



The Old St Beghian

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From Our President Peter Lever (G 62-66)

To Old St Beghians wherever you are in the world.

I wish you all a prosperous New Year in the hope that the new decade will bring greater stability to world order and greater happiness to many.

My term of tenure as your President was extended by the AGM of the Society in September, this however will be my final year in office. For the next twelve months I will continue to strive to ensure that the school reopening project progresses and that the future of the Society is secure.

The new school at St Bees continues to develop slowly. Pupil numbers remain low but the enthusiasm from Full Circle Education, who are running the school, is undiminished. I am pleased to say that there is stability and a real sense of purpose developing within the school under its Headmaster, Roger Sinnett, along with a renewed urgency in the marketing of the Full Circle Fusion educational concept.

Old St Beghian Laurence Gribble is the Assistant Head and brings a wealth of knowledge of our school to the team and a refreshing sense of unflappable humour! All the staff at school deserve our full support in the difficult task they are undertaking and our congratulations to them on what they have achieved so far.

The summer holidays was a busy period for the school with over 250 children attending summer courses, including visiting Chinese students, who were resident in the fully refurbished School House.

The high spot of the year however has been the announcement by Full Circle that they will open two new St Bees Schools in China in 2020 in the cities of Shijiazhaung and Dongguan. When fully open these schools will have a combined capacity to educate over 2000 children and the St Bees School Charitable Trust will benefit financially from the Intellectual Property agreement negotiated with Full Circle for the use of the St Bees School name. Full Circle intend to open more schools in China in the foreseeable future.

As a Director of the Joint Venture, which is running the school, I can report that I have no doubt that Full Circle will continue to support the financial position of the school in St Bees. It is the cornerstone of their international marketing strategy.

Both the School Trust and the Old St Beghians' Society have financial difficulties to resolve in 2020. The Charitable Trust is still in debt to Full Circle in respect of reopening costs. Raising money through the sale of Trust assets continues to present problems. The issue here for the Trust is that it does not have the financial resources to maintain old and empty buildings that are not required by the school for its current operations, hence Grindal House has been placed on the market.

The Society and the Guaranteed Trust Fund (GTF), which holds the majority of the OSB assets, who both supported the Trust financially during the period of closure are now themselves struggling financially. The costs associated with maintaining Lonsdale Terrace, now empty and no longer producing an income and not required as boarding accommodation, has had a big impact on the Society and GTF reserves. The consequences of all this is that the Terrace was put on the market in the summer after the completion of certain works to comply with a change of use planning application. The sale of these properties will have a significant bearing on the direction of the Society financially, particularly in the short to medium term. David Lord, our Treasurer, will keep you advised on developments through the year.

The financial, managerial and social complexities of the regeneration of the school have taken a huge amount of time and effort from a very dedicated team of people and they are to be commended on their stamina and determination. Especially I would wish to mention Mark George, Chairman of the Trustees, the Head Master, Roger Sinnett, the Assistant Head and Old St Beghian, Laurence Gribble, and the small team of maintenance staff at school, under the leadership of Sandy Rogers, who have magnificently held the fabric of the school together.

I must also commend the Pioneer Students at St Bees, now in their second year of education. They provide the 'pulse' for the school; they are a very cheerful group

of youngsters who have bonded into a great team in all that they do. They should be very proud of their accomplishments in their ground-breaking role.

I express my thanks to the officers of the Society for their hard work during the year, Pam Rumney, David Lord and Tony Reeve. Without their significant contributions our Society would not have survived the school's predicament.

Also I wish to thank all those stalwart OSBs who are regular attenders at Society events, which invariably produce memorable moments. If you have not attended an OSB event in recent years, then make a point of doing so this year to mark the start of the new decade.

'Your Alma Mater Needs You'!

Peter G. Lever

2020 Calendar of Events:		
January	Saturday 4th	Singapore Lunch
February		
March	Saturday 7th	St Beghian Society Committee Meeting
April		
May	Friday 1st	Cumbria Dinner
	Friday 29th	London Dinner
June		
July		
August		
September	Saturday 19th	St Beghians' Day
October	Friday 9th	London Informal Social
November	Wednesday 4th	North East Dinner
	Mid-month	Scottish Dinner
December	Monday 28th	Thomas Froggatt Rugby Match, Cumbria

New St Bees Schools in China Opened

The Full Circle Education Group recently opened the first two ‘offspring’ St Bees Schools in China: St Bees Schijiazhuang (Primary School) and St Bees Dongguan (High School). The pupil capacity of these schools is 1600 and 500 respectively. The intention is to run parallel curricula to provide the opportunity for pupils to engage in exchange visits to broaden their cultural experiences. For readers with internet access, a full report of the opening ceremony can be found on the following link:

<https://www.stbeesschool.co.uk/st-bees-school-cements-its-future-by-opening-two-new-schools-in-china/>.

Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

While OSBs are welcome visitors to the school, prevailing legislation regarding access to schools and their grounds is such that to avoid disappointment we would request OSBs to arrange proposed visits well in advance either with the Society Office or direct with the school (details below). In this way it can be arranged for a guide to be present to show visitors around. Current child-protection laws mean that it is simply no longer possible to walk onto the site and look around unaccompanied. Please note that all visitors are required to register at the school’s main office.

Please be assured that we will be happy to show you around, but we hope you will understand the necessity of making arrangements with us in advance.

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OBITUARIES

Peter Michael Howard Brandwood (FS 61-66).

Michael (Mike) was born in 1947 to Ann and Peter Brandwood. His father was a serving officer in the Border Regiment in Palestine at the time and did not see his son until he was over a year old. On his return to England the family lived in Carlisle; one memory of those days recalls that the young Michael's artistic inclinations were first displayed when he one day 'improved' a neighbour's car with a handy pot of paint. The car was a Rolls Royce! In the 1950s the family moved to Malaya where his father was based during the 'emergency'. Michael apparently enjoyed every minute of it despite his father's frequent absences and sudden appearances from the surrounding jungle. It was through the 'planters' lunches' there that Michael acquired his large appetite and a love of curries! After Malaya, the next country was Germany where he learned to ski and also became a choirboy.

On returning to England he was sent to Lime House Preparatory School near Dalston and then on St Bees, a school he always regarded with great affection and to which he subsequently sent his son, Roger. It was at these schools that his great love of rugby was fostered as well as a passion for cricket and golf. His post school career was in banking and for over thirty years he worked for what became the National Westminster Bank, both in Cumbria and around the Manchester area prior to his retirement in 1999. In 1971 he had married Kate and five years later Roger was born.

Having been a member of the CCF at St Bees, it was no surprise when he joined the T.A. in Workington, eventually becoming commanding officer of 'D' Company. Michael thoroughly enjoyed his time in the T.A. and made many lasting friendships. When in 2000 the Regimental Headquarters in Carlisle Castle was looking for assistance, he went there like a shot and devoted the next twelve years to them. In many ways it was like returning home for him.

Michael (Mike) will be missed by many people.

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John Goss (FS 60-65).

John's Wife, Lynne, has provided the following:

"John was born in Oldham on 23rd November, 1946, the eldest son of parents Ouida and Bert Goss. Bert ran his father's well known men's outfitters business in the town. Younger brother Richard was born two years later. John attended St Mary's Primary School, across the road from the family home in Greenfield, Saddleworth. After a short spell at Oldham Hulme Grammar School, at the age of 12 John went to boarding school in St Bees, Cumbria. Brother Richard was at that

time at Seascale Prep School and later joined John at St Bees. John spent many happy school years until he was eighteen exploring the Lake District – walking and cycling around the area on free days away from school. While at St Bees he also developed a love for rugby, which continued throughout his adult life – one major highlight recently was a guided tour of Twickenham Stadium, a birthday present from his daughters.

After completing his A levels John went off to Agricultural College at Cirencester to study to become a land agent, but after a short time decided it wasn't for him and returned home to train with a local firm to become a Chartered Surveyor.

After becoming qualified, he moved again to start a job working for West Sussex County Council in Chichester and loved his time on the south coast. It was also here that he met his first wife, Anne, and where their eldest daughter Margaret was born in 1976. Her birth led to a move back north for them to be nearer grandparents and they set up home in Silsden near Keighley, eventually welcoming two more daughters – Hannah in 1977 and Caroline in 1979. John at this time was working for Pendle Council in property management and remained in that job until 1987.

John met his second wife, Lynne, while working at Pendle Council and following their marriage in 1986, their daughter Kathryn, John's fourth, was born in 1988. John and Lynne have lived in the Pendle area of north east Lancashire since their marriage.

In 1987 he began working for Rochdale Council and shortly afterwards was seconded to Rochdale Development Agency where he remained until retirement in 2009, being closely involved in setting up Kingsway Business Park, at that time the largest business development park in England.

Following his retirement, John and Lynne adopted from daughter Margaret and her family, their springer spaniel dog, Dylan. It was such a new lease of life for him after finishing work. Although he and Lynne had had other dearly loved spaniels during their marriage, Dylan became John's best mate – accompanying him on walks around the neighbourhood and further afield. Dylan would often be seen sitting next to John in the garden while he was carrying on with his other great love – gardening. John and Lynne loved nothing more than walking with Dylan in the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales and occasionally meeting up with daughters and grandchildren for walks in the countryside. The countryside was in his blood from his school days - he enjoyed reading books about farming in the dales, Yorkshire vets, anything to do with the great outdoors.

Some of John's final years in retirement were spent helping out with deliveries for the local butchers in Brierfield. He so enjoyed the driving around, talking to all kinds of people, and just generally being the sociable, chatty person he had always been. John and Lynne also enjoyed travelling abroad, particularly cruising,

and had recently enjoyed cruises to Norway and the Mediterranean. Trips to Australia were also very common during the 1990s and 2000s to visit Lynne's family who lived in Tasmania.

Unfortunately, during the last two or three years, his health was not very good, mainly due to being diagnosed with diabetes and then dementia. In May this year he was taken ill while on holiday in Corfu and this resulted in a lengthy stay in hospital before moving to a local care home in Burnley. Unfortunately he passed away peacefully but very suddenly on 6th September 2019."

Carter Croft (FN 60-65) writes:

"Having moved to Yorkshire two years ago, I met up with John after 48 years and sat next to him while attending the OSB Dinner at Deanery, Ripon. Lynne and John came over and watched a Rugby match at York, where I coach. They stayed with me and we had a great nostalgic weekend; the ladies being very polite and patient as we recalled our days on Meadow House, when Peter Lever was there, progressing to times when we shared a study as prefects."

Sir Peter Graham (SH 47-52).

The unexpected but peaceful death occurred in October 2019 of Sir Peter Graham, an outstanding government lawyer who, in a long and distinguished career, drafted well over one hundred Parliamentary Acts, which included such as the Maastricht Treaty, the privatisation of British Rail, the Intelligence Services Act, Sunday Trading and the National Lottery Acts. For his services he was awarded a CBE in 1982 and made a Knight Commander of the Order of Bath in the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 1993. He had become a Queen's Counsel in 1990, having been called to the bar in 1958.

Peter Graham was born in Huddersfield in 1934, and following time at a preparatory school there, he arrived at St Bees in 1947. His wife, Lady Janet Graham, recalls the great pleasure and gratitude he felt towards the school. As well as being a quick-witted and outstanding scholar, he played in the 1st XV in 1950/51 and in the 1st XI and Badminton VIII in 1951/52. As a keen musician, he was assistant organist as well as being Staff Sergeant and Drum Major in the CCF. His literary activities embraced the editorship of the school magazine and acting as librarian. His career at St Bees School ended with his winning an Open Exhibition to St John's College, Cambridge to read law.

Prior to taking up his place at Cambridge he served for three years as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. At university he graduated BA with first-class honours in 1957 and then a post-graduate LLB in 1958, although all his time was by no means devoted to studying, for he was a member and eventual leader of the university dance band.

In 1959 he became a member of the Parliamentary Counsel Office and began his long career of drafting the country's legislation as well as acting as an advisor to

various governments. His retirement was spent in his beloved France, where he renovated a chateau, immersed himself in the culture and the community and restored and drove vintage sports cars through the French countryside. He is survived by his third wife, Janet, and two sons from his first marriage.

Mark Hilpern (G 66-69).

Mark Hilpern died in July 2019, aged 66. He has been described as a ‘colourful character’, who lived an unconventional lifestyle. His business career involved the brokerage on an international basis of superyachts. Aside from this his life embraced extensive continental travel, fast cars, music of all kinds, and, latterly, beekeeping. He entered St Bees School in 1966 following a period at a preparatory school in Macclesfield.

Joan Lees.

David Elston has kindly submitted the following notice:

Old St Beghians, particularly those from the mid-1960s to early 1980s, will have been saddened to hear of the death of Joan Lees, whose husband Geoff was Headmaster from 1964 to 1980, on 13th December 2019 following a stroke earlier in the year. She was greatly liked and her natural warmth much appreciated by pupils, parents, staff and Old Boys.

She was born Joan Needham, on 30th January 1925. Her father had a business in Birmingham where she went to school and excelled in sport. She was evacuated to Stroud for a period due to the bombing in Birmingham during the Second World War. After school, she spent a year at Cheltenham Ladies College where she made several good friends.

Her innate sense of duty, much in evidence at St Bees, was clearly part of her early years. During the war she lived at home, after Stroud, and worked at the Almoner’s office at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, travelling on the bus to work and witnessing the destruction of the city from the previous night’s bombing. In the evenings she volunteered at a social club for the military. Her mother was very sociable and invited soldiers billeted locally to tea. Many were Americans and Canadians. Joan played a lot of tennis with them – some she kept in touch with for many years.

Joan met Geoff at a wedding where she was the bridesmaid and he the best man; the groom being a fellow Cambridge student of Geoff’s from Downing College. He walked her home after the wedding and proposed on their first meeting. They were married on 6th August 1949. She continued to play sport, both hockey and tennis for local clubs. She was a particularly good tennis player; before her marriage the county tennis authorities wanted her to take more coaching and play at a higher level, but her father would not allow it.

After their marriage Joan and Geoff moved to Brighton when Geoff was

appointed Head of English at Brighton College in 1949, becoming a Housemaster and Master in charge of Cricket and Squash. In 1964 the Lees moved to St Bees on Geoff's appointment as Headmaster there and they remained until his retirement in 1980; they then returned to Brighton (where they had kept a house). Joan established her own character and popularity as the Headmaster's wife, and provided huge support to Geoff during times of much change at St Bees, and in independent schools generally. St Bees School has always had a challenge with its comparatively remote location, lovely a spot though it is, and Joan's perceptive views and thoughts on this and other challenges were much appreciated by Geoff, and the staff. She was a very visible Headmaster's wife, always seen within and around the school grounds, gardening, arranging flowers in the Memorial Hall and Priory as well as accompanying Geoff on numerous trips to support various sports teams, the choir and other outings. She actively engaged with parents: formally on Speech Day and informally on numerous occasions, (including exchanging gardening tips with some). Being eminently approachable, she also had a knack for engaging with pupils, past and present, many of whom – to her delight – kept in touch with her and Geoff after their retirement. Those pupils lucky enough to reach the heady heights of a Head of House also sampled her excellent cuisine and lively company over dinner in their fine School House apartment.

Geoff died in 2012 after a lengthy illness and in September 2014 at the age of 90, Joan returned to St Bees for Old Boys' Day to rename the refurbished cricket Pavilion 'The Lees Pavilion' in Geoff's memory. It was an unforgettable occasion, the school looking fine in the glorious sunshine, with Joan in sparkling form, entertaining all with her witty and pertinent speech and engaging with everyone before and after, including many former members of staff. She hugely enjoyed the occasion and meeting new faces including the then Headmaster James Davies, with whom she had a long discussion. She was therefore understandably shocked and saddened when less than a year later the news of the school's closure was announced. However, she was a very philosophical person and, through various Old St Beghians, thereon followed closely the proposals for it to be re-opened, and she remained keenly interested in the school and its future up until her death.

She was a true friend and supporter of St Bees School, and through her own individual charm gained a huge number of friendships with former pupils, and their families, through her long and active life.

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Edmunde H. Lewin (F 48-50).

Samantha Allison, Ed's niece, has provided the following:

“Edmunde (Ed) Henry Leyland Lewin, 85, of Kingston, WA died on Wednesday,

May 1st 2019 after battling mesothelioma. Ed was born January 18th, 1934 in Burnley, England, the third of four children to parents William Lewin and Olive Muriel Leyland.

In 1963 he married Heather Dorothy Allison in Wallasey, England. After working as an engineer for a few years at the Capenhurst Atomic Energy Lab in England, Ed and Heather decided to join several of Heather's siblings and emigrated to the USA in 1964. They settled down and built their life in the northwest. Ed worked for many years providing contract engineering services to Boeing. He enjoyed his work and the flexibility that his contractor role provided which allowed the couple to travel extensively. They travelled around the world during their time together until her death in 2004. Ed continued his road trips after Heather's passing and remained very active in retirement. He belonged to several organizations including the Eagles, the Mountaineers, the Britannia Club and the Puget Sound Traditional Jazz Society. He loved music and never tired of dancing. He was a jovial fellow and a true gentleman.

Ed is survived by his sister Margaret Olive Lewin in Cambridge, England, several sister and brothers-in-law, and 14 nieces and nephews around the globe. They are all deeply saddened to lose one of the best representatives of the family."

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Information has been received from Malcom Robinson (SH 65-70) and Nigel Halfpenny (FN 62-67) regarding the death of Simon E.W. Temple (SH 64-69).

Simon passed away peacefully at his home on 14th August 2019 aged 68. While at school at St Bees he was a member of the particularly successful 1st XV of 1967. He subsequently became Head Boy.

After a legal career at The Bar, he became heavily occupied in the breeding of Red Poll cattle.

M.J. Robinson (Michael) (SH 64-67).

Andrew Mitchell (FS 63-68) writes:

"M.J. Robinson (Michael, known to his school friends as Japi) died in Cairns, Queensland Australia on the 27th November 2019. Japi moved from Carlisle to Australia in 1972 and lived for many years in Melbourne and after that in Cairns. He was on School House and his parents lived in Zambia. His father was an engineer who worked on the Kareeba Dam. Japi flew backwards and forwards between the UK and Africa and on one trip from Africa to the UK decided to put a baby Nile crocodile in his pocket, which was subsequently donated to the Biology fish tank where it lived for a year or two before it died. It was teased by a lot of teenage boys. On the flight over Japi told an air hostess that he had a crocodile in his pocket and she didn't believe him. He told her to put her hand into

his pocket which she did and was bitten. The baby crocodile was about six inches long and had tiny but very sharp teeth. We were impressed that Japi managed to get that crocodile to the UK.

There are lots of other stories about him but many of the St Beghians who were there in the mid to late 60s will remember that crocodile - a fierce little creature.”

Charmian Robson (Staff 86-99)

The Robson family have provided the following:

Former St Bees School teacher, Charm Robson, died in September 2019 aged 79. Charm taught art history between 1989 and 1999 and inspired her pupils to expand their interest and knowledge in the arts. Her memorial service took place in St Bees Priory Church on Sunday, 29 September, followed by afternoon tea in the school’s Memorial Hall, with many past teachers and pupils in attendance.

As part of the service John Mellor read a letter written by his son Rob (SH 95-98) to Charm during her illness *‘I didn’t actually intend to study Art History, deeming it a subject that usually girls studied, and, in a typically public school environment, I didn’t plan on bucking the trend! However, being something of the listless sort, I fell into your art history class and sat rather scruffily at the back. Your introduction and two years of teaching of the subject stirred far more in me than perhaps I realised then. As we poured through cathedrals, churches, castles, paintings, sculpture and crafts, I felt a resolutely closed artistic eye opening. I had completely buried any appreciation of art and culture from a young age and I’ve no doubt that, without your guidance, it would have remained buried. As I increasingly used what we had all learned and studied in that dusty room in Foundation, I realised I was looking at the world in a whole new way and much of it made a great deal more sense. Not only did I keep it as part of my degree, I used art history in my training at drama school and constantly use it as an actor. I firmly believe artistic expression is an opening of the soul and it is you I credit with prizing that open. I suspect, without that, I would be poorer indeed. So, thank you. It seems important to show the gratitude I owe you for the introduction to a subject that completely changed my life.’*

Charm also assisted husband Chris (M 68-04) as house parents at Abbots Court between 1986 and 1994 and has many fond memories of the boys and staff on the house. Chris has taken much comfort from the numerous letters and cards from the village, St Bees School connections and their wide friendship circle.

Ahead of her time in advocating fair trade, Charm was Traidcraft’s first representative selling ethically sourced goods from around the world. She managed the St Bees annual charity sale, which is still going strong today, for more than three decades.

Charm was also an avid charity fundraiser and began supporting the RNLI in the 1970s and more recently the Mines Advisory Group, which clears landmines in

war-torn countries, as well as opening her delightfully wild garden as part of the National Garden Scheme, set up to raise money for numerous good causes. She was a Lay Reader at St Bees Priory Church for more than thirty years, where her Christian witness was highly valued. She supported several former school vicars and theology teachers, including Reverend Canon Trevor Park (M 70-76) and Reverend Phillip Bryan (M 77-06).

Having taken up running later in life, she went on to win numerous Lakeland Trails age-group prizes, complete many half and full marathons in the UK and abroad as well as achieving a national 'best for age' ranking. Charm was a keen member of the St Bees Triers running club and became an inspiration to other runners and a key part of the local running community. She completed the London Marathon in 2012 with Chris as part of their Golden Wedding celebrations, raising funds for Alzheimer's Research and even appearing on Good Morning Britain. Her last races took place in the Azores in September 2018, running 50km over four days.

Charm and Chris had five children during their long and happy marriage; Sam (G 79-81), Anya (G 81-83), Timon (FN 79-86), Steve (FN 81-83) and Rezwana (L 82-89). She had frequent visitors during her short illness and passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side. Donations in her memory to the St Bees Priory Organ Restoration Fund and West Cumbria Hospice at Home topped more than £4,000, with gift aid.

Notification of Deaths (Since the July 2019 Bulletin)		
ATKINSON, R.M. (Richard)	Died 04.01.20	FS 76-80
BRANDWOOD, P.M.H. (Michael)	Died 03.10.19	FS 61-66
DORAN, M.E. (Michael)	Died 11.01.20	G 77-83
GEORGE, R.J. (Robert)	Died 12.10.19	FS 71-78
GOSS, J.R. (John)	Died 06.09.19	FS 60-65
GRAHAM, Sir P. (Peter)	Died 20.10.19	SH 47-52
HILPERN, M.D. (Mark)	Died 22.07.19	G 66-69
LEES, Mrs J. (Joan)	Died 13.12.19	Staff 63-80
LEWIN, E.H.L. (Edmunde)	Died 01.05.19	F 48-50
MILLER, C.J. (Camron)	Died 10.08.19	G 99-06
ROBINSON, M.R. (Michael 'Japi')	Died 27.11.19	SH 64-67
ROBSON, Mrs C. (Charm)	Died 01.09.19	Staff 89-99
TEMPLE, S.E.W. (Simon)	Died 14.08.19	SH 64-69

OSB NOTES

Sam Ashton (SH 47-53) writes:

In Sir Peter Graham's obituary in the Times, I noted amongst his many distinctions that whilst at Cambridge he led the university dance band, and played clarinet and alto sax. Perhaps that aspect of his life started at St Bees and on School House. He was an accomplished pianist, often playing the hymn at evening prayers, and took his turn at the chapel organ. And then at the beginning of one term he turned up with a brand new alto sax... in dazzling white plastic. I was already deeply infected by jazz, having first heard the music of, for example, Louis Armstrong seeping out from John Robley's and Ian Murray's study. We formed a band with Peter on his alto, Tommy Herdman trumpet, Peter Macnamara piano, and myself on washboard (which I still have): the School House Syncopaters. I shared a study with John Gregson. His passion was Latin American music and he was inspired by, and actually met, Edmundo Ros. Thus we extended our repertoire to that kind of music with John playing bongos and other instruments for an extended rhythm section, involving shaking, knocking and scraping; Chris Mason was co-opted. It was an all School House enterprise. We once invited the then director of music, Donald Leggat, to 'sit in on piano', which he did with great aplomb.

We performed in at least one school concert, in Big School, the compere was Henry Reekie, the Headmaster, but it was obvious that our music was beyond his comprehension!

Donald was full of good humour and dealt with us man to man, but by gum he put us choristers through it and really taught us how to sing. He pulled the school orchestra round, helped by James Wykes, who was a keen flautist. It was via Google that I discovered that after I had left school he had started the music festival. However, he left St Bees in 1953 to take up the conductor's baton for the Winnipeg Philharmonic, but that was very short lived and in 1954 he was back at St Bees.

He had a very boyish sense of humour. He and Anthony Dearle and another younger unmarried teacher from Wales (whose name I've now forgotten) created this Monty Python-type situation in which they had a mythical Welsh housekeeper called Blodwen to whom they used to shout queries and instructions. I don't know what their real domestic arrangements were.

Just one example of the many zany things that were part of life at St Bees in that era!

Chris Lord (G 53-57) follows up Peter Thomas' article on Grindal in the last Bulletin:

"Peter Thomas's notes about life in the 1940s hold good for the 1950s, even down to the sheet-changing procedure. Here follows some elaboration.

Most new boys would lodge at either Eaglesfield or Meadow House but attend their main house - Grindal, Hostel/Foundation or School House for lunch, morning break and the house run, if not playing rugby/cricket. My first taste of the tough hierarchical discipline of that era came when going into Grindal for lunch after the first morning's lessons. We entered at the bottom rear and climbed steps to the dayroom and dining room floor. At the top of the steps was senior dayroom; standing at the open doorway was an older boy with upper sixth stripes on his lapels whose role was to shout at full volume at any new boy who indulged his curiosity and dared to look inside: 'DON'T LOOK IN HERE BOY!'

We made our way to baby dayroom where we would dump our rucksacks before going in for lunch. This was our first sight of the cubicles, a very practical way to provide individual spaces in a room for common use. You sat at a desk facing sideways; bookshelves were to your side and partitions front and behind separated you from your neighbours.

Grindal's layout at that time was, from the front door, junior and baby day rooms to the left and right respectively, front stairs on the right with a corridor alongside leading to the kitchen and dining room, from the outside of which stairs led up to the dormitories and down to the changing rooms. Senior dayroom was behind junior, at the back corner. Lunch was eaten at one of half a dozen long tables: juniors at the far end, seniors near the door; benches for the former, chairs for the latter. Should I return to that dining room now, sixty plus years later, I would surely hear the ghost of Sam Parkinson reciting, 'Benedictus, benedicat per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum', so smoothly and rapidly that separating the words was impossible for any but Latin scholars.

The dormitories occupied two floors above the dayroom/dining room level.

The only change to the building in my time was the construction in 1956 of the block which housed the prefects' and seniors' studies. The three dayrooms remained, so everyone had more space.

The toilets were by the back door on the changing room floor. The stalls had no doors. There was conjecture as to the reason for this feature, which was a cause of consternation to some new boys; more toughening up? The showers were all cold. Hot baths were taken one night per week with a limit on depth of six inches.

Following five terms at Meadow House, I moved down to Grindal in the summer of 1955. All members of baby dayroom were fags, meaning you were at the beck and call of the prefects, whose study was at the top of the main staircase. One

would open the door and shout, 'FAG', whereupon at least two of us would dash up the back stairs to receive instructions.

I was bell fag, meaning I rang the wake up and get up bells mentioned by Peter Thomas. Additionally I ran round the dorms at 7:30 shouting, 'Ten minutes to go'. This was to rouse those senior boys whose getting up at second bell was not mandatory.

Prefects had personal fags, whose duties were much like those of a batman in HM Forces. These were envied positions as they did not have to respond to the general 'FAG' summons and you could expect a generous tip at the end of term. Making toast for the prefects was a common chore. This was done at the open door of the boiler and each piece had to be neither burnt nor too light; and you'd be in trouble if you wasted more than one or two slices of bread.

Junior boys, especially those on their first term at Grindal, were summoned to senior dayroom for 'Testing'. Following a strict ritual for entering and standing to attention, eyes focused on a specified spot above the window and being bellowed at, you were quizzed about key players in the school teams, what privileges were awarded to various levels of seniority, and so on. I suffered a temporary inability to learn things by heart and I failed, not once but four times. After punishment runs of increasing length, I was beaten.

Beatings were carried out with a ritual appropriate to an execution: at the end of evening prayers the instruction 'Early bedders straight to their dorm; late bedders to their dayroom' would be issued. The whole house then knew what was afoot and could speculate as to the victim, who would be escorted down to the changing rooms, where the housemaster and prefects would be assembled to witness punishment. I had to lean over the end of a bath whilst a prefect administered four strokes of the cane. Back in my dorm afterwards my mates examined the wounds and expressed their opinions on the grouping; the closer the grouping, the greater the discomfort whenever you sat down for the next few days! Shortly after this, as the junior fag, I was told to accompany a shooting party marching up the hill to the .303 range.

Having sustained punishment runs and a beating, this must have seemed to be the logical conclusion, but all I had to do in fact was sit at the entrance to the quarry and warn passers by that rifle practice was in progress!

Life, of course, got more comfortable after moving on from baby dayroom. National Service was still in force and I think the junior years at St Bees were probably the equivalent of initial training in the forces."

How about some further reminiscences from other **decades on Grindal**?
We would love to hear your stories.....

Following the articles on the Grindal ‘Last Post’ buglers and the old school prospectuses in the summer issue of the Bulletin, we have received some follow-up comments:

Peter Baldwin (G 51-56) recalls “I was responsible for sounding the Last Post each night at 10pm whatever the weather from the top of the fire escape on Grindal. Wo betide me if I was late! (Health and safety - what’s that!!)”.

Ian Chapman (G 73-80) has sent in a photo which can be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

Concerning the St Bees Last Post bugle-call history, this is apparently the only photo of it taking place in unusual circumstances.

With the change of Grindal to the girls' house in 1979, the senior boys there were transferred to Abbots Court. Ben Knight continued the Last Post call from Abbots for a term, but the acoustics were unsuitable for the main school to hear it clearly, so Luke Tattershall took over on School House in 1980.

On the photograph can be seen Adrian Johnston on drums, who was a leading member of the Cumbria Youth Orchestra, as was Ben Knight. In late 1979 Johnston composed a backing track, conferred with Knight, and told me to play three chords on a guitar. It was amped up, and played one winter evening from the front of Abbots Court. Three members of the school rock band happened to turn up, Henderson, Jameson and Nicholson, and John Offord took a break from his fitness training to see what was happening. Canadian student Colin Maskey took the photo. Adrian Johnston became a film and tv composer winning an Emmy and a BAFTA.

Richard Shaw (FS 61-64): “Must say that the 1914 prospectus has some amusing comments, and those fees! Also interesting how Foundation was treated differently in terms of fees. I found in my old tuck box a mid-1950s prospectus when my father was registering me for school in 1961. The boarding and tuition fee quoted then was £250 p.a.”

Have you recently changed your address? Have you got married recently?
Have any other personal details changed? Have you any interesting news?

Have you told us about it? If not, please do so now on:

(01946) 828093 or osb@stbeesschool.co.uk

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The following article about our oldest surviving OSB, Dr Bill Frankland, recently appeared on the website of Queen's College, Oxford, who have kindly allowed us to reproduce it.

107-year-old Old Member publishes paper.

Old Member and Honorary Fellow **Dr Bill Frankland** (Physiological Sciences, 1930) has just published yet another paper in his long and illustrious medical career.

Matriculating in 1930, Bill qualified as a doctor in 1938 from St Mary's Hospital, and his first paper was published in 1941. His most recent, published in the Journal of Medical Biography is Bill's fifth since he turned 100. It is a biographical account of Dr Jacob Markowitz, a Canadian doctor who made significant contributions to medicine, both in war and peace. Bill first met Markowitz in December 1941 in Singapore when both were serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps. Three months later they were both prisoners of war of the Japanese, held at Changi barracks. Bill was later sent to Hell Island (now called Sentosa) whereas Markowitz was sent to the infamous Burma Railway where his skills and knowledge saved hundreds of lives.

The paper draws together much of Markowitz's early career, initially working for the Nobel Laureate JJR Macleod, and then moving to the Mayo Clinic where he pioneered techniques for heart transplantation. It describes in some detail Markowitz's war-time contributions on the Burma Railway, where he developed a system of blood transfusion under the most austere conditions, and gave nearly 4,000 transfusions.

Bill commented on his latest publication by saying, 'I am keen to keep my brain busy, but unfortunately am no longer able to visit medical libraries. I am, however, very keen to pass on my knowledge, gained over what has been a long and most interesting career.'

The paper, Transfusion on the Burma Railway, the Life of Jacob Markowitz, is published in the Journal of Medical Biography at:
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0967772019855728>.

Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

Snippets.....

Alan Birkinshaw (FS 58-62) asks if any OSBs have photos or 8mm film of the 1962 CCF Day at the school he could copy or borrow. Please let Pam know if you can help (osb@stbeesschool.co.uk).

Clive Daley (FN 78-82) writes:

In addition to the international consultancy business I run with my wife and business partner, we have just opened the DaleyHub, a coworking and networking high street hub and the first is in Romsey Hampshire. With an open invite that we would love to chat with any Old St Beghian in the area, we opened our doors in September 2019.

Contact details: +44 (0) 7515000643 or clive@daleyhub.com

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/clive-daley-7295028>

Logo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

George Robson (FN 57-64) has sent in a photograph of former maths master, **Aston (S.T.)**, whom he recalls retired in 1958 and shook hands with every boy as they exited the Memorial Hall following morning assembly.

Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

George has also sent a photo of the **Reverend Geoffrey Moule**, who was school Chaplain during the mid-1950s to the mid-1960s and also taught Divinity and Latin. He was a nationwide well known ornithologist, but gave up teaching to become a vicar down south.

After retirement he came back to St Bees to live in one of the cottages at the bottom of the Rottington Road and lived to a great age. He occasionally took a service in the school chapel during his retirement. His ashes lie in the Priory churchyard, with a gravestone displaying the words 'Priest, Ornithologist, Schoolmaster.'

Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

If any new or existing OSB Members would prefer to receive the Bulletin via email in future (with lots of additional photographs to enjoy)

Please contact: Pam Rumney on (01946) 828093 or osb@stbeesschool.co.uk

St Beghians' Day 2019

Saturday 28th September

A relatively large number of OSBs attended this year's annual celebration with nearly fifty having lunch in the Foundation Dining Room. The names of those who signified their attendance in advance can be found on the next page.

The day began with the Committee Meeting in the Management Centre followed by the AGM of the Society. This latter meeting included an address by Mark George, who outlined the intentions of the Full Circle Group in respect of the thirty years' lease they have taken on the site. It was interesting to hear that the first 'St Bees School in China' will be opening soon, apparently the first of several. His address was followed by questions from the members. The full Minutes of the AGM can be read elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Although running rather behind schedule, a well-attended Chapel service followed, conducted by the Rev Canon Jim Baker and his wife, the Rev Anne Baker, ably assisted on the organ by George Robson. For the first time in many years a current student at the school (Maddie) helped in the Chapel.

In the afternoon, following lunch, the Headmaster hosted a reception on School House at which he gave a talk on the curriculum currently being provided at the school, following which he kindly answered a number of searching questions asked by OSBs. After this there followed tours of School House and the Foundation and also a trip around the village led by Mr Douglas Sim.

Many people remarked on the success of the day and the pleasant atmosphere which had been generated.

Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin> including a 'Then and Now' picture of Joe Croasdale (FS 70-75) and Tilak Paul (FN 71-76) based on the 1975 1st XI photograph.

Save the date!

St Beghians' Day 2020 – Sat 19th September

More Information to follow in July Bulletin

OSB Day Attendees 2019

ADAMS, N.W. (Nic)	FN 68-71
BAKER, Rev Canon Jim and Rev Anne	Former Parents
BOUCHER, D.A. (David), Lorna Boucher, Eleanor Crichton & Liz Flawn	SH 54-59
BROOKSBANK-PEARCY, A.R.F. (Robin)	SH 57-60
CALVIN (nee Gough), Mrs S.J. (Sara)	G 77-84
CROASDALE, J.A. (Joe)	FS 70-75
CROSSLEY-SMITH, S. (Steve) and Pat Crossley-Smith	SH 47-52
DEAN, A.S. (Adrian)	FN/AC 82-90
FENWICK, R.C. (Calder)	FN 69-71
FOX, A.P. (Anthony)	G 62-67
GRAHAM, J.A. (Tony)	FN 53-55
GRIBBLE, L. (Laurence)	SH 02-09
HAILE, A.J. (Andy)	F/G/SH 76-83
HALL, R. (Richard)	FS 64-68
HEWITSON, J.R. (John)	SH 52-57
LEES, S.C. (Stephen) and Lesley Lees	G 56-62
LEVER, P.G. (Peter) and Jane Lever	G 62-66
LISTER, J.P. (Jim)	SH 68-74
LORD, A.D. Alastair	SH 90-95
LORD, D.F. (David) and Fiona Lord	SH 60-65
LOWREY, T.W. (Thomas)	SH 57-62
MACKAY, T.H. (Tim)	FS 68-73
MERRIN, D.S.R. (Duncan) and Yati Merrin	G 53-56
MESSINGER, F.O. (Frank)	SH 50-55
NICHOLAS, I. (Ivor) and Dorothy	SH 44-48
OGDEN, J.E. (John)	FS 51-56
PAUL, D.T. (Tilak), Nancie Slone and Vashti Ragoonan	FN 71-76
REAY (nee Crosthwaite), Mrs Y. (Yvonne)	G 79-85
REEVE, A.J.H. (Tony)	M 89-08
ROBSON, Ms A.F. (Anya)	G 81-83
ROBSON, I.C. (Chris)	M 68-99
ROBSON, G.C. (George)	F 57-64
ROBSON, Ms S.H. (Sam)	G 79-81
ROBSON, T. (Timon)	FN 79-86
ROWLANDS, D.W. (David)	G 62-65
THOMAS, K.F. (Keith)	SH 71-76
THOMPSON, E.A.L. (Edward)	FS 54-59
THOMPSON, T. (Thomas)	FN 44-49
TIFFEN, J.S. (John)	FN 52-56
TURVEY, M.J. (Michael)	M 63-70
WATSON, D.R. (Dacre) and Ann Watson	SH 56-62
WILLIAMS, D.H. (Don)	F 61-64
WILLS, A.J. (Anthony) and Joanna Wills	F 60-64

OSB Day Apologies 2019

AFFLECK, W.S. (Bill)	SH 45-51
ASHTON, S.H. (Sam)	SH 47-53
BEIGHTON, G.M. (Gerry)	FS 48-52
BELL, J.R. (James)	F 63-66
BRINDLE, J.S. (James)	G 49-53
BROWN, J.D.S. (Tim)	G 53-59
CALVIN, R.P. (Roy)	SH 79-83
CARTMEL, G. (Gordon)	G 55-59
CLARKSON, R.M. (Richard)	G 51-57
CLOTHIER, N.D. (Nigel)	FN 53-57
CROFT, R.C. (Carter)	FN 60-65
DAVIES, D.W. (Darryl)	FS 62-68
DAVIS, K.C. (Ken)	G 64-68
DIX, W.M.H. (Malcolm)	FN 55-58
DOVE, W.E. (Bill)	FN 57-60
DUNN, J.M.W. (John)	F 64-69
ELLIS, J. (Jeff)	SH 72-79
GEORGE (nee Lyall), Mrs S.E. (Sarah)	L/G 77-85
GILLMAN, M.J. (Michael)	SH 68-73
HALFPENNY, N.A. (Nigel)	FN 62-67
INGALL, W.P.H. (Peter)	G 68-71
JACKSON, D.I. (David)	FS 56-60
JOHNSTON, A.T. (Andrew)	G 68-73
MARKS, K.M. (Kenneth)	M 65-70
MARSHALL, D.J. (David)	M 66-88
MATTHEWS, P.G. (Peter)	G 50-55
MAYNE, T.F. (Terence)	SH 47-52
MITCHELL, S.J.J. (Simon)	AC 87-91
OSBORNE, P.T.H. (Patrick)	FS 53-57
POWELL, B.H. (Brian)	F 50-54
REDWAY, H.W. (Hugh)	G 62-67
REW, R.J. (Robert)	FS 50-55
RILEY, A. (Alex)	G 61-65
ROBERTS, J.W. (John)	FS 53-57
SLOWTHER, M.C. (Michael)	FN 72-76
SWALES, R.J. (Roger)	FN 64-67
WHARTON, P.R. (Peter)	G 58-62
WHITE, M.H. (Michael)	FN 49-53
WIGGLESWORTH, P.R. (Peter)	FS 64-69
WITHNALL, S.G. (Stuart)	G 58-63
WRIGHT, D.G.P. (Derek)	FS 48-53
WRIGHT, T. (Tom)	G 11-15

**Minutes of the 26th (111th) Annual General Meeting
of the St Beghian Society held in the Whitelaw Building
on Saturday, 28th September 2019 at 11.00am.**

There were 35 people present, including Peter Lever (President), Pam Rumney (Secretary) and David Lord (Treasurer).

- 1) **Welcome** – Peter Lever, the President, welcomed Members to the 111th Annual General Meeting of the St Beghian Society and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Following Agenda Item No.2, Peter continued by explaining that there had been several developments at the school over the last twelve months. The new Headmaster, Mr Roger Sinnett, who worked for the Full Circle group, was now in charge and there were about thirteen pupils, mainly in Years 7 and 8, but also three in Years 9 and 12. Peter reported that Speech Day had been a very happy and vibrant day, with a feeling that the heart was returning to the school. However, he did indicate that there had been some financial problems over the last year, which were currently being negotiated. Also he stated that a new lease with Full Circle was being drawn up.

Peter praised the excellent St Beghian Society dinners that he had attended in Cumbria, the NE and London, plus the great Wasps Rugby Event that had taken place in March. In particular he thanked the Crossley-Smith family for their continued support at the various functions across the country – Tim for organising the London events, his father Steve for his contributions to the Yorkshire Branch, and for three generations of the family attending the rugby day! However, Peter did raise concerns over the increasingly difficult task of encouraging OSBs to attend these get-togethers and acknowledged that the Committee had discussed possible ways forward for the future.

The special Remembrance Service at the Priory in November 2018 had been a very moving occasion. Passing the crosses lining the path on the way in, which identified the 184 OSBs who had died in the First World War, Peter felt was a very sobering moment in itself. This, alongside the reading of a poem during the service, had been a significant moment for him and a highlight of his year as President. He considered it a huge privilege to have been invited and to have represented the Society at this event.

- 2) **Brief Silence in memory of departed OSBs** – Pam Rumney read out a list of names of OSBs who, the Society had been advised, had passed away since the last AGM in September 2018.

The President confirmed that a Memorial Service for Mrs Charm Robson would be taking place the following day, Sunday 29th September, at 2pm in

the Priory followed by afternoon tea in the Memorial Hall, to which there was an open invitation.

3) **Minutes of the 110th A.G.M. held on Saturday 29th September, 2018 (published in the January 2019 Bulletin)** – The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. They were proposed by Dacre Watson and seconded by George Robson.

4) **Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising from the minutes.

It was agreed to take Agenda Item No.6 prior to Agenda Item No.5.

5) **Election of Officers:**

a) **President Elect - vacant.** Peter Lever explained that a year ago he had reported that he was looking for a successor and that he would be standing down as President as from September 2019. Over the last year both he and Dacre Watson had been searching for a suitable person to take over the role and had identified Howard Graham (FS 80-87). Peter was pleased to advise that Howard was willing to take on the position of President but that it had been agreed he would take up the role in September 2020, in order to allow Peter to see various current matters resolved.

George Robson expressed his thanks to Peter, stating that he was “ineffable!” He proposed a round of appreciative applause, which was duly fulfilled by the Members present.

b) **Committee – retiring this year were John Dunn, Richard Hall and Mark Roberts.** All Committee Members had expressed their willingness to stand for re-election apart from Mark Roberts, whom it had not been possible to contact; nevertheless, it was thought that he would be happy to continue.

c) **Treasurer** – David Lord was happy to continue for the time being.

d) **Secretary** – Pam Rumney agreed to continue.

e) **Golfing Secretary** – Tom Wright was willing to continue as Golfing Secretary.

f) **Accounts Checker** – Jason Spires was also willing to continue as Accounts Checker.

A proposal to re-elect all the officers as above was made and unanimously agreed. Proposed by Dacre Watson and seconded by Duncan Merrin.

6) **The Current School – Mark George (Chair of School Trustees).**

Mark George (Chair of the School Trustees) reflected on the decision three years ago when the School Trustees had agreed to seek an arrangement with

the Full Circle Group. He confirmed that a key component that had attracted the Trustees had been the Global Education concept and the aspirations for growth that Full Circle had presented. Mark believed that the recent announcement of the opening of two new St Bees Schools in China in 2020 was testament to this vision. He confirmed that a primary school would be opening in Shijiazhuang in the Hebei Province and a high school in Dongguan in the Guangdong Province. He emphasised that St Bees School in Cumbria was regarded as ‘the mother school’ of all these new creations. Mark cited the fly-wheel analogy to describe the past few years at school. He suggested that the period from Sep 2016-2018 was like the first turn of the fly-wheel, which is always deemed to be the hardest as there is no momentum and thereby describes a time of least reward for the most effort. Mark considered September 2018 to be “the end of the beginning”. The second turn of the wheel he attributed to the first year of operation (Sep 2018-2019), whereby it is thought that the job is done, but in reality there is still a long way to go. He confirmed that a lot had happened at school over the last twelve months, including the appointment of a new Headmaster. Mark reported that the pupils and their parents appeared to be extremely happy and that they were receiving a good education, despite the school’s underlying tough time financially. Mark suggested that they were now entering the third turn of the fly-wheel and hoped that the momentum created by a Senior Management Team would carry them through the next year. He acknowledged that there were still many risks involved, several of which were out of their control, such as Brexit, but confirmed that they would continue to deal with any barriers they met. Mark concluded by saying that Roger Sinnett was leading the school well, Danny Wang had a clear vision for the future, and that as School Trustees, they were the Trustees of Edmund Grindal’s vision to lead education in West Cumbria and would therefore do all they could to see this happen.

George Robson congratulated Mark on the success to date and stated that the school was very close to the hearts of OSBs. He went on to ask about boarding at school and the plans for the future. Mark agreed that boarding was extremely important and reported that at present they had just one boarder but with the potential for another two to join shortly. Laurence Gribble said that they had a sleepover planned for current pupils within the following two weeks with a view to possibly encouraging some to take up the boarding option. Peter Lever informed the AGM that there had been approximately 350 students on site over the summer as part of STEAM residential summer schools. Lesley Lees asked if there were plans for the Chinese to come over to St Bees regularly. Mark confirmed that having now

acquired the Tier 4 operating licence, they hoped to see Chinese students at school in the future.

Anthony Wills enquired as to whether Full Circle had taken over all of the school assets. Mark assured the meeting that all the assets were still owned by the School Trust but that they were being leased to the Full Circle Group on a 33 year lease basis, with the option to extend for a further two periods of 33 years, amounting to a 99 year lease in total. Donald Brownrigg asked if there was the option in place to review before the 33 year period was complete. Mark understood that after five years the situation would be assessed by both parties.

Donald Brownrigg stated that, in his opinion, Edmund Grindal's vision was not being fulfilled by bringing in overseas pupils and it was his belief that the school did not have the backing of the village. Mark assured Donald that Edmund Grindal's vision was fully in their mind and that they believed they were keeping true to Grindal's wishes. Peter Lever stated that the only way private education could continue at St Bees would be with the addition of overseas pupils as there was no pot of money locally to fund it any other way. Anthony Fox sympathised with Donald's point, but he strongly believed that there were not enough parents in West Cumbria that were willing to pay for education and therefore it was essential to go out of the area to enrol pupils. John Hewitson maintained that there needed to be a concentrated effort on marketing and confirmed that he would be asking for clarification on this matter from the Headmaster during the afternoon session. Anthony Fox agreed that marketing was important but also believed that a product was needed first, which, in his opinion, was what the school was trying to achieve. Donald Brownrigg and Frank Messenger asked about various other options with local schools that had originally been mooted in 2015, but Mark confirmed that each one had been explored in detail and found not to be viable for various reasons. Mark concluded by advising that the school would never have reopened if it hadn't been for the arrangement with Full Circle. The President thanked Mark on behalf of the Society for his attendance and presentation.

7) Lonsdale Terrace – David Lord/Anthony Fox –

a) **Richard Stout's Proposal for Discussion** – Anthony Fox began by confirming that Lonsdale Terrace was owned by the Guarantee Trust Fund (GTF), which was established in 1938 when pupil numbers were decreasing and there was a danger of the school's closing. As a result, many OSBs personally helped out by funding the school through the difficult war years and beyond. Once the school was back on its feet, the GTF invested their remaining funds and utilised the monies to buy the

properties on Lonsdale Terrace, as they became available, to assist with boarding and staff accommodation for the school. Anthony therefore reaffirmed that Lonsdale Terrace was owned by the GTF and not the Society, although initial funds had been provided by Society Members. Anthony advised that the current GTF Trustees were David Lord, Roy Calvin and himself. He went on to say that the primary objective of the original GTF Trust Deed had been to support St Bees School whilst it was a legal entity; however, he acknowledged that this deed would now need re-drafting in the light of the new school. A further company, OSB Nominee Limited, had also been established a few years ago to assist with the administration of the Terrace. Anthony informed the Members that when the school closed in 2015 the GTF Trustees had sought advice with regard to the future of Lonsdale Terrace. It had been recommended that the properties should be put on the market to be sold. The necessary planning permission and change of use approval were granted by Copeland Borough Council, and in April this year the required works to convert the buildings back into individual units was started. Anthony reported that the Terrace had since been put on the market by PFK Estate Agency for offers in excess of £1m, which, he felt, reflected the state of the property market in West Cumbria as well as the extent of the work needed to turn the properties back into residential homes. Anthony made it clear that, as the Trustees were personally liable for any mortgages or loans, he hoped they would be able to sell the Terrace within the next six months. He went on to say that once Lonsdale Terrace had been sold and any loans, Capital Gains Tax, Council Tax and other bills had been paid, there would be significant funds available which the GTF Trustees would need to invest.

Referring to Richard Stout's proposal that had been tabled for discussion, Anthony assured Richard that he, as a Trustee, had no intention of the funds from the sale of Lonsdale Terrace being utilised to fill "a big black hole", but he also reminded the Members present that the monies belonged to the GTF and therefore any proceeds of the sale would be paid into the GTF account and not the Society account, as Richard's proposal had suggested. However, he concluded by acknowledging that the Society had supported the GTF and vice versa over the years and it was envisaged that this would continue in the future.

Steve Lees questioned the possibility of the GTF fully redeveloping the properties themselves and asked if this was precluded because of the sums of money required. Anthony confirmed that this was the case and pointed out that, amongst other things, a project manager would probably

have had to be appointed, which would then have necessitated further funding from the bank, and in his opinion he did not have confidence that this would be granted. Steve Lees inquired whether the estate agents had advised on the value of the properties if they were to be sold individually. Anthony confirmed that a figure in the region of £2.7m had been quoted, assuming the properties had been fully redeveloped. David Lord went on to say that in their present state, he understood that each property would require a minimum of £120k spent on it to bring it up to a saleable level. He concluded by affirming that the GTF did not have the funds available to redevelop the properties themselves.

David Rowlands asked for clarification that the full Terrace was on the market as a whole as opposed to individual properties being sold separately. Anthony confirmed that this was the intention currently, but added that if they were not successful, the alternative could be to sell the houses individually.

Richard Stout mentioned articles in the Whitehaven News about the sale of the houses on Lonsdale Terrace, but since the articles had not been written by the GTF or Society no-one was able to comment on their content.

Peter Lever advised that Grindal was also on the market and confirmed that an offer had been accepted by the School Trustees. He believed that completion could be within the next few weeks and suggested that a proportion of the funds from the sale of Grindal (approximately £150k) would, he hoped, be paid to the GTF as part repayment of the outstanding loan owed by the School Charitable Trust to the GTF. He went on to indicate that an actual total figure of approximately £1.6m had recently been agreed as the full amount owing to the GTF by the School Charitable Trust and this took into account the unexpired portion of the lease term and the re-instatement costs following the handing back of the Terrace to the GTF. Peter concluded by stating that should anything untoward happen to the school in the future, the GTF would be a significant creditor.

- 8) **Society Accounts – 2018-2019.** David Lord summarised the Society Accounts which had been tabled. He pointed out that prior to the school's closure in 2015, the Society and GTF had combined cash assets in excess of £200k; however, the running costs for Lonsdale, which had previously been paid by the school, along with staff costs, had reduced this figure by in excess of £150k over the four year period to £47k. David voiced his concerns and warned that if no money was received with regard to the sale of Grindal, the

Society would run out of funds in mid-2020. He therefore felt it might well be necessary to go out to the Membership for financial assistance.

The St Beghian Society General Account – David indicated that if Pam Rumney’s salary was excluded, the income generated just about covered the expenditure costs incurred. He therefore stressed the importance of finding a way to fund the cost of Pam’s salary from elsewhere.

Old St Beghians’ Club Guarantee Trust Fund Account – David outlined the Council Tax payments, explaining that during 2017/18 these amounts had been paid for by the school and staff using the premises, leaving just a small figure of £89 to be found by the GTF. However, during the 2018/19 financial year these payments had become the responsibility of the GTF and the amount owed had risen to just under £8k. In addition, whilst the Terrace was in use by the school, a rent of £3,000 per month was being paid to the GTF, which had obviously now ceased.

Frank Messenger enquired about possible mining rights. It was thought that these were no longer relevant to the school, but it was understood that there is a potential for monies to be received if and when the Whitehaven coal mine starts to produce.

9) **Branch Activities** – The President conveyed his concerns over the dwindling number of Members both within the Society and also those attending events across the country. He reported that following discussions at the earlier Committee meeting it had been agreed to concentrate efforts on perhaps fewer, but more regionally-based events. However, it was stressed that the Society would continue to do whatever it could to keep the Society alive and to maintain OSB involvement in any way possible, for as long as it was required by the Membership.

10) **The 200 Club Draw** – A report produced by Darryl Davies had been tabled for information.

As time was short, it was agreed that the draw should take place over lunch. In the end this was not possible and the draw was postponed until the 5th November. The subsequent draw produced the following winners:

PRIZE	No.	WINNER	PRIZE	No.	WINNER
£160	33	HL (Lynne) Plummer	£40	62	DT (David) Johnston
£40	60	WJM (Bill) Heslop	£40	6	PJ (Philip) and S Etchells
£40	22	Mrs SJ (Sara) Calvin (nee Gough)			

11) **Any Other Business** – There were no matters raised.

The President thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 12.22pm.

200 Club

The latest draw for the 200 club was made at St Bees School on Tuesday, 5th November 2019. The lucky winners are listed below:

PRIZE	Ticket No.	WINNER
£160	33	HL (Lynne) Plummer
£40	60	WJM (Bill) Heslop
£40	22	Mrs SJ (Sara) Calvin (nee Gough)
£40	62	DT (David) Johnston
£40	6	PJ (Philip) and S Etchells

Since last September our membership has increased by only 2 and we have 57 members. Once again, this is very disappointing. I try to encourage new members by sending out a Direct Debit form to all the winners. A few new members do join, it has to be said, but sadly some of our older ones pass away. Remember, it is possible to have more than one number in the draw.

I should like to thank all those who subscribe to this worthwhile cause. For as little as £2.00 per month you will be entered into two draws per year – one in March, the other in September.

The top prize is currently £160.00, but the more members we have, the bigger the prizes. There are also prizes of £40 and £20. Not only will your membership help you win prizes, it will be helping the Old St Beghians Society.

Please contact me on darryl.davies1@btopenworld.com for further information and an entry form.

Darryl Davies.

SOCIETY WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please remember the St Beghian Society **website & facebook** pages at

www.st-beghian-society.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/osbsociety>

Please take time to have a look at them and ‘**follow**’ us for up to date information and news of events and other matters that may arise in between Bulletin issues.

We would certainly welcome any comments that you may have.

Some OSBs will remember a collection of ancient books which were in the school library until the 1960s. The following article is taken from the school magazine of December 1928 and describes some of the volumes which were then on the shelves.

THE OLD BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

‘During the last two years many boys have made enquiries about the old books in the library. These books have now been examined and many are of great interest. They form one of the most unique collections of old books to be seen in Cumberland. Some of them are of interest because of their quaint titles, such as the book on Necromancy, others for their leather binding, others for the curious contemporary illustrations.

One of the most valuable is what is called the Roman Missal. Our book is not actually a Missal but is a Breviary. The Missal is the service book of the Mass, it is written in Latin, and before the days of printing it was almost invariably in the hands of the priests or monks. The Breviary was another service book, used by the monks for their vigils or prayers, which took place nearly every four hours both in the day and at night.

Our book was probably written in the late fourteenth or early fifteenth century, a little before the art of printing was discovered by Caxton. It was written on vellum and the monks laboriously worked out each letter in illuminated colours. At one time the book possessed brightly coloured medallions in gilt, but these some pirate hands have removed. The title pages of these books were extraordinarily beautiful and interwoven with bright blues and reds and gold, the general effect being one blaze of colour. Their writing took up a great deal of the time of the old monks, and was in fact one of their most important tasks.

The value of books depends upon a number of different factors: their scarcity, their interest and their state of preservation. Most of our sixteenth century books are important but of little market value. They include a large number of Calvin’s apologetics and commentaries on the Scriptures. Calvin ranks after Luther as the founder of Protestantism and was in many respects his superior. There is also an Erasmus, edited by Nicholas Udall, which is of considerable interest.

Of the seventeenth century books, Bacon’s Advancement of Learning stands out. This book was written in 1605, and was thus an early work of James 1’s Chancellor and the author of the ‘Novum Organum’. There were two copies of the work; the first a large folio edition, and a small edition, which is ours. In contrast to the staid author of the Essays we have the Carolinian poet, Sir John

Suckling, with his 'brisk round eye' and red nose. Nephew of a Lord Treasure like Sir Francis Bacon, Suckling was a complete cavalier, addicted to gambling and the pleasures of the table. We have a small edition of his poems, which has unfortunately some blemishes.

We possess several editions of eighteenth century writers, including a complete set of the Spectator dated 1712, and a complete Addison of early date; also the second edition of Boswell's Life of Dr. Johnson. All these books are in the most excellent condition.

It is hoped to make a deeper examination into the books and separate the good from the poor, but from a cursory survey we can already see that we possess many curious books dating over a long period of time. The experiment of showing some of these in a glass case has been made in order to stimulate interest.⁷

The above piece appeared in the school magazine. In the early 1960s the University of Newcastle initiated a project to record the ancient libraries which still survived in the former grammar schools in the north of England. Researchers visited these schools and made comprehensive lists of the ancient books which were still held by the schools. When the project ended, and with a view to preserving and maintaining such volumes, many of which had great historical significance, the authorities at Newcastle offered to house the books for any schools which did not feel they could look after them properly. Unlike other northern schools at the time whose ancient libraries were deposited on long-term loan, our collection of books was sold outright by the school governors to Newcastle University in the 1960s for a nominal sum, though with the stipulation that they be kept together and made available at the school for temporary display from time to time if requested.

The present writer staged just such an exhibition here in the 1990s. Some of the books are of considerable historical importance, having come from Grindal's own library or containing contemporary annotations, and at least one is in a 'royal' armorial binding. It is no exaggeration to state that were this collection now to appear at auction in London, its commercial value would be very great.

There is a complete inventory of all the books which were sold in the school archives.

AJHR.

BRANCH NOTES & EVENTS

Branch Activities:

London (Informal Gathering)

The second London OSB Social was held again at The Samuel Pepys pub in the City on Friday 11th October 2019. It was an informal social event for OSBs to catch up with just a drink and/or food.

Nicola Shannon (Metcalf-Gibson (L/G 78-85) coordinated the event.

The years represented spanned from 1957 to 2014 with both old boys and old girls attending. It was a great success and a really fun evening with over twenty-six OSBs present. Special thanks must go to those who made a huge effort by travelling from Cumbria in order to attend.

The evening will be repeated next year (9th October 2020) so please let Nicola Shannon know if you would be interested in coming to what is a thoroughly enjoyable event: nicmetcalfeshannon@gmail.com or 0776 619 5468.

Attendees: Nicola Shannon (Metcalf-Gibson) (L/G 78-85), Dacre Watson (FN 61-64), David Lord (SH 60-65), Howard Graham (FS 80-87), Will Winzor (SH 00-07), Graeme Bagnall (SH 85-91), Erica Gaffney (Fearfield) (G 80-85), Sam Young (Fielding) (G 79-85), Donald Jackson (SH 75-80), Kryste Ferguson (Wilson) (L 81-88), Alan Stewart (SH 82-89), Martin Birkett (SH 83-90), Bulent Tugal (FN 76-83), Jane Barham (L 79-86), Carl Drimmie (SH 78-84), Tilak David Paul (FN 71-76), John McAdam, Michael Pemberton (SH 57-62), Mark Liversedge (FS 59-64), Ian Richards (G/SH 78-85), Sam Robson (G 79-81), Tim Crossley-Smith (SH 73-78), Claire Evans (B/L 08-14), Rob Fenton-Stone (FS 81-86), Ben Wilkins (SH 97-04) and Sara Calvin (Gough) (G 77-84).

Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

North East

Once again members gathered amid the plush surroundings of the Northumberland Golf Club at Gosforth Park on the edge of Newcastle for the 2019 North East Branch Annual Dinner.

Present were: D.H. Williams (Chairman of NE Branch) (FN 61-64), D.F. Lord (St Beghian Society Treasurer) (SH 60-65), W.E. Dove (Secretary of NE Branch) (FN 57-60), L. Gribble (Assistant Headmaster & Board Director) (SH 02-09), F.O. Messenger (SH 50-55), J.D.S. Brown (G 53-59), N.D. Clothier (FN 53-57), W.M.H. Dix (FN 55-58), C.R. Kennedy (FN 55-59), A.M. Carstairs (FN 57-62), G.C. Robson (FN 57-64), J.M. McBryde (G 58-61), G.M. Burn (G 58-61), M.P. Windle (FS 58-61), N.W. Adams (FN 58-71), K.D. Rangelcroft (FN 73-78), D.G.W. Reed (FN 75-78) and B.J. Colledge (Guest).

The Branch Chairman, Don Williams, gave apologies for absence from both the

Headmaster, Roger Sinnett, and the President of the Society, Peter Lever, whose message was read out. The time-honoured Latin Grace was offered after which a splendid meal was served during which there was much reminiscing and catching up. At appropriate times the Loyal Toast was observed then toasts to both the school and the Society.

After a short break proceedings resumed with Society Treasurer David Lord reporting on the sale of certain Society assets and the state of its finances, which are constantly being reviewed.

The Chairman then invited the Assistant Headmaster and Board Director, Laurence Gribble, to address the meeting. Laurence rose to give an intriguing illustrated talk which had three themes – firstly, his incredibly arduous cycling journey from the gates of Buckingham Palace to Hong Kong; secondly, Full Circle’s involvement with St Bees School and the partnership’s progress to date; and thirdly, details of the education pupils at the school are currently receiving. George Robson rose to thank Laurence for his excellent presentation and handed him a keepsake in the form of a five pounds piece minted at the Royal Mint and featuring a rat. The coin was struck to mark the commencement of the Chinese twelve-year lunar Sheng Xiao calendar.

For those who could not attend the 2018 Dinner to receive a copy, Chairman Don Williams gave Laurence Gribble and other members a present of his book titled ‘A Portrait of Achievement’. Don wrote this book to illustrate the reasons for our regional pride in the North East.

Members and guests then retired from the dining room to the bar for further conviviality until departing via taxis or cars.

Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

Singapore Lunch

The fourth annual Singapore OSB lunch was held at the Singapore Cricket Club on the 4th January 2020 and attended by six Old Boys and two wives.

Attendees: John Hewitson (SH 52-57) and wife Penny, Duncan Merrin (GH 53-57) and wife Yati, Dickon Smart-Gill (SH 85-92), Ken Davies (GH 64-68), Nick Hunter (AC 87-94) and David Ng (84-91).

Peter Lever, the President of the OSB Society, and Laurence Gribble, the Assistant Headmaster and Board Director, both kindly forwarded summaries of the current status at school. These were circulated and generated a general discussion on the future of St Bees School in Cumbria; the expansion into China of the St Bees ‘Brand’; and the need for additional funds to be found by the UK side of the school to meet its commitment to the Full Circle Group.

The sale of Grindal did not bring a lump to the throat or a tear to the eye of those old Grindalians present!

There was a very comprehensive discussion regarding the way forward in

education and what subjects are now important in the fast-moving world that we now live in.

Should pupils be taught computer coding? Should there be an awareness of artificial intelligence (AI)? Should it be taught as a subject since it is moving more and more into our everyday life?

Dickon Smart-Gill lead the discussion on this as he is in that field. After listening to Dickon those present were convinced that AI should be taught.

David Ng told us the remarkable story of his family moving from Hong Kong to Cumbria and successfully establishing a chain of Chinese restaurants.

End of play was about 3.45, I think, and farewells were made along with a promise to do it all again in 2021.

Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>.

Yorkshire (cancelled)

The Yorkshire Branch lunch, which was arranged for September 2019, unfortunately had to be cancelled through lack of numbers. These lunches have for many years been organised thanks to the devoted attention of Steve Crossley-Smith; but the cancellation brought to a head a problem which has been growing in recent years, and following a long discussion at the last Committee Meeting and AGM, it was decided to suspend these gatherings for the time being. Should any member wish to suggest or organise any Yorkshire-related functions in the future, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Crossley-Smith at, Garth Cottage, Moor Park Way, Addingham, West Yorkshire, LS29 0PZ or on (01943) 830640 or crossleysmith@btinternet.com.

The Fifth Annual Thomas Froggatt Memorial Match at Egremont RUFC: Saturday 28th December 2019.

The day was another resounding success both on and off the field.

A St Bees side containing an age range spreading from Fraser Mcnee to Howard Graham was expertly assembled by Jonathon Garrod, who was delighted to report that this year's selection process had been the most straightforward to date because everyone was so keen to play.

Egremont RUFC also fielded a large squad, and the sizeable crowd was rewarded with a keenly contested and very watchable game.

St Bees fought back from a 21-7 deficit to finish very strongly, but the host side held on for a 28-26 victory which gives them a 4-1 lead in the series.

The clubhouse was packed for a long time after the game as ex parents and pupils alike took the opportunity to socialise and reminisce on this now firmly established Old St Beghians' occasion.

As regards the charitable fund-raising, a superb total of £1350 was raised on the day from a pitchside collection, raffle and auction.

Thanks go to all involved, especially the Egremont club for their excellent hosting, to Jon Garrod and Simon Edwards for raising the team, to Vicki Kay for her auction prize donations, and to the numerous OSBs who supported in such generous fashion.

Nick, Maggie and Lucy Froggatt were hugely appreciative of the warmth and support of all those who attended and were proud to be able to make such a wonderful donation to their chosen charity, the Calvert Trust.

Huw Lewis.

Additional events are sometimes arranged between Bulletin issues.

Please do let us have an **email address** if you have one, so that we can inform you of such dates as they arise or, alternatively, do keep checking the Society's website and Facebook pages for further information.

www.st-beghian-society.co.uk & <https://www.facebook.com/osbsociety>

Forthcoming Annual Dinner and Other Dates:

Asia - Hong Kong and Shenzhen

If you are interested in attending dinners and get-togethers in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, please get in touch with Laurence Gribble, James Rebert or Chris Ma: Facebook Group: "Old St Beghians in Asia"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/480912405435555/> or

E-mail: OSBinAsia@gmail.com

WhatsApp: +44 7930 258791(Laurence Gribble).

Cumbria Dinner

The West Cumbria Dinner 2020 will take place on **Friday 1st May 2020**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, at Armathwaite Hall, Bassenthwaite Lake, near Keswick.

The cost will be £30.00 per person for a 3 course meal, plus hopefully a champagne reception and wine on the table. Of the 60 places available, 31 people have already booked to attend and a further 10 have expressed an interest; therefore early booking is advisable. **Please contact Darryl Davies for further information or to book a dinner place** (if you cancel before 1st April 2020, you will receive a full refund): darryl.davies1@btopenworld.com or 07970 180751 or 5 Marlborough Avenue, High Harrington, Workington, CA14 4NW.

Payments must be received as soon as possible to confirm reservation and guarantee a place. Cheques to be made payable to 'West Cumbria Branch OSBC'.

Accommodation is available at a reduced rate of £150.00 per room (including breakfast and the use of leisure facilities). **Please book accommodation directly with the hotel:** Leeann at leeann.lennox@armathwaite-hall.com or 017687 88909.

London Dinner

Following a great event last year, the 2020 London Branch Dinner will be held on **Friday 29th May 2020**, once again at the **Royal Air Force Club**, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY. The venue is in a fantastic central London **location** close to Buckingham Palace, between Green Park and Hyde Park. The beautiful surroundings, a private dining room and bar made for a terrific get-together in 2019, and we would love to see you there this year. It would also be great to welcome more of the newer generations of Old St Beghians at London Branch events, so feel free to consult your network and come as a team!

For further details or reservations please contact either:

Graeme Bagnall at baggers@talk21.com / 07778 301584 or

Martin Birkett at martin.birkett@gs.com / 07788 713039.

Venue and location details may be seen at

<http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan20bulletin>

London (Informal Gathering)

Following a wonderful evening in 2019, there will once again be an informal social get-together at The Pepys pub/restaurant (Stew Lane, EC4V 3PT) on **Friday 9th October 2020**. If you fancy eating and/or drinking or even just catching up, please do call in and join us.

Nicola Shannon (nee Metcalfe-Gibson) (L/G 78-85) would love to hear from you if you are interested in attending - nicmetcalfeshannon@gmail.com or 0776 619 5468.

North East

The 2020 North East Dinner will be on **Wednesday 4th November 2020**, at the Northumberland Golf Club, High Gosforth Park, Newcastle, NE3 5HT.

For further information please contact Bill Dove on (01274) 585147 or williamdove15@yahoo.co.uk.

Scotland

Tim Mackay (FS 68-73) has kindly agreed to organise a Scottish get-together in **mid-November 2020**.

Please contact Tim Mackay at timmackay5859@gmail.com or 07850 082583 if you are interested in attending and for further information.

The Sixth Annual Thomas Froggatt Memorial Rugby Match will be held at Egremont RUFC on **Monday 28th December 2020**, kick-off at 1.30pm. 2019 saw the widest representation of year groups present so far and the organisers are keen to build on this for the 2020 event.

Keep the date free and we look forward to seeing you there.

Branch Secretaries:

Please find below/over a list of Branch Secretaries. If you are interested in attending a Branch dinner/gathering or require any other information, please contact the appropriate person. In addition, if you are living in another Branch's area temporarily, due to work or university for example, it would be helpful if such members were to contact the relevant Branch Secretary.

Asia: Laurence Gribble, James Rebert and Chris Ma:
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WhatsApp: +44 7930 258791(Laurence Gribble) or WeChat: laurence358499.

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North-East: W.E. Dove (Bill),
3 the Rowans, Baildon, West Yorkshire. BD17 5DB.
Tel: (01274) 585147. Email: williamdove15@yahoo.co.uk

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Garth Cottage, Moor Park Way, Addingham, West Yorks. LS29 0PZ.
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Scotland: Please see Forthcoming Dinner Dates above.

Golfing Society (OSBGS)

Old St Beghians' Golfing Society 2019

The Critchley Cup – Seascale – 2019

This year's Critchley Cup took place on Saturday 6th July at Seascale Golf Club once again. All attendees had a great day both on the course and in the clubhouse. The Cup was won by the Old Boy who had travelled the furthest to attend. Congratulations go to Adrian Peckitt, your support at these events is always greatly appreciated!

Tom Wright won the scratch trophy, which also included the single malt Scotch Whisky kindly donated by **AD Rattray Whisky**, a great gesture from Mr Tim Morrison, owner of the Distillery and OSB.

Cameron Wood won the Under 25 trophy. Cameron had his first taste of Old Boy's weekends in Edinburgh last year and the Society cannot wait to welcome him to his first Halford Hewitt at Royal St George's next year!

John Currie was a late entrant and following a decent knock, he will be waiting with anticipation to be presented with the Fortifier!

Thanks to Richard Crummey and Matthew Rigby for also making the long journey to the West Coast. I hope the trip 'down memory lane' was worth it! Also thanks to locals Ethan Spedding and Ben Wilson for supporting the event as always.

Plans are being made for Critchley Cup 2020; dates are going to be confirmed soon. Let us hope that we can bring this competition back further to its former glory.

The QE Coronation Schools Tournament – Edinburgh – 2019

A team of six Old St Beghians attended the QE at Edinburgh in late September. The team consisted of John Berry, John Currie, Adrian Peckitt, Cameron Wood, Tom Wright and Andy Crummey.

The team were treated to excellent accommodation in Gullane. Unfortunately we couldn't match last year's quarter final performance and were beaten in the early rounds, possibly due to Adrian Peckitt's playing with new rented clubs.... That's all I'll say on that. However, heads were quickly lifted by Andy Crummey's hospitality during an evening's entertainment in North Berwick on the Saturday night, followed by a round on Gullane 1 on the Sunday for all the players, who were joined by Nigel Costeloe. A great experience, all the players were very grateful for a round on a top quality venue and course.

Thanks go to Andy Crummey for his organisation and perseverance in looking after us all superbly.

Thoughts now turn to 2020. The Halford Hewitt will be a major attraction for the team in early April, more especially as this year Royal St George's will be hosting the Open Championship later in the season. The Critchley Cup will return to Seascale in early July. More information will follow as the event details become finalised over the Christmas break. It would be great to see as many OSB faces there as possible.

Tom Wright (Hon. Secretary OSBGS).

Contact Details:

Michael Coffey, President – Michael@golfclubsec.co.uk.

Tom Wright, Secretary – tomosbgolf@hotmail.com.

St Bees Golf Club

For further information:

Club number – (01946) 824300 (only available when the club is open)

Membership Secretary, Mr Ian Boak – (01946) 63002.

Wanted! - OSB Dinners and Events Photographs

Any photographs from St Beghian dinners and events or even informal impromptu get-togethers would be very much appreciated.

We are always looking for pictures from those attending OSB get-togethers and events to include in both the electronic Bulletin and also on the website.

Please remember to take your camera and capture the memories!

Please send to: osb@stbeesschool.co.uk or (01946) 828093 or by post.

OSB SHOP

If OSBs would like to have details of the range of items for sale in the OSB 'Shop', please contact the Office and a descriptive price list will be sent, or alternatively the information may be viewed on the Society website (www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/School Shop.htm).

We have had to omit the usual advert to conform with data protection legislation.

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If you are interested in being involved,
please contact the Secretary or any of the above members.

The next St Beghian Society Committee Meeting - Sat 7th March, 2020
The AGM and St Beghians' Day, 2019 - Saturday 19th September, 2020.

Copy Deadline: As the target month for the next issue of 'The Old St Beghian' is **July 2020**, the Editor would be most grateful if Branch Secretaries and other contributors would let him have their notices and reports by **31st May, 2020**.

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