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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to the 2021 edition of the OH Magazine.

Here we are again. Twelve months since my last words for the magazine and there isn't an awful lot to report from the OH Club. But while sports fixtures and social gatherings have been thin on the ground, Old Herefordians from all walks of life have been working across the country and beyond to keep the wheels on this shaky wagon. The school may pride itself on producing some incredible scholars, going on to fill some of the highest positions in business, law and science, but it would be remiss not to acknowledge that some of those named 'key workers' were among the lowest paid in society. With social care workers putting their lives at risk daily to help those who are unable to care for themselves, I hope it has made us appreciate those who kept this country moving when everything else had ground to a halt.

It may feel like things are returning to normal — or a new type of normal, if anyone actually remembers what the old 'normal' was — but the pandemic has highlighted how fragile many of the things we take for granted are. The pandemic has upset supply chains on global and national levels, affecting all sectors of the economy including car manufacturing, building and, closer to home for me, food on shelves in our shops.

Which segues nicely onto my chat with Tom Jones (not that one — Farmer Tom) that you'll find in this issue. We covered a fair bit of ground but much of it revolved around dreams of a more sustainable and localised food production system to help build resilience against economic and climatic fluctuations... But you can read more about that on pages 10–13.

Enough serious talk! Following such an incredible roll out of vaccinations by GPs across the country, bringing the virus under control, it is hoped we'll see the calendar for 2022 packed with the usual roster of Old Herefordian events and I look forward to seeing some of you maybe at Wyeside, the cathedral or the school canteen.

Ben Andrews
President, Old Herefordians' Club



Front cover photo: Tom Jones (Farmer Tom) with a lamb
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Photo, above: First face-to-face meeting of the OH Club in 18 months, taking place on the Old Deanery lawn.

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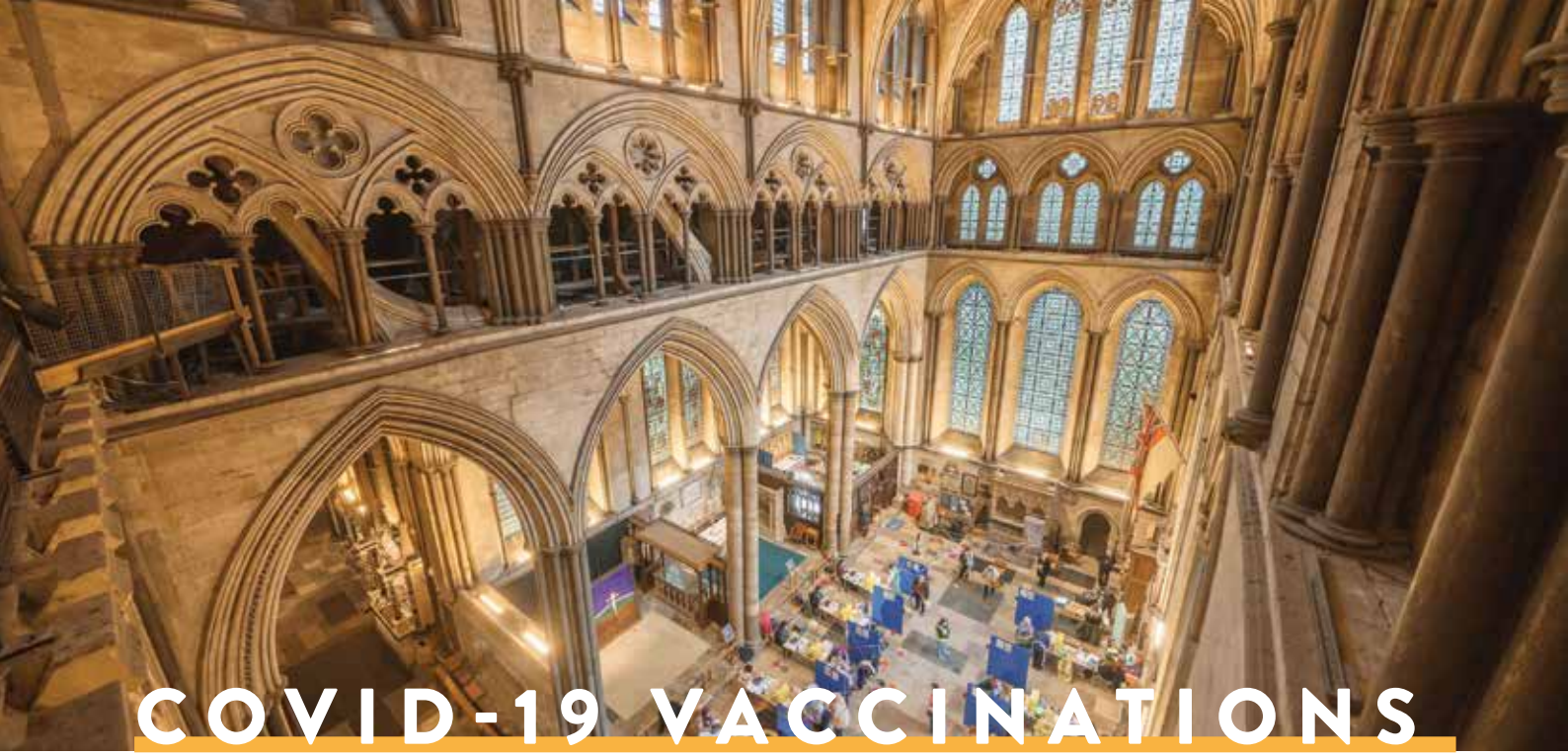
This issue's highlights











COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

The past year has been a strange one for us all. At Salisbury Cathedral, where I have worked as Assistant Director of Music since 2012, the choir was forced to abandon its daily schedule prior to the national lockdown in March 2020. As I write in February 2021, serious restrictions on choirs remain, as indeed they do across the land.

I know from my own time as a Hereford Cathedral chorister (1997–2002) that a good choir thrives on daily rehearsal, interaction and socialising, as well as major funding. We have been able to restore something of the musical and liturgical cycle at Salisbury though, inevitably, the future remains uncertain.

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One of the more positive (and, to me, unexpected) stories to have caught the attention of the media during the pandemic has been the vaccination effort at Salisbury Cathedral. The building offers space (for queuing, vaccine administration and the required fifteen minutes of 'sitting' afterwards), several points of entrance and exit, and of course, ventilation. It's also a rather splendid place, currently filled with art works curated for an exhibition celebrating 800 years since the laying of the foundation stone in 1220.

We were asked by the Cathedral Chapter to provide quiet and relaxing organ music over the vaccination days. Yet I turned up to play for the first session on Saturday 16 January to find myself playing on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme. Two mornings later, we were on *BBC Breakfast*. The 'vaccination organ music' attracted media attention as far afield as Australia, and by Monday 25 January we had made the front page of the *New York Times*.

Many of the elderly and vulnerable arriving for vaccination would have left their homes with trepidation, some after long periods of shielding. This may have kept them from harm, but it also kept them from the things which enrich our existence: live music, stimulating art and culture, grand architecture, as well as the basic interaction, chatter and merriment so much taken for granted until March 2020. I began to appreciate the joy being brought to people through our performances, in a world starved of spontaneous music making.



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For reasons of safety, the gathering of most orchestras and choral groups has been curtailed, and those which have gathered have done so under debilitating safety measures. I should add that the organ console in Salisbury Cathedral is located a thoroughly safe distance away from those being vaccinated.

A fine pipe organ can thrill listeners in the manner of a grand symphony orchestra. Like Hereford Cathedral, Salisbury has an organ built by 'Father' Henry Willis, a giant in the world of Victorian organ building who left a legacy of exquisite instruments. The Salisbury organ returned to us in February 2020, following a major fourteen-month restoration, so for many, the vaccination sessions offered an opportunity to hear it for the first time.

Before long, the musical requests came in, people asking for certain pieces to be played at their allocated time slot in the building. These requests ranged from works by Bach to Widor's famous Toccata, and someone even asked me to play some Messiaen. We have played lighter items too, such as songs from the 1930s and 1940s, familiar particularly to those who remember the war years, but relevant to us all again at this moment in history where community spirit plays such a vital role.

John Challenger
OH 2006

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LOOK BACK IN WONDER

OR, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF BULL!

It's the 40th anniversary of HCS's most ambitious fundraising event, the Medieval Fayre, which was staged on Saturday 21 June 1981 and raised £10,000. The Fayre formed part of the school's 600th anniversary celebrations... do you still have the glass tankard to prove it?

EGE PARKER'S ACCOUNT

Here are some personal memories from Ege Parker, House Master of No 1 Boarding House and History Master, who was instrumental in the Fayre's success, alongside the steering committee and numerous parents, pupils and staff.

Our ambition for the Fayre grew after we were given permission to close the whole of Castle Street for the day, so we then expanded into Castle Green, the Cathedral Close, No 1 garden — we now had a space to have all sorts of activities, from welly wanging and ten-pin bowling to tug-of-war challenges, etc. The street itself was to be used to set up many stalls. Some run by staff and some by parents, dressed appropriately, some as jesters and some selling exciting home produce. It went very well all day.

Then, how do you start the Fayre? It was so dispersed that no flag, whistle or bell would cover the area. We decided to have a procession, dressed appropriately, which would start on Castle Green and move through Castle Street and the Close, thus starting activities, and then through Church Street, High Town, Broad Street and back, advertising the event subtly! It was to be led by Alec (Harding), leading with a trumpet larger than himself. He, however, hated the white tights he had to wear as a page-boy.

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When William Green heard of the procession he suggested strongly that a young bull from his farm would be most effective to lead it. At first I was appalled, but he took me to meet said bullock. It looked at me and slowly approached until I was against the wall with his large head leaning on me. 'Well, tickle it behind the ears,' he said. I did, and it became putty in my hands. So he led the possession with his master.

As we entered the Cathedral Close Alec warned everyone by giving a professional performance on his huge trumpet. The poor bull behind him had never heard anything like it but let out a roar and dumped a huge number two on the road. The procession – which until then had been rather solemn and nervous – collapsed into hysterical laughter as they tried to avoid the pile. Everything went swimmingly after that. Bill (Quan) said that when they got back from Broad Street the bull was shattered and lay down all day on the playground, so we then charged people to 'Guess the weight of the bull'! So it really did play a large part in the proceedings. The only time it began to complain was when Bill tried to get it up to go in the van.

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The Lester family presented us with two lambs to use any way we liked the night before the fair. This created unforeseen problems. We put them up on the No 1 garden but they had never been separated before so they baaaed all night. The boys took it in two-hour turns to go out and keep them company. The following day we used one as a prize for bowling and one as a raffle prize. The winner of the raffle was flying to Malaysia the following day so came to me in some distress, pointing out that he couldn't take it on the plane. Fortunately, a farmer came forward with £10 so all parties were satisfied.

When the grand event was over we were faced with the Herculean task of clearing up, but Gary Withers had organised a team to do it all – a large problem, but he solved it magnificently, and we who had toiled tirelessly since dawn (or it seemed like it) could at last relax. It had been a splendid occasion and when we counted the takings we had raised £10,000!

And even the weather remained fine all day. The real compliment was when the Bishop's wife decided to copy our efforts the following year with the Goose Fair for the Diocese, but that's another story.

FAYRE REPORT

This excerpt from the Fayre's report by Andrew Price which ran in the school magazine of that year explains a bit more about the team behind the Fayre and also where the money went.

Mingling with the huge crowds were serving wenches, archers, lords and ladies in their fine silks and velvets, cattle, jesters, maypoles, green men, stocks, crumhorns, 'quainte maides' (or what you will), mummers, morris men, falconers, greasy poles, Gilbert Consorts, wrestling, gurning contests, ponies, tugs o' war — you name it — it was there, and all infected by the euphoria of the occasion.

Yet the event wasn't quite so disorganised as this list suggests; on the contrary, months of preparation went into the day, involving the widest spectrum of people from parents to staff and pupils...

Mr Michael Glover chaired the management committee. This comprised Mr Richard Hammonds (vice-chairman) and the Headmaster; John Wallin and Mrs Margaret Sutton (stalls); Mrs June Hallowell (catering); Mr Tony Carr (publicity); Mr Alec Shave (liaison); Mr John Baldwin (treasurer); Mrs Pat Johannson (Grand Draw); and last, but most definitely not least, Mrs Harriet Shaw and Messrs Egerton Parker and Peter Skinner (entertainment and design). All managed superbly, as indicated by the smoothness with which the event came off.

The stalls, organised by Mrs Sutton and Mr Wallin, were particularly impressive. There were about fifty in all, stretching down and around Castle Street, selling everything from cakes to crafts, records to religion, tombola, toys, produce and so on. Another forty or so stalls were run by pupils themselves: goldfish, golf, computers, coins, balloons, bagatelle, and books.

The entertainments – most of which took place in the traditional open-air 'gather round everybody' style – were also very successful. The mummers, directed by Mr Gray, created a stir at the east end of the Cathedral. Father Ledwich and Mr Rogers directed English and French Medieval plays. Mrs Shaw and Mrs Radbourne choreographed the Maypole Dancers; all performed to rapturous applause.

By the determined effort of everyone involved, a mammoth £10,000 was raised. This will now be used for the conversion of Big School into a 'Drama and Music Studio'.



Hereford Cathedral School 600th Anniversary

Castle Street Hereford

Medieval Fayre
Management Committee
Chairman: Michael Glover
The Lodge
Holly Bush Lane
Much Birch
Hereford
Telephone: 0981 540251

30th June, 1981

Dear Mrs Hallowell

An outstanding success, a never to be forgotten day packed with excitement, colour and enjoyment for everyone. All this, coupled to fine weather and marvellous food, made the Medieval Fayre worth all the long months of planning and preparation. Not only did we draw huge crowds from far and near, we also raised a gigantic £10,000 plus for school funds. Even now it seems unbelievable that everything can have gone so well on such a vast undertaking. Your Committee is understandably over-awed and delighted with the success of the great day; but at the same time humbled by the magnificent effort made by so many people to achieve this result.

Our grateful and sincere thanks are extended to every pupil, parent, member of staff, friend and acquaintance who gave help, time gifts, and advice or in any way contributed to the Fayre. We are simply overwhelmed by such a fantastic achievement. It would be an understatement to say that it exceeded even our wildest expectations. We have been only too well aware of the problems and pitfalls, both foreseen and unforeseen, that could have marred the outcome of the event, and this makes us even more grateful that everything we had hoped for came to fruition.

Due to the enormous numbers of people who helped in so many ways, it is impossible to write a personal "thank you" to each individual; we are not even sure that we have a complete list of names. Please accept our grateful thanks and, on our behalf, pass them on to others in each team, so that everyone who helped in any way is aware of our gratitude.

Yours very sincerely,

M. D. GLOVER
Chairman

LETTER FROM FAYRE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, M.D. GLOVER

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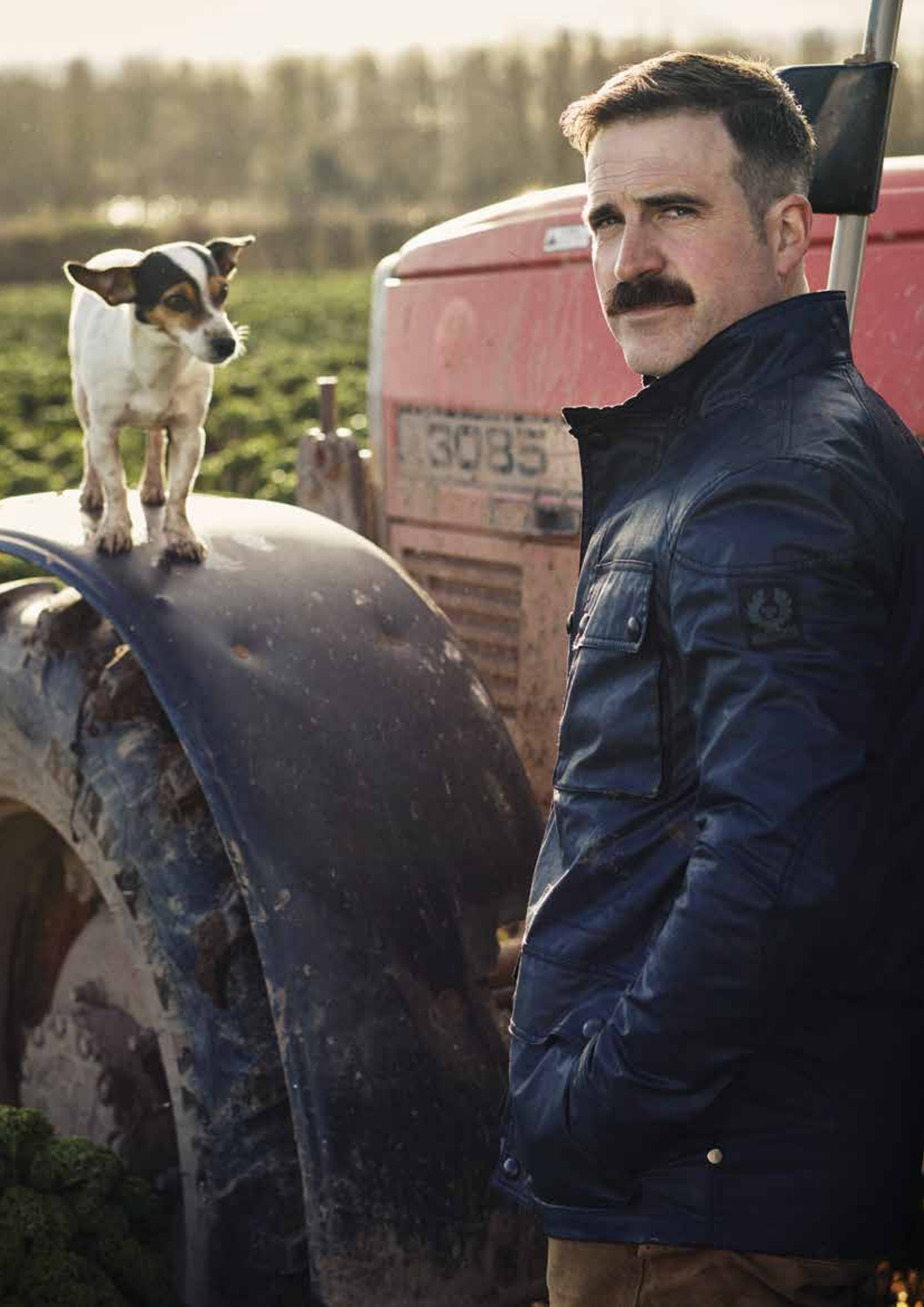







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FARMING FUTURES

FARMER TOM CHEWS THE FAT WITH OH PRESIDENT BEN ANDREWS

Tom Jones left HCS in 1998 and now runs one of Hereford's most successful farming businesses as Farmer Tom. OH President Ben Andrews chats to him about how he got here and what lies ahead.

Ben: A lot of people don't consider farming a career and only think of going back to the farm if they've got nothing else to do: you don't need a degree or anything – it's considered a last resort. People who live in the country, if you don't go to the city, you're considered a bumpkin.

Tom: I joined HCS in 1991, having been brought up on a farm, with no particular ambition to become a farmer. It was a fallback mission if everything went wrong. I don't think I wanted to be a farmer; my father had gone into intensive commercial farming and that wasn't for me. I left in 1998, without appreciating how good it was. I wasn't a natural scientist or a mathematician. I was drawn to English and drama. I freestyled myself through education. One thing about HCS that stood me in good stead was setting me up for communication – I was naturally good at meeting people.

I scraped through A-levels to get to Middlesex University, with no petrol in the tank. I had an interview and got through on the basis of my minimum grades. No idea why I wanted to go to London, perhaps to discover what it was that I wanted to do.

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Photo: Ben Andrews © Ben Andrews

I started off with drama and theatre. I was always writing – privately – when I was at Cathedral, inspired by Miss Storey, although I was her nemesis and spent more time outside her door than in her classroom! It wasn't until I got 94% in my mock GCSE that either of us realised how good I was. I failed GCSE Maths, which I needed to get into Sixth Form at HCS, so had to retake that with a few others – Pure Maths are my least favourite words in the English language.

After Middlesex, where I did a lot of acting, I ended up being a runner on Harry Hill's *TV Burp*. I became location manager after about three days, going around London looking for places for mad sketches to take place. After that I went to work at a gastro pub in Kensal Green (NW London) and one day I was talking to the chef and told him where I was from, and he asked if I could get him some good beef. My father had just changed from continental cattle to Herefords and he was ageing the meat, which was a new thing then. It was incredible meat and we quickly started supplying two pubs in London.

Our best years were the Labour boom years, 2005–2008. Socially, restaurants in London were caning it: a place in Great Queen Street in the middle of Covent Garden where steaks sold for £35 were taking almost a cow a week off me. Shortly after that I returned home to run my uncle's farm in mid-Wales. I was approaching farming from a consumer point of view – which I hate saying, but I'd seen the satisfaction people got from my bringing them a bloody good meal. I wasn't shy of the work behind it.

People were starting to think about where their food was coming from – the gastro pub introduced that idea to people. Before that people turned up, had their meal and didn't think too much about it. Nobody had a clue about food production, even dedicated food journalists.

I'd been in London and before that in the cities of Australia where the attitude towards food far surpasses that in Britain. I'd been an urban-dweller for a long time before I came back to farm. I took a photo of my farm up to London and people loved it, and my writing came in as I made a story of it. I grew the business from 2003, picking up more restaurants, going back and forth in my van. My uncle had these Welsh speckled-faced, organic hill-grazed lambs – probably the best meat people had ever had.

My education at HCS had created in me a dreamer, and a creative – I've never done it for the money, it's all about the product. What Cathedral did for me was taught me how to think on my feet – how to talk to people. It all depends what your measure of success is. It's not about putting a shed up and feeding by machine. It's about rare species of bird and beast gamboling in a field.

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A lot of it comes down to education. It was a privilege to go to a private school – Cathedral allowed me to think for myself. The way that Howard Tomlinson ran the school, he definitely invited a lot of free thinking. There was a lot of fluidity between the sciences and the arts – it was pretty rounded. There was never any pressure to excel at one thing.

Ben: Do you think there's enough education in schools about where food comes from? Going forward from that, careers in agriculture?

Tom: It's what society wants – does it want to be healthy or fed cheaply? There are so many opportunities for agriculture. It could go either way, a race to the bottom or towards a bright future. So much farming knowledge was lost after the Industrial Revolution when workers disappeared to the cities. Herefordshire has the advantage of soil and tradition but there isn't any education about agriculture in schools.

Ben: You've been instrumental to the renaissance of the food scene in Hereford as Farmer Tom with The Burger Shop... I don't know if you remember, back at school if we ever went out for a meal it was the Meapur Palace or Jalsagor or nothing.

Tom: When the guys at AROT mooted the idea (The Burger Shop) I said 'yeah, I think it's a great idea.' Just because you live in Hereford doesn't mean that you don't like good food. Seeing the look on people's faces over the years when you've given them something really good to eat... and they say 'I didn't know meat could taste like that'. It's about the grass, the soil, the water, the love, a journey and an adventure. I don't supply them any more... it was becoming unsustainable for me... but from day one the guys smashed it.



Photo of Tom with a carcass © Chef Farokh Talati

In France they won't stand for low standards in their food, they won't accept the cheap alternative. In Britain we kind of do – we shop with our purse more than our tastebuds. We don't always get it right, we try and be as 'right on' with our food as possible, but things slip through the net. It's going out and trying to be food conscious. I found in Australia when I was there that anything I went for was high standard, fresher and better quality and hadn't been frozen or smoked or flown around the world...

Ben: Only Singapore and the US spend a lower proportion of their income on food and the US is heavily dependent on processed foods and farm subsidies. We shop with our wallets, how popular has Aldi become in the UK, even among the middle classes. Fun fact: If food prices had increased at the same level of inflation as house prices, a chicken would cost £75! We commoditize food – if you're running tight, try and reduce your shopping bills. A third of food we buy off the shelves in shops is thrown away. It's crazy. It hasn't improved food security, it has made us wasteful. If people are taught the value of food, then they respect and appreciate it more.

Tom: The whole conversation with agriculture goes around... but it should be taught in school. Where food comes from, how much is wasted and why it can be wasted (because it's cheap). We're hanging on by our fingertips and I hope we're going to get some help from the Government to teach Home Economics in schools again, to educate young people about food and where it comes from.

Ben: Farming is physics, chemistry, technology, geography. I draw a little bit every day from every subject I was taught in school. There's a lot of transferable stuff that could be taught in schools that could be brought into farming and the natural world to enable people to understand it more.

Tom: Both of our pathways are similar in that we didn't have farming in our childhood but it is in our blood – I'm fifth generation farmer – to look at the land and notice what is going on is inherent in me. Churchill was one of the advocates for making food in petri dishes, and when I read that I thought maybe it's not all bad, but it damages the soul.

Ben: 175,000 people work in farming in the UK and it's not enough to swing any policy in any direction. That's my concern with things like tech giants making food in labs. There's very little said about the beneficial influence that grazing livestock has on the eco-system... the effect on dung beetles, birds... The argument about carbon emissions misses the impact they have on the environment at large. The insects feeding off the field and the birds coming in. On our farm every single thing we do is interlinked... and we couldn't really do one thing without another. We grow all the feed for the cattle on the farm and then the cattle go in the sheds – they graze to the river meadow in the summer which we don't really grow anything on because it's going to flood – and then the muck from the cattle goes back on the fields for the fertility. We haven't used any synthetic pesticides or fertiliser for twenty years by keeping that nutrient cycle going. The problem with blanket pesticide is that resistance does develop and if you're growing the same crop in the same field year after year then resistance will develop. The only way is using crop rotation and other techniques. The science is out there to deal with it naturally, only very little money has been spent on it.

Tom: I feel the tide is turning slightly. You bang on the door long enough and the door will open. It's not sustainable and I don't think it can continue and I wonder whether we are farming in that breaking point. It went very intensive when I was a kid and I remember thinking it could only last ten years and yet here we are thirty years on. If we approached farming and our diets seasonally, we'd be in a lot better shape in terms of health, obesity, finances, soil... With the cattle that we have; we housed half this year and we outwintered the rest – they love it and they don't completely destroy the field we've got them on. The seasonal aspect of that is that we shouldn't really be eating beef between 1st December and early summer. The joy of older cattle, keeping cattle for longer, the quality of beef, can be underrated.

Ben: No one ever takes the bio-genic carbon cycle into account when they come up with these reports (about methane from cattle), which is one thing I did learn about at school that applies to daily life – your carbon cycle and your nitrogen cycle. Methane from cattle gets broken down in the atmosphere into carbon dioxide and water which crops use to grow but it's other things that affect that cycle, like chopping down the rainforest and pumping up oil out from under the earth's surface, then that balance is affected. Yes, the cattle are producing methane; but they've ingested grass that extracted carbon from the atmosphere in the first place. In the UK farming accounts for 10% of carbon emissions, so if we stopped farming tomorrow emissions would only be affected by that amount.

Tom: I do wonder whether the pandemic will effect a change on people's buying habits. I'm always optimistic, we've got to stop putting money into the pockets of the huge companies. I'm in talks to take Farmer Tom to the next level in London (Vauxhall) and I'll be talking to sympathetic producers about that when it happens. That's the way I think farming should go; strip out the big agents. It was easy for me, I wasn't a dyed-in-the-wool, long-suffering farmer so I was energised to take the product to the consumer.

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OH NEWS



JUDGING BBC YOUNG MUSICIAN 2020

John Hardy (OH 1970) has lived in Wales since 1980 and since 2010 has been Head of Composition at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama (RWCMD) in Cardiff. He composes at his studio in Chapter Arts Centre, at home in Cardiff, and at RWCMD. John's approach in education work has been to encourage students to develop their creativity in a way that is meaningful to them. John and the composers at John Hardy Music hold six BAFTA Cymru awards plus five further nominations for Best Original Soundtrack Music. He was a judge on this year's postponed BBC Young Musician 2020.

HAT-TRICK FOR STEWART

Set in 2019, *Secrets We Hide From Ourselves* looks at enduring friendship, family ties and the things that might be concealed behind those relationships. Set against the backdrop of a party, it covers events spanning 45 years. There is love and laughter, dancing and music. And there are surprises at every turn.

This is Nigel Stewart (OH 1977)'s third novel in collaboration with Purple Parrot Publishing and Nigel is currently working on his fourth novel, *Justinian's Daughters*.

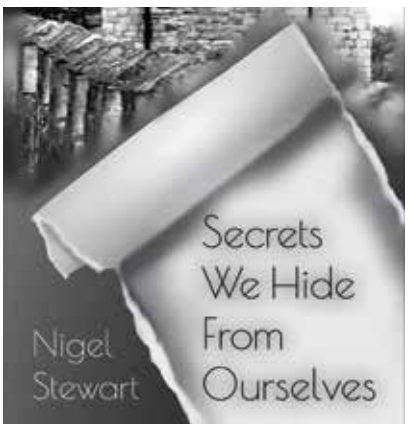


OLYMPIC SPIRIT IN TOKYO

Three OHs represented Great Britain in this year's Olympics in Tokyo. Lucy Scudamore helped the GB equestrian team to a bronze medal in her role as groom to Carl Hester's horse En Vogue, while sisters Charlotte and Mathilda Hodgkins-Byrne just missed out on a medal in the women's quadruple sculls repechage.

Lucy said: "Being part of the team at Tokyo was a goal I have had for as long as I can remember, everyone in this industry dreams about going to the Olympics, but not many are as lucky as I have been. I feel incredibly privileged to play a small part in such a powerful team. With Paris only three years away now, it's definitely our aim to go and fight for more medals."

Meanwhile, former HCS rowing coach Giedre Rakauskaite took gold in the Paralympic mixed coxed fours. Well done, Lucy, Charlotte, Mathilda and Giedre!





LADY CHAPEL MEMORIAL

2021 marks the centenary of the unveiling of the Lady Chapel Memorial to former members of the Hereford Cathedral School who fell in the Great War (1914–1918). Dedicated by the Dean of Hereford, the Very Reverend Reginald Waterfield, on 16 December 1921. *Photo © Gordon Taylor*

MR JACKSON

Few in our school community can be unaware of Head of Economics Mr Jackson's penchant for an overhead projector, but even he has upgraded his tech to meet the demands of remote learning.

After relying on his beloved OHP for well over 20 years, Mr Jackson recently took delivery of a visualiser, a classroom aid which he hopes will revolutionise his teaching. The device means that pupils learning remotely will be able to view Mr Jackson's hand-drawn slides and diagrams. In short, the device is an OHP for the digital age. Mr Jackson commented that the new device was "tremendously exciting". He added: "Little did I think that I would be so motivated by new technology!"



LORAN ADCOCK

PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES: WOMEN IN ENGINEERING



Loran completed her year in industry as culmination to her First Class Honours Degree in Chemical Engineering

I joined HCS for Sixth Form from Whitecross High School in 2014, with absolutely no idea what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I studied Maths, Physics and Chemistry because these were the subjects that came most naturally to me. I remember feeling as if everyone around me had their entire career and life planned out ahead of them, acutely aware of an unnerving feeling of "What am I going to do?" – something which I am sure resonates with many.

Personally, my reason for choosing Chemical Engineering as a degree was not a lifelong burning desire to study thermodynamics in multiphase systems, but more a question of which degree would open up many different opportunities at the end of it and provide job prospects for the long-term future. This narrowed the course selection down to some form of engineering, and for me, Chemical Engineering sounded the most exciting. I probably should have spent more time researching the contents of said degree, because it turned out there was a much higher proportion of maths and physics than anything I previously considered to be 'chemical' related.

It is a fact that engineering as a subject at UK universities has been hugely male dominated historically and is so to the present day. Even in Chemical Engineering, which has the highest proportion of females studying of any engineering discipline, women only make up 25% of the total students. This being said, my university experience was not marred by a disparity in the gender make-up of the school. In fact, my most memorable experiences of university are of being taught by inspiring female academics at the forefront of research in their field. These academics were often unapologetically loud, extravagant, and made a habit of routinely breaking down all the stereotypes of what an engineer should look or sound like.

One of the most rewarding experiences during my time studying was completing a year in industry, working within the Operations department at one of Eaton's UK manufacturing facilities. Here, I was able to apply the engineering knowledge I had acquired through my three years of university to a real life setting. As a young, female undergraduate, I led project teams consisting of men and women much more experienced than myself. These huge responsibilities, the likes of which I never imagined would be entrusted upon an intern, were the greatest learning experience of my career so far.

This year in industry evolved into an even bigger opportunity. As I am writing this, I am preparing to relocate to central France to embark on the second year of my graduate scheme, working in Operational Excellence at a sister Eaton plant.

International travel, with the opportunity to work within different functions of a business, was one of the main selling points of this graduate scheme. During the two years that I have spent in the industrial world, I have already gained experience working within a range of different areas, including lean manufacturing, logistics, supply chain management, and operational excellence.

Studying engineering truly develops your problem-solving skills, teaching you how to approach a problem that you have no idea how to solve, and how to re-examine when the first attempt is unsuccessful. It is these transferable skills that mean that a degree in engineering allows paths into many different careers. My advice to anyone who is in the same boat as I was, unsure about what career path they want to follow, is to consider a career in engineering and grasp every opportunity you get to try something new.

It is my teachers and peers who made attending the HCS sixth form so enjoyable that I have to thank for getting me to this point, with a special mention to Mr Taylor and Ms Burdett for their parts in ensuring I got the grades required to study Chemical Engineering at university.

Loran Adcock

OH 2016



FAREWELL FROM THE DEAN OF HEREFORD

One of the most significant occasions during my 19 years at Hereford was the publication of Dr Howard Tomlinson's magisterial history of the Cathedral School. Many of us were aware of the school's long and distinguished history but few of us had any detailed knowledge or understanding of the people or traditions which made up its story. For me, the book opened my eyes to the great inheritance which school and cathedral share.

It is that shared experience which has been such a joy to be part of, these last 19 years. At the heart of the relationship between school and cathedral is, of course, the daily worship and so many will leave the school with special memories of this time each day – these opportunities to pause, think, pray, within the walls of such a wonderful church building.

Yes, the great occasions stay in the mind – the termly Eucharist, with the whole school gathered; the magical atmosphere of the Christmas Carol Service; and the sense of shared history in the annual Commemoration Service. But the small events will always remain with me too: my visits to take assembly in St David's Hall for HCJS; the annual dinner for Old Herefordians; my regular meetings with the Headmaster and Chair of Governors.

It was my privilege to serve as the School's President and one of my chief functions was to preside at great occasions, not least the annual Speeches. It was a joy to hear, year after year, Old Herefordians, as guests of honour, who had made their way in their chosen careers, and who always had such wisdom for the present generation of school leavers. You'll recall that my most popular moment was, at the very end of Speeches, to proclaim, 'Let the holidays begin'. I always tried to say this in a different way, each year, even attempting the words in Latin, the year Mr Guy Rawlinson retired! One year, I misread the order of proceedings and, instead of introducing the guest speaker, called for the presentation of prizes, which threw the whole well-oiled organisation into some disarray...

Each year, it was a particular pleasure to admit to the Foundation a new cohort of Dean's Scholars and to award them their badges and ties and also, each year, to welcome all new staff to Evensong at the beginning of a new year, to take part in Evensong and to drinks after the service. This proved a valuable opportunity to introduce new staff to the cathedral team and to speak a little of the choristers, their timetable and the particular pressures that they encounter in combining timetables for school and cathedral. Speaking of music leads me to reflect on the central role music plays in the life of the school – the choristers, yes, but also throughout the school. I have enjoyed working with successive directors of music – John Williams and David Evans – and have seen the standard of music grow and develop.

One particular encouragement has been to see the outreach work spearheaded by David Evans. The Cathedral School has great resources and to see these shared with local – and not so local – primary

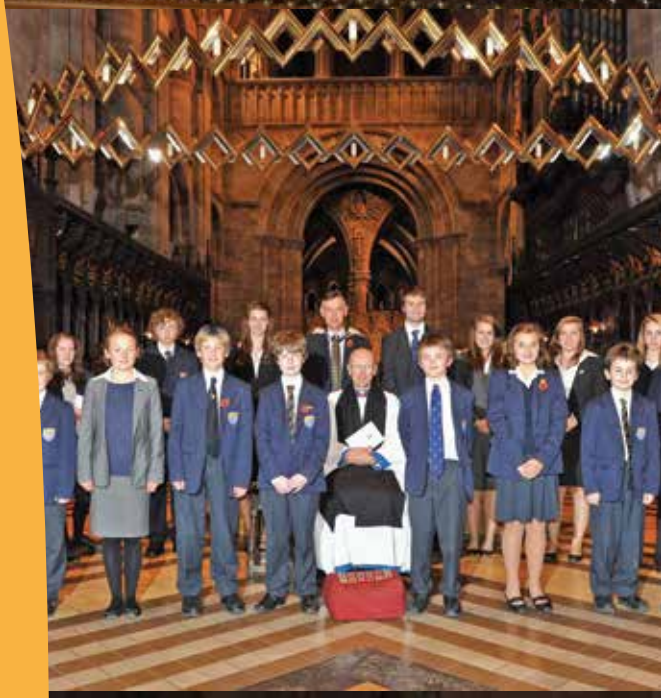
schools is a terrific development. To see a cathedral, full of parents and friends, enjoying students of all ages joining in Handel and Haydn and getting to know the great musical works of the western tradition – these are moments which will live with those young people all their lives. So I hope and pray that this vital outreach work – this partnership between state and independent sectors – will grow and flourish. During my time, the period around Remembrance Sunday has grown into something extraordinarily moving. The annual 'Words and Music' touched us all, through its solemnity, and the national events surrounding the commemoration of the centenary of the Great War were reflected in well-researched school events and services. These brought home to us, poignantly, the huge role the school had undertaken in the national war effort and, with it, the tragic loss of life.

Of course, the day-to-day interaction of cathedral and school is vital and it's been so good to see better and more efficient communication between us. Our termly meeting of cathedral and school personnel is invaluable and has been a key part of our working together to ensure that our safeguarding protocols are as good as they can possibly be.

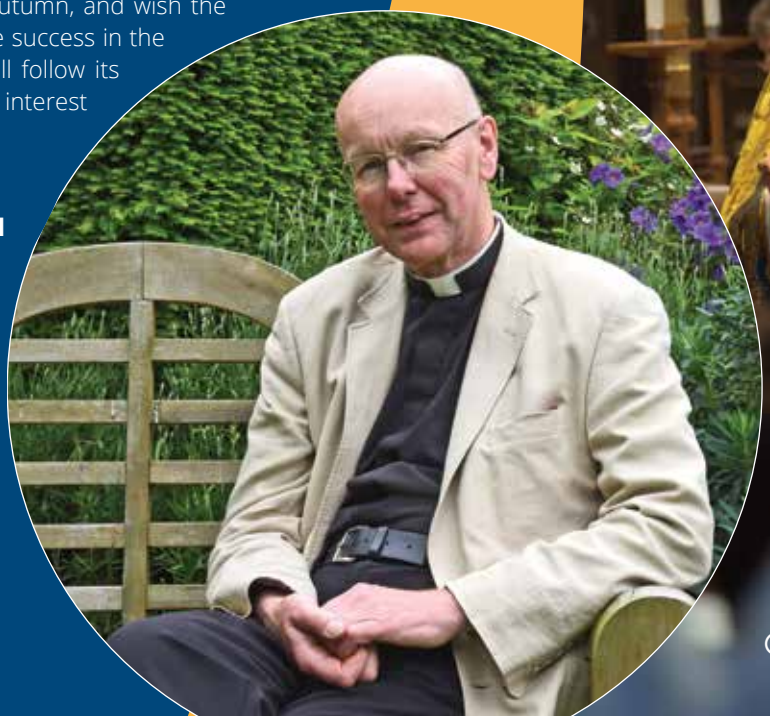
Just towards the end of my time as Dean, we began a half-termly lunchtime Eucharist in the cathedral crypt and those recently confirmed would take time to come to this simple and quiet service. At present there is no ordained chaplain and so cathedral clergy have been pleased to serve in a 'liturgical capacity' – and perhaps this quiet, calm oasis in the school day may be yet another way of drawing together school and cathedral and providing that undergirding of prayer which is surely vital. It was a particular pleasure for me to serve as priest to the school community, especially at this service.

I have enjoyed working with successive heads of the School, Dr Tomlinson and Mr Smith, and wish Paul well as he retires in the knowledge of a task wonderfully well done and accomplished. I wish Dr Michael Gray well, as he prepares to become headmaster in the autumn, and wish the school every possible success in the years to come. I shall follow its fortunes with great interest and pride.









The Very Reverend Michael Tavinor

Dean of Hereford 2002–2021

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ADVENTURES IN SOUTH AFRICA



I had so much planned for the year after I finished studying at HCS, but as more and more Covid-19 restrictions were being put into place, I began to wonder if I would ever achieve my dream of volunteering in Africa...

Then I came across Working Abroad, and with their help, I set my heart on volunteering at Kariega Game Reserve, South Africa. My ten-week life-changing experience included elephant impact monitoring, lion prey selection monitoring, rhino tracking, game counts, alien vegetation control and habitat management. I lived with volunteers from around the globe, from all walks of life, who became close friends. I also shared a room with some big spiders, scorpions and, if I was lucky, only a very small snake. Volunteering is an easy way of meeting like-minded individuals – it's a shame some of them had to be eight-legged!

Whilst working a night shift with the anti-poaching unit (APU), we came across a line of freshly set snare traps. There are commonly two types of poachers: those who are trying to feed their family and commercial bushmeat poachers. Having seen first-hand the threat to African wildlife, my time with the APU was incredibly rewarding and eye-opening. It was hair-rising to be on the 'front line' and agonising to wonder about the damage to animals if those snares went unnoticed. I also assisted with the fight against poaching by tracking rhinos, a vital step to help keep them safe. We were taught that data must be collected often, and as accurately as possible.

One morning, after a long night of trying to find an elusive spider in my room, I was using binoculars to look at a female rhino, and I was alarmed to see large scars across her horn bed. It wasn't long until I heard Thandi's story: every game reserve's nightmare. Despite efforts by game staff, in 2012 three rhinos were darted and their faces hacked for their horns by poachers. Thandi is the only known rhino to survive a poaching attack in South Africa – a real life miracle. It was an unbelievable experience to work alongside the vet who saved her, and I learnt so much from him and his team.

Of course, it wasn't all hard work! In our down time we explored the white sandy beaches on horses, swam in the blue oceans and even sky dived over Jeffreys Bay. I learnt to surf and water ski, and snorkelled with seals. All of this was made even more memorable by the incredible, interesting and adventurous people I met along the way. Little did I know that this would be only the start of my travelling. I was fortunate enough to see Cape Town, Namibia and Zambia – all of which came with a variety of different sized spiders.

Namibia had a totally different landscape and climate, beating hot in the day, but so cold at night. During my time in this beautiful country, I volunteered with Naankuse, a small wildlife sanctuary providing protection and a second chance for orphaned, injured and victim-of-conflict animals. Wherever possible, they aim to release animals back into the wild. This isn't always achievable, since some animals are too ill or habituated, and remain at the sanctuary for safety and better survival chances. I faced new issues in the Namibian bush, such as ensuring that Naankuse's one-eared goat didn't eat my breakfast, and getting back to my tent at night guided only by the stars. I felt in awe of the passion for conservation bursting from coordinators and volunteers.

Daily tasks were exciting (if the goat hadn't left you hungry): caring for juvenile wildlife, providing enrichment, physical labour such as building new facilities, horseback game count and plenty of research. One of my favourite days included analysing GPS data on the free-roaming carnivores. Movement and migration patterns, breeding sites and potential hotspots for lion-human conflict are just some examples of how insightful GPS collars on carnivores can be. With the knowledge gained, we can contribute to carnivore conservation.

When we weren't taking orphaned baboons on walks, we relaxed by playing big games of volleyball and braaiing with the local tribes (San Bushmen). The other volunteers and I learnt local dances, and it soon became evident who had two left feet!

Another of my highlights was volunteering at a community soup kitchen in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Gladys Hani, from Child Welfare Helping Hands, has been running this for over 20 years. The soup kitchen feeds over sixty mouths a day, and gives a sense of belonging to the children. I loved working there, and it was very pleasing to build an extra storage room in the township for Gladys to store materials. In the future, this will allow her to offer food to more children and accept more food donations.

Homeward bound, there was no avoiding the compulsory 10-day stay in a government hotel. I was dreading it, but was surprised at how occupied I was with a 1,000-piece puzzle, skipping rope and my yoga mat. But an inward-facing window and a guard outside my room 24/7 sure made me miss the African sky.

Lucy Austin (OH 2020)

















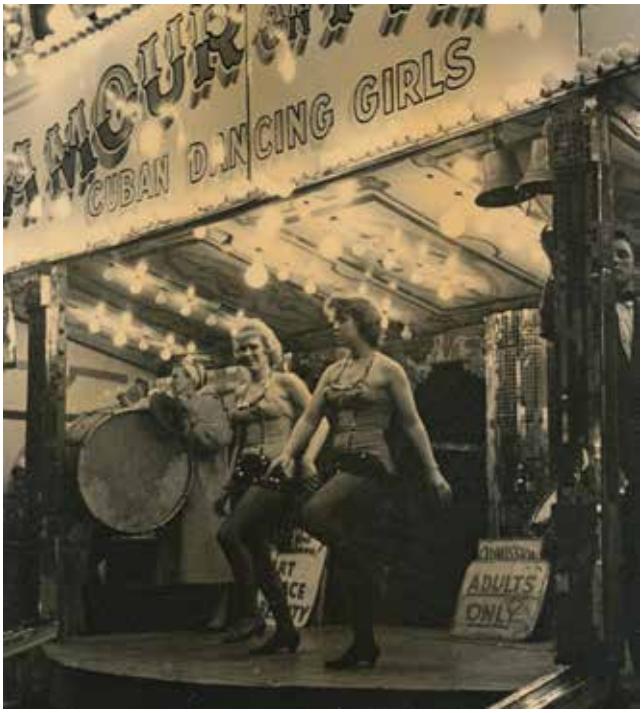











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LETTERS

COLIN GRAY

Excerpt from email from Colin Gray, former Head of English, now living in Canberra, Australia

I started at HCS soon after girls joined the school. I took a Year 4 set to see Polanski's *Macbeth* showing at the cinema that used to be in High Town. I think they might have been under age but nobody bothered about that in those days. A girl called Anne was white as a sheet at the end and shaking – I thought she was going to throw up! I thought there might be repercussions but there weren't.

I did a production of *Hamlet* in 1988 (or was it '89?) with three people playing Hamlet, two of them girls: Emma Jessop (mad clown Hamlet), Ruth Seton (intellectual student Hamlet) and John Praill (lover/hero Hamlet). It was in the Studio Theatre with a super Bob Talbot set which, in true Bob fashion, he was still painting until just before the first night audience was let in. And he touched it up every night!

Do you remember this production of Macbeth? Do you have any photos? Ed.

MIKE BUTCHER

When David Hughes passed away in 2015, Peter Fairman-Bourn asked if anyone had a photo of David. I knew I had taken this one, but it only surfaced recently. The attached 'arty' low light level snap of David was an experiment in stretching the sensitivity of the available technology through forcing the development and intensifying the thin negatives.

I have a couple more photos from that time to illustrate my interest in photography. My brother, Adrian Butcher, was in the photographic club, if that is what it was called. In the 1950s I was using a roll film camera with a slow lens and limited focussing range, so some of the experimentation was in overcoming these shortcomings. Mostly it was the joy of darkroom processing. I cannot remember how the school assisted with this. Godfrey Davis, who had a chemist's shop in Broad Street, gave my brother the pick of a collection of old glass-plate cameras, for one of which Adrian made a roll film back. They were days of little money but lots of initiative. Adrian went on to Oxford and a successful career in the British chemical industry, which he later represented on a European parliamentary committee.

Mike Butcher (OH 1953–60)

Bendigo, Australia

Photos, middle and bottom left: Selection of black & white photos from the 1950s taken by Mike at school.

ALASTAIR PAICE

I left HCS in 1982 then had a gap year with British Rail at their research and development centre in Derby, before starting my Engineering Tripos at Queens' College, Cambridge, graduating in 1986.

I've been living in Belgium since 1994 and have just completed, in August 2020, a Masters in Business Administration at Vlerick Business School in Brussels whilst working for the Belgian railway consultant TUC Rail, a daughter company of the Belgian state railway infrastructure manager Infrabel. During the MBA course we spent a week in Shanghai, Dublin and San Francisco. As had I received my Engineering Tripos degree from Queens' College, Cambridge University, in 1986 it meant that I was the oldest in the MBA class and had to get used to doing exams and study again!

I have two daughters and a son, all born in Belgium. Chloë (23), the oldest, is starting a PhD in Physical Geography at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, having spent some time during her Master's course in Switzerland and Kyrgyzstan studying erosion of glaciers.

Emilie (21) is studying to be a translator in English and Spanish at Gent University and went on an Erasmus programme in Murcia, Spain, last year. My son Alexandre (18) has started his first year in Computer Sciences at Gent University.

In the UK my sister Rosalind just completed a part time Master's in Environmental Management and her son Joshua is studying for a doctorate in English at Durham University. She and I and her husband Kim are from Ledbury, Herefordshire, and we miss the local countryside such as walking on the Malvern Hills.

In September I captained the Cambridge Society of Belgium's annual croquet match against Oxford leading to a 40 to 34 win and have managed to generate a much higher interest for this event in the society. I am third from the right in this photo and my son, rather taller than me, is just behind me.

I have not been able to get to England this year as a weekend at the end of March was cancelled due to the lockdown, but am looking forward to going up to Ledbury during 2021 when possible. We did however manage to drive, last minute, to Italy during August.

Alastair Paice (OH 1982)

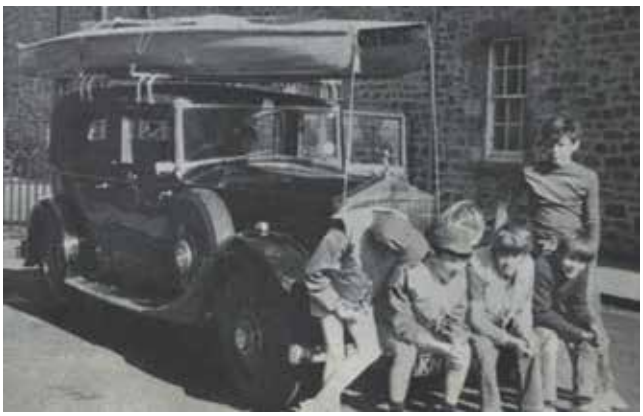
Photo, top left: Alastair Paice with the Croquet Group.













MARTIN NICHOLSON

In 1967, following my successful interview by the Head Master, James Peebles, I arrived early for the new school year since I was invited to accompany his daughter, Gilly, to a concert at the Three Choirs Festival: a delightful introduction to my life in Hereford. James had two younger sons, Anthony, who became a renowned international concert pianist, and Charles. The family lived on the ground and first floors and the youngest boarders lived on the second floor. There was a full size grand piano in the living room.

There were 350 boys in the school. There was one part-time secretary, Barbara Cooper, and Tom Steele (solicitor) was in charge of the accounts. Barbara lived at 9 Castle Street, and I was assigned the top floor to reside in.

Soon after my arrival, I received a phone call from Dick Heald, who had been appointed to teach Maths with me. I taught the A streams and Dick taught the B streams. I must say that I never came across a better teacher or kinder man than Dick, who was from Canada. He lived at 212 Ledbury Road, which he reminded me was an easy number to remember, being the boiling point of water in Fahrenheit.

My Third Year Sixth students had all got As in both Maths and Further Maths and were now studying for Oxford and Cambridge Entrance Exams. I tried to do my best for them but have to admit that I thought they were all much cleverer than me. They all succeeded, needless to say. It was a team effort solving those Past Paper problems!

The Master teaching German was Bernard Edwards. He studied German in Nazi Germany and went to the Nuremberg Rallies. He shared a flat in London with Dylan Thomas and Mervyn Peake.

Roger Lancaster was Head of History. His school reports were succinct. My favourite was his one-word report: 'Unexceptionable'. Sadly, at one of my future schools, I was not allowed just to write this. Write at least 150 words, I was told.

John Rowlands was Deputy Head under James Peebles. He taught A Level Biology. Sometimes, during a practical, he wanted to take a short break and would say, "I've just got to go and see the Head Master". After James died, John became Acting Head Master. The apocryphal story is that he said to his class, "I've just got to go to see the Head Master. Oh! I AM the Head Master".

John appointed Jim Dunn as Assistant Chemistry Master. Jim and I started the Canoe Club in 1970, ably assisted by Peter Skinner and Jock Adamson. Eventually, we canoed all the way from Glasbury to Tintern Abbey. We also canoed on Llangorse Lake. I seemed to spend most of the trips towing tired members. After our first season, the following winter saw many canoes being constructed. They were short and squat and known as 'tubs'. I owned a 1933 Rolls Royce which had a roof rack fitted and could carry up to four canoes. My car was nicknamed 'The Admiral's Barge'.

Jim and I also took over the running of the Chess Club and made use of the school minibus many times for 'Away' matches.

In 1970, Egerton Parker and I formed the Croquet Club and games were played on Number One Lawn. The opening match was played by David Richards (HM), John Rowlands, Barbara Cooper and the Bishop.

Also in 1970, Jim Dunn, David and Harriet Farrell, Barbara Cooper and myself took the first of my many School Ski Trips. This one was to Mutters above Innsbruck in Austria. On our Austrian trips, I was known as the Haupt Ober Gruppen Führer.

In 1976, Jim Dunn and myself took a party of Sixth Form boys to Istanbul. So Jim became the first Master to take the school minibus into Europe and I believe that I am still the only one to have driven it into Asia!

In about 1970, Hereford Technical College acquired a computer(!) which filled a room. As a Sixth Form optional double period, I started Computer Studies. The students composed step by step programs on prepared sheets which were then sent to the Technical College for analysis and then returned in time for the following week's lesson. First, we used CESIL (Computer Education Schools Input Language) and then also SIR (Symbolic Input Routine).

I also started a Pony Trekking Club with colleagues and we used to go camping and trekking. As party leader, I rode on the last pony. Invariably, it would stop to eat grass, then realise we had been left behind, then gallop with me hanging on shouting "Help" until it skidded to a stop at a fence, almost flinging me over it.

Martin Nicholson

HCS Mathematics teacher, 1967–91

Photos, clockwise from top left: Martin (second left), School Prefect at Wigan Grammar School 1955–1956; ready for departure to Istanbul; in the Navy; canoe on the roof; en route to Istanbul; canoeing.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO HEREFORDSHIRE

Peter Fairman-Bourn writes in response to the death of the Duke of Edinburgh in April of this year...

Her Majesty had barely been on the throne for five years when she had already performed many official visits to various cities around the UK and, as always, she was accompanied by her husband. In 1957 it was the turn of Hereford to host the royal couple.

I remember very well the excitement surrounding their proposed visit to the city itself, which occurred over the Easter weekend. The Town Hall had already been given a fresh coat of paint and the entire centre of town was generally spruced up, including the route out via Edgar Street leading to the HUFC ground where the royal couple were due to meet the people.

On the preceding Thursday Her Majesty and Prince Philip attended a short service in the Cathedral to mark Maundy Thursday. As is the custom, the Queen carries out the annual maundy money presentation ceremony, handing out specially minted coins (on that occasion thirty-one pieces) to deserving citizens of the county. That number represented her 31st birthday which she was about to celebrate on Easter Saturday, 20 April.

Major Harold J. Lush (OC CCF) and Headmaster J. R. Peebles were invited by the Hereford Royal Visit organising committee to send a contingent of cadets to line the route into the football ground, like a kind of 'Guard of Honour' for our special VIP guests. In the first image you can see SUO Rowe in the centre proudly wearing his swashed hat and saluting, whereas to his left is Sergeant Daybell with the bright red sash. Bottom left (back to camera) is Cadet Everett wearing a blue lanyard, and to his right is Cadet Collingridge. In the other photo, that's me, Cadet Bourn standing at the back (one o'clock to HMQEII's head) and Cadet Bartlett is to my right wearing spectacles.

Peter Fairman-Bourn (OH 1959)

Photos, top right: Two black & white photographs showing the Queen and Prince Philip in Hereford.

THE D OF E AWARD

Did you take part in this scheme yourself? Over the years since it was introduced, there are surely going to be a huge number of OHs who will have gained their bronze, silver and gold awards while at HCS and doubtless met the Duke at the many medal ceremonies. We'd love to hear from you – please get in touch at oldherefordian@herefordcs.com.

KEVIN WILLIAMS

I'm lucky enough to work at University Hospital Coventry (the site of the world's first Covid-19 vaccine outside of a clinical trial). I had my first vaccine two weeks later on Tuesday 22 December. There was understandable concern when the planned four-week vaccine doses were moved back to 12 weeks; however, the way that cases, hospitalisations and deaths have fallen has proven that strategy to be correct.

Kevin Williams (OH 1999)

Photos, middle right: Kevin with/without facemask.

LEE SHUTLER

The EFL teacher and their suitcase... Lee Shutler is currently Principal at Hilderstone College in Broadstairs.

In the early 1980s, sitting in the Careers Room, I remember being interviewed by Mr Morris (Doddy!) – a kindly man with a wicked sense of humour. I remember him asking me questions about what I wanted from a work life. Looking back, I can now see that he was trying get blood from a fairly surly stone. I remember my responses being pretty much along the lines of "I don't know". If I look back on 30 years of working in the EFL industry, despite its challenges and despite the attempts of our political masters over the last 15 years to make coming to the UK to study English more and more difficult, it has been a career that has been rewarding for its diversity of work and the variety of people that I have been privileged to meet.

Six years in Italy, two in Japan and two in Korea as well as short contracts and projects in Kazakhstan (ouch!), Siberia, Hungary, Malaysia, Turkey, Switzerland, Slovenia and Spain, as well as teaching in the UK, have given me many happy memories. One story will always stick in my mind. I had a 1-1 course with a very unhappy Japanese office worker in Tokyo. She wanted help to take an exam that would allow her to study business in Melbourne. She worked hard, passed the exam and got her visa to go to Australia. While there, she met a guy, fell in love and got married. Every year on her wedding anniversary, she sends me a message on social media to thank me for helping her get her exam. Perhaps Doddy should have asked: Do you want to help people?

Lee Shutler (OH 1976–84)

Photos, bottom: Lee teacher training in Nur Sultan (Astana) Kazakhstan; at a marketing trade fair in Istanbul; and with a group of university lecturers in Tyumen, Siberia.






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In tribute to The Duke of Edinburgh, @DofE are collecting and sharing people's #DofE stories and experiences, creating the first-ever nationwide collection of 'DofE memories.'
Throughout the UK, over 300,000 people are usually taking part in DofE programmes at any one time.
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SIMON BROOKS

Mr Simon Brooks has been working as a part-time English teacher at Hereford Cathedral School since January 2021. Mr Brooks joined us with a wealth of experience gained from teaching in the state sector, and as a result of his role as Director of Teaching at a prestigious school in Sydney, Australia. We are grateful to Mr Brooks for his short stint with us, and we wish him all the best for his ongoing PhD studies.



SOPHIE WESTBROOKE

Miss Sophie Westbrooke joined us in the new role of Graduate Boarding Assistant, having graduated from the University of Cambridge with a double first in Music. Despite the limitations on the music and boarding programme due to the pandemic, Sophie has fully immersed herself in school life. This has included coaching rowing, leading choirs, ensembles, theory classes and music lessons. She even managed time to learn how to play the organ. Sophie leaves us to take up a Hershel Smith scholarship to Harvard University in September.



ANDREW TAYLOR

Mr Andrew Taylor was Residential Boarding Manager at Wilmot House from September 2020 until February 2021, and although only a relatively short time with us, he had a big impact. He fitted in to the House brilliantly, offering a friendly and supportive approach to the boarders, and was a much-valued colleague. We were sorry to lose him, but understood why he wished to return to his previous work as a Residential Project Worker.

DAVID WARREN

Mr David Warren taught in the Geography Department for the first term-and-a-half of the academic year until our new Head of Department joined. We were reliably informed that Mr Warren would be an experienced and competent teacher,



and so it proved. He brought to the School considerable teaching and management experience from other well-regarded independent schools and was extremely flexible in fitting into our particular needs.



LAUREN WOOD

Miss Lauren Wood joined the Drama Department as a maternity cover teacher in December 2019. Miss Wood came to us with excellent credentials and references. She very quickly settled in, seemed unphased by anything, and has been a great hit with pupils, staff and parents. We wish Miss Wood and her daughter, Amy, all the very best as they move to Berkshire, where Miss Wood will take on the role of Head of Academic Drama at Downe House School.



WILLIAM BERRY

Mr William Berry joined the Biology Department in September 2018, having previously taught at an international school in Borneo. His enthusiasm and commitment to his subject area was evident at interview, as was his interest in teaching and supporting young people. Since joining Hereford Cathedral School he has actively supported the School's RAF section as well as the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and rowing (he was Captain of Boats at his own school). Mr Berry is returning to Malaysia so that he can continue his teaching career and be closer to his wife and child, and we wish him and his family all the very best.



LOUISE BUCKLE

Dr Louise Buckle joined the Mathematics Department in 2018, having spent the preceding three years as Head of Maths at King's College Saint Michael's. Dr Buckle has a PhD in Semiconductor Physics, and prior to teaching, she was a research scientist for QinetiQ. Dr Buckle has been a valued colleague, who has worked hard and conscientiously to get the best out of her pupils. When the need arose, she willingly took on the teaching of A-Level Physics and we hugely appreciated her flexibility.



STELLA BAURESS

Mrs Stella Bauress joined her twin sister (who at the time was our Biology Technician) as a Chemistry Technician in the Science Department in 2010. Mrs Bauress started her career as a registered nurse, and after 14 years became a Laboratory Technician at Aylestone School, where she worked for over 10 years. She was organised, reliable and willing to participate in other activities to support the School. Mrs Bauress was greatly respected by her colleagues, and we were sorry to see her leave at the end of 2020.



MICHELLE PIZII

Mrs Michelle Pizii started at HCS in 2014 as a newly qualified part-time Physics teacher. Mrs Pizii studied Biological Sciences at Durham, and so she has also been able to support the teaching of Biology at HCS. Mrs Pizii is well known to be extremely organised and meticulous in planning, and she works well under pressure. Little surprise that she is an obvious choice for organising School Prizes and the Withers Elective. She is enthusiastic about the subject matter that she teaches, highly professional in her approach to pedagogy, but does not take herself too seriously – she has a good sense of humour. Mrs Pizii has proven herself to be a good manager with strong leadership skills, and outside of the classroom she has done a brilliant job running the CCF Naval section. In short, Mrs Pizii is a highly valued member of staff, colleague, tutor and scientist.



CHRISTINE MORRIS

Mrs Christine Morris became a Physics Technician in 2004, having previously worked at Cadbury and then Hereford Ceramic Tiles. She is a graduate scientist of the Open University and was well regarded by the Physics Department for her well organised, diligent and reliable approach to all that she undertook. The Headmaster taught some Physics in the school and was extremely grateful to have had the calm, measured support of Mrs Morris in helping him prepare practical work. Mrs Morris retired earlier this year, and we wish her much happiness.

CLARE ADAMSON

Mrs Clare Adamson has worked at Hereford Cathedral School for 22 years and was initially appointed on a temporary maternity-cover contract, but the post evolved in various ways. Prior to joining the School, Mrs Adamson had worked as a librarian in various settings. She has also worked as an Information Officer and, immediately prior to HCS,



was a Marketing Manager for Stanley Thornes Publishers. Aside from all the responsibilities associated with our dynamic and busy library, which includes liaison with pupils, staff, and visiting speakers, Mrs Adamson was the Editor of both the school magazine and *The Old Herefordian* magazine for many years. The Old Herefordians' Club is grateful for all the work that Mrs Adamson undertook for them over the years, as is the School for the many editions of *The Herefordian* magazine.



LOUISE BYTHEWAY

Ms Louise Bytheway joined us as Admissions Officer in September 2019, having previously worked as a Sixth Form Administrator in a large Worcestershire school. Ms Bytheway has been a great addition to the team, working calmly and diligently, even under the tight time constraints that busy admissions periods can generate. We have appreciated her dedication, innovation, and good humour. She has been a collaborative colleague, who has shown considerable kindness to prospective pupils and their parents and has supported the smooth transition from other schools to HCS for many pupils.



MICHAEL TAYLOR

A charismatic, inspirational teacher that Llandovery College was lucky to acquire in September 2021 as their new Head of Mathematics. Mr Taylor joined HCS in 1998. Prior to teaching, Mr Taylor was a professional musician. On joining HCS, Mr Taylor became a well-established member of the Maths Department, as well as a popular tutor and regular supporter of various musical activities and events. Between 2002 and 2005, Mr Taylor was PSHE Coordinator and in 2012 he was appointed Head of Mathematics.

He was determined from the outset to make Mathematics enjoyable for all, and for it to be a less daunting subject for those who initially found it difficult. Through an emphasis on puzzle solving and confidence building, Mr Taylor has encouraged many pupils to enter challenges such as the Alan Turing Cryptography competition and the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust competitions. Indeed, the UKMT commended Mr Taylor's efforts in promoting the junior, intermediate and senior school challenges.

A loyal and supportive colleague, who is well-respected among the teaching and support staff, Mr Taylor's calm, thoughtful and considerate demeanour has been much appreciated. His presence in the Common Room will be missed.



DR GRAY

Rear Admiral Philip Wilcocks, Chair of Governors at Hereford Cathedral School, announced in February that, following a thorough selection process, Dr Michael Gray of Harrow School would succeed Paul Smith as Headmaster of the School.

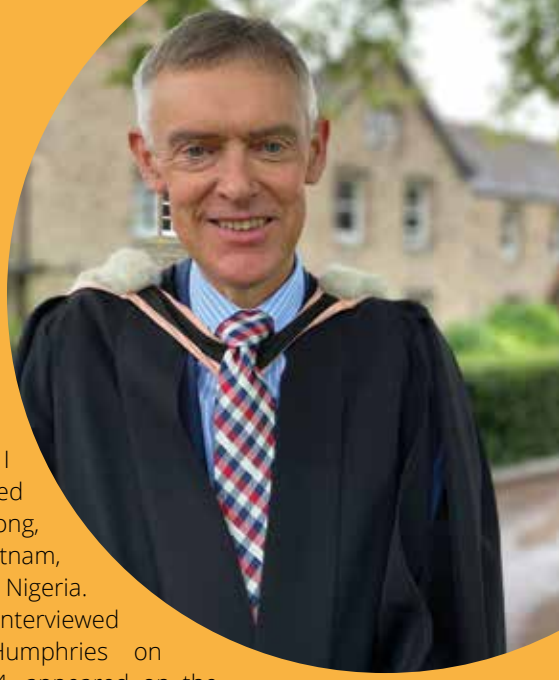
Dr Gray graduated from King's College London with a First in History. Following his postgraduate studies, he joined Harrow in 2013 as Head of Politics. He then became Academic and Universities Director before taking up his current role as Director of Studies.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr Gray said, "I am both delighted and honoured to be appointed the next Headmaster of Hereford Cathedral School and to build on the fantastic work that Paul Smith has done."

Mr Smith gave a ringing endorsement of his successor's appointment: "I am delighted that the Governors have appointed Michael, who is clearly very able and experienced and who seemed to me to be an excellent match for what Hereford Cathedral School needs for the next stage of its development."

> "Dr Gray is clearly an excellent match for the school."

PAUL SMITH SIGNING OFF



Dear OHs – as I write this, a new School year has started, but I am no longer in high demand, and morning starts are not quite so eventful. Indeed, I am currently enjoying some of the benefits of retirement as I enjoy a relaxing time with my parents in sunny Christchurch.

The last sixteen years as Headmaster of Hereford Cathedral School have been extremely enjoyable, and all-consuming. I will not say that I loved every minute, as there were some challenging events and difficult occasions that I would have happily missed, but Heads are not appointed to make easy decisions or to be accountable for only the joyous aspects of school life. That said, I still feel immensely privileged to have been given the opportunity of leading such a richly diverse and wonderful school, with all the highs and lows and the multitude of interconnections and complexities that exist for a head teacher.

Claire Morgan Jones kindly looked into what I had achieved and experienced in my tenure, which included the appointment of some 200 members of staff, including two Junior School Heads, five Deputy Heads, two Assistant Heads, and three Bursars. Indeed, in the last School photograph I could count only 11 teachers who I had not appointed. I worked with four Chairs of Governors, 30 Governors, four Bursars and three Junior School Heads.

During my time seven CCF Biennial Inspections took place, and there were 30 Carol Services, Speech Days and Sports Days. I attended 288 Governing Body meetings and 1,530 week day chapels. Whilst I did not attend every event, I will have been present at a fair few of the 750 concerts and 3,000 sporting fixtures. When I arrived, pupil numbers were 535 and fell to 485 in 2016 before rising again to 560 at the start of this year. Claire estimated that 1,528 pupils had left HCS during my time (including my own two children) gaining some 14,502 GCSEs and 3,491 A Levels between them.

I also oversaw four ISI inspections and the development of a Sixth Form Centre, Sports Hall, Science Labs, Nursery, and Wilmot House. Over the last 16 years, changing times have led to ever increasing demands, especially those relating to regulatory compliance, and as a result departments such as Marketing, Development, International Admissions, Exams, HR and Transport have all become commonplace in schools, including HCS.

Headship at HCS certainly kept me busy, and afforded me all sorts of new opportunities. I was Chair of HMC West, the Choirs Association and sat on various other local committees. I have travelled to Hong Kong, China, Vietnam, Thailand and Nigeria. I have been interviewed by John Humphries on BBC Radio 4, appeared on the BBC Breakfast Show, local radio and TV. I have met royalty, the Archbishop of Canterbury, politicians and national celebrities. As a result of the opportunities and experiences that Headship at HCS has afforded me, my life has been incredibly enriched. Of course, I have also had the privilege of working with some incredibly talented and thoroughly decent pupils and staff.

It has also been my great pleasure to meet and get to know a number of OHs, who have always been hugely supportive of me and their Alma Mater. I was not able to attend all 150 alumni events that took place during my time, but those I did certainly reinforced my confidence in what HCS was seeking to establish in young people. I always said to prospective parents that our main aim was to develop character and to equip pupils with the necessary life skills that would enable them to lead fulfilled lives and hopefully with a desire to make a difference to those around them.

My encounters with numerous OHs highlighted the value of this noble aim and suggested it had been part of the school's DNA long before I came to post. The challenge for any Head is how to take a school forward, enable it to be resilient and adaptable whilst ensuring that the core values remain. It is for others to judge whether I have been successful in this respect, but I know that my successor, Dr Michael Gray, will also work hard to further develop the school, and to nurture and cherish those aspects of character development that we all hold so dear to heart and value so much.

So, before I wish all OHs the very best for the future, I cannot end without reiterating the thanks I gave on Speech Day to all those who have helped and supported me over the years – Governors, staff, parents and pupils, the OH Club, OH Trustees, Dean and Chapter and the numerous OHs I have met over the years. Floreat Herefordensis.

Paul Smith

Headmaster 2005–2021

INSPIRING TEENS



The Enrichment Programme was the brainchild of Mr Blyth during the first lockdown, conceived as a way of keeping Years 11–13 engaged, where they would, under normal circumstances, be on exam leave preparing for summer examinations. This was hugely successful and as soon as we received the rather sudden announcement of Lockdown II, we started planning for this year's programme. The difference was that we were now targeting the whole school; trying to provide a variety of speakers to inspire our community with their stories, and in particular with lessons we could reflect upon and learn from.

Adventurer James Ketchell launched the event and as anticipated, he demonstrated our extraordinary capabilities as human beings and delivered a really powerful message of 'dream big'. Hollywood stuntman David Newton was so popular he would still be answering questions from our students if we hadn't wrapped it up. I am surprised I have not received any complaints yet from parents concerned their child is now considering a similar career path! Old Herefordians Will Butler (Worcester Warriors), Patrick Dunachie (King's Singers), Ruari Bowen (professional freelance tenor soloist) and Charlotte Hodgkins-Byrne (GB rower) were fantastic; all very humble and grounded despite their success. They are great role models and a great advertisement for the School. England rugby player Tom Wood and ITV News presenter Matt Teale were refreshingly honest in their talks but, for me, the one that has really stood out is Jaime Thurston. I did not know anything about her, or her charity 52 Lives, and found her story incredibly moving, particularly with regards to kindness and the positive impact we can have on people's lives – a key message we hope to build upon at HCS.

The feedback we have received from families so far has been superb and you only have to look at the attendance and engagement of our pupils during these talks to see how popular they have become. I particularly like the way we have our older students hosting each event – leadership is something we are looking to develop and these sort of real life experiences can really help. I thank the staff and students that have supported the scheme, and in particular Mr Blyth and Mr Rogers.

Mr Jerram

WILL BUTLER

Former HCS Head Boy Will Butler (OH 2016) regaled the senior school with his path to success, playing professional rugby for the Worcester Warriors since leaving school (and indeed before).

Self-deprecating and approachable, Will answered some of the many questions that were put to him online. "My year was a good year for rugby," he said. "All my peers were good too and so we were quite successful as a team."

Will started playing for the U18s at the Warriors while he was also playing for the 1st Team at HCS. How did he prioritise? Time management was his top tip: "I tried to get all my homework done in free studies or after school before pick-up so when I was at home I could focus on my rugby/cricket and other things I enjoyed." By the time he was doing his A-levels he was playing for the Warriors U18s and began training full-time immediately after the end of the summer term.

Will has had a few injuries which have seen him out of the game for 12–18 months. "Not being able to play is the worst aspect of the job," he said, describing the period as a "rollercoaster". Recently returned to fitness, his current goals are to be a regular starter with Warriors in the Premiership and to be in the selection for the England squad.

Will took A-levels in PE, Economics and Biology. He is currently studying for an Open University degree in Business Management. We asked him what advice he would give to his younger self: "To not worry so much. Getting over a hurdle, I used to get very anxious, which then, when I'd overcome it, I realised wasn't as daunting as I'd thought."



REUNIONS

CHESS

Chess was the only event to run on OH Day. Rather than a match, the online OH chess took the form of an Arena blitz tournament on Lichess, with a time control of three minutes with a two-second increment.

On paper, Joe Stewart (OH) and Aiden Rawlinson (OH), both in the top 150 in the country, were head and shoulders above the rest. Alongside the event, there was a Zoom meeting with some lively conversation accompanying the games.

Joe's decision to take the event with the utmost seriousness and leave any socialising until the end proved effective; he won with some comfort. Aidan chose to go Bezerk (half the time for twice the points), and he got his fingers burnt too often, finishing a distant second. Giles King-Salter (OH) was not too far behind in third place, with the best pupil, Tom Skerrett, just pipping me into fourth.

Ben Murray-Watson (OH and form England U14) did not seem to exhibit too much disappointment at not making the top five; either that or he is a good actor. Daniel Darg (OH) playing from Washington DC, Jack Huffer (OH), Chris Powell (OH) and Rhys Hardwick (OH) all finished mid-table among the pupils.

It was a lovely opportunity for me to catch up with the Old Herefordians, some of whom had first played in my team in 1994. I asked them after the event whether they would prefer an online event to a face-to-face match next year. Their response: we would like both. Please do get in touch if you would like to take part in an over the board match in December, assuming that we will hopefully transition back to normality, or an online event.

Richard Croot, Assistant Director of Studies



GOLF

Eighteen of us assembled at Burghill Valley Golf Club in May 2021. Twelve braved the heavy rain and driving wind to play golf while the sensible six came for supper in the evening.

It was lovely to meet up after the enforced period of absence. We timed it right as the rule of meeting indoors was lifted three days before. Mark Ellis and his staff put themselves out to accommodate us and ensure we had an extra special reunion. That first pint of beer tasted so good!

Much to our delight Paul Smith, HCS's retiring head, joined us as guest of honour. What a great job he has done. I'm afraid he was not given any preferential treatment during the evening but he seemed to enjoy our company. Also present were Richard Ankerson, who attended for the first time with Ray Harris, Tim Dowse, encouraged to come by Powell Price, and Mike Blott, in whose garden the venture was discussed many years ago.

I'm thrilled to say I was a member of the winning team with Stephen and captained by Angus Craig, John Oldman was in charge of Jeremy Clare and Des Whetter, Roger Morgan led Jack Beach and Howard, Mark led Clive Mugridge and Richard. The coveted School House Invitation Cup was on display but did not leave the room – too risky!

We have booked Burghill Valley for 19 May 2022. The cost will be £50 for the day. Join us if you can. It is a good golf club and they make us very welcome.

Andrew Singer

Photo, from left: Des, John, Paul, Andrew (me), Jeremy, Richard, Mike, Angus, Powell, Ray, Tim, Jack, Roger, Clive, Howard and Mark. Stephen Williams is out of the picture to the left and Richard Blott to the right (apologies to both).

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MIKE MOFFAT

TAKING THE CCF TO NEW HEIGHTS



Mike Moffatt, before coming to the Cathedral School, had served in the Armed Forces for 24 years, reaching the rank Warrant Officer class 1. Mike was the well-respected School Staff Instructor of the Combined Cadet Force from 1988 to 2010. Here Mike recalls his time as head of the CCF...

To be honest, I had never actually heard of a School Staff Instructor (SSI) role, until 1990 when I accepted the post following my retirement from the Armed Forces in 1988.

Prior to my appointment, the Corps had found itself in the doldrums. I discovered not too long after starting at the school that HCS CCF was one of the most senior CCFs in the country and had a history dating back to around 1897. What was unique about HCS CCF was its unbroken history. Major Martin Everett MBE TD (OH), a military historian and longtime Territorial Army officer, very kindly researched this aspect for me, eventually handing to me a potted history of HCS CCF.

I was fascinated by the Corps' long history and also proud to be its newly appointed SSI. In its early days, the Corps was called the Queen Victoria's Rifle Volunteers, which eventually saw many of the ex-pupils going off to take part in World War I. In time it evolved into an Officers Training Corps (OTC), before becoming a Combined Cadet Force. This saw the arrival of a RN Section and RAF Section, both of which have been well supported by visiting Officers and SNCOs from each Arm of the services.

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Then Contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Lloyd and I set about trying to resurrect the Corps and re-establish relationships with our administrative base at Headquarters 143 (West Midland) Brigade based in Shrewsbury. The appointment of Major Tom Matthews MBE TD, who had recently retired from the Territorial Army (Light Infantry), was an excellent choice for both second in command and head of the Army Section.

The three of us from late 1990 onwards finally managed to get the cadets/pupils out and about doing exciting things by attending camps, Field Day activities and expeditions both in the UK and abroad. The Corps had never been a recruiting platform for the Armed Forces; however, it could open the eyes of those in the Sixth Form to possible career options.

Tom Matthews commanded a thriving Army Section and the Corps as a whole had grown to a membership of over 170 cadets/pupils by the mid 1990s. Many

pupils had found career possibilities within the Armed Forces as well. For a dozen or so years we were seeing between eight to fourteen ex cadets/pupils entering the services, some commissioned and some non-commissioned. Each section, by the mid 1990s, took part in summer camps within their respective services; Field Day activities had been reinstated twice a year, and the Army Section now ran its own independent Easter Camp. When cadets returned home from CCF camps they had not only enjoyed their time away but needed some serious rest to be able to recuperate for the term ahead of them!

The buzz words for years were "It's the attitude towards altitude that counts, not the altitude."

Via an old boy of HCS, a serving Gurkha officer Lieutenant Colonel Edward Marvin (OH), I managed, with Headmaster Howard Tomlinson's permission, to set up HCS's first of many trekking trips to Nepal for the LVI pupils. These treks were provided by Major Ramprasad Gurung, an old friend of Edward Marvin's. They became popular with both pupils and parents, as well as HCS staff. Over the years we trekked many of the classic routes in both Western and Eastern Nepal, including Everest Base Camp, Tilicho Lake (both over 5,200 metres) and many more of the other remote trekking regions. The buzz words for years amongst the HCS trekkers were: 'it's the attitude towards altitude that counts, not the altitude'. Not only did we trek, but we supported for many years Ghachok School. From money raised we supported two teachers, purchased computers and helped extend existing buildings. We even saw ex-pupils from HCS spending time living in Ghachok Village and helping in Shree Sharada School.



It goes without saying that everything the Corps offered was very different to the classroom experience. What cadets/pupils were actually gaining through their time spent in the CCF were real life experiences, learning to be self-reliant and the all-important communication skills required for life after leaving HCS.

HCS CCF also visited units in Cyprus on a number of occasions and actually ran its own expedition on one particular visit, walking up from sea level at Episkopi to Troodos over a six-day period, staying in villages under canvas at night. Trips and visits to Cyprus had been made possible by Brigadier John Almonds, who I had served under whilst in Hereford in the 1970s. Fortuitously, at the same time Lieutenant Colonel Nigel Jackson had taken over command of 9th Signal Regiment (now known as JSSU) at Ayios Nikolaos and coincidently I had also served in 9th Sigs during the early 1980s. Nigel Jackson again was linked to service in Hereford. He kindly volunteered to host HCS CCF on our initial visit to the island and the rest was history, as they say



















EIGHT YEARS AFTER FUKUSHIMA

AFTER THE NUCLEAR DISASTER: AMMONIA FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Hearing about the previous Evolva Award experiences from the OHs in my year motivated me to apply for this award, and I am so glad that I did. I am currently a PhD student in ammonia energy at Cardiff University and use the knowledge that I gained from my trip every day.

I have spent the past year studying as a research student at Tohoku University, as part of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Programme. During this time, I designed and conducted experiments to analyse the greenhouse gas emissions of ammonia-methane fuels. Through this trip, I was able to learn more about the background of my research and helped promote collaboration between the research groups in the UK and Japan.

I spent most days in the combustion laboratory: designing parts, testing and assembling pipelines to analyse emission gases. These results helped generate a new chemical reaction model. These types of chemical reaction models are used by engineers who want to create live simulations and predictions of how systems (i.e. boilers, jet engines, gas turbines, etc) would run with ammonia-methane, ammonia or another green fuel.

Green fuels often describe fuels manufactured from renewable energy sources, with low global warming emissions when produced and burnt for power. The majority of hydrogen and ammonia produced in the world today is still a CO2 intensive process, but researchers and companies are working to make green manufacturing methods more viable. The benefit of green fuels over batteries is their ability to store larger amounts of energy from intermittent renewable energy sources (like wind and solar) through a more scalable approach. The growing interest in ammonia is due to it being safer and multiple times cheaper to store and transport than hydrogen.



This page: Dontosai Festival Bonfire

Right, top: A classroom in Koyo High School (Kesennuma City Memorial Museum)

Right, top inset: Lighting Incense at Hiraizumi Temples (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Right, bottom inset: Cooling machine sensors with liquid nitrogen in the lab



Present-day Fukushima is being transformed into a hub for green energy. A renewable hydrogen plant is rising in the shadow of the former Fukushima Daiichi nuclear station. Meanwhile, the abandoned and contaminated nuclear wasteland is being used for solar and wind projects, with the region soon to run on 100% renewable energy.

Some areas of Tohoku are still being rebuilt after the disaster. One of the most affected was Kesennuma, a coastal town ravaged by the post-earthquake tsunami. On the day of the tsunami at Koyo High School, teachers, students and nearby construction workers took shelter on the roof as the water poured over into the fourth (and highest) floor of the school. All students and staff members were able to evacuate safely, and the school has since become a symbol for effective disaster preparedness. The post-disaster debris has been left untouched in memory of the disaster, so I was able to see the scale of devastation that washed through the corridors and classrooms of the school at the Kesennuma City Memorial Museum.

Even within the university, I had plenty of opportunities to take part in Japanese culture. In early January (just weeks before the snow season), I remember receiving an email: that my research institute was supporting members to go to this year's Dontosai Festival. When another student described this festival as a naked two-hour pilgrimage, followed by a bonfire ritual, I laughed, assuming that he was joking. Weeks later, I found myself marching silently over frozen ground, with everyone clad only in white thin shorts, loincloths and torso wraps, wondering what had possessed me to sign up to do this on a cold winter night. Closer to the centre of the town, I started seeing hundreds of rows of people marching in the same clothes and also heading in the direction of the temple. There were amber-coloured lanterns and a large cloud of smoke coming from the centre of the temple. Upon arrival, we drank sake poured for us by the priestess, threw parts of our clothes into the giant bonfire and ate from some of the hundreds of food stalls around the temple. It was an unforgettable experience and I felt lucky to have been invited.

I also had the pleasure of visiting research centres specialising in ammonia and hydrogen fuels, including two Tokyo Gas research centres and the Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute (FREA). The FREA visit was especially memorable as I saw the world's first green ammonia demonstrator; it manufactured CO2-free ammonia and burnt it cleanly to produce electricity within one cycle. A trip I organised between Cardiff University, my research group at Tohoku University and FREA has helped initiate collaboration and new research proposals between these research groups. I hope to be involved in these exciting collaborations and trips in the future.



I am so grateful to the Evolva Award for enabling me to take part in so many research trips and cultural events during my stay. It has been a rewarding experience that has helped me grow both as an engineer and a person – something that was only possible thanks to the kind support of the Evolva Fund and the OH Club.

Marina Kovaleva

OH 2015

MATCHES & HATCHES



1 Nicholas Brinton (OH 1996) The wedding between Nicholas Brinton and Hannah Cook took place on 29 August 2020 at Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh. Due to lockdown only immediate family and friends were permitted to attend.

2 Rae Williamson (OH 2014) Iain Burgess and Rae Williamson got married on the beautiful morning of 18 September 2021 in the Lady Chapel of Hereford Cathedral. It was a really moving service with fellow OHs present, in particular Rae's brother, Simon Williamson, as Man of Honour and Lucy Bennet as one of the bridesmaids. There was a short walk to the reception at the Green Dragon Hotel.

3 Mary Campbell (OH 2010) Mary Campbell (née Wall) had a socially distanced very small wedding on 14 October 2020. She is planning to do the whole thing again sometime in 2022 with friends and family present.

4 Kate Owens (OH 2011) Kate Owens married James Dillon in May 2021. After postponing and moving their wedding twice from last year due to Covid-19, they finally tied the knot at Marden Church in Herefordshire followed by a reception at the family farm with 30 close friends and family.

5 Matthew Pattison (OH 2009) Matthew Pattison married Valda McNeil on 24 July 2021 (postponed from July 2020) at St Mary's Church, Brewood, Staffordshire, with the reception held at Somerford Hall.

6 Kiko Matthews (OH 1997) Genevieve 'Evie' Ocean was born on 13 February 2021 at 6.51pm weighing 7lb 15oz to Kiko Matthews.

7 Amy Ellis (OH 2007) Molly Anne Morris was born on 23 November 2020 to Amy Ellis and her fiancé Daniel Morris.

8 James Wall (OH 2008) Iolo James Wall was born on 26 January 2021 and he weighed in at 7lb 13oz.

9 Emma Hobby (OH 2008) Emma Hobby and Joel Jorgensen were married at St Mary's Church, Tyberton, near Madley, on 10 July 2021. Family and friends celebrated the wedding back at Emma's home, Bower Farm, in a tipi by the lake.

10 Abi Williams (OH 2018) Abi Williams married Sam Pudwell in the Lady Chapel at Hereford Cathedral on 10 July 2021. The wedding was a joyful and emotional occasion, as Abi's parents (and former HCS teacher Mrs Williams), were also married in the Lady Chapel 36 years ago. Thankfully the couple were able to celebrate in full with family and friends, with 12 OHs in attendance throughout the day. Claire Harding, Felicity Ardrey and Freya Lifely (all OH 2018) were bridesmaids with Felicity performing a beautiful rendition of 'Calon Lan' during the ceremony. The couple ended the happy celebrations with a reception at Dewsall Court, Herefordshire.






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OBITUARIES



MICHAEL CRANFIELD BOLT OH 1940–1947

Michael Cranfield Bolt was born on 29 October 1929, the day of the Wall Street Crash. He was the youngest of three boys, born to Doris and Percy Bolt.

Percy was a successful builder and public works contractor in Hereford, with a sizeable yard and offices in West Street, as was his father, William Cranfield, before him and so it was probably natural that Michael followed in the building footprints that had been well and truly laid down. He trained as a building surveyor, doing his articles in Bristol with a large and well-respected company called Gleeds.

Too young to take over Wm. C. Bolt and Sons when his dad died in 1956, he worked as a surveyor on the construction of the RAF School of Cookery at Credenhill, now the SAS Garrison. This was the year that his son, Nick, was born to him and Betty.

Having worked for Taylor Woodrow as their surveyor when they built the Whittern Way and Moor Farm housing estates in Hereford, he later took a job at Denco Miller on Holmer Road, in their computer room site preparation department, out of which his own business – M. C. Bolt (Hereford) Limited – was born. He worked for Denco as a contractor for 25 years and had contracts in Cairo and Libya. He also set up a materials supply company to an air conditioning company in Bahrain.

Michael attended the Prep School, prior to HCS, as did his brothers, his son and grandson, Barny. He was a keen member of the rowing team and was a member of the Shooting VIII.

In later life he joined the Hereford Lions Club, where he enjoyed organising whatever he could get his hands on. He and Betty also made lifelong friends. He was a Lion for over 55 years. He was also a keen and active member of his Probus club, something that he really enjoyed. He was a regular at the OH Christmas lunches, which he always enjoyed very much.

But his special joy in his later years were without any doubt his grandchildren, Hattie and Barny, and great grandchildren, Betsie and Sonny, all of whom he was equally proud of and loved them all so much.

Michael passed away at Gwen Walford Nursing Home, aged 91, on 14 August 2021.

Photo, left to right: Barney Bolt OH (Nick's son), Michael Bolt, Anthony Bolt and Nick Bolt, OH 2012.

BRIDGET EASTAUGH

Bridget Eastaugh, widow to the late Bishop of Hereford the Rt Reverend John Eastaugh, died on Christmas Eve aged 89. Among her good works she had been organiser of a goose fair in 1982 which raised more than £10,000 for the church and involved every parish in the Diocese of Hereford. She was also involved with Barrs Court School and St Michael's Hospice.

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ERIK FULLER-LEWIS OH 1951–1956

My Dad, Erik, sadly lost his battle against dementia and Parkinson's disease on 17 September 2020, aged 81. The son of my Welsh grandfather Tudor and my Austrian grandmother Erna, he grew up in Penally, Pembrokeshire. He had three siblings, his late elder brother Peter (OH), younger brother Michael (OH) and younger sister Monica.

After school, Erik read Agriculture at St John's College Cambridge (as did Peter before him), no doubt influenced by his father's career in this field. Whilst it was evident that he was a person of high intellect, he was never arrogant about it, rather just quietly using his talents to get on with the job in hand.

Following university, Erik went on to work for J. Bibby in Cheshire where he met my Mum, Sally, and they would go on to have two sons, Robert and myself. Erik later worked for a Swiss agrochemical company, Geigy, later becoming Ciba-Geigy, and subsequently Novartis. For a long time he worked out of their office near Cambridge and later the Head Office in Basel, where Erik was responsible for European Crop Protection. From the many cards and notes received from former colleagues, it is



evident that he inspired those he worked with: he was a creative thinker and a gentle and respectful man to work with and for.

Erik had many varied interests including country walks, cryptic crosswords and listening to Radio 4, as well as being an avid supporter of the Welsh rugby team. Most of all, like his father, he loved gardening and he was an expert on plants. So much so that he volunteered at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden where he gave guided tours. His garden at home was his pride and joy (especially his freshly grown fruit and vegetables) – the garden was beautifully laid out and lovingly tended. It is a gift he leaves behind for our family to remember him by and to continue to enjoy.

by Andy Fuller-Lewis

PETER GARLAND OH 1955–1959

Initial thoughts – that's easy, for someone many referred to by just his initials, 'PG'. During his working life in the City, he was known as 'Pron', after the three-letter initials 'PRN', emblazoned on his trading jacket. To sum up a person's life in one sentence is difficult... I will just say that Peter Garland was completely nuts... He was nuts about cricket, and he was nuts about family.

His central role in all things at Codmore House, known affectionately as Codmore Towers; that easy-going, welcoming atmosphere was simply a reflection of Peter's persona. Many more of their friends will have fond memories of Peter, Mary and the family hosting some great New Year's Eve parties. Peter liked nothing more than family gatherings, particularly meals indoors or barbecues in the garden, and especially when his four children and his four grandchildren were all present.

Away from home, Peter and Mary got the overseas travel bug in recent years, including memorable trips to India, the US and South Africa.



Peter often looked back on his school days, meeting up with other Old Herefordians, including Peter Bourn (who organised London reunions) and Lenny Pound, his pal from Dulwich Prep days. Amazingly, Peter Fairman-Bourn was born on exactly the same day as PG, also had four children, and they even worked in different parts of the same building at the same time in their 20s, without knowing it until years later.

Peter was Chairman of the Pulborough Cricket Club in Sussex, having served a marathon 18-year stint in the role. In 1987 Peter helped establish what is now known as the Identilam League. From its modest start of five clubs playing at Under 16 in that first season, the number of clubs and age groups gradually expanded over the years. He remained the league's Secretary throughout. In what sadly was to become his final summer, I can't imagine how disillusioned and upset he must have felt as the season's colts league programme was wiped out by the pandemic.

by Nick Cousins

(This is an edited version of the Eulogy delivered by Mr Cousins at PG's funeral on 10 December 2020 at Worthing Crematorium.)

SARA JENNINGS – OH 2006

The OH Club was informed about the death of Sara Jennings at the age of 32 from a brain haemorrhage early this year. Sara had gone on to study classics. A fuller obituary will follow in 2022.

MICHAEL IAN KEDGE OH 1956–1961

It was with much sadness that the OH Club learned of the death of Michael in May 2020 following a heart attack.

Michael entered Deanery as a boarder in 1956, following in the footsteps of his late father Peter J. Kedge, who attended HCS just before WW2.



On leaving, Michael trained as a dental technician and became very well respected in that profession, both in this country and internationally. He was elected President of the British Association of Clinical Dental Technology (BACDT) and wrote several papers which won awards in the USA. One of his regular clients was the Sultan of Brunei, for whom he would fly out to the capital Bandar and perform work as required.

Fellow Old Herefordians always knew him as Mick, presumably because of his initials. He lived in Harrow, Middlesex, most of his life and had latterly been a strong supporter of all London reunions. This seemed quite appropriate because his father Peter had become known as the OH London Representative, having organised regular semi-formal reunion dinners in the capital after WW2.

Mick leaves behind his wife Diann and two daughters Lucy and Josephine.

by Peter Fairman-Bourn

Photo, above: Mick Kedge on left talking to Julian Loveday, May 2017 (Unilever House in background)

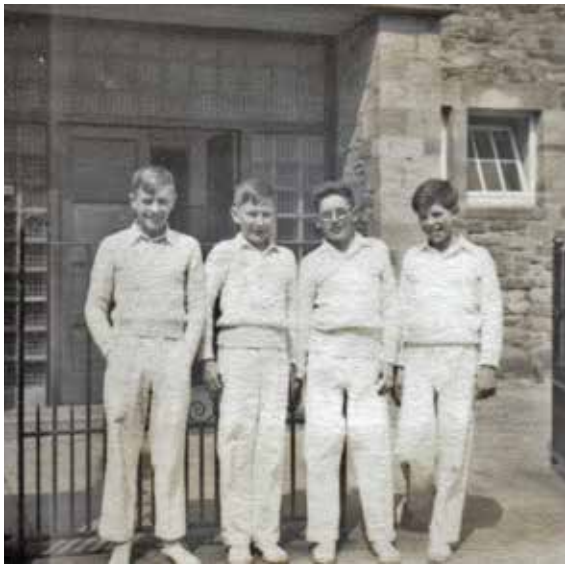
Photo, top right: Four Deanery lads including Mick Kedge (third from left)

WILLIAM ARNOLD POWELL LAYTON OH 1956–1961

Passed away 4 January 2021.

JOHN MASON OH 1951–1955

John was a chartered accountant and worked for many years in South Africa. He was also employed by an American company, which necessitated many



monthly meetings in Chicago over a number of years. He retired 'home' to Barry, of which he was always fond.

John's first wife predeceased him but he is survived by his second wife Kay, a son and his wider family in Canada and New Zealand. The funeral was small in number due to Covid restrictions, of which John was not a victim. John was very proud of his association with school, which he would refer to fondly in our conversations.

by Simon Cadenhead

LIONEL JOHN MEREDITH OH 1949–1955

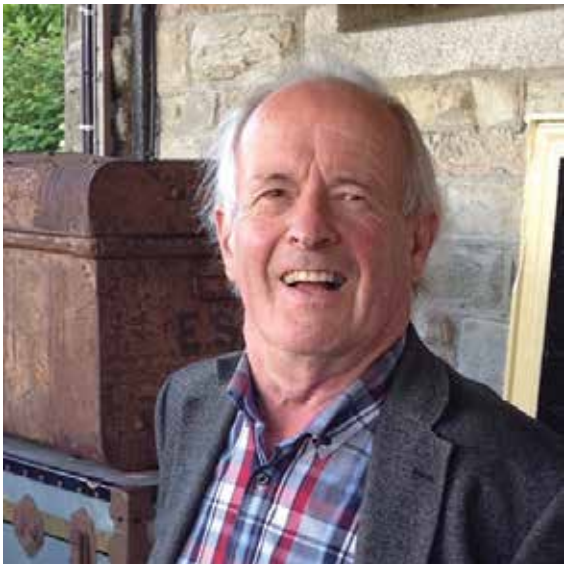
Lionel was born in Kington, Herefordshire, in 1937. He grew up on a farm with his younger brothers, Terry and Robert, just over the border in Radnorshire, Wales, before leaving aged 11 to board at HCS.

When he left school, Lionel joined Lloyds Bank in Hereford, although he soon after went to complete his National Service with the RAF. On completion, he returned to the bank and found himself posted to various branches around the country. He met his first wife, Liz, on a train when he was travelling back from a Liberal Democrat dinner. They married in 1969 and had three children, settling in Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire. Tragically, Liz passed away in 1982.

In 1988, Lionel took early retirement from the bank and moved back to Hereford. Soon after he became a local County Councillor for the Liberal Democrats, having been an active supporter of the party for most of his life. In recognition of his service to the county the civic flags were flown at half mast on the day of his funeral, Thursday 10 June.

Another great love of Lionel's was football and he was a lifelong supporter of both Burnley Football Club and Hereford United, latterly Hereford FC.

In 1991 Lionel met Jill at Hereford Baptist Church and they married in 2004. He then moved to live



with Jill in Moreton-on-Lugg and started to take life only a little slower. Although no longer a Councillor, he remained active with the Liberal Democrats, regularly attended Hereford and Burnley's football matches and also enjoyed going to the races. He had a keen interest in history and the railways, was for a time a member of the Traherne Society and remained an active member of Hereford Probus and of Hereford Baptist Church.

In his last decade Lionel became grandfather to Chelsea, Jayden and Zachary.

by Helen Meredith

MICHAEL POGSON OH 1948–1951

He was in East House, and a chorister. Formerly of Mordiford, he is buried at Belmont Abbey.

J.A.W. RICHARDS OH 1940–1945

I have to report the death of my brother, Archer, in Tasmania where he had lived since 1966.

Having finished school just at the end of the war, National Service when he reached 18 seemed the only thing on offer. The USA with no rationing and by all accounts (mainly the cinema) with its free and easy lifestyle and seemingly endless joie de vivre took his attention. He was lucky enough to get a cousin to offer him a job as a pupil on a large farm some 100 miles out of New York. He loved life on the farm making lots of friends. Unlike National Service, they had conscription whereby they took all eligible people in a certain state between various ages and then moved on to another state.

Archer had a choice either to come home to National Service or join up. He chose the latter and soon found himself on basic training on Honolulu. From there he was shipped to the Korean War and was lucky to be alive. Most of his unit did not return. The rest of his time in the US Army was in the American Sector of Germany stationed at Heidelberg where he and other Korean veterans had a jolly good time.

On discharge he gave up farming in the US and came home, married, had two sons and started a good job as a mechanical engineer. He and his wife Robyn lived in Hampshire. He felt life in UK was cramped and he missed the adventure of his earlier life.

Archer and Robyn with two small boys set out for Australia but soon moved on to Tasmania (1966). Not wanting to work for other people, they found a business for sale on Bruni Island, a few miles across the water from Hobart. They were very happy and settled at last. The boys had good schooling as weekly boarders in Hobart. One joined the Navy and has retired to other work and the other is a deep sea diver.

Finally Archer and Robyn retired from business to Snug, which is a seaside village 10 miles from Hobart. He spent a lot of his time on his boat and just living quietly. He remained active until just a few weeks before he died. Robyn survives him.

by Steven Richards (OH 1954, Old Deanery)

MICHAEL BARRINGTON ROBERTS – OH 1956–1961 EAST HOUSE

Mike was a successful local businessman and Group Chairman of CF Roberts, one of the UK's leading providers of electrical and mechanical design, installation and maintenance services.

He was also a lifelong fan of Hereford United/ Hereford FC and served them as a supporter, a volunteer fundraiser, a director, a shareholder, a vice-chairman of the club and most latterly as a benefactor of Hereford FC.

Club historian Ron Parrott put together the following tribute for the Hereford FC website:

"Mike's story starts with his father, Cyril Roberts JP, who not only founded the company CF Roberts but introduced Mike to football at an early age. Cyril was also a lifelong supporter of Hereford United and helped to nurture young Mike's passion for the Club during his formative years. Mike has certainly followed in his footsteps.

"Like many leading lights of the club over the years, Mike started off as a member of the Supporters' Club back in the mid-sixties and when the club lost a huge chunk of the Edgar Street side of the ground to the new ring road in 1968, the club were in severe financial difficulties and in danger of folding.

"Mike was quick to answer the call for help and was a founder member and chairman of the Hereford United Grandstand Fund committee that raised over

£30,000 (a staggering £525,000 in today's money!) to help fund the building of the Len Weston stand.

"In recognition of his achievements, Mike was co-opted onto the Hereford United Board of Directors in October 1972 and went on to serve them in this capacity for almost 25 years, always under the chairmanship of his good friend Peter Hill.

"At the AGM of shareholders in September 1979, Mike succeeded John Jackson as vice-chairman and received an unanimous vote. He threw himself wholeheartedly into his new role and was an immediate success, quickly earning the respect of his fellow directors and supporters alike.

"Mike continued to support the club right through to the end and when Hereford FC reformed, Mike was one of the five original benefactors who gave £50,000 to the cause to get the club up and running again and continued to watch the club until very recently."

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TREVOR JOHN VAUGHAN OH 1954–1958

Long-time Hereford cattle enthusiast T John Vaughan of Vorn Herefords in Bodenham had been due to celebrate his 78th birthday in January 2021, but was admitted to the Covid ward in Hereford County Hospital after feeling unwell in recent weeks, where he died on 4 December, the Hereford Cattle Society said.

His family had a long association with the breeding of Hereford cattle, and came to great prominence during the 1970s and 80s, dominating shows, main-centre sales and highly successful on-farm events.

The genetics raised spread around the cattle-breeding world. John, supported by his parents Donald and Marjorie and other family members and helpers, was noted for the excellence of the presentation of their charges. But it was the subsequent success of the successive generations of breeding that still brings the herds of Moor and Vorn to significant prominence.

After spending some time farming in Western Australia, where other family members also reside, John returned to Bodenham and commenced breeding Texel sheep. He went about this task with similar verve, vigour and vision to that employed with the Herefords. As a result, his Vorn flock is noted for its sound commercial attributes and very much dominates the top performers within the breed.

However, as well as sheep farming, studying horse racing and offering opinions on many other facets of life, during recent years John spent many hours studying the path of the Hereford breed from before its existence to the present generations.

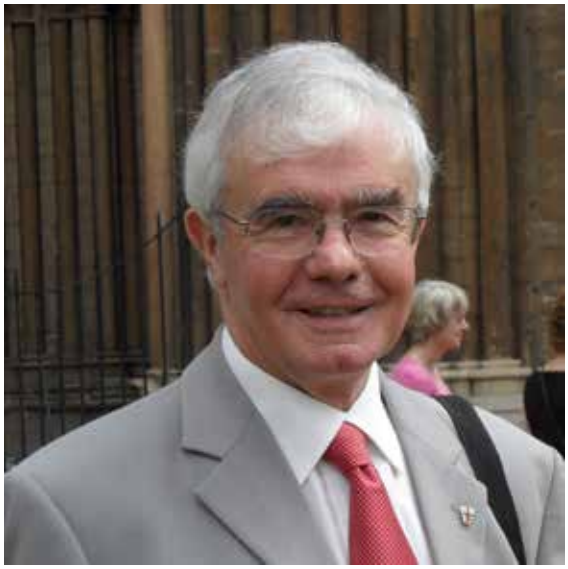
Fortunately, John was satisfied he had completed his project before illness set in, and instructed the printers to produce his book, *The Hereford: The greatest breed on earth*, a large tome packed with facts, accounts and images. But more than most such works, this one certainly has the feel of being compiled by a true practitioner.

"Details, events and characters are brought to life to celebrate this influential bovine race. As a history, it is packed with facts, challenged with opinion but all composed in such a way that from start to finish, it is a very entertaining read," a spokesperson for the Hereford Cattle Society said.

Of all of John's lifelong activities and achievements of being a stockbreeder, an influencer, a character, this incredible account could easily be the area that most of all secures his place in history. Previously published works by John include *Rampages*, a sheep-based cartoon collection and *Bovine Showbiz*, a no-nonsense account of the work involved in raising cattle for sale and exhibition.

Everyone who has a connection with Hereford cattle, livestock in general or his homeland county of Herefordshire and the Welsh border region, will find benefit from taking in the current scribing of the author. Few people leave such a masterpiece. T John Vaughan certainly has.

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GEOFFREY WILLIAMS OH 1950–1958

Those who attended HCS in the 1950s will remember Geoffrey: Langfordian scholar in the days of legendary staff like 'Tiger' Bell. Born in October 1939, the eldest of five brothers, Geoffrey grew up in Hunderton, Hereford. During his time at HCS he

gained a State Scholarship for Durham University (Kings College Newcastle) where he achieved a BA (First Class Hons) in Classics, gaining along the way the Marris Studentship at the British School of Archaeology, Athens, and the Senior Johnson prize and Stephenson prize. The Cadbury Education prize followed in his time at the University of Birmingham whilst studying for his PGCE.

From 1962 he taught Classics at Ashington Grammar School, Northumberland and in 1964 married Margaret Bedding. Geoffrey wanted to make a difference in the wider field of education and in 1967 he went to Dorset County Council, becoming Senior Assistant Education Officer and then in 1972 came the move to Hertfordshire where he eventually held the post of Assistant Director of Education.

Geoffrey's interests spanned education, academia and management – he was Chair of the Council for the Joint Association of Classical Teachers, on the Council of the Society of Education Officers, a member of the management board of TASC (Teaching as a Career) and the Education and Employment National School Governance working group, as well as the Bishop of St Albans' Commission on Education, Chair of the Christian Education Trust and many others. He was author and editor of the Education Management Manual (Longmans), joint author of the Law of Education (Longmans), joint author of the Guide for OFSTED inspectors dealing with Classical subjects, and author of an Introduction to the gospel of St John.

Retiring at 57 he put his teaching skills into practice with Adult Education Classes (U3A) in Classical Greek and Latin, as well as being Associate lecturer for the Open University (Latin and Greek) and Associate lecturer in New Testament Greek at Spurgeon's Baptist College.

Geoffrey was a committed Christian who could truly be described as a 'gentleman' in every sense. I, as one of his younger brothers, am very grateful that he blazed the educational trail for us to follow. His love for Margaret was obvious for all to see and they shared over 56 years of happiness together – a story of love given, love received and love shared. He is survived by Margaret and their two children, Sarah and Christopher. I was privileged to lead his funeral just before Christmas last year and I told the story of the boy who in his mid teens dedicated his life to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. His Christian faith showed in all that he spoke and did throughout his 81 years.

by Rev Phil Williams (OH 1959–1966), Vicar of Holmer Church 1996–2013

Note: Geoffrey was one of five brothers – sadly there are just two remaining. Four attended HCS in an unbroken line from 1950 to 1972, firstly Geoffrey (1950–1958), then Richard (1957–1964), Phil (1959–1966), then Peter (1966–1972). Is this is a record?



ANDREW JOHN WOFFENDEN OH 1943–1950

Although born in Watford, Andrew spent his formative years living with his parents and his sister Wendy in the village of Holmer in Herefordshire. After prep school Andrew attended Hereford Cathedral School as a day boy and often shared happy memories of his time there. Leaving school, he served two years National Service before going up to Queens' College, Cambridge in 1952, where he read Law.

After being awarded his degree, Andrew went to London where he was employed as an Articled Clerk in the Legal Section of Southwark Borough Council, this enabled him to continue his studies to become a solicitor whilst at the same time earning a living. Andrew qualified as a solicitor in 1959 and went on to work both in local government and private practice. In the 1970s after a period of ill health he made the decision to leave the law and work in less stressful employment. By this time Andrew and his family were living in Marple, Greater Manchester.

Leaving paid employment gave Andrew the time to write poetry, enjoy the local countryside, sing in the church choir and work as a volunteer in both a local Christian coffee shop, of which he was a co-trustee, as well as spending time serving and helping homeless people in Stockport.

Andrew married his wife, Dorothy in 1961. They had four children Peter, Richard, Ian (who died in infancy) and Robert.

Baptised into the Church of England, Andrew was a deeply committed Christian. Licensed in 1987 as a Lay Reader he was an excellent and powerful preacher. He was also very encouraging to his wife when she felt called to the ordained ministry.

Andrew loved his family, his friends, his church and his Lord. He is sadly missed.

by Dorothy Woffenden

POST SCRIPT



ALAN BLAKE (OH 1947) FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

In his 90th year, Alan Blake was inspired by Sir Captain Tom to raise £100,000 for two local charities: St Mary's Church, Burghill, and Hereford Rotary Club; and national charity Parkinson's.

"Captain Tom enthused me," Alan says. "I thought, well, if he could do it, I could do it. I'm walking up and down the 120 steps of my riverside garden, instead of being on the flat!

"I thought to raise some money for Burghill Church and Parkinson's but it was too dangerous to walk on the road, so I thought to do it around the garden each day for a year or so. It'll total about 15 miles. I've recorded every walk that I do, from beginning last September, 2020."

Alan has converted the distance into mountain ranges and has currently scaled the Blorenge, the Black Mountains, Snowdon, Ben Nevis and Switzerland's Matterhorn! "I've gone into Scotland and now I'm doing Mount Blanc," he says. "Then I'm going to go and climb Everest – that's my final point and I'm aiming for Christmas." Alan had walked 34,000 steps at the end of June 2021 and will soon be at the Base Camp of Everest.

"Some days it's more tiring than others. I always wanted to have a challenge and it's been that. Sometimes I feel like calling it a day but I'm not going to – I'll keep battling on. I've nearly raised £15,000, people have been very generous. Maria (OH 1987), my daughter, has done miracles on the PR – she's pulled out all the stops." Alan has appeared on Jeremy Vine's Radio 2 show and the BBC evening news.



Alan's wife, Val, has had Parkinson's for over 20 years, during which time Alan has been her main carer. You can contribute towards Alan's fundraising campaign online via JustGiving: **www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louise-blake-1**.



by Rosanna Gamble, Art Scholar

GOOD NEWS!

Please do share your results with the Alumni Office – we are always happy to trumpet your successes!

IO KIDSON (OH 2018)

graduated with first class honours in French and Spanish from Edinburgh University.

PATRICK MORGAN-JONES (OH 2018)

was awarded the UTV Ltd award for Best Graduate in Business Economics at Queens Belfast.

TRISTAN JONES (OH 2016)

graduated with first class honours in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Birmingham.

NICKY MASTERS (OH 2014)

has been awarded a First Class BSc in Product Design from the University of Sussex.

OLIVIA VAN WARMELO (OH 2018)

(Livi) has been awarded a First Class BA in Music from Oxford University and has gone on to study for a Masters in Musical Direction at RAM.

FRANK ZENG (OH 2017)

received the A. Heather Bigg/A.H. Cahill Prize in Economics from UCL in 2020. This prize is usually awarded to students with the best overall degree result. He was studying BSc Economics.

COSIMO McCAFFREY (OH 2018)

obtained a First Class Hons degree in history and philosophy from Royal Holloway.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



As we re-emerge from the lockdowns there's plenty of looking ahead within these pages.

As well as reports from OHs around the world who are making things happen, we look back on successful events of yesteryear and how sometimes it pays to think big. The £10,000 raised by the Medieval Fayre in 1981 was beyond expectation but, more than money, it showed how the school as a community could pull together and involve the city. There's also a celebration of the success Mike Moffat had reconfiguring the CCF in the 1980s.

The OH Club's President, Ben Andrews, talks a lot of sense about farming, a huge issue for pupils past and present, and never more in the news.

We have our own Captain Tom within the ranks with Alan Blake's fantastic fundraising attempt (see editorial opposite): hopefully he can update us at OH Day on 11 December with how he has got on.

Keep your eye on the Old Herefordians Facebook page and Instagram feed regarding future gatherings and keep in touch with the Old Herefordian with your news and adventures.

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DIARY 2021–2022

11 DECEMBER 2021
OH DAY
See insert for details.

MARCH 2022
YOUNG OHiL DRINKS
Event to be confirmed.

19 MAY 2022
GOLF DAY
Burghill Golf Club

28 APRIL 2022
OHiL SPRING LUNCHEON
Doggett's Coat & Badge, Blackfriars Bridge, London SE1, from 11am – www.ohil.org.uk. To be confirmed.

25 JUNE 2022
LEAVERS OF 2012
Details to be confirmed.

1 JULY 2022
SAVE THE DATE: LEAVERS OF 1992 30-YEAR REUNION
From 5pm. School tour, tea and evening meal. To be confirmed.

OCTOBER 2022
OHiL AUTUMN LUNCHEON
Doggett's Coat & Badge, Blackfriars Bridge, London SE1, from 11am – www.ohil.org.uk. Date to be confirmed.

The above diary dates are correct at time of publication but may be cancelled or postponed due to potential ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. Please confirm in advance before attending.

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