitchison, Blackburn.

D. B. McEWAN (1976-86) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Economics, Leeds University.

SUSAN J. MCGREGOR (1984-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Politics & Law, South West Polytechnic.

J. C. MEREDITH (1976-86) Graduated B.A., Politics, Portsmouth Polytechnic.

C. E. METCALFE (1976-85) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Operational Research and Management Systems. Elected President of Hull University Athletic Union 1989-90.

CLAUDIA LOUISE MILLER (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Physiotherapy, London Hospital School of Physiotherapy. Appointed Junior Physiotherapist at Furness General Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.

SHARON A. M. MORLESE (1983-

Hons. Business Studies, Teeside Polytechnic. Appointed Market Analyst with British Airways, Heathrow.

I. PARTINGTON (1977-84) Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Physics, Birmingham University. Appointed Trainee Programmer with J. Hemming & Co., Birmingham.

FERHANA PATEL (1983-85) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Manchester Polytechnic. Proceeding to Chester Law College.

M. PEET (1978-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mathematics and Computing, Bath University. Appointed Business Analyst/Programmer with I.C.I. Paint.

GAIL PERRY (1981-83) Graduated B.A., Class 1, Hons. Classics St. John's College, Cambridge. Appointed Trainee Tax Consultant, Deloitte, Haskins and Sells.

G. SIBBALD (1979-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Accounting & Finance, Liverpool Polytechnic. Appointed Trainee Chartered Accountant with Dolby, Holt and Co., Liverpool.

RATHI SIVAYOHAM (1983-85) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Biochemistry, Sussex University.

I. J. SLATER (1979-85) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Bristol University.

G. SLINGER (1977-86) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Balliol College, Oxford.

JONATHAN M. SMITH (1977-85) Graduated B.Sc., D.I.S., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Management Sciences, University of Loughborough. Appointed Buyer with Austin Rover, Birmingham.

D. A. STAMP (1984-86) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1,

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was still suffering from the effects of post-war austerity, Queen Elizabeth's was provided with substantial room for expansion. What is more the School had at its disposal a building of undoubted architectural quality — something with additional classroom accommodation had not really been noted for in previous years, as any ex-occupant of the "huts" in the Upper Quad would no doubt confirm. It should also be noted that the agreement was made in the wake of Butler's 1944 Education Act, at a time of great educational upheaval. By leasing the land and building to the School Governors, and thus retaining ownership of it, the Trustees could give the School the benefit of extra pupil accommodation space while being sure of keeping the property under private control should the School itself come under state control at any time in the future.

During the 1950s, in addition to leasing Hartley House, the Trustees also assisted the School's programme of expansion and modernisation by allowing the Governors to purchase two large plots of land forming part of the grounds of Hartley House. In 1953, an area of 1,610 square yards was sold, allowing the School to begin construction of the "1953 Building", which was soon to become the Horsburgh Block. In 1958, another sale of land allowed for the construction of a badly needed science facility, to be called the Holden Laboratories. Obviously, the extra space

provided to the School by the Trustees allowed the Governors to carry out building work which would not otherwise have been possible; but the Trustees also eased the financial pressures on the School by agreeing to a nominal consideration in each case. In fact, the total consideration for all the land sold, which covered more than 2,600 square yards, amounted to a mere £304, and the agreement that the School should pay the ground rent of £29.11s.0d on the land — a charge which had remained unchanged since its creation in 1872!

Even in the light of their willingness to help QEGS, the Trustees were still mindful of their position of responsibility as a charitable body. Thus in 1953 and again in 1958, covenants were made which bound the purchasers of the land to maintain upon that land classrooms and which prevented the land from being used for anything other than educational purposes.

Edwin Leach Hartley, whose generosity had enabled the purchase of Hartley House to go ahead, and under whose chairmanship the Trust has become firmly established, sadly did not live to see the completion of the new science block, for he died in June 1954. His dedication to the aims and ideals of the Trust was such that he bequeathed £6,000 to the Trust, which after payment of estate duty left a net sum of £2,100 at the Trustees' disposal. This allowed the Trustees to invest

enough money to secure an annual income and thus put them in a position to offer the School financial assistance as and when it was needed. Arthur Holden, who served as Chairman of the Trustees from 1954 up to his retirement in 1960, thus had a great deal for which to thank E. L. Hartley, and from this time onwards the Hartley House Trust was established as one of the School's major benefactors.

The invaluable assistance provided by the Trustees during that crucial period in the School's development may still be appreciated today: the Horsburgh Block now forms the heart of the impressive new maths block, the recent extensions harmonising well with the older building; the Holden Laboratories, now more than 30 years old, still constitute the great part of the School's science teaching facilities; and Hartley House itself, still leased by the School, at a rent of £123 (just as it was way back in 1953) provides a worthy home for the Art Department (upstairs) and the Economics and Politics Department (downstairs).

The building has, of course, served many functions in the past having been used for history, classics, sixth form art and also as the School's main library.

Although the story of the past work of the Hartley House Trust is worthy of our attention, the story is not an historical curiosity, but rather an on-going saga. The present Chairman of the Trustees, William Hare Junior, became a Trustee in September 1956, and took over the chairmanship in 1964 following the death of Judge Walmsley, who had held the office for the previous three years. He and his fellow Trustees, Carl Marsden, John Whittaker, Bill Goodall, John Singleton and the Provost, The Very Reverend Lawrence Jackson, have continued the work of offering financial assistance to the School for the extension, modernisation, maintenance and refurbishment of all the buildings on the Hartley House site.

Careful investment over the years now means that the Trustees have at their disposal an annual income, which ensures that the majority of requests made by the School (represented at meetings of the Trustees by the Headmaster and the Bursar, Mr. Waring), can be answered favourably.

Thus, over the past 40 years, the work of the Hartley House Trustees has helped to shape the development of Queen Elizabeth's. The magnificent buildings serve as a fitting tribute to Trustees past and present: those who, over 40 years ago, through their foresight and generosity, acquired Hartley House and initially formed the Trust itself; and, equally those who have since administered the Trust's property and funds so as to bring the greatest possible benefit to the School.

QEGS already owes an obvious debt of gratitude to the Hartley House Trust — it will surely have yet more for which to thank it in future years.

ANDREW J. FORBES (1979-89)

Rachel strikes gold



RACHEL DUNCAN (1986-88) received her Gold Award from the Duke of Edinburgh at St. James's Palace in June.

Rachel was at Westholme School from 1981-86, subsequently moving to Queen Elizabeth's. She says of her experiences at QEGS that the work was more challenging here because there is great competition. She much preferred the method of teaching, enjoying two years here and entering into a lot of activities.

She was in the chorus of 'South Pacific', played badminton to a high level, & raised £5,282 for the East Lancs Scanner Appeal. A senior prefect in Drake House, she enjoyed swimming and other sports.

Gaining three Bs in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics at A-level, Rachel elected to go to Southampton University Medical School. She is pictured with the Derrick Lund Cup for Medical Endeavour, presented to her by the Lund family in commemoration of our former School Marshal's long service to the school.

Rachel says of her present experiences at Southampton that she is very busy every minute of the day and, despite the fact that she has only completed two terms there, in her second term she assisted at the deliveries of two babies, has spent a day touring Southampton with a G.P., and has been to some horrific post mortems. Very committed to Medicine, Rachel lives in the Glen Eyre Hall of Residence where she has made many friends. She has played squash for the Hall, and hopes to do some sailing this summer. Still very early to decide about her speciality, Rachel is moving towards the idea of pathology.

Rachel attended the Old Blackburnians' Dinner last December and is keen to set up an OB dinner in Southampton, welcoming young men and ladies from the land of tripe and clogs to the delightful waters of the Solent. She thoroughly recommends Southampton.

Roy MARLOR

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SCHOOL IN TOP CRICKET THRILLER

QEGS lose Final in last 2 balls

QUEEN ELIZABETH GS came so close to glory in the Barclays Banks national under-17s schools cricket championship final, before being beaten by Millfield on the penultimate ball of a thrilling final.

It was one of the best schools finals seen as QEGS made 194 for four in their 45 overs, only to see Millfield, who included seven boys on cricket scholarships, pip them at 195 for eight.

Andrew Holroyd was the batting hero for QEGS, after retiring hurt when he was five with a damaged finger. He returned after the fall of the fourth wicket and made an unbeaten 58 on the Barclays Bank ground at Norbury, South London.

Holroyd shared an unbroken stand of 99 with Jeff Hacking, who hit 43 not out and later claimed three wickets.

Gareth Cordingley (39) and David Catlow (23) also made significant contributions.

Victory looked certain as Millfield were contained to 137 for seven with just eight overs to go. A flurry of 23 runs from the 41st and 42nd overs turned the tide.

From the last over Millfield needed two runs and, after a run out scare, they snatched the



winning single from the next to last ball.

In a subsequent letter from the Chairman of the Barclays Bank Sports Club, Mr. Geoffrey Milligan commented . . . "Although your team will naturally be disappointed at losing the match by such a narrow margin, they have every right to be proud of their performance throughout the season. You have some fine young cricketers who will undoubtedly go on to make their mark in senior cricket."

At the close of the ceremony on one of the hottest days in London for 40 years, the Headmaster presented Mr. Geoffrey Milligan with the School's badge to thank Barclays for their excellent hospitality and warm welcome.

On the above photograph, Mr. Geoffrey Milligan, Director of the South East Regional Office of Barclays Bank and Chairman of the Barclays Bank Sports Club, is seen presenting Mr. David Tracy, his sub-manager, with Mr. Tracy's Old Blackburnian tie, courtesy of Grays Outfitters. In the same photograph, the Head Master, wearing his Barclays Bank Cricket Club tie, courtesy of Barclays Bank, and his half-blue blazer, courtesy of Oxford University Lacrosse Club, is seen congratulating Mr. Tracy on his support for his old school. Mr. Tracy's connection with the school was thus revived at a cost of Life Membership of the Old Blackburnians' Association on this happy occasion.



Mr. Milligan was presented with a crest of the School after making the presentations to both teams — he is pictured above with the plaque and the Blackburn contingent.

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Double role for David



DAVID FORBES

DAVID IAN FORBES (1954-63) was elected chairman of the OBA at the annual meeting in November last year. David came to Hornccliffe in 1953 under the eagle eye and considerate tuition of Mrs. Tarver. "After an initial spurt of academic brilliance (1 term) I settled down to a more mediocre standard which continued throughout my time at school," he says modestly. "I must confess that QEGS achieved more with the rest of my family. My father John Donald (1922-31) obtained his School Certificate (as I think it was called then) and went on to Manchester University where he

gained his LIB (Hons)."

"My elder brother John (1951-61) after A-levels and a spell in the Merchant Navy, spent several years at Swansea University and obtained his PhD. My younger brother Peter (1959-68) proceeded from School to Leeds School of Architecture and now works in Manchester as a Community Architect."

After obtaining sufficient O-level passes, I became an Articled Clerk in my fathers solicitors firm and qualified as a solicitor in 1968. I have continued to practice in Blackburn ever since and am now

one of 16 partners in Forbes and Partners Solicitors of Blackburn, Accrington, Clitheroe and Preston.

"Almost from leaving school, I became a playing member of the Old Blackburnians AFC until my body rebelled some 21 years later. Irrespective of the footballing ability, it seems only I knew I had, I was content to remain in the 4th XI with the occasional game for the 3rds and one guest appearance in goal for the 2nd XI.

Towards the end of his career, he received a winners medal in the LAL 3rd and 4th Division Knock-Out Cup and shortly after, was voted 4th XI Player of the Year at the age of 40.

He was a committee member of the football club for most of his playing years and was secretary for 10 years.

In 1967, David was at law college, the Old Blackburnian Association's secretary for 37 years. Harold Burrows, announced his wish to retire. This was reluctantly accepted by the committee and the task of appointing a new one taken up. David's father was on the committee and, without prior consultation with David, put forward his son's name. "This rather surprised me (and possibly others!) as I was not even a member of the committee at that time," says David. "However I was duly elected. Our good friend and member, Harry King, stood in as acting secretary for a year until I finished my exams."

"I have remained as secretary ever since and must say, from not really having any strong thoughts of joining the committee to being thrown in at the deep end, I do not in any way regret it. I have enjoyed serving the Association in this way and despite the fact it has not been able to include me in its list of star pupils."

"I have gained immense pleasure from being able to maintain links with the school and fellow Old Boys and hope I can continue to serve the Association in one form or another for many years to come."

NEW BISHOP TO SPEAK AT DINNER

OUR guest speaker at the annual dinner in Big School on Friday, December 15th is the new Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Rev. Alan Chesters.

Former QEGS teacher Brian Hardcastle returns to School to propose a toast appropriately — to the School.

The Bishop was appointed in January to succeed the Right Rev. D. Stewart Cross on his retirement.

Bishop Chesters was formerly Archdeacon of Halifax and has been a member of the Standing Committee of the Church of England General Synod for four years. He is also a member of its Board of Education and chairman of the School's Committee.

The Bishop was ordained in 1962 and has a long involvement in parochial ministry as well as experience as a school chaplain in Surrey and diocesan director of education in Durham.

Speaking before the recent consensus in the Church of England for the ordination of women priests, the bishop, aged 52, said he did not believe the theological case for such a change had been made conclusively nor did he see sufficient consensus in the church, let alone Christendom, for such a step to be taken.

He felt however that exploration must continue. He did not think the church would split if it happened.

The Bishop is married with a son David, 13. His wife Jennie recently retired as head teacher of a Dewsbury County Primary School.

The Bishop's hobbies are railways, walking and reading. He was educated at Elland Grammar

School, West Yorkshire and St. Chad's College, University of Durham, where he gained a degree in modern history.

He later took a degree in theology at St. Catherine's, Oxford and was appointed curate of St. Anne's, Wandsworth from 1962 to 1966. He was appointed chaplain and head of religious education at Tiffin School, Kingston-Upon-Thames and left in 1972 to become Director of Education and Rector of Brancepeth in the Diocese of Durham.

In 1975, he was appointed honorary canon of Durham Cathedral and was appointed Archdeacon of Halifax in 1985.

He has been a church commissioner since 1982 and a member of the Board of Governors since 1984.

Brian Hardcastle came to QEGS as head of geography in 1967 and was appointed Senior Master (deputy head) of Forest School, near Snaresbrook, London, in September 1986.

He has been getting around since he moved — field trips in this country as well as visits to India, Nepal and Egypt with the school. Next year, they plan to go to South America.

Brian will be remembered for his squash playing, which is continuing with success. He reached the final of the Essex over 45s squash last year and is a regular member of the Essex

Veterans team which plays in national competitions.

Many will know that Brian, who is 47, attended Holme Valley Grammar School, Honley, near Huddersfield, before gaining a Class 1 in geography at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. He took a Diploma in Education and taught geography at Collyer's School, Horsham, before moving to QEGS.

Brian will also be remembered for his soccer skills and junior team coaching before moving on to looking after the 1st XI. In the 16 years in charge, he saw them win the Public School Sixes Cup three times, the Plate Competition twice and the Lancashire under 19s championship in 1982. He was also in charge of squash at School from 1982 until 1986.

Olympic swimmer to wed

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick Hodgson (1977-84), our Olympic swimmer, on his engagement to Jillian Hayden, a Canadian lass!

Nick and Jillian met in Canada where Nick was studying psychology at the University of Calgary and training hard in the pool. For perhaps about two years Jill was "just another girl on the team" and it wasn't until late 1985 that they began to spend more time together.

The summer of 1986 they spent apart which was a strain for both of them. Having decided to get married, they became engaged on Christmas Day. They are now scraping the pennies together for the big day! Jill is living at Nick's parent's home in Darwin. She is currently on a working visa which runs out in May so they're frantically trying to sort something out so she can stay for longer.

Our best wishes to them both.