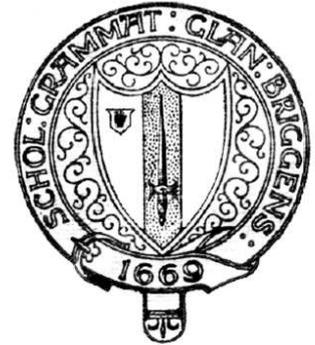


# BRIGGENSIANS' NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016



## Briggensians' Association 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.  
£22.50 Elsham Golf Club £22.50

**Guest Speaker: Joey Richardson**

Booking slips are located on the last pages of this Newsletter

# Dates for your Diary

## 40th Annual Dinner 2017

**Proposed Date: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Elsham Golf Club**

### Summer Sports 2016

**School Field, 6.00PM**

**Rounders: Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Cricket: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

#### Youth VS Experience

Players and spectators are invited  
to gather afterwards at the  
Yarborough Hunt

### Winter Sports 2016

**School Field, 6.00PM**

**Football and Netball**

**Friday, 16<sup>h</sup> Sept. 2016**

#### Youth VS Experience

Players and spectators are invited  
to gather afterwards at the  
Yarborough Hunt

**Football + Pub Games,  
27<sup>th</sup> December 2016–10.30AM start**

### Golf Section

**Spring Meeting 12.00 noon, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Autumn Meeting 12.00 noon, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Past vs present 4.00 PM, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Requests to play, please contact Ted Cox: [ted@15mw.karoo.co.uk](mailto:ted@15mw.karoo.co.uk)  
Tel. 01482 847353**

# Annual Dinner Menu

## Starter

Cream of Vegetable Soup

or

Melon Carpaccio

or

Prawn Cocktail



## Main

Feather Blade Beef and mini Yorkshire Puddings

or

Salmon with Herb Crust



## Vegetarian Option

Mediterranean Mushroom Tartlet



## Dessert

Sticky Chocolate Pudding with Custard

or

Lemon Meringue Cheese Cake with Cream

or

Cheese and Biscuits



Tea and Coffee

***Please note that, as in previous years, we require Briggensians to make their meal selections at the time of booking in order for us to inform the Golf Club and speed up table service. Booking forms on the last pages***

# Guest Speaker 2016

## Joey Richardson

*Joey Richardson, an internationally acclaimed turner and sculptor, is renowned for her delicate and richly hued wood forms. She works predominantly in the medium of wood, but often incorporates cast glass, metal and photography into her creations. Born in 1964 in*



*Lincolnshire, England, she grew up in the heart of Twigmoor Woods on a small farm, here, surrounded by trees, her love for wood, nature, fauna and flora developed.*

*In 2005 a Worshipful Company of Turners bursary and seven years later a Scholarship from The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST), both funded development studies in*

*America. In 2015 Joey was awarded the prestigious QEST Award of Excellence. In 2008, Joey was chosen to show her work in the exhibition Wizards in Wood: Stuart Mortimer and Joey Richardson, presented by the Worshipful Company of Turners at LINLEY Mayfair. It was the first major exhibition of turned wood art in the UK. Joey's work is now held in many collections and can be seen in numerous museums and exhibitions around the world including SOFA Chicago and Art Palm Beach Florida where she is represented by Riley Galleries.*

*Whenever possible Joey uses reclaimed local timber. As the passion of her heart meets the talents of her hands she personally sculpts each individual piece on a lathe, with the cutting, shaping and sanding all controlled with the eye. By adding new, innovative techniques:- piercing, colour, texture and artwork for greater originality- Joey developed her philosophical view of her work. She explores and illustrates stories through symbolic form and repeated motifs so each of her unique artworks comes alive with their own story, as dreams, memories and passion are incorporated, allowing the viewer to see into the life of the piece. The strength of her feeling for her family is integral to her passion for her work*

*Inspiring others, Joey's devotion and fluency in passing on her enthusiasm and knowledge is infectious and she regularly teaches and demonstrates all her techniques around the world.*

*Joey, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Turners of London, is one of the leaders of the artistic wood movement which is developing in the UK. She is currently planning with QEST a large international wood art exhibition to be held in London in 2018.*

*“Trees are a truly beautiful vital resource, and wood art allows nature's designs to live on in our homes.”*



### BRIGGENSIANS A.G.M. 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014-15

It is with sadness that I report that our Chair, Brigid Vaughan, has had to relinquish her post temporarily through illness. We wish Brid' well as she recovers from a major operation in Hull Royal Hospital.

***I write on her behalf:*** I would like to thank all those who helped with the Annual Dinner in 2015, which was a very successful event with an excellent speaker in Nick Grafton.

Unfortunately, over the past year, we lost some notable Briggensians who we remembered with a minute's silence at the Dinner. It was, on the other hand, pleasing to see a few more younger members attending the Annual Dinner and we hope they will come again in 2016.

It was a pleasure to welcome our newly appointed Head, Rob Biglands, and we appreciated his enthusiasm for the Association. The school has done us the honour of adopting the 'old boys tie' for the prefects and has introduced a new, bright and fresh uniform.

Once again, I am pleased to record that the school achieved some quite splendid exam results in 2015 and I would like to congratulate the staff and pupils on their success; let us hope it gets the recognition it deserves. With regard to the sports events, all have been well attended and continue to serve as a useful opportunity for past pupils to renew old friendships. Finally, I would like to pass thanks to my deputy Ben Pepperell who has stepped into my role at short notice, I hope temporarily.

## Headteacher's Report 2015-16

I am delighted to be able to report that, based on provisional Department for Education unvalidated data, our performance for 5+A\*-C GCSE grades including English and Maths this year ranks us as the highest performing school in North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire combined and within the top 7% of all secondary schools nationally. We are also ranked as the 4th highest performing Voluntary Controlled School in the country. The School's performance in the English Baccalaureate subjects places us in the top 4% of all schools nationally. This is a tremendous achievement and well-deserved for the students themselves but also the staff and governors who have worked tirelessly to support the needs of the students.

At A Level our students achieved a pass rate of 100% once again, maintaining our record over the past 5 Years by achieving at or above the National average. 30% of entries were graded at A\*, A, or B grades and 70% at A\* to C grades. In addition to this the BTEC level results were excellent with more than 70% of grades at Distinction or Distinction\*.

I am sure you will all agree that completing A-Levels is a real test of character. Very few students make the transition to advanced level study without encountering some difficulties along the way. However, once again, SJN students have all emerged from the A Level programmes as stronger and more confident individuals. A tremendous achievement indeed. Our best wishes go to all students as they move on to their next stage in life, be that in higher education, training or employment.

There were many great achievements last year. Just a few of these include:

Josh Rooker (Head Boy): A\* in Biology, A in PE and B in Chemistry. Studying Molecular Biology at the University of Sheffield

Katie Bell: A in Maths, B in Physics and B in Chemistry. Studying Chemical Physics at Herriot-Watt University (starting in September 2016)

Ryan Davis: B Grades in Biology, Chemistry and Geography. Studying Disaster Management and Emergency Planning at Coventry University

Once again, the first term in the academic calendar has been very busy with a number of curricular, non-curricular and enrichment events this term including:

- Hosting the Brigg Lions Summer Fair in August
- Production of the Nelthorpe News newspaper – produced by our students in one day in conjunction with a team from Lincoln University's School of Journalism
- UKMT Maths Challenge – Y12&13
- Modern Foreign Languages – European day of languages
- School Council inauguration
- Broughton Primary School Year 5 Science Day
- TWAG Week – 6th Formers fundraising week of events (raising an impressive £2,500 in one week)
- Year 6 Primary Maths Afternoon
- Prefect Presentation Ceremony (presented by Briggensians Brian Taylor and Brigid Vaughan, and Cllr Waltham)
- House Cross Country (Fun Run)
- Primary Schools 'Maths' day
- Re-launch of the House system with many new and traditional events planned for students.
- World Challenge training expedition to Settle (in the snow and sub-zero temperatures! In preparation for the planned expedition to Bolivia later this year)
- Trip to see Manchester City vs Sevilla in the UEFA league at the Etihad stadium

- Christmas Carol Service, St. John's Church.
- The year 11 boys were crowned Scunthorpe & District Rugby Champions for the 5th year running
- The year 10 Sports Leaders helped officiate the Scawby Primary Cross Country event.
- Years 8 & 9 boys football teams have qualified for the U16 Football cup final
- Year 7 & 10 boys football teams have qualified for the U16 Football plate final.
- Both boys and girls U13 teams have qualified for the Humber Games Tennis Table competition.

The new school website is a significant improvement on the previous version. The content of our new website now provides parents and the community with the information they require in a format that is easy to navigate. This website is also designed to work well across all platforms including mobile devices. Thanks go Mr Mosey who has led on this successful project.

We also now have a Twitter account '@SJNBrigg'. To date this has 183 followers. (Please join us!!!).

An initial meeting has taken place with a small number of parents of students at SJN with a view to establishing a 'Friends of SJN' body. I am extremely grateful to those who voluntarily give any of their time towards supporting our efforts to help ensure SJN can be the best it can be.

You may recall from my report in last years' newsletter, I stressed the need for urgent capital investment to address the numerous issues associated with the old buildings at SJN. I am delighted to be able to update you with the news that (as many of you may have read recently in the Scunthorpe Telegraph) the Local Authority has identified that there is a priority need to support the school for electrical, mechanical and roofing works. The figure estimated for this work is significant, although this is subject to completion of the necessary site surveys, and represents a real commitment from the Local authority to support our high-performing school. This identification of much needed financial investment is welcomed and I am now working with the Local Authority to identify a plan for works and a time-schedule.

Anyone who has had the opportunity to visit the school in recent years will no doubt have been left with a feeling of nostalgia combined perhaps in part with a sense of dismay at the poor condition of many areas of the school. Whilst the Local Authority funding referred to above will go a long way to addressing key aspects of this, I must convey my thanks to the two recently appointed Premises Supervisors (replacing the retired caretakers) who have already made significant progress in addressing the significant backlog of necessary repairs, maintenance and improvement works needed. By making use of their skills and qualifications, the school has already started to look just a little bit more 'loved'. Clearly though, there is a long way to go, and I would not wish to miss this opportunity to ask that if any Briggensian feels they would be able to sponsor or donate to the improvement of an area of the school, to please get in touch with me so that we could discuss the possibilities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual dinner. As requested, I will bring copies of our latest newsletter for you to take away. Until then, I wish you all the very best for 2016. **R. Biglands**

## **BRIGG SIXTH FORM EXAMINATION SUMMARY 2015 GCE 'A' LEVELS**

**Congratulations to Students and Staff on the excellent A level and GCSE examination results, best in the county.**

Directors of Sixth Form, Mark Bradley and Matt Mosey are very pleased with the achievements of students in the college. The pass rate for Advanced Level examinations is **100%** underlining the hard work and effort of all students.

The top grades of **A-C were achieved by almost 70%** of all candidates a significant improvement on last year with **1 in 3 results at A\*, A or B grades.**

**In addition** to the A-Level results over 70% of the students studying Level 3 BTEC Qualifications achieved Distinction or Distinction\* Grades.

These results, in total, reflect excellent progression from GCSE results two years ago.

# Brigg Sixth Form Prizes 2015

Fine Art	Taylor Prize	Chloe Taylor
Art & Design	Taylor Prize	Georgina Jenks
Art & Design	BSF Subject Prize	Darcey Ingham
Biology	Nelthorpe Foundation Prizes	Michael Taylor & Laura Macbeath
Biology	Derek Appleyard Memorial Prizes	Joshua Rooker & Ryan Davies
Business Studies	Henthorn Prize	Zoe Brumpton
Business Studies	BSF Subject Prize	Amy Mettam
Chemistry	Nelthorpe Foundation Prize	Katie Bell
Chemistry	E F Brown Memorial Prize	Ryan Davies
Drama	Production Prize	Jessica Gibson
English Literature	Spilman Prize	Emily Heath
English Language	Briggensian Prize	John Martin
Geography	Subject Prize	Ryan Davies
German	Subject Prize	Rio Bray
Health & Social Care	BSF Subject Prize	Jade Fox
History	Taylor Prize	Francesca Noton
History	Sergeant Prize	Nathan Helliwell
ICT	Vale Parents' Association Prize	Lucy Martin
Mathematics	Briggensian Prize	Eleanor Ryder & Sarah Saxby
Mathematics	Vale Parents' Association Prize	Laura Macbeath
Media Studies	Vale Parents' Association Prize	Rebecca Reynolds
Music	Morris Prize	Grace Smith
Physical Education	BSF Subject Prize	Joshua Rooker
Physics	Stephenson Prize	Katie Bell
Physics	Nelthorpe Foundation Prize	Michael Taylor
Product Design	BSF Subject Prize	Owen Evans
Psychology	Vale Parents' Association Prizes	Olivia Smith & Laura Macbeath

The Sir John Nelthorpe School Head Boy -  
 The Sir John Nelthorpe School Head Girl -  
 The Vale Academy Head Boy -  
 The Vale Academy Head Girl -

Joshua Rooker  
 Francesca Noton  
 Michael Taylor  
 Grace Smith

Lardelli Prizes - For Progress & Effort in -

A Level Physical Education  
 Biology  
 Biology  
 English Literature  
 English Language  
 BTEC Music

Charlie Coupland  
 Bethany Robinson  
 Adam Bates  
 Georgina Jenks  
 Eleanor Huck  
 Jessica Gibson

Vale Parents Association Prize For Overall A Level Progress

Rebecca Reynolds

Contributions to Brigg Sixth Form

Nathan Helliwell

# Destinations 2015

Neil Altoft	Bishop Grosseteste University	Education Studies & Sport
Adam Bates	Sheffield Hallam University	Human Biology
Katie Bell	Heriot-Watt Uni - Edinburgh (2016)	Chemical Physics
James Boyle	University of Lincoln	Accountancy & Finance
Rio Bray	Manchester Met University	Business Enterprise/Marketing
Liam Broughton	Employment	Tesco - Management Training
Zoe Brumpton	University of Lincoln	Business & Marketing
Courtney Carlile	Brigg Sixth Form	
Katie Chapman	Northumbria University	Law
Charlie Coupland	University of Hull	Biomedical Science
Ryan Davies	Coventry University	Disaster Mgmt & Emergency Planning
George Dolling		Royal Air Force
Rebecca Dyer	Leeds Trinity University	Film & Television Studies
Owen Evans		Employment
Jade Fox	Sheffield Hallam University	Working with Children, Young People & Families
		Mechanical Engineering
Luke Friskney	Sheffield Hallam University	Journalism
William Fussey	University of Derby	Working with Children, Young People & Families
Lucy Gibbons	Sheffield Hallam University	Audio Production
		Film & Television Production
Jessica Gibson	University of Lincoln	Journalism
Emily Heath	University of Cumbria	Art History
Nathan Helliwell	Sheffield Hallam University	Primary Education
Eleanor Huck	Aberystwyth University (2016)	Textile Practice (Textile Design)
Darcey Ingham	University of Derby	Nursing (Mental Health)
Georgina Jenks	University of Huddersfield	Sports & Exercise Science
Bethany Grace Johnson	University of Lincoln	Employment
Joshua Jones	Leeds Metropolitan University	
Ellie Lockwood		
Laura Macbeath	Brigg Sixth Form	

Lucy Martin	University of Lincoln	History
Amy Mettam	Sheffield Hallam University	Business & Marketing
Francesca Noton	University of East Anglia	Literature & History
Oliver Manning O'Brien	Leeds Metropolitan University	Music Technology
Abbie-Rose Raeburn	Brigg Sixth Form	
Rebecca Reynolds		Gap year - Employment
Emma Riggall	Uni Centre - North Lindsey College	Teaching Degree
Bethany Robinson	Writtle College	Animal Management
Zak Robinson	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business Economics
Joshua Rooker	University of Sheffield	Molecular Biology (3yrs)
Eleanor Ryder	Keele University	Law (single Honours)
Chelsie Rymell		Employment
Kayley Salter		Apprenticeship
Sarah Saxby	Bishop Grosseteste University	Primary Education with QTS (3yrs)
Victoria Shaw		Employment
Arielle Skelton		Employment
Grace Smith	Dundee University	Education
Olivia Smith	University of Lincoln	Psychology
Jo Stothard		Gap year - Employment
Amanda Swaby		Gap year - Employment
Chloe Taylor	Bishop Grosseteste University	Psychology
Holly Taylor	University of Lincoln	Business Studies
Michael Taylor	Newcastle University	Biomedical Science
Sarah Tear	Apprenticeship	Media
Katie Wells	York St John University	English Language & Linguistics
Oliver Wood	University of Cumbria	Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status

## Web Site:

I am very grateful to Jonathan Woodliffe who despite changing jobs and moving to Norfolk, has continued to update and improve the web-site. You may wish to look at the revised site which is now to be found at:

[www.briggensians.co.uk](http://www.briggensians.co.uk)

Let us know if you find things we still need to correct.

N.B. this was previously a [.net](http://www.briggensians.net) site and you will need to change your search conditions if you have the site bookmarked.

## 2015 Dinner Speech Recordings:

I would like to record my grateful thanks to Koen Berckers (many may also remember Huub, Martin, Marc and Liduina) for sound-editing the speeches by the Headteacher, Rob Biglands, and our Guest Speaker, Nick Grafton, last year. Members in far-flung countries were able to get a flavour of the great atmosphere at the Annual Dinner and hear the main speakers through this arrangement.

*If you have appreciated this service and would like it repeated for 2016 then do let me know and I will make the necessary arrangements.*

# Obituaries

**Dorothy Bruce:** *Dorothy, seen below holding a painting by Ken Lamming (front row) presented to her upon retirement.* **Tributes:**

**Ailsa Moore:** I first met Dorothy when I went for interview for the post of headmistress of Brigg High School. Dorothy was so kind and helpful to all the candidates. When I began my stay at the school, I found Dorothy knew everybody and everything about the school, she was a great help to me. I spent time driving Dorothy to Lincoln to visit her beloved brother Phil, together we cared for Phil. When Phil died and later Dorothy moved to her flat in Lincoln I kept in regular touch by phone from Woking, we shared many memories. I will miss her a great deal.



**Jill Craig:** I was much saddened to hear of Mrs Dorothy Bruce's recent passing, as will many other staff and [pupils of the former Girls' High School. Dorothy was completely devoted to the school and was a valued member of its community. My personal indebtedness to her came particularly after Mrs Isobel Shepherdson's departure to a large London comprehensive, when I was appointed acting Head for two terms. After only one year as Deputy, I still had much knowledge to acquire, especially after seven years abroad. Dorothy, however, proved to be a

mine of information about pupils and school matters, her assistance greatly facilitating my task. She was, indeed, the perfect secretary – elegant and charming, with both pupils and staff alike. A very likeable lady!

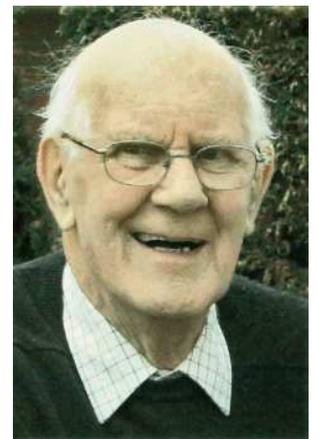
**Barbara Kernon:** Many High School girls will remember Dorothy the School Secretary. She joined the staff in 1962 and served with Miss Shepherdson and Miss Moore before we went comprehensive. She always took a keen interest in the school, girls and provided many useful items of memorabilia for our reunion in 2007. Dorothy and husband Ray were Founder Members and Chairmen of Brigg Round Table and Ladies Circle. They had two sons David and Ian. After Ray died, Dorothy eventually moved to Lincoln and died there on Sunday, 6th December 2015.

**Betty Romans:** has died. She was well in her 90's and although in a home retained her sharp faculties. She had one son, Philip, who is a barrister. Betty Romans was Matron. Geoffrey was Housemaster and taught English; he was very good and very keen on cricket. Having met in the Boarding House, they married. Geoffrey became an H.M.I. Regards, **Robin Sumpter.**

**Brian Thornalley: (1945–52)** who died on July 8th. Brian was a regular contributor to the annual bulletins. I only discovered by ringing up his home as I had not received his usual Christmas card and his daughter gave me the sad news. Apparently, they couldn't find Brian's contact lists to let people know at the time. **Peter Wade**

**Chris Magrath: (1956-62)** Adrian emailed to say, "Dave, sad news always arrives at Christmas from people you don't see regularly, it seems. In case you don't know already, Chris Magrath died last February, from cancer. We received a letter from his family with our card today. Perhaps it is something to note in the Newsletter". **Adrian Broome**

**Alan West: (1938-48)** died at the age of 85 in February 2015. Born in 1930 and raised in Barrow on Humber; Alan became a boarder at Brigg Grammar School from 1938 to 1948. He was a keen sportsman and especially liked Rugby but found cricket a waste of a sunny summer's afternoon. Alan did National Service in the RAF as a wireless operator but would dearly have liked to have become a pilot; he maintained his love of aircraft and historical RAF flying machines for the rest of his life.

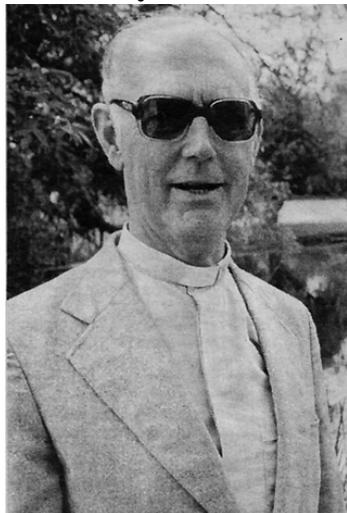


Alan started work for Spillers, later to become the Farmers' Company, then Albright and Wilson, and it was there that he met his wife Margaret.

He was a Scoutmaster and treasurer, receiving an award from the organisation for his work, which included the setting up of the outdoor centre at Primrose Hill, Scawby.

Alan completed his working life at British Steel, Scunthorpe, in 1991 and soon joined the Brigg Probus Club which he enjoyed for 20 years continuing to be active even following his stroke in 1998.

**Canon Roy Cochrane** has died at the age of 89. Many will remember Roy who taught at Brigg Grammar School in the 1980s. He served at St. John's Church in Brigg for 20 years before becoming Chaplain at St. Barnabus' Hospice, Lincoln, in 1989.



Roy had a long and distinguished career; he served in the RAF during WW2 before joining the ministry and serving at many churches across Lincolnshire, he was the Bishop's adviser for pastoral care and led many pilgrimages to Greece, Turkey, Egypt and Jordan.

**Frank Lea: (1943-49)** Frank had been unwell for some time and sadly died in May 2015. He had a very successful haulage business in Brigg at Scawby Brook and his son has now taken over the business. The funeral service, held at Scawby, was attended by many members of family, friends and members of organisations to which he had belonged. Frank is survived by his wife Jean.



**Roy Lacy: (1940-45)** died at August Bank Holiday 2014

On leaving school, he trained as a Male Nurse at Louth County Infirmary and then joined the Royal Army Medical Corps for 26 Years. He served in the Korean War and came through with only minor injuries. He is buried in Basingstoke Cemetery. **Keith Lacy**

**J R Lyon: (1937-45)** [Apologies for missing this from the 2015 edition, Dave.](#)

Sorry to note the passing of John Robert Lyon in the latest issue. We were great pals in our BGS days I believe his dates were that he joined Geoge Cabourne in the old Prep department in 1937 moving into main school with the rest of our bunch in 1938. Some names that spring to mind in that bunch were D W Brown Pat Cabourne (George Cabourne's youngest son) Taffy Snell, Nick Davenport, Buzzer Bee, Roger Cobb to name a few. John and I very often used to go down to the Lyon Bakery at lunchtime. It was a few hundred yards beyond school on the opposite side of Grammar School Road. John and I both left school about the same time in early 1945. I left to join the Army on an Engineering Scholarship; he left to help his mother run the business, his Dad having died a few years earlier. John used to get up early to get the 'Daily Bread' in the oven before coming to school. He worked very hard in those days. My last contact with him was about 1978/79 when I managed to find him living in Hatfield, Herts, and if I remember correctly he was working at De Haverland Aircraft. I think his Mum was still alive and living with them at that time.

Excuse the meanderings, Put it down to age !! It may be of interest to somebody, **Peter Plant: (1938-45)**



**Elizabeth Belt (nee Hastings):** Educated at Brigg Prep and then the Girls High School, Elizabeth taught for 27 years in many schools across the area. She taught at Scawby and Brigg Primaries and was a long serving teacher at Baysgarth School, Barton, before coordinating Special Needs at SJN. She was heavily involved in the WI and became President at Broughton and Chairmen of the Humberside Federation. Elizabeth had been battling lung cancer for 3 years despite a 12-18 months prognosis. The Coroner at her inquest confirmed that she had contracted mesothelioma through inhaling asbestos dust during her time teaching in schools across North Lincolnshire. The county have agreed compensation with her family and the story was taken up by the national press. She had children, Katherine, Sarah, Charlotte and Chris and had survived her late husband Brian.

**Gordon Barrie Eccles (School House,1944-50)** died at his home in Ranby, Nottinghamshire, in May, 2015, following a short illness; he was 81.

Barrie was one of the 1940s' group of Briggensians - self-styled because all were at school during the war years. We formed a close bond, which has lasted a lifetime, and Barrie was a great character to have around in those dire times of fire drills, sirens and interminable trips to the shelters. Full of fun and voice, he played an influential part in school activities and was a popular friend to all. He also had a tremendous enthusiasm for the Scout Association reflected by his leadership role locally - and an armful of badges.

After leaving school, Barrie spent four years at Leeds College of Technology and two years' National Service in the Army before running the Eccles family tailoring business, founded in 1816. Many will remember the Eccles Outfitters in Brigg.

Barrie married Jean Parker in 1958, who survives him, and they had two children, Helen, a gifted artist, and Graham, a talented musician. Barrie's main hobby was sailing. He occasionally took off on voyages as far as the Greek Islands and the Caribbean. His other passion was making exceptionally fine furniture and he crafted his own dining table with eight Hepplewhite-style chairs and many other pieces. I was privileged to see his work when I last visited him at his home two years ago. We spent several happy hours talking about our days at school, our old friends, our boarding school memories and how fortunate we had been in being a pupil at Brigg under such a fine team of teachers. **Peter Wade**, one of our '40s group, travelled from his home near Derby to represent the School and Barrie's old friends at his funeral at All Saints' Church,



Babworth, near Retford. **Derek Sumpter**



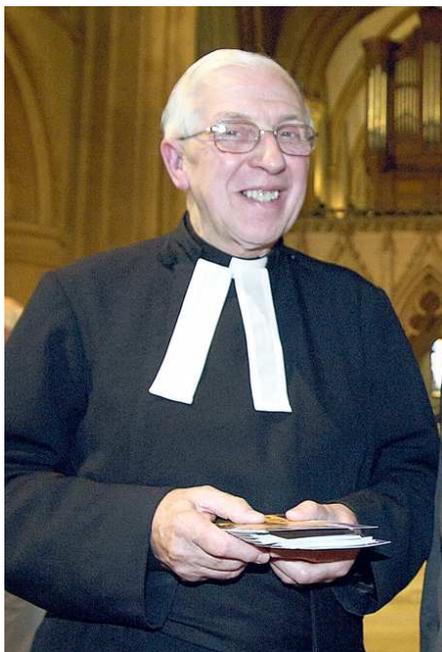
**Brian T. Thornalley: (1945-52)** who died on July 8th 2015 was at Brigg from 1945 to 1952 in Yarborough House leaving after the Upper Sixth. He was in the same school intake as me. I recall he and I played cricket in the School First Eleven in 1951. Brian was a quickish bowler and quite successful. He also played football for the Second Eleven.

After he left school, he did National Service and then went to College at Loughborough, going on to teach woodwork, spending several years in Cyprus in the course of his career. He was, I believe, inspired by "Willie" Watts our woodwork teacher at school and I know that Brian always kept in touch with him over the years.

Brian was, I believe, a keen member of the "Woodlands Trust" and also a family history enthusiast.

I caught up with Brian again in the 1990's and particularly after I returned to the East Midlands as Brian lived at Willoughby on the Wolds near Loughborough. His Christmas "round-robin" letters were always packed with information about his activities.

I last saw him at the Annual Dinner about two years ago. The news of his death, which I only learnt about very recently, came as quite a shock. **Peter Wade**



**David Leaning:** Distinguished old boy of Brigg Grammar School from 1947-1955 and speaker at the annual Briggensians' Dinner in March 2007, former Dean of Southwell Minster, David Leaning, has died unexpected at the age of 79 years.

Educated at Keble College, Oxford, he was ordained in 1961.

David retired after 46 years serving in the Church of England's Ministry in Gainsborough, Worsop in Nottinghamshire and Kington in Herefordshire.

After 20 years in Parish Ministry he became Archdeacon of Newark in the Diocese of Southwell and then Dean of the Cathedral of Southwell, a position he held for 15 years.

At Southwell they encouraged artists and craftsmen to provide inspirational works of art in addition to their work maintaining the fabric of the (mainly) 12th and 13th century buildings. A new refectory and shop now provides hospitality for the many visitors during the year.

'Time Travelling' ~ a project for Junior School children brings 7,500 children into the Cathedral each year. For 25 years David was a Trustee of

an Adventure Centre for young people in the Lake District and regularly he provided 'Open Forums' for Sixth Formers in his home whilst Dean at Southwell.

He was a School Governor of Worksop College for many years and is a Fellow of the Woodard Corporation; Woodard Schools form the largest group of Church of England schools in England and Wales. Of the forty schools in the United Kingdom that are currently part of the Corporation, twenty-three are owned directly by the Woodard Corporation.

In 2003, he was awarded an honorary degree by Nottingham Trent University for his work in the county.

He retired to Lincoln in 2006, where he was chaplain at St Mary Magdalene Church, before moving to

Fishbourne, Sussex, about three years ago to be nearer his family. Rev. Leaning leaves a sister

Having just looked at the Briggensians website for the first time for a few months, I was saddened to read about David's death last September.

**Peter Wade 1945-53** Although David was two years behind me at Brigg, we were both in School House where you got to know boys from other years. I recall he was always a bookish person but he got involved in sport, cricket in particular, by virtue of being an excellent umpire. In later years when I caught up with him again, he particularly remembered me from his umpiring days as I always bowled off the wrong foot!

My wife and I were invited to attend his Induction as Dean of Southwell and we also went to one of his farewell events at the Minster. We visited him at his house at Lincoln where he always made us very welcome and although we understood why he moved down to Chichester to be near his family, he must have missed Lincolnshire where he had spent most of his life.

The tributes paid to him in the Briggensian News indicate a truly Christian life.

**Jeremy Henthorn: (1953-61)**- lamented his passing and considered that "Granny" Leaning was an institution, much loved. He umpired inter-house cricket matches, on one occasion heading the cricket ball back to the bowler from a not too accurate fielder! In collaboration with my father, he converted the library to the Dewey decimal system. Dr Henthorn characteristically gave all the credit to Granny.

On a different note, *do old boys from the house recall the phantom fiddlers?* The Brigg String Players used the upper floor music room (room 9?) on Saturday evenings to rehearse. John Bradley, chemistry professor at Hull, was the organiser. He was an excellent violinist, somewhat temperamental, but hugely enthusiastic. Father played the double bass, as he did for the school orchestra, Thummy (Mr Thumwood) and Mary Bradley played cello. Mary Wells was the pianist. Ted Nobbs (I think his name was Ted) was first violinist. My mother reckoned him a better violinist than John Bradley. Another violinist - Mr Fonteyn (spelling may be wrong) - also conducted. Dr Franck (son Thomas was in the House) played the viola. When Bradley decided that we would perform Beethoven's 1st symphony, Dr Franck was adamant that it could not be done without brass. When Bradley refused (or could not accede- we were a string orchestra) Dr Franck put his viola in its case and left, never to return.

## NEWS OF OLD BRIGGENSIANS 2014/15

### *Staff Related Section:*

**Dorothy Slack:** who taught at BGHS has sold their house in St. Neots and I understand she is moving to Sidmouth to be closer to her family.

**Vernon Atkin:** The nephew of Vernon Atkin, Alan, the oldest son of his older and only brother, Albert, emailed to say that he has been researching the Atkin family history and also a pictorial and social history. He has some information and photographs, but is missing the date and place of his marriage to Mary Holt his second wife.

Mary was a secretary at Brigg Grammar and a local magistrate.

Alan is requesting information and any pictures members are willing to share.

**John Knox: (1966-68)** John lives on the Kings Road, Belfast and wrote to lament the passing of Brian Williams and to try and trace details of the movements of **Mike Walker** who taught English.

John recalled his time in the Boarding House with **Derek Appleyard** (sadly died many years ago) and **Robin Mattison**. If anyone has details of any of these past staff then please be in touch.

## **Briggensians Section:**

**George Gunson: (1944-52)** I have just been reading the Briggensians newsletter and getting up to date with everyone. I especially liked the greetings message of the new Headmaster. I wish him well, but perhaps he knows his way through the jungle of Local Authorities and Academies to relieve some of the strain.

I am sorry to have to tell you that I won't be able to make the Dinner next month, as I don't feel that I can make the drive. As well as being nearly 82, I have just had the second cataract operation, - one in November and the second last Saturday, and while my sight is much improved, I think that in the long run I shall need specs of some kind to relieve the strain for reading etc. However, to drive 300 miles only a month after the op' is perhaps asking too much. Apart from that everything is OK with us, Mariela is well recovered from the hip replacement, and the widespread family is all well. Derek ([Sumpter](#)) and I are in frequent contact trying to set the world to rights with our views on who is doing what, right or wrong. Last April **Peter and Eileen Wade** called in to see us, and Peter had passed my address to **John Sellars**, who lives in Edinburgh, and we have exchanged up to date news on each other.

Anyway, I am sorry that I shan't be singing 'Fortitudine' with you all, or even having a 'Chinese' the evening before, but I send best wishes to you and Mickey, and I will try and see how we can make up for it soon.

**John Osborne: (1993-2000)** Congratulations to John who has co-written with Molly Naylor a sitcom for Sky 1. This is a six part series After Hours which is set around a radio station and features an 18-year-old music lover who has just had his heart broken for the first time.

**The Perth 'Yellow Bellies'** have sent this for Lincolnshire Day. Did you recognize the flag? (Lincolnshire Day is celebrated every year on 1<sup>st</sup> October and marks the anniversary of the Lincolnshire Rising, a revolt by Catholics against the establishment of the Church of England by Henry VIII in 1536)- **Simon Church**



**Roger Dobson: (1952-60)** sent this clipping from his local newspaper. Well-done Roger; members who want a copy please contact Roger directly.

## **War memories prove popular**

QUEUES formed outside Southwell Library ahead of the launch of a new book, Southwell And District At War 1939-45, Volume 1: Keep Smiling Through.

Former town councillor Mr Roger Dobson, of Newark Road, spent 3½ years researching and writing the book, which has nearly 300 pages filled with memories, photographs and illustrations from Southwell and across the country in the second world war.

The memories include those of 48 former evacuees to Southwell and district — from Worthing, Southend-on-Sea, London, Sheffield and Nottingham.

More than 100 people attended the launch.

"To see so many people here buying the book,

and some are buying more than one copy, is fantastic," Mr Dobson said.

"I bought more than 100 copies to the library with me but I had to go out and collect more.

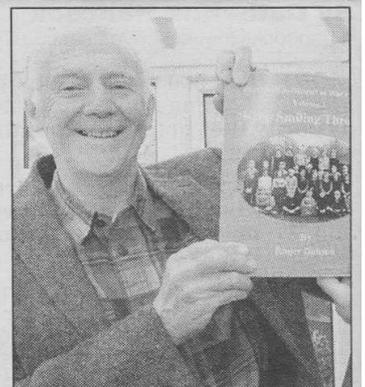
"Over the weekend 300 copies were sold."

While doing research, Mr Dobson showed a former evacuee where he had lived on Kirklington Road.

"To take people back to the place where they used to live as a child is priceless," he said.

Mr Peter Pickup, 82, of Wiltshire, features in the book. He was a pupil at Southwell Minster Grammar School in 1945.

"Roger has done a fantastic job of collecting all the memories of an important time in our history," Mr Pickup said.



**MR ROGER DOBSON with a copy of his book.**

**Robin East: (1958-65)** says, "Chris Plumtree has just sent me your e-mail address so I am writing to you to let you know that my old e-mail address was scammed last year and I now have a new one - [robineast@outlook.com](mailto:robineast@outlook.com) and I would be grateful if you would adjust the records accordingly.

As you probably know Dave, it will be exactly **50 years** since our year left school and as such, we **John Richardson "Fudge"**, **Chris "Plum"** and myself **"Easty"** would like to make a special effort to get our lot to the dinner this year!!"

**Nev' Miller: (1961-68)** Pictured here Nev' is indulging in his motorbike passion with a Velo.

Nev' confesses that "although nominally retired I did get persuaded to do a job in Western Australia in



March/April of this year. It didn't take too much arm-twisting as the weather here in Ottawa, Canada, was -25°C! I have visited Perth briefly before, but this time I was based near Geraldton, 500km to the north and on the coast. The site was a high security government communications base (Google Kojarena) I didn't do any racing this year as I've been trying to find parts to replace those that had failed the last time out. Would you believe that the guy I met in Geraldton on the Velo was able to help me with the part I was looking for! I am now hopeful that I will have at least one Velo back together for next year."

### **Adrian Gibbons- Charity Football and Golf:**

A FOOTBALL match was organized in memory of Adrian Gibbons, a popular and highly respected Brigg teacher and sportsman who died in March 2014 aged just 63.

The match was held at the Hawthorns on Sunday, 3rd May. A Briggensians XI faced a team made up of the



club's old boys and former Brigg Town players. The final result was 4-3 to the Briggensians, however the old boys performed well even though they had 14 players on the field during the second half.

Gibb, as he was known, worked at the school for more than 30 years and was still an active sportsman, playing for Briggensians just three days before he died.

**Organizer Jon Taylor**, a PE teacher at Sir John Nelthorpe worked with Mr Gibbons for 14 years, says,

"He played for Brigg Town, Briggensians and many other teams, so football was his passion and this was my natural way to remember him

and try to raise a bit of money for charity.

Around 40 players expressed an interest in pulling their boots on for the game so there were two teams playing 45 minutes each. Players each paid £5 to take part in the game."

As well as Briggensians and Brigg Town old boys, there were players who have turned out for clubs such as Bottesford Town and Appleby-Frodingham and many who he inspired.



Alan Taylor said he had hoped to raise £500 or as much as possible through the match but the outcome was **£1,220**, a great result.

Admission was free, although a collection was made for anyone who wished to contribute and a raffle added to the fundraising.

All proceeds from the match have gone to the British Heart Foundation.

**Golf:** It is hoped that this may become an annual event. This year 15 friends of Adrian (Gibb) met on January 1st 2016 to celebrate what would have been his 65th birthday. We played a Stableford competition and all turned out in silly trousers (Jonty wore shorts)!! The winner of the competition was

Neil Roberts. We raised a total of **£100** for heart foundation



**Simon Church: (1975-82)** Sent this cutting from the archives found on the web site; most Briggensians Newsletters can be downloaded in pdf format there and are well worth a read and nostalgia trip.

## The Autograph Kid and only Her Majesty can escape his clutches

'The Briggensian' looks at Simon Church, the lively lad of 2L, who has Prime Minister Callaghan, Margaret Thatcher, James Hunt and television's 'George and Mildred', just where he wants them.

Simon Church started to collect autographs only a few months ago and it has turned into his favourite hobby. After seeing one of the BBC's Swap Shop programmes, in which a collector of autographs was featured, Simon felt he would have a go. He feels that he will never tire of it because "the autographs could become valuable one day."



Simon with Mrs. Thatcher, very appropriately, in his right hand and footballer Kevin Keegan in his left

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To obtain an autograph he usually writes to comics, television companies, theatres and the House of Commons. From 'Shoot' he received Kevin Keegan's signature. Angela Rippon, and the presenters of 'Maggie' and 'Blue Peter', have all provided their autographs for Simon from their place of work. Cilla Black and Jimmy Tarbuck are next on Simon's list and it is to London theatres, where these artists are now working, that Simon turns. As for the House of Commons, our second year found Mrs. Thatcher a problem and a half. "I was determined to add her signature to my collection but it needed the 'Sunday People' newspaper to help me out in the end."

In answer to Simon's first letter, Mrs. Susanna Burr of Mrs. Thatcher's Private Office, was pleased to pass onto him an autographed card. The autographed card was not included in with her reply. Simon sent another letter. Mrs. Burr apologised. This time she enclosed the card but no autograph was on it. Although upset by this chapter of incidents, Simon's determination to secure the signature continued. With the help of his father he managed to obtain the assistance of a journalist, Mr. Mervyn Pamment of the 'Sunday People'. He contacted Mr. Derek Howe, another member of Mrs. Thatcher's Private Office. Success. Not only did he receive the autograph but also a rather flattering photograph of the Opposition Leader. Says Simon, "I hope Mrs. Thatcher's Shadow Cabinet is better organised than her Private Office."

There is no doubt at all that Simon enjoys this hobby. His latest desire is to obtain the Goodies' autographs but in the strangest of ways. He has written to Jim'll Fix It to ask if he can have a ride on their tandem. If this materialises he intends to obtain their autographs at the same time. What a lad!

## The New Computer Terminal

### I. From the Lower Sixth

The arrival of the computer terminal in May last year has brought a new venture to the school.

The terminal is linked via the G.P.O. telephones network to the County computer at Hull and runs on a timesharing system i.e. we share it with some other schools in Humberside.

It is used by pupils of all years along with some from the Vale of Ancholme School, and has formed the basis of a Friday afternoon's Activities Group in the lower school. There are also a sixth form study group for all sixth formers studying Mathematics and a Sixth form General Studies group for those interested in computing, but studying other subjects.

For the first time in the history of the school, four students in the lower sixth are attempting an O level examination in Computer Studies, in June this year.

The department has had built for it a small room in which the terminal is housed along with a fair stock of textbooks.

We hope that more pupils will become interested in what has already become part of our everyday lives and take advantage of the tremendous opportunities our new school is offering.

Nicholas Willerton and Keith Birkitt L.6

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Simon goes on to report: I was a student at Brigg Grammar School (SJNS) between 1975 and 1982.

Recently (last month) I had a bad martial arts accident, resulting in a severely fractured right leg.

My tibia was smashed into 20+ pieces and I subsequently had an operation to have it plated, pinned as well as a bone graft.

This accident gave me a bit of spare time on my hands and as I am looking at 8 weeks non-weight bearing, followed by a 12 month re-hab, thought I should put some of my new found time to good use. I currently live in Perth (Western Australia) after emigrating here in 1987, I am still in touch with a number of 'Old Briggensians' in particular **Chris Jacklin** (74–81) now Singapore, **Paul Jenkinson** (74-81) now Sydney Australia and of course my brother **Paul Church** and nephew **Tony Church** (both living in Perth). I recently made contact, after 30 plus years, with **Suzanne Osborne** (both a fellow Briggensian and an ex Grimsby School of Art colleague) Suzanne is now loving life, married with children and furthering her art career in beautiful France. In our recent chats, we were amazed to look back and wonder where the time has gone.

I am hoping that we can start to piece together a **35 year reunion for June 2017** and with ample prior warning can get as many of the old year back together again. I guess that there will be students scattered all over the world and it may take quite some time in getting everything organised. I would welcome contact from anyone interested in helping to put this event together. It would be great to form a small organising committee of 4-5 people, with the aim to confirm the following: suitable location, date, entertainment, food and drink, budget, guests etc. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact me on the following email ([simon@churchosborne.com.au](mailto:simon@churchosborne.com.au))



I envisage that a facebook page or future website could be compiled for ease of access for everyone and to help spread the word.

Although this reunion would be aimed at students (1975-1982) I suggest that it is open to other students around these years who shared similar experiences at Brigg Grammar / High School / SJN.

Finally, I am keen to see if anyone has photographs of these particular school years, which they are happy to share. I must admit that my collection is limited to a large panoramic image (roughly scanned in 3 sections) and an article about me in the 1976 Briggensian Book. ([see above](#))

I've also attached a few photos of my recent **50th** birthday (14 June) showing myself and wife Joanna, as well as one of us with fellow Briggensian, Chris Jacklin (his wife Ria and son Jesse).

**Andy Bradburn: (1962-69)** My sister in law, **Jane Bradburn** has recently passed on a recent copy of the Newsletter and I would be keen to receive it in my own right. I was at BGS from 1962 until 1970 (maybe 69!) and was followed by my younger brothers **Simon and Philip**. My mother, **Audrey**, who taught at the Girls High School, passed

away in 2009.

**Brian Pearson: (1964-71)** Well I've reached my retirement by the combination of two phenomena: me getting older and Company retirement age being earlier. :-)

For a very few folk who currently remain in DuPont, but who started their career in ICI Paints (me), the inherited Terms and Conditions allow payment of the Company pension from age 62 onwards. I reached that on 1st July, after (wait for it!) **30 years** of service!! Where did that time go then?!

Strictly, I don't formally retire until 31st January, but I'm on 3 months "Garden Leave"..... but near enough. I must admit that I was hoping for a redundancy payment, but that didn't work, so the pension will have to do. I'm trying to adjust myself to a totally different lifestyle at home, which is taking a bit of effort. I might take up a small job to supplement the income...maybe even tutoring a bit of Physics! BUT I've no doubt that playing the drums will feature heavily in my new "to do" list! **Phil Wright (1964-71)** and I still play in a Pink Floyd "covers" band ("ProgFloyd"). We've just broken-up for Christmas to allow Phil to take yet another holiday in the Far East. We'll soon be rehearsing a new set for 2016.

After attending BGS between 1964 and 1971, I spent 15 years at Nottingham University (doing "techy stuff"), 10 years with ICI Paints Research in Slough (watching paint dry), 10 years with IDAC (ICI-DuPont Auto Coatings) in Hemel Hempstead (watching more paint dry) and 10 years with DuPont in Stevenage. The years spent in Hemel and Stevenage were in Safety management (watching paint dry safely). So I reckon I've reached the time to retire.... and 31st January 2016 is my chosen departure date from DuPont. Because of some inherited Terms and Conditions from my time with ICI, I've been released early and allowed to take my Company pension 3 years ahead of State Pension. I'm told that this choice is a bit of a "no-brainer". But that said, after all those years of unbroken service, I suspect I shall not find retirement easy, so I'm hoping hobbies will become useful. It's probably fairly uncommon to find someone (like me!) not blessed with any abilities for sport, and my interests developed in a different way: electronics and playing the drums (predominantly, and still currently, the latter). These interests were born a little before 1964, but my time at BGS was certainly key to encouraging life-long interests in them. I can distinctly remember trying to copy the drum intro. to "Wipe-out" by the Surfaris (1963) using heavy-gauge knitting needles for sticks on up-turned basins, pots and pans. And when I wasn't drumming I was otherwise preoccupied with constructing all sorts of electronic projects with Philips Electronics Kits and ex-WD radio hardware. Remember thermionic valves? Still the connoisseur's choice!

Playing the drums has remained a life-long passion and has seen me in bands of all music genres.... currently a Pink Floyd "covers" outfit. Quite coincidentally, and almost unbelievably, my old BGS mate and bass guitarist, Phil Wright, returned from 20+ years in Hong Kong, to settle just 25 miles from our current home, so he and I have played in bands together for a few years now. Phil has just retired too!

We'll try and keep you up to date with our musical antics. We're just about to start rehearsing yet another Floyd epic: "Echoes"....needs a bit of concentration though.

I'm tempted to chronical my memories of music and technology especially through the 60s.....ah, those teenage years in BGS! Cheers for now- **Bri**.

**Tim Phipps: (1972-79)** If you are interested I suppose you could mention that after **32 years** in the law, I'm now back in the town of my school. It is actually lovely to be back, not least the door to door commute down from the Lincolnshire Wolds lasting 9 minutes. The only slight problem is having to factor in an extra 10 minutes every time I pop out of the office, to take into account the fact that I always bump into somebody I know. Otherwise married with two sons, one at Oxford University (Masters in Philosophy), other at Manchester University (History degree).

In regular contact with **Ian Foster, Godfrey Thorpe, Andrew Horner** and **Mark Boast**. Have also ended up in a pub quiz team with **Hamish Ramsey** (Mr. Ramsey the Art Master's son) and **Ian Sergeant**, as soon as the science and maths questions arose, the years rolled back and felt very inadequate intellectually in their presence. All above attended at school 1972 to 1979. Also sing in a choir with Hamish's sister Ailsa, play golf at Elsham which is where numerous Old Briggensians can be found. In particular, I play regularly with **Trevor Vessey**. My brother **Jeremy** 1974 to 1981 a GP in Stamford, married to a GP has twin girls both at university and a younger son. Jeremy still playing hockey every week. (Dave a frightening thought!)

**Stuart Cranidge: (1959-63)** A belated Happy New Year to you. Also a timely thank you for all you efforts. They are greatly appreciated.

My only news is that we are moving to York in 10 days' time.

We've been considering "downsizing." I hate that word. Mr Pratt who taught me English would turn in his grave. Anyway to continue. We've been considering "downsizing" for some time and ultimately decided to put our house on the market almost 2 years ago. We've eventually succeeded.

Both our children and their partners, together with our 4 grandchildren, live in York so that seemed a sensible place to head for in our dotage.

The family responded positively to the suggestion. I'm sure the thought of "readymade, unpaid babysitters" came quickly to mind!! Given that the grandchildren's ages range from 6 to 6 weeks I expect we'll be busy.

We'll be homeless from the 20th January and consequently are going to "lodge" with our daughter and son in law until we find a house.

Our temporary address will be 50, Bootham Road, York, YO30 7BZ. Phone no. 01904 624350, M 07799144049.

**Penny Mann: (1952-59)** I am **Robert Smart's** eldest sister and being born in 1941, I went to the unconstructed BGHS!

My husband and I were lucky enough to meet up with **Irene McWeeny nee Gibbons** this summer and we had a good time reminiscing about BGHS!

We also chatted a lot about Uganda - amazing that two girls from Brigg should both end up in Uganda - separately and on different dates. I had taught in Fort Portal Uganda 1964-66 and subsequently I have been working with a school -voluntarily - in Masindi Uganda since 2003. Irene and her husband were working in Lira. I shall be flying out to Uganda on February 9th and staying for 6 weeks in Masindi, primarily to teach the girls at Kabalega Primary school some sewing skills, notably how to sew knickers!!! I shall also be checking on the disabled girl we pay for to attend The Masindi Centre for the Handicapped and possibly working with the Bishop's wife to teach sewing skills to some vulnerable teenagers with the Mothers' Union ladies.

**Rob Smart: (1961-68)** I was delighted to meet **David Booth (1965-72)** at this weekend's reunion dinner for mathematicians at The Queen's College, Oxford. Being four years younger he knew more of me than I did of him, including details of our Oxbridge dinner reported in the July 1971 Briggensian. I believe I was the first Briggensian to become a Queensman but am very proud that others, including David, continued the tradition.

**Peter Thompson: (1958-65)** and his wife Gwen live in Caistor. After retiring early from teaching he started a second career writing for newspapers and remains the Grimsby Telegraph's Lincolnshire Wolds reporter, now on a part time basis. He also writes freelance for the Lincolnshire Newspapers Group, mainly in the Market Rasen Mail. His describes his most difficult work as reporting the race meetings at Market Rasen!! He is Chairman of the Yorkshire Hockey League and still umpires in the North and Yorkshire Leagues on winter Saturdays. His playing days are now well in the past after captaining Brigg 1st team for 5 seasons. (I now play golf badly!). Peter and Gwen have two daughters Lucy and Nichola. Lucy is Manager of Waste Services for the Tunbridge Wells area after four years in Cornwall and Nichola is Head of 'Health and Nutrition Sciences' at the University of Adelaide. Son David lives at Sandiway and works at Cheshire Health Club in Mobberly and follows in dad's footsteps playing hockey for Winnington Park 1st team. Contact is at [pthompson@ruralnews.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:pthompson@ruralnews.orangehome.co.uk)  
A Happy New Year to all Briggensians!

**Church Osborne: (1975-82)** -7 January at 02:51 · Perth, WA, Australia

Does anyone have a high res' copy of the old 'Brigg Grammar School' logo that they could share please? - **Simon**

**News from John Hastings: (1961-66)** I have just arrived back from the Centre New Year Rally which was held at Humberston. We were there six days (five nights) and had a wonderful time with dancing, singing, evening meals and just a few late nights! On New Year's Eve a former Chairmen of the Lincolnshire Centre was asked to give a massive 'Thank You' to all those who helped in preparing another wonderful event including the School and Governors where we were staying. Doing his job in his usual inimitable style was a well known Briggensian, **Mr. Brian Neal**. He had travelled up from near Milton Keynes to be with us all and enjoy the Festive Time together.

Also on my caravan journeys, the Retired Caravanners Association held their National Rally at Uttoxeter which was a new venue for us using the Racecourse. While there we met up with **Mr. D V Adams** and went out for, what is becoming, an annual dinner. This year we met in the Robin Hood and as usual had another memorable

occasion with fine food and interesting conversations. I again conducted the hard working R C A Choir and enjoyed every minute. Next year we are again at Uttoxeter and celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association so will again be busy and as well as our own accompanist we will be having The Trentham Brass Band to help in all aspects of **The Last Night of The Proms** as we wave our flags and sing our hearts out. Talking of singing, one of the highlights of 2015 was a chance for the Bill Scott Scarborough Community Choir to sing at the Spa Theatre with Russell Watson. This was for 'one night only' but the occasion was fantastic and can never be forgotten. We worked hard for weeks in rehearsals in all our foreign languages but did not disappoint Russell or the audience.

My last point of interest is that our dear friend and Briggensian **Mr. Walter Cash- (1927-33)** who lives at 21, Farside Road, West Ayton, Scarborough, N. Yorks. Yo13 9LE will be celebrating his **99<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 and we shall all be raising a glass or two on that day to this wonderful gentleman. For those who receive this news after the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. you may be excused a belated toast but most of all be ready for the big one next year....Does a copy of this Newsletter find its way into the hands of 'HER MAJESTY'.

**Derek Sumpter: (1943-50)**- Elderly Briggensians who were at School in the mid-1940s will find the newspaper cutting below an interesting memory test. How many of the 29 pupils in the picture taken 70 years ago can you recognise? It appeared in a Grimsby Telegraph Bygones feature last Autumn and was sent to Derek Sumpter by **John Morton** who spotted the article. The photograph started a debate among the 1940s' group of the Association about the caption which correctly described it as being of Class 3A but wrongly fixed the date as 1944. John Morton's eagle eye spotted a young **Charlie Windass** at the front of the picture and he knew Charlie did not arrive at Brigg until 1946 - a year after him. So a scan of the cutting was emailed first to **Peter Wade** and then to Charlie who confirmed the date and said that he was surprised to see the picture at all because he had no recollection of it being

taken. **Dennis Cox** who kindly supplied the photograph was in Yarborough House and Charlie remembered the day Dennis caused a stir when he turned up one morning with a new type of pen - a biro ! Other pupils in the photograph have been named as **B. Jackson and Brian Hough (Sheffield), standing right of centre, and Jonathan Hargreaves (School), back row second left, and Keith Kitchinson (School).** ~ D.S.

**Peter Wade: (1945 -53)**- In November my wife and I visited Edinburgh and met up with **Marion and Charlie Windass (1946-54).** **John Sellars (1945-53)** was able to join us for lunch.

On 22nd May, I attended Barrie Eccles's funeral near Worksop. Barrie was at Brigg from 1944 -50, was in my form and also in School House. We intend to be at the Annual Dinner. Best wishes for the New Year

# A wealth of memories

**THIS varied selection of photographs was shown to us by Dennis Cox. Our thanks to him.**

If you can add any detail to the pictures, then please let us know, and if you have photographs of your own that you'd like to share then we'd love to see them.

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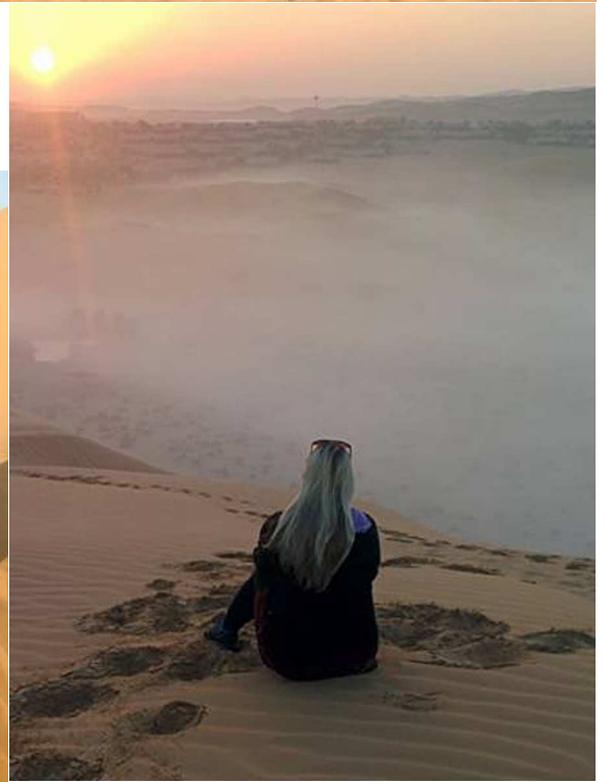
**POLICEMAN:** Left, Dennis Cox with a patrol car at Cleethorpes Police Station in 1965.

**SCHOOL DAYS:** Below, pupils of Class 3A of Brigg Grammar School from 1944. Back row, from left, Pat Wilde, Jonathan Hargreaves, David Baines, Ricketson, Giles Henthorne, Gardner, Middle row includes Taylor, Brecliffe, Dennis Cox, Nicky Cooper, ? Nobbs, Kitchen, Taylor, Hill, Harrison and Silburn; Front row, from left, Plant, Brecliffe, Redpath, Thompson, O'Boyle, Charles Windass, ? Colin Bray, ? and Neil Russell.



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**Caroline Robinson (& Craig)** send best wishes, and Caroline explains:



My husband Craig and I definitely won't be able to make the annual dinner this year as we currently living in Abu Dhabi where I am teaching music! We moved here in August and are having a fantastic time soaking up the UAE lifestyle - long brunches, lots of sun, desert walks and valet parking! I teach music to approximately 680 pupils from FS1 (nursery) to Y6 and almost 70% of the pupils I teach are Emirati nationals and the rest come from all over the world! We have joined the Abu Dhabi Choral Group and have recently done a Fall Review called "Move" which was a selection of songs from lesser known Broadway shows and are looking forward to being in their Spring production of "The Adams Family". We are preparing carols at the moment with the Abu Dhabi Carollers ready for concerts in different malls, the Abu Dhabi theatre, the Emirates Palace and the US Ambassadors house...I have attached a few recent pictures of us enjoying our new life in the UAE (couldn't decide which was the best so take your pick!) We hope all is well in the frozen North!

**News from Mike Cosser: (1961- 68)-**We had a busy 2015 with visits to New York City, and Edinburgh being highlights. In Edinburgh my brother **Alex** (At BGS in 1967-74 approx.) took me for a flight in his microlight aircraft. He obtained permission for us to circle Edinburgh Castle in a 50-minute flight, which was amazing.



In New York City, we visited all the usual tourist locations, the highlights being Liberty Island, Grand Central Station and Central Park on an open top bus tour, on what turned out to be a very wet morning.

Jenny and I moved from Coventry (after 31 years there, and leaving many special friends who we miss) to a small flat in Bexleyheath, in Kent in September, to be closer to our daughter and son in law and granddaughter, Ashleigh. Happily, on November 7th our new Grand Son Oliver was born, and a handsome young man he is too on his birth-day.

I have got an allotment, in Bexley Village, and am busily digging it, and have done some planting of winter crops.

We are enjoying our Freedom passes in London, which as pensioners, give us free transport all over the greater London area by train, bus, tube DLR etc.

We have managed to find a lovely new Church, which is not Baptist, but C of E, much to our surprise.

God has me performing some blessing work for Him, and I am enjoying it very much. Jenny has got involved with the local Foodbank, and the church Choir.

We keep healthy and well, and have been trying to lose some weight. I still have a 10 minute jog in the mornings, and have just grown a Movember Moustache, which may well amuse the locals.

With God's great love to every one who may remember me.

**Robin Sumpter: (1941-48)** sent news of: **Bob Haddow (1941-48)** who lives at Old Bolingbroke. He is a retired medic. Keen tennis player but just recovering from knee operation.

**Alan Maw: (1941 to 1947)** farmed at Roxby and has just died:.

**Brian Creasy: (1941to 1947)** he's just retired from being a Lincolnshire League Umpire after many years; he lives in Barton.

**Oliver Baudert: (1942-47)-** Although so far there do not appear to be any Old Briggensians from my days living in the Antipodes I must let you know that 2015 was probably the worst year of my life as I lost my dearly beloved wife Theresa following a long, painful battle with cancer on 22 September in Canberra. We had been married 58 years and were very close. However I continue my interest in theatre and film and just started rehearsing for Brecht's A Threepenny Opera for late February early March performance and this keeps me both mentally and physically busy. Best wishes to you and all Briggensians

**Yes! I am the Bill Eldridge: (1963-70)** of running fame but sadly I am not able to run anymore, I have an Atrial fibrillation and dodgy hips and knees, so I keep fit cycling and walking. I am living near Driffield and am still involved with athletics for both schools and local clubs.

I retired from teaching 4 years ago and do not know how I found time to work!

I have been intending to join the Old Briggensians but after meeting **Alan Dodds** a few weeks ago I have finally got round to signing up. Best wishes-**Bill**

**Jonathan (known for years as Jack) Lawtey: (1966-71)-** How strange



it is after all these years (44 years to be precise) it doesn't seem right to call you anything other than Sir or Mr. Brittain. I thought as I am about to embark on a new stage of my life that I would drop you a mail with a couple of photo's to explain what I have been doing since I left school..

I left the Grammar School in December 1971 and joined the Royal Navy as an Artificer Apprentice at HMS Fisgard in Torpoint. As this had been my intention for as long as I remember, it probably explains why my "O" level results didn't reach my mother's expectations.

I had 23 good years in the Navy progressing through the Marine Engineering branch to finish as a Charge Chief Petty Officer Marine Engineer Artificer (CCMEA). I served on



all sizes of ships – Hermes; Ajax; Beagle; Bulldog; Sheffield and Dumbarton Castle and in many varied locations – the White Sea off northern Russia; the South Atlantic; the Eastern Seaboard of America; the Mediterranean and the Gulf to name a few.

I was lucky enough to walk into a new job directly from leaving the Navy where I became a Facilities Manager for Drake and Scull Engineering managing a new contract at BAe Brough for six years. This was a sharp introduction to life in Civvy Street which I found very different to the structured life in the RN.

In 2001, I moved again to join ASDA as a Health, Safety and Facilities Manager at a large Cold store warehouse at Castleford. I had a number of roles in the 15 years I worked for them all related to H&S and at one stage I was a Regional H&S Manager for the South of England. In December 2015, I took the opportunity of a restructure to take a redundancy package and move into early retirement.

I married my wife Anne in 1977 and we have 3 children, 2 boys and a girl, and three grandchildren, again 2 boys and a girl. Twenty years ago on an impulse we bought the Railway Station at Goxhill, I would advise anyone wondering what to do on a wet Sunday afternoon – don't go looking at houses or you may end up with a grade two listed building full of damp. But we have a great garden and some good friends in the village so maybe it wasn't such a bad move.

I hope to be at the Annual Dinner this year where hopefully I might meet some old friends from my time at school ('66 – '71).

**Jon Cresswell:** Another year flies by with Olivia responding well to treatment, enjoying Year 9 and now an Air Cadet. Ben now in year 7 and fly half for the rugby team, still footballing and a scout.

Regimental life continues to be crazily busy with lots of work with US Marines out in California. Heather enjoyed a MWC reunion with Gareth Malone. Best wishes to all for 2016.



**John Morton: (1945-51)-** I am hoping to attend the dinner with **Derek Sumpter** and **Frank Flear** and as we are all over 80 it might be the last one!

**Howard Paynter: (1960-64)** Still teaching, tutoring, inspecting and organ playing at the age of 70 but haven't refereed this year - which doesn't mean to say that I won't start again next year!

**David Culm: (1955-56)-** I would like to make an effort to be at the Annual Dinner this year and depending on a pending knee operation I would like to be there. I would be bringing my lady if I attend and we would have to book in a nearby hotel overnight. Can you make any recommendations please?

There is a second reason for coming up, and that is my interest in Horkstow bridge which I would like to see 'in the flesh'. A model example for Clifton Suspension bridge I believe.

Do you have any contact with **John Price**(1953-58?) who, I believe, was last living in Somerset, a free-lance journalist? who was at RAF Hemswell when I was there. Because of his father's death, (quite young) John was at the school longer than I was and played hockey for the school.

Thanks for the last lot of mail! One name I picked up on was **P.J.Dodd** (known as Peter Jon Dodd) who I believe now lives in Yorkshire. If possible, please can you pass on my best wishes as we both have something in common namely we had letters published in a "Daily Telegraph" i.e. 'letters not published' book. Hope all goes well for the Annual Dinner, and regards for anyone who enjoyed **Funf Metcalf and Doggy Barker!**

**Peter Jarvis (1951-58)** was also a member from time to time, when he was down from university. (Am I the only one who finds the abbreviation "Uni" objectionable?)

**Stephen Jarvis (1955-62)** recently wrote mentioning the scout troop. What he did not say was that the entire success of the scouts was due to his father's leadership. "**Jimmy**" **Jarvis** was an inspiration to so many. His undiluted enthusiasm for all things helped make BGS (and the scout troop) what it was. He will never be forgotten.

**Bret Butler: (1951-58)** We had a couple of months in the UK and Europe last year. My mother is still alive in Laceby and we have a son in London who has two boys. We managed to get into the library section of the BGS archives where the magazines are recorded. I was in the football XI for four seasons and my grandsons were intrigued to see that Butler missed a penalty in the match against Lincoln School in 1958. **Roger Holmes** may or may not remember that since he was seriously concussed at the time.

I still keep my hand in with education as a part time (unpaid) consultant to a number of schools but this now takes second place to three visits a week to the golf course.

**Tony (Albert) Coulson (1953-59)**- retired chartered surveyor sent a few notes about members he knows:  
**Peter Bradshaw (1961-66)** is now a retired Site Engineer but still drawing up plans for building works  
**Alan Vickers (1962-69)** after working in France and Holland now works in U.S.A.  
**Brian Brooks (1956-62)** retired Electrical Engineer still working as a consultant.  
**Brian Bradshaw (1942-47)** after a career in the Royal Navy is now retired in Norwich

**Calvin Dow: (1998-2003)**-ex-SJN, has acquired the Britannia Inn, on Wrawby Street.



He continues to run the award-winning Castle Inn at Skipton, Yorks.

The main pic attached shows the first pint being pulled on re-opening night after extensive refurbishment of the premises. Filling the glass is manager Tabatha Johnson, as Calvin's

parents, Dawn and Phil Clipson, look on.

Phil and Dawn retired in the summer but Calvin was keen to see his family connections with the pub continue.

They will be starting a full meals menu from early February, served from the new kitchen.



**David Booth: (1965-1972)**-One of the many strengths of Brigg Grammar School in the Sixties was the quality of the Mathematics teaching, with the dedication and hard work of **Harry Stinson** being a major factor in this. His teaching style of filling blackboards with chalk-written equations and reams of duplicated handwritten exercises to 'drill' through might seem very low-tech by today's interactive multi-media methods (these were the days before photocopiers and overhead projector 'acetates' became the norm, let alone laptops and the internet), but they were very effective for those fortunate to have some mathematical aptitude. He had high expectations and covered a lot of ground in each lesson – the only temporary relief was when someone was able to find a way to get him talking about his wartime **Beaufighter** experiences.

**Brian Williams** was also an excellent mathematician; although teaching was secondary to his role as Headmaster, he helped those wanting to study Maths at degree level by introducing them to more advanced concepts. This was particularly important for those who were applying for Oxford or Cambridge, staying on at school for an additional term after A levels to prepare for a challenging entrance exam and interview process. The school's **Tercentenary in 1969** was a vintage year **when 6 pupils won places at Oxford or Cambridge**, then a record for the school. They included including 3 exceptional mathematicians, and the success of "Tuley, Tate and Smart" was used frequently by Harry Stinson to urge all of us in his maths classes to greater effort. In 1972 four of us (Simon Bradburn, Martin Green, Paul Reilly and myself) were fortunate to gain places at Oxford (not quite emulating the 1969 success, but close!). Three of us went to The Queen's College and Simon went to Christ Church (although I was the only one attempting a maths degree). By that stage the 1969 cohort had finished their degrees, so our university careers did not overlap.

However, in March last year (2015) Queen's organised a Mathematicians' Dinner which both Robert Smart and I happened to attend, meeting again after a 45 year gap. Robert was in fine form, and we spent a couple of hours after the Dinner exchanging Brigg Grammar School memories, including of course our respective contemporaries and the excellent teaching staff (and their nicknames and foibles). Some of the details remain a little hazy now, perhaps due to the fact that the conversation took place in the Beer Cellar and after a typically fine Dinner; but it was a very pleasant surprise to meet him there, and prompted recollections of people and events seemingly long forgotten.

**I would like to thank all those who have contributed towards this Newsletter and remind Briggensians that they should advise me of any email address changes so that they continue to receive notifications about events, news and activities of the association. If anyone is in contact with other Briggensians who do not receive our emails then please encourage them to contact me and get added to the circulation list.**

**Best wishes to all for 2016 and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Dinner.**

# BRIGGENSIANS SPORTS 2015:

## Rounders & Netball

**Rounders** – It was a lovely warm June evening with a good turn out from school. School fielded two teams and so the Briggensians' played two matches. Both were good sporting affairs with school winning 12 ½ to 8 in the first match and 10 ½ to 8 ½ in the second match. School always had the edge both in youth and vigour and tactical knowledge of the rules.

**Netball** - A reversal followed in the September when the Briggensian side beat school 41 – 4 at netball. It was not as one sided as the score suggests, but GS Diane Stanley was on fire shooting, scoring at nearly every attempt. A good turn out from both sides.



## Cricket:

Overall a well spirited and tight game, won on the last ball by the current students..



The old boys were triumphant in the annual old boys v The school cricket fixture on Friday 10th July. There were a few who could not make it last minute but the Young boys won the toss and batted first. They set a target

of 62 with good performances from **Joe Taylor** and **Owen Dunderdale** with the bat. **Tom Atkinson** was not out with his slightly unorthodox style. The old boys were managed by **Nick Beacock** and included names such as **Willey, Cadwallader, Bell, Holmes, Dewfall** and **Golland** to name a few. Bell excelled with the bat and had to retire, as did Dewfall. The game went to the final overs but the old boys ended up worthy winners. I hope to see you all next year. Thanks to **J Taylor senior** for umpiring.

## Football:



The Old boys v the school game took place on a Friday night. The Sixth form made up the young boys team with **Jon Taylor, Richard Golland, Jason North** and **Ross Belton** all playing for the school. Thirteen old boys showed up for the evening including **Craig Benson, Mark Morris, Phil Davies** and **David Jollands** to name a few. The young boys went ahead early through a fine Chris Rogers lob. They then stretched their lead with a goal from **Harry Cawkwell**. The Old boys passed it well but had no end product to show for it. It was late in the second half when **Ben Pepperell** scored a consolation goal for the old boys with his head. Everyone had a great night and I hope we see some even older boys at Christmas.

**Boxing Day +1:** Over 40 Old boys turned up for the annual winter sports on Sunday 27th December 2015. There were the familiar faces of **J Allcock, J Taylor, A Taylor, M Morris, S Jordan, P Davies** and **M Mosey** and a number of younger faces that meant that the age limit for the young boys team



was a youthful 24 years of age. There were 4 teams, 2 young boys and 2 old boys teams and 3 games played. Both old boys' teams played the young boys and there was a final fixture where the 2 strongest or fittest teams played each other. It was decided that it was the result of the final fixture that would count and when the reliable **Musselwhite** dropped the ball for **Davies** to tap the ball in for the opening goal for the Old boys to take the lead. **J Taylor** then set **R Golland** up for a finish that Wayne Rooney would have been proud of and the young boys were then deflated and defeated. The 2 teams then moved to the **Brittania** for further activities such as darts, 5's and 3's, heading the table tennis ball and a quiz. Everybody had a great day and we raised a little money for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Gibb.

## Golf:

**Autumn Meeting** – 11 players took part on a beautiful autumn afternoon and, for once, there was no Inter-club Mixed Match following close behind. Dave Brittain, Roger Holmes and Dave Howson led off and Dave Brittain parred the first hole, picking up three points. From there on, Dave Howson gradually began to come into his own



and, courtesy of scoring eight pars, returned a creditable 36 points, Roger Holmes apparently found putting difficult (not on his own in that respect) and was found by the later players, as they finished their rounds, foregoing the chance of a well-earned pint and working hard on the putting green. The second group consisted of three very long hitters, Ross MacFarlane, Jonathan Allcock and Alan Taylor, and one mere mortal, Ted Cox. The first three hit the ball a long way, particularly Jonathan Allcock, who went over the trees on the right of the fifth hole and still found the fairway. That notwithstanding, Jonathan also had what was probably the shortest drive, on the first hole – but he probably doesn't want reminding of that. The final grouping of Jenny and Richard Rivron, Jon Taylor and Nick Golland was notable for Jenny's spirited performance on the back nine where she came back in 19 points. If Jon had done that he would have won the competition and if Richard or Nick had done the same – well, they would have still been also-rans. The competition was won by Alan Taylor on count back from Dave Howson – the birdies he scored on the fourth and ninth holes certainly helped.

Result:	1st	Alan Taylor	36 points (on back nine)
	2nd	Dave Howson	36 points
	3rd	Ross MacFarlane	35 points

**Spring Meeting**, 12th April, 2015 13 members took part in pleasant weather. As usual, the Elsham course was in very good condition but this was not reflected in the scores – probably everyone was still getting over the winter. The winner was Nick Goode with 35 points, who showed the value of consistent play, scoring 18 and 17 points for the two halves. Second on count-back was past captain, Jonty Allcock, who scored a magnificent 21 points on the front nine holes but fell away to score only 14 points on the back nine. A similar fate befell Ross MacFarlane, who came third with 33 points



Result;	1st	Nick Good	35 points (on back nine)
	2nd	Jonty Allcock	35 points
	3rd	Ross MacFarlane	33 points



**Past v Present**, Monday, 6th July Score: Past 11/2 Present 21/2

The Past v Present golf match was played this year on a beautiful, sunny summer evening. Unfortunately, both teams suffered late cry-offs so there were three four-ball matches and one two-ball. All the matches were exciting, with three of them going to the last green. For the OBs, Ben Wright and James Geddes took on Richard Rivron and Owen Dunderdale. Richard and Owen used their stroke allowance to keep in the game, described by Ben as topsyturvey (presumably the lead changed hands several times) until the very end, with Ben and James eventually running out winners, 2 up on the last green.

Peterjon Dodd (hereinafter called PJ) and Roger Holmes (OBs) played against George Robinson and Jack Siddall, the latter being described by PJ as 'a

bearded schoolboy, of indeterminate age (Jack later admitted to being 23 — something of the traditional 'ringer!') with a 12 handicap and a suspiciously nice smile'. Not being content with hitting his opening 3-wood at least 30 yards past both Roger and PJ's drives, Jack then rubbed salt into their wounds on the next hole by hitting his 4-iron past both the old-uns' best efforts and quickly the 'school' team were two up. Following a 'little team huddle'

(the mind boggles!), PJ and Roger got their game together and were two up by the turn. George reduced the arrears by winning the 11th hole but PJ and Roger



were 3 up coming onto the 15th. From there things went downhill for the old crew and Jack won the last hole to square the match. PJ and Roger were left to rue how advancing years had robbed them of

distance with their shots, particularly on the 12th hole where PJ needed a 3-wood to reach the back of the green while Jack was just short of the green, but in the bunker, with a pitching wedge — one foot further and his shot would have been on the green. Dave Brittain and Nick Golland came up against the whirlwind otherwise known as Connor Siddall, who was partnering Jenny Rivron. Playing off a 26 handicap (not for long, I am sure), Connor drove the ball very close to the green on the first hole, securing his par to win the hole. Following behind, Jon Taylor and Ted Cox could see things were going well for the school team as Jenny's smile grew wider with each hole played and she and Connor were soon 5 holes up. The scale of the challenge was highlighted by the 150 yard 12th hole where Connor hit a 9-iron onto the green and sank his putt for a birdie. Although the wheels came off a bit on the 14th, 15th and 16th, Jenny and Connor were two up with two to play (dormie 2 for those in the know) and Jenny applied the coup-de-grace on the 17th by halving the hole and securing a 2 and 1 win for the school. Ted Cox and Jon Taylor, lacking partners, brought up the rear, and 21-handicapper Jon was soon 2 up (memo to Ted — check with handicap secretary at Elsham if various players are on correct handicaps). From then on the scores see-sawed, sometimes getting to all-square, but with Jon usually ahead, until the 14th where Ted went ahead for the first time. That state of affairs didn't last long and on the next hole a loss of concentration and poor aiming (well, it was gone 8.30pm by then and nearing Ted's bedtime) led to a lost ball; a missed short putt at the 16th but a recovery onto the green from a fairway bunker at the 17th meant that Ted was able to go to the last hole all square with Jon, who claimed the honours on the last hole to make the overall score 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in favour of the school.



# Ties and Badges for Sale:

The association has available for sale a few ties and a new pin badge.

Members who would like to purchase these items can:

1. Append a note to their Dinner booking form and add the appropriate payment or
2. Email Helen Cresswell requesting items are reserved for purchase at the Dinner or
3. Send an S.A.E and remittance to Helen



The very attractive pin badge is approx. 2cm x 2.5 cm with a butterfly securing to a pin on the reverse

**Badges £10 each      Ties £10 each**

## **New members:**

**Membership of the Association is open to all former pupils of:**

**Brigg Grammar School  
Brigg Girls' High School  
Brigg Sixth Form College  
Sir John Nelthorpe School  
and staff of either school**

The life membership charge is **£5** (It would be helpful if those living outside the UK could arrange to pay via a friend in the UK) and anyone wishing to join should make contact giving their details:

The Briggensians' Association, c/o **Helen Cresswell**, 3 Westrum Lane, Brigg, North Lincolnshire. DN20 9EY. Telephone: (01652) 653216 Email: [hresswell@westrum.co.uk](mailto:hresswell@westrum.co.uk)

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At the same time, perhaps you could send some news or old photographs about yourself or school friends for the 2016/17 Newsletter or web site to: [dave.brittain@talktalk.net](mailto:dave.brittain@talktalk.net)

Notes:

# Briggensians' Association

## 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner 2016- Booking Form

**I will** be attending the Briggensians' Dinner on **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016** (application closing date: **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March**) and enclose a cheque made payable to the Briggensians Association

to the value of £ ..... for ..... places at **£22.50 each.**

**Tables are usually for  
6, 8, or 10 places**

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Please indicate if you have any seating preference other than with your guests or year group:

Contact Person's Details:		Starter			Main			Dessert			Special Dietary Needs
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Guests Names	School Dates										

Please send this completed booking and menu choice form, along with payment to  
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**The Briggensians Dinner Secretary, Carclew, Albert Street, Brigg, North Lincs. DN20 8HU**  
**(Tel: 01652 652679)**