

# Old Tauntonian Review

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FOR OTs

Taunton School is pleased to announce an exclusive and exciting opportunity for our thriving Old Tauntonian community.

At Taunton School, we truly value the links with our former students and are delighted that, in the majority of cases, these extend for many years beyond the time they pass through our gates for the last time as they leave school as young adults. We are also extremely proud that many Old Tauntonians choose to pass the experience they enjoyed at Taunton School on to their sons and daughters.

To support this, Taunton School is proud to offer our Old Tauntonians a **20% reduction** in full boarding fees for their children's education. This excludes weekly or flexi-boarding.

These are exciting times for Taunton School with our Headmaster, Mr Lee Glaser, having taken over in January and two new Deputy Heads, Mr Damian Henderson and Mr Ed Burnett, joining the team in September. Together, they are planning to take our thriving school to the next level and the vibrant boarding community is uppermost in their thoughts.

We are currently investing £250,000 per annum in our boarding facilities with a raft of improvements to all of the boys' and girls' houses over a five-year programme, already well under way.

Meanwhile, our curriculum is expanding as are the range of added-value opportunities for our students.

As Old Tauntonians, you will know what this wonderful school offers. We hope you will take advantage of this exclusive opportunity for your children.

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**Wesley Hosie**

(Goodland 2007)

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Wes has established his own PR agency. Wes said: "Today's market requires an extensive understanding of

PR, social media, digital marketing and SEO; that's what makes us stand out. Curious to learn more? Let's chat!"



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**Sarah Thompson**

(née Gibson)

(Bevan 1995)

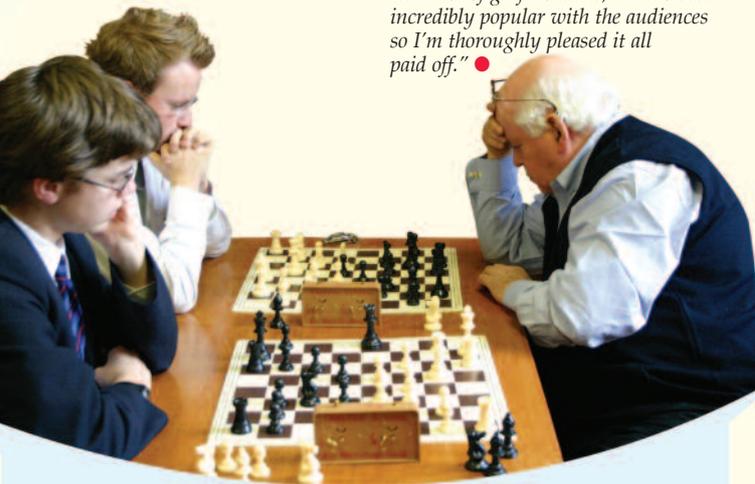
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In July, Sarah competed in an Ironman Triathlon raising money for Target Ovarian Cancer. Sarah said:

"I did this in memory of Dr Jane Roberts, my Housemistress in Bevan who died

of cancer, and also to support a friend. I'm still accepting donations and hope that any of Jane's past students will feel inclined to support this very worthy cause. Thank you."

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/update/Sarah-Thomson7> ●



**Peter Baker (Wills West 1959)**

Peter captains the Hertfordshire U120 County Chess Team which recently won the National U120 County Chess championship by beating Kent U120 by the convincing margin of 9-3. Peter has been captaining the Herts team for 4 years now and Herts were prior finalists in 2012 and 2014 and came runners-up to Essex and Nottingham in those years.

Peter said: "I learned to play Chess at TS and played for the School Chess Team under 'Paddy' Tucker who was the enthusiastic master in charge of chess at that time. I helped the School Chess Club to get started again a few years ago with a gift of chess boards, clocks and pieces and some chess books and am committed to continue this financial support." ●

**Clare Richards**

(Besley 1996)

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Freelance producer/director Clare has recently finished a project that's been the most successful documentary series to hit BBC1 in recent times – *The Met: Policing London*. It took the BBC three years to get access to film as The Met has never let cameras in before. Clare began filming with the 999 Response Teams and also spent time with the Missing Persons Team, CID, and the Bomb Squad.

Clare said: "I happened to be on duty when the bomb squad was called to a suspect package in Canary Wharf. It was amazing to film the team at work whilst the rest of Canary Wharf was evacuated. They got out their robot and remotely exploded a package on a Boris Bike which ended up being a gym kit.. the Lynx went flying!"

"I also filmed at Notting Hill – an epic police operation – and went up in the police helicopter – a truly great experience. The series took a long time and a lot of graft to make, but it's been incredibly popular with the audiences so I'm thoroughly pleased it all paid off." ●



**Carolyn Abberley**

(Babbingly 1980)

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Carolyn has recently 'clocked up' 20 years' service with DS Smith Plc in a variety of different roles, the latest being European Fleet Manager. To celebrate, she took to the skies on 24th June for a tandem skydive in aid of **The Children's Society**.

Carolyn said: "I was adopted as a baby through **The Children's Society** and, so far, I have raised £1,500. We jumped from 13,000 feet (circa 2.5 miles) freefalling at around 120mph for 42 seconds (or 8,000 feet), floated gently for a few minutes more chatting idly about the red kites gliding below us, before landing on our feet with scarcely a bump.....insanely good fun!"

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**James Bowthorpe**

(Evans 1995)

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Round-the-world cyclist record-holder, adventurer and furniture



maker, James is not easily fazed. Having hitchhiked across America when he was 24 he is now preparing to build a boat from

waste collected on the streets of Manhattan, take that boat to the source of the Hudson river and sail it 315 miles back to New York City. This is the main focus of the Hudson River Project which will commence in October 2015 and be made into a documentary to be released in 2016.

James told the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper: "I want to make a link between cities – where most people live now – and the huge area outside those cities that supports them and enables them to exist. The river seemed like a really simple way of connecting the two things, and obviously the source of the river completes that cycle."

James expects the Hudson River Project to be his trickiest challenge. "I want the boat to be made from metal, largely" he said. "I'm giving myself six days to build on the streets rather than in a workshop, with a minimal toolkit. This project isn't going to save the world, but the world doesn't need saving. It's our relationship with it that needs to change." ●

**Nicholas McLauchlan**

(Goodland 2010)

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Recently graduated from university, Nicholas decided to pursue his new business venture *McLauchlan's Freshly Made Crisps*. Based in London, he is supplying The City with fresh, hot, made-to-order crisps through some of London's finest markets, which include Partridges of Chelsea and Camden Lock market. *McLauchlan's* caters for bespoke events and have provided services for the likes of MTV, Brindisa Tapas Rooms, Propercorn and the Royal Warrants Holder Association.

Nicholas said: "We offer a simple, honest product that speaks for itself. The ingredients are: sweet potato, rapeseed oil and a seasoning of choice ranging from cinnamon to peri-peri. There's no better way to show the consumer exactly how their snack is produced. If there are any OTs in London looking for a unique addition for any event, please do get in touch."

Twitter and Instagram @ThatCrispGuy ●

**Alice Watson**  
(Bevan 2005)  
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Alice recently secured a career best win in World Class company at the famous 4\* Hickstead Derby Meeting. Olympic Gold Medalists, former World Champions and 4 members of the famous Whitaker family were amongst the 66 competitors to start in the Tom Hudson Derby Trophy, a class with jumps standing at 1.50m high and up to 2m wide. The class also carried valuable World Ranking Points and prize money of £6000 to the winner.

Alice said: "This is my first 4\* show. To win the big feature jumping class in front the British Team Selector and my childhood heroes and show I can hold my own in this company is massive. I had to finish A-Levels and get a degree before my parents would contemplate allowing me to follow a pure show jumping career so was a late starter. I also couldn't afford a ready-made horse; I could only afford a young un-started one with money I'd saved up from buying and selling other horses. I bought Billy Lemon as a 5 year old hoping she would start me off but with no certainty that she'd be any good. It's taken 5 years to get my horse, Billy Lemon, to this level, but she has proven she is World Class and knowing I've done the work my self makes it even more satisfying." ●

**Henry Pearson**  
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Henry has recently completed his PGCE in Secondary Chemistry at the University of Exeter and, come September, will be starting his career as a teacher

of Chemistry at Canford School, Dorset. Henry graduated from the University of Southampton in July 2014, with an MSci in Geology. ●

**Henry Davies**  
(School House 1989)  
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www.tildeathdoesitspart.com  
Henry is an award-winning writer and director, whose real pleasure is in working with talented actors. Active across the arts, he has written and directed stage plays, features, shorts, commercials and animation. He has just finished the spectacular 3D animation *Boys vs Girls*, and is currently promoting his latest film, *Caring for the Recently Deceased* – a darkly funny and unconventional spin on what it means to lose a loved one.



Marjoram and Glynn have been married for 30 years. Living on the

same street, in the same bungalow, their suburban life is routine to say the least. Things are about to change however, when Glynn's slovenly lifestyle finally catches up with him. Marjoram finds herself widowed after Glynn suffers a massive stroke. But amid the chaos and the loss, she also can't help but feel just a little relieved – finally a chance to move on with her life. Respite is short lived, however. When her freshly dead husband crashes his own wake, Marjoram faces a whole new set of challenges – not least how to explain the situation to the insurance company....

Starring Sue Johnston (*Downton Abbey*, *Coronation Street*) and featuring an all-star cast including

Melanie Walters (*Gavin & Stacy*, *Submarine*) and David Schofield (*Gladiator*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*), *Caring for the Recently Deceased* is hopefully the last zombie film you'll ever have to watch.

The film has been winning accolades worldwide, scooping a coveted Jury Award at the USA Film Festival and 2 awards at the St. Tropez International Film Festival. *Caring for the Recently Deceased* has also been nominated for 4 awards at the Manchester International Film Festival including Best Director and Best UK Film of the Festival.

Henry lives in Truro with his wife, Stacey and 2 sons, Oscar (15) and Orlando (12). ●

**SWING BY AROUND**  
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JESS BRAY

Jess said, "Following the success of the first run, a student-run production company named 'Fourth Wall' approached me about taking my play to the Edinburgh Fringe, which I accepted with great excitement....and apprehension!"

Matt and Katherine are stuck in a relationship rut. The spark is fading fast and in a misguided attempt to reignite it, they decide to host a somewhat unconventional dinner party. However once their guests actually arrive, it becomes apparent that there's been a small but crucial misunderstanding regarding the party's real raison d'être. Hilarity, innuendoes and awkward silences ensue in this insightful, Ayckbourn-esque domestic comedy nominated for every award at the Durham Drama Festival 2015.

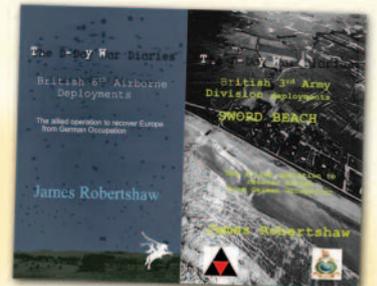
The play will run from the 5th-18th August at 8.15pm in the C Nova venue, and she would be delighted to see as many Old Tauntonian faces there as possible!

[https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/swing-by-around-8'](https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/swing-by-around-8) ●

## D-DAY WAR DIARIES

### British Landings

### 6th British Airborne – Sword Beach



**James Robertshaw** (*Goodland 1973*) has just completed *Juno*, the third book in his series on the D-Day British Landings. The first two books on the British 6th Airborne Division and Sword Beach are full of maps, current photographs, and show in detail all the units that went in, the casualties and the actions fought. The German defences are illustrated, as are the preparation of the allies to combat these defences. The books have been written so that if you visit Normandy, and get off the ferry at Ouistreham, you can use them as good reference documents. The final book will be on 'Gold'.

Each book costs £5.95 (£10 for 2), plus postage and packaging. Each sale gives £1.00 to the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes. Send a cheque payable to **James Robertshaw** to: **1 Kingswalk Cottages, High Street, Witney, OX28 6ES** [jfraits@btinternet.com](mailto:jfraits@btinternet.com) [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) ●

## OT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



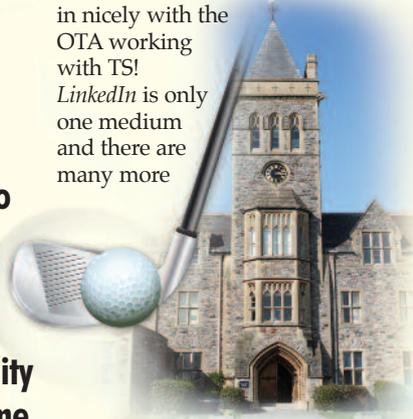
golfer, to take me to Enmore GC so I could practise. I was saddened to learn that Connie Stephens passed away in April this year; she always had an open-door policy to her kitchen and regularly fed us whilst listening to our daily woes. I look forward to returning back to Taunton School over the next couple of years and reacquainting myself with the school and Somerset.

I began my journey of visiting OT Clubs the weekend following my installation by dining with the West Wales Club at their annual dinner in Pembroke. This I mentioned to my Friday drinking pals in Reigate who kindly suggested it was half way to America! We had a fantastic evening and the turnout was great, so much so that at the beginning of the evening this was going to be the last West Wales Club dinner as numbers were dwindling but, by the end of the evening, there was a U-turn and Michael Colley abandoned plans to close the Club!

**As a golfer I was keen to see the new golfing practice area between Lowers and Uppers and wished we had this facility to practice my short-game during free time.**

As mentioned above, my main involvement with the OTA has been through 34 years with the Golfing Society. During this period many OTs have come and gone through the Society and many have competed in as many years as me. At the golf club where I am a member we had, for a period, four OT members. The point being, we all continue to make long-lasting friendships from our school days and there is a strong probability we will come across another OT, or someone who knows an OT, which leads to further friendships and acquaintances, with this common factor breaking down barriers. I would like to think most OTs do keep in touch with each other and if they have a specialist interest, like my golf, then they seek to participate both

in and out of the OTA if possible. Last year I was trying to track down recent school leavers who played golf and one of them (who shall remain nameless) who is, I believe, about to leave university informed me that he was still keen to play but not until after September this year. In his second breath he asked me if I knew anyone who worked in Shanghai! I said I didn't but maybe he could look at the OT *LinkedIn* network. This got me thinking because I do know friends who have worked in Hong Kong and they could well help with contacts in China, even though this was not a direct contact. I then looked at the OT *LinkedIn* network where we have just over 500 members signed up. There are thousands of OTs out there, and if I have learned anything in life it is opportunity through networking as well as education that will give you a better chance. This now fits in nicely with the OTA working with TS! *LinkedIn* is only one medium and there are many more



including OT Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Old-Tauntonians>.

During my two years I will encourage the expansion of networking opportunities for the benefit of TS leavers and OTs and will continue to support Hugh Todd's *OT President's Fund* which subsidises the cost of younger OTs attending functions. **You will find a donation form accompanying this OT Review.**

No sooner have I begun my tenure as President, we need to find my successor! Included in this *OT Review* is a nomination form for OTA President 2017-19. Nominations need to be received by 30th September 2015, please.

My President's journey has only just begun and I look forward to meeting many OTs at the various functions throughout the year. I have begun planning my President's Dinner in 2017, details of which I shall let you know in due course. Finally, I encourage you to contact me on [otpresident@tauntonschool.co.uk](mailto:otpresident@tauntonschool.co.uk) if you have any thoughts regarding different types of functions or events we should be organising.

Richard Willacy  
(Wills West 1981) ●

I was extremely honoured to be installed as your OTA President in May this year. Many activities took place over the weekend as OTs gathered at the school for the annual reunion. The talented Chapel Choir at the Sunday Service, under the leadership of David Bridges, was excellent and made your hairs stick up on end. On behalf of all OTs I take this opportunity to extend a huge 'thank you' to Hugh Todd for his leadership of the Association over the last two years; I will endeavor to continue to move the Association forward over my two years. I note that I am not the only 'new boy' in town: Lee Glaser began his new role as Headmaster at the beginning of the year and Henry Keeling (*School House '74* and *OTA Trustee*) took over as Chair of Governors in June. I look forward to working with them both as I aim to nurture the partnership between Taunton School and the Association.

It has been a long time since I returned to the school and, even with my fading memory, the changes over the 34 years are significant. Walking round the school I was fascinated noting all the changes and improvements. The school is certainly not standing still! As a golfer I was keen to see the new golfing practice area between Lowers and Uppers and wished we had this facility to practice my short-game during free time. Instead I had to rely on Geoff Stephens (*Wills West Housemaster*), another keen

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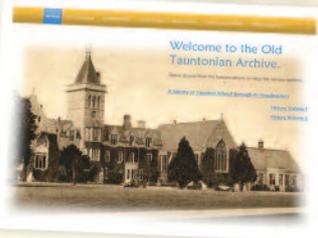
# LEARN FROM THE PAST: THE SCHOOL ARCHIVE



1886 1st XI Cricket  
(RSB Savery middle of back row)

All sorts of interesting items turn up in the School Archive. Recently I discovered a very early photograph of the 1st XI cricket team in 1886, their first unbeaten season (at a time when masters were eligible to play!). It is fascinating because it shows RSB Savery, the batsman whose score of 180 was only surpassed by Thomas Abell in 2012 and recently by Henry Gater with his remarkable 206. Another find has been a First World War Roll of Honour for Wills West, beautifully inscribed by hand and which it is hoped can be framed and hung in the House. A school writing book dated 1875 shows some of the beautiful copperplate writing pupils were taught in those days: this boy's repeated practising of the words 'Commission', 'Consignment', 'Emmanuel' and 'Communion' perhaps hints at the combination of commercial and religious teaching which was prominent on the syllabus then.

Talking of photographs, which abound in the archive, but often, sadly, with no names or dates, there is an on-going drive to identify and scan in as many of these as possible, using various groupings such as sports teams, house photos and special events. Subscribers to the recently launched OTs Online Archive will be able to view a growing photographic archive and so revive past memories. This is a continuing initiative which will take some time to complete.



OTs with photographs or other memorabilia in their possession which they think could be useful to us are encouraged to get in touch. In particular any older, inherited items relating perhaps to the early 20th century or WWI would be of great interest:

another project underway is a detailed researching of the OTs who died in the Great War, with a view to bringing their stories alive for the present generation as we observe the war's centenary through the next few years. **John Brown – School Archivist**

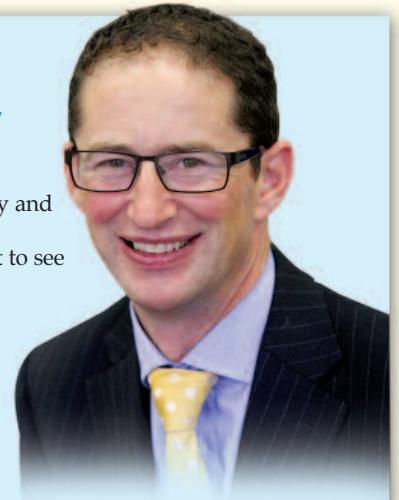
The Digital Archive currently consists of all 263 Tauntonian Magazines from 1882-2014, 49 Weirfieldian Magazines, 164 House photos, 135 Sports photos, 32 'Whole School' photos, 40 Music & Drama photos, the original 1867 Architect drawings of the School, 6 video clips (6-12 mins each) of the Prep School from sports days to mini-dramas such as *The Defectives*, *The Convict*, profiles of 58 former members of Staff, the War Memorial Rolls of Honour – and so much more!

High resolution scans of House Photos, Sports Teams (preferably with names), Music Teams etc. will be warmly received by David Bridges on [ots@tauntonschool.co.uk](mailto:ots@tauntonschool.co.uk)



1996

## THE HEAD HAS HIS SAY



It has been another very busy and very rewarding end to the academic year. It was great to see so many Old Tauntonians at some of our events including *Summerlands*, a play written exclusively for Taunton School, in which all of our emotions were engaged throughout the evening. Students and staff had clearly put in a huge amount of time and effort, and the biggest satisfaction came from watching students from Y7 through to U6th performing together. All students gain a great deal from such an experience; the younger ones recognising that the older ones are caring human beings and the feeling that they have friends in the senior year groups. The older ones recognise their positions as role models and are able to

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develop as leaders. The vision of working as one school is very dear to me and we will soon see more collaboration in all areas of school life.

At the end of each year we take time to reflect on our many triumphs and look forward with great excitement to the next academic year. The final week was busy and great fun, with House Athletics, House Swimming, Leavers' Chapel and Commemoration Day amongst the many activities that make Taunton School such a vibrant place. However, there was certainly no sense of taking it easy. Now that the summer holidays are here we have groups of students and staff off to South Africa, Cambodia, Spain, France and Scotland. It never stops, which is why our students leave us with such breadth of experiences. This is only possible with the support of passionate, energetic teachers and I am grateful to all of them for their hard work.

I am, as ever, extremely grateful to Old Tauntonians for your support throughout this year. This is a wonderful community and OTs are a vital part of it. I look forward to meeting many of you for the first time, and catching up with old friends throughout next year.

There is a £15 one-off charge to gain access to the Archive.

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INTRODUCING...

**F**ormer military officer **Mrs Nikki Miller** is joining Taunton School as Chief Operating Officer. Mrs Miller spent 14 years in the Army and served in a variety of roles across the world, rising to the rank of Major. She is currently Bursar at Port Regis, a leading coeducational preparatory boarding school in Shaftesbury, where she has worked for seven years. A qualified management accountant, Mrs Miller has also been a financial analyst with EDS (Defence) where she had specific responsibility for financial forecasting and revenue recognition.



She is married to Simon, the Bursar at Sherborne Girls' School, and the couple have three children. A qualified swimming teacher, Mrs Miller loves sport and was a representative cross-country runner in both the Army and at school. She said: "I am thrilled to have been appointed to

take up this really exciting role. I am thoroughly looking forward to joining the team and getting to meet and know my new colleagues as soon as possible."

Headmaster, Mr Lee Glaser, said: "I am delighted that Nikki is joining us in this new senior role. She will bring a wealth of expertise and experience to Taunton School and I am really looking forward to working with her."



**M**s **Nadine Latte** is joining Taunton School in September as Foundation Director. The present incumbent, Neil Longstreet, will be leaving in December 2015 after 15 years in post. Ms Latte has, until recently, been Director of Development and Alumni relations at Morrison's Academy, Perthshire.

Neil said, "The Foundation is well established and is fortunate to have a hugely supportive Old Tauntonian Association and parental body."

Nadine said: "I am absolutely delighted to be given the opportunity to join the team at Taunton School and I look forward to working with new colleagues and Old Tauntonians. My three children are also thrilled to be joining the school in September." ●

FAREWELL DINNER FOR JANE BARRIE

**J**ane **Barrie** (Weirfield School 1955-57) has been our Chairman of Governors for 14 years and a Governor since 1992, a much longer period than any single student has been at Taunton School and longer than the majority of our staff.

We recently held a marvellous black tie dinner to recognise what has been the most exceptional service and leadership Jane has given, as she stepped down with effect from June 26th. The dinner was attended by nearly 80 guests, including Governors and senior staff both past and present. Before dinner we were delighted to be entertained by the Prep School *Cantabile Choir* –



Jane has always been a huge admirer and supporter – and later on by the Head Boy and Head Girl. Well, not our current Heads of School but a rather St Trinian's-like rendering provided by Alan Large and Alannah Hunt, both former Deputies to Jane, who gave a very interesting and amusing take on her 23-year career as Chairman and Governor.

We were treated to an exceptional meal by Lisa Richards and her team – on occasions such as this it is easy to see why our facilities are so much in demand for high quality external events. Jane's tenure has seen many facets of Taunton School's development and

change; uncertainty and financial difficulty in the early years followed by growth and increasing financial certainty; four Headmasters; building our International schools; many joyous achievements and some individual tragedies, to name but a few.

Jane has been a strong leader and a wise counsel and friend, not just to successive Heads but also to many other members of Team-TS. Much of this stems from being a deeply sympathetic and considerate person but one, given her background as a senior stockbroker, who also possesses a measure of steel and the ability to control and guide an ever-changing enterprise with complex needs. Taunton School owes a huge debt of gratitude to Jane.

Countless hours have been spent in meetings, preparation, attending school functions, liaising and debating with Governors. But success and contribution is not measured solely by time; it is also measured by passion, skill, value added, dedication and positive outcomes – all of which we have been privileged to witness in abundance.

As on so many occasions over the years, Jane was accompanied by Ian Barrie and we owe him many heartfelt thanks too. Guests and friends had raised a collection and, on the night, we presented Jane with an album full of memories, photographs and anecdotes, together with a sketch of Ian and Jane's lovely dog, Georgie. An oil painting of Georgie is being worked on and will follow in due course. My only concern? What a tough act to follow!

Henry Keeling – Chair of Governors ●



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## 2 OTs... 2 DÉBUT PUBLICATIONS

**Rob Richardson** (*Fairwater 1990*)  
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Rob's début novel, *The Damned*, published by Duckworth Overlook, was released on 21st May. Writing under his middle name, Tarn, the book, the first in a trilogy called *The Darkest Hand*, is a gripping work of dark fiction set in an alternative WW1, where werewolves roam and a ruthless inquisition still holds sway. He says he can chart his desire to become a published author to one specific event at Taunton Junior School. "At the age of eight, our class teacher, Mrs Jones, read us 'The Hobbit'. I can still remember the moment very clearly. I'd never known, let alone heard, anything like it. It was as if a light had gone on in my head. I knew after that what it was I wanted to do with my life..... write stories." The book is available online and at all good bookshops, on Kindle and as paperback. An audio book version will shortly be available.

www.tarnrichardson.co.uk ●

**Philip Sumpter** (*Wills West 1998*)  
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Philip's début book contributes to the theory and practice of Biblical interpretation by engaging in an interpretation of Psalm 24 inspired by a particular understanding of Brevard Childs' 'canonical approach': an understanding centred on the concept of 'theological substance'.

Philip shows how the literary, historical, and theological dimensions of Psalm 24 cohere into a single vision by reading the text according to the previously discussed dialectic. An initial 'synchronic' analysis of the Psalm's poetic structure, related to a 'diachronic' reconstruction of the tradition history that led to the final form. The question is then posed concerning the primary forces at work in this history of composition, a question which leads to reflection on the Trinity, first *in se* and then *pro nobis*. This latter dimension takes us back to the text, as its 'Davidic' nature is further analysed in relation to the books of Samuel, the Psalter, and Isaiah. Finally, Patristic exegesis is turned to for further stimulation concerning the mysterious subject matter of the text. ●



David Bridges, OT Secretary, said: "The job is not an onerous one at all: I source all the articles, type them, collate them and then pass them to the Publications Secretary who proofreads my work and corrects my few mistakes!" 01823 703158 / otsecretary@tauntonschool.co.uk ●

## TOP OF THE CRICKET WORLD

Congratulations to 1st XI Captain **Henry Gater** who has topped the poll in Cricket World's Performance of the Week. His recent record-breaking innings of 206 against Queen's College Taunton received nearly 300 votes, which was over 40% of the total poll. Henry receives a certificate, a signed photo of Matthew Hoggard and goes forward to the Performance of the Season award. Many thanks to OTs who voted for him! ●



## RACING THE SUN

On Saturday 29th August, The Somerset Lads are embarking on a gruelling, yet exciting, 10 hour challenge called 'Race the Sun' that is going to test their teamwork, friendship and endurance. As the name suggests, this challenge is about racing the sun, beginning at sunrise and finishing by dusk.

**Ben Grieve** (*Marshall '10*), **Liam MacDonald** (*Marshall '10*), **James MacDonald** (*Marshall '10*) and **Marcus Freeman** (*Evans '10*) aim to complete a 50 mile cycle, hiking to the summit of England's second highest mountain, Mount Helvellyn at 3,116ft as well as canoeing 2 miles around Lake Thirlmere, all of which is located within the picturesque scenery of the Lake District.

The challenge is in aid of *Action Medical Research for Children*, a leading children's research charity which has been funding major medical breakthroughs for nearly 60 years. In addition to helping thousands of children affected by disease and disability, *Action Medical Research for Children* has overseen development of the UK polio vaccine, introduction of ultrasound scanning in pregnancy and discovering the link between taking folic acid in pregnancy as well as preventing spina bifida.

Ben said: "This is a charity close to my heart as I was diagnosed with *Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA)* at the age of 11 whilst studying at Taunton School. As a team, we are looking for further sponsorship (targeted total of £2,000) and any other help would be appreciated to cover the cost of travel and equipment. As a result, this will enable the team to raise as much money as possible for such a great cause."

Contact Ben Grieve to obtain further information:  
bsgrieve@gmail.com  
http://www.action.org.uk/sponsor/thesomersetlads ●



### WESTERN CLUB LUNCH

Western Club Lunch at The Candlelight Inn, Chard, TA20 3RS. The Landlord, Tom Warren (Goodland '03), made us very welcome. Excellent food!

Simon Nicholson (Wills East '73) is elected Western Club Chairman.



Photos: David Bridges



### DOWN MEMORY LANE

Roger Harding (Fairwater '54) enjoyed a trip down memory lane as part of his 80th birthday celebrations. "I had a great time reminiscing. Many thanks to David Bridges for giving up his time to show me round and take me to lunch."



### WEST WALES CLUB DINNER

June 2015



West Wales Club Dinner at Pembroke when Chairman Michael Colley (Fairwater '66) makes a U-turn and saves the Club from closure for the time being!



David Bridges, OT Secretary (r) taking time out of his holiday in Madeira to meet up with Martin Mears (Wills West '64)

### MIDLAND CLUB LUNCH

June 2015

Midland Club Lunch at The Bridge, Bidford on Avon, 27th June 2015.



Photos: Colin Trim



### CRICKET CHALLENGE

June 2015

OT Cricket side plays TS 1st XI (June 25th 2015). ....a very close match as the School fell short of the OT total of 154 by 3 runs....



Alan Large, Chloe Large (Jenkin '10) and Iain Large (Goodland '07)

### OT LODGE AT BERKSHIRE FESTIVAL

Some members of the Old Tauntonian Lodge No 5735, their family and friends at the Public School Lodges Council Festival held at Wellington College, Berkshire in May



Photo: Catherine Stocker



Annual Reunion Dinner in the Old Library

### ANNUAL REUNION

May 2015

1995 leavers enjoying a tour around the School along with lots of future OTs!



Youngsters enjoying the Bouncy Castle

2015 leavers Thomas Dunn, Freddie Cooney, Henri Cooney, Sophie Gamble

Photos: David Bridges



### DIAMOND WEDDING

June 2015

Steve Harvey (Senior Day Boys '44) and Kath celebrate their Diamond Wedding in the Old Library at Taunton School (18th June 2015)

Photo: Gail Harris

## TAKAPUNA TURTLES

After a long rugby season and plenty of hours planning and organising, the Turtles re-embarked at Bournemouth 7s for our third straight year. Our first group match was a tough encounter with both teams showing the signs of a physical 15 aside game, which is not ideal in 7s. A last minute try by **Tim Thompson (Fairwater '11)** was not enough for the win and the game was lost narrowly by 2 points but showed plenty of positives for coach **Andrew Ford (Marshal '09)** to work on. Our next two group games were both convincing wins, with our highest ever points scored in one game of 74-0! The next morning in the quarter finals we faced a University side who won the cup the previous year, however, this year, they mainly consisted of forwards. The quarter finals was our toughest game with lots of physical battles all over the park but the opposition were outdone by some slick running from the Turtles. The Semi-final



**For our first time at Bournemouth 7s we had won...For the Old Tauntonians in the team this was a massive pleasure!**

was a convincing win with some brilliant rugby skills on show from all players and was more of a warm up for the final. The final was held on the main pitch in front of a large crowd with music playing; this really helped psych up the boys. After a slow start, we managed to open to scoring from a long range sprint inside our own 22 metre

line. After what felt like a long 14 minutes, the final was over. For our first time at Bournemouth 7s we had won, final score 32-12. For the Old Tauntonians in the team this was a massive pleasure! Highlights of the weekend can be found on our Facebook <https://twitter.com/TakapunaTurtles> and Twitter page <https://www.facebook.com/TPturtles>

Our next Tournament was South West 7s at Clifton RFC. Our first game was against a highly recognised 7s team, The Godfathers. After a slow start, **Stuart Heal (Marshall '11)** opened the scoring for us after gathering a loose kick off. Some excellent defensive work managed to hold them off and a last minute try gave us the win. Our next few games were also tough but the boys dug deep and we came out on top with some hard work from the Roberts brothers **Jon (Wills West '10)** and **Matthew (Goodland '13)** and **George Gauntlett (Goodland '10)**. Having won all our games, we finished top in the open competition and were awarded the trophy. After a group collective decision, we donated our prize money to CLIC Sargent, a charity for young cancer patients. Having conquered Bournemouth and Bristol, we head down to Newquay at the end of June.

We would like to thank all our Sponsors, but especially the **OT 200 Club**, for their generous support. ●



## STAR JOINS TEAM-TS

Somerset Cricket Captain and former England star, **Marcus Trescothick** recently joined Team-TS as Cricket Development Coach from the start of the Summer Term.

Marcus said: "I have greatly enjoyed working at Taunton School and helping the students learn about being a professional cricketer and other elements of elite sports performance.

Both my daughters are in the Prep School so it is great to be part of the team. Obviously playing is still the most important part of my life and will take up my main focus but I'm hoping to grow the role at Taunton School."



Headmaster, Mr Lee Glaser, said: "It's been very exciting to have Marcus working with us – we aim for excellence in all that we do and he has played a vital role in our cricket programme. As one of the best players of his generation, our boys and girls have benefited a great deal from his input and experience. He is a fine role model and ably demonstrates that a sportsman/woman can be successful whilst also conducting themselves in the right way both on and off the field."

Trescothick played 76 Test matches and 123 One-Day Internationals for England with a top score of 219 and a Test average of 43.79. He has played 327 First-class matches since his debut in 1993. Taunton School has produced a rich seam of cricketing talent, among them former school 1st XI captain **Tom Abell (Goodland '12)** who scored 95 on his County Championship debut for Somerset last Summer.

The current Somerset squad includes another Old Tauntonian, **Adam Dibble (Evans '09)** whose sister **Jodie (Woodyer '13)** is also a former school 1st XI captain. Jodie went on to play in the Women's Twenty20 World Cup in Bangladesh last year. Only last month, Trescothick was on hand to present the prizes as Taunton School's U15 girls won the Somerset finals of the Lady Taverners competition at the County Ground. ●

## TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Three enterprising Year 11 students are planning the trip of a lifetime to help out at an African orphanage. **Joshua Hall (Marshall)**, **Cameron Willett (Marshall)** and **Alastair Robinson (Evans)** have been fundraising for their three-week visit to Ghana in the summer holidays. They have volunteered to go to Accra in Ghana with *Projects Abroad*, which has sent more than 50,000 people from all walks of life to help in the developing world.

Our intrepid trio, all aged 16, will spend their time working in an orphanage in the mornings and then coaching rugby in the afternoons – they were all in the U16A side last season. They will be writing to local businesses for support and are also hoping to receive donations of old rugby kit to take out with them.

Josh said: "We heard about *Projects Abroad* from a family friend in Ghana and decided to apply to take part – it's the opportunity of a lifetime." Alastair described the trip as "an out of the box experience" while Cameron said it would be "amazing" to go to Africa to help out.

Headmaster, Mr Lee Glaser, who has pledged £500 towards the trip, said: "I am extremely proud of the boys. In an age when teenage boys are stereotyped as unthinking and lazy, it is great to see Josh, Cam and Ali doing something different and helping others in another part of the world. I hope their adventure will inspire others to try something similar."

The boys needed to raise £2,000 each to cover their trip and anyone still wishing to support them is asked to email [michael.hall48@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.hall48@btinternet.com) ●



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## THOMAS SIGNS FULL-TIME CONTRACT

Thomas Abell (*Goodland '12*) has signed his fist full contract with Somerset County Cricket Club. The 20-year-old has worked his way through the ranks at the County and burst on to the scene last season by making an accomplished 95 on his First Class début.

Somerset Director of Cricket, Mat Maynard, said *"I've seen something that I really like in Tom. I like his character, I like what he has to offer and he's got a lot of talent. We are delighted that he's signed a deal that will keep him here until 2019. He is highly thought of and hopefully in the years to come we will see him go on to big things because he certainly has the temperament to do it."*

Tom said he was delighted to sign on the dotted line. *"To say that I'm chuffed to bits is an understatement. Mat Maynard took me to one side when we were heading up to Durham last week and outlined the Club's plans so I was over the moon to sign. Playing for Somerset is something I have always wanted to do and this gives me the platform to hopefully progress over the next few years and establish myself in the team"*

Tom marked his new contract by playing a starring role as Somerset defeated Nottinghamshire in the County Championship – scoring an unbeaten 76 in the fist innings and 72 in the second. ●



### FOR THE RECORD

**OUR ARCHIVES OFFICER, MR JOHN BROWN,** writes: The best individual scores by players in single-innings school matches (1st XI unless stated otherwise) appears to be as follows:

Runs	Player	Year	Opposition
206	Henry Gater	2015	Queen's
186	Thomas Abell	2011	King's, Bruton
180	RSB Savery	1887	Yorkshire Schools
180	Aftab Habib	1986	Queen's ( <i>Foals</i> )
175	Nicholas Pringle	1981	King's ( <i>Foals</i> )
172	Jack Cooper	2005	XL Club
163	John Jameson	1959	Kingswood
162	Jack Cooper	2005	Clifton
162	Thomas Abell	2012	King's, Bruton
153	L V Cousins	1904	Devon County School
153	John Jameson	1959	Blundell's
152	Piran Holloway	1988	Fettes
143	Thomas Abell	2012	Colston's
140	Thomas Abell	2010	Sherborne
139	Andrew Challacombe	1983	Monmouth
138	John Jameson	1959	Old Tauntonians
136	E M Pitts	1926	Bradninch
136	John Jameson	1959	Blundell's
134	Ricky Bartlett	1985	King's, Bruton
132	W M Raw	1929	Somerset Stragglers
132	Aftab Habib	1989	Old Tauntonians
130	R A Gerrard	1929	Somerset Stragglers
129	Peter Boocock	1978	Victoria College
128	Thomas Abell	2011	Dulwich College
125	Nicholas Walters	1985	Sherborne
125	J H Camerson	1931	Taunton Thursday

### APOLOGY FROM DAVID BRIDGES

In the April 2015 *OT Review* there was an article on page 14 regarding a chance encounter between Stephen Pugh and Will Loxton on HMS Somerset. My sincere apologies go to **Tom Loxton** (*Goodland 2005*) whom I confused with his brother, Will.....*mea culpa*. ●



## Gerald Philip Cookman

(Fairwater West 1950-57)  
9 October 1939 – 5 March 2015



On leaving Taunton School, Gerry studied forestry at Aberdeen, Syracuse and Harvard Universities, returning to England to work at Plant Protection, a then subsidiary of ICI, based in Haslemere, Surrey. He was engaged in the technical side of coffee growing and was seconded to South America living and working in Cuba, Brazil, Ecuador and Chile. He retired to Chulmleigh, Devon in

1982. A confirmed bachelor, he always lived life to the full and during a long and happy retirement remained very active, visiting and hosting friends and relatives. He pursued his many interests with great enthusiasm including salmon and trout fishing, literature, music, classic films, fine wines, photography and collecting vintage cameras. Gerry died at Exeter hospital after a short illness.

John Cookman (Fairwater '63) ●



## John Gibson

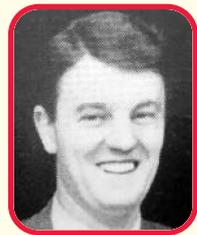
(Headmaster Taunton Prep School 1995-98)

Former pupils at Taunton Preparatory School will be saddened to learn that John died suddenly on 8th May 2015 following a heart attack. He was 58.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda, Jessica and Christian at this time. ●

## Nigel Gilpin

(Staff 1955-63)



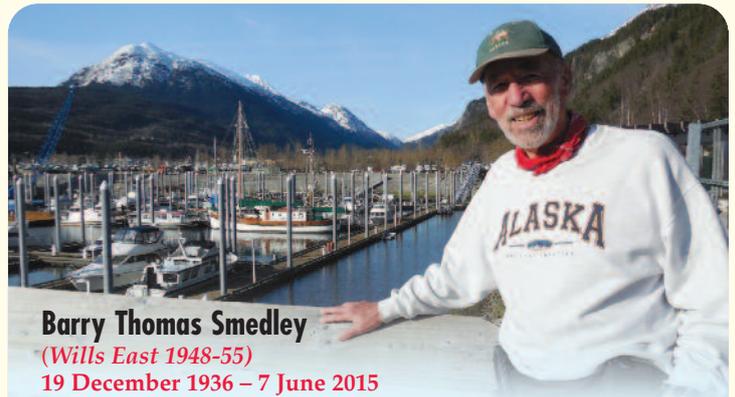
As a new Day Boy in September 1956, I quickly realised how fortunate I was to be taught English by Nigel Gilpin. After Highgate

School and Cambridge Nigel was still a newcomer to the profession but, immediately, Form 2A fell under the spell of his infectious enthusiasm, his relaxed teaching style and his insistence on the very highest standards of literacy, presentation and work-rates. He coached both Cricket and Hockey, was an innovative editor of *The Tauntonian* and a committed Assistant Housemaster. It was, however, as a teacher of English in the Sixth Form that Nigel excelled. His love of English Literature was profound and his teaching of Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth *et al* ensured that we not only obtained high grades at 'A' Level but also laid the foundations for a life-long appreciation of literature and literary style.

Nigel left Taunton School in 1963 to pursue his career elsewhere. He spent two years at St Bees School in Cumbria before moving into the state sector. Senior posts at The Crypt Grammar School, Gloucester and Hele's Grammar School, Exeter, led to appointment as Headmaster of Poole Grammar School where he remained for 15 years until early retirement in 1988. In 'retirement' Nigel threw himself with his customary vigour into his role as a Magistrate eventually becoming Chair of the Poole Bench together with a national role training magistrates, and finally a Deputy Lieutenant for Dorset.

Fifty years after left Taunton, David Craggs (Somerset '64), Brian Smith (Somerset '63) and I were privileged to renew our acquaintance with Nigel and his wife, Janet, during the final three years of his life. He retained and shared fond memories of his eight years at TS and, at our last meeting in December 2014, acknowledged what a superb platform the school had given him for his subsequent career. Such sentiments are shared by most OTs I presume! Nigel Gilpin succumbed on May 6th 2015 to the cancer which he had endured with unflinching good-humour and courage. The life of an inspirational teacher and a cultured, much-loved man, who touched the lives of so many beyond Janet and their sons, Jeremy and Timothy, was remembered and celebrated in Poole three weeks later.

Colin Trim (Somerset '64) ●



## Barry Thomas Smedley

(Wills East 1948-55)  
19 December 1936 – 7 June 2015

Brimming with energy, Barry led a pretty fast-paced life from starting his own advertising agency in London at 22, to Marketing Director at SAC, to British Consul/Commercial for aerospace in Los Angeles, to starting his own marketing company (BTS Marketing) in Santa Monica, CA, which represented British companies in the US, including the Development Corp. of Wales. He sold out of his company to take a year off to travel around the world. During his travels, Barry met his future wife, Corinne, on a tour bus in Hawaii.

The couple made travel a priority in their lives because Barry wanted to see this world before

he had to see the next one. With video and photographic equipment, they captured the reality of travel and shared it with others through live travel shows and the production of travel DVDs (available through Amazon!) To help offset the cost of travel, Barry and Corinne worked the 5 month cruise ship season in Skagway, Alaska, for the last 12 years. Barry was a tour guide and driver while Corinne worked in a speciality retail shop.

Barry was planning his next great adventure to drive across Russia from Vladivostok to Moscow in his 1973 VW camper van. Sadly, this trip had to be cancelled due to his health and he passed away at home 2 months later. ●

## Geoffrey Frank Spray

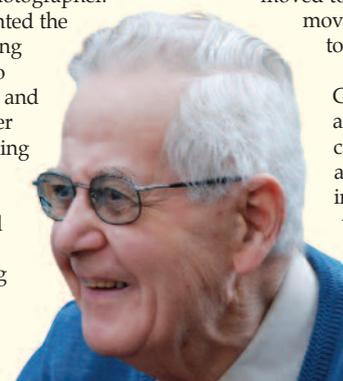
(Fairwater 1929-38)  
21 July 1921 – 13 May 2015

Geoffrey started in Thone before entering Fairwater His older brother by 5 years, Henry Angwin Spray, was also a Tauntonian.

Born in Penzance, he came to the School as his father was working in Africa for the Eastern Telegraph Company. Geoffrey helped to build the workshops and the old cinder running track and his dormitory was in the clock tower. He had two special friends at Taunton: Roger who also came from Penzance and was tragically killed at home when a stray German bomb hit his family's house in Alma Place; and Harold Bennett – a professional photographer. Dad often recounted the stories of travelling from Penzance to Taunton on train and the fun that Roger and he had opening the coaches' windows as the train approached the Dawlish tunnels engulfing the passengers in smoke and smuts.

After Taunton, my father had plans to study architecture, which of course were delayed by the Second World War. He was not fit enough to serve overseas due to poor eyesight, and joined the Royal Signals. In 1939 he met my mother, became engaged and they were married in 1951. Once demobbed in late 1946, Geoffrey studied for his ARIBA exams and qualified in 1950. After some time in private practice in Plymouth (Walls and Pearn), he joined Plymouth City Council as an architect. In 1959 he relocated to Oxford as part of his local government career progression and stayed there for almost 30 years, during which time he rose to Deputy County Architect for Oxfordshire. After an aortic valve replacement in 1979, he took early retirement and moved to Cirencester, before moving again in 1988 to Suffolk.

Geoffrey's wife was admitted to a residential care home in 2009, and Geoffrey lived independently until 2013, when he joined his wife in the same care home. Geoffrey died peacefully in the St Elizabeth Hospice. Greg Spray (son) ●



**Richard Charles Henry Roberts**

(Fairwater 1940-51)  
4 May 1933 – 20 Dec 2014



Richard started in Thone in 1940, moving to Foxcombe under John Wilkins and subsequently Fairwater under Alan Marshall. His father, Phil, had been at Taunton School and had worked for the Ever Ready Battery Company for most of his working life. Retiring to Corfe, Taunton, he was an active member of The Taunton School Lodge up until the time of his death.

Richard had a full life at Taunton, representing the School at hockey and tennis. He was a Sergeant in the CCF, became a House Prefect, played the 'cello in the school orchestra alongside Jag Glover, the teacher. He took part in the Centenary Pageant in 1947.

In 1951 he obtained a scholarship to Cardiff University where he achieved a degree in Metallurgy. He served his National Service in the Navy, where he obtained a short-term commission attached to the Royal Marine School of Music based at Deal, Kent. Following his marriage to Ingrid, his first wife, they moved to Doncaster where he started his career with British Ropes.

Richard, Ingrid and their 3 children moved to Mexico where he represented British Ropes specialising in products for mining and fishing boats. After 7 years they moved to Chile, where Richard spent more than half his working life. He was a fluent Spanish speaker, although his friends said he never lost his Somerset accent!

He enjoyed his visits to the Annual Reunions in Taunton, and looked up his contemporaries as often as he could. After his first marriage was dissolved, he married Veronica and they lived happily in Santiago until his passing in December 2014 at a nursing home there.

Hugh Johnson (Fairwater '55) ●

**John Michael Newbery**

(Fairwater 1950-56)  
12 Dec 1937 – 31 March 2015

John gained the SP Record Prize in 1954 (best 'O' Level results) the Medical Officer's Prize (best student going into Medicine). He was Secretary of the Music Club and a keen member of the Natural History Society. He was awarded a Hertfordshire County Major Scholarship and a Royal College of Surgeons MacLoughlin and Morris Scholarship. John read Natural Sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge and ended his working career as Consultant Anaesthetist at Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. His varied interests included reading, amateur dramatics, music, horse-riding and watching cricket. ●



**Brig Harold John Goodson**

(School House 1944-49)  
20 Nov 1929 – 26 January 2015

John joined the CCF as an Army Cadet whilst at Taunton School. He did well academically: passing School Certificate and Higher School Certificate in Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. He was an Under Officer in the CCF and became Head Boy in his final year.

He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in February 1951 winning the Royal Engineers Institution Medal for the highest cadet in the Order of Merit commissioned into the Corps. He attended the Young Officer Course at Chatham and from there went to St John's College Cambridge gaining his BA in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos.

Shortly after his marriage to Dawn in March 1955 – a marriage which was to last for a few weeks short of 60 years – he embarked for Korea to join 55 Independent Field Squadron where he became acting Captain to Christmas island for 'Operation Grapple', the British Nuclear weapons Test in the Central Pacific Ocean. Various other postings and promotions led to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to form up the new amphibious Engineer Regiment in 1969. John's expert leadership meant that by the time of his departure the Regiment was very capable and totally confident. It was near the end of this tour that

John was awarded the OBE for his achievements.

John moved to Lübbecke on promotion to Colonel in March 1973 as the Colonel AQ of 2 Division, responsible for personnel and logistics. Promotion to Brigadier followed in 1976 when appointed to command 30 Engineer Brigade in Staffordshire. Following an appointment as Deputy Assistant to the Supreme allied Commander Europe, General Alexander Haig, his final appointment was Director of Defence Operations at the MOD. This included the period of the Falklands War starting in April 1982 when he wrote the report of the campaign. John was offered promotion to Major General but turned it down as his work on the Falklands War was taking too much time.

On retirement from the Army in 1983 he became Secretary of Parkstone Yacht Club (1983-87), after which he was Honorary Secretary of the Poole Yacht Racing Association.

General Richard Peck CB ●

**BHUTAN REMEMBERED**

I was most interested to see an article on Bhutan in the April 2015 OT Review as it is a country I know well. I was a Senior Day Boy at Taunton until 1944 and then studied Medicine at Edinburgh University before being 'called-up' as a Royal Air Force officer and very much involved in developing RAF Mountain Rescue.

Subsequently, I was in General Practice and became aware that Bhutan had requested help in defining their infectious disease problems. In 1964, the Leprosy Mission approached me and so I arrived in Bhutan; at that time there were only four other

'foreigners' in the whole country. Travelling is difficult but Bhutan has a very effective wireless system. The defined villages would be instructed to prepare for a visit when everyone would be examined. The details of this survey have been published, but you can imagine the very strenuous effort required! We had a fuller picture of the health of the country than the Health Minister.

We advised that single-disease projects (e.g. malaria, leprosy, tuberculosis) were a misuse of manpower. What was required was multi-purpose health workers delivering health care to defined communities in what became known as the Declaration of Alma-Ata in 1978. Subsequently, my wife and I were invited by the King's Representative to work for the Bhutan Government, training various categories of staff to establish a new system of units with one for every 15,000 population. In 1989 the Health School was upgraded to become the Royal Institute of Health Sciences. In 1998 it won the

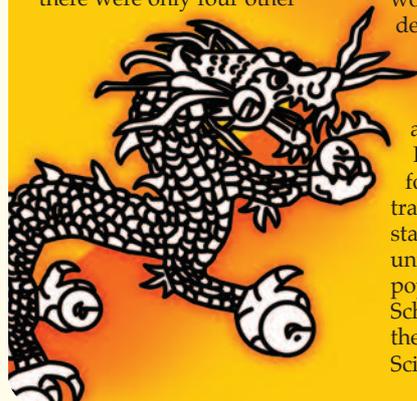
World Health Organisation's award for the best development of Primary Health Care in a developing country.

During our time in Bhutan the resident tutor to the Royal Princes was Michael Aris, a lecturer in Tibetan at Oxford and author of *The Origins of Buddhist Monarchy in Bhutan*. He was married to Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma. Michael died in 1999 while his wife was under house arrest – they had only seen each other 5 times in all those years.

Bhutan is a very different country now – a land for the rich to visit and the men in Bhutan spend their evenings watching TV instead of cultivating their land!

Thank you for reminding us about Bhutan.

John Berkeley  
(Senior Day Boys 1939-44)  
drumbeg27@btinternet.com ●



# WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2015



- Afolabi Adebajo, Oz Agume-Opia, Dolapo Akande, Kolapo Akande, Teniola Akinaja, Alina Alexeeva, Gerald Baiwir, Charlie Beake, Ellamae Beake, Thomas Benning, Lily Berryman, Fran Biddle, Georgie Blackwell, Gemma Bown, Daniel Brauns, Mauro Buono, Charlotte Casson, Harry Charalambous, Alice Chick, Kevin Chinnaprappa, Jess Clarke, Tom Clarke, Charlie Clavarino, William Coates, Rex Cole, Holly Conquer, Freddie Cooney, Henri Cooney, Harry Cooper, Bella Cooper, Connor Coventry, Marguerite Culot, Pierre Dapsens, Robert Dormor, Agnes Dromgoole, Stephanie Dubaere, Thomas Dunn, Larry Ehimuan, Mostafa Elibiary, Lara Foster, Todd Freeman, Dea Gagoshidze, Gregorio Galimberti, Sophie Gamble, Henry Gater, Dasha Grebenyuk, Heidi Green, Sam Griffin, Luke Harker, Imogen Henry, Annelies Hill, Taryn Hillman, Alfie Holloway, Xin Yan Huang, Azania Jaigirdar, Ruaridh Jameson, Nory Yu Yang Jiang, Hannah Jolley, Tom Karpovich, Yuki Kato, Lucy Kay, Kirra Kearns, Nicole Kimitri, Jianjun Kong, Josh Kostaedt, Kristina Kozhevnikova, Anton Kudryashov, Flora Larkin, Harry Lau, Anya Lee, Nicholas Leigh, Bilal Liadi, Georg Lichtenberg, Wenqi Liu, Megan Loveridge, Steven Lowe, Jerry Lui, Jack Malden, Kirstie Manning, Amy Mansfield, Will Mathias, Egor Mayorov, Abigail McHardy, Jonathon Mellor, Elizabeth Merson, German Mikulski, Jamie Miles, Mathew Morgan, Patrick Morshead, Polina Nazarova, Stepan Neronski, Lera Novikova, Ole Nowak, Orevia Ogrih, Samantha Onyemenam, Ugonma Onyenkpa, Dolly Oram, Donald Otim, Robert Overton-Fox, Francisca Paredes-Tarazona, Emily Payne, Matt Pearce, Charlotte Penny, Matthieu Petit, Guy Prideaux, Phoebe Purvis, Alexander Raikes, Emma Read, William Riez, Sam Rixon, William Roberts, Viktor Rodionov, Amelie Rothenbuhler, Ekaterina Sadovnikova, Piotr Sawosz, Grace Smalley, Charlie Smith, Megan Smith, Eleanor Soole, James Spackman, Eleanor Spicer, Mollie Stallard, Roman Sura, Veeraya Tantisunthorn, Denis Tereshchenko, Jennifer Tester, Carlo Theodoli, Laurie Thomas, Dan Trapnell, Edward Tucker, Daisy Tucker, Hind Turki, Nicholas Ukachukwu, Emily Vickery, Bob Wang, Meg Watkinson, Juliet Watson, George Whitburn, Wilkie Whittingham, James Willetts, Jessie Wilson, Iza Wolynska, Annabel Woodhead, Ben Woolstencroft, Robyn Zammit.



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**MEETINGS 2015**

OTL 2nd October (Inst), 4th Dec – 16.30hrs  
TSL 25th Sept, 27th Nov – 18.15hrs  
OTC 3rd November (Inst) 16.00hrs

*All Old Tauntonian Freemasons are cordially invited to attend our meetings and will be made most welcome. ●*

## MASTERS SWIMMING



**K** eith Ingram (*Wills East '59*) writes: Fifty six years have elapsed since I captained a winning Meade-King Cup team but I still remember the buzz that I am sure the current victors feel. I expect that quite a number of them belong to a swimming club and will continue swimming after they leave school. I would like to recommend that they get involved in Masters Swimming. Competition is arranged in 5 year age bands from 25 years upwards, though in the UK there is an under 25 group also. It provides friendly competition and the opportunity to spend days, weekends and weeks away at home and abroad with club colleagues and like minded people.

Spanish rivals. The only downside is looking forward to getting older and moving into a new age group. For me entering the 75-79 age group has provided opportunities of setting British Records. To date these are: 50m and 100m Breaststroke, 100m and 200m Butterfly and 100m, 200m, 400m Individual Medley short course (25m pool) and 50m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley long course (50m pool). The recent British Masters Long Course competition in Manchester was where I added the 50m Breaststroke and missed the 100m record by 0.52 seconds. The only consolation was that my 100m Breaststroke was faster than anyone in the next two age groups below.

This year I went to Rennes for the French Masters Winter Championships and renewed friendships with French and

Old Tauntonian swimmers should not be put off by being inactive for a long time since school. Family and career caused me to have a gap of over 20 years and when I got into it at 48 I discovered that I was only 3 seconds slower over 100m freestyle than when I was at school! I expected to slow down each year after that but achieved my best Masters' time for this event aged 60! It is after this that drop-off begins and accelerates through time. ●



Meade-King Cup Winners 1959

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>SEPTEMBER 2015</b>		
Friday 11	Western Club Lunch	1.00pm Taunton School
Sunday 13	Cornish Club Lunch	12.00pm The Headland Hotel
Saturday 19	1847 Lunch	12.00pm Taunton School
<b>OCTOBER 2015</b>		
Friday 2	Western Club Dinner	6.30pm Taunton School
Saturday 3	OTA Committee Meeting	9.30am Taunton School
<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>		
Friday 6	Western Club Lunch	1.00pm Taunton School
Thursday 26	London Club Dinner	6.30pm RAF Club, Piccadilly
<b>DECEMBER 2015</b>		
Monday 7	Western Club Christmas Lunch	12.30pm Taunton School
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>		
Friday 8	Western Club Lunch	1.00pm Taunton School
<b>FEBRUARY 2016</b>		
Friday 5	Western Club Lunch	1.00pm Taunton School
<b>MARCH 2016</b>		
Thursday 10	Western Club Lunch	1.00pm Taunton School
<b>JUNE 2016</b>		
Saturday 18	OT Reunion Weekend	Taunton School

## BIRTHS

DICK	to Karla (née Pearson)	Gloucester '99	and Sam	Isabelle Sally - 04.02.15
FORREST	to Robert	Evans '99	and Mina	Oxley William Shoji - 10.03.15
HOUAGHAM	to Natasha (née Murray)	Gloucester '01	and Tom	Arthur George - 04.01.15
HOUGHAM	to Tom	Wills West '00	and Natasha	Arthur George - 04.01.15
JOSLIN	to Rebecca (née Alers-Hankey)	Besley '02	and Alexander	Matilda Rose Alers - 25.07.14
MAITLAND	to Helen (née Ridler)	Gloucester '98	and Sam	Phoebe Ruth - 16.04.15
MOORE	to Timothy	Goodland '02	and Amanda	Alana May - 02.06.15
PAYNE	to Carly (née Pitman)	Jenkin '03	and Thomas	Zachary John - 23.02.15
PENGILLEY GIBB	to Lucy (née Pengilley)	Murray '00	and Tom	Penny Efa - 03.11.14
PERRY	to Sophie (née Walker)	Murray '92	and Luke	Eloise Sophia - 19.02.15
PINE	to Ben	Wills West '97	and Stephanie	Georgiana - 16.05.15
SMITH	to Graham	Goodland '00	and Sam	Phoebe Elizabeth - 27.06.15
SMITH	to Sam (née Jeanes)	Murray '99	and Graham	Phoebe Elizabeth - 27.06.15
SUMPTER	to Philip	Wills West '98	and Ingrid	Emily Lynn - 11.07.15
WILSON	to Adam	Wills East '02	and Carly	Skye Lily - 04.05.14
WILSON	to Mark	Wills East '05	and Susana	Mia Isabella - 31.12.13

## ENGAGEMENTS

GEORGE ASTON	(Wills West '06)	to Becci Holzherr
EDWARD GUILOR	(Marshall '04)	to Oluwatoyin Oyede
REBECCA HANSON	(Jenkin '06)	to Oliver McCredie
EMMA KENNEDY	(Jenkin '04)	to James Russell
RHIANNON LLEWELLYN	(Weirfield '06)	to Rev Brutus Green
CARLY MERCER	(Besley '98)	to Gareth Powell
SAM ROBINSON	(Fairwater '05)	to Liz Tilley

## ANNIVERSARY

GORDON COOPER	(Wills West '46)	and Betty	Diamond Wedding (21 May 1955)
STEPHEN HARVEY	(Senior Day Boys '44)	and Kate	Diamond Wedding (18 June 1955)

## MARRIAGES

BONWICK	Jenny (née Knott)	Jenkin '80	to Ian	27.07.15
COOK	Jenny (née Watts)	Besley '03	to Martin	25.07.15
COURTS-GILLER	Katie (nee Courts)	Jenkin '94	to Paul	17.07.15
COUSINS	Eleanor (née Hervé)	Foxcombe '97	to Simon	27.09.14
DUNN	Peter	Fairwater '00	to Anna	21.03.15
GIBBONS	Andrea (née Barrow)	Gloucester '96	to Edward	03.04.15
NICHOLAS-ROBINSON	Rhiannon (née Piper)	Jenkin '07	to Victor	09.04.15
PRICE	Ian	Goodland '02	to Beth	13.12.14
SMART	Timothy	Fairwater '92	to Veronika	06.06.15
SMITH	Lotty (née Waples)	Weirfield '00	to Daniel	25.07.15
SPEEDY	James	Fairwater '05	to Helena	20.06.15
TSO	Victoria (née Aldrich)	Bevan '10	to Edmund	01.08.15
TSO	Edmund	Fairwater '10	to Victoria	01.08.15
WARD	Robert	Fairwater '93	to Claire	06.04.15

## DEATHS

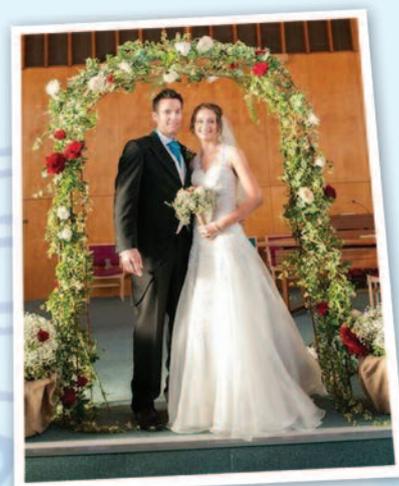
BEELE	Richard Frederick	Senior Day Boys '31-'38	14.03.14
BELLEW	Sheila Mary	Weirfield School '40-'49	03.02.15
BENNETT	Jonathan Austen	Evans '77-'88	12.04.15
BERRINGTON	Peter Davies	School House '33-'37	13.03.15
BLACKMORE	Roger Michael	Fairwater '48-'55	17.03.15
CAVENDER	Nicholas Martin	Wills West '60-'65	31.07.15
COOKMAN	Gerald Philip	Fairwater '50-'57	05.03.15
GILPIN	Nigel	Former Staff '55-'63	07.05.15
KING	Peter Allan	Wills West '43-'51	18.11.14
LONGMAN	David John	Quantocks '64-'70	19.03.15
MACKIE	Timothy John	School House '76-'81	05.06.15
MARKE	Phyllis Mary	Weirfield School '24-'28	21.01.15
McMAHON	Leo Frederick William	Wills West '48-'51	24.06.15
MUNRO	Pamela	Weirfield School Staff '58-'66	06.06.15
NEWBERY	John Michael	Fairwater '50-'56	31.03.15
PHILLIPS	Peter John Side	Fairwater '34-'43	16.04.15
REGAN	Charles Maurice	School House '39-'43	31.03.15
SANDERS	Ivan	Wills West '26-'31	13.01.15
SMEDLEY	Barry Thomas	Wills East '48-'55	07.06.15
SPRAY	Geoffrey Frank	Fairwater '29-'40	13.05.15
TAYLOR	Richard George	Somerset '33-'46	14.05.15
THEOBALD	John Douglas	Wills West '38-'44	21.12.14
WILLIAMS	Roger Dorrien	Somerset '60-'67	20.09.14
WYLIE DFC	Munro Don	Wills West '39-'40	31.05.15

## GRADUATIONS

ELLA CARROLL (Jenkin 2012)  
Cardiff Law School  
Law LLP 2:1

RHIANNON LLEWELLYN (Weirfield 2006)  
Royal Academy of Music  
Adv Dip Singing

HARRY STUNELL (Marshall 2012)  
Swansea  
Ancient History & Egyptology BA 1st



Ian Price (Goodland '02) and Beth on their wedding day in December 2014



## SWIMMING SUCCESS

The Meade King Cup is the oldest swimming competition between more than two schools in Europe. Swimming teams from local rivals Queen's College, Wellington School and King's College competed against an unbeaten Taunton School team for six cups, with Taunton winning four of them. One of the many highlights was William Perry breaking the U14 Backstroke record and the team winning both the Cannon and Girls' Open Relay which was a keenly fought contest against Queen's, where in the end Taunton came out on top, winning the Meade King Cup for both girls and boys.

Lisa Manley ●

## FULBRIGHT AWARD TO THE US



**A**lice Walters (*Bevan '90*) has received a Fulbright Police Research Award to enable her to research at the University of California- Davis and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms NIBIN branch, one of the most prestigious and selective scholarship programmes operating worldwide.

As a participant, she has been selected to evaluate the effectiveness of the National Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and assess its implementation, value for money and relevance. She hopes to examine the techniques employed by the ATF to determine whether or not firearms intelligence translates into positive outcomes.

Commenting on receiving the award, Alice said: *"I am thrilled to have been fortunate enough to be selected for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend time with my American counterparts and learn how they use NIBIN as an investigative tool in the front end of firearms related casework. UK gun culture means our firearms problem is significantly smaller but I hope to share our experiences pioneering the world's first National Ballistics Intelligence Service. Additionally, I look forward to working with the educators at the research-oriented Forensic Masters programme at UC-Davis and seeing how they instruct and inspire the next generation of forensic scientists."*

Penny Egan, Executive Director, US-UK Fulbright Commission said: *"I know Alice will do us great credit during her time in the US and beyond. Only exceptional scholars and students win Fulbright awards: one of the world's most competitive merit-based international scholarships."*

**I am thrilled to have been fortunate enough to be selected for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity**

Amy Moore, Director of the Fulbright Awards Programme, added: *"It's very rewarding seeing a group of talented, inspirational and very deserving individuals, embark on a life changing trip to the US. This year's cohort are no exception and have been carefully selected for their impressive accomplishments,*

*academic excellence, and a genuine desire to delve into US culture, collaborate with new people and experience new ideas."*

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is the only bi-lateral, transatlantic scholarship programme, offering awards for study or research in any field, at any accredited US or UK university. The Commission is part of the Fulbright programme conceived by Senator J William Fulbright in the aftermath of World War II to promote leadership, learning and empathy between nations through educational exchange. Award recipients and summer programme participants will be the future leaders for tomorrow and support the "special relationship" between the US and UK.

The Commission selects scholars through a rigorous application and interview process. In making these awards the Commission looks not only for academic excellence but a focused application, a range of extracurricular and community activities, demonstrated ambassadorial skills, a desire to further the Fulbright Programme and a plan to give back to the recipient's home country upon returning.

Alice is a firearms examiner based in London. She qualified as an expert witness in 2001 and has a Masters in Forensic Science from King's College London. She is passionate about firearms intelligence and improving standards, having been awarded a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Travelling Fellowship in 2003 to study intelligence provision. Since 2007 she has worked with the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes' Firearms and GSR Expert Working Group's Quality Assurance and Proficiency Testing group. Since 2011 she has volunteered as the Firearms Diploma Manager for the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences. With enthusiasm for the outdoors, fitness, cookery, art, music, film and theatre, she is looking forward to making the most of her five months in California in 2016. ●

## FORE! OT GOLFING SOCIETY

**T**he year is flying past and already the OTs will have met to play golf in both scratch and non-scratch meetings (by the time this *Review* goes out) ten times this year.

The year started at a soggy Swinley Forest at the beginning of March. Great turnout and even better lunch! *The Fairwater Cup* was played for at St George's Hill GC mid May. The AGM and Society weekend took place in June at Burnham & Berrow GC.



*l-r: Willacy, Hector, Higginson and Whalley on the 1st at Royal St George's, Sandwich*

We played Saturday afternoon followed by a match against the school on Sunday at Oake Manor GC, followed by a match against Old Honitonians on the Monday at Taunton & Pickering. ...a long weekend! *The Rose Bowl* and *Thone Cup* will take place early October at Oake Manor.

The scratch competitions continue as usual and all are scratch foursomes format. At Burnham & Berrow (end of March) we competed in the *Brent Knoll Bowl* (treated as a warm-up for the Halford Hewitt) with sixteen teams competing. This is quickly followed at the beginning of April with the *Halford Hewitt* consisting of sixty-four teams of ten playing at both Royal St George's Sandwich and Cinque Ports Deal. This year, as last year, the weather was fantastic; what more do you want when you can have 3-5 days guaranteed golf on championship courses catching up with old friends and playing a game in a very competitive situation that would shake the kneecaps of many an experienced golfer?

Our next 'major' is to try and qualify for the Grafton Morrish, which is played at Denham and, if we qualify, continues up to Brancaster and Hunstanton in Norfolk. As per previous years if we fail to qualify we always endeavor to plan a golf weekend away. This has been in France, Morocco, UK and Belgium.... maybe Spain this year?

The *Cyril Gray* (over 50s) is played at beautiful Worplesdon at the end of June. This is very similar to the *Halford Hewitt* but on a much smaller scale and you have to be over 50 to compete; there is a challenge to see which pairing has the highest aggregate age!

This year it was fantastic to have Phil Stickler (Hcp 2, but is better than that) join the scratch team in two of our scratch competitions, *Halford Hewitt* and *Grafton Morrish* qualifier. He also joined us for the *Fairwater Cup* at St Georges Hill GC.

The OTGS annual weekend took place the weekend 20/21 June under blustery conditions on the Saturday at Burnham and milder conditions against the school on Sunday at Oake Manor. The OTs, having lost against the school for the previous six years,



*l-r: G. Whalley, Stickler, Willacy, Westwater, Hector and P. Whalley at Denham GC Grafton Morrish qualifier.*

finally produced a triumphant team beating the boys 302 points to 276 points (based on the aggregate of all the stableford points, 9 players per team).

It is good to hear from Terry Davidge (OTGS President) that Taunton Prep School and Taunton Senior School are encouraging golf through subsidised sessions for U25s. I encourage you to contact us if you would like to be involved. Contact numbers may be found on OTGS website:

[www.oldtauntoniangs.org](http://www.oldtauntoniangs.org) or  
<https://taunton.web-intouch.com>

Richard Willacy – OTA President ●



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