

# Q-news

INCORPORATING MAGISTER



*Walkersteel provides new school minibus - see page 5.*

*QEGS captain Martin Grindrod lifts the Boodle & Dunthorne ISFA Cup watched by FA Chief Executive Mark Palios. Full story on pages 617.*



A word from the

# HEADMASTER



Whilst we revert to our customary 12 pages after last term's extended issue, we have the perennial but happy problem of fitting everything in!

In this issue, pride of place rightly goes to the 1st XI soccer squad which won the Independent Schools FA Cup competition, sponsored by Boodle and Dunthorne. I certainly won't pre-empt the double page match report. What I would say, however, is that we went into the final very much as the underdogs. After all, our opponents Millfield hadn't conceded a single goal in all previous rounds and were hot favourites from the start of the competition. The victory was a tribute to the coaching skills of Messrs Davies, Hopkinson and O'Keefe. Most of all, however, it spoke volumes about the character of captain Martin Grindrod and his team.

This is the third time that QEGS has won the cup. On the previous occasion, in 2001, again we were not fancied to win. In the pre-match gathering, there was the usual banter and I well remember an old and evidently very wise gentleman, there to support our opponents, who put an end to his colleagues' bluff by saying, "Don't underestimate these northern boys: they'll have character." He was right. What applied in 2001 certainly applied in 2004. What has pleased me since the win is the genuine pleasure which our team's success has given to other people whose judgement I respect. Their message to us has been, "We're pleased because you play the game they way it's supposed to be played." That matters.

Lest they be over-shadowed, the Under 14s pulled off a terrific 4-3 win over St Wilfrid's in the Blackburn with Darwen Cup final. This too was a nail biting affair that went to extra time but it's good to know that, looking to the future, there is a rising generation of young footballers who will sustain the tradition of 1996, 2001 and 2004 on the local, regional and national stage.

Talking about the stage, we were treated last term to two absolutely fabulous shows. First, those who attended the Senior School version of 'Les Miserables' came away stunned by the quality of the production. The months of rehearsal showed. Those with longer associations with QEGS than

mine opined that arguably this was the best musical they'd ever seen.

Not to be outdone, the Junior School staged Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The pupils gave performances which, in my time, have been unmatched for sheer vitality and verve. This too was a triumph and gives us heart for the future of music and drama at the school.

Over the holidays, 80 members of the Second Year, accompanied by nine members of staff, participated in the annual Classics Trip to Italy. Reports received indicate that the students thoroughly enjoyed the expedition, which struck a nice balance between work and play. Once again, it was good to receive unsolicited plaudits about the way our youngsters conducted themselves.

At the other end of the age spectrum, I was delighted that the generosity of the Old Blackburnians' Lodge has allowed us to make good a deficiency on which a number of people have commented. The original charter of 1567 in which Elizabeth I secured the future of our school is in a fragile state and, for that reason, it is properly kept in the Lancashire Record Office. The charter made a rare public appearance during last year's exhibition in Blackburn Museum before being returned to Preston for safe keeping. Enquiry revealed that new technology would allow a facsimile to be produced without detriment to the original charter and, thanks to the generosity of the Lodge, this precise reproduction is now splendidly framed in Reception.

Finally, the last edition of Q-news told you something of the progress of the appeal and we are shortly to launch a campaign to promote legacies in favour of the school. One of the most generous responses to our appeal has come from Walkersteel whose Managing Director is Mr Graham Walsh. The firm has presented QEGS with a brand new minibus on which the logos of company and school appear side by side. In making the gift, Mr Walsh said that Walkersteel was pleased to be able to link two brand names which, in their different ways, stand for excellence. This is a powerful message to convey to people both inside and outside the borough of

Blackburn with Darwen. The gift is extraordinarily generous and we are most grateful as it is already proving a boon!

**Dr David Hempshall**

## Matt's medals mount

Sixth Former Matt Wood added to his burgeoning medal collection when he won the 1500m race representing England at the Hypark International at the National Indoor Arena in Cardiff in March.

Competing internationally at Under 20 level for the first time, Matt finished strongly to record a season's best indoor time of 4 minutes 02 seconds. He also helped the England team to win the overall event and lift the Hypark Trophy, defeating Wales, Ireland, and a Combined Universities team.

Matt was delighted to have put in such a performance in front of major names in English athletics such as Linford Christie and Daren Campbell. He received his medal from the 1964 Olympic long jump champion, now UK Athletics President, Lyn Davies.



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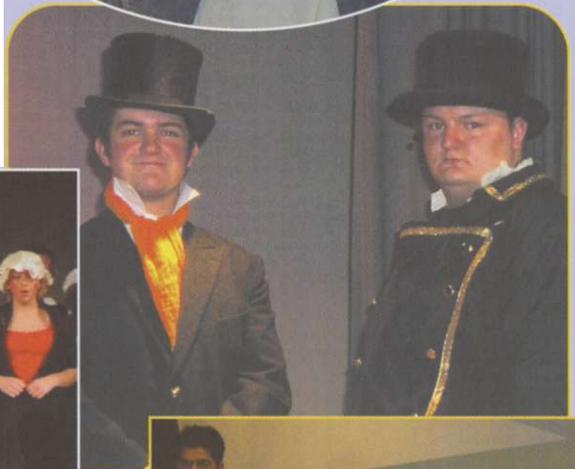
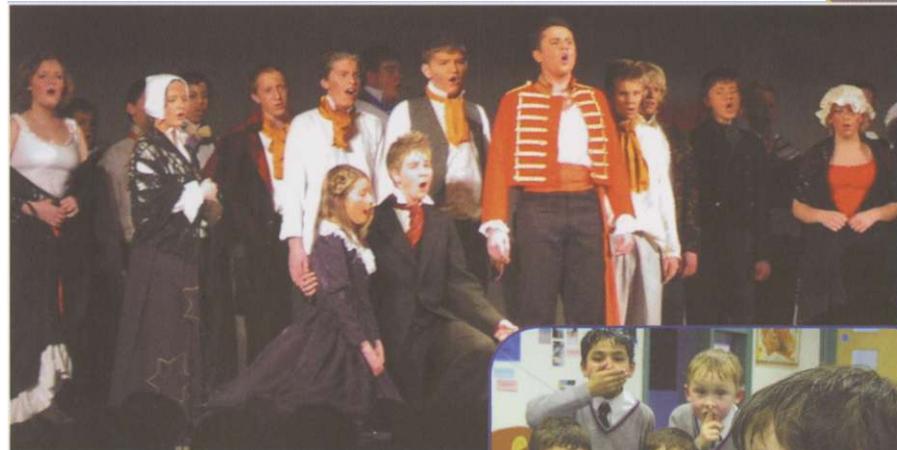
# 'Les Miserables' delights

The school's major dramatic production of the year, the school edition of the Boublil and Schonberg classic 'Les Miserables' proved a huge success, as audiences on all three evenings were left spellbound by a simply stunning production.

QEGS was the first school in East Lancashire to perform this special version of the popular musical, which requires that all cast members must be aged under 19. So, with the exception of 2003 leaver Richard Jackson, the entire cast was made up of current pupils and their efforts left Director Mrs Regina Arkwright "really, really proud".

Strong lead performances were backed by excellent teamwork by all the supporting cast, many of whom were making their stage debut at QEGS, and drew prolonged applause on each evening. With the future of drama at the school seemingly in good hands on the evidence of this stirring production, two actors making their final bow deserve special mention. Upper Sixth students Daniel Harman, who played Jean Valjean, and Alex Potter as the revolutionary Enjolras could not have left the QEGS stage on a higher note.

Congratulations to all concerned, not least the excellent musicians under the direction of Mr Hill, and the many students and staff involved behind the scenes. The standard they set will be hard to emulate!



## Oliver breaks the silence

When the Junior School pupils decided to take part in a sponsored silence in support of Macmillan Cancer Relief, the rumour was that the only sound was that of their teachers cheering!

Oliver Kinglake (pictured, right) was unable to keep quiet, but his classmates (from left)

Edgar Davies, Qasim Ali, Joseph Westwood and Matthew Ball saw to it that peace was quickly restored.

The pupils' silence was evidently golden as the charity benefited by an impressive £2,013 from their efforts.

## VENTURE REWARDED

Nineteen Sixth Formers were presented with certificates under the Venture scheme run by the East Lancashire Education Business Partnership (ELEBP).

All the recipients successfully completed work placements of up to six weeks last summer with local employers, giving them valuable experience to include on their UCAS forms and to help their future career choices.

*Pictured receiving her certificate from the ELEBP's Rosie St John is Olivia Pilling, watched by some of her fellow Sixth Formers. Olivia's placement was with Burnley textile manufacturer, Viktor Achter Ltd.*

## In Brief

Fourth Year pupils were encouraged to think about many of the ethical issues facing the UK and the world today, as the Religious Studies Department staged its third annual Ethics Conference in school. Mr Priory and Mrs Foxley masterminded the event, which included speakers from the Anglican Pacifist fellowship, Christian Aid, Education for Choice, and Relate. The morning ended with a question and answer session chaired by Mrs Foxley, which brought out a wide range of thought-provoking questions on which the speakers could outline their opinions.

This year's John Law Scholarship winner is Babar Khan, who will be joining us in September from St Joseph's Park Hill School in Burnley. Babar was the best performing student in last November's Entrance Examination for entry at age 11+.

More fine achievements came in this year's British Biology Olympiad. Andrew Lake won a silver medal, Jack Baldwin and Chiraush Patel each came away with a bronze, and Joshua Bilbie received a commendation.

Finally, well done to our U14 footballers, Blackburn with Darwen champions for the third year after a 4-3 extra time victory against St Wilfrid's.

## Kit for good cause

The school's rugby players rallied round a worthy cause when they were asked to donate items of old rugby gear to support SOS Kit Aid, a charity organised by the International Rugby Board.

Hundreds of shirts, shorts, boots and socks were collected and 1st XV captain James Smith (left) was on hand with master i/c 1st XV rugby Mr Stuart Loudon to deliver the collection to Andy Thompson (centre) the northern co-ordinator of SOS Kit Aid. The kit will be distributed to help the game's development in countries such as Romania and Georgia.



## In good voice

It's been a busy and successful time for the school's debaters and public speakers.

A very young junior debating team performed admirably against much older opposition, when they took part in the National Competition for Young Debaters at the University of Birmingham. First year boy Sam Holt won the most 'points of information' and the judges were "impressed with the clarity of their points and the maturity of their arguments".

The Headmaster is pictured (below) with the team under the portrait of the Earl of Derby: from left to right, Thomas Pilkington, Sam Holt, Navnit Makaram and Chuan Voong, with (inset) Scott Sunderland.

Meanwhile, Jack Baldwin and James St John did superbly to win through to the National Finals of the Oxford Union Schools Debating competition and Mahmood Undre and David Westmoreland were splendid ambassadors for the school in reaching the Regional Final of the Schools Mace 2003-4 competition. In the Cambridge Union competition, Richard Benson and Duncan Leigh were undefeated, but were not invited to take part in the next round (it's a long story...!).

Not to be outdone, our Public Speaking team of Nick Peat, Yusuf Undre and Michael Howard gave a fine performance at the regional semi-final of the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition. Nick was the team's Chairperson, Yusuf was the Speaker and Michael the Questioner.



## Safety first

Early Years pupils learned how to behave safely near traffic when Road Safety Officer Christine Macleod visited school last term. Pictured with Christine during her visit are Year 1 pupils Aidan McArdle (left) and Benjamin Ellison.



## Charity challenge cheer



A splendid evening's entertainment performed in the Main Hall by students and staff raised £1149 for The National Autistic Society.

The charity was chosen by the students to be the beneficiary of this year's main charity event and, in addition to a range of impressions, comedy sketches, dances and musical performances, there was a 'challenge' element to the evening.

Whether it was Messrs Bathe, Holden and Robertson joining a "Sugababes" dance troupe, Dr Butler doing press-ups in competition with the senior swimming squad, or Alex Potter and James Smith going head to head in a cracker-eating competition, every challenge was taken up with enthusiasm.

The standard of entertainment was a tribute to Mr Hedworth, who had coordinated the show but was unavoidably absent on the day itself, and to Mrs Foxley who 'stepped into the breach' in true show business tradition.

And if the director of 'Phoenix Nights' ever needs to call up an understudy, QEGS has its own tried and tested Brian Potters (James Entwistle and Mr Smith) and Gerry St Clairs (Jonathan Higham and Mr Grogan) ready and waiting!

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, Walkersteel, QEGS pupils can now travel to sports fixtures and field trips in greater comfort in a brand new minibus.

The company's Managing Director Graham Walsh stepped in when he heard that The Elizabethan Association had identified a new minibus as their new fundraising target. "Walkersteel has historical ties with Blackburn and we are keen to reinvest in Blackburn's education. We have a reputation for excellence in business, so it was natural for Walkersteel to be associated with centres of excellence in education. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School certainly fits that criterion."

The keys to the new vehicle, smartly decorated with the company's and the school's logo, were handed to the Headmaster in February. Dr Hemsall thanked Mr Walsh for providing the minibus, adding: "Walkersteel's generous offer has enabled us to acquire the vehicle well ahead of schedule. Now the QEGS name will be seen alongside that of Walkersteel across Lancashire and beyond, whether the new bus is transporting our girls to a netball fixture, or our Geology students on a field trip".

In addition to the new bus, Walkersteel has also donated two new Design & Technology awards to recognise high achievement, one for the senior school and one for the junior school. These will be presented annually at the respective Prize Giving ceremonies.

Pictured alongside the new bus is Mr Walsh together with Mrs Kay netball captains, April Pilling, Franziska Levy, and (in the bus) Rebecca Connearn and Matthew Walsh, son of the Walkersteel Managing



## Juniors on Tour

The first major excursion for the new minibus was to Somerset with the Junior School football team. Our picture shows the boys in buoyant mood, enjoying the comfort of the new vehicle.

Mr Milnes reported a successful tour both on and off the field, with two good wins recorded, excellent hospitality from the host schools, and impeccable behaviour by the boys throughout.

His full report of the tour will appear in 'Q Review' in the Autumn.

## Treat in store

A visit to see behind the scenes at the Asda store in Blackburn proved a real treat for Year 2 pupils from the Early Years department. They saw the store's computers and bakery, and even had the chance to practise using a till.

Here Asda's Sue Eastwood is asking the pupils whether they can name various fruits from around the world. They amazed both Sue and their teachers with their knowledge!



# New seals third ISFA triumph

A penalty kick by striker Neville Nelson, drilled low to the goalkeeper's right, clinched a record third win for QEGS in the Final of the Boodle & Dunthorne Independent Schools FA Cup against Millfield School.

All had looked lost at half-time at Leicester City's Walkers Stadium, when QEGS trailed their Somerset opponents by two goals. Despite a much improved second half performance and a goal scored by centre-back Mark Fletcher, it was deep into injury time when substitute Ross Hawthornthwaite saved the day with a dramatic equaliser.

Both sides had chances in extra time, but to no avail and Premiership referee Steve Bennett was left to direct the drama of a penalty shoot-out to determine the trophy's destination.

After Millfield missed their first kick Martin Grindrod, Josh O'Keefe, Ryan Woods and Oliver Dent converted their penalties with style, leaving Nelson to complete an amazing comeback for the QEGS side with a 5-4 win on penalties.

To scenes of great jubilation among the 500-strong contingent of supporters from Blackburn, captain Grindrod became the third QEGS skipper to lift the ISFA Cup, after previous victories in 1996 and 2001.

In June this feat will be marked by a special Celebration Dinner in June (see page 7). Members of the three winning teams will meet up to re-live some very happy memories and commemorate a hat-trick of wins for QEGS in the country's premier competition for independent schools' football. The Dinner will also see the launch of a new Sport Bursary Fund for more details, turn to page 8.



Neville Nelson celebrates his winning penalty kick.



Mark Fletcher clears a Millfield attack.



Goalkeeper Frank Fielding catches under pressure



# Hat-trick details



1996 Bury Grammar School 0 QEGS Blackburn 1 (McVerry)  
*(at the Deva Stadium, Chester City FC)*

2001 Brentwood School 1 QEGS Blackburn 2 (Hedley, Porter)  
*(at Filbert Street, Leicester City FC)*

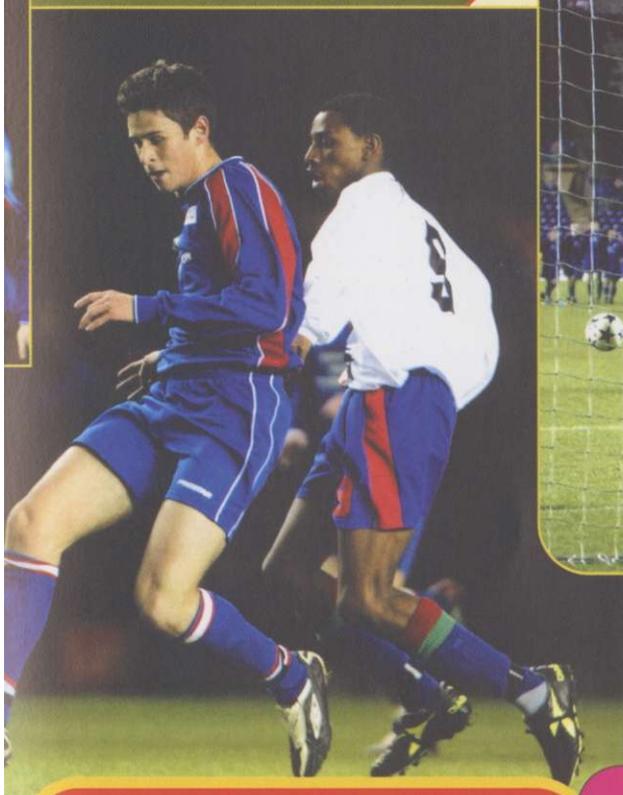
2004 Millfield School 2 QEGS Blackburn2\*(Fletcher,Hawthornthwaite)  
*\* QEGS won 5-4 on penalties  
(at the Walkers Stadium, Leicester City FC)*



Mark Fletcher (on left) wheels away after scoring QEGS' first goal



Josh O'Keefe slats home his penalty in the dramatic shoot-out



Once again, Old Blackburnian **Alan Yardley** (1963 - 70), kindly offered the services of his broadcast company, CREATV, to record the Final – and of course to ensure that it can be watched over and over again on video or DVD!

## Celebration Dinner

*Come along and join in the celebrations on Saturday, June 12th at the International Suite Ewood Park.*

Places are limited at this special event to commemorate all three ISFA Cup victories. Tickets are £25. Contact Joanna Lavelle for further details.



## The Old Blackburnians Association

Dear Reader

The end of the academic year approaches for QEGS pupils; a well deserved summer break awaits, and for some it will be the last time they attend the school as a pupil; universities and careers beckon. This also means another 'intake' of members in to the Old Blackburnians' Association; a warm welcome to you all.

New members join the Old Blackburnians' Association as we approach our centenary year in 2005; preparation and organisation of the celebrations are in hand, led by my Vice Chairman, James Cockerill.

Thank you to Jeff B Vent for organising the Oxford branch dinner, which was held back in March at St Edmund Hall, and enjoyed by all who attended. The Oxford branch has remained whilst others have fallen by the wayside over the last ten years; however a Cambridge Dinner was held in May, for the first time in a number of years. If you wish to hold an OBA branch dinner, anywhere in the world, then please let us know the details for posting on the former pupils' section of the school's website. The Association is keen to see a resurgence of branches, and if required we are able to offer subsidies for events.

As can be seen from the other articles on Old Blacks in this issue, their successes continue to impress. As a Civil Engineer myself, I was particularly pleased to read about Caroline Foulds reaching the finals of the New Civil Engineer's Graduate Awards (see this page).

Best regards

**Glenn H Blake**  
Chairman

## Sport Bursary Fund

As Director of the Physical Education and Games Department it has long been my dream to set up a Sport Bursary to enable talented students from low-income families to take up a place here at QEGS and to benefit from its unique sporting opportunities.

Many of our former students have gone on to enjoy rewarding careers in professional sport: Premiership footballer, James Beattie; international golfer Nick Dougherty; and cricketer Duncan Catterall are just a few of the recent alumni of whom we are very proud.

Sport is valued highly at QEGS and we enjoy very strong links in particular with Lancashire County Cricket Club and Blackburn Rovers. Three of this year's ISFA Cup winning team are leaving to take up places at Blackburn Rovers Academy. Significantly, QEGS is one of only a handful of schools in the country to have received the prestigious 'Sportsmark Gold with Distinction' status awarded by Sport England.

I feel that if we can help a talented youngster through a Sport Bursary at QEGS, we will have marked this year's ISFA hat trick in a very special way. Can you help me?

To provide a full bursary for two years in the Sixth Form will cost £14,000. Although this sounds a lot of money, it would only need 200 people to give £70 (£55 if donated with a Gift Aid declaration). You can even spread the payment over a year at £4.58 per month

If you would like to support the Sport Bursary please send your donation to the Appeal Director Joanna Lavelle at school and mark the envelope "Sport Bursary." If you would like further information about the bursary please contact Joanna on 01254 686300 ext. 200. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Dr Mark Butler

## OB Snippets



Congratulations to **Paul Greenhalgh** (OB 1970-76), who won the Sheila Mossman Memorial Prize for obtaining the highest marks in the country in the Grade 8 piano exam set by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Paul, who is the principal of Blackburn School of Music, gained 143 marks out of 150 in the Christmas session exam to earn a distinction.

Continuing the success of pupils and former pupils on the football field, **Ian Simpson** (OB 1987-97), a member of the 1996 ISFA Cup winning team, has been a prominent member of the Colne FC side that reached the semi-finals of this season's FA Vase competition.

**Caroline Foulds** (OB 1995-97) was nominated for an Institution of Civil Engineers Young Engineer Award and finished in fourth place, a very laudable result indeed. **Scott Tatchell** (OB 1987-94) was a prominent member of the Reading University team on BBC's 'University Challenge' that narrowly lost to St John's Oxford in the third round of the contest earlier this year.

A real boost to young bridge players at the school came from **Adam Dickinson** (OB 1991-2001) who with fellow Durham University student Luke Porter recently won the English Bridge Union's Under 25 Pairs competition. Adam developed his skills in the Bridge Club here at QEGS - well done to him!

We were delighted too to hear from **Barry Walsh** (OB 1964-74), who reports that Oliver and John Longstaff, sons of former QEGS music teacher Jack Longstaff, were members of the first church he attended after his move to Harrogate. Barry sends his blessings and good wishes to all those in 6B in 1974.

## Centenary Celebrations

In 2005, the Old Blackburnians Association will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. We would like to find out if there are any Old Blackburnians who will be sharing their 100th birthday with the Association next year. Please contact Joanna Lavelle with details.

## Joanne's record trial

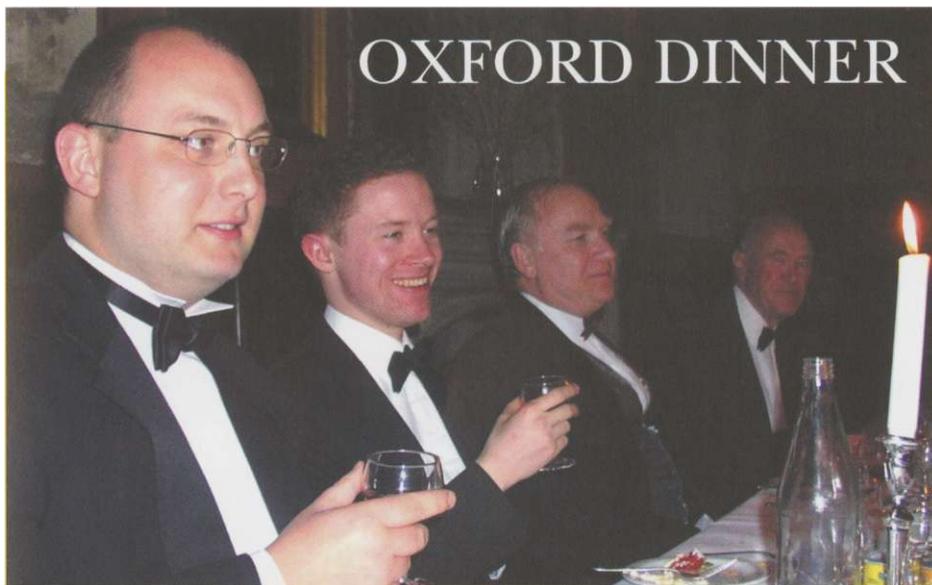
Joanne Hacking (OB 1994-96), currently practising as a criminal barrister in London, has had the dubious distinction of acting as a second junior for the first defendant on what is believed to have been the longest-running English criminal trial. The trial, prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office, started with legal argument on 28 October 2002 and ended over 15 months later with the conviction of three of the five defendants, on 16 February 2004.



Joanne joined the trial, at Winchester Crown Court, in January 2003, the day before the jury was sworn in, and was involved mainly in legal research, marshalling the evidence and dealing with the client and expert witnesses. One particularly interesting aspect of the case was that it was reportedly the first-ever architectural fraud.

Of course, records are made to be broken and it is expected that this one will soon be supplanted by the Jubilee Line Extension fraud trial, currently being heard in the Central Criminal Court.

According to the Guinness Book of Records, the world's longest criminal trial took place in Hong Kong and lasted for 398 days from 30th November 1992 until 29th November 1994. It centred on a group of South Vietnamese "boat people" who were accused of murdering 24 North Vietnamese. All were acquitted.



Once again, thanks to the good offices of Jeff Vent MBE (OB 1936-44) there was a convivial gathering of Old Blackburnians and friends in the Old Dining Room at St Edmund Hall for the annual Oxford Dinner.

It was particularly good to find among those assembled former pupils who had moved on from Oxford to seek their fame and fortune elsewhere (typically in the City, it seems!) alongside current students. In addition there was at least one Old Blackburnian whose main connection to Oxford is simply that he lives within travelling distance of the city!

Chris Hunwick (OB 1989-96) spoke warmly about his memories of QEGS in his toast to the school and was even heard to offer his newly-honed skills as an archivist to the budding project to



## Anyone for golf?

There's still time to sign up for the OBA Annual Golf Competition. This year's event will take place at Wilpshire Golf Club on Wednesday 14 July and further details are available from **Andrew Norman** on 01254 813397 (evenings), on his mobile number 07976 754925, or by email to [ran@moore-and-smalley.co.uk](mailto:ran@moore-and-smalley.co.uk)

Anyone (of any standard) wishing to play will be assured of a warm welcome.

commemorate the 500th anniversary of the school's founding, in 2009. We will be in touch, Chris!

All present were pleased to hear from the Headmaster that the school continues to prosper in fields both academic and sporting. St Edmund Hall provided a splendid meal in distinguished surroundings and the School and the OBA would also like to thank Jeff Vent once more for his efforts to organise this fine event.

## Obituaries

Since the last issue of Q-news, we have been saddened to learn of the deaths of these former pupils: Mr R Eastwood (OB 1925-30), Mr John Ryden (OB 1930-35) and Mr Norman H Kirk (1936-41).

If any Old Blackburnian hears that a fellow former pupil has passed away, please do let the Development Office know. You will be helping us and also saving any embarrassment caused to the families if we inadvertently write to them.

Peter S C Maudsley (OB 1946-52) passed away peacefully on 28 April 2004 at Chorley Hospital. During his time at school, Peter was a keen sportsman, representing both his house (Hawkins) and the school at football and cricket. He studied Dentistry at Manchester University before a 5-year tour of duty with the Royal Navy, serving on HMS Raleigh and finally HMS Belfast. After leaving the Navy, Peter returned to Blackburn with his wife Sylvia, whom he met while stationed in Singapore in 1960, and practiced as a Dentist in the Town for almost 40 years until his retirement in 2000. He is survived by Sylvia and their children, Christina (OB 1979- 81), Adrian (OB 1976-83), Clive (OB 1975-84) and Joanna.



A copy of the school's Charter is now on display in the Reception area at West Park Road, thanks to the generosity of the Old Blackburnians Lodge.

The original charter was most recently displayed at the exhibition about the school's history, staged at Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery last year. After gratefully receiving a £750 donation from the Lodge, the Headmaster decided to see if the Record Office in Preston, where the original is now stored, could produce a high quality facsimile that could be framed. This is now the centrepiece of a display that will be seen by visitors to the school.



Pictured with Dr Hemsall is **David Woods** (OB 1955-62), the Chairman of the Lodge, who said that the copy of the Charter helps to reinforce the school's traditions and history as 'The Blackburn Grammar School'. Also in the photo is **John Duckworth** (OB 1959-66), past Chairman of the Lodge.

## Keith calls for engineers

Teamwork and integrity were the central themes when Professor Keith Miller (OB 1943-47) visited his old school.

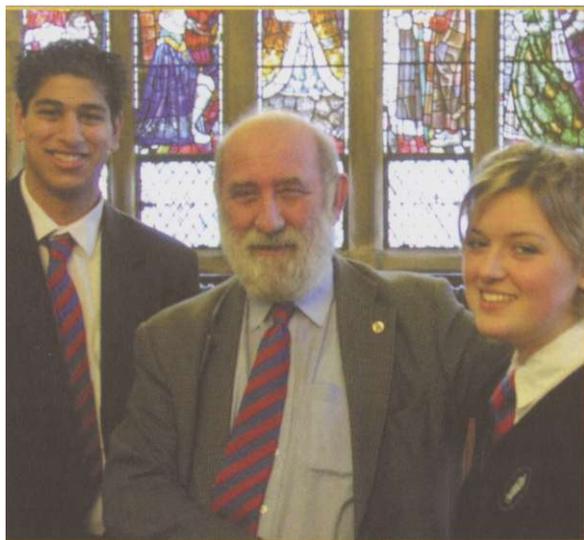
He told an enthusiastic audience of Sixth Formers about his career as an engineer which, he said, had enabled him to do what he enjoyed best: meeting and working with other people to solve problems.

After obtaining a town scholarship to attend the Grammar School, Keith Miller went on to teach at Trinity College Cambridge and has been 25 years at Sheffield University, latterly as a Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

"What Britain needs", Professor Miller said, "is more, high-qualified engineers because engineering embraces all the sciences and opens up so many potential career paths. It also enables you to work in teams with other people to tackle national and international problems."

"Often," he added, "we are not being told the truth - for example that nuclear power is both safe and environmentally friendly." He also said he felt strongly that personal integrity, which had been a key part of his education at QEGS, was the key to achievement and personal happiness.

Pictured with Professor Miller are Head of School Mahmood Undre and Deputy Head of School, Cath Brassington.



## Derick's still going strong

Do you remember the School Marshal, Mr Derick Lund? Derick served in this position from 1956 to 1986 following his appointment by the late Mr G Singleton, School Governor, and the late Mr Kembal-Cook, Headmaster at that time. The School Marshal's role compares with the School Nurse's today.

Derick served with the RAF during the war, particularly in Egypt, and was involved in the El Alamein offensive under the direction of 'Monty'. Directly after the war Derick became a master baker, confectioner and caterer before joining QEGS, where he was able to combine his involvement with St John's Ambulance with a full time post. Derick climbed the ranks within St John's, culminating in 1980 in his appointment as Area Commissioner and Assistant County Director, his wife Phyllis becoming Deputy Area Commissioner.

Derick resuscitated three pupils and two members of staff at QEGS during his 30 years' tenure and saw over 30,000 'patients' in total. On his busiest-ever day he attended to 42 people at School due in the main to a 'flu bug! Derick ran many courses both at school, in industry and nationally: in fact, I recall while in Horncliffe passing a first aid course run by Derick. I also recall him attending to me for the odd bump and scratch and once, as a First Year, being asked to explain why I'd bust Max Ward's nose! I entered Derick's room (since incorporated into the kitchen) along with a very bloody Max, worried because if PFJ found that I'd been sparring with another pupil, it would mean six of the best for me. Derick in his usual calm manner asked why I'd done it, had I apologised to Max, made us shake hands and made me promise not to do it again, oh and it wouldn't go any further! Whether it did or not, I don't know but I wasn't punished and must have learned my lesson as I didn't fight again - well, except for one or two scuffles on the rugby field!

Derick has also given much time and effort to the School's Lodge and Old Blackburnians' Association. Derick was an excellent Master of Ceremonies and fulfilled this role at many an OBA Annual Dinner.

Derick, you are a kind, caring, unselfish gentleman and we're all proud to know you.



## OBs ABROAD

The list of former pupils abroad, published in the Michaelmas Term issue of Q-news last year, has been updated. Those mentioned below have said they would be happy to hear from anyone now in their area, or travelling through, who used to attend QEGS.

As you can see, the school's links extend all over the world...and they're spreading all the time! We would still like to hear from other OBs willing to be a link person.

Australia (Victoria)  
**Julia Mencaraglia** (neeWardle, 1986-88)  
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 (Queensland) - **Elizabeth Wilcock** (1998-2000)  
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Canada (British Columbia)  
**Alan Lomax** (1949-56)  
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**Bill Webster** (1954-57)  
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Germany (Haiger)  
**Martin Davies** (1970-79)  
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Switzerland (Geneva)  
**Norman Eatough** (1943-50)  
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Anyone who does not have email access but who wishes to get in touch should write to **Mrs Joanna Lavelle** at school: she will be pleased to assist.

### *Trip down Memory Lane*

This photo from the school's 2004 History trip to the Normandy battlefields, was taken at the infamous "Hill 62".

No doubt many past pupils will have clear memories of trips that they went on - and perhaps some of them can be retold in Q-news! If you'd like to recall a particularly memorable QEGS trip, especially if you have some pictures that could be reproduced, please write to the Editor at the address on Page 2.



Glenn H Blake



## Railway Society Reunion

The enthusiastic response provoked by the 1960-61 photograph of Railway Society members (Q-news, Michaelmas 2003) has encouraged the Development Office to propose a Railway Society Reunion.

Initial reaction from former Society members has been good and we have now been offered a very exciting and unique opportunity. Richard Bowker, Chairman of the Strategic Rail Authority, is an Old Blackburnian and after hearing about the proposed reunion he has offered his help. If there is sufficient interest, Richard (who features in the above photo- can you spot him?) has offered a QEGS private party to climb aboard one of the training runs for Virgin's brand new tilting trains

To help with planning we urgently need to know how many people are interested in the event. If you would like to receive more information about this unique opportunity please contact Mrs Joanna Lavelle on 01254 686300 (ext. 200) or email [jlavelle@qegs.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:jlavelle@qegs.blackburn.sch.uk). Joanna would also be happy to receive alternative suggestions for the trip, and to hear from anyone who can help trace former Railway Society members.

## Author Alan signs in

Popular children's author Alan Gibbons visited in March to tell 1st and 2nd Year pupils about being a writer and the art of storytelling. Mrs Baldwin also arranged for a book-signing session in the Library at lunchtime, which proved to be a busy hour! Pictured with Alan are some of his avid readers: Dilani Perera, Lauren Bould, Rebecca Prest, Nicholas Peat, and Farhana Sheth.



## Joyous 'Joseph'

Junior School pupils delighted two packed audiences just before Easter with their performances of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph".

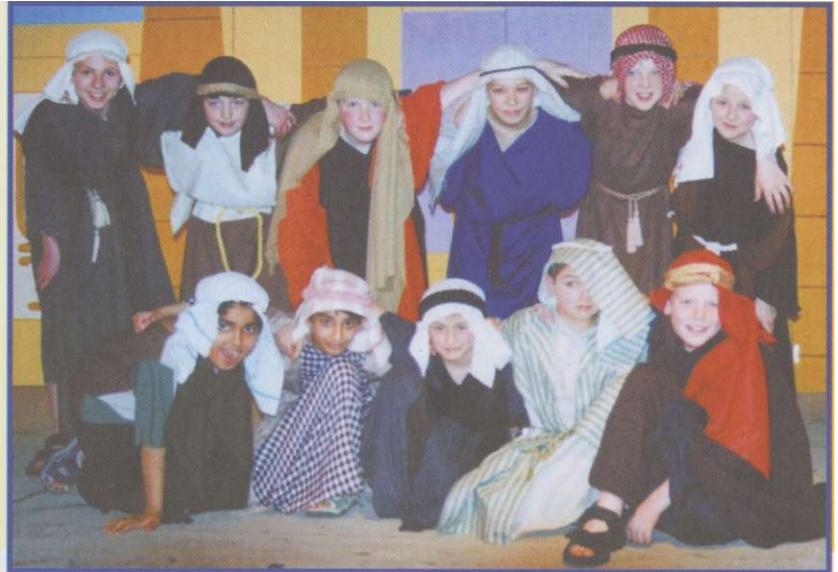
The show actually had two 'Josephs', with Chris Brees filling the title role on the opening night and Edward Sanderson taking on the multicoloured mantle the following evening. Both rose admirably to the occasion.

With a bright, colourful set (thanks to Mr Wilson and his helpers) and splendid costumes, many produced by Junior School parents, all the production needed was firm direction by Miss Neville and enthusiastic singing and acting by all the Junior School. And they did not disappoint! Congratulations to all on a great show, which provided a highly enjoyable end to a busy term.



ABOVE: Chris Brees shows off his coat to Kaseera Raja, Sam Page and Max Newman.

ABOVE RIGHT: "The Brothers" - including Ganesh Paul (front, left), a late and able substitute brother



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