

BRIGGENSIANS' NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2011



Briggensians' Association 34th Annual Dinner

Saturday, 19th March 2011, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

£20.00 Elsham Golf Club £20.00

Guest Speaker: John Rhodes 1941-1948

Booking slips are located on the last pages of this Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

2012: 35th Annual Dinner Saturday 17th March 2012 Elsham Golf Club

Summer Sports 2011

School Field

Tuesday, 14th June 2011

at 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start

Cricket or Rounders

Youth vs. Experience

and afterwards at the

Yarborough Hunt

School Sports Day:

Friday,
8th July
2011

Winter Sports 2011

School Field

Friday 16th September 2011

at 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start

Football, Male and Female Hockey,

Netball and afterwards at the

Yarborough Hunt

Football + Pub Games, 27th

December 2011 – 10.30 am start

Briggensians' Golf Championships 2011

Individual Stableford Rules

Spring meeting at Elsham Golf Club

Sunday, 27th March 2011 – 1st Tee off 12.00 noon

Autumn meeting at Elsham Golf Club

Sunday, 23rd October 2011: 1st Tee off 12.00 noon

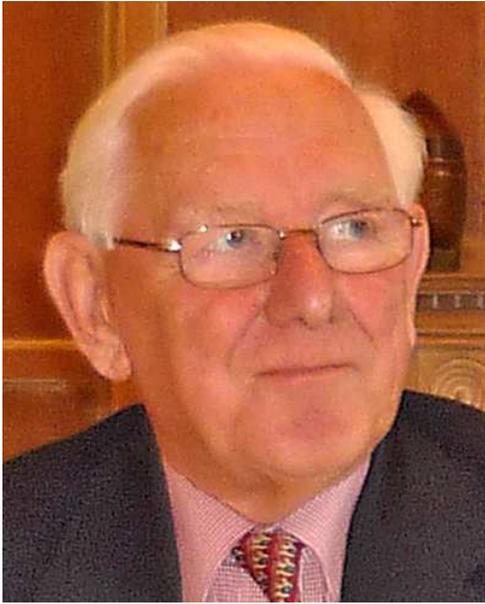
Match Play

Past v Present Monday, 11th July 2011 Elsham Golf Club 4.00 p.m. start

Annual Dinner Guest Speaker

John Rhodes: 1941-1948

I was born in Brigg and come from generations of Lincolnshire stock on both the Peck and Rhodes sides of the family. After the Infant School and Glebe Road and passing the 'Scholarship' exam, I found myself in Form 3A at BGS with 'Rupert' Pratt as form master in 1941. For the first three years or so I struggled in the lower depths of that form. Then a new Headmaster, 'Stan' Matthews', succeeded 'Duffy' Daughton and for unfathomable reasons my career at BGS took off academically. I gained School Certificate at 'matric' standard and entered the Sixth Form, then under twenty in total. Here good teaching, some efforts on my part and a benign providence secured for me a Lindsey Senior Scholarship and a place at Oxford. How lucky we were to have our fees paid and £205 to live on for the year!



At BGS I developed into an all-round 'trier' – and I tried some more than others. I was captain of the School Second XIs at both football and cricket, though never made it into the First XI. Athletically I was a disaster: my younger brother (married to 'Timber' Watts' daughter, Barbara) was Victor Ludorum – I never even appeared on Sports Day. Yet I can remember wearing a white sports vest with the three green numerals (for Ancholme House) of 319 and I garnered a modicum of house points just for entering!

BGS was the making of me, even though it came perilously close to being the death of me, when I was pushed into the deep end of the unsupervised swimming pool one day in the summer holidays before I actually started at the School. As I sank forlornly beneath the surface for the third time, someone

thought to drag me out – and I still can't swim.

Just as I had enjoyed and blossomed during my time at BGS I enjoyed my years at Wadham College, Oxford, in the early fifties and busied myself developing my love of the English Language and its Literature, playing football and hockey for the College and 'social' tennis at St. Hugh's as well as singing in the College Choir and the University Opera Club. Eventually I was awarded a Second Class degree in English and, influenced by my time at BGS, decided upon a further year in Oxford and the Wirral (for teaching practice) to complete a postgraduate teaching qualification, then called a Dip.Ed.

I spent the next forty years teaching in Yorkshire, Northumberland and Cambridgeshire. I went from one BGS to another, for my first post was at Barnsley and District Holgate G.S. After four or so years at Barnsley I became Senior English master at Queen Elizabeth G.S., Hexham in Northumberland, where separate Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools on the same site and in the same buildings had just been amalgamated. I was here for nearly nine years before venturing into Higher Education. I was Senior Lecturer in English at the City College, Sheffield, at a time when it was about to become the Education Department of Sheffield Polytechnic, which itself was about to transmogrify into Hallam University. However, I found I preferred teaching at the chalk face and I escaped back into teaching in Northumberland: this time as Senior Master at Walbottle G.S., just west of Newcastle. This School shared a large campus with two Secondary Modern schools and the combined total of pupils was over two thousand. I was here for four years, but again amalgamation was in the wind. The three schools were merged to make one Comprehensive School, as I left to become the Headmaster of St. Ivo School, where I spent the last twenty years of my career.

St. Ivo was a comparatively new Comprehensive and developed from the only secondary school in the small market town of St. Ives. When I was appointed it was to the County of Huntingdon and the Soke of Peterborough and St. Ivo had grown to some nine hundred pupils. However, local government reorganisation soon meant we became part of an enlarged Cambridgeshire. From 1973 – 1993 St. Ives and St. Ivo continued to grow until on my retirement we had eighteen hundred pupils with a Sixth Form of over 350. This was very, very different from my dream of being Head of a small country grammar school when I left BGS in 1948.

In retirement I soon became bored and looked for further challenges. I joined an organisation that sent me to Poland for three years to teach English in their equivalent of teacher training colleges. I did one semester in each year 1994, 5 and 6 from January to June. The sort of things my Sixth formers (but not all!) were doing in their 'gap' years I was experiencing in my retirement – seeking new horizons, new challenges, looking after myself for the first time in an unknown environment: and existing on a monthly salary that would not have paid for one day's supply teaching at home. However, I was in Poland at a very exciting and interesting period and was thoroughly stimulated during my time there.

For the last fifteen years in full retirement in Cambridgeshire time has not hung heavily. I have managed to write a book called 'Yellerbelly Years' about growing up in Brigg. My parents were always involved in community activities – the Parish Church, Bowls Club and Operatic Society – and I have been involved in the life of all the places in which we have

lived. I am currently in Rotary, sing in the Church choir and play social bridge. We travel quite frequently and I organise trips abroad and theatre and other visits at home.

My wife Sheila and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2007. We have three children and three grandchildren. Ruth is a PA/Project Manager with a successful high-tech experimental firm in Cambridgeshire, Tim messes in and about in boats, being boatman to five Cambridge Colleges and Jonathan is an actor based in London: he is currently to be seen again in the children's series 'M.I.High' as Chief Agent Stark.

Briggensians' Association

33rd Annual Dinner 2011

Menu for the 2011 Dinner

(v) Carrot and Coriander Soup

Or

Prawn Cocktail

Or

(v) Melon with a Berry Sorbet



Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

Or

(v) Onion and Goats Cheese Tartlet



Roast and New Potatoes

Fresh Vegetables



Sticky Toffee Pudding and Custard

Or

Fruit Cheesecake and Ice Cream

Or

Cheese & Biscuits



Coffee or Tea and Mints



(v) Vegetarian options

Please note that, as last year, 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.

BRIGGENSIANS A.G.M. 14th SEPTEMBER 2010

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 20010/11

Over the past year the association has continued to keep the Briggensian members up to date with one another and we have steadily increased membership, with a number of recent school leavers joining.

The Briggensian Annual Dinner at Elsham Golf Club back in March was very well attended with around 100 members and guests enjoying the evening. Peter Lawrence (1964-1971) was again an excellent choice of speaker!

The next dinner (the 34th) is scheduled for 19th March 2011 and we have already had confirmation that John Rhodes will be our guest speaker, so I look forward to another successful, well-attended dinner.

Having read with interest the newspaper reports of the exam results, I would like to congratulate the school on the outstanding results achieved, both at GCSE and A Level, and to acknowledge the time and effort the students have evidently put in, along with the teaching and support staff.

Finally I would like to thank all the committee members who have supported me in chairing the committee, particularly Barbara who has again kept me in line, and I look forward to supporting Jon in his term as the chairman. I hope he enjoys his time as chair as much as I have. **Donna Fryer, Chairman 2009-10**

Headteacher's Report 20010/11

Following last year's excellent GCSE results which placed Sir John Nelthorpe School in the top 25% of schools nationally I am pleased to report that the Sixth Form has come 'top of the league' in the local authority area this year with a stunning 99% pass rate. This reflects a year on year improvement with 100% pass rate in 14 subject areas.

The Brigg Sixth Form has an established record of success and of students going into employment or on to further and higher education courses as preparation for a wide range of careers. The provision of a range of successful post 16 courses in Brigg is important for the future as the 'raising of the participation age' to 17 (in 2013) then 18 (in 2015) will impact on the opportunities available to our pupils. Sir John Nelthorpe School is familiar with the needs of students of this age range and the majority of our students stay on in education or training post 16 already.

There were also significant subject pass rates at grades A*-C at GCSE level in 2010. Mathematics achieved a stunning 77% with Statistics at 100%; separate sciences achieved 100% in both biology and physics with chemistry at 86%. As mathematics and sciences are our Specialist Status subjects these results are very encouraging

It should be noted that the new English Baccalaureate introduced by the government requires C+ passes in English, mathematics, two sciences, a humanities subject (history or geography) and a modern foreign language. Based on our results this year we come top of this new league table by a significant margin. This is the result of quality specialist teaching in all subjects.

The students and staff at Sir John Nelthorpe School should be congratulated on their hard work and the support of parents acknowledged. It is very much a team effort!

Of course education is not all about exam results. The summer term saw many outdoor pursuits including field trips, outward bound excursions, overseas visits and sporting fixtures. The sun shone on sports day this year making it a very pleasant occasion.

We were not so lucky in the autumn term when the snow came. School closed for 3 days at the beginning of December and then the challenge of digging back in began. Luckily we were assisted by a Briggensian with a JCB! As a result many of the end of term events had to be cancelled however, the Sixth Form Presentation Evening took place on 20th December. The guest speaker was John Osborne who is an ex pupil of the school.

I would like to thank the governors, Trustees, PTA and Briggensians who have supported the work of the school. Particular thanks go to Mr Roy O'Neill who has decided to stand down as chair of governors after almost 20 years' service in the post. He will continue to support the school as a governor and Trustee. I would like to thank him for his advice and guidance over the past ten years. It was appreciated.

Linda Hewlett-Parker

Brigg Sixth Form College Advanced Level and BTEC Results 2010

	A*		A		B		C		D		E		U		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%									
ART & DESIGN					2	66.7					1	100			3
BIOLOGY	1	16.7	1	33.3	1	50.0					3	100			6
BUSINESS STUDIES			1	20.0	2	60.0	1	80.0	1	100					5
CHEMISTRY			1	20.0	1	40.0	1	60.0			2	100			5
DRAMA					2	50.0			2	100					4
ENGLISH LIT	1	9.1	1	18.2	3	45.5	5	90.9	1	100					11
FRENCH					1	33.3	1	66.7			1	100			3
GENERAL STUDIES			1	14.3					5	85.7	1	100			7
GEOGRAPHY											3	100			3
GERMAN			1	25.0					2	75.0	1	100			4

HISTORY			2	22.2	4	66.7	3	100							9
I.C.T.	1	25.0	1	50.0			1	75.0	1	100					4
MATHEMATICS	1	20.0	1	40.0	2	80.0	1	100							5
FURTHER MATHS	1	100													1
MEDIA STUDIES			4	50.0	3	87.5			1	100					8
MUSIC TECH					2	33.3	2	66.7	2	100					6
PHOTOGRAPHY					2	100									2
P.E.									2	100					2
PHYSICS					1	20.0			2	60.0	1	80.0	1	100	5
PSYCHOLOGY			1	25.0			2	75.0	1	100					4
TECHNOLOGY					1	50.0			1	100					2
APPLIED COURSES:															
ART & DESIGN					1	12.5	4	62.5	3	100					8
NO. & % BY GRADE	5		15		28		26		20		12		1		107
GRADE%	4.7		14.0		26.2		24.3		18.7		11.2		0.9		
CUMULATIVE %	2.9		18.7		44.9		69.2		87.9		99.1		100		
BTEC		A*		A		B		C		D		E		U	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total
MUSIC			16	100											16
PE			3	60.0			1	80.0			1	100			5

Brigg Sixth Form Prizes 2010

ART & DESIGN ART & DESIGN APPLIED	Taylor Prize Taylor Prize	Sophie Brumby Jessica Withington
BTEC SPORT	Subject Prize	Ben Garner
BIOLOGY	Nelthorpe Foundation Prize Derek Appleyard Memorial Prizes	Bethan Wilmot Ian Burkinshaw
BUSINESS STUDIES	Henthorn Prize	James Morris
CHEMISTRY	Nelthorpe Foundation Prize	Bethan Wilmot
DRAMA	Production Prizes	Scott Pashley & Nathan Dean
ENGLISH	Spilman Prize Briggensian Prize	Kyonnah Price Timothy Metcalfe
FRENCH	SJN Parents' Association Prize	Philippa Grafton
GENERAL STUDIES	Baker Prize	Timothy Metcalfe
GEOGRAPHY	VoA Parents' Association Prize	Lee Rimmington
GERMAN	SJN Parents' Association Prize	Lauren Bryan
HISTORY	Taylor Prize Sergeant Prize	Lauren Bryan Rebecca Stanton
ICT	VoA Parents' Association Prize	James Morris
MATHEMATICS	Briggensian Prize	Bethan Wilmot & Charles Theakston

MEDIA	VoA Parents' Association Prize	Nathan Dean
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY	Morris Prizes	George Marshall, Scott Pashley & Sophie Brumby
PHOTOGRAPHY	Subject Prize	Chloe Pitson
PHYSICS	Stephenson Prize Nelthorpe Foundation Prize	Ian Burkinshaw Hei Long Ho
PSYCHOLOGY	VoA Parents' Association Prize	Timothy Metcalfe
PRODUCT DESIGN	Subject Prize	Jessica Withington
CONTRIBUTION TO SIXTH FORM EVENTS	Lardelli Prizes for Music	Joe Steede & Lucianne Yates
CONTRIBUTION TO MATHS DEPARTMENT	Lardelli Prize	Yasmin Simpson
PROGRESS PRIZES: Biology English Media Psychology Product Design Photography All Subjects	Lardelli Prize Lardelli Prize Lardelli Prize Lardelli Prize Lardelli Prize Lardelli Prize Lardelli Prize	Angus Cogan Alice Weston & Philippa Grafton Abbi Johnston Lucianne Yates Laura Woodliffe Hannah Duggan Seanie Cook
ACHIEVEMENT	Howitt Prize Cusworth Preston Prize	Philippa Grafton Bethan Wilmot
Head Boy and Head Girl	Sir John Nelthorpe Vale of Ancholme	Ian Burkinshaw & Philippa Grafton James Morris & Bethan Wilmot

<h2>Lower Sixth Prizes 2010</h2>	
Applied Art & Design	Adriana Tavares
Applied Science	Charlotte Altoft
Biology	Joanne Hainsworth
Business Studies	Joseph Green & Connor Burton
Chemistry	Oliver Stubbley
Drama	Oliver Cross
English	Richard Smaller
French	Edward Gordon
Geography	Richard Smaller
German	Samuel Scott
History	Clare Jenkins
ICT	Abbie Weston
Mathematics	Oliver Stubbley
Media Studies	Julie Ann Heynes
Music	Rebecca Hall
Music Technology	Christopher Shorrocks
Photography	Adriana Tavares
Physics	Oliver Stubbley
Physical Education	Amy Parkinson
Psychology	Samuel Scott
Prize For Contribution To School / Sixth Form - Woodwind	Rebecca Hall
Prize For Contribution To The Maths Dept	Amy Parkinson
Progress Prizes :- Chemistry	Julie Ann Heynes
Progress Prizes :- For English	Ryan Prescott & Samuel Scott
Progress Prize :- For French	Clare Jenkins
Progress Prize :- For Psychology	Charlotte Altoft

Destinations 2010

Sophie Brumby	Sheffield Hallam	Graphic Design
Lauren Bryan	Aston University	French
Ian Burkinshaw	York & Hull Medical School	Medicine
Danielle Clayton	University Central Lancashire	Studio & Live Music Production
Angus Cogan	Hertfordshire University	Biochemistry
Hannah Conway	Employment	
Louise Cooke	Brigg Sixth Form -Y14	
Seanie Cook	Bishop Grosseteste University College, Lincoln	Education Studies / History
Nathan Dean	Lincoln University	Media Production BA
Hannah Duggan	Brigg Sixth Form -Y14	
Ben Garner	Nottingham Trent University	Sports Coaching
Scott Gowing	Employment	
Philippa Grafton	York University	History of Art
Harry Hall	Employment then Army	
Callum Hearfield	Nottingham Trent University	Sports Coaching
Katie Henderson	North Lindsey College	Textiles
Hei Long Ho	Lincoln University	Computer Games Production
Benjamin Jackson	Seeking Employment	
Abbi Johnston	Lincoln University	Media Production
Emma Lee	Derby University	Zoology HND
George Marshall	Hull University	Music
Luke Matthews	Employment	
Timothy Metcalfe	York University	Psychology
James Morris	Lincoln University	Computer Information Systems
Scott Pashley	Hull University	Drama & Music
Sophie Pawsey	Grimsby College	Health & Social Care
Chloe Pitson	Grimsby Institute	Commercial Photography
Kyannah Price	Brigg Sixth Form -Y14	
Lee Rimmington	Bishop Burton	Animal Management & Behaviour
Yasmin Simpson	Brigg Sixth Form -Y14	
Rebecca Stanton	Teeside University	History
Joe Steede	Brigg Sixth Form -Y14	
Devon Storey	Bishop Burton	Equine Studies
Charles Theakston	Manchester University	International Business, Finance & Economics
Ben Thomas	Gap Year	
Alice Weston	Gap Year	
Jessica Weston	Grimsby Institute	Foundation Diploma in Art
Bethan Wilmot	York & Hull Medical School	Medicine
Jessica Withington	Lincoln University	Graphic Design
Laura Woodliffe	Lincoln University	Management & Welfare
Lucianne Yates	Brigg Sixth Form -Y14	

NEWS OF OLD BRIGGENSIANS 2010/11

Staff Related Section:

Brian Williams: I needed to contact Brian for the BBC4 programme Emily Sivyver is researching and can report that Margaret and Brian are still fit and well.

Last Year's Newsletter: Congratulations were received from **H B WILLIAMS**, former Headmaster of BGS, on reading the Headteacher's report. He says "with hindsight I am inclined to put sixth form behaviour above examination scores as a measure of a school's success, although the two are linked. The article on **CALE MATTHEWS** reminded me that it is 50 years ago that I arrived in Brigg to be interviewed as his successor. Later when he handed over he said- "Good luck boy: but the best days are over." I came to think that I had the best days but one of my sixth form pupils said something that stopped me saying so- "It is my world Sir, not yours". Convey my regards to all whose path I may have crossed".

Jack Moore: Many Briggensians have enquired about Jack's health and welfare; he is still at home and a recent change to his medication has made some improvement to his condition. His memory is not what it was and visitors may not get recognised immediately so do try to be understanding.

Alumni News:

Testimony Films: Many on-line Briggensians will be aware that I have been in email contact with several hundred ex-BGS and BGHS members to seek their permission to forward contact details to the researcher, Emily Sivyver, who is preparing material for a film to be shown on BBC4 on 'The Heyday of the Grammar Schools'.

Many of you have been contacted and either emailed or spoken by telephone to Emily about your time at the school. Many thanks for being so cooperative; let us hope the programme is worth all the effort when it goes out.

When I sent copies of the two films, 'The House that John Built' and 'The Racket' it received the following response:

That's amazing; I received the DVD's in the post, so that's brilliant. Thank you so much.

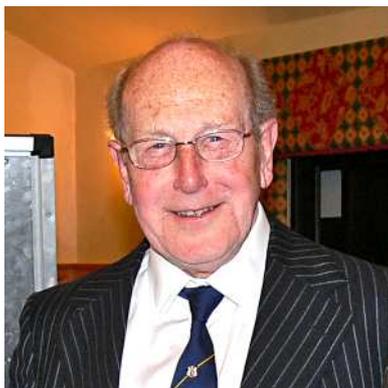
I have spoken with Brian (Williams), we had a long conversation, and it was really interesting. All the people I have spoken to have been really good- and really helpful, so thank you. **Emily Sivyver.**

Emily continues to wish to speak to all Briggensians from BGS and BGHS and now I have received another email request and pass it on in the hope that you can help her even further.

I wanted to send a quick email to say thank you so much for all the help, contacts and information for the BBC4 grammar schools documentary. I was also keen to get in touch regarding another angle that we want to cover in the programme. In order to illustrate how beneficial a grammar school education was to many people, **we would like to interview someone who reached the top of their profession, whether in Law, Politics, Technology and the Sciences, Music, Art etc. and who has been publicly celebrated for their achievements.** I would be delighted to hear back from any of you who know of any notable/famous alumni. I have been scouring the Internet, but I would really value your ideas, if you can think of any one that really illustrates this point of coming from a humble/modest background, and through grammar school education rose through the ranks and became very successful, please let me know.

Just to keep you all up to speed with progress.... after speaking with many of your ex-pupils I have heard some really great stories, and some really interesting points have been raised about grammar school education. I have been very moved by some of the accounts of former pupils who say how much they owe to the amazing opportunities they were given at grammar school.

I want to thank you all for helping me so much and want to extend my best wishes to you all and hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. **Best wishes, Emily**



Roy O'Neill- (1936-1945): A special 'thank you' must be given to our 'Briggensians President' who, in spite of ill- health, continues to dedicate much of his time to the promotion and development of Sir John Nelthorpe School and the Association. Roy is a lifelong member of the original Old Boys' Association and he has moulded and guided us to develop into the organisation we hold dear today. He carries on the ethos and tradition laid down by the Nelthorpes and served under Roger and his father; what an apprenticeship that was!

On his appointment as Chairman of Governors Roy was the first person outside the Nelthorpe family to hold that office since the formation of the Grammar Schools. He has been connected to the school almost all his life, starting as a Prep. School boy in 1936 (and paying fees) under Headmaster J T Daughton and then became a senior school boy in 1938. He was commissioned into the Navy, served as a Magistrate and become Clerk to the Governors in 1959 and then a full governor and Chairman in 1993. In 1977 Roy was appointed on to and

is still Chairman of the Foundation Trust.

Over 50 years of service on the Governing Body alone; this is an achievement few will ever match and one of true service and dedication.

Brian Taylor-1944-1949: has been awarded a **MBE** in the New Year's Honours list of 2011 for his services to the local community. Brian was born in Scawby near Brigg and brought up locally and has made an outstanding contribution to education and justice. Brian served in the Royal Air Force; he has been a Justice of the Peace for 22 years until retiring at the age of 70. He has been a school governor for Sir John Nelthorpe School for 24 years and also for Lindsey College of Technology from 1964-73 and Riddings Comprehensive School from 1975-80.



Brian is also a Foundation Trustee for SJN School.

A qualified athletics timekeeper he was awarded a certificate of merit for his services to sport after 25 years of time-keeping. Brian has been a member of the Brigg and District Lions for 14 years and also fundraises for the British Heart Foundation and the Heart 2 Heart Charities. He is a founder member of the latter. Congratulations to Brian on his appointment from the Briggensians.

Penny Mann (nee Smart)-1952-1959: phoned me last night. [She is hoping to organise a reunion this year for the Girls in her years 1952- 1959.](#) She would like to hear from anyone who was at School in those years and her contact email is pennymann@tiscali.co.uk

James E (Jim) Kemp- 1947–1955: now living in Highworth in Wiltshire–was pleased to receive a “particularly informative newsletter” in early 2010. It is 55 years since he left BGS but the newsletter contained much news of his contemporaries.

P D J Campbell- 1924–1934: wrote to say how sad he was to learn of the death of Rt. Rev. Eric Kemp who was Bishop of Chichester for many years and a distinguished Church man. He says the Rt. Rev. Kemp was a most intellectual man who introduced him to Classical music. They both gained Lindsey Senior Scholarships at the same time for Oxford and holidayed together in Belgium and France including a visit to the Normandy Cathedral and the magnificent Cathedral of Chartres, where later Eric Kemp became a Canon.

Frank Richards-1940–1951: has recently joined the Briggensians and is interested in the news from the website.

George Gurnell-1932-1938: previously thanked all the people involved in organizing the 33rd Annual Dinner as he had had an enjoyable evening. He still corresponds with **Frank Gant-1933–1939** in New Zealand who appears to be leading an interesting and active life.

John S Cook-1972-1977: has updated his e-mail, please see website list.

Mark Leaning-(1964-1971) writes: A funny thing happened to me in a hotel in Leicester..... which has probably got you all thinking in different directions but the fact is I bumped into Dave Brittain and here I am making my first contact with the Briggensians since 1983. Having left the school in 1977 I joined the Royal Navy in 1979, and following my return from the Falkland Islands in mid-1982 I was honoured to be invited to address the Briggensians’ Annual Dinner in 1983. I am still serving in the rank of Commander after spending many years flying helicopters and latterly sub-specialising in aviation safety and air accident investigation. However all good things come to an end and I will leave the Service in May 2012 on completion of a Full Term Commission. Although about to pass my sell-by-date, fortunately I have still some way to go before I pass the best-before-date and in contrast to my less than sparkling A level performance of 1977 I have since cracked an MA in Defence Studies, a BSc (Hons) in Psychology, a Graduate Diploma in Law and am part way through the Legal Practice Course. This required some serious self-imposed distance learning with a resettlement plan centred on practicing law as an aviation specialist. However, following ten years flying a desk I have recently started to look at alternatives that include much more fresh air and far fewer people – but that will be for my next 30 year update! I still keep in touch with **Rich and Julie Cook (nee Lawson)** and occasionally venture into North Lincolnshire to visit my Dad; but having spent a long time in the shandy drinking south, beer with a proper head is a bit of a challenge - or is that my a best-before-date a-calling? Regards to all.

Chris Plumtree-1959-1965: (*Just too late for last year’s publication*) I attach a couple of photos with my 2 daughters. The older one



Charlotte in her gown is now reading Geography at Edinburgh and the younger one, Annabel (is the one who is seeing Jack, Gerry Longden’s daughter’s son)) is just commencing her Upper 6th at Worksop College. I also have an 8 y.o. in Croatia called Katarina. They all keep me young and very happy. I am a proud and lucky father, and also a grandfather to 2

boys and 2 girls.

(This year and all is still ok) I am still living very happily in beautiful, historic Split. It was originally called Spalatum when the Roman Emperor Dioklecijan built his Palace here in 340 AD after his emissaries were sent to look for the perfect location for him to retire to. The old palace remains today as the centre of the city and naturally draws tourists from all over the world.

The city is on the Adriatic which has the most sparkling and clear water imaginable. To walk down to and then along the Riva (the promenade) on any of the 300 days of sunshine each year is truly glorious, even in the winter when the sun can still be very warm so no need for even a jacket (unless the cold Bure wind is blowing).

The whole of the Dalmatia coastline is beautiful - stretching 400km from Zadar (Ryanair fly in for the summer months) past Split (Easyjet and German Wings fly in here) down to Dubrovnik. Split and Dubrovnik are the historical places for the older generation and Makarska and the islands of Brac and Hvar are the centre of yachting and younger generation holidays. The country is so safe with almost no immigrant population nor drug taking and therefore no crime - no pickpockets and no mugging.

I was so lucky to have found Croatia and especially Split. I am sure I will live 10 years longer here and be happy every day. My pension also goes further with zero taxation on ex-pat pensions and overseas investment income.

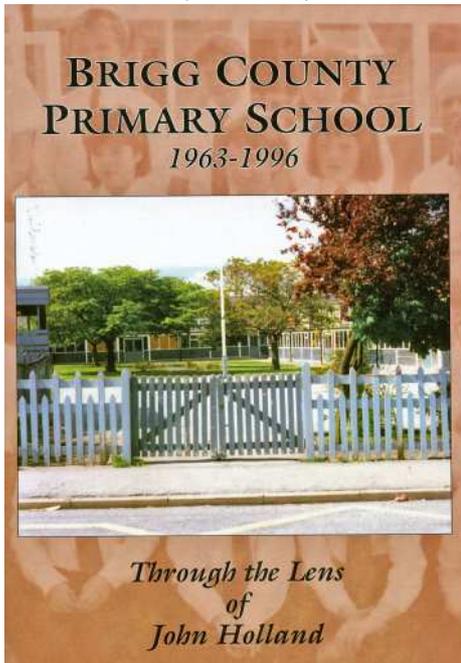
A cup of coffee costs less than £1 and a beer less than £1.50, even when sitting on the beautiful Riva.

Any Old Briggensians who would like to come and check it out, I would love to help if you wish and welcome you to the paradise that I have found.

You can get my email and telephone no. from Dave Brittain or the OB list. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at the Annual Dinner in March.

Helen Flewker- 1992-1999: She's London-based again now and is the Desk Officer for the Yemen and Oman although she goes out to Yemen now and then. She is working silly hours because of all the problems to do with "her" country, the Yemen.

John Holland- (1953-1960): John who is a former teacher at Brigg County Primary on Glebe Road, Brigg, retired in 1996. He



decided to put together his extensive collection of school photographs as a tribute to the old school that was demolished in 2007 in favour of a housing development and a new school built on a different site. Many Briggensians and both their parents and children may well have attended the school; John's book ensures that its memory lives on and many pupils at the school between 1963 and 1996 will be keen to see themselves and their friends as they were in those early days.

Copies can be obtained from Brigg Tourist Information Centre priced at £5.99 and you can learn more by logging onto **Nigel Fisher's** Brigg Blog at:

<http://nigelfishersbriggblog.blogspot.com>

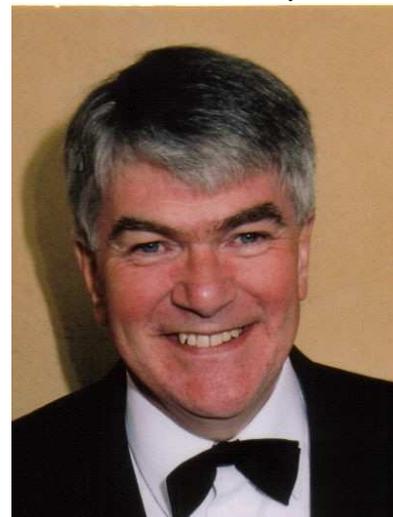
Lidaina Deering (nee Beckers) 1970-1975: news about myself - I'm working on it. Somewhere I have a photograph taken in 1973 or 1974 at Brigg Girl's High School which I'd like to dig up. Once I do, I'll scan it and forward it.

Michael Peacock-1943-1951: I am trying to get a number of my era to the dinner on the 19th March 2011 including **Jon Hargreaves, John Blundell, Michael Golland, Alan Maw, Dick Moore and John Harvey.** Could you let me know, say on the 1st February, if they have booked themselves in, otherwise I will give them a reminder.

Bill (Ian) Eaton-1973-1978: I am going to try and get a round up of the "Eaton" family as 5 of the 8 children attended Brigg Grammar or Brigg Girls High School.

I am now plying my trade as an Engineering Manager working for Arabian Pipes Company in Saudi Arabia. They have plants in Riyadh and Dubai and I commute between the two.

John Cox (1958-65): Only after leaving BGS does one realise what a very good school it was. I was fortunate enough to go to



Brasenose College, Oxford, following in the footsteps of Anthony Ayres, David Rawlinson, and, of course, our headmaster Brian Williams.

I read law at Oxford and graduated in 1968. I was called to the Bar in 1969, fully intending to become a practising barrister. But I was side-tracked into publishing when my father told me that I should get on and earn my own living immediately. I have now spent over forty years in the publishing trade. In the 1970s I worked at The Open University, ending up running its trading company, and helped found the Open University Press. In the 1980s I was Managing Director of Scholastic UK, a children's book company where, so my friends told me, I found my intellectual level at last. I moved on to run Blackwell's UK library supply businesses in 1990, and in 1994 to Carfax, an academic journal publisher in Abingdon. After Carfax was sold in 1998, I set up a management consultancy specialising in academic publishing, which has kept me fully employed for the last twelve years.

Parallel to my working career, I have been involved in consumer representation in UK civil aviation. In 1979 I joined the Air Transport Users Council, eventually serving as its Chairman from 1986 to 1993. I was awarded an OBE in 1993 for that service. I continue to be involved, as Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Transport Insolvency Protection Advisory Committee.

Retirement beckons, but I am still failing to respond, despite what my wife and daughter say.

Ian Foster (1972-1979): I am still in the USA and a USA citizen these days. My visits back to UK are less frequent, but always manage to get back to Lincolnshire and golf at Elsham. I took my 16 year old son to a Scunthorpe United game (vs. West Brom' – a thrashing but we were robbed!) last Christmas. I am in contact with Tim Phipps regularly, and Tim keeps me in touch with others, though it would be great to hear more from the late 70's folks. Our year crosses the big 50 threshold this year and it seems like only yesterday that we were being thrown out of the Angel!

Mike Jenkinson (1975-1982): I was in contact with Mike and talking about family when he reflected, "My own daughter is currently in her A2 year – and, yes, exams really have changed since you were teaching me Physics in 1980 something! She is doing Philosophy, Business Studies, English and General Studies with a view to reading International Relations at Uni."

Ron Harsley- (1952-1957): took a 'memory lane trip' past the old school on Grammar School Road at the beginning of November after many, many years. "Thought I would stop at the tuck shop for a little nostalgia rather than interrupting the workings of the school. Sadly it was gone!!!"

Crispin Hiley- 1992-1999: I have finished the PhD and back working at Kings College Hospital so this email will no longer be active. **Sam** is doing complicated things in the City for JPMorgan and has got back into the golf. **Melissa** has spent the last two years in Hong Kong and has just got a job in Amsterdam with Nike.

Thanks for all your help whilst at Nelthorpe, thanks to SJN we three seem to be doing pretty well so far.

Geoff Sells-1951-1958: During my years at Brigg Grammar School I became renown as a person who received the cane from 'Stan' Matthews regularly for a different misdemeanour every time.

One incident I recall occurred as I was taking the ½mile walk to the bus stop following a very hard games day. In those days we were encouraged to carry our school books in one case and games kit in another.

As was the norm we were frequently verbally abused by pupils from the local secondary modern school in Glebe Road with such things as 'Grammar Gogs are dirty dogs' etc. As I was laden with cases I was defenceless against a pupil from Glebe Road who assaulted me from the rear and removed my school cap. In retaliation, I swung round with one of my cases, but unfortunately almost hit 'Stan' Matthews with my weapon in the breadbasket. I immediately heard the dreaded words, 'See me in the morning Sells'. The strokes of the cane were levied with even greater intensity the next day as I had almost assaulted 'Stan'. As a result I was unable to sit down for a week. On a visit by my uncle and aunt they noticed my discomfort. Unwillingly I displayed the great wheals on my rear. My uncle was enraged and said if I see that man on the way home, I'll run over him with my car.

I often think with great wistfulness if I became a Headteacher to get my own back.

Peter Cheetham- 1969-1976: Family are alive and well and living in Hertfordshire; I'm working for IBM on military IT projects and I have been with them since I left the RAF in 1996 having completed 16 years in the Air force as a pilot. Including flying Bulldog, Jet Provost, Hawk (a la Red Arrows) Tornado, Jetstream, Nimrod MR2, VC10 (Air to Air Refuelling)

Chris Jacklin- 1974-1981: Chris, Ria and Jesse Hugo Jacklin after 2 years based in Bangkok Thailand, will be moving to Singapore from January 2011. Chris takes over the regional portfolio of Leather Finishing Chemicals for Stahl Asia Pacific covering all Asian markets (ex- China). Ria is looking forward to building a new life there and Jesse (2 years old) to start school. Also it is more convenient to get back more regularly to home in Perth, WA, obviously business commitments allowing.

Jeremy Henthorn- 1953-1961: I remember coming back from a cross country practice run and in a moment of exhilaration throwing a piece of mud into the air. It did not fall to earth I know not where, but very close to Jack Moore, one of our latest arrivals. I did not have the nous to deny being the perpetrator, for which I received the penalty of writing the properties of the four common gases on at least 4 sides by the morning. This I did. I did not mention this to father, though I expect he would have been told.

Tim Phipps-1972-1979: Tim forwarded this photo of Mark Boast's 50th. From left to right Tim Phipps, **Godfrey Thorpe and Mark 1972-1979**, and **Julie Paul (nee Boast) 1974-1979**.



Ailsa Wish (nee Ramsay)- (): in case any one remembers me, Dad -Ian Ramsay or my daughter Lizzie Wish who was a pupil in Year7 only at SJN and now living at Tetney Lock learning how to be an Estate Agent.

It must be MY age but I was reflecting only yesterday that Dad was affectionately known as Rambler Ramsay because he would do increasingly lengthy introductions to his art lessons. Well, I caught myself doing the same thing yesterday and promised my year 10 that I would shut up and let them make messes ALL lesson today –(but I just had to show them how to do it first!)

It was great to see all three Phipps generations at our school play at Caistor Grammar two weeks ago, Mrs Phipps, Tim and his 2 sons Hugh and Henry taking starring roles. Tim supported us by singing in the chorus of Pirates of Penzance last year but we thought his voice wasn't up to the task of the Nun's Chorus in the Sound of Music!

I find it quite fascinating to make connections with past

students from Brigg sending their children through our place- we had all three children of Tim Fell and of course John Wood and Judy Wood with their two girls. (Not forgetting Judy and Ken Howitt and Jill Craig and Florence Grafton)

Sandy Gurnell-1934-1939: I'm still alive and living in Victoria B.C

I often speak on Skype with Frank Gant in Whakatane N.Z. and D.A. Denton in Scawby Brook, Lincs. I m visiting my Daughter in Seattle. No. 2 Son Peter is on Sim.Course for Boeing 777. I still drive and most of my reading is without specs, Good Luck and Happy New Year, Cheers, Sandy.

Adrian Broome- 1960-1967: It might be appropriate to let readers know that I retired - back in September - after 40 years in town planning with local authorities in this area after starting in Tamworth in 1970. Not a moment too soon, it seems, the way things are going! (I am " '60 -'67" in the parlance)

Ben DaCosta- 1961-1968: I turned 60 this year!! My son will get his PhD this year though, so we're all excited about that.

Andrew McCarthy- 1963-1970: Andrew & **Kate (formerly Sykes) McCarthy** are still happily living in Pimlico, London: Andrew running the Legal Department for Procter & Gamble UK, Kate heavily involved in Conservative Party activities in central London. 3 of our daughters are also in London but not at home (J) and 1 in Brisbane, Australia extending her student days. When not in or about town we are to be found on the ski slopes of Haute Savoie.

R J Oxenham- 1940-1945: I was a pupil at BGS from Jan 1940 to July 1945, as both a day boy and as a boarder.

I discovered the web-site and have been fascinated by some of the articles in the Briggensian.

Is it possible to contact any of my contemporaries? I would like to attend the next Annual dinner in 2011, and would be most grateful if you could let me have further information.

Brian Pearson- 1964-1971: Never short of school anecdotes, which seem to multiply exponentially when I get together with **Phil (Chas) Wright, Pete (Loon) Laurence or Gordon (Haggis) Wemyss!**

I see Chas almost every week as we play in a band together. We are clearly cause for concern for our other band members when we endlessly re-live our young days at BGS....mostly resulting in fits of giggles!

Hope to be at the next dinner...we still have the bungalow in Hibaldstow on the market, so I'm still "connected".

Caroline 1989-1994; Rebecca- 1991-1996 and Sam Barber- 1996-2001: Mother Sylvia who taught at the school in response to my enquiry let us know about her offspring: "they have all made a good way in the wider world. One is a Chartered Accountant, the other is a teacher of languages, and the youngest is an electronic engineer with the reputable company of Quinetic maintaining helicopters."

Steve Newstead- 1958-1965: Not sure if it is newsworthy, but I took (slightly) early retirement last year from my post as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Plymouth, where I worked for nearly 40 years, mainly in the Psychology Department. I'm keeping busy with various Trusteeships, journal editing, walking, gardening and golf (which I play regularly but badly).

Neville Miller- 1961-1968: [Wrote to bring me up to date with his exploits](#): It doesn't seem that long since I was writing last year's report, but yet another 12 months have flown by. The year has had the usual ups and downs but overall a successful one.

I started the year with a quick trip to Alaska to give a training course to the folks at TelAlaska that I'd done some work for last year. Then in late January I re-entered the work force full-time, when an opportunity that I had been chasing for a while bore fruit. I'm now on contract to a start-up company called 03b Networks who are an entrepreneurial outfit based in Luxembourg with the intention of implementing a worldwide satellite network for high speed internet access with low latency for the developing world. I have been engaged to find suitable locations around the globe for the gateway earth stations. And, by chance, the latest news is that the company has just secured full financing (\$1.2B) with major backing from Google, HSBC, Liberty Global and assistance from SES, the big European satellite operator. The network is a clever idea and will use a constellation of 8 satellites in an 8000 km orbit. It will primarily provide access to regions within $\pm 40^\circ$ latitude of the equator. Needless to say, there will be quite a bit of travelling. I've already been to Greece and determined where one of the gateways will be (not far from Corinth in the Peloponnese and this will serve East Africa). In June I went on a trip to Australia, there and back in 6 days with meetings in Adelaide and three locations in Perth and I still found time to spend the Saturday night with friends, Tom and Robin, in Sydney! The Australian gateway will serve India and S.E. Asia.

Before 03b came through with their offer I was heavily involved in a project establishing communications for a Canadian mining company in Brazil. Fortunately, 03b agreed to allow me to complete this project. It involved two trips to Brazil during the year to complete the installations, one in April, one in September.

Don Middleton- 1937-1943: wrote from Jersey to offer suggested names for some of the pupils in the photograph provided by John Lyon of Form 2 in 1933. Don is not connected to the internet or email but his address is available to Briggensians via the secretary.

John Richardson-(1958-1965): Has delusions of grandeur as he thinks he can still win!! He says; "I will be 65 on 2 Feb, 2011. This will be last year I beat my 10 yr grandson at the 100m."

John Robert Lyon: 1937-1945: John has written a book about his life from his early years at school to working on Comets, Tridents, the 146 and the gradual decline of BAE Hatfield. And then into retirement.....

In chapter 1 John recalls being in the Prep School under Mr. G W Cabourne, a man who, while having a striking resemblance to Captain Mainwaring of the TV series "Dad's Army", had a completely different personality. Quiet and cultured he had an enormous influence on me and, despite being the only teacher on the staff without a degree (he wore just a suit while all the other masters wore their gowns all the time) had a way of imparting a love of learning.....

.....I saw the school as being a "poor man's Rugby" and JT Daughton as a Dr. Arnold figure he wore pebble lensed glasses which were very dark, so much so that it was impossible to see his eyes. Altogether he cut a frightening figure and we were all in awe of him. We would hear him striding down the corridor and when within earshot he would call out loudly something along the lines of

"Lyon. If two men could plough a four acre field in one day, how long would it take for one man to plough six acres?"

At this point he would be coming through the door and expect you to be on your feet with the answer.

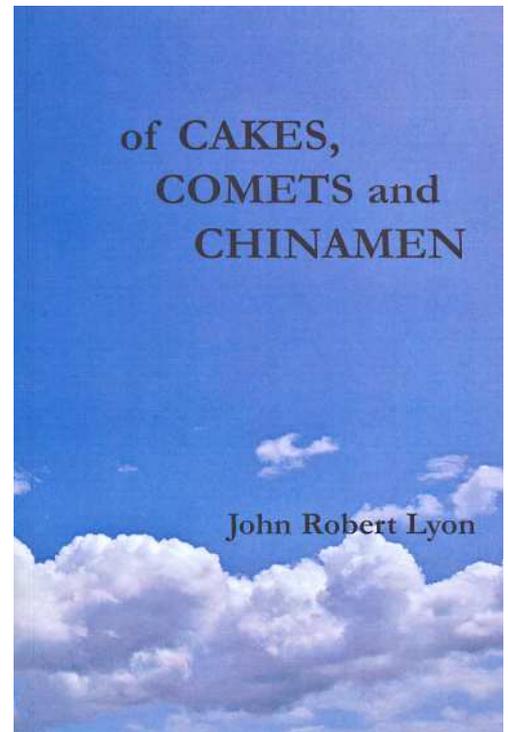
The book is an excellent read and if you wish to follow the rest of John's story then contact him on 01438 717633

[Roy O'Neill recalls that John Lyon's](#) parents had a business in Brigg called Lyons Bakers. He was set to go to Cambridge but stayed in Brigg to run the family business; it was eventually sold to Bowens.

[Roy also remembers Air Commodore P J Cabourne-\(1936-1945\)](#) and reminds us that [Bill Phipps](#) is Jim Cabourne's nephew. His father was Art master at BGS and they lived in the house on the corner of Glebe Road that was eventually demolished to make way for Sir John Nelthorpe School buildings.

Jim Cabourne always wanted to be a pilot, from being in Miss Lyne's Prep' School and throughout his 8 years of BGS. He would have gone from Cambridge into the Fleet Air Arm but broke his arm and had to sit out the end of the war. He went to India to join their army but was transferred into the British Army and shipped off, at 19, to Malaysia. He was supposed to apprehend 'bandits', they were actually Chinese terrorists, and he recalls that it was a bit like the wild west. Bandits were to be handed over to the Malay Police but they quickly released them again. After a short posting to Cylon (Sri Lanka) Jim returned to the UK, married his school sweetheart, Joan, and went up to Birmingham University from where he promptly gained a commission in the RAF and progressed through various flying schools to serve in Suez and patrol across the Middle East.

From there to Malta and family life could resume. It was not long before Squadron Leader Cabourne was donning a bowler and brolly at the Air Ministry and Staff College. Soon he was off again and whilst in Germany Jim became a Wing Commander and was posted to RAF Binbrook flying Lightnings. He returned to command Binbrook as Group Captain after a pleasant posting in America and a short unaccompanied tour of Saudi. Jim ended his illustrious career as Air Commodore in Saudi in command of the Defence Air



Team. Joan and Jim retired to Cyprus where they stayed for 12 years before coming back to Gedney in Lincolnshire. Sadly Joan died in 2008.

Rob Beswick-1975-1980: I attended both Brigg Grammar and Sir John Nelthorpe from 1975-77,77-80 respectively. I have just for the first time read the excellent newsletter you produce, I shall be sending my membership fee shortly and hopefully attend some of the 2011 events.

About me: As stated above attended both schools in the transitional period, not that academically minded according to several teachers!! Joined the Infantry Junior Leaders at Shorncliffe in 1980 and went on to complete 23 1/2 years attaining the rank of Warrant Officer. Served in Northern Ireland, UK, Cyprus, America, Jamaica, Germany, Canada, Kuwait and Afghanistan. I now manage a 60 acre Industrial Estate on the banks of the River Severn in the Forest of Dean, which I recommend a visit to as it is a beautiful part of the country. Nearly as nice for walking as the Black Mountains.

My memories of BGS are meeting Mr Stinson in his Doctor Martin boots as a first year! Being taught maths by 'Percy' Page! I can do it now Sir! But the abiding memory is of 'Jock' Longden & 'Archie' Moore my chalk and cheese so to speak the latter was right! When we merged playing hockey became harder especially against the likes of Alison Altoft! But I shall always remember the great friendship and camaraderie that was in the school. It has to be said almost the best years of my life! Hopefully attend some events in 2011. Regards Bez

Bob Millward- 1963-1970: Bob emailed to say; "I've been reading the entry by Rob Beswick and it brought back some happy memories.

I attended Brigg Grammar School between the years 1963 to 1970. I, too, remember Jock Longdon, Archie Moore, Mr Stinson together with 'Woody' Watts, the Woodwork Master, 'Toddy' Henthorn, who taught us History, 'Chumley' Jackson (History), Mr Barker (German), Mr Atkins (French), Charlie Mailing (Music), Mr Brittain (Physics)... the list goes on. Happy days, indeed. Not to forget, Mr Morris, whose garden we used to go through on our way to Scawby pond to do a spot of fishing. We had to sign a book in a shed at the bottom of his garden. Plenty more memories where they came from.

David Yelland-1976-1981: I wanted John Harding to see this article in the Times Education Supplement this week which is called 'My Favourite Teacher' it is in the magazine and shows an old photo of me at school outside Baysgarth ... It also tells a story! David The former Sun editor-turned-author lacked focus and good grades until one man instilled him with the confidence to express himself. I was a disruptive child. If anything happened in school, people would assume it was me. I was very quiet and withdrawn - but also, when I chose to, I would dominate in class. I would go from one extreme to the other.

I knew from an early age that there was something slightly different about me. I don't know why. When I was about 10, I suffered from alopecia, and my hair fell out and grew back again and again throughout my growing up. But I had a number of teachers who were incredibly kind to me. Mr Thomas was my form tutor at Signhills Junior School in Cleethorpes. He understood me and I remember him being very angry once, when I had been given the cane.

When I joined Brigg Grammar (now Sir John Nelthorpe School) in Lincolnshire, John Harding was head of English and I was in his class. He was the first teacher I met who had a love of serious literature and could see that I did as well.

I adored English, but I wasn't thought to be any good at it. I was bright, but I just couldn't concentrate - books excited me so much that I couldn't finish them. I would read the first few pages and then think about it for the rest of the day. I would also get very jealous of the writing. I remember reading The Great Gatsby and throwing it across the floor thinking, "I'll never write anything as good as that." Mr Harding treated me as if I were the cleverest pupil in the class, even though sometimes my marks were at the bottom, and I started to read ferociously. He would give me small volumes of Dylan Thomas, (Joseph) Conrad and early Philip Larkin.

During class, he read in voices. A really precious memory is him reading the first chapters of Great Expectations in the voice of Pip. I was swept away: I was right there in the graveyard and I can still absolutely picture that scene.

Nobody at school thought I would be a journalist - I was so shy. I had a wig from the NHS in Leeds and it was terrible - so obviously a wig that I never should have worn it. I would sit at the back of the class, wearing a green parka with my hood up so that the other kids couldn't pull it off. I would wear that parka all around school, even in the summer.

I sort of worshipped Mr Harding and because his son, Tim, was my best friend, I was often at their house. It was my first exposure to an intellectual, liberal family - to BBC Radio 4, lots of books and general discussion - and that's where I ended up spending my later life.

They would have copies of The Guardian which, ironically - even though I was editor of The Sun - is my favourite paper. The walls were lined with books, which we didn't have at home. It was all there on the shelf, and all you had to do was go and read it. I would sometimes take books home with me. I found out later that they knew what I was up to but never said anything.

His influence on me was far greater than he would ever realise. I'm still writing, in a small way, to please Mr Harding. I always knew that I could write, and he did as well, but I never did it at school. It was a huge frustration. I had a creative soul inside me, but at that time I couldn't express it - I hadn't been given the tools. He saw that I did have ability and it could be fostered by him encouraging me to read.

David Yelland was editor of 'The Sun' from 1998 to 2003. His debut novel for children, 'The Truth About Leo', is published by Puffin Books.



Toy Museum in Wales: We were contacted by a Paul Kennelly from the museum in West Wales who explained, "I am curator/director of The West Wales Museum of Childhood. We have recently added a sports shirt to the collection and have been told that it was a Brigg's Grammar School rugby football top.

I would like to confirm that this is the case and enquire if there is anyone amongst your group that may have a team picture that we could have a scan of and use for future display along with the shirt.

I was surprised, considering the long history of the school, that there seems to be so very little on the internet.

I have found a picture of the school badge and of an old boy's badge, but little if anything regarding sport achievements.

I would be most grateful for any information that you may be able to offer on this subject.

The picture that you sent is great and confirms that the shirt is indeed from Brigg Grammar School.

The vendor advertised it (on eBay) as a Brigg Rugby shirt but it appears that it was in fact soccer~ he went on to say that it belonged to a brother of his wife and that all three brothers (no names given) attended the school in the 1950's. That being the case, perhaps you could oblige with one of the 1950's team pictures that would be ideal to place with the shirt.

One wonders how many of your old boys still have a soccer top stuffed in some cupboard, certainly an old badge would be welcome, maybe one will come up on eBay !

A suitable team photo was sent but it was obviously impossible to know who the shirt-seller was:

*I sent Paul a photograph to match the shirt and he replied: **The team photo is super and begs the question "is the owner of the shirt, actually in the team"?? We may never know, but at least the much travelled shirt now has a history and a home, here at the museum. Your very kind offer of a period badge is most kind and would be "well met" and much appreciated. I had no idea what a great result I would have in my investigations.***

I have visited the Briggensians site and, having got my head around "navigation" I have found it most interesting. What a fine School and splendid history you have.

*I also sent him a blazer badge: **Just to let you know that the badge arrived safely today. I shall get the boss lady (Hilary) to stitch it to the shirt.***

Many thanks for your kindness and I am in your debt. The shirt and badge will receive due respect in honour of all who attended (and attend may we say) Brigg School.

.....and if you are ever this way on.....just pop in and introduce yourself for a guided trip down Memory Lane!

Very Best Wishes Paul (That applies to any Briggensian let loose in North Wales)

Derek Sumpter- 1943-1950: *Derek contacted me in pursuit of family records; "I am trying to place the actual position of the house my grandparents, Harry and Sarah Sumpter, used to occupy in Brigg for some years up to 1951. They used to live in the Old School House, at the top of Princes Street as you know this is now the Bella Pizza Restaurant, I think. They lived there for many years (Originally, they were in Chapel Yard).*

On Harry's death certificate in 1940, his home address is given as 10 Princess Street. On Sarah's death certificate in 1951, her address is also given as 10 Princess Street. In the current BT telephone listings, the Bella Pizza restaurant is entered as being at 10 Princess Street and from this one would assume that the Old School House and 10 Princess Street has always been the same dwelling?

But relatives of mine who used to live in Brigg say they remember Sarah definitely living about half way down Princes Street in a small terraced house. I know someone who has an Ordnance Survey map that was revised in 1968. It shows that if you look down Princes St from Bigby Road towards its junction with Queen St and New St on your left there is a run of terraced houses numbered 3 - 9. Then another building with no number, a building marked "Liby" (Library) and then, at an angle, a larger property numbered 10 on the corner.

Bella Pizza is shown on Google maps even today as being in the middle of the terrace so the houses may have been renumbered after the library moved and some rebuilding took place? It's all very confusing and I hope I haven't lost you with my meandering story. But if you can shed any light on the puzzle or know someone who may I would be very grateful! I have just completed a 7,000 words narrative on my family history going back to before the Civil War and this one point still rankles.

Readers may be interested to know that it was John Holland's wife Valerie who was able to confirm that the Sumpters did indeed live at the house which became the Pizza Take-away and that there were about 9 people living there.

Derek says: "It was a big family - seven brothers and sisters and two parents. But the age gap between youngest and eldest was 21 years so I suppose that's how they managed to squeeze everyone in."

Paul Jenkinson- 1974-1982: *My mum Joan who taught at SJN in 1980-1 when she started the commerce course has moved down to be near to Mike at Braintree in Essex in some sheltered accommodation where she continues to flourish at 82 !!*



This year I had the privilege of ticking off a couple of the real ambitions on the "life list" had pleasure of seeing my daughter be a flower girl at a close friends wedding. Maybe a little closer to my heart, on sporting front, had the privilege to play cricket with my 10 year old son in a Charity game at the hallowed Bradman Oval at Bowral - home of the great Sir Don with associated Museum.

*We batted together managed to put on 40 odd without losing a wicket in only 6 overs - Alexander scores somewhat faster than his father did - which will no doubt be a relief to cricketing colleagues from the time - **Andy Page, Andy Longden, Chris Jacklin, "Syd" Marlowe, "Jimmy" Dunn, Pete Conboy et al.** Alexander hooked his first ball off his nose and despatched his last for four along the ground - cue a proud dad at the bowlers end! Even better he bowled leg spin and we secured a Stumped Dad, Bowled Son, dismissal - the unashamedly loud appeal could be heard streets away! - and resulted in a hefty fine for the sheepish perpetrator !*

Alan Winstanley- (1970-1976): *In 1975 when I was in BGS 6th Form, my first little electronics circuit was published in Practical Electronics magazine, in a column called 'Ingenuity Unlimited'. I went on to work for that magazine and still do to this very day. It merged with Everyday Electronics to become EPE Magazine.*

I have an occasional Internet-related column online at <http://www.epemag3.com> --> Net Work link (at the top).

I had been giving some thought to encouraging (electronics) technology in school, and wondered if there is scope to award a school prize to a pupil showing inventiveness, creativity, 'lateral thinking' or ingenuity in developing an electronic application, possibly assisted by computers, robotics, mechanical, pneumatics etc. in order to meet a design challenge. It would be a 21st Century version of my Ingenuity Unlimited column.

As we climb out of recession and look to the future, we'll soon be needing all the electronics engineers we can get, so if you felt there's some mileage in offering such a prize at the school, I'd be happy to sponsor, say, a shield or a cup and it would be great to see some students aspiring to become electronics engineers as a career.

Marlene Dixon (nee Stead)- 1945-1950: wrote with memories of her school day at BGHS and news of her life after school. Marlene remembers her varied learning environment including a trip to France in 1948. She lived in Broughton and came by bus each day (the bus detoured daily to drop off a gallon of milk at Dents shop from her Father's pedigree goats, which was used to make ice cream). Marlene left school at 16 and carried out office work subsequently marrying. Her only surviving child went as a boarder at 6 years old to the Palace School Ely for physically handicapped girls, necessitating a round trip of 240 miles most Saturdays for 10 years. Marlene worked in the Ambulance Service and in Local Government in a number of departments. She gained the Dip CG, an FE Teaching qualification and a C & G in Fashion and Design. Marlene taught Spanish at evening classes at Gainsborough College, worked freelance training in the clothing industry and with an Agency importing marble from Spain and Portugal. Clearly it has been a very varied life for Marlene who now lives in Sutton-on-Sea and can be contacted via the Secretary.

Keith Lacy- 1944-1949:

I am now settled down in my retirement after a very hectic working life. Things are not too good medically but I must soldier on and carry out my many hobbies and interest. I would like to trace some of my old school colleagues, namely **Peter Hall, Geoff Hogg, Mike Underwood, Brian Thornalley and anyone else from the 1944 to 1949 era.**

Roger Dobson-1952-1960:

Birthday challenge completed

A CYCLIST has completed a 500km bike ride to mark his 70th birthday.

Mr Roger Dobson, of Newark Road, Southwell, cycled the Pilgrim Route, from the French border to Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Mr Dobson completed the challenge with Mr Trevor King, of France. He hopes to raise more than £1,000 for children's Time Travelling workshops at Southwell Minster.

Mr Dobson said the highlight was meeting people along the way and the sense of camaraderie between the pilgrims.

He said: "People do it for different reasons but it was really great meeting someone and then catching up with them two or three days later to exchange stories."

Mr Dobson said he also enjoyed the architecture he passed on his way to Santiago de Compostela.

He said: "Through the whole pilgrimage you have colossal cathedrals built because they are on the way to Santiago de Compostela, but it wasn't just cathedrals. Everywhere you went you had very elaborate monasteries, which are still in good condition."

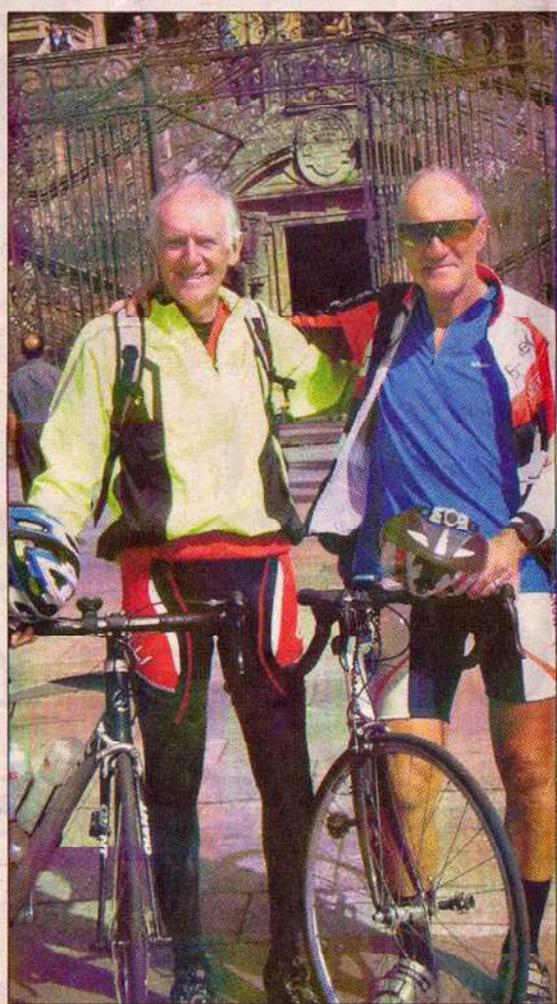
Mr Dobson and Mr King had to get Pilgrim Passports stamped along the way to prove they had travelled the route.

They presented the completed passports at Santiago de Compostela and were given a certificate.

Mr Dobson said the certificate was virtually unchanged from those given out to the first pilgrims in the 1100s.

He said: "In days gone by this compostela would have been a safe conduct for life and in many countries it meant you hadn't to pay tax for a certain number of years."

Sponsorship forms for Mr Dobson are available from the Minster Centre, Church Street.



AT THE end of the Pilgrim Route, Mr Roger Dobson, left, and his cycling partner, Mr Trevor King.

Bill Eaton- 1973-1978: The Eaton "Grammar School / Girls High School" reunion has been suspended due to the weather. Having the furthest to travel I was the only one assured of being able to be there!!!!

We have decided to wait until my marriage next year in June to get the school photo's and memories out. Eldest brother in our family is **Stephen** and he was at BGS from **1957 to 1962** and is due to retire in July 2011. **Cyril** was next up at BGS from **1967 to 1972**, last but not least (after the Lord Mayor's Ball) **Bill** from **1973 to 1978**. On the Girls High School front it was **Marjorie** between **1959 and 1964** then the baton was passed to **Caroline** between **1970 and 1975**.

Cyril, Caroline and I owe it to the hard work of **Mrs Robinson and Mrs Nicholson** at what was Howsham County Primary (closed some years ago). Of course we should not forget our proud parents, our father was a hard working farm labourer, which is where we got our sporting ability and it was from our mother that we "gained the brains" as she helped with homework when required. As a family we can also lay claim to having two others that have passed through Sir John Nelthorpe, **Valerie Smith and Jacquina Lee**, although we "Grammar Gogs" speak little of these minions as they did not have the dreaded

11+ to pass to get there.

I have a varied selection of former school allies as friends on Facebook and we enjoy tales of yesteryear. I was particularly enlightened to read that my good friend **Mr Stan Beedham** was still pounding the ground. I spent my 6 weeks between school and work back at school helping Stan to cut, mark and tend the school field. I also helped take down the "fence" once the boundary between the two schools.

It all seems like yesterday, alas that constant which you taught me called 'time' is exactly that, a constant, the seconds, days, weeks and years will always be the same and its only our perspective which alters them for no science has yet done so.

George Gunson-1944-1952: I am passing the month of September in Spain, and I was in an office in the local town the other day, and I noticed that on her business card the lady I was talking to had 'Markarian' as a second surname, which rang bells with me so I enquired more. As you will know Raif Markarian was a boarder at 'Brigg Grammar School' in the 1940's and was Head Prefect some time in the mid-40's, a good scholar and athlete. She told me that she was a descendant of the Markarian family from Armenia, and when the Turkish Empire sent in its Army in the early 1900's and began the 'ethnic cleansing' resulting in the murder of some 600,000 Armenians and the diaspora of millions, the head of the Markarian family bought a ship, put all the family on board and sailed to Europe and safety. Some members disembarked in Italy, some in France, some in Spain, some in the UK and others went to the US

and various South American countries. She has no knowledge of family connections over the past 100 years, but Derek Sumpter with whom I had shared the discovery 'googled' the name 'Raif Markarian' and came up with the following Obituary from a web-site of the British Esperanto Society. I "offered" to come up with a translation and here it is. Various web-sites show that there is a large Armenian community in Manchester, and it seems natural that the Markarians would feel at home there. We thought that it might be interesting for the Briggensian Magazine, although we are sorry that the Grammar School did not get a mention, and there is no knowing how he came to cross the Pennines half way through the war. More detective work for someone?

Obituaries

Raif Markarian-(1938-1948): one of the most active and enthusiastic of the British Esperanto Movement has died at the age of 78 on November 26 2008. He was born in Manchester, his father Markar Markarian, Armenian by birth, a garment salesman. He died when Raif was only five years old, His mother, Trilby, was a hairdresser.



After studying French and Latin at Exeter College, Oxford, he became a very enthusiastic language teacher in Manchester, and then Head of Modern Languages in Crawley in the south of England. After that he became headmaster in Chorley in the north, and finally Head Master of a High School in Ilford, near London. He made early studies of Esperanto such that Ivo Lapenna praised his work.

For thirteen years between 1962 and 1975 Raif was Secretary of the British Esperanto Institute, and later became its Vice President. In this role he displayed remarkable energy organising and pressing for the teaching of Esperanto in schools. For many years Raif was an active Fellow of the British Esperanto Society, as well as his post of Vice President, and he was also a member of the London Esperanto Club.

No less important was his care for two daughters, Joy and Nicola, both natural Esperanto speakers. He married twice, first in 1956 to Eluned Davies, and they met each other through the Christian Science Church. Joy was born in 1961. They separated and Eluned died in 1967. He married Kimie Ozawa in 1970 in the widely reported double Esperanto wedding with Barbara and Herbert Kleff. A daughter Nicola was born in 1975, but Raif and Kimie separated in 1987.

Raif was the author two books one dealing with the speaking of Esperanto and one written with J H Sullivan in 1971 for the teaching of Esperanto in Secondary Schools.

Hello, Dave, you may need to check-up, but I think that the death of John B. Dale (1950--1958) has not been reported earlier in the Briggensian Newsletter. His contemporaries might like to read of his successful life after School. Brian Thornalley. (1945--52)

John Barry Dale-1950-1958): born 22 July 1939, died 16 December 2006.

John was the son of the local blacksmith at Great Limber when he came to Brigg Grammar School, in September 1950. Unusually, he switched from Yarborough to School House in 1955. At School he was successful both academically and in sports, gaining a State Scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1958; GCE - 3 adv and 1 scholarship, 1957; 1st XI football, and athletics colours, 1957.

After an MA at Cambridge, John joined Dexion Ltd., as a graduate trainee. He moved to Reed International, decorative products division, in sales and marketing and became marketing director of Crown Paints. He was head-hunted in 1976 by Mars Inc., in Slough, as trade marketing manager, confectionery. He moved to the Pedigree Petfoods division at Melton Mowbray as marketing director in 1983. From 1989, he ran Mars Japan, in Tokyo, for three years, turning the company around successfully. John returned to UK in 1992 as a vice-president of Mars Inc., responsible for the UK and Eire, with other world-wide responsibilities. He retired in 1999 with several non-executive directorships and was transformed into a race-horse owner, scoring a win in the Sky Bet Chase at Southwell in January 2006. John left Jenny (his wife), three children and seven grandchildren.

Bob Dayson-1950-1955: Bob Dayson was born in Scunthorpe in January 1939. He attended Brigg Grammar School and, although quite capable of going on to University, he decided to become an engineer like his father. It was at this time that he discovered motorbikes, girls and beer. He became a successful Trials rider in and around Lincolnshire and he never lost his love of motorbikes. Bob married Ellen in 1962 and they had two sons, Ian and Mark. Bob was working in the design and manufacture of steel mesh reinforcement, an industry in which he would work or consult for the rest of his life.

Bob's hill climbing career started in 1979 with a Turner, bought from Jim Gathercole, which he built into a highly competitive 1500 cc Mod Sports car. The Turner was followed by a Caterham, which he drove in the 1980's and 1990's finishing second in 1986 and 1987.

It was at this time that Bob's first marriage broke down and he married Gill, moving into the Teme valley and in due course producing Charlotte and Will.

He was an astute judge of driver's ability and was always ready with constructive advice; an offer to share his car was an introduction to hill climbing the Dayson way - sometimes slightly chaotic, but an opportunity to learn from his vast experience.

He was a committee member of the MAC for 30 years and, in 2005, was elected a Vice President. He was Chairman of the Hill Committee and ran the working party every April with as much attention to the spectator areas as to the hill itself. He wrote the Gossip columns in MAC News with humour, technical understanding and a desire to inform. He was fascinated with the history of speed events, motor racing and especially Shelsley Walsh and its one hundred plus years past.

He acquired ADS Engineering in 1994 and specialised in bespoke projects for cars of all ages. He was particularly proud of making parts for a very early Grand Prix Fiat.

He was well known for being somewhat absent minded, he had to admit to arriving at a hill climb with no racing car in the trailer and to leaving home without attaching the trials car trailer and only realising it forty miles down the road.

Bob was a friend to everyone in grassroots motor sport, with a love not only for his family, but for the Midland Automobile Club, the Teme Valley and Shelsley Walsh. He will be missed by so many.

(This original text was written by Simon Durling and printed in the December 2009 edition of MAC News).

Vernon Atkin: We were contacted about Vernon by **Alan Leslie Atkin** who explained that: "I was reading your article or newsletter on your web site concerning the death of Vernon Atkin.

I am the eldest of Vernon's 3 male nephews, my father (Albert Atkin) was his elder brother. I teach classes on family history to the u3a group here in Cornwall.

I don't know why but we were never close to uncle Vernon although he did take me rock climbing with Mary his second wife in 1965 at Stanage Edge, Derbyshire, and I have a photograph of that. He encouraged me to join the army and make a career I was a master chef and on retirement taught catering in colleges across the midlands and then became a prison officer, until I retired 2 years ago.

The reason for this communication is that apart from his birth date and marriage date of first marriage I and my brothers know little of him I was wondering if you hold or like to fill in any missing links. I do understand about data protection etc.

May be when I am next in or near Brigg I could call in of course with ID.

My own family have very similar interests to Vernon's we are keen caravaners ourselves and are associated with helping the destitute children of Uganda through the Pearl of Africa children's choir.

We all like walking and my own two daughters took up hockey and represented their schools and county, Even though we knew nothing about our uncles activities. So it really does seem that you knew him better than we did. We would love to know more about him

Robert Pacey -1950-1957: I don't know whether this news has reached you already. I had my annual Christmas card from Norman Worth & he said that **Audrey Worth** had died. She was school secretary in Mr Williams' time. Our paths crossed again when she was secretary at St Hugh's Prep School Faringdon where I was teaching in the 1980s, and we have kept in touch since, although I am retired and back in Lincolnshire now. Best wishes, Robert Pacey.

Dennis Altoft-1944-1951: Old Boys who attended Brigg Grammar in the years immediately after WW2 will remember Dennis Altoft. Dennis was born and grew up in Brigg. In his early youth he earned the nickname 'Pidge' from his tree climbing abilities. He was always able to reach the most difficult nest at a time when egg collecting was a popular childhood hobby. If there was a particularly difficult nest, the cry, 'Send for Pidge!' went out, and the name stuck.

He will be best remembered from his schooldays for his sporting prowess, however. He was a genuine all-rounder, gaining, I believe, his colours in five sports: football, cricket, athletics, cross-country, (he won the school's cross-country race in 1951), and swimming; a rare achievement indeed.

On leaving school he completed his National Service, serving in Korea, although he avoided any front-line action by being placed on administrative duties. This was so that he was always readily available for any inter-service cricket matches.

On his return to the UK he trained as a PE teacher at Worcester, where he met his wife Jean. Whilst at Worcester he made occasional appearances for Worcester City FC. He was a naturally two-footed player, able to operate on the left or right side of the field.

His return to Brigg in 1957 saw him taking up the post of PE teacher at the newly opened Glanford Secondary School, under the headship of another Old Boy, Ernest Urry. During this time he was active in local sporting circles. He played cricket with Elsham CC as a medium paced bowler and a useful middle-order batsman. He had the ability to find a good line and length very quickly, taking many wickets at a time when the Club was quite a force in North Lincolnshire cricketing circles. He also played football with Brigg Town and played a part in the formation of Brigg Amateurs and Brigg Athletics Club in the early 1960s

He left Brigg in 1966 to take up another post teaching PE at Hazelgrove School, near Yeovil.

Dennis died in Yeovil on August 3rd this year. A service at Yeovil Crematorium was held on August 13th prior to cremation.

Dennis was predeceased by his son, Stephen, who died in 2008. He is survived by his two daughters. (Stephen attended BGS in the late 1960s/early 1970s) – **Denis Laycock**

Ted Cox-1952-1959 writes: Denis Altoft was better known as 'Pidge'. He was a few years ahead of me at BGS and I knew him quite well, but had lost touch in recent years. Denis Laycock and Bob Taylor kept in touch with him and Denis Laycock went to his funeral. Pidge taught at Redcombe Lane for quite a few years before surprising everyone, not the least Ernest Urry (his Headteacher), by successfully applying for a job at King's School, Bruton, in Somerset, one of the best public schools in the country. He stayed there for the rest of his career. He was a very good sportsman, playing cricket for Elsham for many years and I think he might have played for Scunthorpe briefly. Shortly before he went to Somerset, he started Brigg Amateurs Football Club. I taught his son, Stephen, at Glebe Road.

Glyn Thomas-1958-1963: Sorry to inform you that my brother, Glyn Thomas, passed away on September 14, 2010. He would have loved to be involved in the BBC4 research, and good luck with your ventures. Kind regards, Ben (brother of Glyn)

William Andrew Smith (Andy)-1961-1968: died suddenly December 2010; Much loved dad of Tristan and Lisa, in-laws Claire and Paul. Beloved son of Connie and the late Bill; a loving brother and granddad.

John Cade-1967-1978 and Jeremy Wass-1974 -78

Tony Instone-1967-74: Tony is Headteacher, King's Meadow School, Shakespeare Drive, Bicester: "I was in the same year as both of these ex pupils at BGS and both sadly passed away this year.

John had spent most of his post University years in the Brigg area running his own business until recently when his life began to fall apart.

Jeremy trained to be a teacher at Bede College Durham University with me and spent his life in teaching, lecturing and work for the Ordnance Survey. He lived with his family in Plymouth in recent years. His father had been Headteacher of Glebe Road School, where his mother also taught."

John Allcock: John always wanted to go to medical school but never realised his dream and many Briggensians have benefitted from his decision to use his B.Sc (Nutrition) to move into teaching. John's first job was at the newly formed High Ridge Comprehensive in Scunthorpe – on day one of its changeover from being Scunthorpe Grammar School.

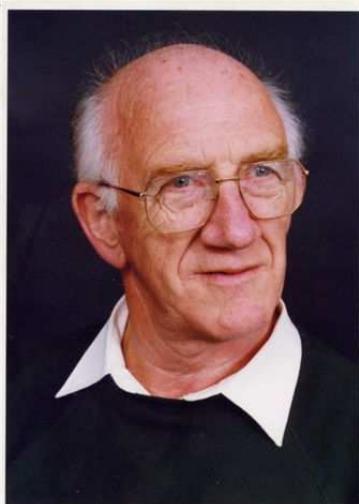
A fortuitous meeting with the late Gerry Longden in the bar at Scunthorpe Town Cricket Club two years later led to his eventual move to Brigg Grammar School in January 1970 – teaching Physics alongside Dave Brittain. John became Head of Physics, Head of Science, Head of Middle School, Examinations Officer, Timetabler and lastly in charge of ICT whilst variously teaching Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Business Studies, ICT, Food Technology and Games.

In the year when the Grammar School became Sir John Nelthorpe, he was awarded a year's secondment at Southampton University to do an MSc in Education.

John spoke eloquently at the Dinner in 2008 and said, "Forty years on and I am now teaching part-time and still enjoy the friendly staff room atmosphere which has always been part of the school. Weekends are spent in York where I share a house with my partner, Cathy (later to become his wife) who, not surprisingly, I met when she was an assistant at Sir John Nelthorpe. There I like nothing more than trying out a new recipe to cook, the one skill I have continued to improve on since my very first efforts in my cookery class at University." His was a highly valued life tragically cut short.

Bill Eaton sent this tribute to Dave Brittain: John was my "other" physics teacher; I think you and he were alternate years for me throughout. John was also a very keen sportsman being a goalkeeper (as I tried to be) and also he was reasonably confident with a cricket bat although I do remember in my only post school Old Boys v School game during a sunny Sunday afternoon, John top edging a short delivery into his cheek. The result was one of his lenses of his glasses embedded in his cheek which required the services of another old boy - Dr K Proctor, playing in the second XI game - grabbing his Gladstone Bag to administer some much needed first aid.

John was always very keen for all students who had an aptitude for football to do their best and was as keen as all others to give the best of his knowledge in furthering the potential of the student concerned.



My deepest condolences to his family, he will be missed by all who knew him. Kind regards - Those members who had the good fortune to be at the Briggensians Dinner the year John spoke about his school days, its characters, his friends and subsequent teaching life will never forget what a fantastic talk he gave. Pupils will not forget their inspirational teacher.

Alan Brignall. Head of Geography at Brigg Girls' High School 1962 to 1966

Barbara Kernon has received the sad news that Alan passed away on 8th December 2010. He came to Brigg in 1962 to head the Geography Department at the High School when Miss Bowden was Headmistress. A popular teacher he played an active part in out of school activities enjoying involvement in the school productions (in particular Comus) and running the Chess Club.

He left Brigg in 1966 to take up a Deputy Headship in Downton (Wiltshire) then moved to a Headship at Longdendale in Cheshire. He and Pauline finally retired to a lovely secluded spot in Devon. Sadly he had to miss our 2007 Reunion due to the appalling weather but sent an email greeting to all his Geographers complete with photo taken in 1993.

Charles Pearce: 1973-1980: Charles had a very successful dental practice near Hull which he ran with his wife Catherine. Charles had been unwell for some time suffering from depression and heart trouble. He died of a massive heart attack and leaves two sons, and a daughter.

David Stockdale-1944-1948: Freda sadly emailed to say that husband David died on 20th November 2010 after being diagnosed, in September, with Motor Neurone Disease. "As you can

see, this progressed rapidly and I can only be thankful that he didn't have to suffer for years as some people do."

BRIGGENSIANS SPORTS 2010:

CRICKET: The annual Briggensians cricket match took place towards the end of the Summer term with a mix of current Sir John Nelthorpe cricketers taking on an experienced team organised by Lee Fielding. The game was played with sixteen eight ball overs, the Old Boys won the toss and elected to bat first. The Old Boys impressed with a total of 106. Ryan Musselwhite was the pick of the bowlers for the current pupils. Musselwhite and William Watson also got the Current pupils off to a good start and both were forced to retire bringing less experienced cricketers to the crease. With Rory Ronaldson struggling to score at his usual rate and Dominic Bishop getting run out early on for a duck (a year 10 County player), the Old Boys fancied their chances but a late fight back from the current pupils wasn't enough to reach the total of 106. The Briggensians won the game and retained the title for another year.

Dominic Bishop (year 10)

GIRLS' SPORTS:



Ladies Rounders: There was a lot of support for this activity with about 22 arriving to play. Unfortunately there were only two from school, so we played Youth V Experience, with Youth winning 15½ to 9 ½. A very enjoyable evening.

Winter Sports: Once more there was little support for Hockey and so we have decided to call it a day – a pity with Brigg having such a well established club.

A few students arrived to play Netball and with about fourteen in all a most enjoyable netball game was played. It finished as darkness fell, with Briggensians winning 15-4.

The dates for next year have been set and we hope once more for a fine night and good turn out for **Rounders on Tuesday 14th June 2011**

GOLF:

Spring Meeting: This was a very poorly attended meeting won by Dave Brittain

Past v Present Challenge, July 2010

This was a most enjoyable event although a little spread out with some groups getting back well after the leaders and presentations.

Present won convincingly 4-1. Congratulations to the school; Briggensians need to put in a better performance in 2011.

Autumn Meeting: We had ten players for the match, won by Stuart Cranidge. It was noted that the trophy now needs a larger plinth. Derek held the meeting in the conference room upstairs.



It was very difficult to keep him on track despite there not being any televised football to distract members!

Derek gave out a list of dates for next year: there had been declining participation and we have been allowed to try having the Spring meeting on a Sunday as this seems to be easier for members to attend. It is important that we do get good numbers because Elsham do not normally allow societies to book Sundays and we are 'on trial'.

Autumn results:

Stuart Cranidge	42 points	Trevor Vessey	35 points
Vaughn Lindley	33 points	Ted Cox	31 points
Roger Holmes	30 points	Geoff Sells	28 points
Tim Phipps	27 points	Dom' Jeffrey	23 points
Dave Howson	22 points	Tom Daniels	20 points

2011 Dates: **Spring:** Sunday, 12.00noon 27th March 2011

Past vs Present: Monday 4.00 PM, 11th July 2011

New Ties: New ties are being ordered and hopefully they will be available for the Dinner. If you cannot attend and want a replacement 'old boy's tie' then please contact Dave Brittain by email, if you haven't done so already, or Sir John Nelthorpe School. The order is limited to 50 and we already have sponsorship and orders for 35.



Briggensians Tie Order Form

Please reserve me tie(s) at £10 each plus postage and packing if not collected at the Annual Dinner on 19th March 2011.

Postal Details:
(please print)

Name:
Address:

Where will you stay?

Those of you wishing to find good basic accommodation around Brigg could opt for:

Premier Inn, Lakeside Parkway, Scunthorpe DN16 3UA
Forest Pines Hotel, DN20 0AQ Tel: 01652 650770

www.premierinn.com/en
www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/forest-pines-near-brigg.aspx

Brigg
Arties Mill, DN20 9LF Tel: 01652 652094
Albert House, Bigby Street. DN20 8ED Tel: 01652 658081
Beldon House, Wrawby Road. Tel: 01652 653517

www.artiesmillodge.co.uk
www.albert-house.co.uk
www.beldonhouse.co.uk

Barnetby: Rookery Farm Guest House: Tel: 01652 688473
Whistle and Flute Tel: 01652 688238

www.rookeryfarmguesthouse.co.uk
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Briggensians' Association

34th Annual Dinner 2011 - Booking Form

I will be attending the Briggensians' Dinner (**closing date 7th March 2011**) and enclose a cheque made payable to the Briggensians Association for the sum of:

£ for places at **£20.00 each**.

I regret **I will not** be able to attend but please receive £.....as my contribution to society funds.

Name:

Years at School: fromto.....

Address:

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Post Code:

Seating will be in groups of 6 or 8 (max 10) on round tables.

For Confirmation of Places:

Tel:

Email:

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

Person(s) year etc.

..... year

Menu Selection for the 2011 Dinner

Contact Name: <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid red;"/>		Starter			Main		Dessert			If there are any special dietary requirements please let us know.
		Carrot and Coriander Soup	Prawn Cocktail	Melon	Roast Beef	Onion and Goat's Cheese Tartlet	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Fruit Cheesecake	Cheese & Biscuits	
Name of Guests	School Dates									
e.g. John Nelthorpe	1614-1669	✓			✓			✓		

Please send this completed booking and menu choice form, **along with payment** to (cheques payable to The Briggensians Association):

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(Tel: 01652 656551)