

Ackworth Old Scholars' Association

One Hundred and Thirty Third
Annual Report
2014

Presidential Profile - Marjorie and Michael Bliss

Marjorie (nee Brooke) was born in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire in August 1932. Her father was partner in a haulage business and the family were active Methodists. In this tradition, Marjorie had her early grounding in music. Not satisfied with local schools for Marjorie's two older sisters, her parents heard of Ackworth through a family connection and in 1944 Marjorie followed them and a cousin to the school.

Michael was born in Leicester in January 1932 and brought up in a village south of the city. His paternal grandmother had become a Quaker some 60 years earlier. His father, raised as a Quaker, was a conscientious objector in the First World War and served in the Friends' Ambulance Unit. Michael's mother was C of E and in this tradition he attended the local church. Though his father worked for the LMS railway, Michael's early life was set in a strongly agricultural environment.

Both of us were sent to Ackworth because of parental dissatisfaction with local secondary schools and so we found ourselves at the same new-comers' party in September 1944.

Until 1946, boys and girls were still taught separately, except in first and sixth forms. But in that year, now in the same form, we were obliged to sit in alphabetical order, Marjorie behind Michael for that year (a position she has held for much of her later life!). It was two years later that we went "on the Green" together, though this only lasted some 6 months – a period though which included the first foreign outing from Ackworth after the war – to Paris. In school, both of us had average academic careers but Marjorie distinguished herself in music, especially solo singing in works such as The Messiah, while Michael took principal roles in drama productions.

After Ackworth, Marjorie trained as a junior school teacher at college in Wimbledon. With poor Higher School Cert. results, Michael studied part time for a degree while working with GEC as a technician in their research labs at Wembley. Easter gathering 1952 brought us together again and during the summer term, this was cemented by walks in the countryside outside what is now the M25. Marjorie then returned home to teach 9-11 year olds and over the next few years we met at weekends and other times at parental homes in Dewsbury and the Peak District. The latter was a base for hill-walks and for canoe trips on local waterways.

We married in 1956, honeymooning in the Lake District, and at the same time Michael failed his final exams. As a result, his deferment of National Service ended and as a conscientious objector he faced two tribunals. The second of these led him into 2½ years work as a forest worker in woodlands not far from Ackworth. During this time our son David was born and living was at a fairly simple level!

At the end of his compulsory service, Michael was encouraged to try for university. This he did, studying Forestry at Edinburgh where he succeeded in coming second in his year at graduation. The birth of our daughter Judith in 1963 restrained us from following opportunities in forestry abroad. Michael worked with County Councils in Yorkshire with responsibilities in landscape and environmental management. For some years he was involved with the building of the M1 and M62 motorways and later with managing the outbreak of Dutch Elm Disease. Work in this and other areas led to him serving on a number of professional committees such as the Tree Council.

From 1969-89, Michael was Membership Secretary of the AOSA, work in which Marjorie was also heavily involved. In the 70's and 80's he served 16 years on the School Committee, for part of that time as its deputy Clerk. From 1968-81 our interest in the school was further enhanced, as parents of scholars, first David (68-75) followed by Judith (74-81). Both achieved better than us academically and both have found socially beneficial paths in life.

We have served the Religious Society of Friends as Clerks of Local and Area (Monthly) Meetings and also as Elders and Overseers. We also served at national level, Marjorie on Meeting for Sufferings and Michael on Woodbrooke Council and Swarthmore Lecture Committee. Michael's early retirement led to wider Quaker work still and to our voluntary service as Resident Friends at the Friends Centre in Auckland, New Zealand for three separate years between 1987 and 1998. This enriching experience has built many friendships "down under" and has drawn us back there many times since.

Retirement in North Yorkshire has been busy for both of us, much of it again with local Quakers but also with a local Choral Society and a Natural History Society. And it has been an area which our three grandchildren have come to know and enjoy too.



MARJORIE and MICHAEL BLISS
PRESIDENTS A.O.S.A. 2014-2015



Kathryn Bell, Head at Ackworth, gave her valedictory address at Open Day, and Anton Maree was welcomed into the Ackworth Family. Anton has been acting Head at Rossall School in Lancashire, and will take up the role as Head on September 1st 2014.

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HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?

And if so, have you left anything to Ackworth School? It is true to say that many of the facilities which we take for granted at Ackworth would not exist if it had not been for the generosity of generations of Ackworth Old Scholars. For many years, legacies have enabled the School to develop capital projects and to create bursaries and scholarships which would otherwise have been impossible. Like most independent schools, Ackworth is dependent upon the generosity of its Old Scholars and friends to enable it to continue to offer the high standard of education which it has been able to do over many years.

The School Committee is grateful to those Old Scholars and others who have felt able to leave bequests to the School both large and small. These have been used to provide improvements such as the Sports Hall, Music Centre and Fothergill Theatre and also to provide bursary assistance and scholarships enabling pupils to be educated at Ackworth where otherwise it would not have been possible. Recent bequests range from gifts of collections made at funerals, musical instruments and cash donations; some as much as £250,000. All gifts, large or small, are gratefully received.

If you wish to help the School in this way, it would be helpful if the following form of words could be used:

“I give and bequeath the sum of £..... to the Trustees for the time being of Ackworth School 1950 Trust (registered charity number 1056414) as constituted by a Deed dated 4th December 1950 to hold the same upon the trusts therein declared.”

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.

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**ACKWORTH OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the year ending 30th June 2014**

ASSOCIATION INCOME	2013/14	2012/13
	£	£
Investment income	439.76	479.72
Interest received	4.89	7.47
Ordinary Subscriptions received	4278.13	4541.13
Apportionment of life subscriptions (see Note 1)	1055.74	1089.20
Grant from Ackworth School (see Note 2)	10000.00	10000.00
Profit on sale of colours, etc.	56.56	274.05
Other Income	150.00	103.00
TOTAL	<u><u>15985.08</u></u>	<u><u>16494.57</u></u>
<i>Less: ASSOCIATION EXPENDITURE</i>		
Printing and distribution of 2013 Annual Report	10629.90	9837.17
Officers' expenses	540.70	190.05
Printing and stationery	225.36	61.88
Honoraria	800.00	800.00
A.O.S.A. Cup award	250.00	250.00
Easter Gathering: cost of guests and A.G.M.	1000.00	1000.00
Publicity and website	236.33	609.53
A.R.O.P.S. Subscription	28.00	28.00
Other expenditure	303.79	239.64
TOTAL	<u><u>14014.08</u></u>	<u><u>13016.27</u></u>
Excess of Income over expenditure for the year	£ <u><u>1971.00</u></u>	£ <u><u>3478.30</u></u>
EASTER GATHERING		
EASTER INCOME		
General Receipts	16356.89	17867.60
Transfer from AOSA	1000.00	1000.00
Transfer from Easter Reserve	0.00	1500.00
TOTAL	<u><u>17356.89</u></u>	<u><u>20367.60</u></u>
<i>Less: EASTER EXPENDITURE</i>		
Ackworth School Estates Ltd.	17145.51	17783.36
Printing, postage & stationery	1518.12	1535.41
Other Expenses	1204.26	2587.31
TOTAL	<u><u>19867.89</u></u>	<u><u>21906.08</u></u>
Excess of expenditure over income for the year	£ <u><u>-2511.00</u></u>	£ <u><u>-1538.48</u></u>

ACKWORTH OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
as at 30th June 2014

	2014	2013
	£	£
Investments at cost (see Note 3)	<u>13325.02</u>	<u>13325.02</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank & in hand.	19883.37	20605.33
Stock of Colours (at Cost)	<u>2221.43</u>	<u>2675.21</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>22104.80</u>	<u>23280.54</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>£35429.82</u>	<u>£36605.56</u>
Represented by:		
General Funds		
Balance at 1st July 2013	15910.76	13970.94
General Account Surplus	1971.00	3478.30
Easter Account Surplus	-2511.00	-1538.48
Balance at 30th June 2013	<u>£15370.76</u>	<u>£13970.94</u>
Easter Reserve		
Balance as at 1 July 2013	0.00	1500.00
Less Transfer to Easter Account	0.00	1500.00
Balance at 30th June 2014	<u>£ 0.00</u>	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Life Subscription Account (see Note 1)		
Balance at 1st July 2013	20694.80	21554.00
Received during year		
New Life Subscriptions	420.00	210.00
Voluntary additional contributions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
	21114.80	21784.00
Transfer 5% to Income & Expenditure A/c	1055.74	1089.20
Balance at 30th June 2014	<u>20059.06</u>	<u>20694.80</u>
	<u>£35429.82</u>	<u>£36605.56</u>

ACKWORTH OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
for the year to 30th June 2014

Note 1 Life Subscriptions

Subscriptions received from new Life Members and voluntary additional amounts paid by existing Life Members are added to the balance of the Life Subscription Account. 5% of the balance is released to the income and expenditure account each year.

Note 2 School Grant

Pupils leaving school in 2006 and thereafter automatically became Lifelong Members. The Committee of Ackworth School has agreed to make an annual Grant to the Association in lieu of any subscription for these Old Scholars.

Note 3 Investments

Investments are shown in the accounts at cost and comprise the following:

	Cost	Market Value at 30 June 201
5,930 units Aegon Ethical Corporate Bond	6,332	6,202
1,724 units Jupiter Ecology Trust	2,505	4,231
4,782 units Newton Higher Income Fund	2,498	2,751
249 units Invesco Perpetual Income Fund	1,990	3,767
	<u>£13,325</u>	<u>£16,951</u>

Jennifer A. Sheard

Hon. Treasurer.

August 2014

THE ARBORETUM

Visitors to the Easter Gathering were able to walk the proposed trail for the arboretum. The aim is to have a specimen of all British native trees, although there is confusion in arboreal circles as to exactly how many there are. However, visual displays of the proposed planting gave a flavour of the trail.

Thanks to Andrew Ward for his enthusiasm for getting this project off (or should it be 'in') the ground. Planting should commence soon, and although trees can take several years to get established, visitors to Ackworth will be able to enjoy the estate even more. The Executive Committee of AOSA has agreed to support this project.

FOREWORD 2014

Anne Telford-Kenyon requested that I write this foreword and I feel privileged to do so.

I think it is right to begin with a very big “thank you” to Anne for coming reluctantly out of retirement as Editor to take on this report for us. Evidently no one has stepped up to the editorial plate. This must be a huge disappointment for Anne and an anxiety for our Executive Committee. It is a sadness, too, for all the Association if it reflects a reluctance among a new generation of members to serve as officers, bring time and skill and perhaps innovation to the Association.

Where are the aspiring journalists amongst us? The IT wizards? Those who want to “give something back”?

Please consider teaming up with a contemporary and having a go. You will have guidance from Anne and great help from the printer. You are not required to do the job for 29 years like Anne!

The schedule for the current year’s report is prepared before Easter so that it is possible to recruit contributors during the reunion and ensure that the content of the report is considered by the Executive Committee.

The report is crucial to the well-being of the Association. Particular parts of it have special value to some members; most of it to many. From the dwindling few of my generation (1940’s) it is often the most tangible remaining link with the School.

‘Thank you’, Anne. ‘Thank you’ Executive Committee, and ‘thank you’ to whoever takes up the editorial challenge.

Peter Norris (1941 – 46) Staff (1952-57)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Chas Stuart has taken numerous photographs of the Easter Weekends and other events. These can be viewed either through ‘links’ section of the AOSA website (www.ackworthschool.com) or www.photoshow.net/chaststuart.

A slide show of the albums is shown on Open Day to give a flavour of the Easter Gathering; the albums re available to view in the Visitors Room.

MARKETING

As we look ahead to 2014/15 we are pleased to report a healthy increase in the number of students joining Ackworth at key entry points - Reception (Coram House), Year 7 (1st Year Senior School) and the boarding community!

Plans are underway to develop our Nursery provision with extended opening from September 2014 from 7.30am until 6.00pm and a major building programme scheduled for the following year.

Music and drama has always been a key strength of the School and we are delighted with the impact Ian Lenihan, Director of Music, has made since joining us in January. Our concerts have been reported widely in the local press and there is much anticipation about the School Choir's forthcoming trip to Washington DC.

Full use is being made of our improved sports facilities and we are excited about our continuing relationship with James Willstrop and Pontefract Squash Club. In September new pupils at Ackworth will include English under 13 champion and no.1 Sam Todd, still only 11 years old and England's best prospect for many years.

Our School website will be developed further the next year and plans are underway for an effective social media presence moving forward.

Ackworth Today regularly features news from Old Scholars so please keep in touch with your latest news! Marion.mitchell@ackworthschool.com

Marion Mitchell.

EASTER 2015

Easter 2015 is a long weekend from lunchtime on Friday 3rd April until breakfast on Tuesday 7th April. Another fun-packed programme of events and activities is being arranged but no details yet, as it is still work in progress. However if you would like any information about the weekend please contact me (details at the front of the Report).

As always there will be something for everyone; whether you are coming on your own, with a partner, with family, or with friends, you'll find lots to take part in whatever your interests – sports, music, art, crafts, games and much more.

A reminder that all meals must now be booked in advance in addition to the accommodation using the Easter Booking Form which will be mailed out in January 2015. A PDF of the Booking Form will also be available on the website in the New Year. Once the prices for Easter 2015 are decided in the Autumn, these will also be published online so please do keep checking the website for updates and important information, especially as it gets closer to Easter.

If anyone has any ideas or requests for events and activities over Easter, please let me know and if you would like to run an activity please make yourself known to me as soon as possible!

Please make sure that you read the letter that accompanies the booking form as this will highlight any additional information we might need, as well as any changes we make

We look forward to seeing you at Easter, and if you've never been before, come along and see what it's all about!

Sal Wright & the Easter Team

AOSA PASSPORT

Look at the enclosed travellers' passport and see if you could become a host. If you travel - this could be a fun stop along the way.

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of the Annual Report.**

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Name

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Occupation

Interests

Amount £ **At School** fromto

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A.O.S.A. TRAVELLERS' PASSPORT

HOST INFORMATION

NAME/S

FULL ADDRESS

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Tel. No. Email

LOCALITY:

TOWN	COUNTRY	COASTAL	
			✓

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

No. _____ SINGLE/S	No. _____ DOUBLE/S	No. _____ TWIN/S
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PARKING SPACE		
YES	NO	
		✓

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ADDITIONAL/SPECIAL INFORMATION

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Ackworth Old Scholars' Association was held in the Fothergill Theatre on Saturday 19 April 2014 at 5.00 p.m.

Nick Smith: Old Scholars and friends.

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to the Ackworth Old Scholars' Association Annual General Meeting 2014. We start with apologies and greetings; I think Janet has some.

Janet Blann: I am very relieved that the apologies and greetings have been put together in one slot because when you get them people apologise for not being here and also send greetings so it is very hard to sort them out. I do have apologies and greetings from people who aren't able to be here:

Peter and Ann Lambourn

John and Olivia Jarratt

Geoff Banks

Chris Banks

Colin and Eunice Mortimer

Aiden Mortimer and family

An email from Tim and Fran Benson: - 'Greetings to all at Ackworth this Easter. A special greeting to Juliet and Peter Norris who must by now hold some sort of record for their continuous attendance since their first in 1947.

But the next item unfortunately is apologies from Peter and Binkie Norris, so after 67 years it's the first Easter they have missed – nothing serious, Binkie has a bad cold and is just not up to the long journey – they do send their many apologies and greetings to you all.

George and Margaret Bunny – 'we do hope that it will be successful, happy and warm time this Easter. With best wishes to all'.

John Dunning – 'sorry I can't be with you, best wishes to all'.

Robert Taylor sends greetings from Australia

Mary Dunning – 'May peace and joy be yours this Easter, greetings to all'.

Margaret Burt

Are there any apologies or greetings from the floor? (*From the Hall*) Maeve Auer, Andrew Hickman.

Thank you, those are the greetings and apologies.

Nick Smith: Thank you. We now move on to the Officers' reports and we will start with our General Secretary, Janet.

Janet Blann: President Chris Jones, Old Scholars and friends.

Firstly, on behalf of the Old Scholars' Association, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Anton and Alison Maree. Anton will be taking up the position of Head in September, as Kathryn leaves us to move south to be closer to her family. Kathryn we wish you every success at Burgess Hill School, we will miss you. When Keith Daniel

welcomed you 5 years ago he described you as “as a breath of fresh air” – correction – “a howling gale”, (*laughter*) I know you’ve weathered a few storms in your time here and wish you calmer weather ahead!

Anton, we wish you every success in your new post and assure you of the support of the Old Scholars Association in the coming years, the committee looks forward to working with you. I note that you are joining us from Rossall School in Lancashire – I wonder if we are staging a take-over bid of Rossall School Staff – I believe our new Pastoral Deputy Head, Guy Emmett also came from Rossall! Anton, I believe you would like to say a few words – Kathryn you’ll have a chance for a brief word later (*laughter*) in the proceedings!

Anton Maree: Thank you very much. You have all been very, very welcoming indeed. Thank you very much or your welcome it’s super to be here and I can’t wait to join you. Thank you. (*Applause*)

Janet continues: The Executive Committee and the Way Forward Committee have both met three times during the last year, our focus continuing to be the future of our association and our links with the school.

This year, we have decided to shorten our formal AGM to enable the President’s address to return to its old slot before dinner. Not only to allow the President to enjoy a bottle, I mean, glass of wine (*laughter*) with his dinner. In view of this you will be delighted to hear that there will be less verbal reports given, I will endeavour to incorporate a few of the details from other officers into my report.

Our liaison officer, Clare Pugh has continued to work on the Old Scholar’s website which can be entered direct or via a portal on the school website. We hope to post news of Old Scholar’s events happening in the Guilds and elsewhere as and when they happen – this of course depends on you letting us know what you are up to and sending reports and photos of your events! Items may be emailed directly to Clare at osa@ackworthschool.com

Clare and our membership secretary have continued to work on our database information. The school has purchased a new database system and Clare and Mike have been working together to amalgamate our two systems. For the time being, we have agreed to maintain the two systems separately as well to make sure no information is missed.

All Lifelong Members of the Association i.e. those who left between 2006 and 2013 have been contacted via email to inform them that if they wish to continue receiving a printed copy of the Annual Report they will now have to pay for this. Membership of the Association will remain free of charge to them. All other existing members of the Association will continue to receive a copy as part of their subscription. Contacting these Lifelong Members by email has meant that quite a number of email contacts have been deleted as their mail bounced back, all these members are now being contacted by post in an effort to regain contact and update our details. Details of missing members is on the

website – if you have details of any of these, please report to Mike!

We are still looking for a new Editor of the Annual Report. Anne has worked tirelessly as our Editor for 29 years and is looking for time off for good behaviour! (*Laughter*) Anne we thank you sincerely for your excellent production of the Report, and apologise for all the headaches we cause you annually by failing to produce promised articles and reports in time. We are looking for new ways to produce the report, and membership lists including the use of our website. You may have seen a version of the body of the report on our web page, we have been looking at ways to improve this. We have purchased new software to enable “pages” to be turned, and the ability to go directly to a specific page by clicking on it in the index, which we hope will make it much easier to read, rather than scrolling through the entire report. A demonstration of this should be available in the Visitors Room at some point during the weekend.

Other items on the website for those of you who have not yet explored it are three old films from the 50's and early 60's by Arthur Brighton – I believe CDs of these may be available to purchase in the Visitor's Room, and of course there is a link to the many photos taken by Chas Stuart each Easter Gathering.

In May, Sal Wright attended the A.G.M. of AROPS – the Association of Representatives of Old Pupil Societies. She found the day very useful and reported to us that many other Old Pupil Associations are struggling to maintain their memberships, and brought back useful ideas of how they are managing them, including use of websites, and social media – we do have a Facebook page which often includes long conversations between Old Scholars, sometimes inspired by a photo that someone has posted on the site. We will continue to explore ways in which to involve Old Scholars.

During the year we have been working with Andrew Ward towards the planting of new trees on the school estate, to form an arboretum which includes all 44 of all the native species – half of which are already established in the grounds. We appointed Anne and Richard Telford-Kenyon to liaise with Andrew for this project and agreed that the Association would meet the costs of new trees and creating the trail. A map of the trail is available in the Visitor's Room, and marker posts have been set in place to show the proposed position of the new trees. (Unfortunately, some of these have recently been vandalised and will be replaced shortly.) We look forward to continuing to work with Andrew on this project. On Sunday morning at 9.30 “A Walk on the Wildside”, in your programme, is a guided walk around the trail led by Francis Hickinbottom, head of the school Physics department

In the summer I was able to join the South West Guild for their summer gathering where we enjoyed an excellent lunch, a short breather for chat and photos before a large Devonshire cream tea! It was good to meet up with some of those who are no longer able to attend gatherings at the school, and I bring greetings from both Geoff Banks and Margaret Burt, both of whom send best wishes to Old Scholars. In December I joined the Manchester Guild for their annual Christmas Lunch and Carol Sing, where we sang some rather interesting versions of carols – some of the words being in an unusual order!

(Laughter) It is always good to meet up with Old Scholars – please remember to send us your news!!

Thank you. *(Applause)*

Nick Smith: Thank you Janet. Next we have Jennifer Sheard who will give us the Treasurer's Report.

Jennifer Sheard: Mr President, Old Scholars, Friends.

It is an honour to be asked to give my first report as treasurer of the Old Scholars' Association. This report covers our accounting period to the 30 June last year. The financial statements were published in the 2013 Annual Report along with the appropriate corrections to the 2012 accounts.

The Association continues to be supported by the School and the Grant in 2013 was reduced from £12,000 to £10,000. This support has continued into 2014 however the funding of the Association continues to be reviewed with the aim to reduce the reliance on the grant.

The Association's General Fund for 2013 showed a surplus of £3,478 which was a reduction from the prior year due to the impact of the reduced grant income. After a healthy profit in 2012, the Easter Gathering struggled from lower visitor numbers and increased costs and resulted in a deficit of £1,538.

This left us with total assets of £36,605; of this, £13,325 is invested in various appropriate Funds. These continue to show an appreciation in capital value as well as having provided income of £480 during the year.

Turning now to the current financial year which ends this summer, the finances continue to reflect a satisfactory position. A grant of £10,000 has been agreed with the Bursar and School Committee and is expected to be received before the end of the month. Subscription income has fallen slightly in the year, however the majority of expenses have been contained within reasonable limits. The cost of the Annual Report continues to rise, particularly due to the postage costs incurred. However, the Way Forward Group continues to make progress towards reducing future costs of the Report in relation to Lifelong Members (old scholars leaving school since 2006).

By accepting this Report, you will be giving your approval to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013 so if there any questions I will take these now.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Jones for his support in my first year in this role. I am very grateful for all the help that he has provided.

Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

Nick Smith: Thank you Jennifer, next we have Sal with the Easter Secretary's Report.

Sal Wright: Good evening.

We are keeping our reports brief this evening in order to keep things running to time. This year I have an awful lot to report on, so this is an abbreviated version of what I will give Jenny for inclusion in the Annual Report.

It has been a very busy year, as Janet said, I attended the AROPS Conference in May and one of the workshops which I selected was: 'How to attract people to your Old Scholars Events'.

With decreasing numbers to Easter I decided to see what everybody else was doing. I felt proud and privileged that we were the only old scholars association at that workshop to be running any kind of residential event. However, it did not prove to be much help from that point of view.

Every year it gets harder to cover costs and increase numbers at Easter but it was nice to know that Ackworth is still struggling on and trying.

Last Easter as you have heard we made a significant loss the biggest ever I think and certainly, in my time as Easter Secretary. I make a plea to you all, if you are having a good time please donate any extra contributions that you have either directly to the Easter team or into the boxes provided in Centre Library or the Vestibule or into the bowls that are with the refreshments. Unfortunately Rory and Jack weren't able to make it to Easter this year so we are a little short-handed, some of us quite literally but they will be doing twice as much next year to make up for that (*laughter*) because of this I haven't yet had chance to sort the meal numbers and bed nights but I do know numbers are lower than ever. We are using one dining room all weekend for every meal and we haven't had to use two areas of accommodation at all. So, you all need to go home and make sure that you bring back family, friends, anyone really to next Easter.

Huge thanks to Heather and all of the School staff and also John, and all of those running activities on the programme.

I hope that you all enjoy the rest of Easter 2014 and please look out for the full version of my report in the next Annual Report. Thank you. (*Applause*)

Nick Smith: Thanks Sal. We come next to the report from the Old Scholars Representative on School Committee, as Aiden cannot be with us today Mike is going to read it for us on his behalf.

Mike McRobert reading Aiden Mortimer's - School Committee Report:

Chris, Fellow Old Scholars.

Since last Easter much has happened at the School and particularly from my perspective as an AOSA representative on the Committee. We have a new Clerk, Adrian Sharp, who took over from Alison Tyas late last year, we have appointed a new Deputy Head (Pastoral); Guy Emmett to work alongside Geoffrey Swales (Deputy Head Curriculum), Ian Lenihan has joined us to head up Music and Kathryn Bell's move to Head a school in

the south has triggered the committee's search for a new Head.

With all of this change and with the ongoing challenge of finding sufficient pupils we felt that it was timely to take stock;

We re-visited our Vision and Values and have distributed this to all our staff and will be displaying this on our website and have embarked on a number of proactive initiatives;

Music at Ackworth

After a number of challenging years which have seen music deteriorate we have now recruited Ian Lenihan to re-vitalise the department. Ian brings vision and passion to the task in hand and the department is now back on course to again be a flagship department.

Expansion of the Nursery

We have plans underway to expand the Nursery both in the number of children and will be offering longer days and an all year round service.

These initiatives, coupled with maintaining and building on the success of sport and academic results at Ackworth promise much for the coming year. These are both exciting and challenging times for the School and all; both the staff and committee members are embracing these challenges with enthusiasm. Thank you. (*Applause*)

Nick Smith: Thank you Mike. That brings us to the end of the Reports, can I now ask for a proposer and a seconder from the floor please?

Pauline Barnes proposed the adoption of the Reports seconded by Geoff Pedlar

Nick Smith: Thank you. Now I would like to ask for the nominations for the Officers of the Association for 2014 – 2015

Trudy Seed: I have the nominations for the Officers of the Old Scholars' Association:

Chairman	Nick Smith
General Secretary	Janet Blann
Treasurer	Jennifer Sheard
Membership Secretary	Michael McRobert
Easter Secretary	Sal Wright
Assistant Easter Secretary	John Golding (Reservations)
Assistant Easter Secretaries	Laura Wales (Entertainments)
	William Swales (" ")
Recorder of Memorials	Annabel McRobert
Colours Co-ordinator	Richard Kenyon
Photographer,	Charles Stuart
Secretary to the Committee	Jennifer Jones
Editor	Situation Vacant

Nick Smith: Is that list acceptable?

A resounding 'yes' comes from the body of the hall.

Nick Smith: Thank you. Now I am looking for a nomination for a member to serve on the Association's Committee.

Michael Hargreave: Mr President, fellow Old Scholars.

I understand from the Committee that they have had great service from Cassie Cartwright over the last three years and I think it will be a good idea if she carries on, so I propose Cassie Cartwright.

Nick Smith: Now we come for a nomination for a member to serve on School Committee.

Janet Blann: The nomination for an Old Scholar to serve on the School Committee is subject to final consent, he has given his, but he does have to report back to the other half (*laughter*). The nomination is for Nick Seed.

Nick Smith: Kathryn, this is your opportunity to say a few words (*laughter*).

Kathryn Bell: Don't worry, I have nothing to read from (*more laughter*)

Little did I know six years ago when I came to my first Old Scholars weekend, when I believe I went home with a clock (*laughter*), for those that were there at the auction, in the end I realised that I had not bid for anything so in desperation I thought I must bid and then it was a pizza box (*laughter*) and I bid for whatever there was in the pizza box. I was very fortunate to have a lovely clock that is actually in my kitchen now and it was made obviously from the benches that were here. So I will prize that forever.

I am very sorry to be standing here, my intention was to stay here as they say 'come to Ackworth either for a year' or 'a lifetime'. I was expecting it to be for a good number of years; but you never know what is around the corner and I was talking to Peter Speirs earlier and I said; I don't know whether it's actually been the captain of a ship or a rollercoaster, but I'd probably go for the rollercoaster. I've been in my seatbelt hurtling around a number of very sharp bends, some of the time I came out upside down fortunately very carefully and securely held in place. Fortunately I have had many other people to guide me, support me and keep me wedged in en route.

You never know what is round each turn and you have to face it head on and certainly I think my call back down south, is due to having two mothers only one of them is mine - but my mum-in-law as well, both being in their late eighties I need now to be more on hand for them before that they actually know that they need me to be on hand. They don't know it yet, but it won't be long, so I do have to go.

I made the decision in September that if the right job came up at the right place I would apply and somebody must be out there looking after me as the right job did come up, in the right place and then 'yes' I got it but then came that great sadness of 'oh dear'.

So I am deeply sorry to be going I am just on my course where I think we are going so pleased Anton here tonight is going to make a marvellous Head and will take on a lot of those whirlwind ideas but also I'd like to say a huge thankyou to everybody, everyone in this room particularly the Old Scholars Committee who have let me babble on at times at meetings, but they have always been there as a huge support and the organisation is really lucky to have a committee so dedicated to give up their time and energy and particularly I think that the latest, the Way Forward Group who are actually looking at how to move things forward to engage new students and younger students into the Association. It needs that new blood coming in and how to do that they are working very hard to actually make sure that that happens so that the Old Scholars' Association goes on and on and on; and is well supported.

I thank you for all your friendship and I think in the end the most important thing actually to remember is that the whole reason we are here is because the School is about the children in it and as long as there is the support from the Committee, support from all the Old Scholars that went to the school and also those Old Scholars who sent their children to the School, the School has a very, very bright future.

So thank you very much indeed. *(Applause)*

Nick Smith: Is there any other business?

No items were raised.

Nick continues: All I have got to say now is the date of our next AGM will be Saturday 4th April 2015

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

The following Report was not given at the AGM, it is printed here for your information:-

Editor's Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Ackworth Old Scholars' Association

The production of the 2013 report was relatively straightforward, deadlines were met and the printer produced a splendid report. I am most grateful to all those who provided copy, and in particular those office holders who gave me so much support. Jenny Jones produced a transcript of the AGM and managed to add those ad lib bits from the meeting. Mike and Annabel McRobert between them were responsible for the membership section and the hatches, matches and dispatches. Charles Stuart took most of the photographs – to all these people and to everyone who contributed to the 2013 report I offer my sincere thanks.

Anne Telford-Kenyon.

Preparations for the President's Address now take place. The chairs on the stage are removed and replaced centrally with two easy chairs on either side of a small coffee table. The lectern is moved to one side as it will be used for part of the Address

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The furniture on the stage has now been re-arranged and is ready for the President to deliver his address. Christopher and Heather have been seated in the main hall for the Annual Meeting and now make their way up the steps of the stage to a welcoming round of applause from Old Scholars and friends.

Nick Smith: I think we are ready now, so welcome everybody to the President's Address. The first thing I want to do is present a leather bound copy of the 2013 Report to Stephen and Joyzelle.

Stephen and Joyzelle approach the stage to receive the Report to a round of applause.

Nick continues: I now ask Janet to give the welcome please.

Janet Blann: First of all, excuse me a moment (*Janet walks to the side of the stage and from behind the curtain takes a basket of flowers*) and these are not the ones from the stage, which has happened before; (*everyone burst into laughter as they remember on a previous occasion a bouquet of flowers was accidentally presented from the floral arrangements on the stage*). Heather, please accept these flowers on behalf of the Association.

Heather Jones: Thank you. (*Applause*)

Janet Blann: When Michael Hargreave proposed Chris Jones as our President for 2013 - 4, he described him as a Ferroequinologist. Now I suppose I could have guessed what that meant, but I decided to "Google" it! I have here the entry from Wikipedia. Etymology: Latin – ferrous (iron) + Latin – equus (horse) + English – logist. Noun: humorous, nonstandard. A student of Ferroequinology – a person who studies trains. It adds a synonym – enthusiast, rail fan! As I said – I probably should have guessed.

This has not been an easy year for Chris, having to extend a trip to Florida in October after suffering a stroke. Our thoughts have been with you throughout the year Chris, and we are delighted you are able to be here with us tonight. Our thanks go to Heather for all she has done, not only managing to continue to fulfil her role as Domestic Administrator in School, but also her care for Chris, as I can imagine, a not very 'patient', patient. (*Laughter*)

I found it hard to glean stories of our President from his friends and I wonder if those who did contribute will still be his friends after this evening! (*Laughter*) We have before us tonight, one of the smartest Presidents we have seen for a number of years – 'a man of sartorial elegance' one friend said (there's someone who will still be on the Christmas list!). A man who could be said to be the male version of Twiggy for Marks and Spencer's advertising (*laughter*) – in fact, I have it in good faith, that he treated himself to eight pairs of M & S underpants just last week! (*Applause and*

laughter) (That one is definitely OFF the list!) (*Laughter*)

My own knowledge of Chris comes mainly from serving with him on the Old Scholar's Committee. I have always found his opinions carefully thought out and clearly expressed – he's not afraid to call a spade a shovel (as another friend said)!

We actually have quite a bit in common, Chris – I also left Ackworth with not many 'O' levels, but a broad based experience of life, an ability to mix easily with all kinds of people, a continuing love of our school and, I must admit, you can't beat M & S underwear! (*Laughter*)

Friends, please welcome our President, Chis Jones. (*Applause*)

Christopher Jones:

Thank you Janet for those few kind words (*laughter*).

In 1979, the year of the bi-centenary of Ackworth School, the Old Scholars Annual General Meeting had to be held in the Meeting House because of the large number of Old Scholars attending.

Our president that year was Walter Fearnley and he said that the term "President's Address" was far too grand a description for what he was about to deliver. Instead, he said that he proposed to write a letter to Old Scholars everywhere. After all, he added, if Paul could write to the Corinthians (*laughter*) then he could write to Old Scholars. (*Laughter*)

Walter was no novice when it came to letter writing. I was privileged to receive a number of his epistles, all written in his terribly neat and tidy script. It was however his choice of words and phrases which set them apart. Walter could always be relied upon to set just the right tone for the occasion. His letter to Old Scholars is worthy of a re-read to this day.

I cannot, I regret, match the style or content of a Walter Fearnley letter this evening. But I do, like him, feel that what I propose will hardly be worthy of the title "President's Address". I propose, therefore, to tell you a story.

Like all good stories, this one will begin: Once upon a time.

Chris now walks from the lectern towards the easy chairs and coffee table and sits down.

Are you sitting comfortably; (*laughter*) then I will begin:

Once upon a time there was a small boy aged about seven or eight years of age. He was attending what was probably his first Easter Gathering. Today he cannot remember much about that event apart from "Pop" on the Monday evening. He remembers Ashton Watts delivering a monologue, about what he cannot remember

but the recurring punch line was “And zee vind it did come and blow down zee shutters”. (*Laughter*) After Pop, as was the custom in those days, there was dancing in the Girls’ Dining Room with music provided by the Geoff Locke Clubmen. Our small boy remembers vividly, being invited to sit on the drummer’s knee, take hold of the drumsticks and then, being guided by skilled hands, beat out a rhythm to accompany a waltz, foxtrot or quickstep.

As you may have guessed, that small boy was me.

I have attended almost all Easter Gatherings since that time apart from the six years whilst I was a pupil at this place. Scholars at that time were not allowed to be present even if accompanying their parents. This was probably a good thing because, as boarders, we spent a great deal of time in school and half term breaks and leave weekends were unheard of. A parental visit two or three times a term was all that was allowed; so to return at Easter would hardly have been the preferred way to spend the holidays.

My early life seemed to be dominated by grandmothers and elderly maiden aunts. As an only child I suppose it was natural that I was somewhat spoilt. Indeed I was but, sadly for me, not in a way that I appreciated. I was always showered with presents for birthdays and Christmas which were of the finest quality (a fact that I was made acutely aware of) but were not what I actually wanted. I remember the huge disappointment on being given a most expensive Raleigh bicycle when what I really wanted was a Hornby train set; at half the price. (*Laughter*)

Among my early recollections are holidays spent on the Yorkshire coast near Whitby, at Robin Hoods Bay. Here it was that my parents rented a cottage for a number of years and where my interest in railways was kindled. Most small boys of five or six years taking a holiday by the sea would want to be paddling in it or building sand castles. Whilst I am sure that I partook of these pastimes my most vivid memories are of dragging my mother and father up the hill, away from the beach, to the railway station to watch the trains.

It was whilst at the station that I met the signalman, Norman. Norman took me under his wing, and for the next few years, as I grew up I was allowed into his signal box and able to pull the levers. To this day I can remember the procedures for signalling a train through the station. I also got to know the station master, Mr. Ascough, and it was he who enabled me to acquire a number of artefacts from the station when it closed in 1965. These included a complete signal which remained at my parents home until I eventually donated it to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

So it was that a lifelong interest in railways was born.

My parents were constantly striving to protect me and give me the very best of everything and although I think I appreciated it at the time, it meant that I lacked a certain experience of life. The best thing that could have happened to me was to be

sent away to boarding school. It was, however, the most traumatic moment of my life. All home comforts were swept away at a stroke and I was thrown into life at Ackworth somewhat ill prepared.

It was no coincidence that I came to this place. My grandfather, Harry Hodgson, had been educated here from 1887 to 1890 as had his two sisters, Lilian and Muriel. My mother followed in 1922 until 1925 and her sister Sylvia from 1934 to 1938. My Aunt Sylvia is now in her 93rd year and lives in North Wales where she is still independent, living in her own home and very aware of what is happening here this evening. She has followed my year as your president with great interest and not a little pride.

Unlike many of your previous presidents, I did not really enjoy my time at Ackworth. This was largely my own fault. I was not academically gifted and my abilities on the sports field left much to be desired.

That phrase “left much to be desired” appeared in my first school report; it referred, if I remember rightly to my attitude towards the Prefects who seemed to have developed a dislike of me – whilst I always showed appropriate respect to the Staff I could not see why I should adopt a similar respect for Prefects who were, after all, only school kids who happened to be a bit older than me. I learnt the hard way!!

To say that I did not enjoy my time at Ackworth may not be strictly correct. I remember that I showed an aptitude for the practical subjects. Woodwork and Metalwork were always my favourite and I produced many fine objects some of which still grace our house to this day. Blacksmithing was something which I found particularly rewarding. I remember too that I always enjoyed Geography and well remember my school report stating that my performance was well below average; yet that term I actually came out top of the class; a rare event, memorable because it only happened the once. (*Laughter*)

I also remember helping with the various dramatic productions. Always “back stage” never performing. This was probably because to act would mean learning lines and to someone who found it difficult to learn anything it was a non starter. I well remember the first production with which I was involved – Green Pastures; a play about religion in the deep south of America and how it impinged on the everyday lives on the black population - but my name was in the programme - fame at last! I also remember the final production on the temporary stage in the Meeting House: Galileo Galilei by Bertolt Brecht; it was also the final production by that famous duo Casto Alonso and Phillips Harris. The next year was the first performance on this stage in the newly extended Fothergill Hall. She Stoops to Conquer or The Mistakes of a Night. I had the honour (well I regarded it as an honour at the time) of actually opening these stage curtains for the very first production.

Other performances which I remember include Gilbert & Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore which to this day remains a firm favourite and the sound of the lyrics never fail to

awaken a feeling of nostalgia.

Talking of nostalgia I am reminded of other memorable events of my schooldays. How many of you remember Village Day held in the summer of 1959 to raise money for World Refugee Year. Lawrence Fitton taking "his" balloon around Great Garden for "walkies" – dragging the farm cart round Ackworth to publicise the event with John Atkinson playing the trumpet atop!

For those of you who were not involved, the balloon was a weather balloon with "Village Day" and the date painted on it. This was attached by a long string to the turntable of an old wind up gramophone located on the terrace and flown over the school to publicise the event during the day but at night lived on the ceiling of the gym. Fitti "walked" it to bed every night, as he put it, and brought it out each morning, much to our amusement. (*Laughter*)

Although I left school with only a smattering of "O" Levels, I picked up a number of facts which have stood me in good stead to this day. I am still amazed that I can answer about ten questions each week on University Challenge, mostly facts which I learnt at school and thought would be of no use to me again. I also remember Donald Burgess telling us, during a geography lesson, about global warming (although it was not called that at the time). It was in the Spring Term in 1963, during one of the coldest winters in living memory – the snow lay feet thick for weeks on end. He looked out on this scene and told us that, hard as it was to imagine at the time, we would live to see the day when we would go a whole winter without snow. He was so right.

I also remember being taught in English that one should never use the word "got". I remember the cartoon display in room seven showing a spider's web and captioned "got gets everywhere – avoid it". To this day I do avoid using it whenever possible. Another English grammar item which sticks in my memory is the use of "different from" and not "different to". How I cringe whenever I hear "different to" on the radio and television today. I am reminded that if I had made that error in my essays of the day I would have marked down – how standards have changed. Talking of changing standards reminds me of Agnes Thompson in her President's Address in 1973 bemoaning the decline of (amongst other things) the correct use of English and saying that she believed that she was the only person left in the whole of the London teaching service who could differentiate between the defining and non-defining relative. I asked her afterwards to explain it to me, she did and now even I know the difference!

I said earlier that I didn't enjoy my schooldays; that was sort of true until the time came for me to leave. I remember that it suddenly dawned on me that I had no idea what I was going to do and I realised that I was about to leave the security of the place that had been home to me for the last six years. It came as a bit of a shock. I didn't want to go.

I recall that the Leavers' Party held on July 19th 1963 was a sad occasion. Some of us were to part never to see one another again, some of us remained in touch right up to the present day and some were going on to study for "A" Levels. I still have the scrap of paper on which were the words of the then school song "Forty Years On" were printed. This was still sung on special occasions and it remained a part of Easter Gatherings for many years to come. Now I suspect it has been forgotten and replaced by something deemed to be more appropriate.

My academic qualifications such as they were precluded me from taking up many of the professions which my parents would have liked. However my father encouraged me to consider a career in banking and after a number of interviews I was offered the position of Junior Clerk with the Midland Bank at their Burley Road Branch in Leeds at a salary of £305 a year rising to £314 a year after six months; subject, of course, to the satisfactory completion of a probationary period. Not a huge salary even in those days but the job offered security and good prospects of promotion; so it was that I started my banking career on 23rd September 1963.

Progress in the bank in those days was painfully slow; at least two years as a Junior Clerk, progressing, if you were lucky, to ledger clerk and, possibly after four or five years, to cashier. I was fortunate to be transferred (note that you were transferred - at the bank's behest - with no options to refuse) I was transferred to a large city centre branch in Bradford where I spent the next eleven years slowly climbing the promotion ladder.

At that time all the male members of staff (who were paid more than the ladies) were expected to study for their professional banking qualification with the Institute of Bankers (later Chartered Institute of Bankers). This meant more of those dreaded exams which had dogged my schooldays. Eventually I succeeded in obtaining that much respected qualification an Associate of the Institute of Bankers which was regarded as equivalent to a BSc degree. I really felt that I had achieved something, academically speaking, for the first time in my life.

There then followed a number of transfers around the old West Riding of Yorkshire serving in such places as Cleckheaton before returning to Bradford and then Leeds again. By this time I had taken the opportunity to opt out of the more usual career path of becoming what was then known as a lending banker and chosen the administration option. This involved acquiring a knowledge of the operating systems in the bank including the computer systems of the day. Incidentally, it is amazing to think that then the massive mainframe computers, housed in specialist air conditioned, fire proof, secure, buildings had only about the same capacity as a laptop of today. Progress indeed – a subject to which I shall return.

During this time I was given charge of a processing centre in Leeds which employed mostly female staff – sixty of them. To many of my colleagues of the day this would have been a most daunting situation. Not to me however, I always felt at ease in the company of women a fact that I always considered was due to my being brought up

in a world dominated by the fairer sex. I well remember a friend of mine visiting me at my place of work one day and on seeing the array of delightful young ladies exclaimed: "Good grief (well something like that) (*laughter*) do they actually pay you to work in there". (*Laughter*)

Towards the end of my banking career I became a Special Projects Manager. This involved me working at the bank's Head Office in a department which was out stationed in Sheffield. Here I was involved in the restructuring of the Branch Network; a project which turned out to be the forerunner of the closure of many of the bank's branches. At this time banks were becoming much more profit orientated and for the first time for many years the bottom line mattered.

About this time also, the Midland suffered from a period of what can only be described as extremely poor management. They brought in a Chief Executive from America but the style of management which he tried to introduce just didn't work in Britain and the bank went through a difficult period. Those of us with long memories will remember the debacle following the purchase of an American subsidiary by the name of Crocker International Bank. The writing was on the wall.

There then came the proposal that the Midland could be rescued by a merger with (which really meant takeover by) the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC).

Perhaps the most interesting job in the whole of my banking career came as a result of this proposed merger. As a precursor it was deemed that all the HSBC branches in the U.K. should be taken over by Midland and all the overseas branches of the Midland should become HSBC. I was given the task of starting this process in Edinburgh. There were no instructions or procedures for this – I had to write my own manual as we went along.

One thing which stuck in my mind whilst working north of the border, was the copious amount of alcohol which the Scots could consume. (*Laughter*) We had a team of shopfitters from Leeds working with us, mostly large tough guys who were no strangers to drink. They took the local lasses out one evening and were singularly beaten at their own game. (*Laughter*) The next morning the chaps were somewhat worse for wear and not a little surprised whereas the girls were all as bright as a button and proffering cups of strong coffee!

During this time, I had the opportunity to develop my other lifelong interest – railways. Both the real thing and, later, in model form.

During a holiday in North Wales I came across the Festiniog Railway, one of the Great Little Trains of Wales, and fell in love with it. On returning home I joined the society and became a volunteer. I quickly discovered that the society had a branch based in Leeds which represented the Railway at various events such as model railway exhibitions. When they discovered that I was in banking they soon asked me to be

their Treasurer.

The White Rose Group, as it was known, was also responsible for operating a small fleet of road vehicles which were used to transport all manner of things which had been donated for use on the railway. These “things” ranged from simple nuts and bolts to plant and machinery. Even complete railway engines. That opened up a new interest – driving large vehicles and involved me in acquiring a Class 1 Heavy Goods Vehicle Driving Licence when these were introduced in about 1975. My driving took me all over the country from Dorset in the south to the Scottish borders in the north. The vehicles seemed to grow as time went on; from a four wheeled seven ton flat back to start with to 32 ton articulated vehicles by the time we gave up the operation due, in the main, to more and more red tape and administrative requirements.

I actually ended up as the Festiniog Railway Company's Road Transport Operations Manager. This frequently involved me in driving down to North Wales (in my car) to attend management meetings to discuss such things as operating procedures, health and safety policies and budget requirements. All this as a volunteer but doing almost the same work as my job in the bank! It was time to call a halt and so the whole operation was transferred to the railway's main operating base in Porthmadog and my lorry driving days came to an end.

While all this had been going on, I maintained my contact with Ackworth School. Firstly I attended a Meeting of the West Riding Guild in Leeds soon after I left school and was soon appointed the Guild's treasurer when they discovered that I worked for a bank! (*Laughter*) With Brian Bigland as secretary; early efforts to revive what was even in those days a flagging organisation were somewhat successful and we succeeded in breathing new life into the activities for a short time. Sadly, much more recently, the Guild was finally wound up a few years ago.

Easter each year became sacrosanct. All railway activities were curtailed at this time and I always booked Easter Saturday and Easter Tuesday off work in good time. Only once in all my banking days was I required to work on Easter Saturday morning. That meant leaving school before breakfast and returning after lunch!! My support of the Easter Secretary in an unofficial capacity eventually led to me taking over the reins in 1977.

I well remember by first Easter Gathering with Hilary Smith as President. I also remember exactly what I said from this very stage in my first Easter Secretary's Report. I won't bore you with the detail (you can look it up in the 1977 Annual Report) but I remember afterwards being congratulated by a number of Old Scholars for a very professional presentation. This came as somewhat of a surprise as I had not done any public speaking before.

I was especially pleased as I remember Eric Ellison who was the AOSA President in 1957 and then chairman of the Provincial Building Society (one of the largest in the country at the time) saying that addressing the Ackworth Old Scholars Annual

General Meeting was one of the most daunting things he had ever done - give him a thousand angry shareholders at their AGM anytime but never again his former school mates!! (*Laughter*)

I could speak at length about my time as Easter Secretary, but many of you here this evening or reading this in the comfort of your own homes would have heard it all before. Suffice it to say certain events stick in one's mind, some repeatable some not so. The memory of Stephen Ward as President coming to the rescue during the Sunday evening musical recital and dancing with the singer whose performance, like that of the string quartet which accompanied her, had left much to be desired! The time when Keith Daniel during his Presidential Address changed into his working clothes of boiler suit and woolly hat to make the point that he didn't, after all, spend his working day immaculately dressed in pin striped suit and collar and tie, sitting behind a grand executive desk. (*Laughter*)

And the time when patrolling Great Garden late one evening hearing the sound of voices and splashing water coming from the swimming pool, which was not supposed to be used at that time of night. Investigation uncovered a group of young Old Scholars skinny dipping having gained entry illicitly – enough said.

The most memorable Easter Gathering was, without doubt, that which I have already alluded to; the bicentenary in 1979. To mark the occasion the school published a pictorial history of the school entitled “So Numerous A Family”. Those of us who were trying to cater for the six hundred plus visitors that year coined the phrase “Too Numerous A Family”. (*Laughter*) The Gathering was extended by one day starting on Maundy Thursday and continuing with a packed programme of events through to Easter Tuesday. The Grand March at midnight on the Saturday with over three hundred Old Scholars on the Green is one never to be forgotten.

The one thing which I find sad about Easter Gatherings is that each year some of the older Old Scholars with whom I enjoyed a great many good times in the past are no longer with us. I remember with some affection a great many Old Scholars, especially the past presidents. I suppose it is the nature of things that Easter Secretaries are at the younger end of the spectrum where Presidents are at the other. Nonetheless, I am reminded of some wonderful times and, although I was tempted, it would be invidious to name some without mentioning them all.

As I have already said, banking was changing, out went the traditional role of the Bank Manager and with it a generation of skills and knowledge. In came newly recruited staff with no banking experience whose only brief was to market the new products including mortgages and insurance. A different world was emerging and a large number of my colleagues were taking early retirement and some even redundancy.

At the time I was involved in my capacity as Special Projects Manager, with a programme of making all the bank's cleaners, who had previously been employed direct, redundant. Dozens of them, mainly ladies of a certain age, were to be replaced

by contract cleaning firms. The savings and improvements in efficiency were to be enormous. I doubt that they were but I didn't stay around to find out.

Some years earlier whilst talking to Kenneth Limb about his job as Bursar at Ackworth, I must have said something like "If you ever think of retiring let me know. I could do with a job like yours". And so it was that one evening he telephoned me to say that he had decided to retire and was my earlier remark to be taken seriously? Bearing in mind what I have said about banking at that time I assured him that it was. Having become somewhat of an expert in the employment law relating to redundancy I managed to slip one extra candidate past the powers that be in the bank and so my employment with the Midland ended after twenty eight years.

I started at Ackworth School as Bursar immediately after my last Easter Gathering as Easter Secretary in 1991. The transition was not as difficult as I had imagined. My experience of dealing with people and resources had stood me in good stead.

Soon after my appointment, we ran into a recession. School fees became difficult for parents and pupil numbers began to fall. It was a difficult and challenging time. The decision was taken to take the opportunity to retrench, restructure and plan for the future.

The transition from boarding to day was continuing. Coram House, then a junior boys' boarding house was closed and turned into the Music Centre. Ackworth House was sold. All the boarders were now housed in the main school buildings.

During the ensuing twelve years I was privileged to oversee a great many improvements to the fabric of the school. These included the complete refurbishment of the science laboratories and, in 1996, the CDT Centre. We also replaced the old steam ovens in the kitchens and introduced a completely new concept in the dining rooms.

Whilst this was going on, there was more work being done behind the scenes. All the old Victorian steam heating was replaced by more modern and more efficient gas boilers located strategically around the school. The old boiler house was closed down and the laundry relocated to its present location near to the kitchens.

The School Committee agreed to take on one or two autistic pupils; this meant creating a new facility in Shed Court. A facility which has gone from strength to strength and now occupies virtually the whole of that area.

The Junior Department was becoming somewhat overstretched and a plan was hatched for another major redevelopment in that area. Coram House as it became known was opened in 2000

We weathered the financial storm and the corner was turned with Coram House doing particularly well. Our vision for the future had paid off.

After I retired Peter Norris once asked me what I considered to be my greatest achievement; without much hesitation, I replied the creation of the Music Centre. And my greatest disappointment; not having created a new swimming pool and sports complex. On reflection, I should perhaps have replied that my greatest achievement was to bring the school through a very difficult financial period.

After twelve years as Bursar, I was finding it increasingly difficult to tolerate the red tape which seemed to be continuously introduced and was strangling businesses not only schools but in the wider context. Successive governments have tried to simplify things but with singularly little success. There seemed to me to be a constant stream of legislation with which we had to comply. Health and Safety directives, listed building regulations, charity accounting requirements, food hygiene regulations, environmental regulations, child protection requirements and fire regulations to name but a few. It was one particular fire officer's report which really made me see red; it seemed to me most unreasonable to expect the school to make the sort of changes which were being asked. I challenged the fire officer.

This was a very risky business. However I insisted on a second opinion and guess what – my action was vindicated; the officer concerned disappeared and another report was received – one which required hardly any action by the school. This saved thousands of pounds in unnecessary work.

In 2003 I decided that the time had come for me to take early retirement while I was fit and young enough to do some of the many things that I could not do whilst tied to a job which required a 24/7 commitment.

The final refurbishment which I oversaw was the upgrading of Boys School House by installing en-suite facilities without the need to close the school during term time and yet still be open for the summer lettings. I left Ackworth for the second time exactly forty years after leaving for the first time in 1963. I wanted to sing "Forty Years On" again but nobody remembered it!! (*Laughter*)

It was my plan to completely rebuild my model railway during my retirement but I was persuaded to take an extended holiday first. So it was that I found myself aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2 for four weeks bound for South America. We should also have called at the Falkland Islands but bad weather prevented us from landing. We had a most memorable holiday which included two days in Rio de Janeiro and involved visiting the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer.

On our return from that holiday I was approached by the Bursar of the Mount School. His neighbour was involved with the Friends of the National Railway Museum in York and they were looking for a Treasurer. He knew of my interest in railways and wondered if I was interested. I said that I could be and after being interviewed and vetted was offered the job. Since then I have become more and more involved with the Friends which is a registered charity which supports the National Railway Museum by raising funds to enable it to complete various projects which it would

otherwise be unable to do.

Apart from the usual bookkeeping and accountancy role I have also become involved in policy making decisions which affect the museum. Some of these have been most interesting to someone with a passion for railways. For example two years ago the Head of the Museum came to us with a request for funding to repatriate two steam locomotives which had been in Canada and the USA respectively for many years.

We were happy to help. As a result “Dwight D Eisenhower” and “Dominion of Canada” two A4 Class locomotives, were shipped to the U.K. two years ago. They were subsequently restored and placed on display in the Museum in York as part of the celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of “Mallard”, also an A4 Class, breaking the world speed record for a steam locomotive. That event attracted unprecedented numbers of visitors and our own sales stand took a considerable sum from the sale of books and other memorabilia. The two North American locomotives are now being returned to their respective homes after a very profitable stay in this country.

Other events will include funding a project to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill. What you may well ask has that to do with railways? Well, Sir Winston’s funeral train was hauled by a locomotive bearing his name and made up of a small number of Pullman coaches. Both the locomotive and coaches happen to have been preserved by various organisations. The plan is to re-create the train and this involves refurbishing the various items of rolling stock. This is in hand and the exhibition should be in place for next January – the anniversary.

Apart from being asked to be Treasurer of the FNRM I was also asked to be treasurer of a number of other organisations including the Ackworth Old Scholars Association. For a few years I also served as a Bursar Inspector for the Independent Schools Inspection Service and as a member of the Friends’ Schools’ Joint Council. Thus it will be seen that the early years of my retirement were fully occupied with little or no time to do all the things which I had promised myself. Although I did eventually get round to rebuilding the model railway which has kept me out of mischief and provided me with hours of pleasure.

Gradually the various jobs came to an end and I retired as treasurer of AOSA last year on being asked to be your president. , my illness whilst on holiday in Florida last October curtailed some of my presidential duties. Sadly, I missed out on the Glenthorne weekend in November and the East Coast Guild Founders Day Gathering at Worfolk Cottage. I also had to turn down invitations to the Wessex Guild and the South West Guild due to prior engagements; these were genuine disappointments. However, I was able to join the Manchester and East Coast Guilds for their summer outings both of which were extremely pleasant events.

Whilst at the guild gatherings I was asked to say a few words. I found myself, without any preparation, speaking about change. Change in the world at large and change in the AOSA in particular.

We do indeed live in a rapidly changing world. I have already mentioned changes which took place in the world of banking during my time there. When I started in 1963 ledgers were hand posted – written up longhand using ink pens (ball points were forbidden) by clerks sitting on high stools just as they had done from the earliest days. How many of you remember passbooks with their neat copper plate script? Progress was made when accounting machines were introduced, at first in the larger branches and later across the branch network. When I left the bank computers had taken over completely but were somewhat restricted in what they were capable of. Reliability was not their strong point and judging by the reports in the press today, it is still not.

But it is the speed of change which has taken me, at least, by surprise. Following the Industrial Revolution and the rapid development of engineering in the Victorian age there was little progress for some time – possibly hindered by two world wars. But since the technical revolution the rate of change has escalated rapidly. The world has become so much smaller and today we cannot manage without electronic devices such as the mobile phone which itself has now been superseded by miniature tablets which receive e-mails and give access to the internet.

How useful these modern methods of communication were during my enforced stay in Florida last October. I could by Skype actually see the people I was talking to back home.

Life at Ackworth has also been subject to this rate of change. I said at the start of this story that I was the third generation of my family to attend this place.

In my grandfather's time here there would have been some changes since the school was founded. One has only to look at the "Ackworth Cronology" published a few years ago to realise this. Granted the boys were no longer required to sweep the chimneys, this was abolished in 1830 but not much had changed in real terms. Apart from electric lighting being installed in 1899 there was little real change before my mother came in 1922.

When I came in 1957 things were quite old fashioned by today's standards. Large draughty dormitories, communal showers, fairly basic food and very few home comforts especially for the boys.

When I returned as bursar I noticed a great change and when I left there had been a huge progress to modernise.

Change also affects the AOSA. But this has not always been welcome and it has always been slow. If you look at the Annual Report over the years it has changed very little; the reports of Easter Gatherings have been very repetitive; this Annual General Meeting has changed little. By its very nature AOSA has been a nostalgic animal with the older old scholars dominating the scene. For fifty years we have tried to encourage the younger old scholar to join us but with only limited success. The

rate of change within this organisation must increase otherwise the AOSA will cease to exist. In 1988 we formed the "88 Committee" to seek a solution to the problem. I was part of that committee, and looking back I have to admit that we achieved very little. Some members thought the future of our Association lay with the Guilds; how wrong we were, all but four have folded.

More recently the "Way Forward Group" has been formed to do much the same thing. We must encourage this group, we must support its suggestions and we must accept the changes that it proposes otherwise when we older old scholars are gone so too will be the AOSA. I ask you all to embrace the new technology, welcome the opportunity to receive your annual report in electronic form, encourage new ideas and support the team that runs the show.

I suppose that the moral to this story is that even if you leave school with the minimum of academic qualifications and having achieved very little on the sports field, one can go on to lead a very active, fulfilling, and meaningful life and that is, in no small part, due to that little extra something which an Ackworth education gives and which is so difficult to define.

All good stories end with the words "and they all lived happily ever after".

This one will not: "happily ever after" implies that it is the very end of the story and there is nothing else to come. In my case there is.

As most of you will know, apart from being given the honour of being your President last year, I was also asked to serve on the School Committee. I regard this as position of great responsibility. It means that I hope to be able to make a further contribution to the school that I know and love and which has been a part of my life for so long. I will try to ensure that it continues to survive and develop in a way which will enable it to meet the challenges facing it. Inevitably, that process will involve CHANGE.

Change is something which some Old Scholars have welcomed with open arms over the years but it is something which others have regarded with suspicion. If this place is to thrive and develop we must all accept the changes which will come about and support and encourage the school and its management team in making them.

It was a great privilege recently, to be involved in the process of appointing a new Head.

In appointing Anton Maree (who you met earlier this evening) the School Committee was looking for an inspirational leader who would drive this place forward during the coming years, making changes where appropriate, and I, no WE, wish him well in his new role and look forward to welcoming him back to our Gathering in 2015 to tell us how he has settled in and, perhaps, tell us of his vision for the future of this place which we all know and love so dearly.

So although MY story ends here for now, I look forward to hearing further stories in future years which will, hopefully, continue to tell us how this place set us up and prepared us for life in the big wide world.

Thank you. (*Long Applause*)

Keith Daniel: President Chris and Heather.

I feel I must include Heather because I know for the last six months she has been a tower of strength for Chris and without such support, life would have been extremely difficult.

Sitting here, my mind wandered back to last year's AGM. When you were being proposed for the position of President and in the light of subsequent events, you could have felt like the prisoner standing before the judge. He said "As God is my witness, I am not guilty" to which the judge replied "He is not, I am, you are, twelve months". (*Laughter*) You certainly have suffered a roller coaster ride and I would now suggest we have a brief moment of audience participation, courtesy of Bruce Forsyth – 'Chris, nice to see you, (everyone joining in with) to see you nice'. (*Laughter*) Perhaps that should be 'glad to see you'.

During recent months you have shown an over-whelming determination that come what may, you would sit on that stage this evening. We appreciate your endeavours and thank you for your story of the School and your work. Both the School and the Association are deeply indebted to you for your devotion to both.

Your CV is impressive. Fifteen years as Easter Secretary, two periods as our Treasurer, twelve years as School Bursar and then being nominated by the Society of Friends onto the School Committee following in your Mother's footsteps. As well as all this, you are Treasurer to the Friends of the National Railway Museum at York.

One position he failed to mention is that he was President of Hemsworth Rotary Club, following in the footsteps of our ex Head, Martin Dickinson.

Chris, we thank you for all your Ackworth work, for your story this evening and for your Presidency, always leading from the front. We wish you a speedy and full recovery back to 100% fitness. (*Applause*)

Nick Smith: Thank you Chris. We now come to the nomination for the Presidency 2014/2015

Mary O'Kill: Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, fellow Old Scholars and also Friends, Roman and Countryman (*laughter*) – that is your first clue. I do know - this is your second clue – that they did Julius Caesar, well, I won't say what it was because it has been GCSE, it's been 'O' Levels and it's been School Certificate and it might give you another clue if I said what it was. My daughter was very affected when her Latin Master called her 'a good solid citizen' but I have no second meaning in saying, that

in spite of his chimney climbing exploits and he was saying today how he got up to the top of the Laundry chimney and was horrified to see Phillip Radley strolling down the path as they were at the top and they just prayed he wouldn't look heavenwards. *(Laughter)*

He is a man of great initiative, he had a lot of work in the Forestry after leaving school and I believe he was in the Forestry Commission and Marjorie has been a loving and supportive wife – ah, there's a clue now – *(laughter)* and I believe they are coming up to their Diamond Wedding Anniversary – so get your diamonds ready. *(Laughter)* I have given you so many clues, just one more - she followed her two sisters and her cousin to Ackworth so she is well qualified and their son and their daughter came here to school; and with him; he and his sister came here.

So it is with the greatest pleasure that I say to you, I am proposing for joint Presidents, Michael and Marjorie Bliss. *(Applause)*

Marjorie Bliss: Thank you, Old Scholars. Normally I get told to get behind him - a story that dates back to a time when the School went fully co-ed in 1946. We were in the same class, but all the girls were on one side and all the boys on the other but I knew at that time that Brooke would have to sit behind Bliss and he usually says 'she has been behind me ever since'. *(Laughter)*. So tonight he suggested that I should be first *(laughter)* which may be the only time! *(More laughter)*. I am happy to accept this nomination.

Michael Bliss: Thank you very much. This is a great honour you have done for us both. We have served this Association previously; my name was on the ticket as Membership Secretary but the work which was done in our house was shared probably unequally by the one whose name was not on the ticket.

We have come as a pair and after a very long time now has been said. One time our very young grandson could not tell the difference between us and called us both 'Grandma' *(laughter)*. I would echo what the Easter Secretary and others have said this evening, we hope that next Easter there will be a renewal of this gathering so come along and we shall have good fun together.

This Association is good for itself, we are good for each other. It was founded to cherish a kindly feeling among those who attended the school and that I hope will be what will continue through the future. The Easter Gathering is good for the Association, the Easter Gathering is good for the School.

Do come and support us and we will do our best to serve you throughout the year. *(Applause)*

Nick Smith: That brings us to the end of the meeting but I have a couple of thanks, one to Jennifer for the work that she does, sat in that corner every year and also to thank Chris again for his address this evening. Thank you. *(Applause)*

EASTER AT ACKWORTH 2014

DRUGS, SEX and HEAVY (read on)

Something of a surprise awaited me this Easter, which I only discovered when I walked in to Centre Library and saw Chris Jones, our esteemed President (and a long time sparing partner !), sitting in a wheel chair. Chris had been inflicted with a minor stroke earlier in the year and, whilst well on the way to a full recovery, was now suffering from an extremely painful bout of sciatica (apparently a condition that often occurs after temporary loss of leg use following a stroke).

Hence it was that I “acquired” my role as your scribe whilst innocently enquiring about Chris’ condition in the presence of our honorary Editor. Of course there was an editorial drawback to such coercion; we all eventually reach a certain level of forgetfulness, so what you are now about to read (he said hopefully) is purely fictitious; nothing actually happened, then we all went home.

So now to what might have happened over this weekend, along with a very healthy dose of constant chatter amongst everyone renewing their friendships, and making friends anew (oh ! who are you, I’m sure I’ve seen you somewhere !).

The weekend started with an under 12 children’s Easter egg hunt and bunny hop; how I enjoyed that !

Then it was meet the President whereupon I find myself writing this epistle as laboured at some length above, so that’s enough said. Except Chris did give us a jolly good Presidential greeting.

Chas Stuart continued once again on his successful mission to bemuse and befuddle us during Friday evening’s challenge quiz, and by and large he succeeded; not totally though ! As ever there was one team that obviously spend all year looking at celebrity photos, watching TV, swatting up at geography (for our younger readers that means knowing where places and countries are) etc. How sad, or maybe how successful; dear reader, you decide.

Saturday morning dawned, as most mornings do. Was it bright or raining or maybe snowing, I can’t recall as we were far too interested in either eating a magnificent breakfast or chatting incessantly with anyone who would listen, or maybe both. So I will refrain from mentioning the weather ever again.

Those of us who consider it appropriate (and many do) attended meeting, then tried the rather tricky activity of painting an egg or, much more difficult, a piece of glass, in such a way that it was supposed to look artistic; I failed miserably.

Any railway buffs, or those who are just curioustriped over to the barn to marvel at Jeffrey Swales’ ginormous model railway layout; this is no ordinary layout as it occupies pretty much the whole barn ! And there were rumours that the keen tennis and table tennis players had already got started, probably other sports too.

More food then off to the Whacky Workshop (whatever that was?) followed by the Head’s highly informative (unless you left only last year) address about “The School

Today”; definitely not to be missed by anyone not masquerading as a recent leaver.

Of course the whole afternoon was available for just ambling around or bunking off to Ponte, whatever floats your boat. And there are those who just spend the whole weekend lounging about talking to their mates, so if that’s your boat it probably starts after lunch on Saturday (maybe sooner, ask one of them).

My word processor just tells me I’ve done 50 lines; sound familiar ! (Once again for our younger readers, a line was a form of repetitive punishment, for example write out “never be volunteered to write the Easter report” 50 times).

If you had bunked off you would have missed the afternoon tea, which was an excuse (the tea, that is) to sit down and listen to an impromptu jam session (what jam has got to do with it I have no idea so please don’t ask) consisting of a variety of musicians playing an eclectic choice of instruments, although nobody managed to play a trumpet and clarinet simultaneously, so there’s a challenge for someone next year. If you didn’t like that you could go out on to the Green and play French cricket; the mind boggles at such a contradiction of terms !

I confess I didn’t attend the children’s party this year, so I can’t describe to you what went on; hope that doesn’t produce a deluge of irate letters (if it does, you’ll have to wait another year to see them published).

Then the serious part of the weekend commenced with The Association’s AGM, along with the nominations for the various posts; and of course we learned who our next President will be. Read all about it elsewhere in this issue. And this year a return to the old format of the Presidential address at the AGM, which can also be read in full elsewhere. Thank you Chris for your excellent address. Followed by a very fine formal dinner, never easy to organise with the buffet style of service in the dining rooms.

And so to the heavens; well actually the stars. We took a trip there and back under the fine tutelage of Francis Hickenbottom, who normally keeps his feet more earth bound in the physics laboratory. Participants had fun matching planets to constellations, with little success as the planets are much closer to home, and anyway keep passing through from one to the other. Even so we were all borne in one of them, according to astrologists, hence this gave us an opportunity to check, or so I thought anyway. A fascinating event making us realise just why so many people want to “reach for the stars”.

Francis emerged again on Sunday morning for a “walk on the wild side”; which showed just how wild Great Garden has become. No more rhubarb, gooseberry bushes and apple trees, just acres of beautiful lawn with a variety of shrubs and trees which is not what we were therefore at all, this was all about the birds and the bees (the sex).

And so to meeting, it is after all Sunday by now. Then an innovative feed for Sunday lunch this year, entitled “brunch” so you’ve guessed it (must be something to do with the continental breakfast). And a new role for John G leading the Sunday walk; but he forgot it was a walk and left the rest of them miles behind, just getting in his stride for some marathon or other (we must drug him next year !). At least he didn’t wear his Easter bonnet, but that was only because it was still being made by the “Crafty Crew” when he was champing at the bit to get started. Still they won the day with

some brilliant bonnet creations, although unfortunately when it came to the parade it got a bit muddled up with the egg and spoon race, made even worse by the roll-me-overers !

The Evening Reading Address was given by Peter Speirs, then many of us visited the Music Centre for a stunning rendering by Colin Williams of the art of making a piano resonate with exciting music; if you didn't visit then it was your loss.

Oh and I forgot to mention, there was some activity on the tennis courts and in the Sports Centre throughout the day.

Now to the final thrilling lap, Monday. Yes, its such an action packed weekend that everyone goes home for a rest; except of course those who just lounge about all weekend (apply for a list of participants later). Badsworth consisted of the also rans again as John G thought it was another practice; and your scribe had enough sense to sit and watch from the comfort of her (or was it his) bedroom overlooking the terrace. You could just spot them running along where the poplars used to be, how strenuous (watching I mean !). Bit heavy going too.

More coffee, more big ball football, more Crafty Crew, more table/tennis, more squash, more badminton (what have I missed ?). Topped up with tales of some strenuous cycling exploits from Robin Hargreave; all on his own too, do we believe that !

Now to my great confession otherwise, should the secret escape, I'll never be forgiven by our poetry Moores; I didn't attend !!! However, if poetry presses your button I'm certain attendance was well worthwhile. My personal spy tells me that 20 budding readers and listeners (not sure how they actually budded, but hope they've recovered by now) enjoyed an enlightening variety of 41 poems depicting the differing stages in life, which they read enthusiastically, sometimes with sadness and other times with fun, as life depicts.

And so to the end (aaah). Pop as ever, exceeded itself. (Another special note for our younger readers: Pop is an extravaganza of the talent gathered for the weekend, played out on the Fothergill stage). A varied mix of young talent singing, guitar and piano playing, old(er) talent squeeze boxing and piano playing, drama, humour & sketches. All too good to miss.

Then the grand finale of the weekend. The prize giving for all those hard endeavours (sports and not-sports); and the handover of the crown jewels from the retiring President to the new incumbents ready for an exciting year. Finally we all held hands and sang (do I need to tell you) ALS.

Don't you dare miss it next year, as we'll be sending out search parties.

Scriptus Pisces

VISITORS TO 2014 EASTER GATHERING

Adams	David	Fairbarne	Pauline	Kenyon	Gillian
Allen	Roger	Firth	David	Lambert	Sandra
Anderson	Judith	Ford	Andrew and	Lawrence	Clare
Bates	Joy		Gill	Linda	Washington
Bell	Colin	Fowler	Molly	Mayson	Peter
Bell	Kathryn	Fryer	Norman	McCobb	David
Benge	Laurie	Golding	John and ?Anna	McRobert	Mike and
Billson	Derek and		Bertham		Annabel
	Freda	Goundry	Patrick	Moore	Chris and Sheila
Binks	Nicholas and	Gray	Tim	Morris	Liz
	Vivien	Gulliver	Deborah	Morton	Neil
Bird	Veronica	Hammill	Martyn	Mosley	Adam
Blann	Janet	Hampson	Mark	O'Kill	Mary
Bliss	Michael and	Hargreave	Michael Nicola	Paget	Pamela
	Marjorie		and Thomas	Pedler	Geoff
Botham	Jo and family	Hargreave	Robin	Pegg	Jane
Branston	Biddy	Hederson	Ben	Pendlebury	Charlotte
Branston	Bridget Bill and	Hill	Peter and	Ramage	Joan
	Claire		Daniel	Raphael	Sue
Browne	Heather John	Hill	Tony and	Raynor	June
	Finn and Orla		Marguerite	Ricardo	Richard
Bunney	David	Hinam	Anne	Ruane	Rachael Thom
Bunney	John and	Horne	Debbie		Hannah and
	Margery	Housden	Karen Maddie		Arthur
	Eddie		and Jacob	Samson	Carol and Tony
Causer	Pete and Nici	Huntington	Stewart and	Seed	Nick
Collin	Steve		Jane	Seed	Trudy
Common	John	Jennings	Gordon	Sheard	Jennifer
Covington	Tony	Jesper	Susan	Sheard	Thomas
Cox	Peter	Johnson	Vera	Slayton-Joshlin	Amanda
Cox	Stephen and	Johnston	Jean	Smiley	Helen
	Gill	Jones	Barbara	Smiley	Martin
Daniel	Clare and Eden	Jones	Chris and	Smith	Howard and
	Parton		Heather		Mary
Daniel	Keith	Jones	Gloria	Smith	Nick and Pip
Day	Shirley	Jones	Jennifer	Spear	Rosemary
Dibb	Peter	Jones	Judith	Speirs	John and Mary
Dickinson	Martin and	Jones	Kath	Speirs	Peter
	Susan	Justin	Barnsley	Stanton	Sally
Dickinson	Mary	Kelsall	Stephen and	Strong	Jonathan
Dyson	Peter		Joyzelle	Stuart	Chas
Elliott	Francesca	Kenyon	Anne	Swales	Bill

Swales	Jeffrey Susan Rachel and David	Tyas Vallance Vincent	Alison John Robert and Judith	Wilson Worton	Tricia Judith and Adrian
Tamworth	Judy			Wright	Sal
Townsend	Guy Joe Alice and Jessica	Ward	Dameon Bryony and Tristan	Yarwood	John
Townsend	Jennifer	Webster	William		
Townsend	Jinty Thomas and Becky	Westwood Wickham	Pat Fran		

EASTER RAMBLE

The walk at Easter was a concerted effort by John Golding to cede his position as the person who has come first at the running of Badsworth on Easter Monday too many times to record. By leading the walk round the course he gave all potential participants an informed knowledge of every stile, hedge, field, lane and road. Unfortunately he is not able to predict the crops that will be growing at Easter 2015 but we can now confidently predict an exciting Badsworth in 2015.

EVENING READING EASTER 2014

Quakers are advised to 'live out their faith - to let their lives speak'. We have not been good, in recent years, at making ourselves known as Quakers, largely because we are so anxious not to offend our listeners with religious language, our choice of words, our labels, that we avoid some of the real issues that bind Quakers together. We are quite good at saying what we are not, less good at the positive elements of faith.

So this is my concern this evening - what do I believe, and why, and what do Quakers believe, and why don't we tell everyone! Of course, Quakers don't speak for each other, so this has to be personal.

The query that we heard read to us [Advices and Queries paragraph 7] starts 'be aware of the spirit of God'. That query includes some of the fundamentals of Quakerism, but introduces us to the first stumbling block - God. But God was there in my childhood. Regular, and traditional prayers at primary school, a Quaker Meeting some Sundays, where one of the older members was wont to take any children out and read them great chunks of the old testament - well, I remember it happening once, anyway. And Crusaders - why I don't know, but they are a fairly fundamental and militaristic group - creation, salvation and all that. And then Ackworth, of course, no hesitations about religious and Quaker education here. Well it all did me no lasting harm that I'm aware of, and it has left me comfortable in talking about notions of God.

We have also heard read to us some examples of natural phenomena which are, quite

simply, beyond the comprehension of ordinary folk; the words are fine, but the scale of what they convey is really unimaginable.

In my own experience of an infinite scale, I recall two rather special nights spent on mountain tops - some years and some hundreds of miles apart. One was in a remote corner of Scotland, where a friend and I had embarked on a long expedition in the mountains, and made a conscious decision to spend the night on the tops, waiting for the dawn so that we could resume, and complete, our route. As dark fell, and with not a single artificial light to distract us, we watched the stars appearing, and then beginning to revolve in the sky above us, rotating around Polaris, the fixed 'north' point. It was absolutely magical! Another night was in north Wales, with another friend who had never before witnessed dawn breaking over the mountains. It was another short summer night, there was a moon, and it was never quite dark. Everything was grey, though, dark or light. And when the sun appeared, it was as though someone had just turned on the colour - rocks turned brown, grass and moss turned shades of green, little blue and yellow flowers became apparent. More wonder, but I saw these things - the apparent movement of sun, moon and stars - with twentieth century eyes; how were they understood in past times?

In centuries past, of course, it was quite acceptable, the norm, to put all these things into the hands of the gods, or of God. All civilisations have tried to make sense of what they have seen and experienced. I've been reading recently how the Greeks in 500BC or thereabouts, tried to measure the radius of the earth - oh yes, they knew it was round. The Persians tried it too, by putting posts vertically in the ground at different locations, and comparing the lengths of the shadows, trying to assess the curvature of the earth, and thus its diameter. And yet, at the same time, they saw its creation as the work of their gods. The book of Genesis makes what I see as a fairly good attempt, as long as we don't take it literally, of course. People have always needed to know how, and why, they and the world came to be there. Put it down to 'God', or 'the gods'; whatever suits.

In our second hymn we were reminded of the trials of Elijah, and his frustration when his God would not show himself before the prophets of Baal - not in the fire, the earthquake, or the wind, but in the still small voice. This is perhaps the first intimation of a God that is not shown through power and strength, but in that inner stillness that Quakers seek, the quiet centre.

But when I contemplate those phenomena, or just look at the wonder of the night sky, I reach a point in my understanding beyond which I have to leave things to God. I cannot say that I understand God; but God is a comforting presence which I choose to believe is here, around, within. Quakers often get into difficulties over God. We don't want to scare people away, if it's God they're trying to avoid. But we can't omit God; maybe it's God they seek. How do we tell? How do we prepare our pitch?

Early Quakers accepted the Bible. It was there, it was ‘the book’, often the only book that many ordinary working people would have seen, let alone read. For centuries, dissent was not a choice. Worship in the local church was a fundamental part of life - not to be questioned. Many of those attracted to Fox’s teachings were having their senses awakened for the first time. The king, seen as God’s representative in England, and certainly appointed by God, had been overthrown. The world was indeed turned ‘upside down’. Freedom of thought came on to the agenda, and ordinary people were suddenly freed to think for themselves. Repression by the church continued for another thirty years, of course, but the seed of the idea had been sown, and the plant had indeed taken root. Toleration was only a matter of time, and God was shared out, between the established church, the roman church, and a growing number of dissenting denominations. Over a couple of hundred years, though, it was still generally accepted that everyone worshipped somewhere; it was just a matter of where. All these denominations took their places in a new pattern - all became, to some extent, formalised. Quakers were no exception - they were at the forefront in establishing their structure in the late seventeenth century, largely as it remains today. What has changed for Quakers, however, is the relaxation of the basic expressions of belief that were commonly held, up to perhaps seventy or eighty years ago - those beliefs and understandings that the children of Quakers from the early twentieth century would have accepted as part of their parental inheritance. With an influx of new adherents, arising from Quaker social work and conscientious objection to military service - all varieties of ‘faith in action’ - the common foundation of the Society of Friends, neatly condensed into ‘Advices and Queries’, lost much of its Christocentricity, became less prescriptive, though no less demanding, and very much more inclusive. This is no bad thing per se, but the effect has been the difficulty Quakers now have in expressing their own standpoints with any certainty at all that their neighbouring Quaker might actually hold similar beliefs and understandings.

So where do I stand? I cannot believe in the intercessionary God who has been called upon for millennia for everything from rain for the seeds, sun for the harvest, for success in battle or in the sports arena. I cannot prove that there is God. I do not know. But I read what people have written about God, and I hear what they say. ‘Belief’ is not an absolute word - if I believe something to be true, then I do not propose that as the truth for all, though it may be the truth for me. If I believe something, then I have faith that it is true, I trust it to be so. Belief, faith and trust are connected, they are almost the same concept. When I am faced with concepts that I find difficult, whether they be the nature of the universe, or the actions of others which I find hard to reconcile, then I will seek God’s help, or search for ‘that of God’ in the other. I need to enquire, to seek, to listen.

So whilst I don’t know if there is God, I have found it helpful to assume that there is. I would see life as rather bleak if I knew there was no God, so with that assumption,

that ‘God is’, I find that I give myself greater purpose in life. The teachings of Jesus, as distilled by Quakers over the centuries into our current ‘Book of Christian Discipline’, are a guide to life, showing the way, by example, through many of the traps life has in store for us. How do we face up to the huge dilemmas that face us, the life-changing decisions? How do we react to social ills, how do we find the way to leave this earth if not in a better state, then at least no worse than when we came into it? I am very happy to try to follow the teachings of Jesus, as interpreted in the Bible. I don’t always succeed. Maybe I don’t often succeed, but there is a point of reference, a guide by which to live. It is the teachings of Jesus, the experience of earlier Friends and the distillation of centuries of wider Quaker experience, all as described on our Book of Discipline, which are my guides.

And why do we need to worship? ‘Worship is the response of the human spirit to the presence of the divine and eternal, to the God who first seeks us. The sense of wonder and awe of the finite before the infinite leads naturally to thanksgiving and adoration’ [QF&P 2.01]. In our own quiet moments, and in our meetings for worship, we have an opportunity to place our selves before God, as conduits, if you like, for the spirit of goodness. We can choose, to some extent, how to react. It is when we realise that we have no choice in the path that we take, that we respond to that inward light. And in silence, we can come closer to God - although the closer we get to God, the more elusive God seems to be. And, in the centre, it is ourselves that we will discover, we come back to our starting point. As TS Eliot wrote, ‘the end is where we start from’ -

‘We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.’
[Little Gidding]

At Yearly Meeting later this year, Quakers will be considering ‘what it means to be a Quaker today’. We won’t find a succinct answer, of course, but I pray that we will open ourselves to the leadings of the true spirit to find that common ground first explored by Fox and the early Quakers, and give ourselves the strength and confidence to go out into the world, living and speaking our faith.

George Fox wrote from Launceston prison in 1656 ‘And this is the word of the Lord God to you all, and a charge to you all in the presence of the living God: be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.’

Peter Speirs

GUILD REPORTS

EAST COAST

It gives us great pleasure to record that our Guild is flourishing, despite the sad loss of some of our longstanding members who have been actively engaged with Old Scholars all their lives. This last year or two has witnessed the loss of Dennis Parker from Beverley, and Terry McCrea who moved to Kirkbymoorside in his retirement, and lately just before Christmas, Dell Sewell, another longstanding staunch supporter from Whitby. We miss them all and remember with affection the many events they enlivened and in Dennis' case, thought out and organised. We were wondering about the Whitby connection and how it came about that there was a group of families not necessarily Quaker, over several generations who sent their children to Ackworth.

A record number of us, (19 last year, 27 this year) met up at a local pub for an indoor lunch as the weather did not encourage al fresco dining. Then we headed off for a return visit to The Folk Museum at Hutton le Hole with Edward Harrison. He is a lifelong collector of rare and fascinating household items from as far back as 1400 through to objects from our grandparents day, several thousand in all, a selection of which are beautifully displayed in a new dedicated building in the well known Folk Museum. We could have stayed listening and looking with him for the rest on the afternoon and several people were saying that they were planning to return for a longer look.

Then there was tea and cake and the AGM at the Kirkbymoorside Meeting House with our joint AOSA Presidents Michael and Margery Bliss, presided over by Susan Dickinson our Guild President. We had a lively and informed debate about the way forward for The Old Scholars Report, which inevitably will change its format and management. In the meantime our guild is active and well-supported, and we would urge any OS who is in this large sprawling guild area to look us up and join in. For next year we are exploring plans to visit Ampleforth Abbey.

Helen Beaumont

MANCHESTER

Our Guild AGM was held as usual at Eccles Meeting House on 10th October 2013.

We were pleased to welcome my daughter Jennifer Martin with Rosalie, our granddaughter. Rosalie spent much of the time asleep on the floor! In addition, Peter and Ann Lambourn were unexpectedly delayed and we were relieved to see them appear at the door. Our President, Barbara Jones, welcomed the 14 Guild members present. At the moment our Guild Committee is reduced in number since Stephen and Joyzelle Kelsall who have been very active in the Guild over the years, have moved to Nottingham. However, my sister Rosemary Turton agreed to look after the accounts.

Normally we would have invited the current AOSA President to talk to us but Chris Jones has already spoken to the Guild at our Summer Outing last year.

The business of the meeting having been concluded, the traditional Founders Day meal was served.

In December, we held our Christmas Party at Eccles Meeting House with Members bringing food and drink. This idea worked very well. After a very adequate meal, we

sang carols with Ian Ramage playing the piano. This event proved very popular with seventeen Guild Members singing lustily.

For our Spring Event in March, 10 members attended our favourite Chinese Restaurant in Manchester. We were able to sit at a circular table, and thoroughly enjoyed the meal.

There had been much discussion about a suitable venue for the Summer outing. We decided to visit Dunham Massey Hall and gardens near Altrincham, Cheshire. The Hall became the Stamford Military Hospital from April 1917 to February 1919. Today the Hall has been partially transformed into a recreated hospital based on original records from Dunham Massey Archives. Various medical procedures were evident in some rooms. Regrettably, only six members could attend on the day, so we will have to be more careful about our event dates in future.

For those present, this was a very informative and enjoyable visit. We sustained ourselves on three occasions by meeting at the café and restaurant, which meant that there was insufficient time to visit all of the extensive gardens.

We had a great day!

Our next event will be our AGM and Founders Day lunch at Eccles Meeting House on 9th October 2014.

Marguerite Hill

SOUTH WEST

We met at Culm Valley Inn at Culmstock in North Devon. After having time to greet each other and catch up with family news we had lunch. Very good food well cooked even if the portions were huge for some of us.

We then drove to Spiceland Quaker Meeting House at Uffcolme which is situated a distance away from the village along a very narrow road as Devon roads can be. There were sixteen of us gathered together including the new Joint Presidents of the A.O.S.A. Michael and Marjorie Bliss both who met when at school together. They had travelled from North Yorkshire to be with us.

They were welcomed and spoke about the coming changes at Ackworth including the proportion of overseas pupils; the changes in daily; weekly; full time boarding numbers and the work done to integrate overseas pupils. They spoke about their own lives and Michael's work with the Forestry Commission which he joined after school.

Dick Wright then spoke about stories of how some Ackworth sixth formers at the start of the first and second world wars had struggled with the option of not joining the forces as conscientious objectors, as Quakers are. Dick stated the options and how this had come up recently through a website via The Yorkshire Post about the lost generation through the start of the First World War.

Then a member of the Meeting House, John Bell, talked about the History of Spiceland. How it had originally been built in the late 1670's and was the oldest Meeting House in Devon. How it had been granted permission to be built as a residential home to get round rules as to where religious buildings were allowed. The Meeting House

is situated in a beautiful area with an historical burial ground close by. George Fox had visited the site.

We then had tea in a comfortable shed in the garden having enjoyed our gathering in Devon on such a gloriously sunny warm spring day.

Josephine Matchett.

GLENTHORNE November 2013

The Glenthorne guest house in Grasmere is the exclusive domain of Ackworth friends for one weekend a year in November. Chris Moore has taken over the reins organising the bookings and running of the weekend and was there to meet us on our arrival, the welcome was as warm as we have come to expect at Glenthorne. Tea and biscuits in the lounge enabled everyone to catch up with each other, meet new faces, and exchange news. The buzz of conversation is a trade mark of the weekend, when everyone meets together for refreshments, meals, and entertainment. Time to settle into the comfortable surroundings before the bell is rung for the evening meal.

After the meal we all adjourned to the lounge. Chris informed us of a number of long standing Glenthorne visitors who were unable to be with us this year, not least A.O.S.A. President Chris Jones and his wife Heather. Their presence was greatly missed. The traditional quiz followed: despite being unable to attend Stephen Kelsall had set the questions. It proved to be a challenging and enjoyable event. For some a walk into Grasmere followed for liquid refreshments. It has been noted that the number of participants in this evening activity increases year by year!



On Saturday a new day dawned promisingly. Nick Seed shared the detailed local weather forecast with potential fellow walkers over breakfast. Remarkably ‘torrential rain’, ‘lightning’, ‘low cloud’, and more, didn’t deter thirteen of us! The more sensible twenty-one members of the party chose a variety of activities: meeting for worship in the conservatory; a stroll into Grasmere; a bit of shopping therapy; photography; local sight-seeing; or a low-level walk. The rest of us prepared with wet-weather walking gear (if we had remembered to pack it!),

collected our packed lunches, and gathered in the car-park for the obligatory photo. Things looked promising to start with: perhaps the weather-forecast was wrong. The first twenty minutes of our climb towards Silver Howe posed no problems. Even the steady incline did not deter the lively conversations between walkers, but then the first large rain drops began to fall. The party came to a halt behind our intrepid leader Nick Seed, and we set about reorganising rainwear to counter what the weather forecast had predicted. Despite the deluge, the merry band of Old Scholars and associates splodged along. The welcomed sight of Elterwater soon came into view. Here we found a good hostelry with an open fire, a vast range of liquid refreshment and chips! Pete Causer and Trudy Seed arrived as the much appreciated support team offering a lift back to Grasmere for the four of us who didn’t wish to continue with the walk. The remaining nine completed the circuit in relatively clement conditions, for most of the way.

Afternoon tea and homemade tray bakes in the lounge provided an opportunity for people to exchange news of the day's activity, socialise and relax prior to the supper bell and another excellent meal. 'The Saturday Night Social' followed. Nici Causer organised a picture quiz and the hysterically funny moist-card game. Anne Telford-Kenyon delighted us with her fiddle playing. A very congenial evening continued over drinks and nibbles, well into the night for some.

The traditional Sunday breakfast of boiled eggs was off the menu this year. There have been other changes at Glenthorne. The 'New Space New Light Project' has raised funds for two new bedrooms with access for the disabled and a purpose built Meeting Room. At the Sunday meeting for worship we were able to utilise this excellent Meeting Room for the first time, and reflect on our good fortune at being together for such an enriching weekend.

Keith Daniel organised coffee at the Wordsworth Hotel where a room was set aside for our use. It was then back to Glenthorne for lunch and fond farewells until next year. We are grateful to Chris for having organised the weekend. Friends are advised to book now for 2014 to avoid disappointment.

Sarah Horne and Colin Farrington

WHO WE ARE

The performance was prompted by a 1913 leaving photograph of 11 scholars, and was written by head of drama Richard Vergette. 'Who We Are' explored the decisions faced by students.

The play follows the fortunes of a number of students from the photograph of Ackworth School leavers in 1913 and tried to achieve the sense of the diversity of choices which the students made.

Headmaster at that time was Frederick Andrews who was an absolutist pacifist. Not only did he refuse to fight, he also refused to contribute to any kind of war work which would release a man to go and fight.

"Edward Dell Brown and John Stanley Coy decided to fight and both lost their lives as a consequence. Edward Brady joined the Friends Ambulance Unit and ended up as the chief of one of the units. Old Scholars girls also volunteered and worked in the hospitals in France.

The angle of the play is to show that Ackworth School students acted on their consciences and did what they believed was right.

A number of old scholars looked to Frederick Andrews to give a lead on whether people should fight or not. He refused to do so, observing that he wanted his former scholars to do whatever they believed to be right. Ackworth – he hoped – had instilled in its students a sense of social responsibility and individuality. It was, therefore, not for him to tell former students what to do.

THE ARMITAGE GATES AND THE ARMITAGE SPORTS CENTRE

“I was delighted to see the photograph of the Armitage Gates in the 2013 Annual Report, and thought Old Scholars might like to know a little more about them. The wooden doors were replaced by the gates in 1929 in memory of my Grandfather, Thomas Watson Armitage, scholar 1865-71. On the day of presentation my Father, Francis William Armitage, my grandmother, Edith Maria Armiatge, and my aunt, Dorothy Watson Armitage, (all Old Scholars) were photographed standing outside the gates.

My grandmother was very involved in school affairs, still being on Committee and attending General Meeting when I joined the School in 1951 shortly before her death. She had trained as a homeopathic nurse at the London Homeopathic Hospital at the turn of the century and gave invaluable assistance in School at the time of the great flu epidemic in 1918 when my father and aunt were scholars. Also my aunt, inspired by her mother’s dedication went on to make a generous donation towards building of the Sports Hall in 1986.”

Karen (Armitage) Burnard

NEW ZEALAND CALLING.....

Just received the annual report and am enjoying reading through it. Oh dear, this year was the 50th celebration of my group leaving and we do look somewhat elderly??!!!! (according to the photo!).

Anyway life continues here in New Zealand – with an addition to our family last January when Jessica Rose arrived, daughter of our son Alistair and his wife Rose. Their son, Jake, is now 5 years old and settling into school. They’ve had a difficult time since the first earthquake 4 September 2010 when their house was fatally damaged. They’d only moved in two weeks before.... Since then they have experienced thousands of quakes/after shocks (this is in Christchurch) and are still waiting for their house to be rebuilt! They’ve been given a possible date of June 2014 when everything will be in place for the demolition and rebuild – nearly 4 years after that first event. However the house is still livable although deteriorating all the time. The latest problem concerned the two toilets – one was working, well, sort of and the second one was completely blocked! The insurance company have now paid for that second one to be cleared and currently its working fine! Because of the movement of the house, we believe the fall isn’t there anymore. Very difficult for everyone living in Christchurch with the CBD being severely damaged. The rebuild is happening now although there are still commercial buildings waiting to come down.

We are awaiting the arrival of my brother Neil and his wife Robin from America next week – this being Robin’s first visit to New Zealand. Neil also attended Ackworth and he will be able to catch up on news when he arrives! As they live in Florida we’re a little concerned that our weather will be too cold for them – will be advising warmer clothing just in case! We are in the middle of spring and the weather is

unsettled - however the garden is looking beautiful with roses in full bloom along with flowering shrubs/trees. The weeds are growing beautifully and keeping us busy!!

Netta and Phil Walters (MacPhearson)

40TH REUNION AT ACKWORTH – EASTER 2014

Gathering in Centre Library for our 40th reunion, there were broad smiles and hugs between people as we slowly recognised each other and the chatter about a shared time in history gave us all a common bond. It was wonderful to see so many old friends again – some who hadn't returned since the day they had left 4 decades ago and some, like me who return from time to time in response to Annabel McRobert's continued and much appreciated dedication to organising the 5 year reunions. This year there were many faces I hadn't seen for 40 years and it was a joy to reconnect and find out how lives have panned out since the Ackworth days.

Brunch in the Boys' Dining Room, which we had all to ourselves, provided us with the space and time to reminisce (initially about food-related experiences), accompanied by various updates from those who weren't able to come but had sent messages via Annabel. The memories continued to flow as we walked round parts of the school that haven't changed a bit (the Vestibule, Back Lane, smelly passage and the swimming pool) and the buildings that have been added since our day like the Sports Hall, the art studios and ensuite bedrooms, eliciting reminders of things we did and didn't have during the 1970s. There were comments about how things were tough back then and an acknowledgement that there were aspects we may not have fully appreciated – such as the splendour of Great Gardens....



At the end of the day, the general consensus was that, whatever our individual experiences of life at Ackworth had been, strong friendships were formed during the time we all spent there and it feels good to catch up, albeit briefly and infrequently.

Claire Plumb (Young)

THE 1967 PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPH QUEST

It all started when Christine Lundy (née Lytollis) produced an illustrated booklet "Now We Are Sixty" to celebrate our year-group achieving this age milestone in 2010. On the cover were official group photos taken in 1963 and 1966. The 1963 picture contained only Penn and Woolman pupils, and all requests to find anyone who still had a Fothergill/Gurney photo were met with a grim silence. However, I knew that in Centre Library there were photo albums containing all such photographs, so I

made a special visit to the school at the 2011 Easter Reunion in order to make a copy, subsequently providing a key for all three images. A niggling frustration with the quality of the 1963 copies prompted me to return to Ackworth in 2013 to make better copies, taking the opportunity to copy all the 1963 and 1966 photos in the albums.

Having obtained satisfactory photos and keys for my own year group, I did the same for all the other years. While doing this, a niggling “what if?” began to emerge as I contemplated doing the same for the big panoramic full school photo of 1967. Drawing keys for a single year group requires time and patience,, but to do the same for an image containing 470 faces was just too daunting, but the idea would not go away. Eventually, I realised I would have no inner peace if I didn’t make the attempt and after nearly two weeks at the computer, I had done it.

But that was only the beginning. The names of everyone on the group photos had been recorded alongside the pictures in the Centre Library albums. No-one had attempted to do this with the full school photo. About half of all faces were recognisable from memory, and I passed the information on to my sister, Meryl, who was able to add many more. The big break came when she put the photo on Facebook and John D. Lewis tagged the known faces - mammoth task,- challenging us all to name every face. The response was terrific, and only half a dozen pupils remain unidentified, though there are more queries concerning the identification of the staff.

Anyone wanting a copy of the result can e-mail me at j.david.wood@hotmail.com.

MANY YEARS ABSENCE

Derek Marcus Mann (Scholar 1928-1934) attended the Easter Gathering after many years absence. He subsequently visited Ackworth on Open Day 2014. Marcus was offered, and accepted, an honorary membership of the Association.

POETRY HOUR 2015

Suggestions for poems for next year’s Poetry Hour are always welcome. This time we have not announced a theme so any ideas in this connection will also be welcome.

Please contact us, either by post or email (wilf@chrisdocmoore.plus.com). with your suggestions and ideas not later than 31 December.

Also, 2015 will be our fifth year of organising Poetry Hour. Following the precedent set by our predecessors, we now intend to lay down this responsibility, so it would be especially good to hear from any volunteer(s) willing to take on the running of this Easter event from 2016.

Chris and Sheila Moore

50 YEARS ON

The Easter Gathering at Ackworth in 2014 was a lovely place to celebrate and remember school days over 50 years ago. 16 of our year group and a couple of our teachers gathered on Centre Library steps for a photo call on Easter Sunday.



David McCobb, Peter Speirs, Jane & Stewart Huntington, John Yarwood, Nic Binks, Adrian Smith, Gordon Jennings, Tony Covington, Rob Vincent, Chris Jones, Mollie Millward, Carol Baldwin, Judith Vincent, Francesca Cross, Vera Rehak & Michael Hargreave.

Two of our number were returning to Ackworth for the first time in 50 years – Carol (Baldwin) & her husband Tony Samson stayed for the whole (4 nights) weekend while John Yarwood & his wife Tricia stayed overnight. It was lovely to catch up with news of them and their families. Chris Jones, in his AOSA Presidential year was suffering from the effects of his recent stroke as well as a rather troublesome sciatica but, nevertheless was able to deliver his AGM address from an armchair and attended as much of the rest of the busy Easter programme as he could (with the help of his wife, Heather).

It was good to have heard from many more, including Helen Chadwick, Christopher Christie, Lucy Cowan, Richard Garfield, Roger Harris, Andy Houghton, Julia Kirkby, David Knox, Glen Park, Pamela Renwick, Chris Tutton, Gill Upson & Andrew Wragg. I also had phone calls from Richard Wood in Jersey & Robert Taylor in Australia. I had some news, indirectly of Paul Baker, Paul Boyd.

Of our staff, it was very good to see Gordon Jennings, Mollie Millward, Eileen King and also Bill Westwood's widow, Pat. I had correspondence with Albert Ainsworth, Joan Mason, Wallis & Rosemary Johnson, Peter & Juliet Norris, Margery Peel & Fred Scott. Since our last gathering in 2004, Stuart Cassie, Betty Gray, Phillip Harris, Peter Heywood, Jack Lincoln, Sheila Lindley, Joyce Spinks, Lilian Taylor & Marilyn Young have all known to have died.

Michael Hargreave

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and MEMORIAL NOTICES

BIRTHS

PALMER to Matthew (Scholar 1991-96) and Millie, a second son, Morgan, on April 19th 2014, brother for Max.

PALMER to Jessica (Scholar 1994-2005) and Simon Wootton, a daughter Emily Sophie on August 1st 2014

TELFORD to David (Scholar 1986-1993) and Isabel, a daughter Theresa, on August 4th 2014, sister for Lance and Ralph

WARD to Bryony (nee McRobert) (Scholar 1995-2002) and Dameon a daughter Vivienne Esmée on 30th July 2014, sister for Tristan Moon.

MARRIAGES

MEMORIALS

BETCHETTE Peggy (Nee Rogers) (scholar 1947-48)
Peggy moved from Harrogate Grammar School, where she was Games Captain, to Ackworth School, in October 1947, upon her father, Tom Rogers becoming Head gardener at the School. Her sister Shirley and brother Malcolm also attended Ackworth. An outstanding sports woman and athlete, it was a wrench for Peggy to leave the Grammar School where she had achieved all round success. However, she settled into Lower Sixth Form quickly, immediately claiming a place in the First Eleven hockey team.

She left school in July 1948 and started to train as a pharmacist at Boots the chemist in Pontefract. Before completing this course she took a position with a dispensing Medical Practice at Knottingly, where, after meeting and then marrying Eddie, she remained until the birth of their first child. She and Eddie lived at Knottingly for the rest of their lives, he pre-deceasing her in 2008. They had three sons, Ian, Mark and Adrian.

Peggy was a devoted wife and mother. She blossomed and was fulfilled in this role. She worked part time as a teaching assistant and devoted much of her spare time to her church, being a very faithful believer. She was a warden for many years and received Alms Money from the Queen, at Wakefield Cathedral in recognition of her support. In her sixties, Peggy developed cerebellum ataxia and her speech and balance were increasingly affected.

She remained uncomplaining and accepting, getting on with life. Upon Eddie's death she remained in an adapted bungalow with much independence, joy in living and constant faith. She was given loving support by her three boys and their families, who, all lived nearby, and had much support from her church and friends.

In May 2013, Peggy was diagnosed with cancer which had spread, so she refused treatment. She carried on as usual, pushing her trolley round the supermarket, visiting family and friends,

attending church and paying regular visits to the hairdressers and the garden centre for coffee. She reluctantly left her home for the last few weeks of her life, because she needed twenty four hour care.

Peggy enjoyed her life to the full, not asking for much but loving those and what she had, and giving much to them and her community.

CHADWICK Diana Emilie (Deputy Head, Ackworth: 1st September 1986 – 31st August 1997)

Diana arrived at Ackworth at the beginning of the autumn term in 1986 as the new Deputy Head, after Mary Bradshaw had retired. Gordon McKee was Head at the time. Her previous appointment had been Deputy Head at Devizes Comprehensive School, Wilts, which had 1500 pupils; it was the sixth school she had taught in before moving to Ackworth, her teaching career beginning in 1960. It was a steep learning curve for her; she had not taught in the Independent sector before and had little knowledge of Ackworth's traditions or daily pattern. I met her on the first morning of the new term; and was immediately struck by her appearance: she was beautifully dressed, her clothes complimenting her rich auburn hair. This pattern was to be followed for the entire time of her deputy headship. But that was not all: she exuded quietness, and calmness; her questions were pointed and precise, always getting to the heart of the matter, but couched in gentle tones. As she settled into her work and we dealt jointly with the day to day issues of running the sixth form, her abilities to assess character, to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses, became increasingly apparent. Her powers of observation were very strong; no characteristic went un-noted – and she was an excellent lip-reader as well!

To witness her interviewing a pupil who had transgressed was quite an experience; sometimes there was a twinkle in her eyes – then it was very difficult to keep a straight face as she made the child own up to his or her wrong doings. When it was a case of dealing with straightforward lies she had a wonderful gift of helping the 'miscreant' tie him or herself in verbal knots, with her strategically loaded questions. The truth usually poured out and the retribution followed; it frightened me as well! When she interviewed the parents of children who had behaved badly, there was a gentleness in the manner in which she presented the facts - her punishments were always just: never over-reaching.

Her year as Acting Head was one of the most difficult in Ackworth's history. Her devotion to the school during that time could only be measured by those who knew her closely. During the summer holiday preceding that year, she was in the building every single day, grappling with major issues. Her policy was always one of total openness; this way the parent body supported her actions, and the school emerged from that perplexing time all the stronger.

Diana had an enormous sense of compassion. She watched over her aged mother, then living in Sheffield, with great concern and tenderness, getting to see her as often as her school duties permitted. These qualities reached into her daily contacts with pupils and staff; she was always ready to listen, to support and help, and where she could, give guidance, or direct assistance (particularly to female members of staff). She was a strong supporter of Amnesty International. Her compassion extended to the animal kingdom as well: she was a keen member of Compassion in World Farming. Her devotion to her dog, one of the most beautiful animals I have ever known, was really special. The impact of its sudden accidental death when she was walking it in the school grounds late one winter evening was devastating; I don't think that she ever quite got over it. But she had strict self control, and was able to hide her emotions from most, though ready to share her problems with the few who knew her well.

As a geographer, she was deeply concerned about environmental issues, particularly those in her much loved Derbyshire. She was a very active member of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, and worked hard for that organisation both before and after her retirement. With her deep love of architecture she was one of the driving forces behind the completion of a

record of all the fine vernacular buildings in the Sheffield area. Her home after her retirement, a sixteenth century cottage at Cutthorpe, near Chesterfield, was restored lovingly; she was adamant that all the materials used should be correct for the structure, in harmony with those originally used in its construction - even down to the interior wall finishes! Other interests included music; she was passionately fond of the Church of England's choral tradition. She frequently took herself off to the Three Choirs Festival at Worcester Cathedral during the summer holidays.

After her retirement, she attended Chesterfield Meeting, where she was a much loved and valued member. Sadly, what should have been a time to indulge herself in her interests was blighted by recurring health problems. She endured long bouts of terrible pain but never grumbled, nor burdened others with her difficulties. She spent longer and longer spells in hospital, and when at home, dare not venture far from it. However, her concern and interest in others, particularly those young people she had known well at Ackworth, never waned.

Diana was a lady in every sense of the word; she had an iron personality, with a very soft, very generous centre. Diana died peacefully on 21st Dec 2013
She was much admired - and is much missed.

David Cook

GILDERDALE Nancy (nee Crossley) (Scholar 1932-37)

Nancy was born on 11 January 1921 in York, and lived there for her whole life, in the city that she loved.

She spent a happy time at The Mount Junior School in York, where she made and maintained lifelong friends. At age 11 she went to Ackworth where she showed a keen interest and talent in music, becoming an accomplished pianist. After leaving school, Nancy studied for, and passed, her LRAM in Piano with Sir Edward Bairstow, who was at that time organist of York Minster. Prior to her marriage she taught music at Clifton Preparatory School. Music was central to Nancy's life and it was this love of music that she later passed on to her children.

In 1944, Nancy married Owen (also an Ackworth scholar) and after the war they set up home together in York. Nancy devoted her time to her husband and the three children, Anthony, Carole and Nicky, who followed. Nancy was always busy, always liked to be doing something useful. She was an active member of Fulford Methodist Church, for many years delivered Meals on Wheels, and until she was in her early 80's could be seen walking around Fulford, in York, collecting for Christian Aid.

Nancy was highly intelligent, with an adventurous streak. She thoroughly enjoyed family holidays in England and Europe, and after her children had emigrated, frequent visits to Cyprus and Australia.

Nancy showed great fortitude and determination throughout her life and despite failing health in her latter years she remained mentally strong until the end.

Nancy was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She died suddenly in hospital on 11 September 2013, aged 92. She is survived by her two daughters, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

GILDERDALE Alan Duke (Scholar 1936-41)

Alan was one of the best possible advertisements for Ackworth School before the Second World War that anyone could imagine. How can anyone be an advertisement when his outgoing manner was, from the start, a very Quakerly modesty. He was third in line of four brothers ---the youngest died in his mother's arms aged eight. They shared a nursery in a lovely house called Brackenhill near York, and that awful loss and sudden shock may have played a part in hurting his normally excellent wellbeing. He promptly caught rheumatic fever and that must have affected his heart.

With his brothers and Cousin Eric he grew up well attuned to school bells and the early to bed early to rise routine. Like all the Gilderdales he was in Chalfont House. He loved competing in The Badsworth Run, and swimming and roller skating on The Green. But most of all he enjoyed playing tennis with his brother Michael. Together they were a team and later in their young years they played first in tournaments for the North of England and struggled valiantly against Davis Cup tyros. (Both played for their Universities, Alan at London and Michael at Manchester Uni.)

Alan was very handsome. Girls liked him --- and in a quiet, Quakerly way, he liked girls because he thought that was the right thing to do. But most of all he like drawing and painting and showed promise from an early age. His talent was encouraged, not least by the Art Master, Club-footed Tom Nash who was quick to realise Alan's gift. His other academic hero was the English Master, John Seymour who gave Alan his lifelong love of poetry. He would often quote Dylan Thomas... "The force that through the green fuse drives the flower, and I am dumb" (ETC ETC).

As a conscientious objector he served with the Friends Ambulance Unit. First in Bari, Italy, then in Germany. He later went to the high Cevennes in France where his brother had led a team of Quakers to help build a school at Le Chambon sur Lignon. They were supervised by two war heroes, the Heugenot, Pastors Trocme and Theiss.

Alan attended The Slade School of Fine Art (London Uni) after the war, took his Diploma and went on to teach drawing and painting at St. Martins in London and at Reigate in Surry.

He made time to fall in love with one Betty Harrington. They married and built a house in the bluebell woods of Abinger. In due time they moved to New Zealand where they both taught at the Quaker School in Wanganui.

Alan not only continued to paint colourful canvasses, he taught at various colleges and with Betty (a talented author) devised a series of childrens' story books which NZ so loved they sold 400.000 copies. There will be a retrospective of Alan's work. He will be terribly missed by family and friends, and not least by NZ Quakers for whom he became an Elder and faithful leader all his days.

Alan is survived by his wife Betty and their children James, Peter and Liz, Helle, and Jo (wives) and many gifted grandchildren.

Gledhill/Standford John Patrick (Scholar 1950/57)

John became a celebrated composer taking the name of Patric Standford by using his two middle names and dropping the K. His passion for composing began during his school days where members of staff gave him support and encouragement. After leaving school he began work in a solicitor's office followed by National Service. He came to London as a student at the Guildhall School of Music In 1961, which was followed by a scholarship to study in Venice.

In 1967 he became Professor of Composition at the Guildhall following in the steps of his teacher, Edmund Rubbra. In 1980 he returned to his roots in Yorkshire (he was born in Barnsley) to become head of music at Bretton Hall and in his retirement taught at the University of Huddersfield.

He served as chairman of the Composer's Guild and of the British Music Information Service amongst many other positions.

His compositions are wide ranging and many choral works are based on religious themes - some being recorded by the BBC Singers. His first Symphony- The Seasons - an English Year and Cello Concerto were recorded by the Scottish National Orchestra in 2012.

Composing began in earnest during his Ackworth days and many years before the days of the computer. I find it amazing that composers wrote painstakingly by hand and not very long ago! The Violin Sonata which he wrote for me began life during his school days but was completed only a few years ago after the sketches were discovered in his attic!

This is a story of a wonderful life which began with great sadness, his mother died when he was four. Ackworth provided the right environment for John-Patric to thrive and develop as a musician. He was happily married – Sarah, sadly died, a few years ago - and they are survived by their three children. Now the legacy of his music lives on. It is beautiful and moving and so well reflects the kindly nature of this sensitive man.
Anne Park (nee Norman) Scholar 1949-1956.

HAMMOND Geoffrey (Scholar 1948-52)

On leaving school Geof and his family moved to Perth. His father having been appointed to The State Library of W.A.,

Geof then pursued a career in teaching His first appointment as Headmaster of a remote school in The Kimberely Region.

After this, he returned to Perth where he married Rosalind and he took up a position at Christchurch Grammar School where he remained for 23 years. During this time he became Senior Geography Master, Master of year 10 and Boarding House Master of one of the three houses. He coached rugby, swimming and rowing and stage managed a great number of musicals and plays put on by the school.

He retired from teaching at 48 and moved to the country where we built a house on 10 hectares and became involved in many local activities.

In 1990 Geof and Rosalind were offered a position in The Maldives to manage a resort island, which they enjoyed for a number of years.

He was a member of W.A.R.M and attended Mt Lawley Regional Meeting.

Geof died 15th July 2013 after 54 years of marriage He is survived by his wife three daughters and six grandchildren.

LAMB Richard (Dick)(Scholar 1936-40)

Richard was born in Oxfordshire on June 28 1923. He moved to Canada in 1950, retiring from Mutual Life Assurance of Waterloo decades later.

He was a philatelist, gardener, birdwatcher, cricketer and charter member of Parkminster United Church, Waterloo. He passed away peacefully on December 24, 2012 in hospital in Kitchener, Ontario aged 90.

LESTER Lorna Mary (nee Bookless) (scholar 1941 – 1943)

Lorna was born in Sheffield in 1927 and followed her father Claude Alexander Bookless (scholar 1903 -1908) to Ackworth. She was only there for 2 years, but she really enjoyed her time there and remembers living in the Rogers house.

After Ackworth, Lorna went on to catering college, where she trained as a cook for hospitals and schools, before meeting her future husband Tony (Thomas Anthony) Lester (scholar 1937 – 1943) at an Easter gathering, they were married in 1951 in Dore, Sheffield.

They had two children, Martin (scholar 1964 – 1970) and Gill (scholar 1967 – 1974) and moved up to North Riding of Yorkshire, where she and Tony lived for the rest of their lives together.

Her loves were gardening, cooking, making a loving and comfortable home for her family, and travelling with her husband, preferably in a sports car through the French countryside.

She missed Tony (who died in 2008) terribly, and went to live near her daughter in Harrogate.

She died peacefully in January.

LESTER Rex Ashby (Scholar 1945-50)

Son of Herbert Lester (1906-12) and Norah Lester (1916-18) Brother to Tony and Doreen, also scholars, and related to many Lester and Benson scholars over previous years and since.

Rex leaves a widow, Shirley, two sons and three grandsons

McCREA Charles Tempest (Terry) (Scholar 1930-36)

I came to know Charles Tempest McCrea, known as Terry, when he retired with his wife Dorothy to Kirkbymoorside in 2006 to be near their son, Duncan, and his wife Dot. Terry and Dorothy attended Kirkbymoorside Quaker Meeting. Later, illness prevented Dorothy from attending but Terry attended regularly until his death. Knowledgeable and able, Terry was a wise Friend whose quiet presence was much appreciated by Friends who also enjoyed his occasional ministry which always came from the heart. Over coffee after meeting for Worship he and I would periodically talk about Ackworth School which he attended from 1930 -36 and for which he retained much affection.

When his father died in 1932 his mother moved to the family home in Dundalk (next door to the family printing and publishing business) so Terry then had lengthy journeys at the beginning and end of term across the Irish Sea. Towards the end of his life Terry wrote, among other things, of his days at Ackworth and Duncan kindly shared this with me. Here is one paragraph:

‘I enjoyed Ackworth. I never excelled at anything, studies or sports. I tried hard at cricket partly to please my mother who liked cricket -”always bat with a straight bat”. I was a good deal better than Norris Young (his best friend) at gym and tennis, which was optional. Soccer was compulsory two afternoons a week, and in Spring Term we had to practise cross country running (the Badsworth run was 3.5 miles) and also long jump and high jump. I liked track running (22 yards being my favourite distance) and also the long jump. On either one or two afternoons we were allowed to go out in pairs into the country. ‘Primrose Vale’ and ‘Viaduct’ were two of the areas we could inform the master on duty we were going to. I liked climbing trees on the walks and damming the River Went with small boulders to form miniature lakes or ponds. Norris and I would compete to see who could shout the loudest.’

I love this picture of Terry, quiet and retiring when I knew him, shouting at the top of his voice at the bottom of Great Garden!

Terry was typically modest about his achievements at school. He left school at the end of the fifth year and went to study Veterinary Medicine at University College, Dublin and later at the University of Edinburgh. World War Two interrupted his studies. He volunteered for the North Irish Horse Regiment and eventually transferred to the Veterinary Corps and spent the rest of the war looking after mules and police dogs. After the War he completed his studies, married Dorothy and with her raised three children: Duncan, Margaret and Susan. He joined the Ministry of Agriculture’s Veterinary Investigation Service and from 1961-1979 worked at the Veterinary investigation Centre at Thirsk. He worked with vets (including Alf Wight, better known as James Herriot) and farmers over much of North Yorkshire and published articles in scientific journals on sheep diseases. His expertise also took him to the Falkland Islands. Terry and Dorothy attended the Quaker meeting in Thirsk. Terry was a founder member of the Thirsk Museum Committee.

In 1979 Terry and Dorothy moved to Dundalk where Terry took over as Chairman of the family printing and publishing business. He guided the business through difficult times, helped to modernise it and moved it to new premises. In 2006 he retired a second time and moved back to North Yorkshire.

Kirkbymoorside friends were fortunate that Terry and Dorothy chose to retire to Kirkbymoorside. Dorothy's illness meant that in some ways it was not the easiest of times for Terry although he had the comfort and support of his family. His devotion to Dorothy was truly inspiring. I am pleased to have known Terry and I am only sorry that Dorothy's illness prevented a final visit to Ackworth about which we sometimes spoke. It would have been good to sit with him on Top Bench.

Terry McCrea: a much loved Friend.
Martin Dickinson 4.2.2014

POSTLE Lionel John (Scholar 1933-38)

John – as he was known to most people was born just before Christmas 1920 in Burton-on-Trent. At the age of 10, he spent a brief but unhappy time at a boarding school before he found a true home from home at Ackworth. It was here at a school dance that John first met his future wife, Margaret.

On leaving Ackworth, John started to work for the Post Office and spent much of his spare time cycling the 200 miles or so to see Margaret at Ackworth and then in Leeds. He briefly joined the Home Guard when war was declared and subsequently joined the RAF, training in Canada to be a navigator before going on to coastal command flying from their base in Stornaway.

John & Margaret were married during a brief leave in October 1942 and had a few days honeymoon in the Yorkshire Dales: a place that always held a special significance for both of them during their lives. John elected to carry on flying after the war and for a while flew for BOAC on routes to Malta and Egypt. He found that he missed family life with by now three children and came back to Leeds where he and Margaret set up home. During his spare time in the RAF, John had studied physics and gained a degree at Leeds University. He found a job at the Wool Research laboratories in Leeds and, after further part time study gained his Ph.D.

It was John's next career move to ICI in Blackley, Manchester which precipitated the family moving across the Pennines to a new house in Old Wool Lane – which was to be the focus of their life with family and friends for over half a century.

John played a big part in local community life. He joined the ratepayers association and campaigned for improvements to be made to the local area. He was involved with Scouts and was a leading light in getting a new Scout hut built and in helping generations of Scouts and Cubs get their badges in all things scientific. He was a governor at the local primary school where he was known for his attention to detail and practical help. He was an active member of the Quaker meeting house premises committee and in the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society where he was its president for a time. He spent a lot of time caring for others through his work with local charities.

It was the opportunities to strengthen the Ackworth connections and make a difference there which John especially valued. His quiet counsel, technical & financial expertise were brought to bear over an extended period serving on the school committee. John was very much involved for example in changes to the boilers and heating system, which not only provided scholars and teachers with a standard of warmth not dreamt of by previous generations but saved the school a lot of money. John served a term as president of the Old Scholars' Association and was a very active member of the Manchester Guild. The Old Wool Lane Christmas parties were legend and will be remembered by Old Scholars for some time to come.

John was an intensely practical and inventive man. He was an accomplished woodworker to cabinet maker standard and made toys and larger pieces of furniture for children and to furnish the home at Old Wool Lane. He made a radiogram with FM radio – soldering the individual valves and other electrical components together – and a fan heater: well before such devices were widely available on the market. John was very encouraging of others to try their hand and help them develop their practical talents.

John was devastated by the loss of Margaret in 2006 but was determined to remain as active as possible and maintain his extensive network of family and friends. He was often to be seen taking someone out to lunch at his favourite restaurant or treating them to tea and cakes from a well known firm in Harrogate. He re-visited his love of music, first kindled when listening to Halle concerts, by taking piano lessons for the first time in his life. His catch phrase of ‘keep smiling’ was typical of the man and not bad counsel for all of us.

John died in March 2014 aged 93 and will be much missed by all whose lives he touched. A life well lived.

POSTLETHWAITE Audrey (nee Hindle) (Scholar 1940-46)

Audrey was born on 5 February 1929 in Rambottom Lancs. After leaving Ackworth in 1946 after 6 years she studied at the Royal Northern School of music in Manchester and subsequently taught music in various girls’ schools. She continued a practising Quaker all her life and was particularly grateful to Milton Keynes Friends for their care and friendship while she was in Newport Pagnell. She had no children of her own but took an active interest in the lives and careers of her cousins children. Audrey died on 13 July 2013 aged 84 peacefully in a care home in Newport Pagnell.

POTTER Joan (nee Day) (Scholar 38-41)

Joan moved to Howick, South Africa in 2001 but unfortunately lost her husband a month afterwards which was very sad for the whole family. Joan always put others first before herself and she was kind and generous. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother always thinking of her family first. She died in July 2013 and leaves 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren who miss her very much.

RILEY Anne (Scholar 1932-41)

Anne was born on 7th January 1922 in Rawtenstall Lancashire to a family that was very committed to Socialism, Quakerism and Pacifism. They were very active members Crawshawbooth meeting house.

Anne went to Ackworth at the age of 10 and was extremely happy there, becoming Head Girl in her final year. Unfortunately her mother died when she was only 17 and this was obviously a great sadness in her life especially as it coincided with exams.

During the War she joined the Friends Relief Service in the South of England working with the ambulance division. After the war she gained a place at Liverpool University and later Manchester University. She specialised in Social Science which encompassed her two main interests in life -Social well being and Politics. On qualifying she became a Social worker specialising in the care of children. In the early 50’s Anne was working in Bolton and met Doris Houghton who was also working in the same field and they became lifelong friends. In 1953 she took up the position of Deputy Children’s Officer for Worcestershire and obviously her dedication to the work was appreciated as she later rose to the position of Director of Social Services for Worcestershire. Her main interest was always with children, caring for the underprivileged and championing the underdog.

Upon the Government reorganisation of the Social Services she decided to take early retirement. Anne sat on a number of committees but suffered a heart attack which although she recovered fully from left her wary of engaging in future stressful situation. Anne and Doris lived in the Worcestershire area where they spent many happy years in Shrawley, Bewdley

and finally Belbroughton.

Anne enjoyed travelling and taking part in local Societies especially those involving history. Anne led a very full life until her mid-80s when declining health meant that she needed to move into a residential home. She was an intelligent generous and caring lady with a terrific sense of humour who will be sadly missed. She died peacefully at Foresters Care Home, Clent, Stourbridge on 6th February 2014 at the age of 92.

ROPER June MBE (Scholar 1935-41)

June

was born in Melton in 1924, the elder child of Alderman W.E. (Bill) and Kathleen Warner. Her brother Dick was born in 1929. Her father was the restaurant proprietor and pork pie manufacturer at Warner's Restaurant in the Market Place. Her mother was tutored in singing by Sir Malcolm Sargent, who was organist at St Mary's Church.

June was educated at Melton Grammar School and then at Ackworth. She attended domestic science and secretarial colleges in Leicester before starting her working life at Old Dalby Royal Artillery Ordinance Depot. Following that she worked at Brooksby Hall Farm Institute as secretary to the principal.

Following her marriage in 1950 to Dick Roper she continued her work during two years of Dick's teacher training. She became a full-time mother in 1953 to Helen. Throughout this time she played her competitive tennis and badminton at Hamilton Tennis Club and Melton Old Grammarians – to which she was dedicated for the rest of her life, coaching both juniors in tennis and badminton at the clubs and also adults at Melton Leisure Centre.

Following the sudden death of husband Dick in 1986, her social life changed. With Helen living overseas and without Dick she had to find new companions and she discovered willing travel mates with whom to explore the world.

In between trips, her life in Melton continued to be full as she immersed herself further in voluntary activities; she delivered meals on wheels for many years, and organised and cooked lunches for the elderly of Melton at Gloucester House. Somehow, thanks to her ingenuity and excellent bartering skills with local stallholders and butchers, she managed to charge just a small amount and still raise money for Age Concern, as it was then. When the midweek lunch club ceased after 30 years, June was significantly older than many of the clientele for whom she cooked!

She then went on to run a weekly coffee shop also generating funds for Age UK in Melton. She was also renowned for her jam, marmalade and chutney-making in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support for whose benefit she also held an annual coffee morning at her home. In addition, she organised the refreshments rota for the NHS Blood Donation sessions in Melton, which take place roughly every three weeks throughout the year.

In 2005, her voluntary work was recognised when she was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to the community.

June loved the cultural side of life. Bridge, classical music, book groups, as well as regular trips to the De Montfort Hall, the cinema, performances by the Stamford Shakespeare Company at Toilethorpe Hall, trips to London to the O2 arena and Albert Hall to watch professional tennis. She kept the library staff on their toes finding new detective stories for her avid consumption. She was always ready for any adventure, including organising get-togethers to ensure that the surviving relations of her generation on both sides of her family met regularly either for weeks away or lunch.

June lived in the Warner family home for 70 of her 89 years. The garden was her joy and the produce which came from it was shared widely. After she gave up matchplay, she continued

to play both tennis and badminton at a social level, only laying down her tennis racquet last August. June died on January 24 having just won her final set of badminton at King Edward VII Sports Centre – a fitting end to a full and satisfying life.

SESSIONS William Kaye (Scholar 1925-27)

Bill Sessions, a lifelong Quaker and Printer Publisher died on 25th April 2013 peacefully in his own home at the age of 97.

Bill was born on 10th August 1915 in York and educated at Ackworth (1925 -1927), Bootham School, Cambridge University and the London School of Printing. Between 1940 and 1946 he worked with the Quaker Relief Service in London. In 1946 Bill returned to York and carried out a two month survey of York's almshouses for Seebolm Rowntree and the Nuffield Foundation.

In the same year Bill joined his father's printing company The Ebor Press and was appointed Managing Director. He continued working there until 2010 when he was still driving himself to the office at the grand old age of 94!

It was thanks to his earlier travels in USA in 1937 that in 1946 Bill and his father won the franchise for the manufacture of self adhesive labels from the American inventor Stan Avery. In 1979 this led to the acquisition of a further label printing company Soabar in Leicester. Following the publication of *Printing in York* written by Bill and Margot Sessions, the oldest printing company in York, dating back to 1703, was bought. During Bill Sessions' lifetime Quacks Books and the Ebor Press have published many titles including Quaker and local history books and this will continue.

In 1947 Bill Sessions was invited to join the Joseph Rowntree Village Trust (now the Joseph Rowntree Foundation) by Seebolm Rowntree. He was a Trustee for 43 years.

Bill held many positions with the British Printing Industries Federation culminating in being appointed national President in 1965. In 1973 Bill started the River Foss Amenity Society which is still flourishing and this year is celebrating its 40th year. Starting in 1975 Bill published seven *Early Printing Histories* listing the spread around Britain in the first two hundred years of the new invention of printing.

He also started a small book trust, the Sessions Book Trust, to help publish Quaker and York history books which otherwise would have struggled to get produced.

Bill had a great love for nature, particularly birds and travelled to many nature areas in this country and abroad. He was Chairman of the New Earswick Nature Reserve for over 45 years.

Bill was a member of The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York, the London Stationers Company, York Civic Trust, the Yorkshire Architectural and York Archaeological Society and York 41 Club.

His first wife Margot, whom he married in 1939, died in 1994 and he married his sister-in-law Eva in 1995. Eva has looked after Bill in his family home until his death. He is survived by Eva, his three children Sallie, Mark and Michael, his two daughters-in-law Paddy and Lesley, his ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

SEWELL Dell (Scholar 1932-37)

Edward Dell Sewell was born on the 21st January 1921 in Whitby, North Yorkshire, one of four children. After being educated locally, Dell went to Ackworth. His older brother, Joseph and two sisters Greta and Stella were also pupils at Ackworth, Dell being the last surviving sibling.

Before the start of World War 11, living close to the railway, he wanted to be a train driver but instead became a trainee chef at The Swan, now The Majestic in Harrogate. The heat here affected his health and so he returned to the family grocery business in Whitby. During the war Dell was in a needed occupation distributing food wholesale so joined the Home Guard attached to the fire service.

In late 1944 he went with the Quaker Relief service to France where he met his future wife Denise. Here he also worked for Barclays bank, then the American Consulate in Le Havre, returning to the family business when his father fell ill.

E.F Sewell and sons closed in 1964 and became the Whitby Confectionary Company which traded until 1988. Dell remained in Whitby for the rest of his life, becoming involved in many forms of service Chairman of Whitby Grammar School PTA and Chairman of Whitby Grammar School Governors. He was a member of The Folk Dance Society, The Whitby Bowling Team, The Civic Society and being a fluent French speaker gave tuition in the French language.

His main passion though was the Religious Society of Friends and following service to Whitby Meeting by his parents and grandparents Dell became Clerk of the meeting and Chairman of the Whitby Council of churches, now churches together. All these activities he pursued into late 'young' old age.

Latterly almost single-handed he kept Whitby Meeting going during difficult times of falling membership and the increasing cost of a large old Meeting House. Dell was an enthusiastic and energetic man who lived his life under his strict Quaker upbringing and although comfortable with some of the recent changes in the Society was always tolerant and understanding of other points of view. He was scrupulous in preparation for Quaker business meetings and ensured that things were done in the 'right ordering'.

Dell never lost his love for Ackworth School. He was a frequent attendee at Easter and was twice President of the East Coast Guild. He was well known, respected and loved by many in Whitby and beyond. When he passed away on December 6th 2013 everyone with whom he had contact felt the loss of good man. Dell leaves a widow (his second wife Margaret) two sons Michael and Dennis two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

SHARPE Lynda 1954-2014. (Staff January 1999 – September 2005)

I was much saddened by the death of Lynda Sharpe. For five years I worked closely with her and regarded her highly as a colleague. Lynda contributed significantly not only to the development of Ackworth School's Junior School (or Coram House as it was renamed at her suggestion) but also to the well being of Ackworth School as a whole.

When Lynda was appointed Head of the Junior School at Ackworth in 1999 the Junior School was at a low ebb. With numbers hovering at around 40 it either had to grow or close. The preferred option was for the Junior School to grow and prosper and in this way help to provide a secure base for day numbers in the Senior School. This was the strategic plan and it worked. This was because as soon as she took up her appointment on 1 January 1999 Lynda began to weave her magic and numbers began to grow. Visiting children liked Lynda. She inspired confidence and parents were happy to entrust their children to her care. To my mind this was a turning point in the fortunes of the school as a whole. Overall, school numbers had been holding. Now they were going up.

Not surprisingly Lynda won the confidence of School Committee and a measure of this was its willingness, at a time of financial uncertainty, to continue to support plans for a Junior School building programme. The result was the imaginative extension to the Junior School which improved the facilities and transformed the 'feel' of the school. As the Junior School grew (and before she left in 2005 Junior School numbers were approaching 200) Lynda needed

to recruit additional teachers. This was an opportunity. She seized it and was able to build up and lead a highly effective team. No matter how good you are at selling you need to have something to sell and at the heart of Lynda's success was a Junior School where there was highly successful teaching and learning combined with an extensive extra curricular programme, all underpinned by the Quaker ethos of respecting others and looking for the good in them. The atmosphere in the school was always happy and constructive.

During the five and a half years that we worked together Lynda and I spoke most days in term time. Before school started I used to walk around Great Garden and call in to see Lynda either as I started or finished. We would check through any issues for the day. Inevitably we might occasionally differ in how we wished to approach things but throughout that time there was never a cross word between us.

Lynda Sharpe was able, approachable, friendly and a person of complete integrity. She gave outstanding service to Ackworth School. I hope that this obituary helps to ensure that this is not forgotten.

Martin Dickinson

SPEIRS John Claude (scholar 1924-1928)

Claude, along with his younger brothers Geoffrey and Arnold, attended Ackworth following the death of their father in 1923, aged only 45. Claude's parents were active members of Liverpool Meeting, and Claude inherited their lifelong commitment to the work of Friends, giving his time initially to Young Friends' activities, and then serving as monthly meeting clerk at the young age of 28. Later in life, he served as clerk and treasurer of his home meeting in Birkenhead, and of Wirral and North Wales Monthly Meeting.

After leaving Ackworth, Claude spent ten years with the Royal Insurance in Liverpool. In 1940, he joined the Friends Ambulance Unit, serving mainly in London. He became bursar at Ackworth in 1946, and would have remained in that post for longer had not the early death of his brother Geoffrey in 1952 meant that the family printing business in Liverpool was in need of his support. Claude returned to Merseyside, and stayed in printing until his retirement. He then devoted time to his interests in the arts, both practical and administrative, and to running a workshop for the unemployed.

Claude married Jessie Boyes, of Birkenhead meeting, and they had three sons, Christopher (Ackworth Old Scholar, and later Bootham), Richard and David. After Jessie's death in 1993, Claude moved to Scotland to be near two of his sons. There he met and married his second wife Moira, an accomplished artist, with whom he spent sixteen happy years.

Claude retained a lifelong interest in Ackworth, and delighted in receiving the annual report. He would regularly complement the bursar of the day on the presentation of the accounts, and would usually raise some pertinent questions. Claude died on 26th December 2013.

SPOONER Sheila (nee Sidebottom) (Scholar 1943-48)

After leaving school Sheila studied music at the Northern School of music and was a competent pianist. She met Dennis in 1949 and they were married in 1952. Having successfully raised four children at home she was persuaded to convey her creative art, needlework skills and knowledge of textiles to girls in a local secondary school. She taught in the same school until she retired.

She continued to enjoy her hobbies of gardening, painting, choral singing, needlework and quilting and produced many quilts for her family and friends including all of her fourteen grandchildren. For a number of years she met up with a number of old Ackworth friends for an

annual get together, in the north, including a lunch. Sadly, Sheila suffered a serious stroke in 2008 which left her speechless and partially paralysed. She was quite unable to partake in any of the activities that she loved. Fortunately, she was looked after at home where she endured all of her difficulties with her usual tolerance, patience and good humour. She was much loved by her family and seemingly, by most of those who got to know her.

TAYLOR Peter John (“Des”) (Scholar 1943-1948)

The sobriquet came about very early in Peter Taylor’s days at Ackworth. He had come to the school in the middle forms, having had rather unsatisfactory beginnings to his secondary education somewhere down Newark way. Fortunately that experience was not to be repeated, but, having a rather long face and a seemingly serious demeanour, he quickly came to be known as Des, which was suitably shortened from the quite inapplicable “Dismal Desmond”.

He was, from the start, recognised as an outstanding pupil, but one whose abilities for academic work were matched by not uncritical – and certainly not dismal-- incursions into artistic and political subjects well beyond the syllabus. In the sixth form he was one of a group of acolytes taken under the wing of Phillips Harris and his wife Elizabeth, in whose flat at Flounders were spent Sunday afternoons of reading and listening to music that stimulated such wider interests. (Phillip, alas, could never accommodate Des’s enthusiasm for cricket. He was, I’m afraid, a quite hopeless executant but his love and knowledge of the game were typical of the thoroughness of his approach to all things that caught his imagination.)

Under Phillip’s tuition, Des achieved a place at Lincoln College, Oxford to read chemistry – a period of study that was interrupted by an undergraduate prank (blowing up another college’s goldfish pond on November 5th) which led to him being rusticated for a year!). He went on though to a successful graduation and spent the rest of his working-life as an industrial chemist. Through all this time he maintained contact both with the school and with those of his contemporaries there with whom he had spent such thrilling sessions outside the curriculum, especially Mike Ellis, Gavin Foley and the present writer. Settling in Manchester, he took a great part in the cultural activities of that busy city, especially its musical life, and in the course of time he produced two remarkable papers on the music of Elgar.

Des married Shirley Pickles in 1959, having a son and a daughter, while his sister married an Ackworth contemporary, the late Emil Rado. Des died on Christmas Day, 2012, aged 83

WARD Stephen (Scholar 1940-47)

Stephen was born in Kingston upon Hull in 1929. He spent his early childhood in York and Hull, moving with his father’s work with the railway. His mother, Doris Ann Williamson Knowles, had been an Ackworth scholar and in 1940 Stephen joined his brother, John, at Ackworth. He had previously been evacuated to stay with great-aunts in Bentham and then attended the Quaker Evacuation School at Yealand.

He very much enjoyed his school days and made many good friends and excelled in sports and amateur dramatics, the latter under the direction of Phillips Harris. In the Upper 6th he was the only boy to do Domestic Science and famously made a pair of pyjamas with which he was photographed for the Yorkshire Evening Post.

After leaving school he had a variety of jobs on the land in lieu of National Service. On one occasion he put into practice skills learnt at school for the Bronze life-saving exam to save a prize boar belonging to the farmer.

He moved to Letchworth in 1949 to take articles with his uncle’s firm of chartered accountants, Watts Knowles and Co. He quickly became involved in many aspects of Letchworth life, playing hockey and cricket and joining the local amateur dramatic society. He was an active member of the Round Table and later a founder member of the Letchworth Howard Rotary Club.

In 1955 he met Aud who had come to England as an au pair. They were married a year later in her home town of Bergen, Norway. They remained in Letchworth and have three children, two of whom went to Ackworth for their 6th form.

Stephen stayed at Watts Knowles and Co all his working life. He was also treasurer and chairman of various local charities, including Letchworth Housing Society.

Stephen and family enjoyed visiting Ackworth regularly for Old Scholars' weekends at Easter and he was AOSA president 1984-85 as well as Treasurer of the Association for many years and on the School committee.

He was a loving father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. He died 16th February 2014.

WROE Stuart Bentley (Scholar 1943-1947)

Stuart was born in Sheffield in 1932. His father was a builder. At Ackworth he excelled at sports, representing the school at football, hockey and cricket. Academically, he felt he had never taken full advantage of the education offered by the school. Later in life he built up a significant library and became an avid reader.

After leaving Ackworth, he joined the merchant marine school and from there he joined the Royal Marines, where he saw active service in (then) Malaya with the 3rd Commando Brigade. He left the service with a medical discharge. After a short spell in marketing, Stuart joined the Manchester City police force, where he spent eight fulfilling years. He then began a successful business career in commercial audiology, eventually building a business of nine hearing aid centres in the north of England.

Stuart's hobbies included fishing, collecting antique porcelain-ware, reading from his library, and entertaining his many friends from all walks of life. He was married three times, had four children, and is survived by his beloved third wife, Margaret with whom he lived near Louth for the last 25 years of his life. His last years were difficult on account of medical issues, but he withstood these challenges with characteristic fortitude.

OLD SCHOLARS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

BIRCH Refna Eleanor (nee Everingham) (Scholar 1930-33)

GRAVESON David (Scholar 1952-60)

HAMER Yvonne (Scholar 1928-34)

KENYON John

LANGLEY Marion (Staff) 1956-1983

MACKENZIE Doreen Mary (nee Barron) (Scholar 1935-1937)

MEADOWCROFT Edwin William (Scholar 1938-42) Died 4.11.2011

PROCTER Jean (nee Penty) (Scholar 1939-45)

ROBERTSON Frank (Scholar 1936-41)

SMITH Peter (Scholar 1933-39)

THOMSON Helen Margaret (Scholar 1946-51) (died 16th August 2012)

WALKER May Margaret (Scholar 1930-34)

WALKER Pauline (nee Hutton) (Scholar 1946-49) Died June 2012

COINCIDENCES

I am sure many of you have had extraordinary coincidental meetings with other Ackworthians.

Contact the Editor to tell your story.



COLOURS & BADGES

A.O.S.A. Colours and Badges are available by post along with other Ackworth-related items.
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- ♥ Old Scholars' striped Tie in A.O.S.A. colours of Gold, Green and Grey, £7.00 (p&p £2)
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN MORNINGS

These events are arranged to enable prospective parents and pupils to visit the School and meet the Head, Members of Staff and present Pupils who will show them around and answer questions about the School and what it has to offer.

It is an ideal opportunity to view the superb facilities and experience the friendly Ackworth atmosphere.

27th September, 2014

4th May, 2015

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2014 - 3rd September to 5th December

Spring Term 2015 - 6th January to 27th March

Summer Term 2015 - 20th April to 4th July

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 9th May 2015

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 5th July 2015

For further information on any of the above events, please contact either the Head's Secretary or the Bursar's Secretary.

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2011/2015	David Cook, Stuart McWilliam
2012/2016	David Bunney, Andrew Ducker (Parent), Christopher P. Jones, Aidan Mortimer*
2013/2017	Zephyrine Barbarachild, Erica Dean, David Ditcham, Adrian Sharp
2014/2018	Christopher Allen, Richard Bamford (Parent), Kate Napier, Nick Seed, Sally Slater (Staff)
2014/2015 Co-Option:	Michael McRobert, Nick Smith
Treasurer:	Christopher Rengert
Deputy Treasurer:	Carol Raynor
Clerk to the Committee:	Adrian Sharp
<i>*AOSA Representative</i>	

SCHOOL FEES

From September 2014 -

Boarding per annum	£23,109
Day per annum	£12,855
Coram House - day per annum	
R-2	£ 7,983
3-6	£ 8,214

BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Ackworth School has, as one of its founding aims, to support 'Friend' children not in affluence. The School today strives to support 'Friend and non-Friend' children who would benefit from an education at Ackworth School.

Ackworth School recognises the exceptional gifts and talents of young people through the award of scholarships. Therefore, scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit either academically or through their abilities in Music, Art, Drama and Sport. In cases of need, bursaries are available but they are all means tested. The School will consider applications to supplement a scholarship with a bursary. The number and size of scholarships is at the discretion of the Head. The award of a scholarship will remain solely on merit in any of the categories described above and the financial implications of this award will be a fee remission of 5% of the annual day fee.

The School has access, along with the other Friends' Schools, to the Joint Bursary Scheme which provides some support for applications from members of the Religious Society of Friends. All other support for scholarships and bursaries is derived from the annual fee income and this imposes a restriction on the amount of funding available for scholarships and bursaries in any given year.

Scholarships will be awarded at three points in a student's progression through the school or on entry. The three points are at ages 11+, 13+ and 16+. Scholarships are reviewed annually, at the end of each academic year. All Scholarships are awarded on the basis of assessment, interview or audition, and School Report. All Scholarships end at the completion of the Fifth Year. Sixth Form Scholarships are tenable for two years but are reviewed after the completion of the first year. There is a separate process for application for a Sixth Form Scholarship.

The award of any scholarship carries with it privilege and responsibility; every scholarship holder is expected to set an example for the other pupils in their conduct and approach to academic study, and to participate in the fuller life of the School through commitment to extra-curricular activities. All scholarships are liable to be rescinded in the case of the student not meeting their potential or obligations explicitly stated in the granting of the scholarship. Further details can be obtained from the Head.

THE SCHOOL STAFF

September 2014

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Name	Qualifications	Role and Teaching Subject
Head		
Anton Maree	B.A. Rhodes (PGCE)	History
Deputy Head (Academic)		
Jeffrey Swales	M.A. Oxon (PGCE)	Classics
Deputy Head (Pastoral)		
Guy Emmett	B.A. Durham M.A. (Ed) (PGCE)	History
Head of 6th Form		
Andrew Ward	B.Sc. London (PGCE)	Head of Biology
Head of Coram House		
Mary Wilson	B.A. Liverpool (PGCE)	
Director of Marketing & Development		
Marion Mitchell	B.A. Edinburgh (PGCE)	
Bursar and Secretary to the Committee		
John Lebeter	I.C.S.A.	

SENIOR SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF

Abha Aggarwal	B.Sc. Leeds (PGCE) MSc. Leicester	Chemistry
Nayyar Aziz	B.Sc. M.Sc. (Pakistan) PhD (Hull)	Head of Chemistry
Christopher Bailey	B.Sc. Bath (UGCE) M.A. Leeds	Biology Boys' Housemaster
Helen Batty	M.A. Oxon (PGCE)	Biology, Physics and Psychology Head of Careers
Tom Bootyman	B.Sc. Manchester (PGCE)	Physics Senior Year Tutor 4 th Year
Alistar Boucher	B.A. Warwick M.A. London (PGCE)	Head of English, Psychology
Elizabeth Burrows	MSc Leeds (PGCE)	Head of Girls' PE and Games
Michael Callister	B.A. Leeds (PGCE)	Boys' PE and Games
Gwen Casey	B.A. Cantab (PGCE)	Head of Spanish
Karen Chadwick	B.Ed. Leeds DipSpLd Sheffield	Dyslexia Tuition
Elena Clark	B.A. Durham (PGCE)	Geography, Assistant Housestaff
Alexandra Collingwood	B.A. Hull (PGCE)	History Assistant Head of 6th Year
Claire Cougan	B.Sc. Queen's Belfast (PGCE)	Mathematics Girls' Housemistress
Katy Devine	B.A. Leeds (PGCE)	Art, Assistant Housestaff
Nathan Ellis	B.Sc. Loughborough (PGCE)	Boys' PE and Games
Guy Emmett	B.A. Durham M.A. (Ed) (PGCE)	Deputy Head (Pastoral) History
Valerie Gough	B.A. Leeds M.A. PhD, CELTA (PGCE)	Head of International Study Centre and Head of ESL
Stevie-Ann Harrison	B.A. Leeds (PGCE)	English
Lucinda Hamill	B.Ed. Exeter B.A. Open M.A. Leeds	Head of Mathematics
Stevie-Ann Harrison	B.A. Leeds (PGCE)	English
Francis Hickenbottom	B.Sc. Birmingham (PGCE)	Head of Physics

Andrew Hilton	B.A. Sheffield (PGCE)	Head of German, MFL, ESL Senior Year Tutor 2 nd Year
Laura Hilton	B.A. Durham M.A. Leeds (PGCE)	Modern Foreign Languages and Careers (part-time) (Maternity Leave)
Andrew Hobson	B.Sc. Derby (PGCE)	Head of Design Technology
Brenda Hodge	B.Ed. Bradford and Ilkley Community College	Head of Home Economics
Catherine Jackson	B.A. York (PGCE)	English
Bryony Lebeter	B.Ed. Leeds M.I.L. TEFL	ESL
Ian Lenihan	B.A. Cork; Mmus. Leeds (PGCE)	Director of Music
Sarah McAlindon	B.A. Birmingham, GBSM, ABSM (Teaching), ABSM (Performing) QTS	Music
Anton Maree	B.A. Rhodes (HDE)	Head, History
Gill Murray	B.Sc. Leeds (PGCE)	Mathematics
Rebecca Nicholson	B.Sc. Durham (PGCE)	Mathematics and Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator
Rosalind Noble	MPhysGeog. Hull (PGCE)	Head of Geography
Diane Parkin	B.Sc. Ed. Keele	Mathematics Senior Year Tutor 1 st Year
Tom Plant	B.A. Leeds (PGCE)	Head of History
Elizabeth Rayner	B.A. Newcastle (PGCE)	Senior Year Tutor 5 th Year
Daniel Roots	B.A. Central Lancashire (PGCE)	Head of French (part-time)
Sarah Rose	B.A. Staffordshire (PGCE)	Modern Foreign Languages Head of Art Senior Year Tutor 3 rd Year
Patrick Roberts	B.A. Leeds	PE and Sport Graduate
Emma Speake	B.Sc. Design and Technology with QTS	Design Technology
Elizabeth Sochacka	B.Ed. (MFL) Trinity College Cert. TESOL	ESL
John Stephenson	M.A. Leeds (PGCE)	Head of Religious Studies
Jeffrey Swales	M.A. Oxon (PGCE)	Deputy Head (Academic) Classics
Nicola Tod	B.A. Dundee (PGCE)	Head of Business Studies and Economics
Richard Vergette	B.A. Bretton College (PGCE) M.Ed Nottingham	Head of Drama (part-time)
Andrew Ward	B.Sc. London (PGCE)	Head of 6 th Form Head of Biology

LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS

Johannes Gerlach	German
Aitana Miguel	Spanish
Manon Philippe	French

AUTISM RESOURCE

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Laura Lawton	NVQ 3 CCLD	Specialist Learning Mentor
Jane Long	STAL L3	Specialist Learning Mentor
Karen Metcalfe	B.A. London, M.Sc. London L3 SEN (OCN)	Specialist Learning Mentor
June Pease		Specialist Learning Mentor
Lynne Ward	B.A. London (Cert.Ed)	Head of Autism Resource

CORAM HOUSE TEACHING STAFF

Mary Wilson	B.A. Liverpool (PGCE)	Head
Linda Armstrong	B.Sc. Newcastle	Deputy Head Joint Year 3
	M.Sc. Ed. Sheffield	English and Mathematics
Aden Ball	B.Ed. Liverpool	Year 5 Form Teacher
		PE Specialist
Wendy Bamforth	B.A. Leicester (PGCE)	Year 6 Form Teacher
Steven Bontoft	B.A. Leeds (PGCE)	Year 3 Form Teacher
		ICT & Humanities
David France	B.Ed. University of Leeds	Year 1 Form Teacher
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Julie Hoar	B.Ed. Bedford College	Year 6 Form Teacher
		PE Specialist
Elizabeth Jordan	B.A. Leeds (QTS) PG Cert.	Senior Teacher Assessment
	National Award for SEN Coordination	Year 2 Form Teacher
Sarah McAlindon	B.A. Birmingham GBSM ABSM	Year 3 Form Teacher
	(Teaching) ABSM (Performing) QTS	Music
Sally Slater	B.A. Open (PGCE)	Reception Teacher and
	PG Cert. Warwick	EYFS Leader
Kathryn Staton	B.A. Sheffield (QTS)	Senior Teacher Pre-Prep
		Year 2 Form Teacher
Emma Tate	B.A. Birmingham (PGCE)	Year 3 Form Teacher
		Art and Design

CORAM HOUSE NURSERY

Deborah Barraclough	NVQ 2 CCLD	Nursery Assistant
Sharon Marsh	BTEC National Diploma	Deputy Nursery Manager
Della Rudenko	NVQ 3 Early Years Care	Nursery Assistant
	and Education	

Pre-Prep and After-School Care

Elise Ager	NVQ 2 CCLD	Childcare Assistant
Susan Armitage	HLTA NVQ4 CCLD	Reception Assistant and Childcare
Jenny Patchett	NVQ2 CCLD	Reception Assistant and Childcare
Jackie Tagg		Teaching Assistant and Childcare
		Swimming Instructor
Karen Withington	NVQ 3 CCLD	Y4 Teaching Assistant
		and Childcare
Christine Hodson	NVQ2 CCLD	Childcare Assistant
Sharon Brooke		Lunchtime Supervisor
Christine Morley		Lunchtime Supervisor
Emily Wandless	NVQ 3	Learning Support Assistant
Emma Greveson	NVQ 3	Learning Support Assistant
Andrew Rees		Playground Supervisor

SUPPORT STAFF

Neil Bennett		Technician (DT)
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		Deputy Head's Secretary (Curriculum),
		Head of Sixth Form Secretary
Howard Bundy		Warden
Kevin Chambers		Head Groundsman
Karen Clarke		Coram House Secretary
Delia Coburn	A.I.Q.P.S	Head's Secretary &
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	MCilip	

Philip Eames	BSc. Lincoln, Sport Development and Coaching	Sports Facilities Manager
Julie Hart		Receptionist
Heather Jones	M.H.C.I.M.A	Domestic Administrator
John Lebeter	I.C.S.A.	Bursar and Secretary to School Committee
Alaina Logan	M.A.A.T	Payroll and Fees
Laura Lunn		Senior School Secretary
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Glenn Middleditch		Managing Chef
Marion Mitchell	B.A. Edinburgh (PGCE)	Director of Development and Marketing
Brent Moran		Assistant Bursar
Debbie Proctor		Purchase Ledger Clerk
Christine Readman		Technician (Sciences)
Andrew Rushton	Plumber and Gas Fitter	Clerk of Works
Andrea Ruddy		Technician (Sciences)
Roy Simpson	Electrician	Temporary Mistress on Duty
Rebecca Stephenson		Deputy Clerk of Works
		Admissions/Marketing Secretary
		Assistant Housestaff
Jacqueline Utley		Bursar's Secretary
Gillian Wilkes		Technician (Home Economics)
Celia Wolfe	B.A. Bangor M.A. UBC	Archivist

BOARDING HOUSES**BOYS' SCHOOL HOUSE**

Chris Bailey	B.Sc. Bath (UGCE) M.A. Leeds	Housemaster
Jim Davies	M.Mus. (Adv. Musicology) P.G.Dip.) Leeds	Assistant Housestaff
Todor Doychinov		Assistant Housestaff
Patrick Roberts	B.A. Leeds	Assistant Housestaff
Emma Speake	B.Sc Design and Technology with QTS	Assistant Housestaff
Michelle Walker		Matron

GIRLS' SCHOOL HOUSE

Helen Batty		Assistant Housestaff
Claire Cougan	B.Sc. Queen's Belfast (PGCE)	Housemistress
Elena Clark	B.A. Durham (PGCE)	Assistant Housestaff
Katy Devine	B.A. Leeds (PGCE)	Assistant Housestaff
Maureen Gibbons		Matron

PASTORAL CARE

Dr. Gwenan Davenport	MB ChB (Sheffield) MRCGP	Medical Officer
Pamela Evans	R.G.N. Cert HE (Nursing) Leeds	Nursing Sister
Barbara Gomersall	B.Sc. Psych M.Sc., Dip. NLPt Certificate in Counselling, MBPsS.	School Counsellor

PERIPATETIC MUSIC TEACHERS

Christine Bullough	G.Mus. Huddersfield LTCL (PGCE)	Singing
Jim Davies	M.Mus. (Adv. Musicology) P.G.Dip.) Leeds	Brass
Elyse Greenwood	B.Mus. (Huddersfield)	Assistant Boys' Housestaff
Clare Little	B.Mus. (Hull)	Flute
		Cello, Voice, Piano

Eileen Roberts		Guitar
Mick Roberts	D.P.L.M. L.G.S.M. Cert. Ed	Woodwind
Rae Strong	B.A. L.L.C.M. A.T.C.L. C.T.V.C.M (Teaching Dip)Huddersfield	Violin, Piano and Recorder
Jeff Swift	G.Mus. Huddersfield (PGCE)	Guitar
Iain Wilson		Drums

HOBBY INSTRUCTORS / TRAINERS

Sandra Beaumont		Dance Instructor
Glenn Cooper		Fencing
Brian Davies	M.G.N.A.S.	Lead Archery Instructor
Terry Frost	Reg. Instructor BTC	Tae-Kwon-Do
Samuel Messam	England Basketball Level III Coach, Level II Basketball Tutor	Basketball
Mark Spetch	Graduate Placement	PE
David Whitham		Archery Assistant Coach

STAFF CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

BOYS

Dawson Joshua
Dawson Sam
Dean Harry G.A.
McAlindon Theo
Maree Angus
Metcalf Tristan
Peirson Alfie
Peirson Archie
Staton Jonah
Swales David

GIRLS

Ball Isla
Bootyman Katherine
Logan Millie
McAlindon Fabia
Metcalf Harriet
Morris Eleanor F.
Swales Rachel E.
Tagg Isobel

OLD SCHOLARS WITH CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

PARENTS

Ms Glossop
Charles Hirst (1976-1981)
Kelly Brough (1989-1993)
Richard D. Metcalfe (1984-1989)
Jonathan Metcalfe (1987-1992)
Colin Moxon (1994-1999)
Meeta Tanna (1983-1991)
Helen Ward (Moxon 1988-1999)
Amanda Newby (Newby-Batty 1981-86)
Frances Wickham (Wheeler 1987-1992)

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William Glossop
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OPEN DAY 2014

Good morning Friends. I am pleased to welcome you all to Ackworth School Open Day 2014 and to see so many people here on the day that the Tour de France has chosen for the start of their Grand Depart from Yorkshire

Well we are having our own grand depart today. After the celebration of the School year that you will see in the displays of work in the Arts area, in some of the teaching areas and in the performance of music the School year will be over and everyone disperses.

For some students this will be last departure of their School career. To the students behind me we wish you every success in your future life. Remember that your friends and the School will always be there to support you. We have enjoyed your contribution to the life of the School community; now go out with confidence to show the world what you can offer.

To those students who will return in September we wish you a good summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to School in September ready to face new challenges. There are also staff leavers, some to follow new stages of their career and others to a well-earned and active retirement. To all of you we give out thanks for the contribution that you have made to the well-being of the Ackworth School community.

Before I close there is an arrival to celebrate. As I am sure most of you are aware Anton Maree, currently deputy Head at Rossall School will be starting his new appointment as Head of Ackworth School on 1st September 2014. Anton is here with us this morning, with his wife Alison.

You will hear much more from Anton after 1st September. He will need support from all of us in his new role because he has a tough act to follow. Kathryn Bell is leaving Ackworth at the end of August after 5 years as Head to be closer to her family and friends. She has always performed her role in the most professional manner.

On behalf of us all I say thank you Kathryn for your leadership of our community, the joy, the passion and the caring you have brought to us. We wish you, and your family, every success in the future, and as you know you go with our love and support. Friends, I hope that you enjoy your day in Ackworth. Kathryn Bell was invited to give her final address to the Ackworth School community.

David Bunney (on behalf of Adrian Sharp)

CITATION FOR OLD SCHOLARS' CUP 2014

This year, after very careful deliberation, it has been decided to make this award jointly to two members of the leaving Upper Sixth. Both these students have shown strong commitment, over a long time, to the aims and ethos of Ackworth School, often giving selflessly of their time, and cheerfully lending support wherever it has been necessary. So in 2014 a boy and a girl will, not for the first time, share the award.

Both these students have a cheerful and friendly approach and their tutor remembers how they both made her feel very welcome when she became their tutor as a result of their previous tutor leaving at the end of the Lower Sixth.

The first, a boarder, has given sterling service in a variety of ways throughout her time in the Sixth Form. House staff recognise the tremendous contribution she has made in giving her time and affection to the junior girls, so helping them to manage their time away from home. More generally, her willingness to “fill the gaps”, whenever help has been needed, has been much appreciated by senior staff. This person has made an outstanding contribution to the Autism resource by mentoring two students with very different needs, showing sensitivity to these differences, offering both friendship and academic help. In this capacity her reliability and willingness to go the extra mile has been exceptional.

The second student played a central role in the Charity run along the length of Hadrian’s Wall – a venture that raised £7000 for charities, including Brake, the road safety charity and the Imogen Young Fund. He was involved in organising the event, inspiring others to participate and ran a solid twenty miles himself, including a gruelling first leg with Mr Ellis and Matthew Spencer. In the summer of 2013 he was a key member of the school group which visited Ghana with specific charitable aims to work with children in an orphanage, paint a local school and get involved in some teaching. In this activity he showed himself to be determined, well organised and energetic. He had a huge impact on the fund raising for this expedition. His willingness to organise and take responsibility was also noted in his approach to the Longitude 90 Club where his contribution helped to establish the success of that group, which aims to encourage integration between Eastern and Western students in School. Whilst prowess in sport is specifically excluded from this award, his contribution to the sports programme has also been very much appreciated – his enthusiasm and willingness to help behind the scenes again drawing comment and appreciation from staff. As House Captain he was always willing to get involved and encouraged a corporate spirit within the House – Penn House.

Both students are very worthy winners having shown generosity of spirit both within and outside the Ackworth community.

They are, then, of course, Esther Dyke and JJ Storey.



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Shen, Min,	CHINA	Zhou, Hang,	CHINA
Shen, Yang,	CHINA	Zhou, Rong Tian,	CHINA
Shi, Cheng Dong,	CHINA	Zhu, Xiu-Xiu,	CHINA
Sun, Wenfei,	CHINA	Zhu, Yunyao,	CHINA
Tang, Peivi,	CHINA	Zou, Yongpeng,	CHINA
Wan, Cheuk Yin,	CHINA	He, Yi Fan,	CHINA
Wan, Meichen,	CHINA	Wu, Bin Bin,	CHINA
Wan, Yongjie,	CHINA	Zhang, Sunny,	CHINA
Wang, Xiao Chen,	CHINA	Zhang, Xiao Jun,	CHINA
Wang, Xichen,	CHINA	Zhu, Bo Yan,	CHINA
Wang, Ying,	CHINA	Li, Jie Hau,	CHINA
Wang, Zhijian,	CHINA	Ma, Garry,	CHINA
Wei Liu, Koyuki,	CHINA	Chen, Xiao Ou,	CHINA 300 402
Weng, Ze Wei,	CHINA	Banks, Nicholas,	HONG KONG
Wong, Chin Ho,	CHINA	Chan, Ting Him,	HONG KONG
Wong, Kwan Lung,	CHINA	Chan, Tsz Sing,	HONG KONG
Wong, Wai Ho,	CHINA	Chan, Catherine,	HONG KONG
Wong, Chun Yan,	CHINA	Chan, Koon Wai,	HONG KONG
Wu, Chen,	CHINA	Cheng, Lin Shing,	HONG KONG
Wu, Kong Yi,	CHINA	Cheung, Lok Hang,	HONG KONG
Wu, Qian Ju,	CHINA	Cheung, Ngai Po,	HONG KONG
Wu, Xiaojun,	CHINA	Cheung, Wilbur,	HONG KONG
Wu, Zi Zhe,	CHINA	Ching, Kwan Nok,	HONG KONG
Xia, Pengyun,	CHINA	Chung, Ho Sum,	HONG KONG
Xu, Dong,	CHINA	Fung, Kam Tik,	HONG KONG
Xu, Hangbin,	CHINA	Fung, Hiu Ching,	HONG KONG
Xu, Rui Hong,	CHINA	Jong, Lok Yin,	HONG KONG
Xu, Xin,	CHINA	Ko, Yuen Ping,	HONG KONG
Xu, Zhengyuan,	CHINA	Kwok, Ho Kan,	HONG KONG
Xu, Haidong,	CHINA	Kwok, Man Hei,	HONG KONG
Xu, Jin Feng,	CHINA	Lam, Sze Yin,	HONG KONG
Yang, Song Nan,	CHINA	Lee, Chelsea,	HONG KONG
Yao, Zewei,	CHINA	Lee, Kit-Ying,	HONG KONG
Ye, Bi Qun,	CHINA	Lee, Joyce,	HONG KONG
Ye, Wenzan,	CHINA	Leung, Hui Yiu,	HONG KONG
Yeung, Hau Man,	CHINA	Li, Evelyn,	HONG KONG
Yin, Xiao Long,	CHINA	Lok, King Fung,	HONG KONG
You, Yi Peng,	CHINA	Luk, Cheuk Him,	HONG KONG
Yu, Canpei,	CHINA	Ma, Albert,	HONG KONG
Yuen, Yee Tung,	CHINA	Ma, Andy,	HONG KONG
Yung, Jeff,	CHINA	Mai, Peiyi,	HONG KONG
Zeng, Weijing,	CHINA	Ng, Hinrich,	HONG KONG
Zhang, Licheng,	CHINA	Ng, Ho Ling,	HONG KONG
Zhang, Lidan,	CHINA	Ng, Chee Wah,	HONG KONG
Zhang, Wenzhou,	CHINA	Ng, Tsz Ki ,	HONG KONG
Zhang, Xi,	CHINA	Ngan, Tsz Ling,	HONG KONG
Zhang, Xin Yu,	CHINA	Shung, Hok Yin,	HONG KONG
Zhang, Xuanyu,	CHINA	Sit, Ka Yan,	HONG KONG

Siu, Sze Jin,	HONG KONG	Chuang, Shih-Hsien,	TAIWAN
Tang, Man Yi,	HONG KONG	Ho, Beryl,	TAIWAN
Tang, Yuen Kiu,	HONG KONG	Hsiao, Shih-Heng,	TAIWAN
Wong, Hoi Man,	HONG KONG	Huang, Fei Hung,	TAIWAN
Wong, Sin Tung,	HONG KONG	Liao, Chia-Nan,	TAIWAN
Wong, Tsz Chun,	HONG KONG	Ng, Sieva,	TAIWAN
Yao, Yujie,	HONG KONG	Wang, Hung En,	TAIWAN
Yau, Long Yin,	HONG KONG	Wu, Iat Lam,	TAIWAN
Yeung, Cheuk Yin,	HONG KONG	Arsirawech, Jun,	THAILAND
Yeung, Ho Yin,	HONG KONG	Vachirakhuankhan, Gunchanoke,	THAILAND
Yeung, Tsz Yu,	HONG KONG	Trinh Dinh Thai, Hang,	VIETNAM
Yeung, Chun Wing,	HONG KONG		
Yu, Joshua,	HONG KONG	AUSTRALIA	
Yuen, Grant,	HONG KONG	Anlezark, Alison,	AUSTRALIA
Yuen, Pak Ying,	HONG KONG	Carter, Michael,	AUSTRALIA
Ayado, Issa,	JAPAN	Cavid, Christine,	AUSTRALIA
Fukuoka, Rui,	JAPAN	Court, Trixie,	AUSTRALIA
Ikeda, Ryuta,	JAPAN	Curran, Jill,	AUSTRALIA
Inoue, Hiroki,	JAPAN	Duguid, Jane,	AUSTRALIA
Kawasaki, Saki,	JAPAN	Eden, Peter,	AUSTRALIA
Kosugi, Massayuki,	JAPAN	Evins, Mary,	AUSTRALIA
Koyanagi, Takahiro,	JAPAN	Garner, Susan,	AUSTRALIA
Kurabayashi, Ayuko,	JAPAN	Goodwin, Lois,	AUSTRALIA
Miura, Akira,	JAPAN	Hawley, Claire,	AUSTRALIA
Narita, Eriko,	JAPAN	Higgins, John,	AUSTRALIA
Oiwa, Kayo,	JAPAN	Higgins, John,	AUSTRALIA
Oura, Sotaro,	JAPAN	Hurst, Michael,	AUSTRALIA
Takagi, Tohmi,	JAPAN	Lister, Amanda,	AUSTRALIA
Yoshinaga, Yumi,	JAPAN	Martin, Ian,	AUSTRALIA
Adjibayev, Daniyar,	KAZAKHSTAN	Mayo, John,	AUSTRALIA
Akylov, Dauren,	KAZAKHSTAN	McGowan, Kathryn,	AUSTRALIA
Jalmagambetova, Tolkyn,	KAZAKHSTAN	Oates, Arthur,	AUSTRALIA
Khojalakova, Almira,	KAZAKHSTAN	Penfold, Shona,	AUSTRALIA
Kuziyev, Dimmukhamed,	KAZAKHSTAN	Rabong, Gillian,	AUSTRALIA
Mazhit, Rinat,	KAZAKHSTAN	Spencer, Derrick,	AUSTRALIA
Medvedenko, Yevgeniya,	KAZAKHSTAN	Spinks, Jennifer,	AUSTRALIA
Medvedenko, Yuliya,	KAZAKHSTAN	Taylor, Robert,	AUSTRALIA
Turtayev, Bolat,	KAZAKHSTAN	Tolley, Michael,	AUSTRALIA
Ydyrskybayeva, Laila,	KAZAKHSTAN	Vickery, Kathleen,	AUSTRALIA
Zulkarnay, Abyroibek,	KAZAKHSTAN	Walker, Jean,	AUSTRALIA
Golovkin, Stanislav,	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	Watkins, Leigh,	AUSTRALIA
Ngu, Siong Yii,	MALAYSIA	Wilkinson, Alyson,	AUSTRALIA
Yusof, Ikhwan,	MALAYSIA	Wright, Doreen,	AUSTRALIA
Yusof, Imran,	MALAYSIA		
Yusof, Isman,	MALAYSIA	CANADA	
Chanyshev, Danil,	RUSSIA	Bakare, Stephane,	CANADA
Danilov, Alexander,	RUSSIA	Benson, Joseph,	CANADA
Penkin, Mikhail,	RUSSIA	Bogart, Elisabeth,	CANADA
Polikarpov, Demid,	RUSSIA	Clement, John,	CANADA
Astrakhan, Mark,	RUSSIA	Cox, Peter,	CANADA
Avdoshina, Anastasia,	RUSSIA	Ford, Ian,	CANADA
Gorbatyuk, Maxim,	RUSSIA	Hanson, Malcolm,	CANADA
Nesheva, Natalia,	RUSSIA	Hawkins, Marion,	CANADA
Chen, Chang-Kai,	TAIWAN	Howarth, Janette,	CANADA

Jefferson, Peter,	CANADA	Arundel, Brian,	GERMANY
Joshi, Yogendra,	CANADA	Backhaus, Sophie,	GERMANY
Joshi-Dave, Minakshi,	CANADA	Becker, Jennifer,	GERMANY
Liley, Robin,	CANADA	Bettgens, Nils,	GERMANY
Morris, Raymond,	CANADA	Bettgens, Marc,	GERMANY
Nichols, Alison,	CANADA	Beutel, Fritz,	GERMANY
Nichols, Andrew,	CANADA	Bloch, Henriette,	GERMANY
Patel, Ila,	CANADA	Bloch, Lorenz,	GERMANY
Payne, Joan,	CANADA	Bonniord, Edouard,	GERMANY
Pederson, Kathleen,	CANADA	Boroffka, Florian,	GERMANY
Robinson, Mark,	CANADA	Boroffka, Konstantin,	GERMANY
Robinson, Andrew,	CANADA	Boroffka, Nikolaus,	GERMANY
Skinner, Lance,	CANADA	Braune, Jan-Niklas,	GERMANY
Snead, Elizabeth,	CANADA	Brown, Danielle,	GERMANY
Stubbs, Robert,	CANADA	Carp, Nora,	GERMANY
Thompson, Helen,	CANADA	de Hesselle, Maximilian,	GERMANY
Walker Robbins, Dorothy,	CANADA	Dexling, Emely,	GERMANY
Whitehead, Christine,	CANADA	Dijanic, Sasa,	GERMANY
		Doerges, Paulina,	GERMANY
		Elsen, Matthias,	GERMANY
		Elsen, Nick,	GERMANY
		Feische, Katja,	GERMANY
		Feisthauer, Anna,	GERMANY
		Giese, Céline,	GERMANY
		Glitz, Christiane,	GERMANY
		Goebel, Andreas,	GERMANY
		Grodowski, Anna-Lena,	GERMANY
		Haerter, Leon,	GERMANY
		Hecker, Peter,	GERMANY
		Heinrich, Christian,	GERMANY
		Hensel, Jera,	GERMANY
		Hentrup, Felix,	GERMANY
		Hentrup, Leonie,	GERMANY
		Herzog, Carina,	GERMANY
		Hinz, Rebecca,	GERMANY
		Hitscher, Julian,	GERMANY
		Horsch, David,	GERMANY
		Horsch, Frederic,	GERMANY
		Hudson, David,	GERMANY
		Immenhauser, Nora,	GERMANY
		Jaspert, Nikolas,	GERMANY
		Kalkert, Felix,	GERMANY
		Kampel, Susanne,	GERMANY
		Kesten, Luis,	GERMANY
		Kohler, Carole,	GERMANY
		Kraemer, Jonas,	GERMANY
		Krempin, Max,	GERMANY
		Krieger, Tristan,	GERMANY
		Kugler, Stefan,	GERMANY
		Linke, Felicia,	GERMANY
		Linke, Felicia,	GERMANY
		Marienfeld, Jakob,	GERMANY
		Martin, Christian,	GERMANY
		Marx, Charlotte,	GERMANY
EUROPE			
Auer, Maeve,	AUSTRIA		
Greiman, Scott,	AUSTRIA		
Heilig, Gerhard,	AUSTRIA		
Horl, Brendalyn,	AUSTRIA		
Koncz, Bernadett,	AUSTRIA		
Lassman, Saskia,	AUSTRIA		
Lassman, Yorick,	AUSTRIA		
Mairinger, Laura,	AUSTRIA		
Edelsten, Peter,	BELGIUM		
Angelova, Nadezhda,	BULGARIA		
Milinic, Ana,	CROATIA (HRVATSKA)		
Pucill, Andrea,	DENMARK		
Ulstrup, Ruth,	DENMARK		
Conroy, Susan,	EIRE		
Jekimov, Kristjan,	ESTONIA		
Walker, Robert,	FAROE ISLANDS		
Budd, David,	FRANCE		
Cross, Iain,	FRANCE		
Guermonprez, Paul,	FRANCE		
Macleod, Fraser,	FRANCE		
Maza, Jonathan,	FRANCE		
McIntosh, Kenneth,	FRANCE		
Milner, Dorothy,	FRANCE		
Moumpala, Mell-Sandy,	FRANCE		
Moumpala, Pierric,	FRANCE		
Nolleau, Marc,	FRANCE		
Nolleau, Thomas,	FRANCE		
Renshaw, Derwent,	FRANCE		
Riley, Catriona,	FRANCE		
Smiley, Helen,	FRANCE		
Smiley, Martin,	FRANCE		
Tait, Angela,	FRANCE		
Tully, John,	FRANCE		
Albrecht, Lena,	GERMANY		

McClure, John,	GERMANY	Murray-White, Penny,	GIBRALTAR
Minnemann, Macio,	GERMANY	Huntley, Alastair,	GUERNSEY
Mittag, Lena,	GERMANY	Kies, Jerry,	HOLLAND
Moritz, Jakob,	GERMANY	Van Kempen, Casper,	HOLLAND
Mueller, Annie,	GERMANY	Brearley, Anne,	ITALY
Muller, Alessia,	GERMANY	Brocklesby, Mary,	ITALY
Muller, Anna Sophia,	GERMANY	Breyer, Pit,	LUXEMBOURG
Muller, Tarek,	GERMANY	Klettner, Frederik,	LUXEMBOURG
Mullov, Carlos,	GERMANY	Steurer, Aaron,	LUXEMBOURG
Nau, Suzanne,	GERMANY	Coretchi, Marius,	MOLDOVA
Neumann, Daniel,	GERMANY	Nastas, Maria,	MOLDOVA
Otto, Konstantin,	GERMANY	Racila, Daiana,	MOLDOVA
Pabst, Adrian,	GERMANY	Martinovic, Katarina,	MONTENEGRO
Pappert, Pauline,	GERMANY	Braato, Robert,	NORWAY
Preuss, Pacita,	GERMANY	Loseth, Vivienne,	NORWAY
Przybylla, Jana,	GERMANY	Taylor, Solveig,	NORWAY
Rattenborg, Tanja,	GERMANY	Telford, Richard,	NORWAY
Ray, Lea,	GERMANY	Zielke, Agnieszka,	POLAND
Ray, Sonja,	GERMANY	Banks, Christopher,	PORTUGAL
Ray, Sonja,	GERMANY	Geraghty, Michael,	PORTUGAL
Richter, Carla,	GERMANY	Smith, Penelope,	PORTUGAL
Riepe, Christine,	GERMANY	Cojocariu Klein, Adrian,	ROMANIA
Rohn, Johann,	GERMANY	Remes, Anca,	ROMANIA
Schaffrath, Henryk,	GERMANY	Mareckova, Magda,	SLOVAKIA
Schierwater, Mariatheresa,	GERMANY	Podracka, Zuzana,	SLOVAKIA
Schmidt, Johanna,	GERMANY	Alberto De La Fuente, Oscar,	SPAIN
Schmitt, Valentin,	GERMANY	Alberto de la Fuente, Raquel,	SPAIN
Schnabel, Martin,	GERMANY	Aldonza, Susana,	SPAIN
Schnabel, Caroline,	GERMANY	Amieva, Rafael,	SPAIN
Schroder, Luca,	GERMANY	Bigland, Brian,	SPAIN
Schuldzinski, Martha,	GERMANY	Bigland, Thea,	SPAIN
Seitz, Johanna,	GERMANY	Brown, Annette,	SPAIN
Senghas, Nele,	GERMANY	Cantero, Cristina,	SPAIN
Seyed-Jamali, Makan,	GERMANY	Cerdo, Javier,	SPAIN
Shirdel-Shargi, Mona,	GERMANY	Cerdo, Pablo,	SPAIN
Stratemann, Gisa,	GERMANY	Clar Ramirez, Delia,	SPAIN
Sykes, Andrew,	GERMANY	Claveria, Teresa,	SPAIN
Tilse, Justus,	GERMANY	Cobarro, Ignacio,	SPAIN
Trejtmar, Debora,	GERMANY	Colet, Meritxell,	SPAIN
Trejtmar, Samuel,	GERMANY	Conroy, Alan,	SPAIN
Tritz, Griseldis-Henrike,	GERMANY	de Diego, Cecilia,	SPAIN
Von Kuenheim, Fabian,	GERMANY	de la Pena, Juan,	SPAIN
Von Vopelius, Karl,	GERMANY	Delgado, Gonzalo,	SPAIN
Wagener, Til-Niklas,	GERMANY	Domouso, Pablo,	SPAIN
Wahl, Fiona,	GERMANY	Edwards, Donald,	SPAIN
Wandres, Noah,	GERMANY	Emmett, Maureen,	SPAIN
Werner, Matthia,	GERMANY	Enriquez, Lola,	SPAIN
Wessel, Marco,	GERMANY	Giner Sanchez, Lucia,	SPAIN
Wiedemann, Luisa,	GERMANY	Green, Jeremy,	SPAIN
Wiedemann, Phillip,	GERMANY	Grimalt Pusol, Jose,	SPAIN
Wiesmann, Julia,	GERMANY	Howarth, Neil,	SPAIN
Winkler, Leah-Sophie,	GERMANY	Hualde, Ana,	SPAIN
Wolf, Lukas,	GERMANY	Luscombe, Peter,	SPAIN
Zok, Alexander,	GERMANY	Madrenas Prats, Marius,	SPAIN

Martin De Bustamante, Javier,	SPAIN	Nugent, Rebecca,	NEW ZEALAND
Montaner, Perico,	SPAIN	O'Brien, Dianne,	NEW ZEALAND
Ortega, Jorge,	SPAIN	Pickering, Michael,	NEW ZEALAND
Perez-Cuesta Llaneras, Lucas,	SPAIN	Pickering, Brian,	NEW ZEALAND
Perona Morales, Alejandro,	SPAIN	Stringfield, Stephen,	NEW ZEALAND
Rodriguez, Elena,	SPAIN	Upson, Gillian,	NEW ZEALAND
Rodriguez, Irene,	SPAIN	Walker, Caroline,	NEW ZEALAND
Sanchez, Javier,	SPAIN	Walters, Alistair,	NEW ZEALAND
Sanchez Ramirez, Carlota,	SPAIN	Walters, Jeanette,	NEW ZEALAND
Sousmatzian, Simon,	SPAIN	Wearing, Barbara,	NEW ZEALAND
Tejero Pardo, Lucas,	SPAIN		
Verdegay, Cristina,	SPAIN	U.S.A.	
Vidal-Ribas, Javier,	SPAIN	Cartwright, Lorraine,	BAHAMAS
Bruderer, Mary,	SWITZERLAND	Aldridge, Samuel,	USA
Higham, Mary,	SWITZERLAND	Beale, John,	USA
Kenneth, Robert,	SWITZERLAND	Belk, Rowena,	USA
Lambert, Joan,	SWITZERLAND	Bergen, Sue,	USA
Walker, Allan,	SWITZERLAND	Bombar-Kaplan, Caroline,	USA
Walker, Ceri,	SWITZERLAND	Brodie, Angela,	USA
Kragt-Coops, Aletta,	THE NETHERLANDS	Burgess, Donald,	USA
Turner, Ashley,	TURKEY	Burr, Dorothy,	USA
Arbuzov, Sergiy,	UKRAINE	Camph, Barbara,	USA
Bugaichuk, Veronika,	UKRAINE	Deeley, Richard,	USA
Holikova, Anastasiya,	UKRAINE	Fargher, Carol,	USA
Hrupchenko, Alina,	UKRAINE	Fearnley, James,	USA
Kiriyenko, Illya,	UKRAINE	Hanson, Susan,	USA
Movchan, Inna,	UKRAINE	Harrison, Alison,	USA
Oliinyk, Kateryna,	UKRAINE	Johnston, Sheila,	USA
Pliner, Leo,	UKRAINE	Judson-Rhodes, Pamela,	USA
Shulhach, Darya,	UKRAINE	Kastendick, Joan,	USA
Voyshe, Anastasiya,	UKRAINE	Kenyon, David,	USA
Yurakov, Dmytro,	UKRAINE	King, Caroline,	USA
Zainchkovskiy, Leontiy,	UKRAINE	Macpherson, Neil,	USA
Zashwaylo, Maryna,	UKRAINE	Martini, Stephanie,	USA
		McKown, Linda,	USA
MIDDLE EAST		Michelson, David,	USA
Sachar, Sanil,	INDIA	Mordue, Michael,	USA
Frankl, Joseph,	ISRAEL	Newton, Timothy,	USA
Cuthbertson, Sean,	OMAN	Noram, Nicola Ashley Simmonds,	USA
Alturki, Mohammed,	SAUDI ARABIA	Pearson, Kevin,	USA
Azhah, Ahmad,	SAUDI ARABIA	Perini, Sheila,	USA
Hope, Kirsty,	SAUDI ARABIA	Proctor, Thomas,	USA
Hope, Kristian,	SAUDI ARABIA	Rothchild, Margaret,	USA
Jamjoom, Andrea,	SAUDI ARABIA	Simmonds-Norem, Nicola Ashley,	USA
Jamjoom, Kamal,	SAUDI ARABIA	Stambaugh, Margaret,	USA
Nguyen, Linh,	SAUDI ARABIA	Straughn, Greg,	USA
Emam, Wasseem,	U.A.E.	Terner, Judith,	USA
Dunsire, Abigail,	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Weil, Claude,	USA
		Westwood, David,	USA
NEW ZEALAND		Xiao, Wen Jing ,	USA
Clarke, Ann,	NEW ZEALAND		
Dunkley, Penelope,	NEW ZEALAND		
Er, Elizabeth,	NEW ZEALAND		
Gilderdale, Alan,	NEW ZEALAND		

MISSING MEMBERS

Any information on the members listed below, regarding their present whereabouts will be welcomed
by the Membership Secretary:

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Missing Members 1990s Onwards			
Daniyar Adjibayev	07-08	Pau Hoi Yan (Nerissa)	05-08
Olivia Armitage	10-10	Pau Wang Fung (Wilfred)	04-06
Mark Astrakhan	08-10	Adam Qadir	04-09
Issa Ayado	07-10	Omar Qadir	04-09
Ahmad Azhah	06-06	Sung Jong Ri	04-06
Kian Bywater-Brenna	03-06	Yuxuan Ren	06-07
Emma Beaumont	04-06	Elke-Tao Robinson	07-08
Danielle Brown	05-08	Irene Rodriguez	08-08
Sophia Burnley	02-07	Charlotte Rogers	03-06
Cai Zheng Yuan	08-09	Andrew Russell	06-09
Xiao Ou Chen	04-06	Michael Sims	02-09
Rebecca Cribbin	01-06	Alexander Slater	03-08
Sasa Dijanic	07-07	James Slater	01-06
Rosie Doherty	04-06	Katherine Spindler	05-07
Georgina Dunstone	04-09	Harry Stallworthy	07-09
Olivia Dunstone	02-09	Katie St John-Smith	97-04
Peter Edelsten	01-06	Adam Swales	98-05
Katherine Farrar	05-07	Alex Swales	01-06
Lauren Fraser	01-05	Justus Tilse	07-07
Joshua Godfrey	04-08	Patrick Townsend	07-09
Andreas Goebel	08-08	Fabian Von Kuenheim	06-06
Robert Gopinath	03-06	Alex Winstanley	04-06
Jose Grimalt Pusol	11-11	Ruth Winstanley	01-06
Jessica Haines	10-12	Serena Xiao	03-05
Olivia Harrison	04-06	Jin Feng Xu	99-05
Beryl Ho	05-07	Bi Qun Ye	07-10
Shih-Heng Hsiao	05-08	Wenzan (Barry) Ye	06-07
Ryuta Ikeda	07-08	Yin Zhang	04-07
Lai Qiu-Yu	06-07		
Joshua Law	05-10	Missing Members – 1980 to 1990s	
Brooke Leeming	03-06	Stephane Bakare	86-92
Franziska Levy	06-08	Ruth Conroy-Dalton	81-88
Liao Chia-Nan	08-09	John Flatt	80-87
Rinat Mazhit	06-09	Rachel Holmes	83-88
Francesca Mills	07-10	Jane Lightfoot	89-91
Sally Moss	03-05	Stephen Powell	80-85
Tarek Muller	05-05	Tom Royce	87-89
Laura Mullins	03-05	Adrian To	81-84
Natalia Nesheva	06-06	Chloe Warrenner	88-93
Chee Wah Ng	01-06		
Ho Leung Ng (Horace)	02-08	Missing Members – 1950 to 1980s	
Tsz Ki Ng (Leona)	00-05	Margaret Ashton	57-63
		Nigel Carrier	68-75



Heather & Chris Jones



Susan & Martin Dickinson with Kathryn Bell



Juliet Morris & Mike Ruff



Exhaustion



High Enough?



Chief Taster



Four Clerks



No Comment!



Holding Court



Tour de France at Ackworth



Artistic Talent?



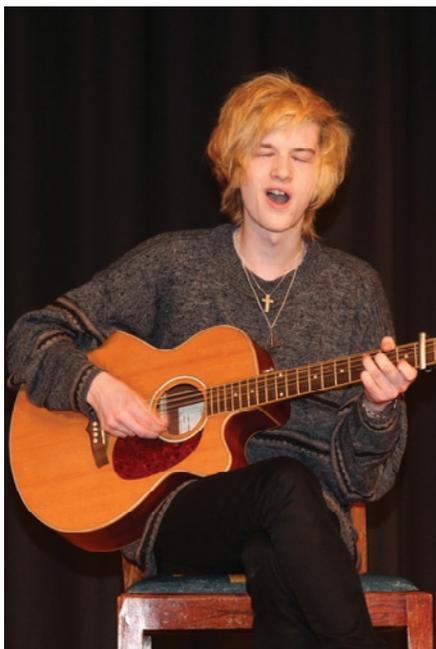
Fun on the Green



Karen Housden & Liz Morris



Waiting for Badsworth Finishers



Pop



Nice Hat!



Young Easter Gatherers



Rachel Swales Guards the Stumps



Pop



Pop



Prize Giving



The Young Ones at Pop



Presidential Handover



Michael & Marjorie Bliss

Ackworth Old Scholars' Association

PAST PRESIDENTS

1882-83	Joseph Simpson	1951-52	Rex Yates
1883-84	William Coor Parker	1952-53	Theodore W. Allen
1884-85	James Henry Barber	1953-54	R. Percy Foulds
1885-86	Jospeh Stickney Sewell	1954-55	Dorothy Mussell
1886-87	Henry Thompson	1955-56	Bernard Wright
1887-88	Thomas Pumphrey	1956-57	A. Eric Ellison
1888-89	Jospeh Pattison Drewett	1957-58	Lucy Binks
1889-90	William Jones	1958-59	James S. Lidbetter
1890-92	Henry Tennant	1959-60	Ashton Watts
1892-93	Frederick Andrews	1960-61	Lucy O'Brien
1893-94	Charles Brady	1961-62	Eric Bellingham
1894-95	Alfred Simpson	1962-63	Arnold Sewell
1895-96	Helen Bayes	1963-64	Elfrida V. Foulds
1896-97	Sir James Reckitt	1964-65	Helen J. Neatby
1897-98	Henry Ecroyd Clark	1965-66	Arthur G. Olver
1898-99	Albert Linney	1966-67	Stanley G. Horner
1899-1900	Mary Caroline Pumphrey	1967-68	Ralph E. Handy
1900-01	William Harvey	1968-69	Kathleen Binns
1901-02	John W. Graham	1969-70	Phillip Radley
1902-03	Robert Henry Marsh	1970-71	Donald Birkett
1903-04	Rachel Oddie	1971-72	Margaret Martin
1904-05	Alfred Henry Taylor	1972-73	Phyllis M. Sadler
1905-06	Phillip Burt	1973-74	Albert F. Lindley
1906-07	Jospeh Firth Clark	1974-75	Stephen Burt
1907-08	Septimus Marten	1975-76	Mary Rogers
1908-09	Joseph Spence Hodgson	1976-77	Hilary W. Smith
1909-10	Anna Louise Jackson	1977-78	Roger Spinks
1910-11	William Whiting	1978-79	Walter Fearnley
1911-12	J. Travis Mills	1979-80	Agnes Thompson
1912-13	Samuel. E. Brown	1980-81	Ian Bailey
1913-14	Caroline C. Graveson	1981-82	D. Keith Daniel
1914-15	W. Trevelyan Thompson	1982-83	Elisabeth F. Heywood
1915-16	Sheldon Leicester	1983-84	L. John R. Postle
1916-19	William Graveson	1984-85	Stephen Ward
1919-20	Frederick Andrews	1985-86	Mary Fulford
1920-21	Ellen M. Fry	1986-87	George Bunney
1921-22	Charles H. Smithson	1987-88	Molly Longley
1922-23	Isaac Henry Wallis	1988-89	Colin Mortimer
1923-24	Harold Collinson	1989-90	Peter Norris
1924-25	Henry Binns	1990-91	Margaret Postle
1925-26	Margaret Andrews	1991-92	Sheila Banks
1926-27	William F. Nicholson	1992-93	Celia Brebner
1927-28	Alfred E. Binyon	1993-94	Gordon Mckee
1928-29	Mary F. Hartley	1994-95	Mary Robinson
1929-30	Edmund Henry Gilpin	1995-96	Michael Hargreave
1930-31	Walter Robert Bayes	1996-97	Anne Telford-Kenyon
1931-32	Gerald K. Hibbert	1997-98	Margery Bunney
1932-33	Leila Sparkes	1998-99	Robert Gibson
1933-34	Edgar B. Collinson	1999-2000	Grace Hunter
1934-35	Frank Ward	2000-01	Christopher Moore
1935-36	Ernest B. Ludlam	2001-02	Celia M. Ball
1936-37	Jane H. Williamson	2002-03	Peter Lambourn
1937-38	Thomas Foulds	2003-04	Michael & Annabel McRobert
1938-39	Joseph H. Lester	2004-05	Marguerite Hill
1939-40	Bertha Smith	2005-06	Geoffrey R. Pedlar
1940-41	G. Noel Hyde	2006-07	David J. Bunney
1941-42	Helen Andrews	2007-08	Diana Chadwick
1942-44	Arthur Cooper	2008-09	Christopher Rengert
1944-46	James Westwood	2009-2010	Donald Elliott
1946-47	Blanche M. Bennett	2010-2011	Martin Dickinson
1947-48	Rowland C. Moore	2011-2012	Shirley Day
1948-49	J. Stanley Carr	2012-2013	Stephen & Joyzelle Kelsall
1949-50	Reginald Broomhead	2013-2014	Christopher P Jones
1950-51	Eleanor Crosland		

