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2018





delights of food and OTs helping us overcome our indulgences; breaking the ‘glass ceiling’, as well as remembering the lives of some truly amazing OTs.

Life is full of co-incidences. An article about a recent Old Tauntonian Member of Parliament who is leading the Brexit negotiations runs alongside an article about an older Old Tauntonian MP who was instrumental in getting the UK into the EU back in the 1970s.

The generosity of OTs, parents and friends of the school continues unabated. The Taunton School Foundation is well on its way to reach its target of providing, by the end of 2018, 20 means-tested 100% Sixth Form Bursaries for talented, deserving young people who wish to experience a Taunton School education. You can read about our 4 current students on pages 14-15. The great news is that there will be another 10 such students starting in September.

David J Bridges – OTA Secretary
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My thanks to Mrs Joan Bird and Mr John Brown for proofreading this edition prior to publication.

Taunton School – a firm foundation

Job Satisfaction’ is defined by The Cambridge English Dictionary as... *the feeling of pleasure and achievement that you experience in your job when you know that your work is worth doing.*

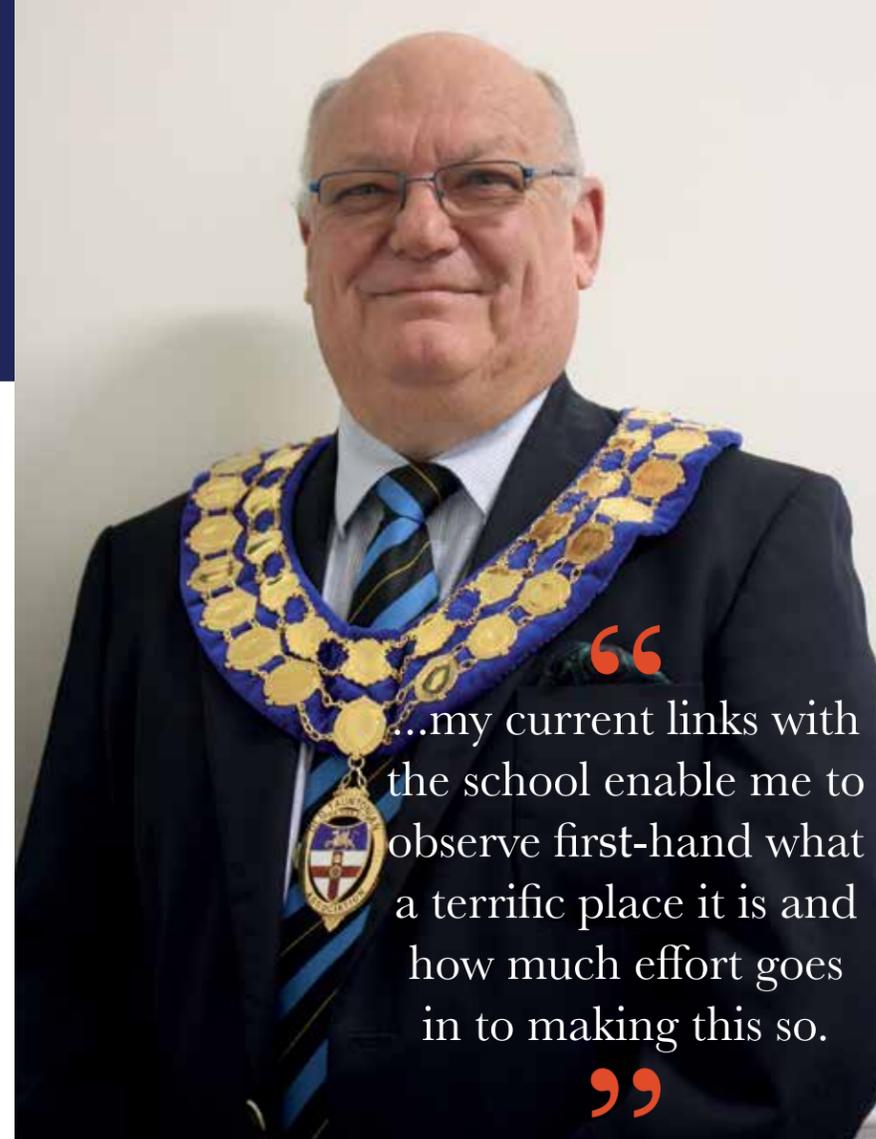
My position as OTA Secretary and Foundation Manager allows me to witness, on a daily basis, the success of former Taunton School pupils in so many areas around the world. The hard work put in by numerous, highly-dedicated and motivated

teachers here at Taunton School, Taunton Prep, and Taunton International enables the charges in their care to grow with confidence and enter our ever-changing world knowing that firm foundations have been laid.

As you will witness in reading this *OT Review*, Taunton School truly does encourage its pupils to go out and shape the world. You’ll read about lasting friendships; Alzheimer’s disease research; the



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President’s Message

I have very much enjoyed many OT events during the past year. The Western Club Friday lunches continue to provide a great opportunity to gather each month at the school to enjoy excellent nosh – with a glass or two of vino – all for a fraction of the price the same thing would cost in a pub! What a change, as in the 60s/70s I would have happily paid NOT to have to eat a school lunch!

In November we had a super gathering in London with a fine mix of current students, young, middling, and not so young OTs. The good-humoured banter, including tales and advice about University life and

what follows, flowed freely from old to young. I was personally delighted that the attendees included a fair few of mid-1970s OTs and it was amusing to see our old chum Monsieur Bonenfant demonstrating that he has not lost his ability to charm; even if the lady he was lining up the G&Ts for was considerably younger.

Working alongside the Taunton School Foundation Team, your OTA Committee are looking at the future purpose of the OTA and how we support its membership. Three topics are under review: the current governance of the OTA including management of our financial portfolio, what events we hold, and how we might broaden

the OTA by welcoming parents – the folk who, in many cases, sacrificed much to pay the termly bills! Considerable thinking is still to be done but if you wish to know more, and/or have something to contribute, please do so via the OTA Secretary.

Reacting to past trends, we are reducing the number of organised events at the mid-summer OTA Reunion and, specifically this year, there will not be any Sunday events. However, as this is the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI we will be holding a special Remembrance Service and Lunch on Sunday 11th November. I suspect many OTs will be at similar events around the world, but should you wish to come to TS you will be very welcome. I confidently expect the event will serve to remember all who have given so much for our continuing democracy and hard-won freedom during the past 100 years.

It is a great honour to be your OTA President and I am very fortunate that my current links with the school enable me to observe first-hand what a terrific place it is and how much effort goes in to making this so. Should OTs wish to recapture memories of the good things TS enabled for them – and still offers all students – then come and see some of the awesome music productions, watch a match or just have a look around.....but please do sign in with Main School Reception first!

Details of all events (including my Presidential Dinner when finalised) can be found on the new-look OT Website: <https://taunton.alumni-online.com>



Let's show SolidariTea!



Rosie Johnson (*Jenkin 2014*) is one half of *SolidariTea* – two girls from Wiveliscombe, Somerset travelling in a converted van, serving tea and promoting a positive community amongst displaced people and refugees. Rosie writes:

SolidariTea has been in Ventimiglia, Northern Italy, at the border with France, since November 2017. They are saying Ventimiglia is becoming the 'new Calais'... there are approximately 800 refugees stranded here, of which 250 are sleeping rough underneath a motorway bridge in the centre of the town. Amongst these include children as young as two, and many women. Most of the people here are from Eastern Africa, most fleeing ethnic cleansing and terrorist extremist groups. Tents are not permitted by the authorities hence people have set up makeshift shelters with tarpaulins, mattresses and blankets to try and keep the worst of the weather out. There is no access to drinking water or washing facilities.

SolidariTea has been working alongside an organisation providing the only hot meal per day and

bringing hot milky chai to the distribution. In January 2018 we were in central Ventimiglia and were able to provide not only tea but lunch, biscuits and some communiTea to keep people distracted during the long days of waiting.

SolidariTea spent last winter in Serbia, serving tea and breakfast and creating a safe, friendly space in a disused army barracks that housed 1,200 refugees. The temperatures were as low as -12 and we were serving 2,500 cups of tea every day.

We want to do something sustainable and simple. The tea truck creates a friendly space for refugees fleeing war, terrorism and natural disaster and provides them with hot drinks and soup on their journey to safety in Europe. The world is in the grip of one of the worst forced displacement crises ever. Over 65 million people around the globe have fled their homes. Last year, nearly 400,000 people arrived in Europe via sea. Just under half were women and children.

<https://www.facebook.com/refugeesolidaritea>



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Entrepreneurs: 1

Polina Magiy



www.polinamagiy.com

Russian born Polina Magiy (*Weirfield 2004*) is now a UK based footwear designer. She mastered shoemaking at the prestigious London College of Fashion, graduating in 2012 with a First Class Honours Degree.

Before setting up her footwear label, Polina trained with some of the most high-profile names in the industry including Jonathan Kelsey, Aruna Seth, Alexander McQueen and Finsk. She honed her skills further by collaborating with Russian Fashion Ateliers, as well as helping set up and launch new start-up brands.

“ We pride ourselves to produce beautiful, handcrafted footwear, to the highest standards in Europe.

www.polinamagiy.com

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One of the highlights of Polina's career lies in designing a pair of shoes for one of her clients, which were worn by a member of the Royal Family during the Royal Wedding back in 2011.

Polina launched her footwear label with the aim of creating the footwear she always wanted to wear but could never find. She embarked on a mission to create shoes that were beautifully crafted, elegant yet with a touch of fun. She wanted them to be showstoppers, so people would notice them straight away.

Polina's inspirations come from her passion for travelling, art, exploring flea markets and general life curiosity.

All Polina's shoes are beautifully handcrafted in an artisan factory in Italy, where Polina herself handpicks only the best quality leathers, textiles, fixtures and materials.



Each shoe is carefully assembled by highly-qualified workers in an artisan workshop, to which Polina travels on a regular basis. Polina designs for free-spirited women who have a big sense of individuality and identity, who love taking risks and are not afraid to stand out from the crowd.



Entrepreneurs: 2

Mark Bootherstone



Mark Bootherstone
(Fairwater 1992)
Gourmet Odyssey
www.GourmetOdyssey.com

University or Gap Year?

On leaving Taunton School I went to Nottingham Trent University to study European Business. I wasn't exactly sure what I wanted to do career-wise, but thought something in business would be good. I'd always enjoyed

French, so Nottingham was my first choice because they did an Erasmus exchange with Grenoble University during the winter..... the plan being that I could also get some skiing in too!

Where did the kernel of an idea come from?

I knew that one day I would create a business – I just needed the right idea! Lots came to me over the following 13 years that I spent

working in various marketing and management positions at Reuters in the UK, The Netherlands, France and USA. Most were complete non-starters, but once I realised that the vast majority of them were centred on food and wine, in 2009 I created *Gourmet Odyssey*.

Back to basics?

The idea for *Gourmet Odyssey* was borne out of my own curiosity and desire to learn more about how

different food products and wine are made. Despite vines growing in the same soil and having been exposed to the same climate, the different decisions that the winemaker has made along the way will have an impact on the final taste of the wine.

Alpha to Omega

I wanted to create an experience whereby one could learn about winemaking in a very hands-on way by working alongside the winemaker.

Adopt a Vine

The concept of the *Gourmet Odyssey Wine Experience* is that our clients adopt vines in one of our organic partner vineyards in France, and follow all of the key steps in making wine from the vine, through the harvest and the work in the cellar. At the end of the experience the clients can choose the name of their wine, and will receive 6 or more personalised bottles of wine depending on the number of adopted vines.

Do you offer anything else?

We offer the choice of three different wine experience days at the winery, a great excuse to get away for a weekend, explore one of France's wine-growing regions, get involved in the work at the winery, taste the wines and learn directly from the winemaker.

Your most impressive wine?

It's been a great adventure so far and I have tasted some unbelievable wines. The wine that has made the most impression on me is a 1942 Santenay Red from Burgundy – a very delicate wine that was made during the violence of WWII. It was made by the great aunt of one of my partner winemakers because his great uncle was occupied with the war. Since then, it had rested in the cellar at the winery, untouched except to change the cork every twenty years or so. Upon opening the bottle, you could sense it gently awaken as the aromas were released. As we let the wine breathe, the winemaker thumbed a small leather-bound black journal where the generations before him had noted the climatic conditions of the year and the notable events in making each vintage, and he then read to me the entry for 1942. Wine has the wonderful ability to tell a story, take you back in time, and make you reflect. And when it comes to enjoying wine, it's the story that is sometimes as important as the wine itself.

And for the future?

There's still lots to do. Other products beckon, such as cheese, olive oil, and oysters to fulfil the promise of *Gourmet Odyssey*. As ever in the life of an entrepreneur, it's just having the time to develop the new product lines. For now I'm enjoying the research!

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Entrepreneurs: 3

Emile Chan



“
Taunton School
provided me
with a pragmatic
approach to
innovation.
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Emile Chan (*Fairwater 2003*)

Co-founder and CMO
of *Origami Labs*
www.orii.io



What is ORII?

It's a radical, new communication device – the world's first smart ring to transform your hand into an extension of your smartphone using bone conduction. By just a touch of the ear, you can discreetly listen through your finger, and respond immediately using your voice.

This means that you can make and receive calls, hear and send text messages, or access your digital assistant without a screen, all without the discomfort of wearing earbuds. All in all, ORII is the master the 30-second interaction with your smartphone.

Where did the journey begin?

The original problem that we were trying to solve was to help the visually impaired fully maximize the use of today's touch-based and screen-based smartphones. However, as we developed our idea, they in turn have inspired us to create a truly inclusive

product that can change the way we interact with smart devices in a new, exciting, screen-free way.

Inspiration from Taunton School?

When I think back on my years at Taunton School, the time I spent in the art studio and the D&T lab have not only provided me with the interest of ideation but also a pragmatic design-thinking approach to innovation. That was the time when my passion for building original and meaningful ideas began.

What next?

ORII was launched globally through a crowdfunding platform and we have successfully raised over £300,000 to begin our initial production run, which will be shipped to over 60 countries. With overwhelming results, we may well be on our way to creating a new category of communication device. I invite you to join us on the next leg of our journey, to bring us closer to a screen-free future and make ORII a true global success.

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Michael Salisbury's Sahara Adventure



Michael Salisbury
(Evans 1998)



In the early hours of 6th April 2018, when most tax advisers in the country will be seeing in the 'New Year', I will be boarding a plane to Morocco. Upon my arrival in Ourzazate – pronounced 'Wazazartay' – I will be jumping onto a bus bound for the Sahara Desert. Once there, I have seven days to propel myself 150 miles using only my legs and feet.

Throughout this time, I need to carry all of my provisions for the week on my back.

It will be, without any doubt, the toughest physical challenge of my entire life – and that's speaking as somebody who survived a season of Senior Colts rugby with Mr Mason! As for the

motivation, it's hard to articulate. The cynical among you might say it is for attention. That is probably partly true, although I can think of far cheaper and less painful ways of attracting attention.

I think it is to find out what I'm really made of and how strong I really am, mentally and physically.

Taunton School has played a huge part in getting me this far, from the dogged determination and never-say-die attitude instilled by people like Neil Mason to the pure enjoyment of sport and competing I gained from Mark Chatterton, Simon Hogg, Declan Rogers and many others.

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Much more importantly than this, I am surrounded by people who have faced far greater hardships and challenges, especially in the past few years. My son, Heath, was born with a collapsed lung and spent the first week of his life in the neonatal intensive care unit in the incredible care of the Whittington Hospital before making a full recovery. Meanwhile, that same year, both of my parents were diagnosed with their own different variations of cancer and went through rounds of operations and chemotherapy, supporting each other back to their current vastly improved states of health. I'm pleased that all of the characters mentioned above are doing really well now, but have all been through their own, far more real, versions of the Marathon des Sables. I can always drop out if things get a bit tough for me but they didn't have that option.

For this reason, I have chosen to raise money for two charities that have provided great support to us as a family in the past few years: *Whittington Babies* and *Macmillan*. All donations will be split 50:50 between these fantastic causes.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MichaelSalisbury>

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Patron's Programme
bursary recipients
and supported by
Old Tauntonians.



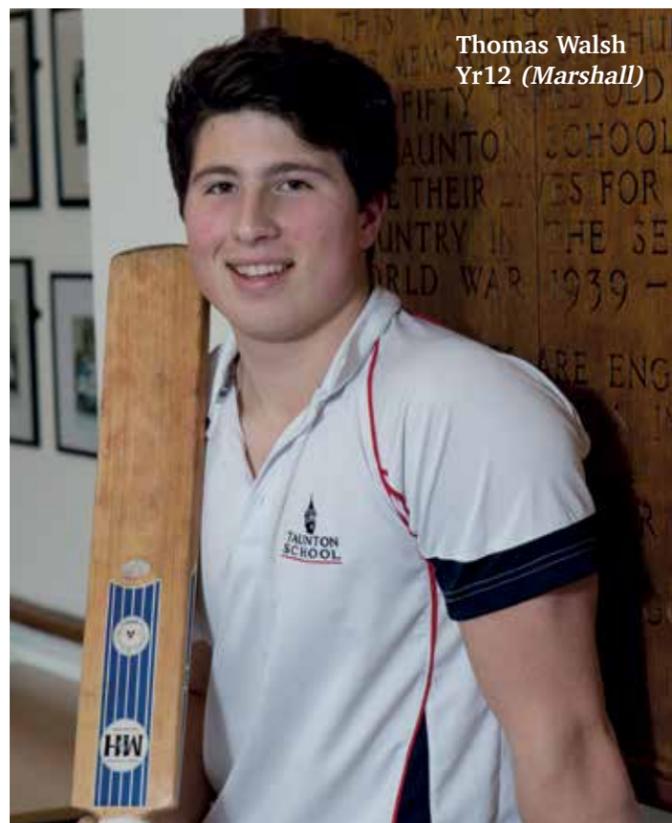
Amelia Davies
Yr13 (Besley)



Travis Green
Yr13 (Marshall)



Joseph Heybourne
Yr12 (Marshall)



Thomas Walsh
Yr12 (Marshall)

Taunton School Foundation Update



Taunton School continues to welcome bright and able children, whose families have little or no financial means, with the help of bursaries (also known as Assisted Places).

Bursaries are not discounts. They are awarded to young people who demonstrate potential and determination to succeed within a culture of learning. Our bursary recipients are Oxbridge candidates, they are Prefects and members of our A teams. In many cases they are leaders of our school. Bursaries promote social mobility and create a demonstrable positive impact.

Last year, 354 pupils received fee awards, representing more than 11% of gross fee income. Increased philanthropic support means that fee income can be used for increased capital investment and not to supplement bursaries as is the case currently (and the case in almost every Independent School in the UK).

The purpose of The Foundation is to facilitate social, professional and philanthropic engagement with Old Tauntonians, parents and friends throughout the world.

We are unapologetic in our commitment to strengthen our culture of philanthropy. We are ambitious and determined to offer life-changing education for as many deserving children as we can.

Nadine Latte – Foundation and Alumni Director

We are grateful to our parents who donate (on top of fees) to the Parental Fund. With funds raised in this way, we have enhanced technical facilities in our Performing Arts Centre and in our beautiful Chapel. We've bought extra kit, microphones and microscopes, hockey bags and scoreboards. We've invested in state-of-the-art technology to develop sports performance: technology that no other school in the area can offer. We've built pavilions and supported every area of our school for every child.

Taunton School thrives because of the kindness of people who care as much about education as we do. Some of our donors give £10 a month. Some give collectively and some sponsor students at Sixth Form level through the Patrons' Programme.

Four such students are now benefitting from this financial support and, thanks to the outstanding generosity of individuals, legacies and the OTA, a further ten Patrons' Bursary recipients will attend Sixth Form in September 2018.



“ I know I speak on behalf of all bursary recipients when I say that Taunton School and the generosity of its benefactors have changed our fates and for that we are more grateful than you will ever know. Thank you.



Liam Travers, Head Boy
(Marshall 2016) Bursary Recipient

Lionel Gordon Crook
(School House 1901-1904)

Lionel Gordon Crook's Legacy



100 years after Gordon fought in The Great War, Taunton School will change the life of a young person forever through the Patrons' Programme. We will use the Gordon Crook Legacy to offer a bright and able student, without financial means, the opportunity to study for two years as a day pupil in the Sixth Form from September 2018.

Prize. He fought as a Second Lt in the 6th Battalion Colchester regiment and later as a Captain in the 8th Battalion Northampton Regiment. He was wounded in 1918.

He became Master of the Old Tauntonian Masonic Lodge in 1940. Gordon worked in business all his life and died in 1974 with no children. He left his legacy to the School upon the death of his sister who became the longest living female in the UK, dying at the ripe old age of 110!

Gordon was in *School House* from 1901-1904. He loved music, played the 'cello and was awarded the Music

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“ The impact of legacies is immense and the story of Gordon Crook will, I hope, inspire those who have not already done so to consider a Bursary in favour of the School either in their Will or, where possible, earlier by sponsoring a place in the 6th Form in order that they might enjoy witnessing the benefits of their generosity today. ”

Michael Button (*Wills East 1956*)

The Leavers' Wall



Our Leavers' Wall Bursary Fund stands at just over £22,000

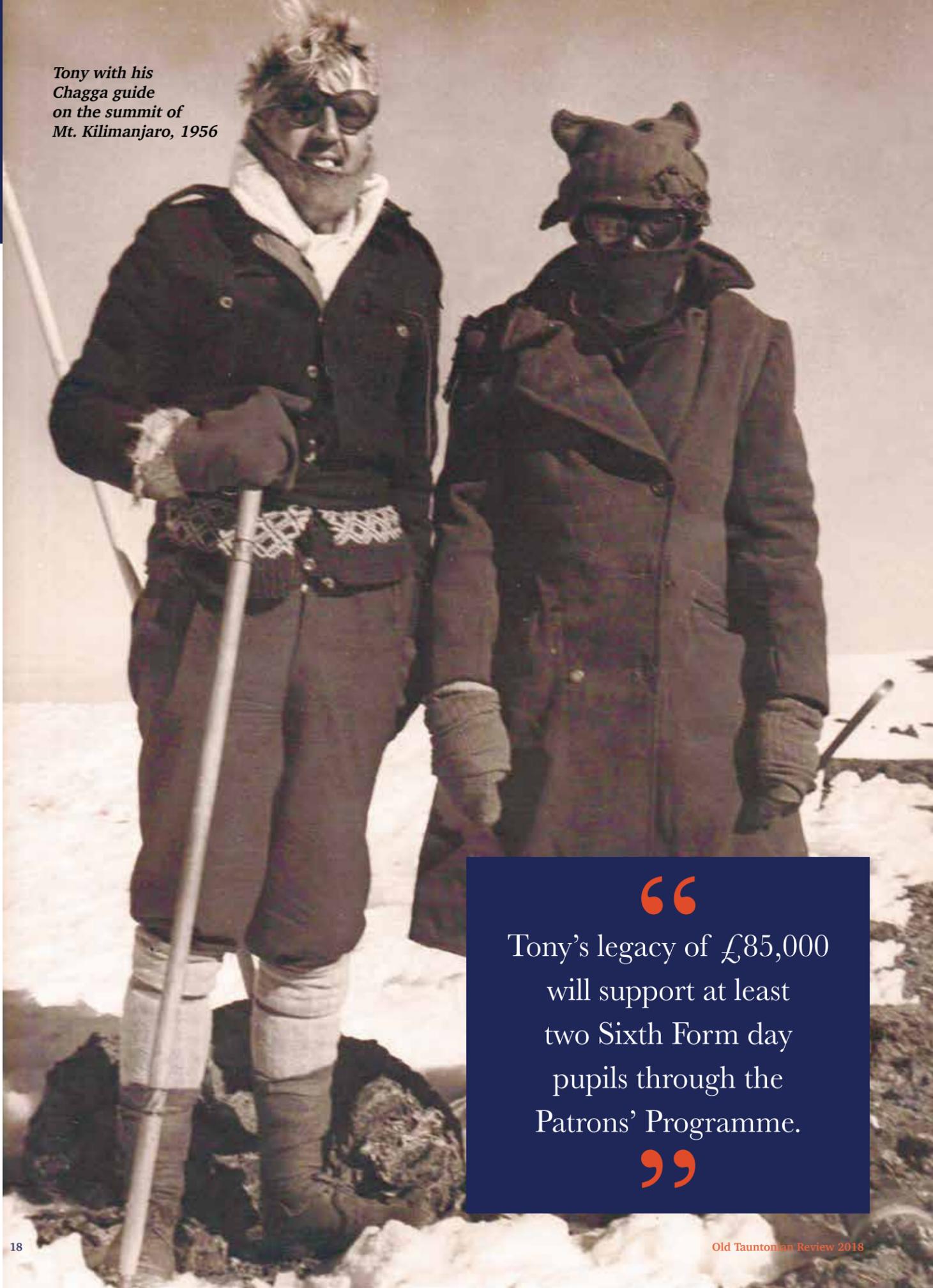
Our Leavers' Wall Bursary Fund, currently supported by 120 OTs, stands at just over £22,000.

Another 75 OTs will enable funding for a talented, deserving pupil through the 6th Form. A donation of £10 per month for 10 months is all it takes – a great way of leaving your 'official' stamp on the School!

We are extremely grateful to Wes Wyatt (*Fairwater 1950*) who wrote 'letters of encouragement' to several of his contemporaries in the hope of getting them to support this worthwhile cause – which they did!

Thank you to all who have donated including many of our international parents.

Tony with his Chagga guide on the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, 1956



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Anthony Gilbert Short’s Legacy



Anthony Gilbert Short
(Senior Day Boys 1929-1937)
5 September 1918 –
30 September 2001

Tony was the youngest of five children and a scholarship gained him a place at Taunton School. Further scholarships and grants took him to Cambridge University in 1937 as Exhibitioner to read History at Jesus College. From all accounts he enjoyed University life to the full, coxing the college boat and leading a very happy social life.

After seven terms at Jesus, Tony’s last year was interrupted by the war. He served as an army officer for six years, mostly in North Africa and The Sudan. He returned to Cambridge in January 1946 and graduated later that year. It was during that time that he met Jean Seath who was to become his wife in 1948.

Tony’s first employment was with Tootal in Manchester. Though Tony enjoyed living in Whaley Bridge and walking in the Derbyshire Hills, he decided that a lifetime in the fabric industry was not for him and he yearned a return to Africa. An opportunity came when Unilever began recruiting people to organize land allocation as part of the ill-fated Groundnut Scheme, so he and Jean went out to Tanganyika in 1949. The scheme quickly folded but Tony was retained by The Overseas Food Corporation as an advisor on alternative crops and land usage. He was a supporter of Julius Nyerere’s independence movement. About this time he returned briefly to the UK for a course at the School

of African and Oriental Studies in London to become fluent in Ki-Swahili, the lingua franca of East Africa. Returning to Africa, at the request of the newly independent government of Tanzania, he developed an African Settlement Scheme, stood for election to Parliament and was elected as MP for Tabora. Living in Dar es Salaam at this time, Tony held office as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, he also served as a nominated member of the Central Legislative Assembly, East African Common Services Organization.

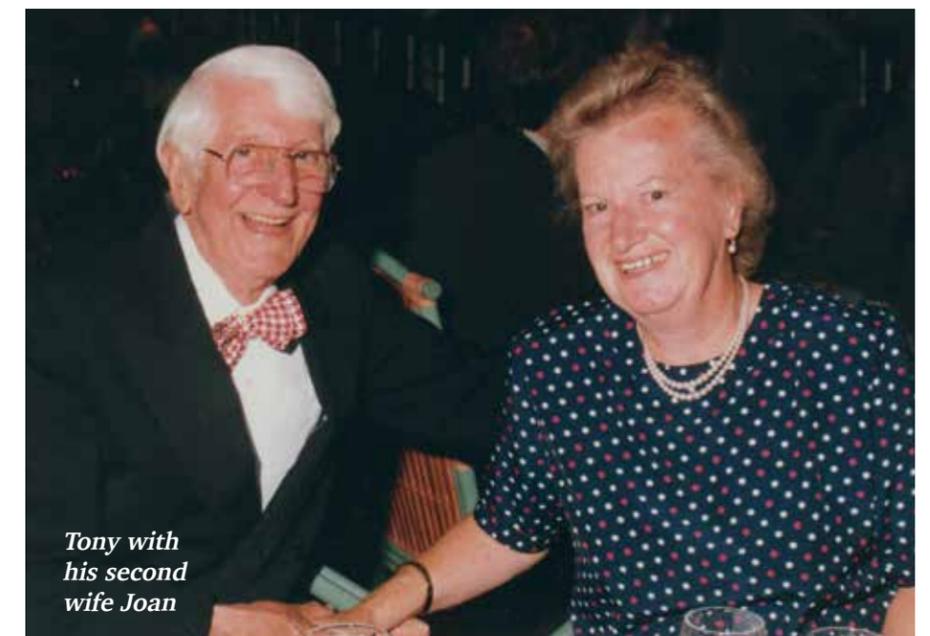
Finally returning to the UK in 1971, the last twelve years of Tony’s working life were spent as Board Secretary to the British Tourist Authority, an appointment which he enjoyed as it brought him into contact with overseas governments.

Tony retired in 1983 and became engaged in voluntary work with the

Probation Service and the British Tanzania Society. He also served as chairman of the Wimbledon branch of Arthritis Care and editor of the Wimbledon Society Magazine. Sadly, Jean died in 1989 but Tony decided that he did not wish to live alone so the following year he met and married Joan Hey, a widow living in Pavenham, North Bedfordshire, where he made his new home. Still active in the community, Tony was for two years a voluntary helper at a ‘drop in’ centre, in Bedford. He served as Pavenham Churchwarden from 1992 to 1997.

His many friends throughout life remember Tony as a kindly man, always willing to lend a hand and think of others. He had a great sense of fun and a keen wit, a true spirit of *joie de vivre*.

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Tony with his second wife Joan

Oliver (OJ) Wooding
(Evans 1991-2002)
with Mark Chatterton (right)



1847 Lunch hits all the right notes



In September we hosted our prestigious annual lunch to thank nearly a hundred of our donors and supporters of the school.

The Advanced Vocal Ensemble performed to a receptive audience who enjoyed a lively Drinks Reception and three-course lunch in the Old Library.

Donors, consisting of Old Tauntonians, parents, staff and friends of the school were in attendance, some of whom

had travelled far to be there for the occasion, including **Dr Michael Steyn (Fairwater 1949-1955)** who lives in Australia. Our youngest donors included recent leavers, **Nick Brown (Evans 2017)** and **Kieran Bailey (Goodland 2017)**, both glad of the occasion to sport their Colours blazers.

Our guest speaker was **Oliver (OJ) Wooding (Evans 1991-2002)** a former scholar, who is now a successful barrister. He spoke warmly about his days at school and the encouragement he received.

He also talked about his contemporaries; fellow scholars and bursary recipients, now achieving successful careers throughout the world. He is pictured left with his mentor from his school days, Mark Chatterton, Head of History.

As the Foundation continues to raise funds for bursaries, we were delighted to have welcomed so many supporters and friends back to the school for another enjoyable lunch.

Nadine Latte and David Bridges
The Foundation Team

Extract from Michael Button's 1847 Lunch Address

I constantly reflect upon the enormous progress educational establishments and the teaching profession in particular have made over the years.

The quality of education that is available to equip students with the knowledge they require to live and work in an increasingly global environment does come at a cost.



Taunton School prides itself on many things but in particular its aim to provide top quality education at an affordable rate as is possible in today's financial climate.

In order to keep pace with this principal it needs to be able to call upon a strong endowment fund which is why the Taunton School Foundation was set up not so many years ago.

The success of the Foundation is due entirely to those like yourselves who have committed legacies and substantial upfront funds which will enable Taunton School to assist by providing well-funded bursaries to the families of deserving students.

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Welcome to the Class of 2017



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The best preparation for tomorrow
is doing your best today.
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Tobi Adebisi, Williams Aikhomu,
Rosie Aldworth, Charlotte Alford,
Nadine Alnajjab, Kiran Armanasco,
Alara Atay, Harry Aziz Hendrick,
Lucy Badcock, Mohammed Bagudu,
Kieran Bailey, Matteo Bandera,
Martha Beale, Naomi Beckwith,
Ruslan Bekov, Tom Bird,
William Bird, Joscelyn Blood,
David Blrtsyan, Charlie Bonner,
Max Brind, Nicholas Brown Luke
Budnyj, Borys Burdakov,
Angel Casillas Joya, Miles Cave,
Louis Charlois, Ellie Chilcott,
James Coleman, Martha Connon-Cole,
Georgina Cooper, Eva Coulibaly-Willis,
Jessica Crompton, Patrick Daniel,
Charles D'Ansembourg, Libby Dawe,
Laurie Dawkins, Holli Downham,
Charlotte Draper, Katie Dunn,
Fernando Echevarría, Robyn Edwards,
Lily Evans, Erica Ezeogu,

Chloe Fewings, Max Fiske,
Johnny Flores Esparza,
Alexandra Frewin, Emily Gamble,
James Gamble, Steven Gao,
Umberto Giordano, Vittorio Giordano,
Anna Glaser, Charlie Gliddon,
Sara Guest, Beth Gunson, Andrea Gurr,
Maximiliane Haderthauer, Hunter Hailles,
Josh Hall, Jamie Harris, Alfie Harrison,
Thomas Hawthorne, Anna Holloway,
Jack Houston, Shutong Huang,
Callum Hudson, Jack Irish, Oye Iwarisu,
Tom James, Liz Ji, Daisy Jones,
Pascal Jones, Matine Khosrowshahi,
Fin Kogen, Saul Kurzman, Gabriel Kwaji,
Lydia Lavallin, Giorgio Leonard,
Cecilia Li, Anni Lin, Mike Liu,
Sasha Martynov, Alexandra Maskell,
Edward Mathias, Gregory Mayled,
Sean McGovern, Gemma Milne,
Joseph Mottershed, Josh Newman,
Louis Norman, Obert Nyamukapa,

Sacha Nzeyimana, Alvise Ometto,
Giovanni Ometto, Daria Orlova,
Nora Overton-Fox, Lera Panina,
Annachiara Paone, Valentin Pechnikov,
Alisa Potcepnia, Markas Povilaika,
Misha Pustovalov, Oscar Pyle,
Stella Pyne, Henry Raikes, Oscar Rihll,
Alessandro Rossi Polvara,
Thomas Russell, Luqman Salau,
Jessica Salmon, Agnese Sartor,
Marcelina Sarwa, Alexandr Semenov,
Asha Smith, Robin Stallard,
George Stanley, Amanda Steele Falcon,
Max Steinbach, Amy Su, Jordan Symes,
Lucas Szentendrei-Tapson,
Daniel Tang, Cally Tapp, Roberts
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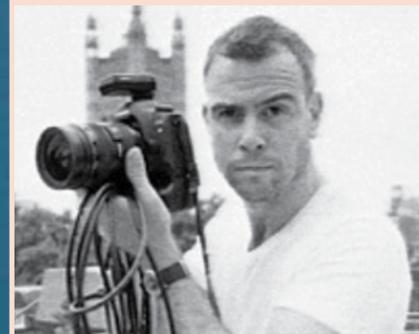
Smile Please!

1: John Sanders



“ I have Taunton School to thank for many things including self-confidence and a great gang of pals. ”

John Sanders
(*School House 1993*)



After leaving Taunton School with an appalling ‘curtains’ haircut and three unimpressive A-Levels I moved to London and scraped a mighty 2:2 degree in Media Studies. Fast forward 20 odd years and I now find myself still in London,

12 years happily married with two wonderful kids – Polly and Fred, and an established photography career.

Having assisted a few professional photographers in my final year at university and then for the following couple of years, I moved into the editorial world of *Smash Hits*, *Just 17* and *More Magazine*, shooting bands and features all over the world. I gradually moved into the world of advertising and PR and now get commissioned by a wide range of companies including *BT*, *Audible* and *Capita*, shooting a combination of portraiture, annual reports and life style. Over the years I have had many studios and agents and I’ve trained assistants who are now talented photographers in their own right. I currently fly solo and (touch wood!) it’s happy days.

I have Taunton School to thank for many things including self-confidence, a fun childhood,

particularly on the sports field and a great gang of pals. Although the school has changed an awful lot since my day, it’s nice to be in touch with a few old faces through the OT network and see the amazing work TS is doing with Bursaries and Scholarships.

If you fancy having a look at my commercial photography website then here’s the address: www.johnsandersphotography.com



Phill Jupitus



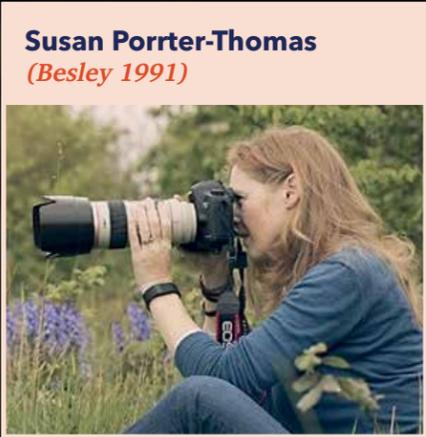
Rosamund Pike



Main Picture:
John’s photography for a British Telecom advert.

Smile Please!

2: Susan Porter-Thomas (née McCosh)



Susan Porrtter-Thomas
(Besley 1991)

I have been running my own photography business now for nearly 13 years in the West of London. I've found myself specializing in fine art maternity photography in the studio and creative family photography, mainly on location around London, with a few babies thrown in for good measure! Pregnancy photography is extremely satisfying as the pregnant body is a fabulous shape to light. In all my portraits I'm trying to be artistic as well as capturing great moments between people and as such I find it an immensely satisfying job. My new website is currently under construction, but in the meantime I'm at www.sptphotography.com

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One Hundred Years Ago



School Archivist, Mr John Brown, is hoping to compile biographies of all 168 Old Tauntonians who died during WWI. Here is the story of Harry Gosford Reeves (The Rest 1907-1910)

Harry Reeves was born 30 September 1896, the youngest of three brothers who all attended Taunton School. Their home was in Staines, Middlesex, so their 'Territory' (before the establishment of the House system) was 'The Rest'. Leaving Taunton at 13, Harry completed his education at Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex and so was probably in his last year there when war broke out in 1914.

It is not known what Harry did on leaving school but, in early 1917, he joined the Royal Flying Corps as a temporary Second Lieutenant, presumably after undergoing Officer training. By May he was a qualified Pilot Officer and was posted in June to N° 1 Squadron. He stood out as an Officer of promise and was soon enjoying early success as an aviator, flying various models of Nieuport aircraft. He was destined to become one of the greatest flying aces of the WWI. It took him just eight days to down his first opponent, and by end of July he had destroyed no fewer than six enemy aircraft. By October 1917 he had risen to the rank of Captain and he was commanding his own squadron at the age of just 20.

This was exciting but highly dangerous work, and RFC pilots in WWI did not have a long life expectancy. Sadly, however, it was in an accident that Captain Reeves met his death.

On 24 January 1918 he was testing a new aircraft – a Nieuport 27 – at an aerodrome behind the front line when the plane collapsed in the air during the engine test and crashed on the edge of the airfield killing Captain Reeves instantly and bringing his short but illustrious flying career to a tragic and abrupt end.

Harry Reeves was laid to rest in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery in Northern France, the graveyard where another notable OT airman, Captain Jack Manley, is also buried.

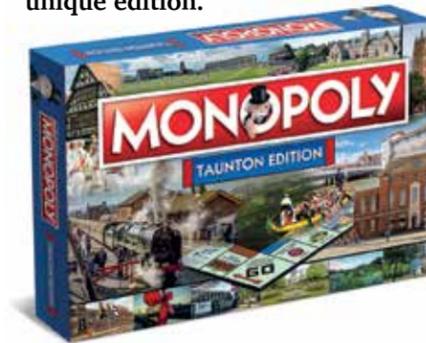
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Taunton School appears on Taunton's Monopoly game



The eagerly awaited Taunton Monopoly game was launched in October and Taunton School has an iconic place on the unique edition.

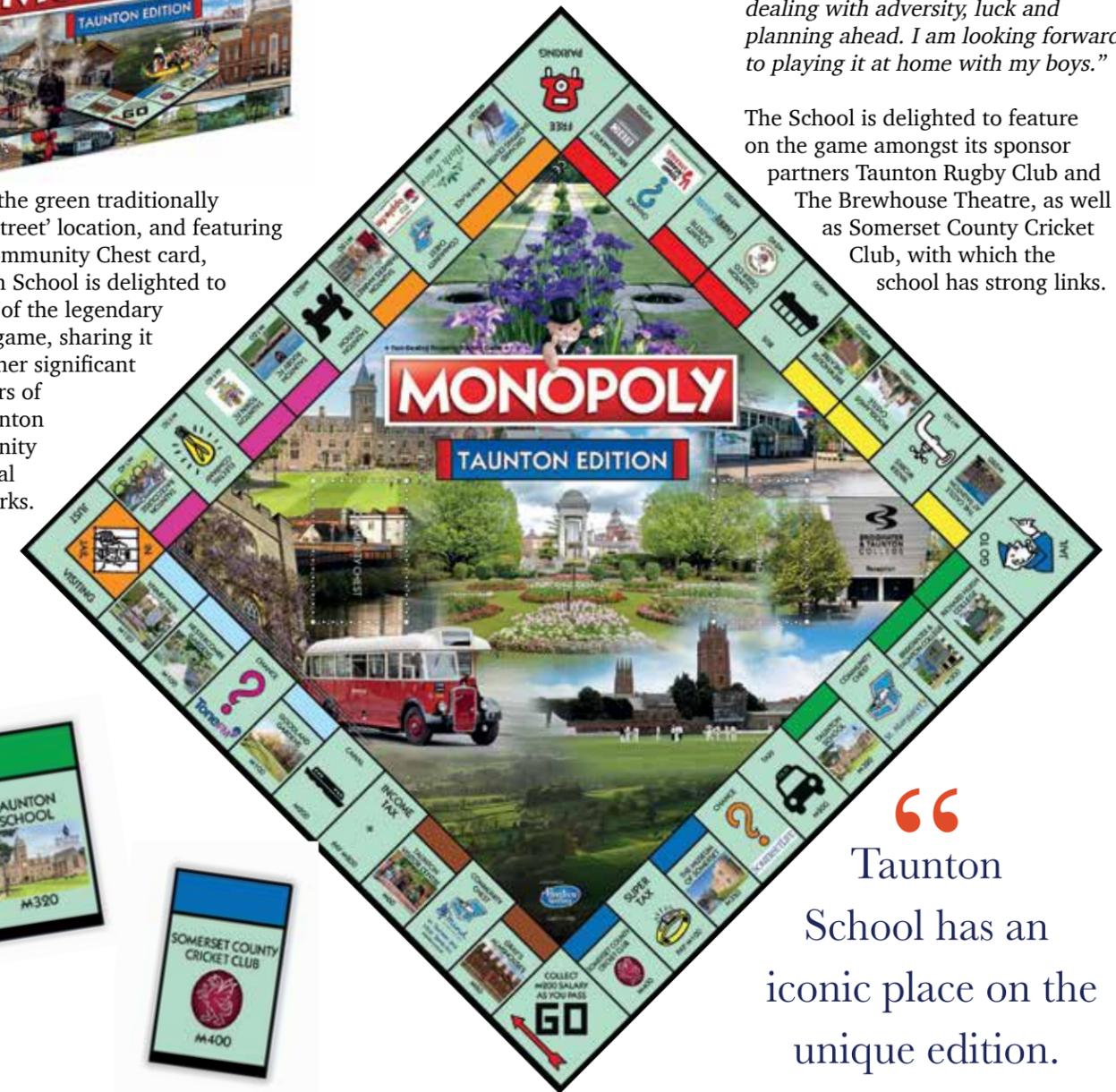


Taking the green traditionally 'Bond Street' location, and featuring on a Community Chest card, Taunton School is delighted to be part of the legendary family game, sharing it with other significant members of the Taunton community and local landmarks.

Andrew Edwards, Headmaster of Taunton Prep School, said: "We are very excited to be a part of this family game which has stood the test of time. Enjoying family time together away from the myriad of screens everyone has these days is really important. Research shows that playing Monopoly can teach children

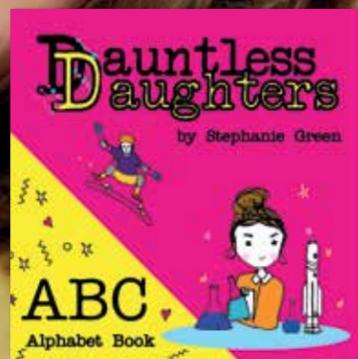
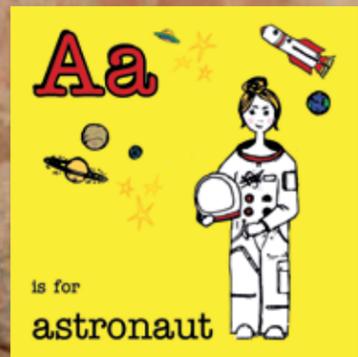
maths skills and help them apply them to the real world of finance and investing, whether it's adding up the dice, counting the money, learning budgeting skills, logic and reasoning, it all helps to back up what they are taught in the classroom. There are also the social aspects of the game such as negotiating with opponents, dealing with adversity, luck and planning ahead. I am looking forward to playing it at home with my boys."

The School is delighted to feature on the game amongst its sponsor partners Taunton Rugby Club and The Brewhouse Theatre, as well as Somerset County Cricket Club, with which the school has strong links.



“ Taunton School has an iconic place on the unique edition.

Contact David Bridges at: ots@tauntonschool.co.uk



“ Taunton School doesn’t divide the learning world based on gender. ”

Stephanie Green (née Cavill)
(Bevan 2000)

I am passionate about building lasting gender equality. *Dauntless Daughters* create images of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Fun, joyful illustrations to normalise the idea of women in these roles.

After completing a Sociology Degree at the University of Bath, I dived into the world of publishing. At 21, I was elected as the UK’s youngest District Councillor. I left politics and began practising as an independent artist, subsequently joining a design studio in Bristol, and eventually leaving to

start my own graphic design studio which has happily grown year on year.

I began to repeat my mother, in that way we all do at some point: “Go do it”, “be brave” “yes, you can be that too”, “did you know this company is run by women?”, “come look at this cool science experiment”. When I was a child, my mum told me on a daily basis to go and be what I wanted to be – it didn’t matter what people had done before. Taunton School encouraged the same ideals. I didn’t feel a division of the learning world based on gender: *everyone* was expected to do their best. However, what I was seeing in my daughter’s world was sadly

different. Yes, of course their school expects the same individual best as Taunton did of me – but the world outside shrieks of pink and blue at every opportunity. So, *Carpe Diem* I thought and I started to build a charity to work on changing this.

The supermarkets and toy shop shelves teach that dinosaurs, adventure, problem-solving, engineering belong in a boy’s world, and that flowers, caregiving and childcare belong to the girls. The ‘pinkification’ of our children’s visual landscape has significantly changed over the last 15 years; girls and boys have never been so aggressively marketed to as they are today.

Dauntless Daughters

Stephanie Green



Research shows persistent stereotypes are at the core of inequality in STEM fields. Despite efforts to promote gender equality, the percentage of STEM jobs held by women was about the same in 2017 as 2009. Women make up 92% of secretaries and 94% of childcare assistants, but only 9% of engineers – the lowest percentage in Europe.

We are standing at the beginning of the digital revolution and the women are not visible. Last year, only 7% of computer science A-level students were female and only 17% of our entire technology workforce in this country are women.

This is not simply an aspirational issue but an economic consideration. A variety of models and empirical studies show us that improving gender parity can yield significant economic dividends. McKinsey & Company in the Power of Parity estimates economic gender parity could add an additional £173 billion to the GDP of the United Kingdom by 2020.

With *Dauntless Daughters* I don’t just want to draw pictures, I want to work towards social change. As an organisation we host national roundtables: bringing together lobbyists, government, industry leaders and educationalists to enable collaboration and co-creation and thus further gender parity work in the UK. This summer, alongside WomenEd I will be presenting at the Telegraph Festival of Education, *‘How to inspire a Dauntless Daughter: empowering girls to be leaders and to challenge the glass ceiling.’*

We develop resources for schools and parents. We re-draw the images of

course, but we also address the subtle language that history, for example, disempowers female leaders – sustaining a rhetoric centred on ‘scandalous behaviour’ rather than their military and political achievements. For British Science Week we are launching a collection of cross-curricular Science Resource Kits, each drawing out the story of different, under-represented female scientists and protagonists. We also work with outreach projects directly with schools, creating events, books and supporting STEM clubs. Approaching each project with a view of inspiring girls to leadership and STEM roles.

For children, seeing is believing. So if they can see images of women in STEM, girls being bold, taking risks, then both boys and girls will reflect that in the world they create as adults.

Dauntless Daughters is a charity: we would be very happy to discuss sponsorship and donations.

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‘Dauntless Daughters – Alphabet Book’ (pictured on facing page) is available from the Dauntless Daughters’ Store: www.dauntlessdaughters.co.uk or www.etsy.com/uk/shop/DauntlessDaughters priced at £6.99

2018#. #dauntless #DauntlessProgress. Inspired by IWD18 (International Women’s Day) celebrated on 8th March each year (a global celebration of the social, economic, political and cultural achievements of women). The theme for 2018 is #PressforProgress



Out and About: Updates on OTs



Emma Stacey (Bevan 2013)



In September, Emma and her father became the first father and daughter to shoot in the same England Sporting team as they both shot for England at the Home International (Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland, NI, Guernsey, Jersey etc) in Ireland. At university level, Emma won back-to-back BUCS University Championships in 2016 and 2017.

Emma graduates in 2019 and is currently undertaking a placement year at Renault UK's Head Office.

Emma said: *"The staff at Taunton were very supportive of my shooting career, indeed I was allowed to take Thursdays off games in Year 11 in order to have extra time to practise shooting. This gave me the ideal*

platform from which to launch my shooting career, so I have much to thank Taunton School for. With my sister Jess being a current pupil, I still very much enjoy popping back for concerts and sport matches, and it is great to see that Taunton School is thriving."



Emma Stacey and her father

Emma is at the University of Bath, reading Politics and International Relations and has become successful in her Clay Shooting.

During 2017 she earned three England Caps and won Ladies' team gold at the ICTSF World Championships. She finished the year as the highest ranked lady after the selection process, and made the overall top 10 at the end of the season.

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Josh Bess back in Charge of Devon

With the interest and publicity surrounding Thomas Abell's appointment as Captain of Somerset's County Championship side, not so many members of our community would be aware of the fact that another Old Tauntonian, **Josh Bess (Marshall 2006)** captained our neighbouring minor county, Devon, again last season.

Josh has played regularly for Devon since leaving school and was skipper in 2014 before spending two years in Australia. I had the pleasure of visiting Josh recently and he was really pleased that Devon had enjoyed a successful pre-season, beating the 2nd XIs of Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Somerset (by 9 wickets), before beating Dorset in their first One Day match.

At school, Josh was a key member of some formidable 1st XIs during a period when the school only lost one match in three years – and that was at an end-of-season Festival at Dulwich. As an opening batsman, Josh always looked to dominate the bowling from the outset and if the first ball of the day was a half-volley, it would disappear

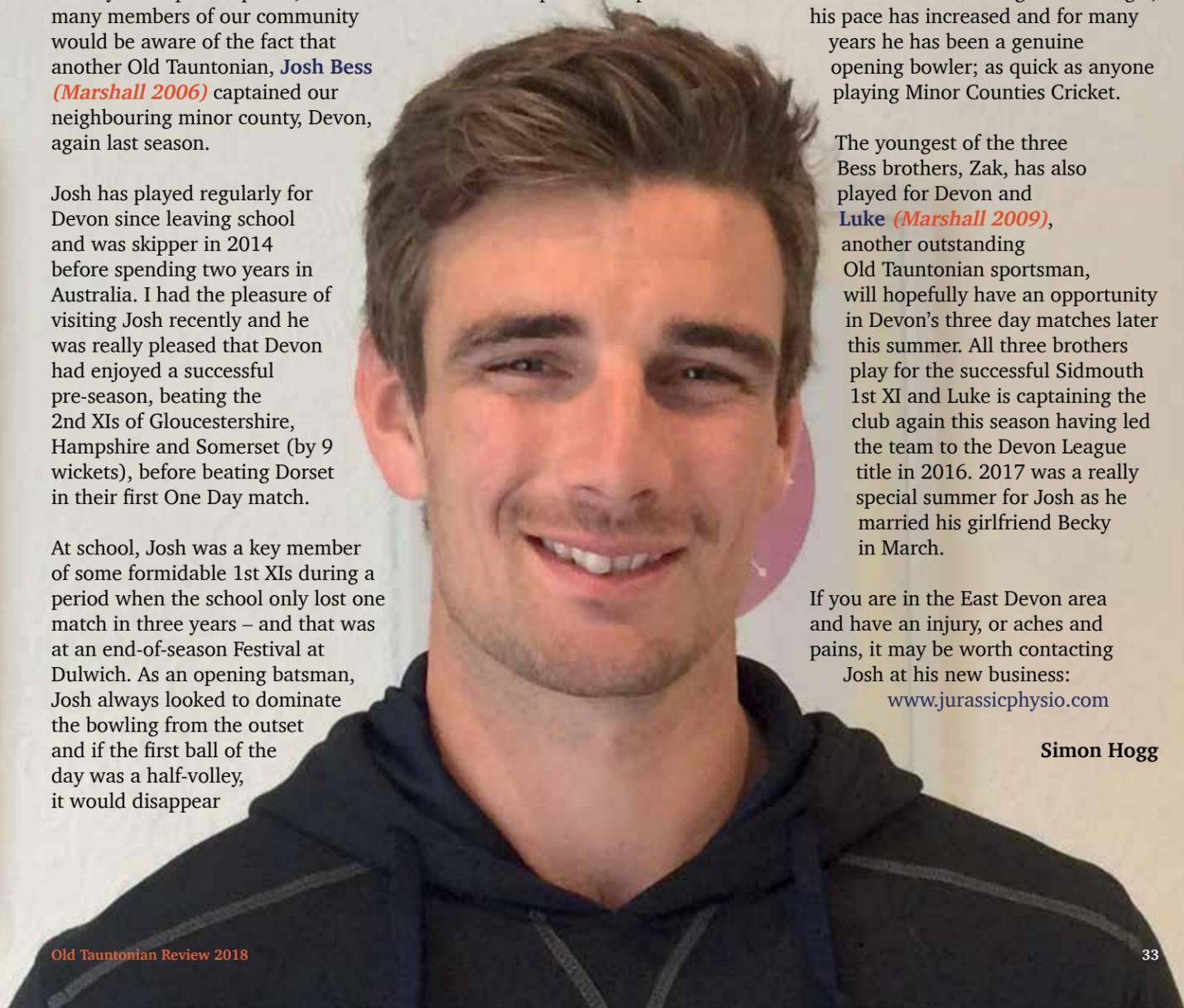
over the bowler's head for four! As a young lad, Josh bowled some rather dubious looking – but 'big turning' – 'Murali-inspired' off-spinners and

doosras, but in his final year he changed to bowl some very effective and accurate medium pacers off a short run. As Josh has grown stronger, his pace has increased and for many years he has been a genuine opening bowler; as quick as anyone playing Minor Counties Cricket.

The youngest of the three Bess brothers, Zak, has also played for Devon and **Luke (Marshall 2009)**, another outstanding Old Tauntonian sportsman, will hopefully have an opportunity in Devon's three day matches later this summer. All three brothers play for the successful Sidmouth 1st XI and Luke is captaining the club again this season having led the team to the Devon League title in 2016. 2017 was a really special summer for Josh as he married his girlfriend Becky in March.

If you are in the East Devon area and have an injury, or aches and pains, it may be worth contacting Josh at his new business:
www.jurassicphysio.com

Simon Hogg



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Mark Button
(Foxcombe 1975)



Mark recently completed his formal mining career after 33 years in Southern Africa, where he was Head of Mining for Anglo American, and then 5 years with Rio Tinto in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was General Manager Mining and Geosciences.

Mark and Bev have now moved to Spain and live near the coast in southern Alicante Province. Mark enjoys sitting on his new patio and looking at Las Colinas Golf Club's 14th hole.

Dr Katie Hamilton (née Longstreet)
(Jenkin 2004)



Katie graduated in July 2017 with a doctorate in Educational Psychology from Southampton University.

Jonathan Wright
(Wills West 1996)



Jonathan is Housemaster of Kelly House (one of the senior boarding houses) and teaches English Literature in the Middle School at Aitchison College, Lahore, Pakistan: an amazing old school with its roots from the days of The Raj, with spectacular architecture and 200 acres of grounds.

He married Varuni six and a half years ago and has a beautiful son, Samuel, who is almost 18 months. He still plays a lot of sport and assists the 1st XI as well as the junior cricket when he can...golf when time permits and a bit of squash.

Jonathan said: "Without doubt the kindness and support Derek Baty and David Bridges gave me all those years ago is fondly remembered and I hope to offer as much to my boys here as they offered me and so many others."

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Sarah Rainford
(Jenkin 2011)



Sarah has been running the advertising for the World Transplant Games this year in Switzerland, alongside her yearly work co-ordinating a camp for children all over the world who have had an organ transplant.

Sarah said: "The aim of the camp is to make children feel confident in their abilities to get out there and do sport and to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation in saving lives. I am always looking for sponsors and volunteers, so please do get in touch!"

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Tom Loxton (Goodland 2005)

Lieutenant Tom Loxton RN has assumed command of HMS Scimitar, one of the two patrol vessels that make up the core of the Royal Navy's Gibraltar Squadron.

Tom said: "I am honoured to be taking command of HMS Scimitar. She is my first command, so there is definitely a sense of excitement and I look forward to the challenges that this privileged appointment will inevitably bring."

HMS Scimitar has recently returned to the water after her Annual Survey and Repair Period (ASRP) and is now ready to re-commence her patrols in and around Gibraltar. HMS Scimitar, her sister ship HMS Sabre and three Pacific 24 RHIBs make up the Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron, the Royal Navy's permanent presence on the Rock. The team is specifically responsible for maintaining the sovereignty of the British Gibraltar Territorial Waters (BGTW) as well as providing force protection to the area's maritime environment. Tom joined the Royal Navy in 2009 and has spent most of his career in Type 23 frigates, most recently in HMS Richmond as the Navigating Officer.

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Ben Douglas-Jones
(Wills East 1993)



Ben was appointed as Queen's Counsel in February 2018. Ben practises in all fraud, including mortgage, Excise, Hawala, advance fee (419), boiler room, MTIC, NHS, dental, pharmaceutical, Internet, car-ringing, gambling, banking, cheque clearing cycle, insurance and banking fraud. He is a member of the Fraud Advisory Panel and the Fraud Lawyers' Association.

Ben is an Editor of Southwell, Brewer and Douglas-Jones, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery Law and Practice (Bloomsbury) to be published this year. At the invitation of the DPP, Ben co-wrote the CPS Guidance on charging and prosecuting victims of human trafficking. He co-wrote the Law Society Guidance on Immigration Crime. He also has significant expertise in miscarriage of justice work having represented Colin Stagg and secured his £706,000 compensation for Stagg's wrongful indictment for the murder of Rachel Nickell.



L-R: Chris Ainley, Gordon Brigg, John Cookman, Tony Howe, Olly Hyland

Each year, a small group from Loveday House gather for a reunion, this year staying at the Sir Izaak Walton Hotel, Ashbourne, Derbyshire at the beginning of November.

The photograph (above) is of the group crossing the stepping stones over the River Dove.

Chris Ainley said: *"It's over sixty years since we were in Loveday House and we're still good friends – a fitting tribute to Taunton School! On 15th June 1907, Lord Baden-Powell stayed at this hotel, bringing together some lads which brought about the Boy Scout Movement. John was a member of the school Boy Scouts before moving on to the CCF whilst Tony & myself were members of Thone Cubs."*

Loveday House Reunion

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Dr Clive Roberts
(Somerset 1964)
Clive was elected Associate of King's College London in October 2017.

Ellie Newton (Jenkin 2014)

This time last year I began a semester abroad at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Upon beginning one of my entrepreneurship classes, foreign students were asked to say a little about where they were from. I told the class I had come from Britain. One of my lecturers, Dr Wyman asked which part I had come from. I replied Somerset, sheepishly assuming that neither he nor anyone else in the class would know where that was. Amazingly Dr Wyman said, *"Wow! I went to school in Somerset."* It transpires that **Dr Wyman** is an **Old Tauntonian** like myself, an amazing coincidence, since I wasn't even supposed to take that class and had switched just the day before.

I continued to take the class for the rest of the semester and finished the class by taking part in an Entrepreneurship pitch competition. Although Dr Wyman wasn't my direct lecturer he still gave me advice on the final pitch, clearly because of our shared connection with Taunton School. I ended up coming third in the competition. Studying abroad in the United States was incredible in so many ways, but finding out one of my lecturers is an Old Tauntonian was certainly an unexpected twist.

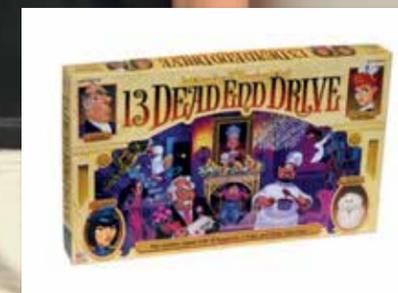
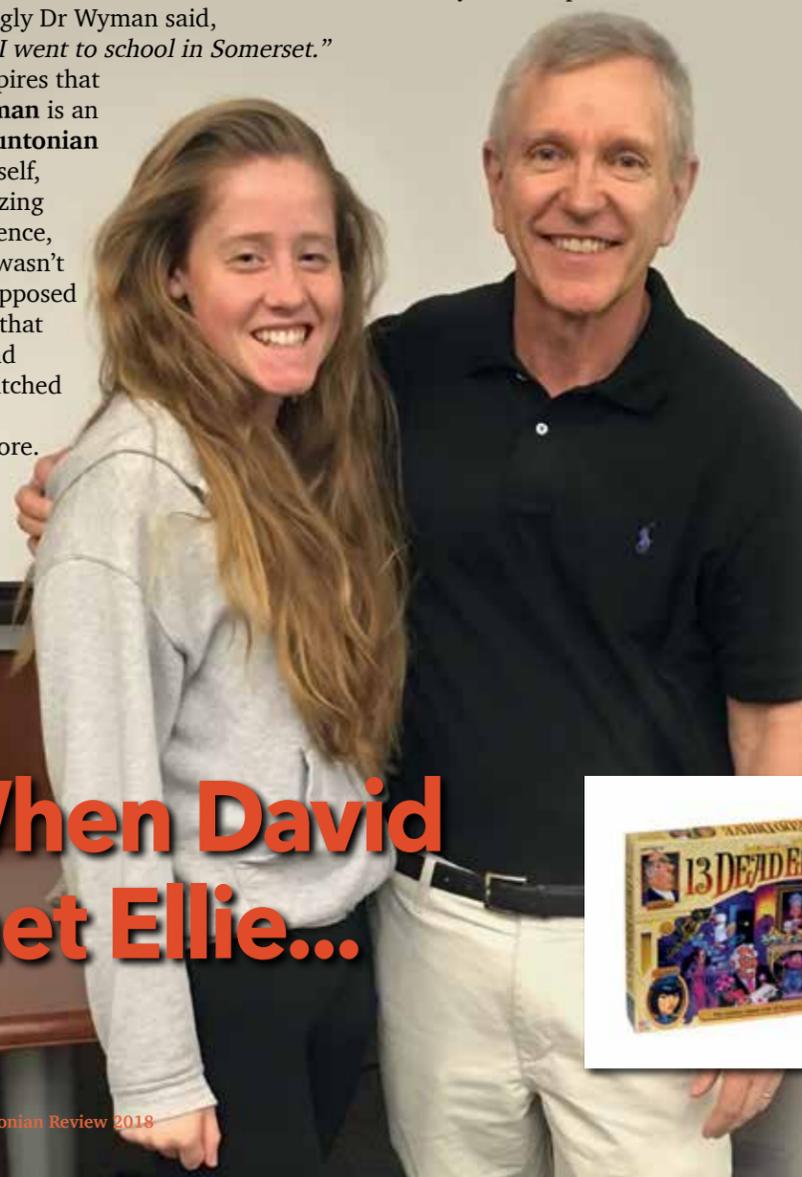
Dr Dave Wyman (Wills West 1975)

At Taunton, I was the slowest winger in the School's history playing alongside the Captain of the team, Clive Large (who now teaches mathematics at Taunton). Coincidentally, both Clive and myself attended Queens' College, Cambridge University and entered teaching in the early 2000s after successful business careers. My mission in life is to help students create impact start-ups that make a difference, while making a profit. I am the Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Charleston's School of Business. I received my PhD (Property) from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. I have a BA Honours (Economics), Queens' College, Cambridge University and an MBA from Cranfield University, England.

I took a circuitous route into academia from being a 'toy boy' in 1980s London who designed and licensed over 60 toys and games to major toy companies. Most of my inventions were heroic failures – products that sold on the market, but failed to reach the dazzling heights of products like *Jenga* designed by **Leslie Scott** (Weirfield 1974). One of my most successful games was *13 Dead End Drive* (below) with over 3 million copies sold worldwide.

I first became aware of Ellie as her accent stood out from the typical South Carolinian student and she was always bubbly and interactive in the classroom!

When David met Ellie...





Message from the Headmaster

Here at Taunton School there is a strong feeling of positivity around and a very clear sense of ambition. The campus is looking great and we returned in September to new pavilions, refurbished rooms in Wills East and Wills West, a redesigned Modern Languages department and a newly painted sports hall. Our aim is to refurbish all learning and pastoral spaces over the next five years.

Our exam results over the summer were very pleasing with almost half of all GCSE entries achieving grade A* or A and over two thirds of all entries in the sixth form achieving the equivalent of A*, A or B. The school is in very good shape and with hard working students, committed staff and supportive parents it is clear that we have a lot to look forward to.

Our finances are also in very good shape. Many schools in the South West would be envious of our success and it is this that allows us to reinvest in the school's infrastructure.

We are in a very strong position and, along with increasing support from our Foundation, we have launched an Assisted Places scheme which will enable young people whose parents do not have the financial means to pay for a place at Taunton School, gain access to an outstanding

education. Bursary holders have always played a key part in life at Taunton School and all students have benefited from their presence.

Last year 19 bursary holders achieved the equivalent of 3As at A level and 7 of our 15 Prefects were bursary recipients.

Taunton School was built on philanthropy and I will do all that I can to support young people who want to take advantage of the education on offer here.

As a community we all benefit from continuing to raise the standards across the school. Significant annual support will be made available to young people who can demonstrate a desire to learn and will apply themselves fully. Applicants are means-tested and will therefore only be awarded to deserving cases. Our aim is to recruit 15 pupils into Year 7 and 15 pupils into Year 9 under this scheme.

I am delighted that we can offer this kind of opportunity to young people who would otherwise miss out on a Taunton School education. We are in a position of strength and I am committed to ensuring that as many young people as possible can benefit from an outstanding education for life.

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Academic Success

We had another tremendous set of results, yet again!

Our 2017 GCSE results have been outstanding and we are delighted for this year's cohort. Students celebrated an impressive 389 A* or A grades, achieved across 26 subjects. 68% of Sixth Form grades this summer were A*, A or B equivalent. A special mention goes to Maddy McNerney who achieved an amazing 11 A* and one A. Alexander Kitchen, Maddy Taylor and Ellie-May Vohra all gained a fantastic 11 A* whilst Sophie Bray and Daisy Daniel achieved 10 A*.

At A Level, students achieved an overall pass of 100% across the 30 subjects offered and individually, 12 A Level students achieved 3As or better.

The BTEC Sport and Exercise Science Extended Diploma students saw very strong results with 80% gaining distinction* or distinction (equivalent to A* and A) and 100% achieving distinction* to merit (equivalent to A*-C).

Top A Level achiever Kieran Bailey gained four A* grades and an A, in Art, History, English, Critical Thinking and Classics. Kieran,

whose ambition is to be Prime Minister, said: "I am shocked, elated and very happy. I feel like all my hard work has paid off. The high energy at Taunton School has been the critical element, it's got that buzz that makes you believe you can do it and it wouldn't have happened without the teachers I have had." Kieran is now heading off to Pakistan to work in a school for six months and has been offered a place at Oxford to study History.

The International Baccalaureate cohort produced wonderful results this year, with an average points score per candidate of 36 putting them 6 points ahead of the world average. Many congratulations

go to Australian student Sara Guest who achieved the maximum possible 45 points.

Headmaster Lee Glaser said: "This is the icing on the cake following a fantastic year for Taunton School. After our excellent review by The Good Schools Guide and the outstanding inspection report in March, I am truly delighted with these excellent results. Students have, once again, worked very hard for their success and they have benefited from the warmth and positive support of their teachers and parents. These achievements reflect the dedication of the entire Taunton School community to help students maximise their potential."

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Doctor, Doctor...



Veryan Young (née Ridler)
(Gloucester 1995)

Veryan writes: "It was lovely to have a (very) mini OT reunion at SWHealth2017 recently with Andrea Barrow – we last met as co-residents of Gloucester House over 20 years ago! I'm running an investment fund supporting enterprises in the region, and she's working on hospital improvement...we are hoping to collaborate on a project next year. I run The Health & Wellbeing Challenge Fund (South West) which has £5m of new funding available to invest in voluntary, community and social enterprises (VSCs) in the South West. The Fund offers investment and operating finance to social enterprises working with people to tackle a range of health and care issues."

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Doctor, Doctor... OTs in the Health Sector



Fiona Harrison (Besley 1997)

On leaving Taunton School, I attended University in Cardiff where I received a BSc in Psychology and then completed a PhD in Behavioural Neuroscience with a thesis related to animal models of Alzheimer's disease. I moved to the USA in 2004 and have been at Vanderbilt ever since, first as a post doc and now as faculty.

I gave up chemistry after GCSEs (as soon as I could!) and in A-level Biology I was forced to absent myself for the week when we worked on rat dissections. Now I lecture in the biochemistry



of oxidative stress process in neurodegenerative disease, and my lab freezers are filled with dissected brains and organs of genetically altered rodents. It is funny the lessons that have stuck with me from my time at Taunton School. Mr Maggs probably gave the same lecture every year to incoming 3rd year chemistry students: "be observant and look out for the tiny details – that is how I find so much spare change on the ground." I'm sure he told my Dad **Simon Harrison (Marshall 1968)** the same thing when he was a pupil too. I now give a variation of this same lesson to the undergraduate and graduate students who work in my lab!

I am the Principal Investigator of a laboratory in the Department of Medicine within Vanderbilt University Medical Center. I work with physicians as well as non-physician scientists (like myself), to better understand the molecular basis of disease. The work in my lab focuses mainly on nutritional challenges, such as Vitamin C deficiency and obesity, which can accelerate the development of diseases such as Alzheimer's disease. In addition to my own research, I am Director of the Mouse Neurobehavioral Core Facility, which means that I help many other researchers in different fields design, conduct and interpret their own work as well.

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Zoe Bush (Besley 2011)



Zoe is currently working in Gloucestershire as a junior doctor and was recently nominated for the Foundation Doctor of the Year Award at the Royal College of General

Practitioners' Inspiring the Future Awards. The awards took place in Liverpool as part of the college's 2017 Annual Conference and were a celebration of exemplary student and junior doctor engagement work. The award recognises an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of the profession, and Zoe was one of only three nominees from across the UK, nominated by several parties for her work in advocating general practice to pupils, students and fellow Foundation doctors. Her nomination follows her success in winning the RCGP & GP Online Choosing General Practice competition last year, and speaking as a panellist at the RCGP South West Student GPSOC Conference.

Zoe said: "I was inspired to study medicine during my time at Taunton School, and am delighted to see how much support and encouragement there is for current students who are also interested in pursuing medical careers."

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Stephanie May (Weirfield 2010)



On leaving Taunton School, Steph gained her 2:1 Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry at Cardiff University. She went on to be awarded a PhD in Bowel Cancer Research from Cardiff University in July 2017.

Steph is now a postdoctoral research associate and is continuing her cancer prevention research on the effect of diet on cancer at the European Cancer Stem Cell Research Institute in Cardiff.

Steph said: "I was encouraged by Mr Hallows at Taunton School to pursue a career in the biochemistry field. During my university studies I developed a strong interest in the field of cancer prevention which was strongly influenced by my biology classes at Taunton School. I am very grateful for all the experiences and opportunities I had during my five years at Taunton School which enabled me to enter this profession and gain my PhD."

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Around the Clubs

London Club Dinner



Ned and Liam Travers



L-R: Ellie Smith, Josie Taylor, Amrita Patel, Cynthia Deng



Youngsters from the 70s



L-R: Mike Pudner, Jonny Stocker, Clive Goodchild, Roger Reed

Western Club Friday Lunches: Taunton School



Cornish Club Lunch: Newquay



Around the Clubs

OTA President's Dinner

Hampton Court Palace

April 2017



“
Life is all about sharing. If we are good at something, pass it on. That is the pleasure I get from teaching.
Mary Berry
”



Around the Clubs

Annual Reunion: Taunton School



Goodland House Housemasters
L-R: Cyril Kelly, Stephen Pugh, Hugh Todd,
Richard Jowett, Nigel Maggs



Back Row: Richard Jowett, Amy Bray, Chekko Carpenter
Front Row: Ann Coombes, Sarah Pugh,
Emily Garland, Lucie Burrows and Lucy Webber.



Chris Moore, Nick Walker, Gordon Chiu
Christine Chiu, Florence, Nadine Latte.



Josiah Chang and Ricky Lam

Births

ALLEN	to Emma (née Saywell)	Besley '07	and Paul	Esmé Rose - 20.03.17
ATKINSON	to Richard	Fairwater '04	and Lucy	Henry - 01.03.18
BAGLOW	to Kathryn (née Speedy)	Weirfield '04	and Owen	Alys Evelyn - 23.09.17
BAKER	to Mark	Evans '99	and Clare	William Oliver - 19.01.18
BURGER	to Jessica (née Clifford)	Bevan '99	and Gareth	Imogen Nell - 08.12.16
CHAN	to Clement	Fairwater '00	and Yoppy Lee	Isabelle - 21.11.17
CHAN	to Derek	School House '94	and Elaine	Scarlett - 13.06.17
COOK	to Jenny (née Watts)	Besley '03	and Martin	Archie Richard - 14.03.18
DUNN	to Peter	Fairwater '00	and Anna	Chiara Rose - 20.04.17
FELSTEAD	to Alexandra 'Binky'	Weirfield '08	and Josh	India Elizabeth - 12.06.17
FISHER	to Stuart	Wills East '93	and Phillipa	Samuel Alexander - 27.06.17
FORREST	to Robert	Evans '99	and Mina	Alberta Florence Chie - 25.03.17
GILMORE	to Jeremy	Marshall '01	and Farida	Sahara - 13.02.18
GREENWOOD	to Toby	Evans '01	and Millie	Joshua Philip - 06.07.17
HAMILTON	to Katie (née Longstreet)	Jenkin '04	and Matt	Evelyn Rebecca - 12.02.18
JENKINS	to Ed	Evans '95	and Sally	Nathaniel David - 24.10.17
JONES	to Steph (née Gardham)	Weirfield '02	and Andy	Sebastian Richard - 18.06.17
KIRBY	to Ali	Evans '08	and Niki	Clementine Lily Mary - 13.01.18
MEIKLE	to Chris	Goodland '98	and Rebecca	Bonnie Rose - 05.06.17
PATERSON	to Angela (née Cottrell)	Jenkin '95	and Mark	Alec William - 01.05.17
ROBINSON	to Guy	Goodland '92	and Liz	Cecily Loveday Watts & Rose Willow Watts - 16.09.17
ROBINSON	to James	Goodland '03	and Laura	Ethan Jack - 10.01.18
RUSSELL	to Emma (née Kennedy)	Jenkin '04	and James	Harry James - 10.09.17
SPEAKMAN	to Rob	Marshall '00	and Annabel	Cressida Sybil - 24.01.18
TANK	to Lucinda	Weirfield '08		Margot India Ann - 15.09.17
WEISS	to Richard	Evans '00	and Sara	Isabelle - 21.03.17

Engagements

Zoe Bush	(Besley '11) to Dominic	Kenneth Fung	(Wills West '03) to Janus
Scott Gordon	(Evans '09) to Holly	Ali Jay	(Evans '98) to Holly
Bobbie Martin-Pope	(Bevan '08) to Nick	Andrew Mason	(Wills West '05) to Jonelle
Eddie McGrane	(Wills West '06) to Georgina	Chris Rainford	(Evans '09) to Emma
Holly Ralph	(Bevan '11) to Scott	Pippa Tilbury	(Weirfield '06) to Alex

Marriages

BESS	Josh	Marshall '06	to Rebecca	23.03.17
BONI	Emanuele	School House '86	to Franziska	26.08.17
CHAN	Derek	School House '94	to Elaine	08.12.17
COOPER	Jack	Marshall '07	to Siobhan	04.02.17
DOUGLAS	Catriona (née Dunn)	Besley '04	to Andrew	16.09.17
GILSON	David	Wills East '05	to Claire	25.03.17
GRAHAM	Abbi	Besley '06	to Richard	08.07.17
HAYES	Anna (née Jones)	Bevan '97	to Jonathan	08.04.17
HEAL	Ryan	Evans '08	to Sarah	15.07.17
HEAL	Sarah (née Coombes)	Jenkin '08	to Ryan	15.07.17
HIGGINSON	David	Goodland '99	to Alice	01.07.17
HULL	Deborah (née Vest)	Besley '00	to Robert	16.09.17
LONGSTREET	Jamie	Marshall '06	to Robyn	24.06.17
LOXTON	Tom	Goodland '05	to Emily	01.04.17
MORGAN	Lisa (née Salter)	Murray '97	to Richard	04.03.17
ROSE	Joey	Marshall '00	to Jill	02.08.17
SCOTT	James	Wills East '02	to Lucy	08.07.17
WILLIAMS	Hannah (née Dibb-Holland)	Besley '04	to Thomas	06.01.18
WONG	Jason	Fairwater '04	to Angel	13.01.18
YIEND	Lydia (née Hayden)	Besley '07	to Nick	02.09.17



The Art of Conversation

1: James Priory



James Priory (*Marshall 1991*)



In September 2018 my family and I will be leaving Portsmouth after eighteen very happy years as I come to the end of my time as Headmaster of Portsmouth Grammar School (PGS). We are moving to Kent where I shall be taking up a new role as Headmaster of Tonbridge School.

In times of transition like this you find yourself reflecting on all that has happened to bring you to this particular point in time. Taunton School has been much in my thoughts, not least because our youngest child is now 16 and will be experiencing a similar change in setting to that which I remember when I moved down to Somerset at the same age.

I had been the fortunate recipient of an Assisted Place at my previous school, King Edward's Birmingham, and was mindful of the generosity of Taunton School in providing similar support in the form of a scholarship to enable me to continue my education in the Sixth Form. It is brilliant to know that Taunton School has been able to increase the number of Assisted Places it now offers, providing such a transformative experience for young people.

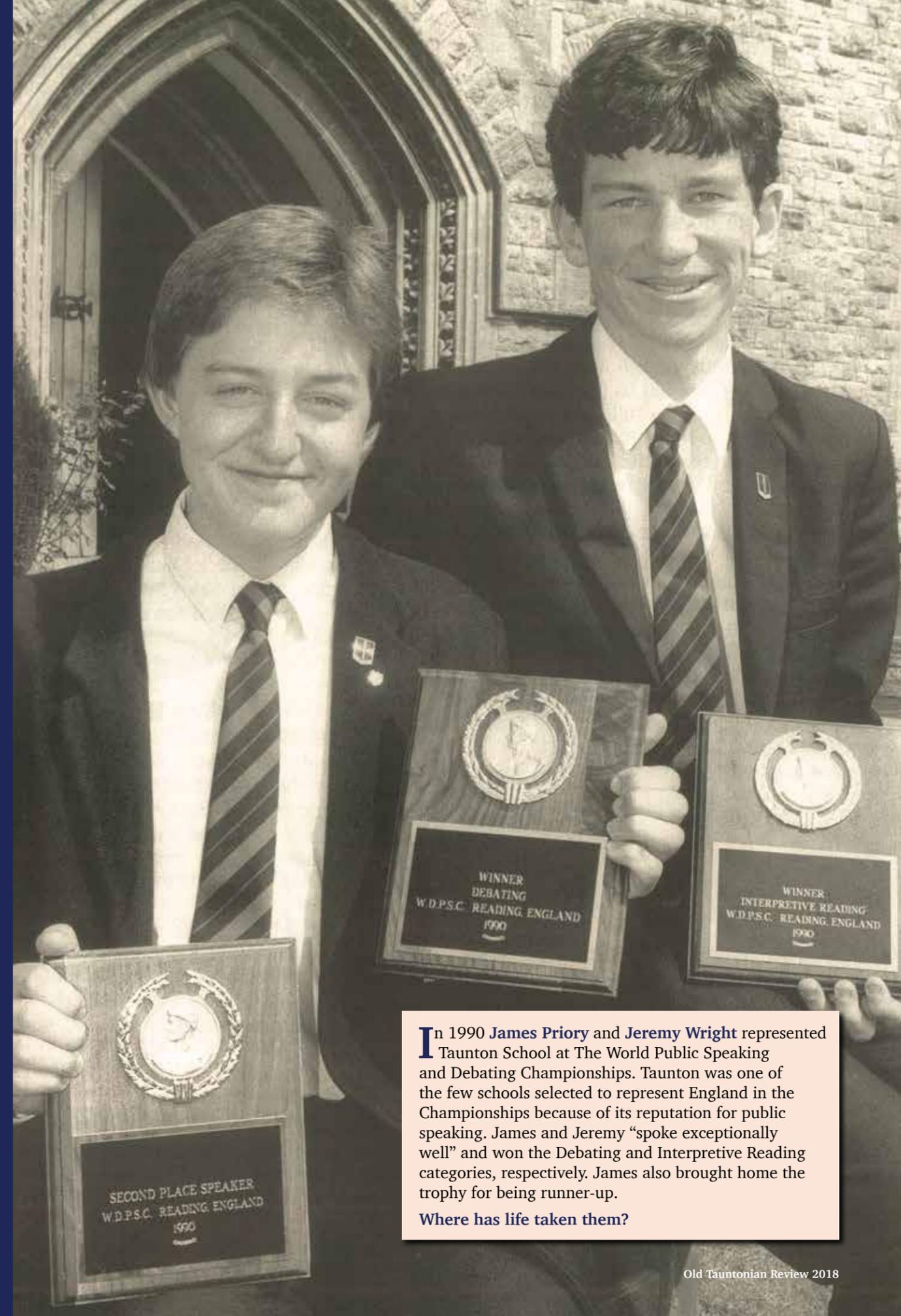
One of the highlights of my experience was being encouraged to become involved in debating, whether it was the irreverent fun of Balloon Debates or the serious business of Observer Mace competition. Jeremy Wright was a good friend and fellow debater with a sharp political instinct even then. He was generous enough to host me for a day's visit to the House of Commons some years later when I was on sabbatical and preparing for my role as Head at PGS. It has been exciting to watch his career develop since those early lessons in the rhetorical arts under Roger Priest's tutelage!

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” Debating offered tremendous breadth of experience at Taunton School. I remember competing in the national final of the Observer Mace at King's College, Wimbledon, under the gimlet eye of Lord Hailsham. On another occasion, back in school, I performed Ted Hughes' poem Black Rhino only to discover afterwards that one of the judges had directed a documentary inspired by the poem. I'm not sure what he made of my reading, but I remember to this day talking to Martin Booth about his friendship with Hughes.

The World Public Speaking Competition provided yet another arena and set of challenges: persuasive speaking, after-dinner talks, public readings, *ex tempore* addresses and debates. It's hard to imagine a better training for the role that I am now in where speaking to a range of different audiences plays such a significant part in day-to-day life. This was the competition where I also heard the actor Jeremy Irons recite *Come to the Edge*, a simple but evocative poem which has become something of a personal mantra and one I share regularly with my own pupils, especially after I discovered that its author Christopher Logue was a former pupil of PGS.

I am also indebted to Taunton School because it was here that I met Helen (*Foxcombe 1991*), the person who knows me best of all and who is the most adept at reminding me that much as I may love to talk not everyone always wishes to listen! On the edge of a new move and with our three children already beginning to head off on adventures of their own, it's great to look back on our time together in Taunton and to appreciate just what a great start we were given.



In 1990 James Priory and Jeremy Wright represented Taunton School at The World Public Speaking and Debating Championships. Taunton was one of the few schools selected to represent England in the Championships because of its reputation for public speaking. James and Jeremy “spoke exceptionally well” and won the Debating and Interpretive Reading categories, respectively. James also brought home the trophy for being runner-up.

Where has life taken them?

The Art of Conversation

2: Jeremy Wright



Jack Hill / The Times

“Brexit is a big challenge. It is a challenge for me because my job is to give the government the right legal advice and one aspect of that is to make clear, for as long as we are members of the EU, regardless of any transition, that for that time we are obliged under our international legal obligations to comply with EU law. The closer to the exit point the more frustrating it is for my ministerial colleagues to comply with rules and regulations they say that they soon won’t have to comply with, but nonetheless my job is to make it clear that we do have these obligations until the point we leave.”

Jeremy led the government’s legal team on the Article 50 challenge, losing in the High Court and the Supreme Court. He vehemently denies the rumour he offered to resign: *“If Attorneys-General offered their resignation every time they lost*

cases, or if lawyers did, there’d not be many left. It is not true. The Prime Minister is entitled to get rid of me any time she likes.”

It is four years since Jeremy was given the chief law officer’s job.

Terrorism has been the other main challenge of Jeremy’s work. Prosecutions fall to him to approve if they have an international dimension. Home Office figures in September showed that the number of people arrested for terrorism-linked offences rose 68 per cent to 379 in the 12 months to June, one of the most intense periods for terrorist attacks in recent history.

It is the highest number of terrorist arrests in a year since records began in 2001.

Jeremy is clear that once EU law is transferred, the Court of Justice of the European Union will have no role. *“Its role is to arbitrate on disputes about European law. Once we are no longer subject to EU law, its role diminishes rapidly to vanishing point, it seems.”*

All this leaves little room for other measures, but Jeremy is consulting on whether the contempt laws are fit for purpose in a social media age. *“What worries me is whether there is sufficient understanding in the public at large, not just in the established media. Part of this is public education. But you also need to think about what sanctions are available for those who do post on social media when they should know better, during a criminal trial, in particular, because the stakes are very high.”*

“Brexit is probably the biggest thing that any government has had to do for generations. It is a huge privilege to be expected to contribute to this process and an opportunity to deliver and really contribute to the future of the country.”

(This article is abridged from a recent interview in The Times).

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3: Noel Salter



Noël achieved a 1st class honours degree in Modern History from New College, Oxford, He became founder President of the Oxford University United Europe Movement and acted as Secretary for European questions to RWG Mackay MP, then Chairman of the all-party group for European Unity in the House of Commons.

He attended both the first Congress of the European Union of Federalists at Montreux and the first Congress of Europe at The Hague, where he voted in favour of the creation of the Council of Europe. In 1948 Salter became a member of the United Kingdom Council of the European Movement and from 1949-50 he was Secretary to the Movement’s Federalist Group. Straight from taking his degree in 1950 he joined the Council of Europe.

Initially appointed Clerk to the Committee on Legal and Administrative Questions of the Consultative Assembly (which had drafted the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms) he went on to be in charge of the political secretariat of the Consultative Assembly as Senior Clerk to the Committee on General Affairs. Among his tasks was drafting a revision of the Statute of the Council of Europe, the ‘Mackay Protocol’, and he worked closely with Uwe Kitzinger, particularly in drafting a European Statute for the Saar.

In 1955 he left Strasbourg for Paris to become Head of the Office of the Clerk of the Assembly of Western European Union, Acting Clerk, and from 1956 Clerk Assistant (Assistant Secretary-General). In 1963 he returned to Britain to work for the British Council of Churches, where he virtually created his job of International Affairs Secretary, and then in 1968, for the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. In 1973 he joined the

European Commission in Brussels in Directorate-General VIII dealing with Developing Countries, where he once again worked with Uwe Kitzinger who was dealing with External Affairs. His time at the Commission was unfortunately short-lived as he died in May 1975, shortly before the national UK Referendum that confirmed Britain’s membership of the Community.

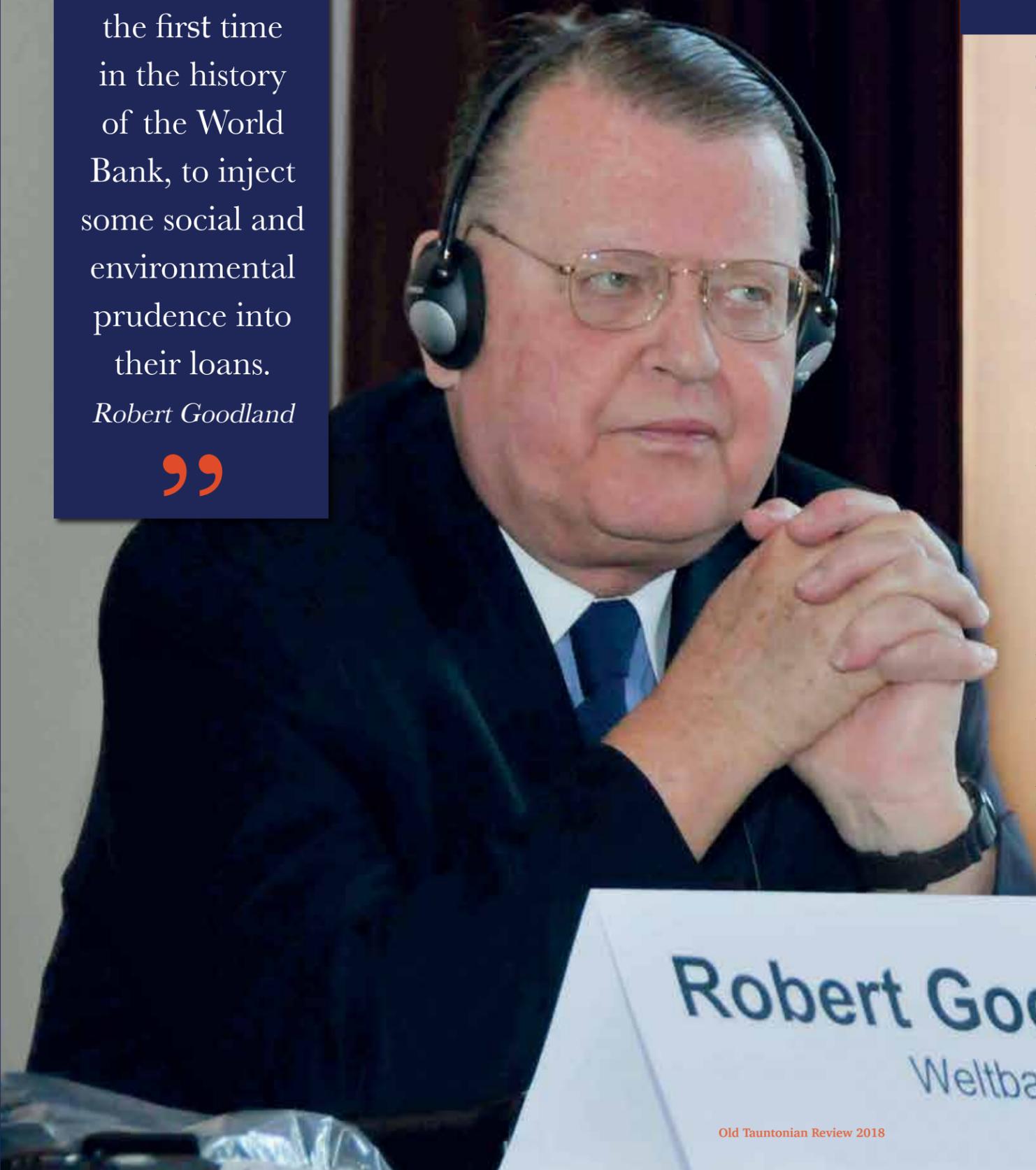
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The Old Tauntonian Association matched funding initiative

The Old Tauntonian Association is offering matched funding benefits to any prospective donor wishing to endow specifically the **OTA Scholarship and Bursaries Fund**. Any donation (up to £120,000 including Gift Aid) would be matched; effectively more than

doubling the contribution – assuming that Gift Aid is applicable. **The capital would remain untouched** but the income would be used to support bursaries. This would mean the OTASF would be able to support £14,000 of bursaries annually.

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My job was for the first time in the history of the World Bank, to inject some social and environmental prudence into their loans.
Robert Goodland
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The Art of Conservation

1: Robert Goodland



Robert Goodland (*Wills East 1956*) grew up with a special interest in nature. As a Professor at the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazonia in Manaus, he designed Brazil's first graduate course in applied tropical ecology. Its key case study was the trans-Amazonian highway. That led Robert to co-author *Amazon Jungle: Green Hell to Red Desert*, a book which is viewed as a seminal work in the birth of the international environmental movement.

From 1975-78, Robert served as a Consultant for World Bank projects, designing environmental and social programmes for Itaipu, then the world's biggest hydroelectric project. He also worked on addressing environmental issues and Orang Asli forest dwellers for the first time in Malaysia's national development planning.

In 1978, he was recruited to become the first full-time ecologist at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. He was initially assigned to the task of screening every single proposed World Bank project, and selecting for scrutiny those with the largest potential impacts, for which Robert would draft recommendations. The policies and guidance materials pioneered by Robert essentially served as environmental and social standards

for many countries that lacked appropriate regulatory frameworks to provide such standards. Other development banks and aid agencies became interested in adapting them for their own purposes. Robert pressed for those banks and agencies to co-ordinate among themselves and with the World Bank Group and others, using methods that have continued functioning to this day. Commercial banks became interested too, and Robert worked with a group of bankers called the 'Gnomes of Zürich', and with others in London and New York.

featuring transmigration, logging and ranching in tropical forests, and land colonization. Robert worked on some of the world's largest hydroelectricity projects, playing a key role in the establishment of the World Commission on Dams in 1997.

After Robert's official retirement he served as a Senior Fellow at the World Resources Institute, where he co-authored a report on human rights.

Robert co-authored an article entitled 'Livestock and Climate Change', which assessed how replacing some livestock products – and reforesting land thereby freed from livestock and feed production – could be the only pragmatic way to stop climate change before it might be too late. This work became widely cited, including by Bill Gates and by Paul McCartney's 'Meat Free Monday' campaign.

To develop further awareness, Robert worked to launch a website called 'Chomping Climate Change'. He wrote more than twenty books on environmental and social issues – The Library of Congress lists more than forty of his titles. He was particularly happy to have been known as the 'conscience' of the World Bank, in which role he befriended many environmental leaders around the world. Robert died in 2013.



“
I think every institution, all individuals, all organizations, all clubs and societies should prioritize climate change and how to combat it.
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Robert Goodland

Robert developed ways of stopping the World Bank Group from financing projects involving tobacco and asbestos. This also included avoiding the worst types of agricultural and forestry projects, such as those

www.chompingclimatechange.org

The Art of Conservation

2: 'Zero to Landfill'



“We educate our children to have a global outlook...”

Taunton School is proud to be championing a 'Zero to Landfill' initiative, leading the way on sustainability in schools by minimising its environmental impact. The School will ensure that all waste collected is processed for recycling, with nothing ending up in landfill. They are the first school in Somerset to engage in such a project with Exeter-based Devon Contract Waste (DCW) and have ambitions to be the greenest school in Somerset.

Approximately six tonnes of dry mixed recycling, which includes plastic, cardboard and paper,

is collected for processing each month from the school. With a ban on glass already in place on school premises, and plans to add food and confidential waste to its waste programme, the school is focused on becoming more sustainable.

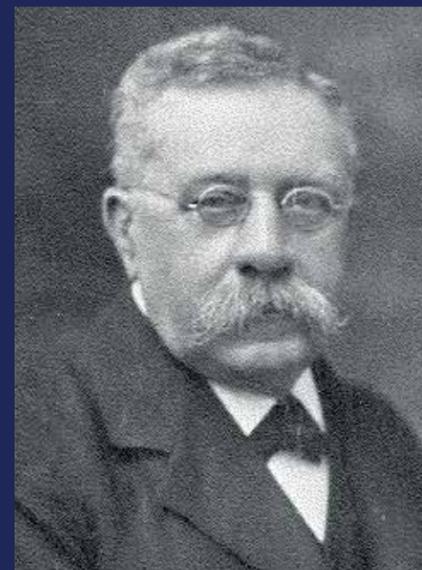
Lee Glaser, Headmaster, said: *“Being a responsible and caring member of our wider community is a key element of our school values and managing our waste correctly plays a big part. Having taken steps to reduce the amount of waste we produce on site, ‘Zero to Landfill’ is an ideal solution to minimise our*

reliance on landfill and continue our ongoing commitment. We educate children to embrace a global outlook, and doing our bit to safeguard the planet for their future is something we take seriously.”

Cllr Patrick Berry, Executive Councillor for Environmental Services at Taunton Deane Borough Council, said: *“I am very impressed with the commitment being made by Taunton School. It sends a clear message to the students about the importance of being responsible with your waste and caring for the environment, and sets a wonderful example for others to follow.”*

From the Archives

100 Years Ago: 1918

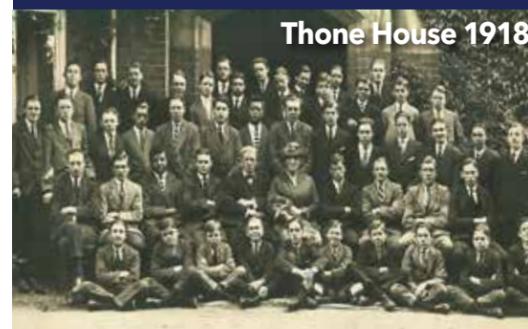


Mr J G Loveday (*above*) celebrated 50 years on the School Staff and, in the presence of a large and representative gathering, was presented with a Cheque for Five Hundred and Fifty Guineas enclosed in a Silver Casket, together with an Illuminated Album.

A silver Chess Cup was presented by Merthyr OTs to encourage greater interest from boys in the game.

Armistice Day was celebrated on 11 November, with a Solemn Commemoration a fortnight later, when the Roll of the Dead was read in Chapel.

Fairwater moved into the top of the main building for 3 years.



20 Years Ago: 1998



Back (L-R): Ruth Woods, Jenny Curtis, Helen Ridler, Catherine Parmiter, Nat Evans, Caroline Jelfs.

Front (L-R): Lisa Manley, Kate Woods (Captain), Steph Eales & Lizzie Pugh.

Rev Terry Curnow, former Chaplain and Housemaster of Fairwater, retired after 23 years on the staff.

Michael Anderson was appointed Headmaster of Taunton Preparatory School.

The internal newsletter *The Courier* began publication.

The first across-the-School technology system was inaugurated (the WHIS – Whole School Information System).

School netball team (*picture above*) was placed third equal in England National Championships.

15 Years Ago: 2003

'Leading the Way' was adopted as a marketing slogan.

A major Taunton School Foundation dinner was held at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Death of Dr John Roberts CBE, distinguished academic and former President of the School Council.

Carol Services were held in the School Chapel instead of St Mary's Church for the first time.

10 Years Ago: 2008

Dr David Starkey lectured and conducted a book signing at the School.

Tragic death of 19 year old Lizzie Pincock (*Weirfield 2007*) on gap year and her moving funeral service in the School Chapel.

Opening of Music School extension.

5 Years Ago: 2013

Dedication of New Chapel Windows.

Acclaimed production of the Musical *CATS*.



The Chapel Choir record a CD including the world premiere of *The Taunton School Anthem* composed by Howard Goodall CBE following a commission by OTs.



Ross Moon, Azlan Nageli, Massoud Entekhabi, Henry Wang & Oğuz Babüroğlu seated outside Wills West in 1974

“... the lasting friendships I made gave me the confidence to reach out in the belief that the world is one’s oyster.”

Ross Moon



ROSS MOON
On leaving Taunton School, Ross worked in The City of London in commodities and shipping and, from the age

of 21, abroad and running offices in Singapore, San Francisco, Kuala Lumpur and Geneva.

Whilst living in Kuala Lumpur he married a Malaysian Chinese girl from Penang and after 2 years left to live and work in Geneva. His expertise in trading vegetable oils, particularly palm oil and soya bean oil led him to become the largest shipper in the world at the time. He was simultaneously hedging futures contracts on the Chicago Board of Trade. His now 33 year old son was born in Geneva and upon returning to England after some 7 years in Switzerland, Ross purchased and built up a country house hotel in East Devon. After selling the hotel, he founded Ross Moon Property Search (www.rossmoonpropertysearch.co.uk)

acquiring properties for development in the West Country and in Marbella, many for himself and clients.

Ross is Chairman of the Vivian Moon Foundation (www.vivianmoonfoundation.co.uk) a registered charity offering grants to people who have links with North Devon and who wish to achieve a better life through further education and leads a fantastically dedicated team of governors. He is also Chairman of the Vivian Moon Braunton Community Trust Fund (www.vmbctf.org), established in September 1996 by his late father Vivian Moon, and is a Trustee of The Vivian Moon Community Centre.

Ross said: “Whilst I was not academic at Taunton or brilliant at sport, the lasting friendships I made, together with the effort that the teachers put in for me, gave me the confidence to reach out in the belief that the world is one’s oyster. I very much like to think that through the charities my father founded and that of the current Taunton School Foundation, many youngsters today will benefit from that little extra input to help secure their future.”



AZLAN NAGELI
Azlan attended the University of Westminster, London and graduated with a B.A. (Hons) Law in 1978. He obtained

his LL.M from the London School of Economics and Political Science, London University in 1980 (majoring in company law, business taxation and personal taxation) and was admitted to the Bar in England and Wales (1979) and Malaysia (1982).

From 2009-17, Azlan was the Senior Director, Legal Affairs, Asia Pacific, for Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) located in Singapore. He had responsibility for legal and compliance affairs for all SABIC Asia Pacific business units with a combined revenue exceeding US\$13 Billion. He joined SABIC in October 2007 through the acquisition of the General Electric, U.S.A. (GE) Plastics unit.

In May 1994, Azlan joined GE, in Singapore, as the South Asia Counsel

Best Friends For Ever

Who knew where these five friends would be 44 years after they graduated from Taunton School



for the GE Energy business unit. In 1997, he assumed the position of General Counsel, Asia Pacific, GE Plastics and held the same position in the reorganised GE Advanced Materials, Asia Pacific (consisting of the Plastics, Silicones and Quartz businesses) in 2003.

From 1984-94, Azlan was Legal Counsel with the Royal Dutch Shell Group in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1985-88 and 1991-9494) and London (1989-90).

Azlan retired in May 2017 and currently resides in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

“The following are my top ten values, acquired and developed over the past 25 years of working with great organisations and global talent with outstanding values and performance. Hopefully these values can help shape the development and thinking, both professionally and personally, of the younger generation. I am a far better person for having made such values an intrinsic part of me.”

1. We live in a complex world. Change is constant. Learn to adapt and deal with change.
2. Never stop learning and never accept the current way of doing things as sufficient. Challenge the status quo and strive to be better today than yesterday and better tomorrow than today.
3. Be courageous and do what is right. Do not fear or favour anyone in this world for the sake of compromise or an easy way out. Nothing goes away by itself. You will have far more honour being able to look into the mirror and know you did the right thing.

4. Say what you mean and mean what you say. Yes, you may need to be discreet from time to time but do not shy away from your principles and values.
5. Always be fair in dealing with people. There can be significant personal consequences at stake when making a people-related decision. People have mortgages to pay, children to educate and mouths to feed, so do not unfairly strip away their honour. Where you can, balance justice with forgiveness and gentleness and give people a second chance. However, sometimes a second chance may not be possible.
6. Quality really matters but unfortunately, many people are satisfied with a second or third-class work product. Take pride in your work. Give it your best. If you do not, you have not only let down your team but foremost you have failed and cheated yourself.
7. Recognise the people that work with and for you. They deserve much of the credit you may have achieved. Without a dedicated and sincere team behind us, we would have little, if any, success.
8. Performance is nothing without values, so never compromise on values. If you do, there will be a price for that compromise one day. Make sure those people we hire have exemplary values. First, be satisfied the values are solid and only then focus on the individual’s ability to perform. Integrity is special. It is what makes you stand out from the

- rest. Never be intolerant of or judge another by diversity.
9. Remember, it is ok to make mistakes. They are not a matter of life or death so do not be too hard on yourself or others. Learn from them and move on.
10. We cannot change the past and we have no knowledge about the future. Therefore, if we want to change, focus on the present space you play in where you have the biggest opportunity to influence for the better. Celebrate the small successes. Over time, those many small successes may well make a big splash.



MASSOUD ENTEKHABI
A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Massoud is Founder of Zenith Equity

Partners, a Private Investment firm based in Southern California. He is on the Board of Directors and Chairs the Audit Committee of Prime Focus World N.V, Blind Squirrel Games & Halosource, Inc.

Prime Focus, a London-based world leader offering visual effects and 3D Conversion services to the major global film studios, has over 7,500 employees on 4 continents and 6 time zones. Its Double Negative subsidiary (www.dneg.com) recently won an Academy Award for its work on Ex Machina (2016) and Interstellar (2015).

Best Friends For Ever (continued)



◀ *Halosource, Inc.* is a global company developing clean technologies to disinfect and purify the water we drink, play in, clean with and put back into our water systems.

Massoud spent 27 years as a Managing Partner with Coopers & Lybrand LLP and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in London and Los Angeles, leading dozens of successful merger and acquisition transactions, many of which were considered to be the largest and most significant of their time.

Prior to founding Zenith, Massoud was a General Partner and Managing Director of TL Ventures (2000-03), a nationally-focused Venture Capital firm with over \$1.4 billion under management.

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Massoud Entekhabi

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Massoud's other Board of Directors experience includes GMarket, Ixia, and Fastclick and he has been mentioned by the *Silicon Valley Reporter/Digital Coast Reporter* as one of the three most influential professionals in Los Angeles.

Massoud said: *I came away from Taunton School with more life lessons than I recognized at the time.*

As I've aged and gone through life, the light comes on again and again reflecting on where that kernel of knowledge/experience came from and it regularly defaults to my life at Taunton School. The one thing that resonates best is I learned to... "think globally and act locally"... this has served me well in business and life.



HENRY WANG
Henry is an international adviser, author and speaker with extensive high-level global business experience.

He is President of Gate International Ltd, a boutique advisory and investment firm which he founded following his retirement as a Director of both Shell China and SABIC in Riyadh. He advises leading universities and business schools as well as international agencies and multinationals.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Fellow of the Institute of Chemical Engineering, Henry is a member of London's Imperial College Stakeholder Committee, the UK Climate Change Advisory Committee and China Carbon Forum Advisory Board. He was Vice-Chairman of OECD's Business Energy & Environment Committee and is a former Vice-President of both the EU & British Chamber of Commerce of China. Of his numerous publications, Henry's latest book on *Business Negotiations in China* was published in December 2017. His negotiation management paper was selected as one of the Top Five UK Management

Papers of the Year 2015. He holds international patents on new process inventions and has been invited to speak at key international conferences and interviewed by international media.

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OĞUZ BABÜROĞLU
In his final two years at Taunton School Oğuz was awarded an OPOS Scholarship and also won the

Goodland Public Speaking Award in 1974.

He gained a BSc degree in Applied Sciences and Operational Research from the University of Sussex in 1977; a Post-Graduate degree in Operational Research from the

University of Lancaster in 1978, and a PhD in Social Systems Sciences from The Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania, USA, in 1987.

In addition to his numerous publications, Oğuz received the AACSB (American Accreditation Committee of School of Business)'s EXXON Award on the Innovation of Management Education in 1989. Among his other awards are the NATO doctorate scholarship by TÜBİTAK (The Technical and Scientific Research Council of Turkey 1978-1982), the Best Paper Award given by the Society for General Systems Research.

Besides being a faculty member at the Sabanci School of Management of the Sabanci University, Oğuz has worked as a strategic and participatory Management Consultant for over 1,000 large and small corporations, industry associations, national and international foundations and various government ministries and agencies.

He is a Board Member of TEKNOSA (consumer electronics retail), CARREFOURSA (food retail) and ETI (snacks) as well as serving on editorial and advisory boards of scholarly journals. He is the founder of two companies: ARAMA (management consulting) and MINDPORT (executive training and development).

Bury North's new Labour MP

James Frith MP (Evans 1995)

James was elected as the Labour MP for Bury North on 8th June 2017, after standing in 2015 and losing the seat by just 378 votes. He won in 2017 with a majority of 4,375 votes over incumbent Tory David Nuttall, a 12.5% increase on Labour's 2015 vote share. The seat had a 5% swing to Labour, bucking the national trend, which saw a 2% swing to Labour overall.

James has lived in Bury with his wife Nikki since 2009 and they are raising their four children – Jemima, Henry, Lizzie and Bobby – in the town. Nikki

runs a local small business which started on the market in Ramsbottom.

Before being elected to Parliament, James was CEO and Founder of *All Together*, a social enterprise providing careers education and guidance services to young people to help them get into work. He also served three years as a Bury Councillor.

First coming to Manchester to study at university in 1996, James was enticed by the city's music scene and, long before entering politics, was performing at venues and festivals across the country, including Glastonbury, as lead singer in rock band *Finka* and later *the Fusileers*.



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I believe that politics is a force for good and for hope, not an excuse for despair.

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Sonnet to Death

*O, come thou welcome friend of fading hours,
Companion sweet of fast decaying strength,
Kind comforter of swiftly waning powers,
Whose cold embrace can end life's weary length;
I beg you gently wind about my head
The velvet folds of dark perpetual sleep,
That I may join the ranks of easeful dead,
Who now the realms of peace and silence keep.
I long to grasp your bony, withered hands,
And drink your kisses, tinct with longed for rest,
Which grant release from these unhappy lands,
And bring us near to those we love the best.
O Death, your broken form and pallid face
Are those which in my heart hold pride of place.*

Ian Partridge, Taunton School, 1973

In Memoriam:



“
There's a great spirit gone.
Anthony & Cleopatra, William Shakespeare
”

Ian Simon Partridge

A Tribute by Jan Nuttall (*Babblingly* 1975)



Ian Simon Partridge
(*School House* 1967 – 1974)
23 January 1956 – 9 May 2017

At Ian's Memorial Service earlier this year, his wife recounted the reaction of the chief clerk in the Chambers where Ian had just been taken on as a pupil. He was horrified that a young man with shoulder-length, wavy hair was joining Chambers and voiced his concerns to the Head of Chambers, whose reply was 'Oh, but we must! He just corrected me on a finer point of Shakespeare!'

The story amuses but does not surprise me. Anyone who knew Ian well would have recognized, even at School in the early 1970s, that he was a true polymath. Gifted with a powerful and penetrating intellect, he was fearsome in debate and public speaking and an airy and inspiring contributor to the Literary & Historical Society. He played in the orchestra, loved music in all forms and wrote seriously good poetry. (Take a moment to read the invitation to Death in a beautiful sonnet he wrote in 1973). We never talked about law, but given his career achievements, it's safe to assume that he had rather a talent there too!

Ian was also a true friend: a good listener, an honest and challenging adviser and deeply loyal. I was ill in my first year at Oxford; it was before mobile phones, of course, and so Ian came to my college every day for weeks to check up on me. When my doctor advised me to include red meat and red wine in my diet (those were the days!), Ian turned up regularly in a taxi and took me to Merton guest night or other suitable places to fulfill the prescription. From my own experience, and watching him with his friends at

university, I think I can say that he was one of the kindest people I have ever known.

Ian struggled with ill health from an early age and, shortly before his finals at Oxford, he underwent surgery and radiotherapy for tumours in his neck. He spent a month at my family home recuperating and all I can remember is poetry, endless discussions, the odd glass of wine and a lot of laughter. No self-pity. The tumours returned many years later and he underwent more invasive treatment with equal insouciance; he had a remarkably brave spirit.

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the fairness of life.
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I'd like to share *all* the things that were said at his Memorial Service, but that would take up the entire publication. They illustrate how the young Ian I knew so well went on to build a successful career as a renowned property litigation barrister; he was equally known for his broad cultural interests, his love of life and as a wonderful friend and mentor. He went on to become a Deputy Master of the Queen's Bench, and would often sit as the Practice Master, an appointment which contributed, in part, to his being known, and referred to affectionately, as 'The Master'. He would have enjoyed that.

When Ian married Christine in 2005, Henry and I attended the Blessing.

We realized that Ian had finally found not just love, but an equal match: an intellectual companion and someone who reciprocated his kindness and gentleness. Christine says of him:

“Ian found happiness in a wild variety of pursuits: flamenco, poetry, klezmer music, singing Irish rebel tunes and Russian songs full of pathos and drinking until the wee hours with friends at our home. He found abiding pleasure in the law, opera, the violin, gourmet cooking, wine, Paris, debating serious issues, Scottish dancing, English history, military history, Buddhism and flirting.”

Although true, I think his ultimate happiness was in his marriage – he told me that he felt fulfilled. He was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease at the beginning of 2016 and Christine cared for him through to the end of his life as the cruel and debilitating disease took its toll. She says of that time:

‘He never displayed a trace of self-pity or questioned the fairness of life. We just got on with it. His fortitude in the face of calamity was breath-taking.’

Christine is very close to Toby and Clare, Ian's children from a previous marriage. I would like to end with a quotation that Toby used at the Memorial Service:

‘A person dies twice; once when they draw their last breath and a second when their name is spoken for the last time..... I encourage you to say my father's name, to talk about him with those who knew him, and those who did not, and to remind yourselves of what he meant, and means to you’.

Ian, my friend, I have honoured Toby's wish. Rest in peace.

In Memoriam: The Lives of OTs



Miles John Whitworth
(Fairwater 1978-1983)
23 April 1965–27 March 2017



Jennie, Miles' older sister, writes: Miles was born and grew up in the New Forest with his parents and two older sisters, myself and Nicky. Miles was selected for a Scholarship award for Winchester College but it was decided he would be happier at Taunton School where he boarded

from the ages of 13-18 years. He thrived academically and also discovered an enjoyment in Fencing and Tennis, playing in school teams for both sports.

On leaving Taunton he gained an Industry Sponsorship to study Electronic Engineering at Christ's College Cambridge where he graduated with a first class honours degree. He went on to hold jobs in large corporations but decided to set up his own business as a freelance software and electronics consultant. He settled in Cambridge and, while he consistently worked hard, he always took time to make good friends among his colleagues.

Miles had an interest in photography from childhood when he helped in his father's darkroom in the attic. However, it was a Safari holiday in Kenya in the 1980s,

combined with the emerging digital technology, which sparked a growing fascination with wildlife photography. His membership of the Cambridge Camera Club helped him develop his skills and knowledge. He spent many happy hours pursuing his interest with his good friends there.

His enjoyment of Fencing and Tennis continued for many years in his adult life and he became a member of both the Cambridge Fencing and Tennis clubs where he made lasting friendships.

Miles was diagnosed with widespread prostate cancer aged 49. During his last two years he dedicated himself to giving his time freely to code a new website for the Camera Club, to fundraise for cancer charities and take part in clinical trials for others' benefit and to spend time with his family and friends.

Barry Sinton Hobson
(Fairwater 1940-1944)
21 November 1925 – 9 April 2017



Chris Harding (School House 1949-1955 & Millfield 1980-2007) writes: Arriving at Millfield School at the start of the autumn term in 1980, wearing the Old Tauntonian tie and fresh with my degree from St. Luke's College, Exeter University, at the age of forty two, I heard a dry voice behind me, "So you are an Old Tauntonian. So am I".

It was then that I met Barry Hobson MA, TD, Senior Housemaster, sage, font of all Millfield knowledge and Cambridge Cricket Blue. For the next thirty five years he was to be my mentor, friend and advisor on all things Millfield.

Barry Sinton Hobson was born in Ulster, in 1925, into a Quaker family of linen manufacturers. When he was aged 4, the family moved to Highcliffe in Hampshire as the climate there was better suited to the asthmatic problems of Barry's elder brother Lawrence (Fairwater 1934-1939).

After prep school Barry attended Taunton School from 1940 to 1944 and was unfortunate to suffer a mild Polio which briefly blinded him and severely paralysed an arm and a leg for some time. Fortunately, he recovered well enough to captain the school Cricket 1st XI. On leaving school, he took up a place to read history at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, as he was still deemed unfit for military service, even though it was his dearest wish to have followed an army career. He was a more than useful bowler, classified in those days as military medium, won a Blue and enjoyed a few first class seasons as an undergraduate. He was also credited with bowling Len Hutton, although it has to be admitted that this occurred in a charity match.

After graduating he took various teaching posts at prep schools and in 1956 was appointed Master in charge of cricket at Millfield where the Headmaster was the great R. J. O. Meyer, the school's founder and former Somerset Captain.

In his thirty-five years of teaching he held nearly every office that a schoolmaster is expected to perform. He also coached rugby, was active in the army cadets and became the Senior Housemaster.

He and his wife Rosemary were much loved houseparents of Shapwick House, which a high attendance of former pupils at his Memorial Service indicated. He, like SP Record, had an amazing memory and before the school became too large he probably knew every pupil by name. In his latter days he took on the tedium of running detention and overseeing the dining hall. In retirement he became the school's first archivist and continued to develop the archive until he was well into his eighties.

Although his ambition to follow a military career was thwarted by illness he was accepted by the Territorial Army, aspired to the rank of Major and was awarded the Territorial Decoration for his service.

He leaves his wife Rosemary, whom he married in 1954, his daughter Sally and son James. Their son John predeceased him.

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D'Arcy Charles Erith Smith
(School House 1979-1988)
20 September 1971 –
23 December 2017



Julian Tee, a friend of D'Arcy's for 28 years writes: I first met D'Arcy when we attended the Savoy Group Management Training Course application day in September 1990. In the evening we attended a dinner with the 'great and good' of the Savoy Group of Hotels & Restaurants

to see whether we could hold a conversation, knew how to hold a knife and fork, and could behave at a dinner table. We clearly fooled the course selectors, were appointed to the scheme and so our friendship began. It lasted 28 years and has been cut tragically short.

On sharing the very sad news of D'Arcy's passing with my parents, my father commented that he "had quite a soft spot for D'Arcy", and yet could only have met him on a few occasions. I believe that many who met D'Arcy would say exactly the same. After all, D'Arcy was a gentleman who got to know people quickly through his wit and charm; he always had something to say, an opinion to share, and he wasn't

one to sit on the fence. D'Arcy was a memorable character and this is an enviable quality to possess.

Over the past quarter of a century I have worked with, partied with, consoled and been consoled by, dined with, lived with, laughed with and reminisced with a man who was a close friend. On the work front, D'Arcy was most suited to the 'meet and greet' social element of professional hospitality engagement with the customer and the building of trust.

He landed on his feet when taken on at Simpson's-in-the-Strand under the stewardship of the accomplished Brian Clevaz; he undertook numerous roles within the establishment and formed a solid relationship which, in time, saw

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Peter Henry Gadsdon MBE MC
(School House 1926–1936)
4 February 1918–17 September 2017



An Amateur at War in which he recorded his experiences. However, he did receive a battlefield promotion and was awarded the Military Cross and MBE.

Dad worked for ESSO, rising up through the company from Rep in Lincolnshire to Training in Birmingham then Sales in Manchester. Due to Company reorganisation, Dad lost his job but eventually he was sent to run an ESSO subsidiary which was the Marina at Newhaven. He was instructed to make it profitable so it could be sold, which he did... and made himself jobless again, but it did allow him to retire at 57 and start a whole new chapter of his life. Mum had died by then and Dad wanted a new challenge.

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In the late '70s Dad married Elizabeth Thompson whom he knew from Spalding days. Dad became active in local politics and was elected to serve on the Lewes District Council and became Chair of Finance. This and globe-trotting with Liz occupied most of his time until her death in the mid 90s.

In 1997 Dad married for the third time. He became involved with the Union Club in Seaford and the

Devonshire in Eastbourne and enjoyed trips with the local National Trust Association. He was a long-standing member of the Seaford Head Probus Club and the Alfriston branch of the Royal British Legion.

He was a 'stiff upper lip' man rarely showing his emotions, a 'knuckle down and get the job done' person, setting himself challenges and trying to achieve them.

As Dad's health failed he steadfastly refused to give in and take refuge in any type of home. He told me he had defeated the taxman by living as long as he had, was the oldest member of the Gadsdon family in history and was going to continue to have his glass of wine at lunch and a Whisky Mac in the evening until he reached 100, after which he didn't care. Well, he did achieve most of his goals in life and was only five months short on his last.



Di Hartland
19 January 1956 – 15 July 2017

Alistair Hallows (Chairman of the Senior School Common Room) writes: It is a privilege to stand here today, on behalf of Taunton School – a place which played such a big part in Di's life and also the life of her family. I'd like to emphasise the significance of the part she played during her forty-six years in our community and the sense of loss that we feel since she left us.

In schools, people come and go and communities move on. However, I can say with some confidence that Di has left a mighty footprint which will be remembered, honoured and sustained.

Aged 15, she joined the school as an employee on 6th February 1971 – Ted Heath was Prime Minister, the Troubles raged in Northern Ireland, George Harrison was riding high at number one in the charts with *My Sweet Lord* and, on that day, Alan Shepard became the first man to hit a golf ball on the Moon. At the time, the going rate was £1.64 an hour. I suspect that, even then, she was putting in 120 hour weeks so she was able to take home a wage that made ends meet!

She worked in a range of roles including kitchen cleaner, domestic assistant in Fairwater House and dining room assistant. Since 1998, Di was a general assistant in the Kitchen. We all know these job titles scarcely do justice to what she did for everyone across all parts of Taunton School.

Di was an institution within our institution. Witnessing the depth of comment and reaction from across

the community and, indeed, across generations of employees, parents and pupils, we gain some idea about the scale of her contribution to so many parts of our lives. She was friend, carer, mentor, sister, and mother-figure to us all.

I have been at the school for just twenty-seven years, living in for some twenty of those. Di and I therefore had plenty of opportunities to lock horns, to have a laugh and to put the world to rights. It was only in the last year or two that I matured past 'Young 'un' to become 'Mr 'Allows' but still Di remained a fixer for me.



So what was her secret? How, from the catering department, did she become such a key character in a big place like our school? Reading the lovely words in her book in Chapel, some common themes emerge.

For a start, Di had staying power – she was always there, working hard, getting the job done with great

sense and always looking out for the people around her. She was instantly recognisable in her work clothes, apron and cap – which could be a blessing for those of us who needed to make quick exits when we had crossed her.

Di could be stealthy and, for us all, she mastered the art of the ambush when there was a problem that we needed to sort out. Her signature gravelly tones would appear in one ear or the other, saying something along the lines of “*ere, I wanna word with you!*”

More often than not, Di was a source of friendly chat, banter, and not a little gossip. Among the best times was the so-called quiet time when the job was done and she could enjoy a sit-down amongst friends. I know that many of Di's closest friends and colleagues have missed those shared times around the table.

Most of all, we remember her kindness – as a friend and colleague, as that angel who could find you a sneaky extra cake or piece of bread when you needed it.

I hope she will forgive me if I disclose some of her words, recorded in her appraisal in 2006. I feel they capture so much about her humour, honesty and disarming common sense – they made me smile as I pictured the scene. She was asked “*which of the skills are you not so good at and in what way do you think you could improve?*” Di's answer... “*I'm good at all of it. It ain't ROCKET SCIENCE*”

We are thinking of her friends and family at this time – Di provided one of the threads that weaves our community together. Its fabric is a little weaker for her passing.

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Peter Henry Cutchey DFC*
(Fairwater 1934-1940)
8 June 1922-15 April 2017



Chris Cutchey, Peter's son writes: Born within the sound of Bow Bells in 1922 to a 61-year-old publican, Arthur Edward and his 43-year-old second wife, Elizabeth, Peter started his life living, in his own words, "under the counter" in their East End pub where everyone had strong cockney accents. However, six months after his father died, 11-year-old Peter was sent to Taunton School in Somerset to be educated "proper". He was widely derided for his cockney accent at Taunton but adapted to speak The 'King's English' and had a good education up to School Certificate standard in English, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Biology, so he was well set up by the time he left in July 1940, at the age of 18, to join the Royal Air Force.

On 22nd June 1943, Peter married, but when he reported back for duty his old Captain told him that he would be moving to another aircraft as his policy was to not have any married men in his crew. On its next operation, that particular aircraft was shot down

with no survivors. Peter's skill as a navigator and steady nerves under fire were, by this time, well-recognised and he became a member of 7 Squadron, one of the elite No8 Bomber Command Group of Pathfinder Squadrons. Also his aptitude for rapid mental arithmetic led him to become one of the early operators of the new H2S Ground scanning radar systems which could pinpoint a target with great accuracy.

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On the night of 17th/18th August 1943 he took part in the bombing raid on the rocket research and manufacturing facility at Peenemünde on the German Baltic coast. They arrived early so flew out to sea and approached their target at a tangent from the first pathfinders. From that direction Peter was able to see that the first pathfinder flares had been dropped short of the target area so directed his aircraft to the correct aim point where he dropped his flare. This resulted in a successful and devastating attack on the facility which put German rocket development back some 18 months. On 10th September 1943 Peter was awarded his first DFC which was

followed by his promotion to Flight Lieutenant on 28th March 1944.

On 6th September 1944, after flying some 73 Ops, the law of averages caught up with Peter when his Lancaster III was shot down over Emden, having accurately marked the target before their second bombing run and those of the squadrons following.

Because he was operating the H2S his place in the plane was behind the pilot and 2 navigators who were killed instantly by the flak which had struck below the front of the plane. Peter managed to reach back into the fuselage to grab his parachute and somehow managed to put it on and launch himself against the airflow out of the remaining broken glass. His time in the chute was uneventful just watching the aircraft flying away from him. Upon landing, a German soldier stood there with his rifle. After interrogation by the Gestapo, Peter was taken to Stalag Luft 1 POW camp on the Baltic coast where, as Red Cross Officer and with the aid of being a highly-skilled poker player, he ran a successful trade in cigarettes, the accepted form of legal tender in the camps. These he swapped for cartoon paintings which adorned his bed space in the barrack block.

On the 2nd January 1945 Peter was awarded a second, or 'bar', to his DFC and on 1st May the camp was liberated by Russian forces.

The photograph (left) was taken in Malta in 1950 at a Forces Reception for, the then, Princess Elizabeth (and her husband Prince Philip) who later accepted my father's invitation to dance. He admired her diamonds to such an extent that she said to him "They are real, you know!"

Old Tauntonian Golfing Society



The Old Tauntonian Golfing Society is now the only active year-round OT sports association. We are doing our level best to maintain and improve its appeal. To this end, we remind you that the OTGS offers free Green Fees to all OTs under 25 at the OTGS golf events and all TS golfers can play completely free in the Thone Cup and the Rose Bowl. We hope that this will encourage the latter to join the Society once they leave school. We are undertaking a certain amount of rationalization of fixtures.

At the AGM this year several changes were made to the fixtures to be played in 2018. The match between the School and the OTGS will be held at Taunton and Pickeridge coincidental with the Thone Cup. The OT Championship will be held alternately in London and Taunton, this year to be held in London at St. George's Hill, coincidental with the Fairwater Cup and the AGM will take place here then.

There will be no golf in Taunton this year over the OT Reunion weekend. The fixture between the OTGS and the Old Honitonians is now to take place on a Tuesday instead of a Monday. The dates for these events and others are shown on the right.

All these matches have Match Managers so if you would be interested in playing please contact, in the first place, the Hon. Sec. **Richard Jowett** at richardjowett@hotmail.com and he will direct you to the right person.



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To find a man's true character,
play golf with him.
PG Wodehouse
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2018 MEETINGS/COMPETITIONS

SOCIETY MEETINGS (all welcome)

May 6 (Su)	Thone Cup and OTGS vs TS	Taunton & Pickeridge
June 10 (Su)	Fairwater Cup and OTGS Championship	St George's Hill
June 26 (Tu)	Old Honitonians	Oake Manor
Sept 30 (Su)	Rose Bowl	Oake Manor

SCRATCH COMPETITIONS (Bona fide OTs only)

April 3-8 (Tues-Su) incl. practice	Halford Hewitt	Deal/Sandwich
May 13 (Su)	Grafton Morrish Qualifier	North Hants
June 20-23 (Wed-Sa) incl. practice	Cyril Gray (over 50s)	Worplesdon
July 4 (Thurs-Su)	Grafton Morrish (event)	Hunstanton



NEWS from the Lodges



Old Tauntonian Lodge
No.5735 (OTL)
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A very good start to the New Year with applications for membership received from Jason Cheng, Hong Kong, and Colin Morris, Staffordshire. Colin was Initiated at the February meeting when our new guest organist William Thain was also welcomed; he will stand in for David Jenkins when David is unable to attend meetings. News was received from Michael Redgrove's widow in China following the greetings sent to her by the Lodge at Christmas. Jason Cheng travelled from Hong Kong to be Initiated at the March meeting when we were very pleased to welcome as guests Dr Robert Wicks, son of the Master, and Alexander Malimeaus from King's College School Lodge. Michael Ramsbotham was elected Master for the ensuing year and Michael Button proposed a donation from the Lodge of £1000 towards

the Metropolitan Grand Masters' Tercentenary Appeal. He also reported that £2M had so far been raised by Metropolitan Grand Lodge for the London Air Ambulance Appeal and to which the Lodge had contributed. In October the Lodge recorded with regret the sad and sudden death of Paul Reed the late Treasurer; Michael Ramsbotham was Installed as the 79th Master; the Havelock Case Past Masters' Jewel was presented to David Hughes; David Hendrick was presented with his Grand Lodge Certificate and Robin Maddy was congratulated on his promotion to London Grand Rank. The year ended in December with the Passing of Colin Morris and approval of donations proposed by Michael Button of £500 for Macmillan Care, £500 for TS 6th Form Travel Awards, £300 for Lifelites, and £500 for TPS – Sports Equipment. He also commented that during the past four years the Lodge had made donations of £9,300 which included grants towards the London Cyberknife, the Brain Tumour Society and Professional Cricketers' Association Benevolent Fund.

The Public School Lodges Council 2017 Festival was held at Charterhouse in May and was well represented by OTL Lodge members and their wives with an attendance of seventeen. The 2018 Festival is to be held at Clifton College.
See PSLC website.



Taunton School Lodge
No.8215 (TSL)
The Masonic Hall,
The Crescent,
Taunton,
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50th Anniversary: consecrated at Taunton School on 22nd July 1968

Master: David Noble
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Junior Warden: Gary Chaffey
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The Lodge enjoyed another busy year in 2017. February saw the Raising of Paul Billings and the Election of David Noble as Master for the ensuing year. Hugh Johnson was to stand down as Treasurer after a distinguished innings and the office would be taken over by David Webber who was duly elected. Richard Giles reported that he had received letters of thanks from all the Lodge Widows to whom he had sent a Christmas gift, and David Jenkins confirmed that the Lodge would be receiving their second Ashlar Award in recognition of their efforts towards the 2020 Somerset Festival for the Grand Charity.

David Noble was Inducted into the chair in May as the quadragesimus Master; David Yule (Founder) and Gerald Routley were proposed as Honorary Members of the Lodge in recognition of their long service and the Lodge received its second Ashlar for the 2020 Somerset Festival from the Dep. Provincial Grand Master, John Winston. An application for membership had been received from

Benjamin Slade, a parent of pupils at Taunton School who was introduced to members of the Lodge prior to the Lodge meeting and Graham Bowerman was elected as a Joining Member. In September the Lodge, at the request of the Old Tauntonian Lodge, Passed Tucks Tucker; Michael Griffin reported on and gave a eulogy for Arthur Forse, an Hon. Member of the Lodge; David Jenkins, Past Provincial Grand Master, presented Paul Billings and Stephen McLauchlan with their Grand Lodge Certificates, and John Williams with his 2020 Festival Steward's Jewel. The Went Jewel was presented to Julian Frost as IPM, and a £50 donation was approved for a Cancer Research Appeal being organised by Kate, daughter of the late Tony Wood.

Ben Slade was Initiated in November when the Lodge held its annual raffle in aid of Christmas presents for the Lodge Widows. A goodly sum was raised and £25 vouchers would be sent to all widows by the Almoner Richard Giles. The Lodge was delighted to receive an application for Joining Membership from Edward Martin, Past Master of Quantock Lodge.

The 2017 Federation of School Lodge Festival, held at Pocklington School in September under the banner of the Old Pocklingtonian Lodge, was attended by Mike Button and David and Poo Jenkins
see FSL website.

Taunton School Lodge will be hosting the 2018 Festival on 1st September at Taunton School and anticipate having some 200 Brethren and wives attending.



Old Tauntonian Chapter
No.5735 (OTC)
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Z. Ted Tucker
H. Teddy Tucker
J. David Hughes
Scribe E: Graham Bowerman – details as OT Lodge.

The April meeting took a slightly different format and saw the delivery of a very interesting lecture by Dr Roger Jago entitled 'The Genuine Secrets of a Master Mason'. The Principals for the ensuing year were elected.

The November meeting reflected on the sad and sudden death of Paul Reed who was remembered with affection. On a happier note the Lodge was delighted to learn of the well-deserved promotion of Mike Button to Past Assistant Grand Sojourner who would be invested by HRH The Duke of Kent, 1st Grand Principal, on November 8th. The three Principals, Ted Tucker (Z), Teddy Tucker (H) and David Hughes (J) were Inducted into their chairs; Jason Raikes received his Grand Chapter Certificate; the Oakley Jewel was presented to Julian Frost and the Thomas Jewel to the MEZ.

MEETINGS 2018/2019

OTL 2018
Friday 2nd February
Friday 2nd March
Friday 5th October (Inst)
Friday 7th December

OTL 2019
Friday 1st February
Friday 1st March
All meetings – 16.00 hrs

TSL 2018
Tuesday 13th February
Friday 18th May
(Inst 17.00hrs)

Saturday 1st September:
Federation of Schools
Lodges Festival, Taunton School

Friday 21st September:
Official 50th Anniversary
Celebration

Friday 23rd November

TSL 2019
Tuesday 12th February
other than May
all meetings 18.30hrs

OTC 2018
Tuesday 3rd April
Tuesday 6th November (Inst)

OTL 2019
Tuesday 2nd April
All meetings – 16.00 hrs

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All Old Tauntonian Freemasons and their friends are cordially invited to attend meetings of both Lodges and the RA Chapter and will be made most welcome.

Website: www.otmason.co.uk

Taunton School Lodge No. 8215



“
...that finest of all
Old School activities...
W Bro Jim Redgrove
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The Founders outside the School Chapel at the Consecration

- Front Row:** Cliff Taylor, George Babb, Fred Scoble, Malcolm Wicks, Bernard Taylor, Claude Oakley, John Went, John Dearden, Jimmy Rowsell, Robie Robinson, Walter Letheren, Rolly Strong, Stanley Perratt and Horace Mole.
- Second Row:** Bruce Hoare, John Williams, Sam Peach, Michael Griffin, George Woodward, Wally Richards, Richard Taylor, John Warlow, John Phillips, John Moran and David Yule.
- Rear Row:** David Warlow, Arthur Cabeldu (obscured), Hugh Davie, Ralph May, John Pride, Kenneth Wheeler, Joe Hiller, Jim Redgrove, John Roberts.
- Absent:** Derek Redgrove and Cuth Summers.

Taunton School Lodge was consecrated on 22nd July 1968 in the tranquil beauty of the School Chapel by the then Provincial Grand Master – R.W. Bro. Brigadier Cazenove C.B.E., M.V.O., D.S.O., D.L., J.P. As a result, it made Taunton unique among the great Public Schools in that it could boast two Lodges and a Royal Arch Chapter bearing its name. The Old Tauntonian Lodge No. 5735 was not able to act as sponsor for its new sister Lodge as it met in London, but Queen’s College Lodge No. 6988 was happy to sign the petition. At that time the OT Lodge had 78 members, a full programme of work, and a waiting list of over two years for would-be Initiates and a

daunting 20+ years progression to the Chair. W Bro Jim Redgrove PJGD AProvGM(Surrey), the Secretary of the OT Lodge, suggested that the new Lodge would widen the opportunity for OTs to enjoy what he described as: “... that finest of all Old School activities ... and that the new bridge over the River Severn might bring Welsh OT Masons within the Somerset sphere of influence”. Both prophecies proved true.



Dr Roger Jago

The Lodge has provided the Craft with one Provincial Grand Master, three Assistant Provincial Grand Masters; and the Royal Arch with one Grand Superintendent, one Second Provincial Grand Principal and one Third Provincial Grand Principal; and the Province with three active Grand Wardens – one Senior and two Junior. In July 2001 V.W.Bro. Dr Roger Jago P.G.Swd.B., P.M. was installed Grand Superintendent in and over Hampshire and Isle of Wight. The following April, R.W.Bro David Jenkins P.M. was installed

as Provincial Grand Master for Somerset, and in 2003 appointed a member of the Board of General Purposes having already served as Vice President of the Grand Charity. Nine members have been honoured with Grand Rank; David Jenkins was appointed as a Grand Steward in 2011 and served as President of the Board. Three Founders, two Joining Members and one Re-Joining Member were Grand Officers at the time they became Members. Not a bad record for a small (there are currently 39 members) School Lodge!



Two Old Tauntonians of particular note have been numbered among the members. The first was W.Bro. Professor Sir Geoffrey Organe M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.F.A.R.C.S., F.F.A.R.A.C.S. (Hon.), F.F.A.R.C.S.I. (Hon.), P.S.G.D. Sir Geoffrey was one of the great pioneers of British Anaesthesia and was appointed London University’s

Foundation Professor of that speciality at the Westminster Hospital Medical School. As an interesting aside, the Lodge’s first Initiate was examined by Sir Geoffrey when he obtained his F.F.A.R.C.S. in 1975. The second was R.W.Bro. Colonel Myrddin Jones O.B.E., T.D., D.L., a Past Master of the OT Lodge and the Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire, who was elected an honorary member in 1993.

The Lodge will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in September 2018 and David Jenkins will be inducted as the 51st Master in May in order to preside over the festivities. The Lodge is to host the Federation of School Lodges’ Festival at the School on 1st September and this will be followed by a white table evening at the regular meeting on 21st September. At the latter it is hoped that the Lodge’s first initiate will be presented with his 50 year service certificate by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro Stuart Hadler.



The Redgrove clan



Evan Durbin MP: Thinker of the 1940s

London, where Gaitskell was already on the teaching staff and their friendship, which lasted until Durbin's death, cemented itself.

When war was declared in 1939, Durbin was temporarily seconded to the Economic Section of the War Cabinet Secretariat, with other notable economists such as Lionel Robbins and the young Harold Wilson, and then became temporary Personal Assistant to Clement Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister, 1942-1945.

Elected Labour MP for Edmonton, 1945-1948, it became clear that Evan was regarded as a man of the future. He was Hugh Dalton's Parliamentary Private Secretary from 1945-47, and started a ministerial career as Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works, 1947-1948.

However, on 2 September 1948 he drowned while rescuing one of his

daughters from the sea at Strangles Beach, south of Bude on the Cornish Coast.

Writing in The Times after Durbin's death, Hugh Gaitskell wrote that "There is nobody else in my life whom I can consult on the most fundamental issues, knowing that I shall get the guidance I want." Despite his early death, Durbin continued to influence Labour Party thinking throughout the 1950s, particularly for Gaitskell (who became party leader in 1955) and Labour revisionist Tony Crosland. Durbin was also an influence on the founders of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in 1981. For the SDP, Durbin's writing provided a model for a successful fight against the left within the Labour Party.

The historian David Kynaston described Durbin as "the Labour Party's most interesting thinker of the 1940s and arguably of the twentieth century."

An Englishman Abroad...

Newly retired from Taunton School, Simon Hogg travelled to New Zealand in November....



Having taught at Taunton School for 34 years, there were OTs and others who had spent time working at school with whom I hoped to spend some time. My thanks to all the OTs that I was lucky enough to meet up with, for their generous hospitality, friendship and kindness – especially those who made me so welcome in their homes. I was invited to play rugby for Hawkes Bay in 1984 but had to turn down the opportunity as I had just started to teach at school but I took the letter I was sent in 1983 with me to McLean Park, home of the Magpies (modern game name for Hawkes Bay RFC) to see if I was still needed! The office staff took a copy of the letter to pass on to the CEO – I am still waiting to hear if I am required for pre-season....



Rachel Williams-Wright (Williams) (Bevan 1991)



Jo Adams (née Bond) (Bevan 1987)



Vanessa Holland (née Carter) (Gloucester 1986)



Simon Gulliver (Wills East 1987) and Sharon



Bevan King, now a teacher at Taradale HS in Napier



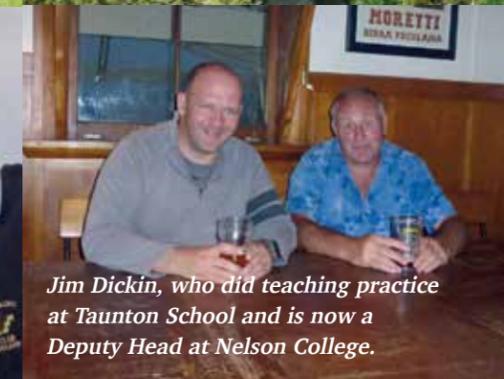
Stayed with Hugh Lindo who worked with TPS.



Danielle Auld (née Collins) Gloucester 2000



Ricky Bartlett (Evans 1985) with his wife Donna



Jim Dickin, who did teaching practice at Taunton School and is now a Deputy Head at Nelson College.

Evan Durbin MP (School House 1924)

Evan was a British economist and Labour Party politician. He befriended Hugh Gaitskell (later, leader of the Labour Party 1955-63) during the General Strike of 1926, when he undertook public speaking tasks on behalf of the strikers in and around Oxford, and Gaitskell acted as his driver. In 1929, he was awarded a Ricardo Scholarship to study economics at University College,

Mea Culpa

Elizabeth French (née McCowat) (Weirfield 1957) contacted me to correct a statement I made in the 'From the Archives' section of the 2017 OT Review. It was stated that Freddie Dowell was the only member of staff to become Mayor of Taunton. He was, in fact, followed in Office by Miss Margaret Jenkin, Co-Headmistress of Weirfield School who, sadly, died in Office in April 1953. I am happy to put this right.

Elizabeth sent in the photo (right) taken late 1952 or early '53; judging by the state of the Virginia creeper on the Municipal Buildings! Miss Jenkin is pictured in full Mayoral Robes and Chain, together with Henry Hopkinson (MP for Taunton) and Officers of 'The Somersets'. At the top of the steps are Freddie Dowell in the robes of the Deputy Mayor (1st year after Office) and Miss Murray who was Mayoress to Miss Jenkin.



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Peter Brooks (Fairwater 1976) & George Hallas (Wills West 2013)

Nicholas Prettejohn (Evans 1978) & David Morgan (School House 1975)

Sir Peter Westmacott GCMG (Foxcombe 1968) & Liam Travers (Marshall 2016)



Michelle Lovick (Jenkin 2005), Will Osmond (Foxcombe 1972) & David Murrell (Somerset 1963)

Nick Evans (Fairwater 2010), Nadine Latte (Foundation Director), Julian Pike (Evans 1985) & Tom Robins (Evans 2001)

Professional Networking: Law & Finance

London was the venue for our first professional networking event for Old Tauntonians specialising in Law and Finance. Hosted by Julian Pike, former OTA President and Partner at the prestigious law firm Farrer and Co, the event attracted some influential and successful professionals.

The guest speaker was Nick Prettejohn, former BBC Trustee and the youngest CEO

of Lloyds of London at just 38. He delivered a speech about career progression and the importance of seizing opportunity.

Tom Robins (*Evans 2001*) a young business entrepreneur based in London said, "The conversation continued enthusiastically until gone 10pm and I had a great time meeting a quite stellar guest list. I do hope we can have another event again soon, the speciality format works well."

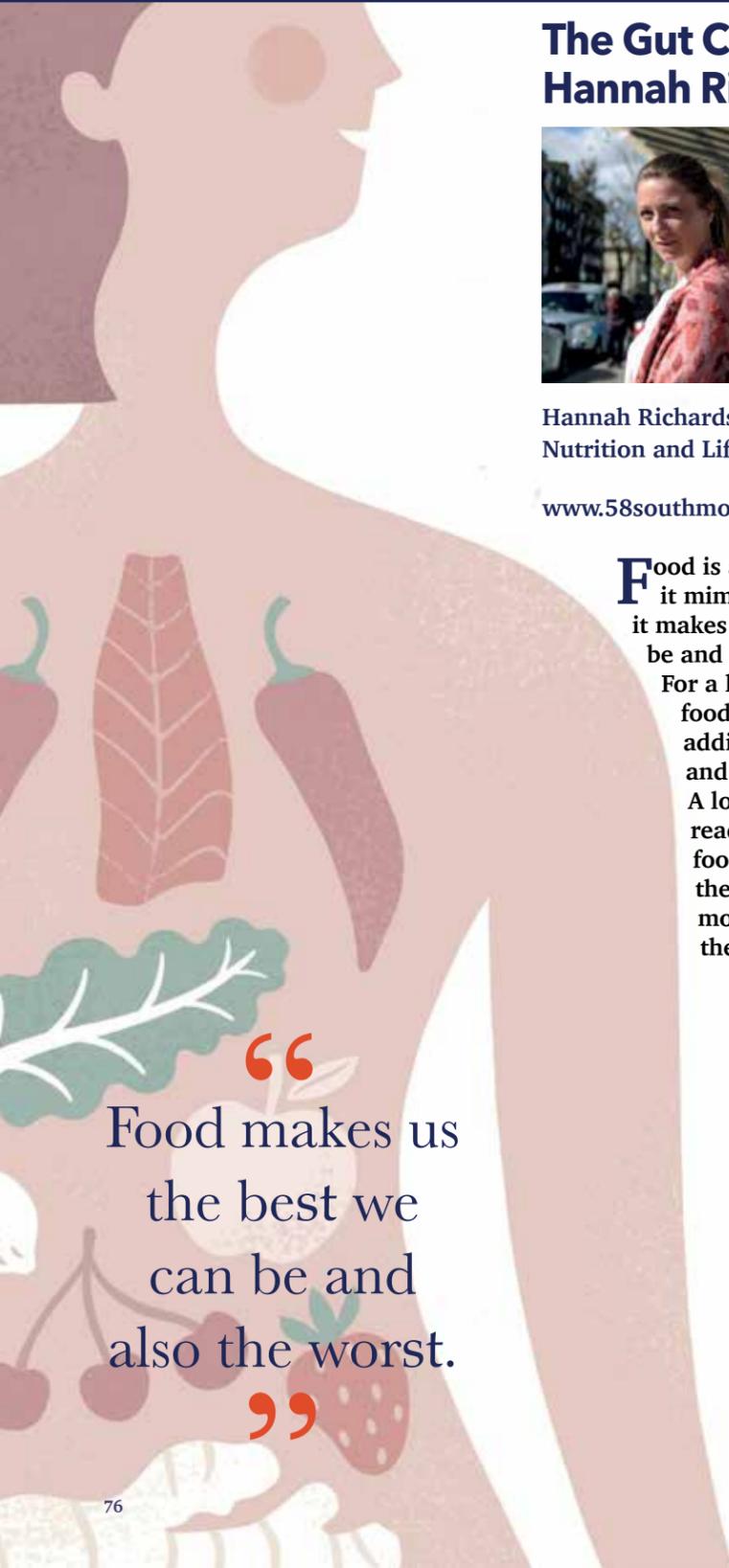


Charlie Bonner (Goodland 2017) & Lizzie Tucker (Jenkin 2016)



Obi Imachukwu (Weirfield 2011) & Michael Blake (Fairwater 1992)

Bon Appétit! OTs with a talent for Food



“
Food makes us
the best we
can be and
also the worst.
”

The Gut Clinic: Hannah Richards



Hannah Richards (*Besley 1998*)
Nutrition and Lifestyle Coach

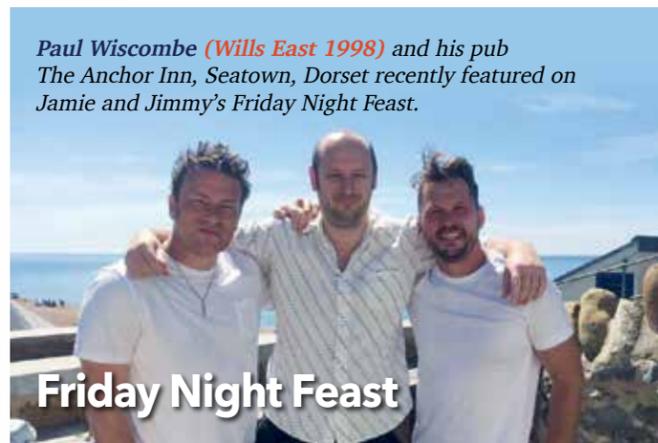
www.58southmoltonstreet.co.uk

Food is a maverick: it mimics, it captures, it makes us the best we can be and also the worst. For a lot of people I see, food is a drug, it's an addiction, a blanket and not in a good way. A lot of people are not ready to let go of their food habits because they are actually the most personal things they possess.

The emotional status of a person is shown through their food and drink habits, their exercise and movement habits, their choice of language, their body language and their lifestyle habits.

I have been fortunate enough to train with some of the most influential practitioners in health and wellbeing and I am a certified Metabolic Typing Advisor and Functional Diagnostic Nutritional Coach. My main focus is Gastro Intestinal Health and I have written a course on how to manage Gut Clients in private practice for Integrated Health Education Ltd.

I have been in the wellbeing field for 10 years and for 5 years co-ran *Move Three Sixty* a fully functional gym and holistic health clinic in Hampstead. I founded **The Gut Clinic** which is based at 58 South Molton Street in London's Mayfair in 2016 and I also have a practice in glorious Somerset. Come and visit me so that I can bring out the best possible you.



Paul Wiscombe (*Wills East 1998*) and his pub *The Anchor Inn, Seatown, Dorset* recently featured on *Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast*.

Friday Night Feast

Food Blogger: Rizwan Asad



Rizwan Asad (*Fairwater 2003*)

Sometimes I wonder whether, if it could, would food write about itself? Would it be vain, talking about how delicious and in demand it is? Or would it be introspective, reflecting on its short lifespan in the space between plates and mouths? Perhaps we'd advise food to find a creative outlet, maybe talk to a professional about its thoughts? Actually, wait, that's exactly what this is like. Therapy.

Well... there was that thing where I had loads of friends and family asking me to send them my recipes or tell them about all the restaurants I visit, but let's be honest, my blog is a way for me to indulge and share my love of food – cooking it and eating it!



I love photos. And a huge part of food blogging is the photography. It's one thing for me to tell you how delicious something is, but it's another thing entirely for you to be able to see it.

www.chocolatesandchai.com



Farm Cookery School: Gretchen Winter

Gretchen Winter (*née Leonard*)
(*Foxcombe 1990*)

How did it all begin?

My first Cookery lessons were at Weirfield aged 11. I went on to take Food and Nutrition related GCSEs at Taunton School with Mrs Bird, which cemented the fact that I wanted to have a career in the Catering Industry. I graduated from Portsmouth University in 1994 with a degree in Hotel & Catering Management and then went on to manage restaurants and events in London.

Is cookery 'fun'?

After a diverse and fulfilling life within the Catering Industry, I started Jack & Maddie in 2012, devising an 18 week programme teaching Cookery to Yr5/6 children whilst also

working on Personal Development, Literacy and Numeracy. We make our classes fun but informative and they are full of positive reinforcement. I was inspired by Mr Mason who taught me Social Biology at A Level – I would always leave his class enthused and happy. I work hard to ensure that my students leave my classes that way whatever age they are.

And the Farm Cookery School?

I opened The Farm Cookery School in 2016. We offer a wide variety of Classes, Demonstrations, Cook & Dine Events and Corporate Team Building Sessions and I create all of the recipes and structures for the classes. I recently created a 'Power of Food' session for a local School so I look forward to working with more schools this year. Birthday Parties for Adults & Children are also very popular.

As well as growing the Cookery School my husband and I are also growing our Galloway Suckler herd. In November 2017 we launched www.netherstreetfarm.co.uk which sells our beef via a *Click & Collect* service.



Deaths

BANJOKO	Adeboyejo OluSeyi	Wills West '75-'81	04.05.17
BECKERLEG	Thomas Michael	Fairwater '53-'58	25.02.18
BETTERTON	Brenda (née House)	Weirfield School '50	05.10.17
BOORMAN	Donald Frederick James	Senior Day Boys '37-'43	10.07.17
BOORMAN	Philip Arthur Charles	Senior Day Boys '37-'45	18.09.16
BOWEY	Michael	Head Groundsman '75-'98	03.04.17
BRENTNALL	Michael William	Somerset '46-'54	15.09.17
BROOK	Alfred Basil	Senior Day Boys '36-'45	21.04.17
BROWN	Colin Douglas	Somerset '45-'47	18.11.17
BUCKLE	Felix James	Fairwater '32-'41	02.02.17
CHAPMAN	Richard Paul	Fairwater '62-'65	04.02.17
CUTCHEYDFC*	Peter Henry	Fairwater '34-'42	15.04.17
DAVIES	David Anthony	Wills East '41-'46	03.03.18
DAVIES	Peter Olney	Wills East '37-'44	02.08.17
DOBLE	Geoffrey Arthur	Somerset '38-'44	
ELLIS	David Francis	Wills West '52-'58	03.11.17
FARRANT	Stuart Neale	Wills West '47-'55	02.04.17
GADSDON MBE MC	Peter Henry	School House '26-'36	17.09.17
GILBART	John Leon	Fairwater '55-'61	28.04.17
HARVEY	Derek Reginald Ellery	Fairwater '43-'46	19.01.18
HOBBS	Michael	Senior Day Boys '38-'43	30.08.16
HOBSON	Barry Sinton	Fairwater '40-'44	09.04.17
HOLLAND-RAMSEY	Miles	Wills East '39-'43	25.06.17
LAWRENCE	Raymond	Former Staff '73-'78	24.07.17
LEIGH-FIRBANK	Colin Stewart	Wills West '53-'57	12.03.17
LUPPRIAN	Keith Granville	Fairwater '32-'43	27.12.16
MOON	Thomas Charles	TPS Staff '65-'87	30.12.17
MORGAN	Gwyn	Somerset '48-'56	12.12.17
PARTRIDGE	Ian Simon	School House '67-'74	09.05.17
PEGG	Christopher Arthur Sunley	School House '48-'57	18.01.18
POOLE	Ronald Alfred	Somerset '46-'53	31.07.17
PRICE	Anthony Kirtland	School House '42-'48	05.03.17
PRING	Dennis Clive	Somerset '42-'48	15.04.17
PROSSER	Thomas Timothy	Fairwater '45-'56	09.17
REED	Paul Jeremy Doddington	Somerset '43-'56	29.06.17
SIMONS	John Russell	Fairwater '41-'49	09.07.16
SMITH	D'Arcy Charles Erith	School House '79-'88	23.12.17
SPURGEON DFC	Donald Henry	Wills West '35-'39	12.09.17
STEARN	Sonia	Weirfield School '44-'49	25.10.17
STEER	Roger John	Wills West '46-'51	22.12.17
STONE	Hubert	School House '36-'41	23.04.17
SWEENEY	John Sylvester	Somerset '56-'63	24.11.16
TAYLOR	Leonard John	Fairwater '39-'50	08.08.17
WEEKS	John Martin	Wills East '47-'56	11.17
WHITWORTH	Miles John	Fairwater '78-'83	27.03.17
WICKHAM	Michael John	Fairwater '41-'49	07.06.17
WILLIAMS	Alun Lloyd	Fairwater '55-'59	10.06.16

Forthcoming Events 2018

<https://taunton.alumni-online.com>

MAY 2018

Thursday 3

Western Club Lunch

12.30pm
Rumwell Farm Café TA4 1EJ

Saturday 12

West Wales Dinner

6.30pm
Old King's Arms SA71 4JS

JUNE 2018

Saturday 9

**OTA Reunion Weekend
Taunton School**

ALL WELCOME, but special
anniversaries for:

10 year reunion for leavers from 2008
20 year reunion for leavers from 1998
**40 years ago Murray, Jenkin and
Bevan Houses** were formed 1978

Sunday 24

Midland Club Lunch

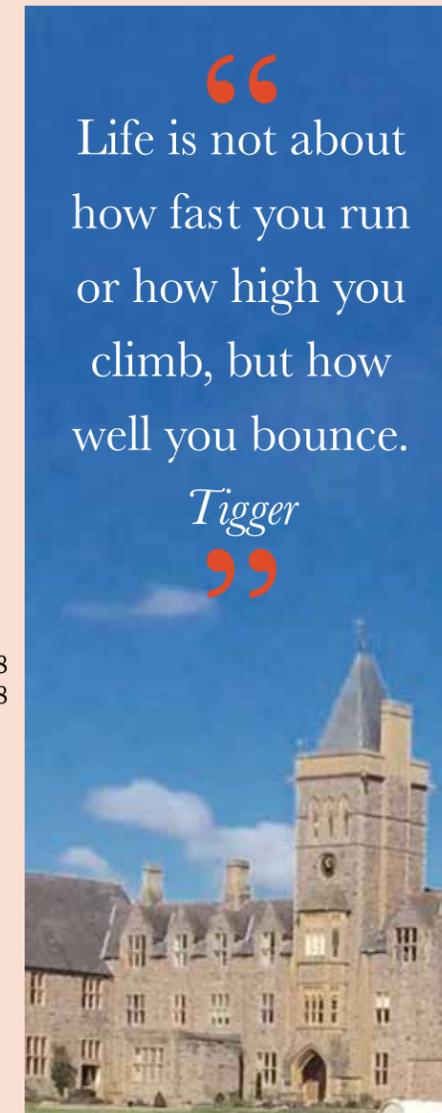
Copt Heath Golf Club B93 9LN
12.00 noon

JULY 2018

Sunday 29

Western Club Barbecue

4.00pm TA10 9JH



SEPTEMBER 2018

Thursday 6

Western Club Lunch

12.30pm
Taunton School

Sunday 9

Cornish Club Lunch

12.00pm
Headland Hotel,
TR7 1EW

OCTOBER 2018

Thursday 4

Western Club Lunch

12.30pm
Taunton School

Saturday 13

1847 Society

Foundation Lunch

12.00pm
Taunton School

NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday 8

Western Club Lunch

12.30pm
Taunton School

DECEMBER 2018

Wednesday 5

London Club Dinner

6.30pm
RAF Club,
Piccadilly
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Thursday 6

Western Club

Christmas Lunch

12.00pm
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