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**\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \***  
**DATA PROTECTION LAW**  
**2018**

Forthcoming changes to data protection laws in the UK mean that we will need your specific consent to keep in touch with you via post and email after the new regulations come into force in May 2018.

This will be a legal requirement.

The purpose of this message is to alert you to this and to ask you to respond quickly when we send you the relevant form for completion. Without your consent, for example, we will not be able to send you the OSB Bulletin or any other communication from the Society.

We are sure you will appreciate that from the Society's point of view (and future) completion of this form will be

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.**

## **Signing of Contract**

**We have pleasure in announcing that on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 the St Bees School Trust and Full Circle Education (Hong Kong) signed a contract of partnership to mark the opening of the school.**

The contract was formally witnessed by the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards and Minister for Equalities, Antonia Romeo, Permanent Secretary of the Department for International Trade, and Copeland MP Trudy Harrison. Representing the Society were Peter Lever, David Lord and Dacre Watson.

**Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

## **Trustees Newsletter**

In late December the Trustees of St Bees School issued another Newsletter giving an update on the progress which has been made towards the reopening of the school.

This document can be viewed at

**<http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>**

but if you would like to receive a 'hard copy' through the post, please contact Pam in the St Beghian Society office.

## **REMINDER: Change of Society Email Address**

The St Beghian Society has had to change its email address

It has been changed from [osb@st-bees-school.co.uk](mailto:osb@st-bees-school.co.uk) to

**[osb@stbeesschool.co.uk](mailto:osb@stbeesschool.co.uk)**

Please do start to use the new address. Many thanks.

# A Message From Our New Headmaster

## Jeremy Hallows

Dear Old St Beghians,

This is not the first opportunity that I have had to address some of you and I shall try to avoid repetition of what I have said before. It has been a fast moving journey through this the first term on the road to the doors opening once again next September. I will say, during my visits to Newcastle (lively bunch, much mischief afoot) and Edinburgh (a surprisingly cultured gathering given that it was over the border) it felt entirely natural to highlight the importance of the role played by the Old St Beghians and their Society to date, and hopefully long into the future. When I came for interview for this post, the fact that the Society had continued through the darkest days in the school's history showed that there was still a clear and strong attachment to the school in the hearts of the alumni and this is one further sign that there is hope for the success of the project. I have been keen to highlight to the parents who have shown interest in the school to date that their children would be joining the network afforded to OSBs. I accept that it is my duty to ensure that they are 'of the right calibre' to join your ranks.

So what is that calibre? As far as I can tell, the DNA of common or garden OSBs contains equal measures of candour, wisdom, bloody-mindedness, wit, kindness, stoicism, mischief, temper and talent. The essence of strong character development indeed!

We have a new management team in place, but already we have learnt much about the heritage and the provenance of the school. Most of it seems to have been stowed away in the attic of Foundation. The chances are that if you ever lost anything in your school days, it is up there... somewhere. Whilst aspects of the life of the school have to change in order to deliver a compelling educational experience for local and international children, the outcomes, I hope, will be much the same in the way that we shape the potential and aspirations of the children through their school days. I can confirm though, that we will not be re-introducing the short trousers of yore.

You will be pleased to know that Foundation remains inhospitably cold and that the water supply is delightfully unpredictable. (I gather that the boiler which serves the building to this day was salvaged from a steamship many years ago). Sadly, these character-building experiences of your school days are, apparently,

undesirable for the youth of today and so we shall set about sanitising and modernising where necessary. Hopefully, this will allow those of you who have that inclination, to berate the children for not knowing they are born when you visit the school. Nostalgia for hardship is a wonderful thing in the happiest days but it is rarely seen when the clouds gather.

You must be wearied by the growing excitement that is in every communication from the school. Well, I shall try to contain mine, this is relatively straightforward given the prosaic nature of current events. The school is filled with the sound of scaffolding being erected and electricians dismantling and reassembling the charged innards of the school. Apparently we have to remove the risk of electrical accidents and leaks in the roof too. Humbug!

Much to my delight, we've had to write completely new schemes of work for every subject we plan to teach and we have had to author enough policies to keep even the most enthusiastic bureaucrat out of mischief for months. This has not, you may be surprised to hear, been an exciting experience but it has been an essential step along the way. I've literally just heard that apparently the Department for Education is happy with our work and so now we will be expecting a visit from Ofsted in the very near future. Just another forty-nine documents to write before they come then! When they do, they will spend two or three days looking into boiler rooms, prep rooms, risk assessments, health and safety records and all of the other glamorous stuff before giving us the tick we need in order to operate as an independent school.

When that moment comes, I might just allow myself a squeak of delight. The real reason we are here is in order to create something special for the children who join the school from September 2018. In this regard, I am going to ask for your help. There is a wonderful diversity of skill and experience within the membership of the OSB Society that I hope the new children at St Bees might have the opportunity to engage with. You just need to signal your willingness and we will keep you in our minds as we plan the detail of the programme for the years to come.

You might be interested to know that we have agreed the terms for an OSB Scholarship which recognises the importance of the link to the past. If you have secondary age children, please do contact the Admissions team to find out more. We have also committed to offering Pioneer Scholarships for the pupils that are accepted for September 2018 before the end of February. This is an exceptional and compelling financial benefit for the families of those first children. I should

note that the funds for scholarships and bursaries are limited and so when they are gone... they are gone.

Before finishing, I want to say how nice it has been to meet many of you who have made informal visits to the campus this term. Please do feel free to visit, to ask for more information or to ring that new Headmaster and set him straight. I like an argument!

It has been a remarkable experience this term. One that I knew would be unlike anything I had experienced before. I shall write soon with more news!

In the meantime, I want to thank you for reaching the end of this missive and to wish you a happy, blessed and peaceful New Year.

With every good wish,  
**Jeremy Hallows.**

## **SOCIETY WEBSITE & FACEBOOK**

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

**[www.st-beghian-society.co.uk](http://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.

**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](mailto:osb@stbeesschool.co.uk)

## **From Our New President**

### **Peter Lever (G 62-66)**

Dear Old St Beghians,

I write to you as the new President of The St Beghian Society, having succeeded Dacre Watson, who has been our President for the past three years, undoubtedly the most difficult time in our history. We owe Dacre a great debt of gratitude for his dedication to the Society and for steering it through the difficulties of the school's closure towards its rebirth while maintaining the continuity of the Society's activities despite the many uncertainties and disappointments felt by members.

I must also pay tribute to David Lord, who will step down as Society Secretary at the end of this year, although he will continue in the roll as Society Treasurer. David has been 'Mr St Bees' for many years and his contribution to the school in so many ways has been without precedent. Pam Rumney will take on the role of Secretary and I would ask everyone to give her their support at all times. She has been a great servant of the OSBS for ten years and knows many of you personally. We are fortunate that she has agreed to step into David's shoes. She was invited to become a full member of the Society by Dacre Watson, a personal gesture, on OSB day this year in recognition of her services to the Society.

I left St Bees in 1966 after five fairly unmemorable and academically unsuccessful years at school, never once thinking that I would return to take on an active role in its reopening in 2018. In fact in December 1966 when I took the end of term train south to Preston for the last time, I had no intention of ever returning!

I learnt of the school's closure in Mach 2015 while travelling in the Far East, and on returning to the UK visited St Bees assuming the worst - that the "Phoenix" would never rise again from the ashes. St Bees School lives in a time warp and on my return there little had changed in 50 years, even the wooden studies at the rear of Grindal were still standing, a testimony to their construction I guess! The presentation of the school buildings and the estate grounds was immaculate and apart from the absence of pupils, all seemed quite normal, in fact the school suggested a haven of tranquillity.

As I walked around on that sunny May day, memories flooded back of my days at school. My mind was alive with the names of staff and those of my contemporaries along with some of the unforgettable moments, good and bad; but particularly I reflected on the contributions made by so many individuals during

the schools 430 year history. Was all this commitment to come to nothing? It was while walking around the school that I knew that I had in some way to make a contribution.

The St Beghian Society was formed to extend the St Bees family for the benefit of the school and pupils and to capture and nurture the spirit of the school within its pupils past and present. Alumni associations are unique to their schools and their value perhaps only recognised as one matures; however, if not nurtured and supported they will die and the treasures that they hold are then lost for ever.

On OSB day this year I was approached by an individual whom I had not spoken to or seen or even given a moment's thought to for fifty five years. Stuart Withnall was a prefect on Grindal in 1963 and I was his 'fag'. Time is a great leveller. At age fourteen I was very much Stuart's junior; on OSB day we met and chatted as friends. A memorable experience that embodies what our Society is all about and why it exists. It is our duty as members to ensure that our Society survives and develops to meet the future needs of the new school and that, specifically, ways are found to encourage the lady members of the Society, who represent thirty percent of our number.

The school will reopen in September 2018 as a joint venture partnership involving the St Bees School Charitable Trust and the Full Circle Education Group, which is based in Hong Kong.

The senior management team for the new school is appointed and in place at St Bees under the leadership of the new Headmaster Jeremy Hallows.

The Trustees of the school have agreed a thirty-three year renewable lease with Full Circle Group. The Charitable Trust will retain full ownership of the school estate while the school will be run by the joint venture company, The St Bees School Management Company Limited. The Old St Beghians retain ownership of Lonsdale Terrace, which will be leased to the joint venture company.

The board of the joint venture company will comprise three members from the St Bees Charitable Trust and three Full Circle Group members; however, 75% of the shares in the new company will be held by Full Circle Group, who will inject, over a period of five years, an estimated capital sum of £3.6m into the school. The St Bees School Charitable Trust will hold 25% of the equity and have a responsibility to provide an estimated £1.2m to the reopening capital requirement costs.

On Old St Beghians' Day I launched The Edmund Grindal Society, The New School Foundation Appeal, to support the funding requirements of the Charitable Trust. I would urge you to consider giving your support to this appeal. This may be the last opportunity for OSB's to ensure that our school survives.

In the Full Circle Group the Trust has found an inspirational partner who will bring both financial resources and a unique international style of education to the school which will appeal to parents of children not only from the UK but from across the globe.

The future for St Bees School is both challenging and exciting but it will, I believe, be a very successful one.

I look forward to meeting many old and new friends during my period as President and would ask you all to support the Society in what ever way you can at this critical time in the school's history as it reopens.

Finally, my thanks to Tony Reeve our Bulletin Editor and dedicated Society supporter, whose outstanding contribution to the Society was recognised on OSB day when Dacre Watson asked him to become a full member, the first ex-master to be honoured in this way.

**Peter G. Lever (G 62-66), President, St Beghian Society.**

<b>2018 Calendar of Events:</b>		
<b>January</b>	Friday 26th	Shenzhen Dinner
	Saturday 27th	Hong Kong Dinner
<b>February</b>		
<b>March</b>	Saturday 3rd	Vancouver Dinner
	Saturday 24th	Singapore Lunch
<b>April</b>	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 8th	Golf – Halford Hewitt Cup
<b>May</b>	Friday 18th	London Dinner
	Sunday 20th	Golf – Grafton Morrish Qualifier
<b>June</b>	June or July (tbc)	Cumbria Dinner (tbc)
	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 23rd	Golf – Cyril Gray Tournament
<b>July</b>	Saturday 7th	Golf – The Critchley Cup
<b>August</b>		
<b>September</b>	Sunday 9th	Yorkshire Lunch
	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Mon 24th	Golf – The QE Coronation Schools Tourn.
	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	St Beghians' Day 2018
<b>October</b>	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7th	Golf – Grafton Morrish Final
	Friday 12th	London Informal Social
<b>November</b>	Wednesday 7th	North East Dinner
	(tbc)	Scottish Dinner (tbc)
<b>December</b>	Friday 28th	Thomas Froggatt Memorial Match



## OSB NOTES

### **N. J. V. Curry (SH 60-66) writes with news of R. C. Croft (FN 60-65)**

“Life begins at 70 for Carter. I have just spent an amusing week helping my mate to exit France, following the uncertainties of Brexit, by selling his beautiful home on the shores of Lake Annecy, where we leave a yacht that we share, so that we can continue to have sailing and skiing holidays together.

He arrived in France after retiring from Queensland Health some twenty years ago and immersed himself into the French way of life and culture, always trying to speak the language and being awarded the Diplome d'Etat, which is the highest qualification of rugby coaching, working in their leagues: the Top14 and Pro2, as well as Federale 1 and 2. In addition he became a part-time Pisteur in La Clusaz. He has decided to settle in Pocklington, East Yorkshire, where he is already coaching Rugby at York R.F.C. and taking M.C.C cricket coaching levels with York Cricket Club, and even talking of playing again!”

### **Peter Hutchinson CBE (SH 40-42) has kindly sent in the following reminiscences:**

“I am happy to recount some of my memories of St Bees. It was, looking back, a great privilege to spend much of the war in the peace of West Cumberland.

We did not go home during term but had what was called three quarter day holidays when we could cycle to various parts of the countryside for the day.

There was practically no traffic to worry about. A favourite destination was a small farm on the River Calder which provided cream teas; a great treat, we did not realise that it was then illegal! One day two of us fished in the river and caught an eel about two feet long. I wrapt it round my crossbar and took it back to school to eat; it was delicious!

I think my first winter in 1940 we experienced a snow storm and I remember being on the road to Whitehaven just above School House and looking down onto the roofs of cars.

We also walked up St Bees Head and collected seagulls' eggs. No Health and Safety in those days!

I was very keen on sport. At rugby I played fly half. My first match for the 1st XV was away at Sedbergh. We travelled by train the day before and played the next morning. Unfortunately at an early stage I was concussed and for a few days was confined to the School House sick room under observation. Cricket was my great love. I was made first team captain at the age of 16, which had its difficulties as I was not even a prefect.

The gym and swimming pool were the domain of an ex Northumberland Fusilier sergeant. He was very popular but stood no nonsense. We swam in the nude in those days and consider it quite 'natural'.

For athletics we ran round the triangle. I enjoyed sprinting but avoided cross country.

We trained in the OTC with Lea Enfield rifles. I was in the band but not being the least musical I played the side drum!

There are so many memories: the chapel and singing full blast; the library, which was a good quiet escape; John Boulder, who was always supportive, and his lame leg; the Abbots Court hotel; Grindal occupied by Mill Hill School, and of course the tuck shop next door.

I made a lot of friends, a special one is Geoffrey Heslop. I was his best man 60 plus years ago and we still meet up quite regularly, though both in our 90s."

### **Ivan Jones (FN 60-64) recalls the RAF section:**

"Regarding the David Boucher article in the previous Bulletin, I am sending some pictures taken upon the visit to the school for the annual CCF inspection in 1961 by Gus Walker, who I believe was then head of RAF Training Command.

Although not pictured, he actually flew the bungee glider during his visit. The glider was stored in a hut east of the New Block and hardly ever brought out and assembled. He arrived and departed via a helicopter which the RAF section had to guard. Perhaps as a result of Gus' visit the following spring an additional RAF camp was arranged at RAF Butsvilerhoff outside Cologne, to which Dacre Watson and I went. As I recall there was very little military about the camp apart from the location and uniform. It was more a tourist trip. We visited Bonn, the Deutz engineering factory, the Cologne 711 perfume factory and various other spots. The only time we did anything of a military nature was to fire a sten gun on the station firing range. We were billeted in the Sergeants' Mess and ate our meals in the Officers' Mess. I have also enclosed a picture of Dacre and Stobart taken on that trip. I can't remember who the boy to their right was except I think his father was in the RAF.

The annual camp that year was at RAF Cranwell, which was also organized by Gus Walker. Because it was/is the RAF University it was regarded as the most prestigious camp in the system reserved for only the most important schools. We were the only 'lesser' public school there and I think the only one from the north and looked down upon until we came in top in the athletic competition that had been arranged."

**Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

**Chris Kerr (FS 58-62) writes:**

“I have just had a look at the swimming team photo in the latest e-bulletin and can offer some comments on this.

Firstly, the chap on the right of the back row is called Godber (not Godbev). I'm pretty sure he was on FS with me.

The chap on the back row - Thompson - was also known to me. I think he was on FN and I recall that at the beginning of the summer holidays one year he was more of a splasher than a swimmer but that by the end of that holiday he had turned himself into a fantastic swimmer who went on to break most of the school records. He was also quite a formidable wing forward, playing on the first XV with Scrapper Dixon et al. (Incidentally, see the new 1971 Lions tour book for Peter Dixon's quotes on that record tour.) When he left school Thompson joined the RAF but I learned from the Bulletin that he had been killed. Many years later I was walking on Abersoch beach with a chap I'd just met called Andy, the latest boyfriend of a friend, who it appeared had been in the RAF with Thompson.

They were in the same squadron and Andy told me that they were flying Hunters somewhere in the Middle East together doing target practice at flags on top of sand dunes. The squadron would peel off one at a time and dive towards the sand dunes trying to shoot the flag targets. The first few missed the target but on his turn, Thompson was determined to score, which he did, but could not pull up and flew into the sand dune under the target. The squadron routine was that the following plane filmed the one in front for later analysis and I was stunned to learn that Andy had been right behind Thompson and had filmed his fatal crash. Regrettably, Andy was also killed later in the RAF when the Harrier in which he was taking off developed a fault causing him to eject. The nose of his aircraft was pointing skywards as he ejected at very low altitude and Andy was tragically ejected horizontally into the side of a hangar. All this came flooding back to me when seeing the photograph in the Bulletin.

I also remember the school glider referred to elsewhere. Being in the RAF section (along with Thompson) I 'flew' in it - or at least that was what we called a low hop across the crease on CCF day. I recall Air Vice Marshall Sir Augustus Walker (an Old Boy) coming to review the troops one year and asking to have a go in the glider. He instructed us to remove the spoilers (large planks of wood fixed to the leading edges of the wings to slow the thing down) and he then ordered the bungee pullers to walk (two elastic bungee cords were hooked to the front end each with a team of pullers and, on the command, they separated in a V and both sides walked away until a wooden ball reached a stop indicating the maximum permissible stretch). We walked very enthusiastically and did not hear the stop command but learnt that the ball had pinged off as the bungee passed maximum permitted stretch. This event went down in folklore mainly because the pilot only

had one arm and had to reach across himself and then down to the release cord by which time the puller teams were heading towards the squash courts! The glider took off and the general consensus was that it reached an altitude similar to the tops of the rugby posts, then flew a record breaking distance followed by a crash landing. Not a word of criticism was heard from the pilot, who earned the undying admiration of his pullers. ('Gus' Walker had lost an arm during the war in heroic circumstances - Ed).

I hope my ramblings are reasonably accurate and that these memories might encourage other OSBs to contribute their own."

## **SNIPPETS.....**

Congratulations to **Chris Ma (G 02-09)** who married Nicole Lok on 30th September 2017 at Palace One, MegaBox, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong.

Groomsmen for the day were OSBs **David Chan (SH 05-08)**,

**Laurence Gribble (SH 02-09)**, **Jocky Kung (SH 02-09)**,

**Vincent Tse (SH 07-09)** and **Jason Yeung (SH 03-09)**.

**Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

Congratulations to **Vicki Nickel (L82-89)** on her marriage in 2017 to Christos Stefanou in Cyprus where they now live. A guest at the wedding was

**Sarah Nagar (nee Mckay) (G 82-89)**, now living in Israel.

**Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

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:**

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**or write to St Beghian Society, St Bees School, St Bees, Cumbria. CA27 0DS.**

# Visit to Ypres - October 2017

## Dacre Watson (SH 56-62)

A cold dank wind swept fitfully round me as I stood there; a cold front had moved through during the morning leaving the grass underfoot sodden, while a brightly feeble sun did nothing to warm me. I couldn't help but think of those thousands of men who had fought over this very ground exactly 100 years ago during the third Battle of Ypres, which raged from June to November 1917. I would have a cold beer and a warm bed to go to later, those soldiers fighting where I stood would have considered it a successful day if they were still alive as night fell.

Lost in my thoughts, I became aware of someone standing beside me, it was our group leader and he asked me to join him in order to see the many tablets which form the rear wall of the largest British War Cemetery, Tyne Cot. We made our way over to this wall, 168 metres long, and it is on here that we find the names of thousands of men who fought and died in the Ypres salient and who have no known grave. The names are arranged by regiment and there are 34,888 names; in addition, there are a further 11,871 graves in this cemetery alone, and of these some 70% have not been identified. The sense of sacrifice by so many young men is difficult to appreciate fully.

Once we had reached the wall, my guide pointed out three names which had a familiar ring to them and I didn't immediately remember where I had seen them before; and then it came to me, their names amongst so many others are carved on one of the wooden panels in the Foundation dining room. And so, as we approached the tablet listing the dead from the West Yorkshire Regiment, there was the name of 2 Lt. Philip Stott, who had been Head Boy at St Bees, killed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1918 during what would have been the final German advance. A little further on was the tablet to the Lincolnshire Regiment and on it the name of Capt. D F Nielson DSO MC, while on a third tablet commemorating the Lancashire Fusiliers we found the name of Captain A P Hudson, killed during the third Battle of Ypres on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1917.

Entirely on his own initiative and knowing that I was deeply involved in St Bees School, our guide had brought a wreath which he then invited me to lay at the tablet to the West Yorkshires where 2 Lt. Stott is remembered. This I did.

I am not an emotional person by nature, but after I had laid that simple wreath I needed some time alone to pull myself together. The connection I felt with these

three young men was extraordinary: we had played rugby on the same pitches, used the same classrooms, attended the same chapel and walked the same familiar grounds.

It was a deeply humbling experience, and trite as it may sound, I could only reflect on how lucky we have been as a generation not to be challenged as these three young men were.

Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.

**Following the previous Bulletin we now print the second of the tributes to the three OSB winners of the Victoria Cross. By doing this, we do not in any way wish to diminish the contribution and sacrifice made by all those former members of the school who served their country at that time.**

## **LEST WE FORGET**

### **Captain Richard William Leslie Wain VC (SH 11-14)**

Richard Wain was born in Penarth near Cardiff on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 1896. Prior to joining St Bees he was educated at The Cathedral School, Llandaff and then at Penarth Grammar School. Like so many of his fellow St Bees students he joined the Officer Training Corps.

On the outbreak of the Great War, aged 18, despite having won a scholarship to attend Oxford University, he promptly joined up through the Public Schools Battalion of the Territorial Army and was commissioned into the Manchester Regiment on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1915 and served in France.

On the opening day of the battle of the Somme on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, Captain Wain was badly wounded as he led his men forward. At this time, he was serving as an officer of 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Manchester Regiment and his unit suffered severe casualties following their successful capture of the village of Montauban. Following this, Captain Wain joined the Heavy Section of the Machine Gun Corps and was allocated to A Battalion. His unit, which was equipped with tanks, took part in the Battle of Messines in June 1917, Wain's tank reaching its final objective and destroying a number of German machine guns which were in a concrete emplacement.

He was 20 years old, and a Section Commander and Acting Captain of A Battalion, Tank Corps based at Marcoing, near Cambrai, France when, on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1917, his tank took a direct hit killing all but him and one member of his crew. Though severely wounded he rushed an enemy strong point with a Lewis gun, capturing it and taking about half the garrison prisoners. His actions allowed the infantry, which had been pinned back by the machine gun post, to advance. He was killed shortly afterwards while continuing to fire on the retiring enemy. Captain Wain was posthumously awarded a Victoria Cross for his heroic actions -

*“....For most conspicuous bravery in command of a section of Tanks. During an attack the Tank in which he was, was disabled by a direct hit near an enemy strong point which was holding up the attack. Capt. Wain and one man, both seriously wounded, were the only survivors. Though bleeding profusely from his wounds, he refused the attention of stretcher-bearers, rushed from behind the Tank with a Lewis gun, and captured the strong point, taking about half the garrison prisoners. Although his wounds were very serious he picked up a rifle and continued to fire at the retiring enemy until he received a fatal wound in the head. It was due to the valour displayed by Capt. Wain that the infantry were able to advance.*

*The London Gazette, 13 February 1918*

**Credit: St Bees Village Website.**

## **ARMISTICE AND REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018**

OSBs will be pleased to learn that the parish is planning to mark this special day with a series of events centred around the traditional service in the Priory.

The school hopes to play a part in these commemorations and a meeting recently took place in the village, at which OSBs were represented, and which resulted in a committee being formed to co-ordinate arrangements.

It has been suggested that the Sunday service should be the culmination of a series of events in the village, and perhaps the school, during the previous week.

Further details will be given in the next copy of the Bulletin.

# MASTER AND PUPILS:

## JAMES YATES, PHILIP STOTT, STANLEY HAWKESWORTH.

The St Bees School Roll of Honour for the Great War was compiled by W.A. Aldous MA. It contains the names of one hundred and eighty Old Boys and four masters all of whom gave their lives and in whose memory stands the War Memorial overlooking the school playing fields.

The list is alphabetical and the very last name is Second Lieutenant J.S. Yates, who was a master at the school from 1912 until 1915.

Earlier on the list is Second Lieutenant P.H. Stott, who was a pupil from 1910 until 1915 and had been taught Latin by James Yates.

Even further back is Lieutenant F.H.S. Hawkesworth, a pupil from 1910 until 1913, also taught by James Yates.

### **Philip Harle Stott - scholar, Head of School, soldier.**

Philip was one of the eight boys who carved their names on paneling in the Foundation dining room and who later fell in the Great War.

Born in 1897 he was the eldest son of the Rev. H.R. Stott of Beckwithshaw Vicarage near Harrogate. He had been sent to a preparatory school at Sedburgh before receiving a scholarship to St Bees School in 1910.

Rising to become House prefect and then Head of School, Philip's academic prowess saw him gain an Exhibition at Merton College, Oxford. He seemed set for a brilliant career.

However, at the age of only nineteen Philip put his academic career on hold to gain a commission as a Second Lieutenant and play his part in the Great War. He joined the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), a battalion better known as 'The Bradford Pals', and after further training was sent out to France on March 6th 1917.

*The Harrogate Advertiser* in its edition of 11<sup>th</sup> May 1918 published an article which reported Philip as missing following action in the Arras area.

The following week the same newspaper confirmed that his death had taken place on 25<sup>th</sup> April. He had not quite reached his twenty-first birthday and had been in action for thirteen months.

Philip's body was never recovered and so he is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial panels and is included on a plaque in Beckwithshaw church.

At St Bees School he is not only recorded in the Roll of Honour but also on the chapel's memorial plaque for the fallen.

**Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**



## James Stanley Yates - scholar, schoolmaster, soldier, poet.

The Yates' family home was in Esher, Surrey, but at the age of fourteen James was sent as a boarder to the King's School Canterbury where he gained a distinction in Latin. He went on to Hertford College, Oxford, where he studied English Literature and Latin. During this time at Oxford he served as an enthusiastic cadet in the University's Officer Training Corps. After graduating in 1912, James took up a post at St Bees School teaching Latin and being assistant housemaster of School House. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the school's OTC and henceforth played a leading role in its activities. In February 1915 he successfully applied for a commission in the Special Reserve of Officers.

Hailing from Surrey, James looked to serve in a regiment in the south-east and was admitted as a Second Lieutenant in the Third Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) and sent over to France.

By the beginning of October 1915 the battalion found itself at Loos, and on the 8th October a platoon was ordered to attack an artillery trench occupied by the Germans. The attack proved a costly failure and a retreat was ordered, but only after three quarters of the men were killed or wounded. One of the fallen was James.

Over the following days interviews were undertaken to establish exactly why things had gone so wrong. Three survivors who had been with James in the assault were closely questioned and it was established that James had been shot in the forehead by a machine gun whilst standing on the edge of the enemy trench, With his body not being recovered, James Yates is remembered on Panel 95 of the Loos Memorial. He is also remembered in the school's Roll of Honour and on the chapel's memorial plaque for the four masters who fell.

James was an accomplished poet and some of his poems were published firstly in Oxford University's magazine *Centaurian* and later in the St Bees School magazines.

One relates to **LIEUTENANT F.H.S. HAWKESWORTH** whose death on 25th January 1915 at the age of twenty was reported in the school's spring bulletin: *'It was a dreadful shock to hear that Stanley Hawkesworth has been killed. He had been so recently amongst us and was so well known, and so endeared, not only to the boys of his own day, but also to those who have only known him as an 'Old Boy', that he seems to have just stepped out of the School into the fighting line, when he fell.....'*

*He died, as he would have wished, in saving others; and he had lived in serving others. There is much to remember - can we, indeed forget anything in that short*

*life; his frankness and simplicity, his gentleness and kindness, his patriotism and enthusiasm for life in all its forms - these will live in our memories and our affections. But what we shall remember most of all - what won the passionate devotion of his schoolfellows- was his entire unselfishness. He would assiduously coach a Junior Set; he was a friend of the loneliest, most homesick new boy; with his own fine scorn of wrong, he was the first to sympathize with the wrongdoer, and help him to better things. He was destined for the Foreign Mission field, where his courage, his devotion to duty, and his deep, sane religious feeling, would have found their fullest scope. We may say, without cant, that his missionary life had already begun. And in the full glow of it he passed to the other side.'*

*With Stanley Hawkesworth having been one of his former pupils James Yates felt driven to present his own tribute in poetic form:*

### **F.H.S.H.**

*Fallen! And we who thought to see him rise  
Full upon life, are left to feel the pain.  
And turn each day to count the loss again  
And fear to find him in each other's eyes.*

*Yet was he one who thought it not a prize  
To live himself, if others might not reign  
With him upon the throne; he would disdain  
To exchange for life the Death that never dies.*

*Nor is he dead; his spirit was the best  
And sweetest part of him, and is alive  
To reason with our grief and bid us smile.*

*Or, if we needs must weep for him awhile,  
He will stand patient by, then bid us strive -  
Be good, be brave, leaving to God the rest*

**J.S.Y.**

James had asked his brother that should he not survive the war, that his poems be brought together. This was done and in 1919 they were published as 'War Lyrics'.

A preface to the book was written by H. A. P. Sawyer. It read:

*'He wished to be remembered at St. Bees not just as a schoolmaster and soldier but as a friend. And it is as a friend that we will remember him at St. Bees. No man, certainly no schoolmaster, ever deserved the title Friend more than he did.'*

*Every boy that came into his form, still more every boy who entered School House, discovered at once that he had a friend in Mr Yates. He was unsparing of himself; he was accessible to all; boys came into his room without embarrassment, and he met them all with the same simplicity and freedom. His affection for St. Bees was wonderful. He displayed this in a hundred ways; in his classroom; in his work for the library; in his keenness for the O.T.C.; in his enthusiasm with which he coached School House Juniors to victory. He gladly made his sacrifice for his Country. His face glowed as he spoke of the possibilities of dying for it. But what he did feel most was leaving St. Bees. Every letter from the Front told the same story: 'Life here', he once wrote, 'is very interesting, but it is not the real thing. My life is still being lived at St. Bees.'*

James' final letter and accompanying poem from the Front read:

*'Behold a miracle; my joy which was seized and torn away is returned. I find myself happy and ready for all that God should require of me. One sweet joy, granted in a little moment, came as I surrendered my fate happily to His calling in return for His kind love. Here I give a picture of what I feel like in these days:*

*I am enjoying my joy,  
Golden without alloy.  
Seven times in fires of disappointment tried.  
Beautiful, rarified,  
I have a jewel now which nothing can destroy*

*Now I can face the pain  
Now I am strong again  
It was not Death I feared, it was not War.  
These I have faced before.  
Take me and try me God, Thou will not try in vain.*

*How can I soonest fight,  
Fearless and face the Night?  
For I have learnt to love my life and now  
I long to pay my vow.  
To see the Sword and the Cross,  
And thank Thee for the sight.*

**Photo of Lieutenant F.H.S. Hawkesworth may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

**George C. Robson (FN 57-64)**

## Notification of Deaths

(Since the July 2017 Bulletin)

<b>BORLASE, J.M. (John)</b>	Died 06.09.17	FN 47-49
<b>CHALLIS, Revd D.J. (Jim)</b>	Died 14.06.17	1963-72
<b>CROFT, T.W.S. (Thomas)</b>	Died 09.04.17	SH 42-47
<b>DIXON, J.H. (Joseph)</b>	Died 28.04.16	FN 57-59
<b>FELLOWS (Nee COLBECK), Mrs J. C. (Joanna)</b>	Died 03.11.17	G 81-82
<b>FERRY, D. (David)</b>	Died ???.?.17	FN 54-57
<b>HURST, J.D.H. (David)</b>	Died 29.07.17	SH 60-65
<b>LINTON, E.A. (Eric)</b>	Died 24.07.17	G 43-47
<b>MILNE, Dr F. A. (Frank)</b>	Died 2016	SH 32-35
<b>RIGG, J.G. (John)</b>	Died 30.09.17	FN 54-57
<b>WARDLE, G.A. (Alan)</b>	Died ???.06.17	F 50-53
<b>YATES, J.W. (Jim)</b>	Died 31.10.17	F 42-46

## OBITUARIES

### **J. H. (Joseph) Dixon (FN 57-59)**

Joseph's brother, Michael Dixon (FN 60-63), has written to say that Joseph died on 28.04.16. After leaving St Bees he went to Newton Rigg Agricultural College for one year. From there he went back home to Cumwhitton and spent the rest of his life farming on the family farm until his death in April last year.

### **David Hurst (SH 60-65). The following has been supplied by Ivan Jones (FN 60-64) in collaboration with David's wife.**

David died in July 2017 following a short battle with cancer. He was a contemporary at school with Ivan Jones (FN 60-64), who reports that David had been his best man at his wedding in 1966.

David was a keen rugby player eventually playing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV in his final year. George Gibson (FS 59-64) recalls that while at school both he and David were co-opted to play for the Old Boys XV on a Scottish tour: 'I had my first real introduction to beer on that trip, although David was far more restrained than I. I also remember him being part of a School House posse to hinder me in the 880m final when they were trying to help Nigel Boucher, who needed no help, win the race. They succeeded while I got hemmed in and spiked'.

When David left school he followed in his father's footsteps, joining Barclays Bank in Newcastle. He married his wife Sue in 1967. Soon afterwards with a baby in tow, they emigrated to Australia under the then GBP10 plan where David joined the Bank of New South Wales (Later Westpac Bank) in Sydney. Later David left Westpac to join an international commercial bank in Melbourne. During this time he became a dedicated Christian and found his passion for Jesus was all-consuming. This was to have a profound impact on his and his family's future.

David resigned his position in the bank and entered Melbourne University intending to study medicine. He had studied languages at St Bees. Now he had to become a scientist. As a bridge he studied computing and realised he rather liked the switch. Within a year he was head hunted by IBM with whom he worked for a number of years.

In 1978 the family returned to the UK where he continued his new career with IBM. Later, upon leaving IBM, he and two others set up a software house in London. During this time he and Sue continued to expand and nurture their faith. David got involved in youth work in Hertford. He always believed that God guided him in everything. On a holiday to Scotland he felt the need to leave London, and to set up his own company in the Borders, which would give him more time to do the Lord's work. Sue says he was most proud of being brought in as project manager for the London Congestion Charge project after it was realised it was running behind schedule.

Now being his own boss, he was able to travel to Poland several times prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall conducting open baptisms as well as preaching and delivering humanitarian aid. He also visited northern Burma, teaching the Bible, and Sri Lanka, speaking to new Christian Tamil Tigers. He used his business knowledge to advance his Christian work such as building a new church using volunteer workmen many of whom were ex-offenders. During this time he developed a software tool that could help spread the word of God all over the world: 'Best News' was born. David wrote about 130 studies, some of which can be found on joyforlife.org which is run by Sue. He still found time to indulge in his hobbies of photography, painting and gardening. At the beginning of last year he and Sue had a holiday in Australia visiting two of their daughters.

He certainly had a very exciting and fruitful life, cut short too early. My wife and I spent an afternoon with David and Sue at the end of last April. He was in fine form and we talked not only about his faith but also about his genuine pride in having been at St Bees. In June he complained of severe pain which everyone thought was a kidney stone. It was cancer. Within three weeks he passed away 'happy to be joining Jesus but sad for all of us'. He was a dedicated Christian who truly tried to live his life following the word of God. David is survived by his wife Sue, three daughters, one son and ten grandchildren. **Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

### **Eric Ainsley Linton (G 43-47)**

#### **Eric's daughter Julie has sent the following:**

"Eric Ainsley Linton was a pupil at St Bees School for four years from 1943 and was still telling stories of his life at boarding school to the end! His school report indicated he was suitable for university and we believe he did study Zoology at Bangor University. His career did not follow this path but went in a business direction and he was an insurance/mortgage broker for many years and eventually had his own business until his retirement. He met our mother, Gwenda, whilst at university and they married in Wales on 5th September 1953 when he was 24 and she was 21. When our mother died on 27th September 2007 they had been married for 54 years and had lived in Helsby, Cheshire for over 50 years. They had three daughters - Kathy, Julie and Rachel - who helped look after him to enable him to stay in his own home up until his death in July this year. His school report referred to him as a 'first class athlete'. He did indeed enjoy his sport and was a great rugby player and played for Chester. He was also a very keen fisherman (salmon and trout in Anglesey, Ireland and Scotland) and golf player (Vicar's Cross Golf Club) and really kept these up right until his first fall two years ago when he was 86. He did take part in OSB golf events we believe! He was also a Rotarian and, latterly, a Probus member and enjoyed the fellowship these provided and had regular visits from his friends at home during his last months. All in all he had a good life and was much loved by his wife and daughters."

**Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

### **Frank Armstrong Milne (SH 32-35)**

#### **The following notice was kindly supplied by Frank's daughter Jane.**

"Frank was born in Cheadle Cheshire on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1918. His family moved from Cheadle to Hale in Cheshire when he was still small. He attended the local prep school as a day pupil until he went away to St Bees School at the age of thirteen. His father had his own leather goods business in the centre of

Manchester and it was around the time that Frank started at St Bees that his father died suddenly. The loss of his father at a young age had a profound effect on him and, although he continued to have a close relationship with his mother and sister, he missed the presence of his father throughout his life.

He regularly reflected with affection and pride on the time he spent at St Bees. He often spoke about his school days and recounted many stories of his time there. He enjoyed sports, especially rugby, and remembered well the long-distance runs exposed to the extremes of the Cumbrian weather. We understand that at the end of his first term, the Headmaster's summary on his report was, 'Knows nothing but will learn'!

Frank's work focus improved over the years and he worked hard to ensure he achieved his goal and he gained a place at King's College London to study medicine in 1936. This was where he met Peggy, another medical student, who later became his wife. Peggy, and her sister Jean, were the first two female medical students to qualify in medicine at King's College London. Frank continued to play rugby at university and was captain of the hospital's 1<sup>st</sup> team. During World War II, he was posted to Epsom Hospital to attend and care for the many injured British troops returning from Europe.

Frank later joined the Colonial service and served in Rhodesia for several years where two of their children (Penny and Oscar) were born. He practised medicine in Africa, which he found interesting, working in hospitals, general practice, and even in the local prison. These were happy years which they all enjoyed. As Oscar was not well (he was born with Down's syndrome and had related heart problems) they returned to England where Frank worked as an RSO at Altrincham General Hospital before setting up in general practice where he was the senior partner. Their third child, Jane, was born in Cheshire several years later. Frank was very conscientious and totally committed to the welfare of all his patients. There was no appointment system in place at the surgery – if a patient required medical attention, they would be seen. As a result, he was popular with his patients and was often still at work until after 10pm. The waiting room was not large and patients happily queued up the garden path in order to gain access for a consultation! He regularly received night calls at home and never hesitated to go out on a visit if it was necessary. Ringway airport (now Manchester) was not far away. In addition to his practice and hospital work, Frank also provided medical support to the RAF, the UK Immigration Service, British European Airways and B.O.A.C. He greatly enjoyed the variety of his work.

Frank, Peggy and Oscar moved to the Isle of Man over forty years ago living on the east coast of the island with distant views of the Cumbrian mountains and St Bees Head. Frank did not set up in general practice again but worked as a locum

doctor, which allowed him to spend more time with his family whilst still enjoying medicine for a few more years.

Over the years, he enjoyed receiving the Old St Beghian Newsletters and was saddened by the closure of the school, but encouraged to hear of its possible reopening.

He died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 at the age of 98, sadly predeceased by his wife Peggy and by his son Oscar. Penny and Jane miss them all greatly but the happy memories of days gone by serve as great comfort. Frank also leaves behind five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Frank was a true English gentleman with a great sense of humour. He was enormously respected and is still remembered by so many of the people he helped. Even during the last couple of weeks of his life when he was in hospital, a lady visiting another patient recognised him and remembered that he had delivered her son over thirty years previously!"

### **J. G. (John) Rigg (FN 54-57)**

**Peter Jackson (FN 54-57), who was on Eaglesfield House with John in 1954 prior to moving to Foundation, has kindly sent in a copy of an obituary carried by 'The Island Packet', the local newspaper of Daufuskie Island, off South Carolina, where John had lived for several years.**

"John Giles Rigg of Haig Point, South Carolina passed away on Saturday, September 30th at the age of 76 after a long illness. John was born in the town of Wigton, County Cumbria in the United Kingdom. He later moved to London before relocating to Canada in 1962, and then to the United States in 1985. He is survived by his beloved wife Ursula, four children and grandchildren. John enjoyed a highly successful business career that began in London in 1958 with Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, makers of OXO bouillon and Fray Bentos. He moved to Canada in 1962 and rose up the corporate ranks. After Liebig's merger with Brooke Bond Foods, he became the youngest director at Brooke Bond in 1974. John later became President and CEO of Brooke Bond Canada in 1978 and Chairman of Brooke Bond USA the following year. He was best known for founding Redco Foods, Inc. with partner John Edwards in 1985, which later acquired Salada Foods from the Kellogg Company in 1988. Tragically, his partner passed away a few months after the purchase and John became the sole owner of Redco. In 1995, on his retirement, John sold Redco to Teekanne of Dusseldorf, Germany, ensuring the company would continue to operate as an independent tea packer. John was a former Chairman of the Canadian Tea Council and the US Tea Council and a Director of the Tea Association of the USA. He was a passionate advocate for the tea industry in North America and around the world. In this context, John raised considerable sums of money for Leukaemia throughout



America and his company sponsored the annual re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party. He will long be remembered for his courage, tenacity, generosity and contagious sense of humour. John was a personal and professional mentor to countless colleagues, friends, and family. His wisdom will leave a lasting impact on so many.”

**Alan Wardle (F 50-53)**

**John Horton (F 49-54) has submitted the following:**

“Alan Wardle died in June 2017 after a long illness. On leaving school, he joined the family mining business after a short spell of dairy farming. On the death of his father he enlarged the mining company and he also had a haulage company based in Haltwhistle. He and his family travelled a lot, having bought and converted the Tyne Pilot boat. His wife Alice survives him along with his son and two daughters.”

## ARCHIVES

The archives are an important part of the school’s heritage, indeed many of the items have been donated to the school over the generations by former pupils, and in some respects they are equally significant in terms of the village’s history.

In general terms the archive comprises paper documents, both ancient and modern, of every description, photographs, framed and unframed, cups and trophies, paintings, old school clothing from different eras; in fact, memorabilia of all kinds.

Most of the paper documents acquired are on long-term loan in the Whitehaven Records Office as part of an arrangement which has developed over the last decade. This ensures they will be properly catalogued and professionally conserved.

Future contributions to the archives and general enquiries relating to the history of the school will continue to be warmly welcomed.

Please contact Dr Reeve on [tony@ajhreeve.plus.com](mailto:tony@ajhreeve.plus.com) or tel. 01946 822472.

**Dr A. J. H. Reeve. (Hon. Archivist)**

## **St Beghians' Day 2017**

### **Saturday 23rd September**

It was a pleasure to see the encouragingly large number of OSBs who attended the annual celebration, which will, all being well, be the last one to take place before the eagerly awaited reopening of the school.

The events of the morning followed the usual pattern of the Committee Meeting, then the Society's AGM, which included our farewells to Dacre Watson as the retiring President. The Minutes of this latter meeting may be read elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Following the AGM, our new President, Peter Lever, hosted a drinks' reception for members in order to launch The Edmund Grindal Society, The New School Foundation Appeal, which was followed by lunch in the Foundation Dining Room. In the afternoon, apart from general reminiscing, our new Headmaster, Jeremy Hallows, and Mark George (Chairman of the Board of St Bees School), hosted a question and answer session for OSBs in the Business Management Centre. Throughout the day there was a display of historic whole school photographs in the Management Centre and OSBs were able to supply many of the names we were missing for these school records.

The names of those members of the Society who signified their attendance in advance are listed on the next page along with others whom we know were present.

Save the date!

**St Beghians' Day 2018**

Will take place on

**Saturday 29th September, 2018**

**Further Information will be posted on the website and facebook page as it becomes available plus, of course, included in the July 2018 Bulletin.**

ARCHIBALD, D.R.H. (David)	SH 49-53	LOWREY, T.W. (Tom)	SH 57-62
BATHO, R.D. (Tim)	F 59-63	MESSENGER, F.O. (Frank)	SH 50-55
BRANDWOOD, P.M.H. (Michael)	FS 61-66	MOORE, B.H. (Bernard)	FN 70-75
BROWN, J.D.S. (Tim)	G 53-59	MOORE, J.E. (John)	F 41-44
BULLOCK, J.F. (James) & Noreen	FN 44-48	MULLINDER, J.A. (James)	SH 01-08
CALVIN (nee Gough), Mrs S.J. (Sara)	G 77-84	NICHOLAS, I. (Ivor) & Dorothy	SH 44-48
COTES, Mrs D.E.A. (Dorothy)	Former Staff	OGDEN, J.E. (John)	FS 51-56
CROSSLEY-SMITH, S. (Steve) & Pat	SH 47-52	PEMBERTON, M.H. (Michael)	SH 57-62
DAVIES, Dr J.M.Q. (Mark) & Poh Pheng	G 55-59	REEVE, A.J.H. (Tony)	M 89-08
DEAN, A.S. (Adrian)	FN/AC 82-89	RICE, T.A.P. (Tom)	M 65-95
DOVE, W.E. (Bill)	FN 57-60	RIGBY, J.A. (Tony)	FS 44-49
EDWARDS, S.J. (Stephen) & Patricia	FN 52-57	RIGBY, M.G. (Matthew) & Judi	FS 73-78
FENWICK, R.C.	FN 69-71	RILEY, A. (Alex)	G 61-65
GEORGE (nee LYALL), Mrs S.E. (Sarah)	L/G 77-85	ROBSON, G.C. (George)	FN 57-64
GOUGH, Mrs P.A. (Tricia)	Former Staff	ROWLANDS, D. (David)	G 63-66
GRAHAM, J.A. (Tony)	FN 53-55	SWALES, R.J. (Roger)	FN 64-67
HAILE, A.J. (Andy)	F/SH 76-83	THOMPSON, E.A.L. (Edward)	FS 54-59
HAILE, John & Elinor	Past Parents	THOMPSON, T. (Tom)	FN 44-49
HALL, R. (Richard)	F 64-68	TUOHY, Dr T.J. (Thomas) & Kate Tuohy Main	SH 64-67
HEWITSON, J.R. (John)	SH 52-57	WATSON, D. R. (Dacre)	SH 56-62
HOLMES, E.S. (Stan)	SH 45-50	WEST, A.A.A. (Andrew)	SH 59-62
JOHNSTON, A.T. (Andrew)	G 68-73	WEST, J.A. (John)	SH 61-64
LEES, S.C. (Stephen) & Lesley	G 56-62	WILLIAMS, D.H. (Don)	FN 60-64
LEVER, P.G. (Peter) & Jane	G 62-66	WILLS, A.J. (Anthony)	FN 60-64
LEWIS, Miss C.J. (Katie)	L 01-08	WITHNALL, S.G. (Stuart)	G 58-63
LISTER, J.P. (Jim)	SH 68-74	WRIGHT, D.G.P. (Derek) & Mrs B. Wright	FS 48-53
LORD, D.F. (David) & Fiona	SH 60-65		

**Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> (109<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting of  
the St Beghian Society held in the Whitelaw Building  
on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 at 11.00am.**

Dr Tony Reeve (Archivist and Editor of the Bulletin) and Pam Rumney were initially asked to remain outside of the meeting whilst a discussion took place with regard to their becoming full members of the St Beghian Society. It was proposed and agreed unanimously by members present that full membership should be awarded to Tony and Pam for their support and commitment to the Society over many years.

There were 48 people present, including Dacre Watson (President), Peter Lever (President-Elect),

David Lord (Secretary/Treasurer) and Pam Rumney (Minutes).

- 1) **Welcome** – The President, Dacre Watson, welcomed OSBs to the meeting and thanked them all for their continued support of the Society.
- 2) **Minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 (published in the January 2017 Bulletin)** – The Minutes of the previous meeting were addressed and agreed. This was proposed by Tim Brown and seconded by Richard Hall.
- 3) **Matters Arising** – There were no Matters Arising.
- 4) **Election of Officers:**
  - a) **President for 2017-19 – Peter Lever.** Before introducing Peter Lever as the new President of the Society, Dacre Watson began by reflecting on what had been an extraordinary last three years for him. He had initially thought that the Presidency would be fun, but that there would also be a lot of hard work involved. However, he went on to say that nothing could ever have prepared him for the holocaust that was about to happen. He thanked David Lord, Tony Reeve and Pam Rumney for all their help and encouragement, for which he was deeply grateful and he also thanked the Society members for their valuable support during his time as President. The excellent OSB Dinners which he had attended he also felt had played a great part in keeping Society members together at a very difficult time, and he was particularly pleased with the new overseas get-togethers which had recently developed, such as, in Hong Kong, Singapore and New York. He further remarked that

he was hoping to arrange and attend a Vancouver Dinner in early 2018 as a follow on to the New York event.

Dacre encouraged members to attend the 3pm presentation by the new Headmaster and suggested asking any questions that people might have about the way forward for the school.

He concluded by introducing Peter Lever, who had shadowed him for the last two years, thereby enabling a smooth succession to take place. Dacre thanked those present and handed over to Peter as the new President of the Society.

Peter expressed a huge debt of gratitude to Dacre and quoted from Dacre's inaugural Bulletin piece, where he had described the learning curve as being vertical. Peter deemed this as extremely apt for an airline pilot and that, unfortunately, a lot of turbulence had also followed! Peter commented on Dacre's tremendous patience and said that he had been the perfect person to have been in charge of the Society for the last three years.

He then read a list of the names of all the Society members who had died over the last year, and a minute's silence was observed to remember them.

Peter went on to recollect his own time at school and explained that he had left before his A' levels and therefore felt that he had never really fulfilled his potential. When he had heard that the Society was looking for potential future Presidents, he had got in touch to see if he could assist in any way.

He commented on some Society statistics with regard to age, gender and location of members in relation to attendance at dinners and other Society events. He concluded that as OSBs are spread so far and wide it is always difficult to achieve a high turnout, but he expressed his appreciation at the numbers present for the 2017 St Beghians' Day.

Peter concluded by explaining that he was also a Director of the Joint Venture Company of the school and described its make-up.

**b) President-Elect** – Currently vacant.

**c) Committee – retiring this year are Mrs Sara Calvin, Alastair Lord, Anthony Wills and Anthony Fox.** David Lord reported that Sara Calvin, Anthony Wills and Alastair Lord were all willing to continue and that although he had not been able to speak to Anthony Fox yet, he was sure he would also agree to continue on the committee. David confirmed that he would speak to Anthony Fox in this respect.

**d) Secretary and Treasurer – David Lord.** David reiterated that he wished to stand down as Secretary at Christmas, as his wife tended to think that St Bees School was more important to him than his family! He went on to thank Dacre, who had apparently been in Senior Studies when he had started school in 1960, but, David joked, thankfully he hadn't had to fag for him!

David continued to say that he had been a Society member since the mid-1960s and then Society Secretary and Treasurer since 2006. He confirmed that, although he would be standing down as Secretary at the end of December 2017, he was prepared to continue as Treasurer for another two to three years. He thanked Pam Rumney for agreeing to take on the role of Secretary from 2018 and also went on to thank all the Society members for their tremendous support over the years. He said it had been an absolute privilege and had enabled him to keep in touch with so many people. However, he did confirm that he would be more than willing to offer help and support, as and when needed, in the future.

Peter Lever described David as having been ‘Mr St Bees’ for a very long time and stated that he had done a tremendous job in running the Society. All members present accepted David’s decision to stand down as Secretary (and Pam Rumney’s taking over), but to continue as Treasurer for another two to three years. This was proposed by Tim Batho and seconded by Mike Brandwood.

**e) Golf Secretary – Tom Wright.** Michael Coffey, President of the Old St Beghians’ Golfing Society had recently advised that Tom Wright, a young OSB, had taken on the role of Golf Secretary. All members present were in favour.

**f) Accounts Checker – Jason Spires.** A partner at Robinson and Co (Accountants), Jason is a very supportive OSB and is willing to continue in this position. This was proposed by Mike Brandwood and seconded by Anthony Wills.

**5) The re-opening of the school –** Peter Lever, as a Director of the school JVC (Joint Venture Company), explained that the contract between the two parties was to be signed in the very near future and that the School Trust would have a 25% share and the Full Circle Group 75%. He confirmed that the JVC would include three Directors from the School Trust, with three members from the Full Circle group.

He went on to say that the Senior Management Team would comprise the new Headmaster, Jeremy Hallows, Jayne Scott, Director of Finance and Operations, and Jackie Walkom, the Marketing and Admissions Director. Peter described Jeremy Hallows as a very interesting person, a caring individual, someone with great ideas and one who had had experience in China through his previous appointment as Head of the Senior School at Bromsgrove School. Jayne Scott had worked previously at Austin Friars and Dulwich College and had had much experience abroad, and Jackie Walkom had come from a similar marketing role at Sedbergh School.

Peter confirmed that during the previous week a full survey of the school had been carried out by architects, along with gas and electrical specialists, which would form the basis of a refurbishment plan for the future. He advised that Full Circle had already committed £250k capital into the school which had been matched by £75k from the School Trust as agreed, and that the school would be reopening in September 2018 with, it is hoped, around 100 pupils. Peter drew attention to the incredible achievements to date and commented that it was a labour of love for many of those involved. He concluded by referring to the new Edmund Grindal Society, which was to be launched following the AGM, and he also encouraged OSBs to attend the 3pm Question and Answer session with the new Headmaster.

- 6) **Lonsdale Terrace** – David Lord gave an overview of the situation to date with regard to Lonsdale Terrace. He explained that in late 2015 the School Trustees had advised that the Terrace would not form part of any new school and therefore plans were prepared and submitted to Copeland Borough Council with a view to converting the properties back to individual residential units. A cost of £200k had been estimated to carry out the required works, including two car parking spaces for each property, as stipulated by Copeland BC. However, at the beginning of 2017, the Society was advised that Lonsdale Terrace would be required by the school after all, initially for staff, but possibly as a boarding house in the future. The plans that had been drawn up were therefore shelved. David reported that Lonsdale Terrace was currently being used by the new Headmaster and other staff and that the JVC would start to pay a rental to the Society in the near future.

7) **Society Accounts – 2016-2017:**

a) **Guarantee Trust Fund** – David Lord advised that the School Trust had ceased paying a monthly rental for Lonsdale Terrace in December 2015. These payments in the past had covered the mortgage on No. 8 and the cost of employing Pam Rumney. The Society/GTF were now covering these costs.

Architects' fees, Copeland Borough Council planning applications and other associated costs with regard to the conversion of Lonsdale Terrace back to individual residential properties had amounted to almost £25k, although David felt that this might not all be wasted, particularly if there was a need to sell either some or all of the properties in the future.

b) **The Scholarship and Trust Funds** – David mentioned that, as agreed at the AGM a year ago, the Scholarship and Trust Funds accounts were closed

in January 2017 and the balances (£165k and £23k) transferred to the main St Beghian Society account.

**c) St Beghian Society Account** – David commented on the high postage costs, which were due to additional mailings of the Trustees Newsletters to OSB members along with two years' worth of recharges from the school, instead of the normal one. These recharges included items such as photocopying.

David also reported that other assistance given to the St Bees School Trust included a payment of £2.5k towards a Times Educational Supplement advert for expressions of interest in the school, along with a sum to cover the School Clerk of Works' salary, whose responsibilities included maintenance issues at Lonsdale Terrace. David confirmed that from September 2017, the latter would be paid by the JVC.

Tim Batho asked about Lonsdale Terrace as a boarding house. Peter Lever advised that the costs of refurbishment would need to be carefully considered. Stephen Edwards expressed his concerns with regard to retaining the lovely features of the Regency buildings. Andrew Johnston confirmed that, as the Terrace was listed, all external features would need to be maintained and as the heating had been kept on, internally the properties were in a fairly good condition. He therefore didn't expect the school to make too many alterations. Stephen asked about unifying the properties with regard to colourings. Andrew advised that there were some painting issues that needed resolving but that all hood stones were now the same colour. Peter Lever stated that from meetings with the new Finance and Operations Director it was clear that there was a strong desire to bring the school back to its former glory and therefore he had faith that this would be achieved over time. He stressed the importance of offering quality, so as to ensure that pupils were attracted to the school.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mike Brandwood and seconded by Tim Brown, with all being in favour.

**At this point in the meeting Danny Wang came into the AGM and was introduced by Peter Lever to the OSB members** – Danny explained how and why he had decided to get involved with St Bees. He mentioned that he had run schools in China for a few years and that his connection with Laurence Gribble (OSB SH 02-09) had introduced him to this great opportunity. He commented that it was an honour to talk to the OSBs and that without their support and contributions what had been so far achieved could not have happened.



David Lord summed up the background to Danny Wang’s involvement as a result of his friendship with Laurence Gibble at Cambridge. Peter Lever confirmed that Danny had run a school in Shenzhen for about 6 years, which had around 6,000 pupils, 4,000 of whom paid fees. He also went on to say that Danny and Laurence had recently opened a school in Cambodia and that he was confident that the Chinese had a strong desire to succeed here.

David Rowlands enquired as to what other interest there had been in the school. It was thought that there had been limited interest but that PA Consulting, who had been appointed to look at the various options, were clear that Full Circle had been identified as the best way forward.

George Robson mentioned the proposed joint Armistice Day service in 2018 and asked about the religious orientation of the school in the future. Peter confirmed that he believed it would have a strong Christian element and that the Headmaster was keen that the chapel would have a central role to play.

**8) Branch Activities** – Bill Dove reported that the North East Dinner would be taking place on November 8<sup>th</sup> and that invitations would be going out in the next two weeks. It was also confirmed that the date for the Scottish Dinner was Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Royal Scots Club in Edinburgh.

**9) The 200 Club Draw – The draw was taken and the following winners were identified:**

<b>£160</b>	70	A. Lord (Alastair)	<b>£40</b>	8	M. Roberts (Mark)
<b>£40</b>	6	P. & S. Etchells (Philip)	<b>£40</b>	39	D. G. Beeby (David)
<b>£40</b>	41	H. & J. A. Upton (Harry)			

**10) Any Other Business –**

- a) **John Moore (F 41-44)** presented his war medal to Peter Lever for the Society. Peter thanked John for his kindness and donated it to the Archives for safe keeping.
- b) **Derek Wright** asked for clarification as to whether the school would have charitable status once it reopened. Peter Lever confirmed that it would have charitable status.

**The President then thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 12.30pm.**

# BRANCH NOTES & EVENTS

## Branch Activities:

### **North East Branch Dinner 2017**

The St Beghian Society North-East Branch Dinner, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Northumberland Golf Club.

**Present:** D.H. Williams, Chairman (FN 61-64), D.F. Lord, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer OSB (SH 60-65), Mrs P. Rumney, Secretary OSB, W.E. Dove, Secretary N.E. Branch (FN 57-60), J. Hallows, Headmaster, Mrs H. Miller, Former Staff, J.F. Bullock (FN 44-48), F.O. Messenger (SH 50-55), I.D. Nimmo (FN 52-57), J.D.S. Brown (G 52-59), N.D. Clothier (FN 53-57), C.R. Kennedy (FN 55-59), A.M. Carstairs (FN 57-62), G.C. Robson (FN 57-64), N.W. Adams (FN 68-71), D.G.W. Reed (FN 75-78), Mrs R.V. Lewis (nee Larkin) (L 77-79), D.J. Pitchford (G 95-02), D. Bushby (SH 95-02), P.J. Drysdale (SH 95-02), B. Wilson (SH 97-04), A. Littler (SH 04-11), R.I. Littler (SH 98-05), M.T. Garstang (SH 98-05), K.A. Marshall (SH 98-05), J. Woodhouse (SH 99-02) and D. Rhodes (SH 04-11).

With the attendance of North East OSBs unavoidably lower than normal, twenty-seven former pupils and staff congregated in the plush bar of the Northumberland Golf Club for greeting and socialising before moving into the dining room. Before the dinner, which proved to be of the usual excellent quality, Chairman Don Williams spoke words of welcome before asking all to stand for one minute's silence to remember Branch Members Alan Dobson and Joanna Colbeck, who sadly died this year. Grace was then offered.

After the meal, the Chairman again rose to propose toasts: firstly, to Her Majesty, then to the school. Following the toasts, he invited the new Headmaster, Jeremy Hallows, to give an address. Jeremy delivered an upbeat account of the current state of the school and of the progress towards the planned September 2018 re-opening. He concluded by proposing a toast to the Society.

David Lord, the Society Secretary, then rose to present apologies for the absence of the Society President, Peter Lever. Peter, however, had furnished some notes to be the basis of David's address, which reinforced the positive remarks from the Headmaster. He then explained that in January 2018 Mrs Pam Rumney would be taking over as the Society's Secretary whilst he would remain as Treasurer. After David proposed a toast to the N.E. Branch, the Chairman said how pleased we all were to have the attendance of Pam and Mrs Helen Miller, both of whom had

already given sterling service to the school and continued to be key people in ensuring a bright future for both it and the Society.

During these proceedings the Chairman presented a St Bees School OTC swagger stick (World War 1 era) to the Headmaster as a tangible token of goodwill from the Branch. He also presented him with a book about some of the great people and events that have influenced and shaped the North East of England. The large hardback book 'A Portrait of Achievement' was written by N.E. branch Chairman, Don Williams. Another N.E. presentation was made to the Secretary, David Lord, to mark the gratitude of the Branch for the many years of sterling service he had given to the school. This was a personal and inscribed paper-weight, kiln blown in multi-coloured glass, and produced by Tyneside's Specialist Studio Glass Artist, Jane Charles.

Last but not least, George Robson was introduced to give a visual presentation about St Bees village and the school during the 1950s, 60s and 70s. Buildings, monuments and past staff featured with, perhaps, too many Priory gravestones highlighted!

Following George's presentation everyone returned to the bar where chatting continued until 10.45pm when taxis arrived to convey 'The Pitchford Contingent' to taste the delights of Newcastle's Quayside's nightlife. Others returned home and to their beds. It was a most enjoyable evening for all.

**George Robson.**

**Photos may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

## **Scottish Branch Dinner 2017**

The Dinner was held on Saturday 26th November, 2017 at The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh.

**In attendance were:** Peter Lever (President, St Beghian Society) (G 62-66), David Lord (Secretary & Treasurer, St Beghian Society) (SH 60-65) and Fiona (Former Staff), Jeremy Hallows (Headmaster), David Parker (G 64-68), Anthony Wills (F 60-64) and Joanna, Tim Mackay (FS 68-73).

*In absentia* with apologies Jerry Tsang (SH 96-03) and Mary, Nick Hunter (SH 63-67) and Bette, and Ian Hunter (SH 96-03) and Francesca.

A three-course meal was served in the Scott Room followed by speeches from the Society President, Peter Lever and Headmaster, Jeremy Hallows.

Peter Lever (OSB President) gave us a summary of where things lie with the expected re-opening of the school in September 2018, with much work and fundraising still to be completed.

This was followed by a summation by the newly appointed Headmaster outlining all the hoops to be jumped through to make the school, staff and facilities ready for re-opening.

Although we were a small band of OSBs, we represented an important continuity in the current circumstances and it is hoped more may join us next year. Due to a sudden illness, our new Secretary, Jerry Tsang, and his partner Mary Welsh, were unable to attend the function, and many thanks must go to David Parker, who was able to call upon his twenty years of experience as former Scottish Branch Secretary, for stepping in admirably as the last minute host. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and thanks go to the staff of the Royal Scots for once again looking after the OSBs so well and providing excellent facilities.

**Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

### **USA - New York**

The first official OSB get together in the USA took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and was held at Slattery's Midtown Pub, 8 East 36th Street in New York. The interest and excitement had been building up prior to the event on the 'St. Beghians of USA' Facebook page. Becky Hobbs (L 87-92), along with assistance from David Boucher (SH 54-59) and Kirsty Louis (G 82-89), coordinated the excellent evening which was well attended and only slightly marred by the approaching Hurricane Irma, which meant that a few OSBs were unable to attend at the very last minute. The OSB President at the time, Dacre Watson, flew out especially for the dinner and was able to give first hand news about progress with regard to the reopening of the school.

It was a very enjoyable evening and there was much talk about a repeat event sometime in the near future. Do let Becky know if you are interested in a get-together in 2018 and also remember to sign up to the USA Facebook page, if possible.

**Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

**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 people 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](http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk)**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/osbsociety>**

## **Thomas Froggatt Memorial Match 2017 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Egremont RUFC**

With a crisp pitch, cold and sunny weather, a good-size crowd, and two large and eager playing squads all was in place for the third annual Thomas Froggatt (SH 03-10) Memorial Match at the Bleach Green home of Egremont Rugby Union Club. It is fair to say that the match did not disappoint.

The Ex-St Bees XV took the game to their hosts from the outset, surprising everyone (including themselves) with the quality of their teamwork, given that they had only assembled an hour or so prior to the kick off. Their sharp start was rewarded with the first converted try of the game for a well-deserved 7-0 lead, with the St Beghians clearly keen to record their first win of the ongoing series of matches.

However, the experienced Egremont XV shook off the early cobwebs and rallied strongly to dominate much of the next twenty minutes of play. The hosts drew level after a series of powerful forward drives and then added two further tries to their tally to take a firm grip on the game. Or so we thought. Back came the Ex-St Bees side with a further try of their own to leave the game finely balanced at half time. It should be noted that the match was played in four twenty minute quarters in order to take account of seasonal excesses!

The second half of the game produced further highly entertaining rugby as both squads tired and mistakes increased. Following some inspired play from both teams, the ex-St Bees side clawed their way back into the match to draw level at 31-31 with minutes remaining. However, Egremont refused to accept the prospect of a tie and one final attack produced the game-clinching try, bringing delight and disappointment in equal measure to the absorbed crowd.

A final score of 38-31 to Egremont left both sides feeling that they had fully earned their after-match refreshments, having produced the most enjoyable and well balanced game of the series so far.

Thanks go to Jonathan Garrod and Simon Edwards for assembling such a willing and talented St Beghian squad, and also to Stuart McNee for his coaching prowess on the day. Thanks also go to the Egremont club for being such excellent hosts and to all those supporters who attended for ensuring that the festivities carried on late into the night.

Most importantly, it should be noted that the nominated charity of Nick and Maggie Froggatt, the Calvert Trust, benefited from another superb fund-raising effort by all who attended the match. The combined total of the pitchside collection, the raffle, and the first ever auction was £1100 resulting in a very fitting tribute to the memory of Thomas.

The fourth annual match will again fall on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December (2018), a Friday, and we are keen to see Old St Beghians of all eras making the trip to this increasingly popular and now firmly established event. We are also keen for feedback from the host of female OSBs who attended as to whether or not you would like a women's sport to be included as part of the day. Please respond with your thoughts via Jonathan Garrod's Facebook page and, should there be sufficient demand, we will be only too delighted to make the arrangements. Many thanks again for all those who supported the 2017 Thomas Froggatt Memorial Match so well, both on and off the field, and we look forward to welcoming even greater numbers in 2018.

**Huw Lewis**

**Those playing in the OSB team were:**

1. Alfred Sherwen, 2. Simon Edwards, 3. Lewis Lindsay, Alex Mossop, 4. Niall Sandwith, David Garrod, 5. Henry Clarke (not an OSB, boyfriend of an OSB), 6. Isaac Morre, Ciaron Newland, 7. Dan Rhodes, 8. Jonathan Garrod, 9. Joe Greene, 10. Mark Reid, 11. Matthew Hutchins 12. Fraser McNee, 13. Seb Wilson, 14. Albert MacKay, Hayden Taylor, 15. Thomas Pavey-Smith.  
Coach: Stuart McNee.

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## **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](mailto:osb@stbeesschool.co.uk) or (01946) 828093 or by post.**

## **Annual Dinner and Other Dates:**

### **OSBs in Asia:**

#### **Hong Kong Dinner**

The Hong Kong Dinner is confirmed for **27th January 2018** at the Modern China Restaurant. The cost is HK\$500 (set menu with wine) and smart-casual the dress code. Danny Wang, Managing Director of Full Circle Education will be joining the dinner as our special guest this year. Drinks in the Dickens Bar (inside The Excelsior - 281 Gloucester Rd) from 6pm followed by the Dinner at 7.30pm. We shall return to the Dickens Bar after the meal.

Please do 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).

#### **Shenzhen Dinner**

For anyone based in Shenzhen and the surrounding area we are pleased to announce the first official OSB event in Shenzhen at the Hilton Shenzhen Futian on **Friday 26 January!**

The dinner will be jointly hosted with Full Circle Education and will give you a chance to hear updates directly from the school, to meet the Full Circle team and, of course, to meet old friends!

Join us from 6.30pm for drinks and words of welcome delivered by representatives of the school, the St Beghian Society and Full Circle.

The cost of the dinner is ¥550.

Contact Laurence Gribble to book your place now!

WeChat: laurence358499.

#### **Bristol**

Owing to Branch Secretary Bill Afflek’s ill-health, there will not be a Bristol Dinner this year. It is hoped to organise a function of some kind next year, and we would appreciate offers of help to assist in the organisation of such an event for this area in 2019. In this respect we would be grateful to hear from OSBs who may be able to offer suggestions and help for the future (please contact Pam in the OSB office). For this year, a cordial invitation is extended to regular attendees of the Bristol Dinner, along with any other interested OSBs, to attend the London Dinner, which will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Canada (Vancouver) – NEW for 2018!**

A Dinner for OSBs is being arranged in Vancouver for **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, probably at Malones Bar and Grill on the waterfront with a start around 6.30 pm. Canadian OSBs and indeed any others who would like to visit Vancouver are encouraged to attend this inaugural gathering. Please do support this venture and contact Pari Tiwari (FN 73-80) ASAP to express your interest and also to let him know if you will be travelling with guests in order to give an idea of numbers. For further details, including suggestions for accommodation (group rates can be negotiated), he can be contacted at [ptiwari414@gmail.com](mailto:ptiwari414@gmail.com).

## **Cumbria**

There will be a Cumbria Branch Dinner in **June or July**, which it is hoped will be held at the school. Further information and confirmation of the venue will follow and will be posted on the Society website and facebook pages. However, please do register your interest with Darryl Davies, the organiser, now so that we may keep you informed as plans progress. Please contact Darryl on: 07970 180751 or [darryl.davies1@bopenworld.com](mailto:darryl.davies1@bopenworld.com).

## **London (Dinner)**

Following the extremely successful 2017 London Dinner we are proposing to hold a similar event at the RAF Club in London on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**. For further information and to register your interest, please contact: Tim Crossley-Smith at [tim.crossley-smith@gva.co.uk](mailto:tim.crossley-smith@gva.co.uk) or (0207) 911 2291 or 07983 585799 or alternatively Dacre Watson at [dacrewatson@btinternet.com](mailto:dacrewatson@btinternet.com) or (01367) 252384.

## **London (Informal Gathering)**

It is hoped to arrange an informal social event for OSBs in the City of London at the The Pepys pub/restaurant (Stew Lane, EC4V 3PT) on Friday 12th October, 2018. Further details will be provided electronically and also in the next Bulletin.

## **Manchester**

Please contact Roy Calvin if you are interested in attending an event in Manchester in 2018: [rcalvin1@googlemail.com](mailto:rcalvin1@googlemail.com) or (0161) 928 9812 or 0777 189 3900.

## **North East Branch**

This will be on **Wednesday 7th November, 2018** (please note, one week earlier than normal), 7.00pm for 7.30pm, 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](mailto:williamdove15@yahoo.co.uk).



## **Scotland**

It is hoped to organise a Scottish Gathering **later in the year**. Jerry Tsang would like to hear from anyone who is interested in attending and also of any suggestions as to the type of event/venue that OSBs would like to see offered. Please do contact Jerry Tsang (SH 96-03) with your support and ideas: drjerrytsang@gmail.com or (0131) 5389703 or 0789 895 8123.

## **Singapore**

Following last year's very successful Lunch at the Singapore Cricket Club, a repeat booking has been made for the 2018 get-together on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. All OSBs and partners, whether living in the Singapore area or not, are more than welcome to attend. It is hoped that representatives from the school/Society will be present to give an update on the situation with Full Circle and the re-opening of the school. If you are interested in joining us or would like further information, please contact Duncan Merrin on duncan.merrin@fullcircle.biz.

## **USA Gathering in New York**

Becky Hobbs (L 87-92) would very much like to hear from anyone who is interested in attending a New York dinner in 2018: becky.hobbs@gmail.com. Further information will be posted on the St. Beghians of USA Facebook (Closed Group) pages at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1708612526115938/> and also on the OSB Facebook page and Website.

## **Yorkshire**

A lunch is planned for **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018** at a venue to be announced. Further details may be obtained from the Branch secretary, Steve Crossley-Smith on: (01943) 830640 or crossleysmith@btinternet.com or Garth Cottage, Moor Park Way, Addingham, West Yorkshire, LS29 0PZ.

## **Branch Secretaries:**

Please find below 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:**

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**Yorkshire:**

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**Scotland:**

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## 200 Club

This Club has been running for many years with the idea that there should be 200 members.

Currently we have about 57!

Contributors dropped when the announcement that the school would close was made.

I would like to get to at least 100 members by the AGM in September 2018.

### What does it cost?

£2.00 per month or £24.00 per annum. You can pay by cheque to the “200 Club” or better still, fill in a direct debit form.

This figure has not changed since the Club was formed.

### How do you benefit?

There are two draws per year – one in March, the other in September. The top prize with 60-70 members is about £150.00, but the more members we have, the bigger the prizes.

In the September draw there is a top prize (dependent on members) of around £120 - £150.

There are also prizes of £40 and £20 (again the number of these prizes would be dependent on members).

For the March Draw we have prizes of £40 and £20.

If you would like to be a member please contact me and I will send you a form.

Remember you can have more than one number!

### **The Prize Winners of the September 2017 Draw were:**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>£160</b>	70	A. Lord	<b>£40</b>	8	M. Roberts
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For further information about the 200 Club, please contact:

**Darryl W Davies, 200 Club Secretary and Treasurer.**

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# Golfing Society (OSBGS)

## Old St Beghians' Golfing Society

The Halford Hewitt Competition, which started over ninety years ago, is something which every keen OSB golfer should experience and there can be no better time than April 2018, ahead of the school's re-opening. It would be wonderful if this year we could encourage everyone to make a special effort to be at Sandwich and seek selection.

The date of the AGM and Draw is Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It will be a great pleasure for those attending the East India and Sport Club in St James not to have to field the same questions about the future of the school.

The Committee has set this year's entry fee at £895. As was the case last year, this includes a sum of £20 which will be allocated to a special Hewitt 'Centenary Fund' in order to build up a suitable reserve for the appropriate celebrations in 2024.

We have plentiful (subsidised) accommodation as well as the opportunity to play some of the UK's finest links from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April - for a week! PLEASE get in touch with Adrian Peckitt [rapeckitt8@hotmail.com](mailto:rapeckitt8@hotmail.com) and join in.

### 2018 Fixtures:

**HALFORD HEWITT CUP** (10 aside scratch foursomes) - *Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club & Royal St. George's Golf Club* – Kent, **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**

CONTACT Adrian Peckitt: [rapeckitt8@hotmail.com](mailto:rapeckitt8@hotmail.com).

**GRAFTON MORRISH** (6 aside scratch foursomes) Regional Qualifying – *Fixby Hall Golf Club* – Huddersfield, **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.**

CONTACT Andy Deall: [ajdeall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ajdeall@hotmail.co.uk).

**FINALS** *Royal West Norfolk GC & Hunstanton Golf Club* – **4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.**

**CYRIL GRAY TOURNAMENT** (over 50 years - 6 aside scratch foursomes, for the last 32 Schools to enter the Halford Hewitt) – *Worplesdon Golf Club* – Surrey, **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018.**

CONTACT Michael Coffey: [Michael@golfclubsec.co.uk](mailto:Michael@golfclubsec.co.uk).

## **THE QUEEN ELIZABETH CORONATION SCHOOLS**

**TOURNAMENT** (6 aside scratch foursomes) - *Royal Burgess GC* – Edinburgh,  
**22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**

CONTACT Andrew Goodwin: andrew@trulyonline.co.uk.

**THE CRITCHLEY CUP** – 2018. Will be held at *Seascale Golf Club* on  
**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018.** The cost for non-*Seascale* Members will be £50 to  
include lunch after the round. Members of the Society are entitled to enter.

Entry to Tom Wright, Hon. Secretary: tomosbgolf@hotmail.com.

Critchley Cup Best Stableford Score, Farquie's Fortifier runner-up, Bill Fox Cup  
scratch prize, Dick Harrison Cup best score handicap 12+, Ken Case Tankard and  
Seniors 55+.

**(Please note, a leaflet about the event is enclosed).**

**Michael Coffey (President) and Tom Wright (Hon. Secretary)**

### **Report from The Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Tournament 2017, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017:**

A great weekend was enjoyed by the Old St Beghian Golfing Society in  
Edinburgh at the Queen Elizabeth tournament.

As the incoming captain, my remit was to encourage the under 30s to attend and  
to attract more interest in playing in the Halford Hewitt. I decided to promote the  
social side of the QE over the golf by using Edinburgh and its 700 plus bars and  
many restaurants as the main attraction. Ten golfers turned up at the Braid Hills in  
Edinburgh to qualify for a place in the six person team.

On a dry but blustery day, all golfers enjoyed the course and the spectacular views  
over Edinburgh and the Castle.

Rodney Atkinson battled over the tough hillside terrain and despite subtle  
protestations was not last but was part of the four who tried, but did not quite  
achieve, the qualifying score of 23 scratch stableford points! Tough course! Jack  
Foley-Barwise, Ben Wilson and Ethan Spedding were the other three missing out  
on a team place. Their participation was nonetheless much appreciated. After the  
golf a great evening was had in Morningside.

Fed and watered the team prepared well for a morning encounter with Royal  
High School. The first match of top qualifying pair John Currie and Andy  
Crummey didn't quite manage to maintain their qualifying form and went down  
early 5 and 4. This left the remaining two close matches of Andrew Goodwin and  
John Berry and anchor pairing of Tom Wright and Adrian Peckitt to battle for a  
win.

The anchor pair took an early lead and despite a fight back, St Bees, with some steady play in the middle of the game, hung on for a fine victory winning 3 and 2. John Berry and Andy Goodwin were playing consistent golf while their opponents were playing poorly, but they always managed a 'magic shot' on each hole to keep themselves in the game. After six holes St Bees' spectators could not believe the match was still all square with our consistent golf being matched by unattractive and scrappy golf intermingled with brilliance. There are indeed many ways to achieve a score, and the middle pair of Royal High were demonstrating a wide and varied approach to achieving the same score as Goodwin and Berry. At times it was hysterical!

Standing on the 18<sup>th</sup> tee St Bees were still just one up on their opponents in the deciding game. On a short par 4 hole Goodwin drove into the greenside bunker but once again Royal High continued poorly hitting another weak tee shot. Their second went into the burn and after a penalty drop their fourth shot was still short of the St Bees' ball in the bunker. Everyone was waiting for the 'magic shot'! It didn't arrive and the game was won and the match 2/1.

We celebrated in good style, in the West End of Edinburgh's great city - maybe too much! However, wins have been in short supply for the OSBGS in recent years.

An early 8:48 start saw the two reserves of Ben Wilson and Ethan Spedding taking the places of John Currie and Andrew Goodwin. The match was against past winners and formidable opponents on home turf, Watsonians.

To cut the story short, St Bees were beaten by a strong Watson's team 3/0. However, that result does not reflect the valiant efforts made by each of the St Bees team to take two matches to the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. With a little more composure it could just as easily have been 2 -1 to St Bees.

Thank you to all attendees, great to see you all and make sure you attend the Halford Hewitt.

**Andrew Goodwin – Captain.**

**Photo may be seen at <http://www.st-beghian-society.co.uk/jan18bulletin>.**

**For any further information on the OSBGS please contact Michael Coffey (OSBGS President):** Michael@golfclubsec.co.uk or 01255 676727.

## **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.

## OSB SHOP

<b>Badge - Cloth</b>	<b>£7.50</b>
<b>Badge - Silver Wire</b>	<b>£13.00</b>
<b>Bar Brooch</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Bow Tie (Pre-tied) – Satin Weave - New</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Buttons - Chrome (Large or Small)</b>	<b>£1.50 each</b>
<b>Car Badge</b>	<b>£7.50</b>
<b>Ladies Silver Emblem Pendant (no chain)</b>	<b>£10.50</b>
<b>Picture Prints – Quadrangle, Terrace, General View</b>	<b>£1.50 each</b>
<b>Scarf - College Wrap (Wool)</b>	<b>£16.50</b>
<b>Scarf Ring - Ladies</b>	<b>£4.00</b>
<b>Square - Material</b>	<b>£3.50</b>
<b>Sweater (Navy blue courtelle with embroidered OSB badge) Sizes 36/38/40/42/44 (small fitting)</b>	<b>Reduced to £5.00 (Originally £16.40)</b>
<b>Tie - Acrylic</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>Tie – Satin Weave - New</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
<b>New Greetings Card – Small (Various)</b>	<b>£2.00</b>
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<b>New Picture – Long (School)</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>New Picture – Mounted (Various)</b>	<b>£20.00</b>

**Please make cheques payable to ‘St Beghian Society’ and send to:**  
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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 - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**  
**The AGM and St Beghians' Day, 2018 - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**

**Copy Deadline:** As the target month for the next issue of 'The Old St Beghian' is **July**, the Editor would be most grateful if Branch Secretaries and other contributors would let him have their notices and reports by **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018**.

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