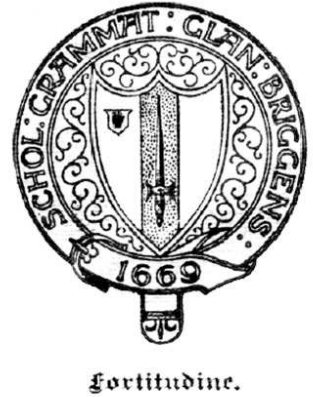


BRIGGENSIANS' NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2017



Briggensians' Association 40th Annual Dinner

Saturday, 18th March 2017, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
£22.50 Elsham Golf Club £22.50

Guest Speaker: Chris Moore (1978–1985)

Booking slips are located on the last pages of this Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

41st Annual Dinner 2018

Proposed Date: Saturday, 17th March 2018
Elsham Golf Club

Summer Sports 2017

School Field, 6.00PM

Rounders: Friday, 9th June 2017

Cricket: Friday, 9th June 2017

Youth VS Experience

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

Winter Sports 2017

School Field, 6.00PM

Football and Netball

Friday, 15^h Sept. 2017

Youth VS Experience

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

**Football + Pub Games,
27th December 2017–10.30AM start**

Golf Section

Spring Meeting 12.00 noon, Sunday, 23rd April 2017

Autumn Meeting 12.00 noon, Sunday, 22nd October 2017

Past vs present 4.00 PM, Monday, 3rd July 2017

Requests to play, please contact Ted Cox: ted@15mw.karoo.co.uk
Tel. 01482 847353

Annual Dinner Menu

Starter

Carrot & Coriander Soup

or

Pork Pate & Walnut Toasts

or

Prawn Cocktail



Main

Fillet of Beef Stroganoff

In Brandy, Cream & Mushroom Sauce

or

Baked Salmon Fillet

or

Vegetarian Option

Mushroom, Brie, Hazelnut & Cranberry Wellington

All Served with Seasonal Veg & Potatoes



Dessert

Lemon Syllabub Torte

or

Apple & Red Fruit Crumble & Custard

or

Cheese and Biscuits



Tea and Coffee

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

Booking forms on the last pages: please note change of reply address

Guest Speaker 2017

Chris Moore (1978-1985)



I was born in Brigg in December 1966, the eldest son of Pauline and (well known to many former students) Jack “Archie” Moore.

I was initially schooled at Brigg County Primary School before moving up to the Sir John Nelthorpe Comprehensive (1978 – 1983). Thanks to the skill and perseverance of my teachers, I progressed well enough to continue to Brigg Sixth Form (1983 – 1985) where I qualified with A-levels in English Literature, History, Economics and General Studies.

In September 1985 I went to Leicester University, to study Archaeology, an interest that was sparked inadvertently by Nick Lyons, during an after school local history class. Three years later I emerged with a “gentleman’s” degree, having spent more time than I should playing music and spending even more time afterwards discussing it over beer and curry.

And so, in 1988 we (the “band” and I) went off seeking glory in the music business, writing songs, recording demos and playing relentlessly. Unfortunately, this paid very little if any money, so to make ends meet I started to work in local theatres, setting up equipment and acting as a stagehand. I became more involved in the production and technical aspects of the entertainment business and learnt how to set up and operate lighting and sound systems.

My first full tour came in 1992, working as a technician for a thrash metal band from Los Angeles. We put on 30 shows in 36 days in 30 different European cities. That was a baptism of fire, as they say. I came back with money in my pocket and immediately blew half of it by going to the 24 hour bike racing at Le Mans.

I carried on doing this (or similar to this) for the next (nearly) 10 years. I sometimes ended up working in genres of art and music that up until then I had no idea existed, and I have worked with many famous (and not so famous but equally talented) musicians, actors, dancers and comedians. As a stage technician (roadie) I was directly responsible for the musicians' personal equipment and I became good friends with many of them.

The work took me round the UK, Europe and Scandinavia many times, to North and South America and to the Far East. However, it was a fast paced and intense lifestyle and by the year 2000, I needed to settle down: in one particular year I realised I had spent 6 days in my own house. The cats had no idea who I was!

So, in 2001 I met Sandra, and a year later we got married. Upon our return from honeymoon, I commenced training as a History teacher at Crown Hills Community College in Leicester, as part of the Graduate Teacher Programme. I gained QTS in June 2003, less than 2 weeks after the birth of our son, Marcus, and continued to teach Humanities at Crown Hills until July 2005. In September 2005 we moved to Scarborough, North Yorkshire, where I became Head of History at Raincliffe School. I carried on in this post until the federation of the school and its subsequent closure, leaving in December 2014.

My interests throughout this latter period have been based predominantly in the great outdoors, with long dog walks, cycle rides and the Yorkshire Moors and coastline to explore and photograph. I am a keen golfer and member of Scarborough North Cliff Golf Club, a beautiful parkland course with stunning sea views. If I stand at my back door, my GPS informs me that the 1st Green is a mere 136 yards away, and from the upstairs room, our view looks back down the 1st fairway to the clubhouse and out across the North Bay, where on a winter's morning the sun rises behind the ruins of Scarborough Castle. After all my wanderings, it really is a wonderful place to have ended up.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 20016-17

Another thoroughly enjoyable term as chairman of the Briggensians committee has passed. Many thanks to those that have given their time, energy and enthusiasm to sitting on the committee to maintain the Briggensians group. I would encourage others to join in the fun as we are always looking for new candidates to bring something extra to the strong group that we already have in place.

Unfortunately, this year we have lost many Briggensians. Please join me in sending our collective condolences to all the families and friends affected by such loss. In particular two notable losses this year are Brigid' Vaughan and Robin Sumpter.

The annual dinner was again a fabulous evening. Thank you to all those that put in additional hours to make that such a success. Special thanks goes to the speaker Joe Richardson. I for one am very much looking forward to this year's event and hope that the attendance can be improved by encouragement from those that had such a great time last time.

The school and the sixth form have had another good year for exam results. Congratulations to all involved and in particular to the Head Mr. Biglands. The sports, as always, were very well attended and as competitive as they were enjoyable.

So what is to come in this New Year? Off the back of the successful launch of the Facebook site and the updated website, the school, supported by the Briggensians, have launched a new platform for the alumni. Can I please encourage you to take a look at 'Future First' and to embrace the concept of online interaction. Alumni can be inspirational role models and help schools do more for their students. Motivating students and supporting the school are common objectives that I know we all share. – **Ben Pepperell**

Headteacher's Report 2016-17

I am immensely proud of the year on year performance of our student as, once again, Sir John Nelthorpe School celebrated yet another successful year's GCSE and A level exam results in August 2016.

71.4% of students gained 5 A*-C grades including English & Maths, with 74% of students achieving an A*-C grade in both English and Maths, one of the new key headline measures of performance known as the 'Basics'. The 5-year average for this measure is 75% and by far the best in North Lincolnshire. Staff and students have worked extremely hard and deserve their success.

I am also particularly pleased that 41% of students gained the English Baccalaureate, awarded to students gaining at least a grade C in English, maths, two sciences, a modern foreign language and a either geography or history. This Ebacc success ranks the School in the **top 7% of secondary schools in England**, including selective Grammar schools.

At A level the results were in line with 2015 results, with the AS level pass rate (A* - E) increasing to 87%, a rise of 9% from 2015 and 66% of our students gained A* - C. Collectively, Brigg Sixth Form students achieved an excellent pass rate once again, maintaining our record over the past 5 Years by achieving on or above the National average.

30% of our entries achieved A*, A and B grades and 70% at A* to C grades. In addition to this the BTEC level results were excellent with more than 70% of grades at Distinction or Distinction*

I am sure you will all agree that completing A-Levels is a real test of character. Very few students make the transition to advanced level study without encountering some difficulties along the way.

There were many great achievements last year these are a few to note:

Owen Kelly Achieved two A*'s and a B in Maths, Physics & Chemistry and is now reading Physics at York University

Jade Briers Achieved an A and a B in English and History and a Double Distinction Star in Art & Design and is now reading Games Art & Design at Norwich University of the Arts

Nicole Hargraves achieved 2 A's and B and is now at Warwick University studying Biochemistry

Robbie Almond is reading Politics at University of York after exceeding all of his targets

Emily Cowling achieved 4 A levels including an A* in Media Studies and is studying Illustration at Lincoln University

There were some students in this cohort who made tremendous progress in their studies despite some extremely challenging circumstances in their lives away from college. Advanced level study is hard enough on its own, so any students who still succeed despite the extra difficulties they encounter, makes their achievements even more remarkable.

The AS Level results this year have also provided our current students with a sound foundation for success at A2 next summer. We all look forward to more success when they complete their studies next year.

The wide range of extra-curricular activities and the enrichment opportunities available to our pupils are further strengths of this school, which, I believe complement our academic standards, helping our pupils to thrive and prosper both within the classroom and beyond.

I am pleased to say that, at the time of writing this piece, we are in the process of introducing a new alumni database and communication facility which will enhance the links for all former members of the school and which will hopefully lead to an increase in the number of former students joining the association.

Our school website continues to receive many visitors and our Twitter account (@SJNBrigg) is growing steadily in the number of 'followers'.

The school is slowly but surely receiving much needed and long overdue attention to its maintenance and general presentation. Our allocated budget is, however, totally inadequate in terms of the scale of works required. All other secondary schools in the county, some of whom we compete with for student intake each year, have received funding for new full or partial building programmes. Clearly then, there is a long way to go at SJN if we are to continue to be competitive and I would not wish to miss this opportunity to ask that if any Briggensian feels they would be able to sponsor, donate or add support to the improvement of an area of the school, to please get in touch with me so that we could discuss the possibilities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual dinner. Until then, I wish you all the very best for 2017.

R. Biglands

Brigg Sixth Form Prizes 2015

Art & Design	Taylor Prize	Emily Cowling
Art & Design	BSF Subject Prize	Emily Cowling
Biology	Nelthorpe Foundation Prizes	Hannah Smith/Luke Walker
Biology	Derek Appleyard Memorial Prizes	Charley Marshall/Nicole Hargraves
Business Studies	Henthorn Prize	Emily Cowling
Business Studies	BSF Subject Prize	Reece Preston
Chemistry	Nelthorpe Foundation Prize	Owen Kelly
Chemistry	E F Brown Memorial Prize	Ellie Wilkinson
Drama	Production Prize	Courtney Lonsdale
English Literature	Spilman Prize	Emily Cowling
English Language	Briggensians Prize	Jade Briers
Geography	Subject Prize	Nicole Hargraves
Health & Social Care	BSF Subject Prize	Charlotte Anderson
History	Taylor Prize	Charley Marshall
History	Sergeant Prize	Reece Preston
ICT	Vale Parents' Association Prize	Alex Grierson
Mathematics	Briggensians Prize	Laura MacBeath/Ellie Wilkinson
Physical Education	BSF Subject Prize	Tom Broughton
Physics	Stephenson Prize	Owen Kelly
Physics	Nelthorpe Foundation Prize	Luke Walker
Product Design	BSF Subject Prize	Jonathan Taylor

Lardelli Prizes -	For Progress & Effort in -
	Overall A Level Progress
	Contributions to Brigg Sixth Form

Howitt Award	For Achievement	Elizabeth Sladen
Cusworth-Preston Award	For Achievement	Owen Kelly

Head Boy	Sir John Nelthorpe	Ryan Johnson
	Vale Academy	Robbie Almond

Head Girl	Sir John Nelthorpe	Charley Marshall
	Vale Academy	Nicole Hargraves

Destinations 2016

Robbie Almond	York University	
Amy Altoft	Apprenticeship	
Charlotte Anderson	Anglia of Ruskin University	Paediatric Nursing
Emily Andrew	Nottingham Trent	Zoology
Jasmin Barley	Bishop Grosseteste University	Childcare
Charlotte Beadle	Liverpool John Moores University	Media, Culture & Communication
Alex Blackburn	Further Study	Engineering
Georgia Bones	Brigg Sixth Form	
Joshua Bonser	Lincoln University	
Jade Briers	Norwich University	Arts
Josh Briers	Hull University	Maths Mechanics
Thomas Broughton	Employment	Training as a Jockey
Ethan Brown	John Leggott College	Engineering, Maths & Physics
Melanie Calder	Herriott-Watt University, Edinburgh	Mechanical Engineering
Callum Courtney	Employment	
Emily Cowling	Lincoln University	Illustration
Jack Dunderdale	Brigg Sixth Form	
Ellen Gander	Further Study	
Thomas Goulden	Employment	
William Greaves	Apprenticeship - Lockwoods Garage	Motor Mechanic
Alexander Grierson	Swansea University	
Nicole Hargraves	Warwick University	
Lisa Heseltine	Apprenticeship	
Sophie Hickling	Bishop Grosseteste University	
Maxine Holburn	UCS Epsom	Combined Arts
Emily Holmes-Allen	Part Time Employment	Applying for Police Force
Ryan Johnson	Employment	Applying to join RAF
Owen Kelly	University of York	Physics
Cerys Kerman	Lincoln University	
Courtney Lonsdale	Huddersfield University	
Laura MacBeath	Newcastle University	
Charley Marshall	Liverpool University	Nursing
Hannah McMinn	Brigg Sixth Form	
Christopher Pearson	Employment	
Gareth Pearson	Hull University	
Reece Preston	Sir John Nelthorpe School	Teaching Assistant
Jolie Quirke	Lincoln University	
Joshua Rabin-Smith	Anglia Ruskin University	Criminology
Abbie-Rose Raeburn	Full Time Employment	Brigg Garden Centre
Luke Seddon	London Metropolitan University	
Elizabeth Sladen	York University	Maths
Rebecca Smaller	Salford University	
Jonathan Taylor	Lincoln University	
Luke Twilley	Apprenticeship	
Luke Walker	Surrey University	Veterinary Medicine
Amy Jo Wattam	Hull University	
Ellie Wilkinson	University of York	Chemistry
Patrick Wilson	Employment	

Web Site:

I am very grateful to Jonathan Woodliffe who despite changing home has continued to update and improve the web-site. You may wish to look at the site which is to be found at: www.briggensians.co.uk and it has a link to the splendid Sir John Nelthorpe website.

Facebook: “The Briggensians Association”

The new Facebook site has been created by Tom Nelthorpe and I wish to thank him for his expertise in setting up this facility which is deliberately open so that Facebook members can make posts. Posts will be available to everyone to use if you have news to spread. Alternatively, you can email me and I will arrange the post for you. If you see something that should not be on our site then please email me so that I can take action as editor.

Those who are reluctant to have an account of your own, you can restrict your profile so that it can only be viewed by friends of your choosing and initially you should enter only the very minimum of personal information. You can always increase details later as confidence grows. www.Facebook.com

Linkedin: There is a suggestion that we create a Linkedin section that will also keep those in employment aware of the achievements of Briggensians and may further career opportunities. You may already be a member of this professional network, let us know what you think.

Obituaries

David Coulson (Head 1979-1990): Retired Headteacher, David, died aged 81 at his home in Knightcote, Warwickshire and his funeral was at Southam Parish Church. David was a passionate advocate of links to industry and pioneered work related problem solving activities for pupils. He also introduced, in conjunction with the then Careers Service, a Careers Fair at the Brigg Leisure Centre with stands from a very wide range of professions, business and industry. When he left Brigg he moved to work with Warwick University on a project to second Heads into industry.



Brigid Vaughan (1958-1965): Brid’ was the immediate past President of the Briggensians Association and had served on the committee for many years. She will be sadly missed.



men’s section.

Brid’ was full of fun and always up for any enjoyable activity especially in sport where she was in her element. She lived life to the full and it was very sad that her brain tumour could not be fully eradicated although she did make every effort to stay fit and fight her subsequent disability.

Pictured here during better times and on the right-hand side at a BGHS reunion when she was about the only one still able to get into the old uniform.

Brid’ was a mainstay of Brigg Ladies Hockey Club and then Brigg Hockey Club following the amalgamation with the

Brid' was one of the long-serving players, juniors coach and President of Brigg Hockey Club and worked tirelessly for the creation of an all-weather pitch in Brigg, which opened this January. Sadly, she did not see its inauguration.

During the time she was married to the late John Allcock they had three sons although sadly David died leaving Jonty and Elisa in Goxhill and Jamie and Nicola who now live in New Zealand.

Robin Sumpter OBE died shortly before Christmas 2016, aged 85.



Robin was born in Normanby in 1931. He became a student at Brigg Grammar School from 1941 to 1948. Robin was a talented sportsman and captained the school cricket and football teams, enjoying great success. He was a boarder and prefect becoming senior prefect. He gained a place at Oxford but decided to forego his place in favour of training to be a solicitor with RAC Symes & Co, sitting his Law Society exams in 1953. He then did National Service in Singapore and Malaya before returning to Symes (now Symes Bains Broome), to continue his legal career and eventually he became senior partner. He retired from the firm in 2007, aged 76.

Robin was an active member of Burton Stather Church and many organisations including Round Table, Forty-One Club and most recently the Round Table Lodge of Lincolnshire. He was also the current president of Normanby Park Sport and Activity Club.

Robin was awarded the OBE for services to the community in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List in 1996

In 1998 he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Lincolnshire.

He was a fine sportsman, golfer and played hockey with Normanby Park, Lincolnshire Poachers and the county to a very high standard as many local rivals can testify, including myself.

He was a loyal servant of the school and served on the main governing body, chairing the properties committee and latterly becoming Chair of Sir John Nelthorpe School Foundation Trustees. His legal knowledge was a great asset.

Former partner at Symes, Richard Wallis, described Robin's death as "the end of an era".

"He was a giant of the legal profession in Scunbury", said Mr Wallis. "We shall never see the like again in the modern system."

"He lived life to the full with work, sport and church. The last of the 'Gentleman Solicitor' breed whose word was his bond and whose energy and enthusiasm was legendary.

"He gave time and effort without calculation of reward. The law and the area is poorer for his passing and his family can take a small comfort from the love, honour and respect in which he was held. He was a 'one off', impossible to match or replace. "His record stands as a testament to him as husband, father, colleague and man."

He leaves his wife Aileen, children Jane and Robert, son-in-law Alan and grandchild Jamie. His daughter, Jane Carnie, said, "He was a very supportive and loving husband, father and grandpa and we will miss him very much.

Peter Gregory (1933-1942) has died aged 92 years. Peter was a well-liked and respected member of the community. Latterly frequently seen about town on his mobility scooter. He had two older brothers, John and Hugh with all three going to Brigg Grammar School.

Peter joined the Royal Naval Volunteers after leaving BGS in 1942 and saw active service in the South Atlantic, Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf. When demobbed he trained as a teacher in Cheltenham and taught English at Brigg Grammar School

Peter was a member of the Briggensians for 16 years from 1988 to 2004 and Chairman from 1994 to 1996

He was a member of Probus for 30 years, Vice-Captain of Brigg Rowing Club in 1951 and enjoyed walking, swimming, badminton and Morris Dancing

Wife Dorothy who taught at Brigg Girls High School passed away in 2007 and they had daughters Susan, Rowena, Kate, and Vanessa



Pat Weightman (nee Bland) (1952-1959):



It is with immense sadness, that I inform all Briggensians, of the premature death of Pat Weightman aged 75 years. As many of you will know, Pat, was an active committee member of the association; taking on the role of secretary, organising cricket club teas for the annual matches, raffles and entertaining the head boy and girl at the annual dinner. Pat's involvement with the school began in the early 1950s when she passed the 11 plus to enter the then Brigg Girls High School, where she excelled both in sport and academically. Pat married Mike and together they raised three sons, Alistair, Simon and Edward; all of whom attended the school.

With husband Mike, they set up a very successful and well-regarded dental practice in Brigg that was taken over by son Alistair on their retirement before being sold to Oasis.

Everyone will remember Pat for her willingness to take on any task and for that unforgettable smile that won over all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Air Commodore Patrick James Cabourne (1936-1945): Bill Phipps emailed to say that, "Uncle Jim, as we knew him, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 24th November 2016, he will be sadly missed."

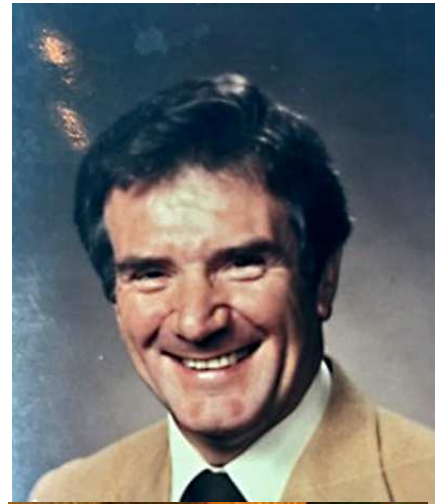


During his time at BGS he became Head Boy and subsequently went to University. He had an illustrious career in the RAF serving in Suez, the Middle East, Malta and the USA, and becoming the Group Captain at RAF Binbrook in the 1960s. He ended his RAF career as Air Commodore in Saudi Arabia in command of the Air Defence

Terry Pocklington (1946-1951): Sugarland, Texas - Terence William Pocklington, 81, passed away 16th June 2016, at Silverado Living Centre in Sugarland, Texas, with his beloved son Brian and daughter-in-law Amanda at his side. Terry, as he was known, was born in Brigg, England, on May 15th, 1935 to the late Charles Frances and Sybil Pocklington; which is where he attended Brigg Grammar School.

Terry spent most of his adult life in Tupelo and Pontotoc. He moved to Tupelo with Ram Golf in 1966. He helped design the Pontotoc Country Club Golf Course. He not only worked in the golf business but LOVED playing the game.

Terry is survived by his wife, Joan, of 57 years; of Tupelo; one son, Brian (Amanda); three grandchildren, Victoria Startz (Chris), William Pocklington and Caroline Pocklington; two great-grandchildren, Emma and Alex Startz of Richmond, Texas; two sisters, Patricia Christopher and Pam Watson of England.



Brian Creasey (1941-1947): Reginald Brian Creasey, of Barton, was born in Waddingham in 1930. He was the second of four sons and attended Waddingham County Primary, before moving to Brigg Grammar School. Aged only 15 in 1945, Mr Creasey was involved in a shotgun accident, injuring his upper right thigh. He spent five months in hospital.

He left school in 1947 to work in the Divisional Education Office in Scunthorpe, then London's Westminster College from 1950 to 1952, before he taught at Barton County School (Providence House) from 1952 to 1957, Beretun from 1957 to 1975 and Baysgarth from 1975 to 1988.

His sporting interests included cricket, football, billiards, snooker and bowls.

He played for Scunthorpe Nomads CC from 1948 to 1954 and he was Barton Town Cricket Club Captain for 10 years from 1956 to 1966. He umpired for Lincs over 50's and played football for Redbourne Village, Waddingham, Saxby and Barton Old Boys

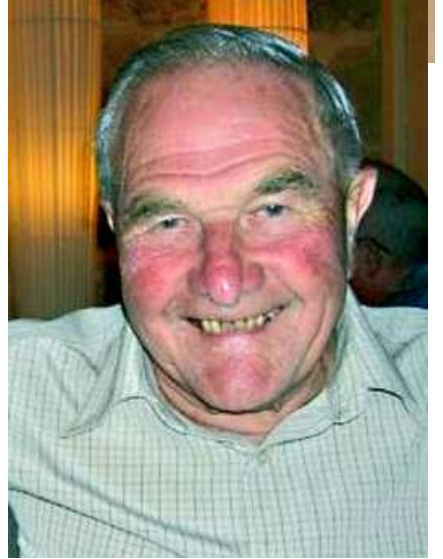
He also refereed for 21 years and was Scunthorpe League Player of the Year 1963 and Scunthorpe League Billiards Champion 2000 to 2001.

Mr Creasey met his wife Shirley through the Athletic Club and they were married in 1960. The couple have two children - Richard and Helen, and six grandchildren.

Mr Creasey retired from teaching in 1988 and took up bowling which he enjoyed for several years and acted as Club Secretary. He was made an honorary member of the Barton Park Bowls' Club.

In January 2014, he was taken into intensive care in Tenerife after picking up a severe bacterial infection when on holiday and his health deteriorated from then onwards.

Mr Creasey's funeral took place on November 28 at St Mary's Church in Barton and saw over 200 people attend.



Tony (Albert) Coulson: [I was sorry to hear the news of Brian Creasey's passing having known him all my life it was a good tribute to him in the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph.](#)

[During the year I have kept in contact with Brian Brooks, Peter Bradshaw and, renewed contact with Arthur Borrill who is now retired and living at Manton , Alan Vickers whose mother Joan Vickers \(nee Bradshaw\) has celebrated her 90th birthday this year, she attended Brigg High school in the 1930's, my uncle Brian Bradshaw who was at BGS at the same time as Brian Creasey is still soldiering on living in Norwich.](#)

Audrey Good (nee Bee) (1932-1937): Audrey was born on 14 September 1920 to Phyllis and Robert Bee. She went to Brigg Girls High School when Miss Lardelli was headmistress. After leaving school, she worked for Lacey and Clark and when war broke out she became a lance corporal in the ATS training at Warminster and Barnard Castle. She married Walter Good in 1945 and had three children Liz, David and Nick.

In 1998 she was awarded the Chairman's Medal for long and valued service to the Macmillan Cancer Relief charity. Audrey played a big part in the Brigg Girl Guides and was a member of the Glanford Players and Brigg Operatic Society. She worked as a Dispenser at the Doctors surgery on Bigby Road for many years and after her retirement she volunteered at the Oxfam shop in Brigg.

Audrey died on 21 June 2016 at the age of 95 after a short illness



Oliver Hughes (1970-1975) – from Twigmoor



The owner of some of Dublin's

best known pubs and venues has sadly passed away.

Oliver Hughes, who was a co-founder of the Porterhouse Group and owned Lillie's Bordello, died suddenly in his Dublin home on Saturday evening.

The cause of death is suspected to be a heart attack. Oliver had been treated for a heart condition in recent weeks, but had been given the all clear by doctors and was at his home on Saturday night when he took ill.

Oliver Hughes was a former barrister who rose to prominence when he co-founded the Porterhouse Group with his cousin Liam La Hart.

Set up more than 25 years ago, the group now employs over 500 people across its pub network in Dublin, London and New York.

The group incorporates seven bars, five restaurants, Lillie's Bordello nightclub, the Dingle Distillery and associated brewing operation, plus

two tapas bars. Dingle's was the first new distillery in Ireland in 200 years.

Oliver and his cousin bought a pub in Bray in 1989, which specialised in stocking world beers and in 1996 they opened their first pub micro-brewery in Dublin's Temple Bar which continues to thrive under the Porterhouse name.

Three years later the company opened a Porterhouse in Covent Garden and then another in Glasnevin and Fraunces Tavern on Wall Street in New York.

More than 10 years ago, Oliver and his co-founder bought one of Ireland's most famous nightclubs Lillie's Bordello, and opened Porterhouse Central on Nassau Street. Oliver Hughes is survived by his wife and two children.

Andrew Brown remembers his friend Oliver: [Very sad to inform you that Oliver Hughes passed away last Sunday aged 57. Oliver and I were the two boys who "deserted" at the end of year 5 \(as it was\) and went to John Leggott College together for Sixth Form. We were great mates and managed to stay in touch despite being at opposite ends of the globe. I last saw Oliver in Dublin in September 2013 and had arranged to meet him this October at the Dingle Food Festival in Co. Kerry as part of my wife and I's European trip.](#)

David Rhodes (1950-1957): died suddenly in March 2015 aged 76. After a highly successful time at BGS - Victor Ludorum, County Champion at the Triple Jump, leading singer and State Scholar - he went up to Wadham College, Oxford, where he gained a First in Physics.

Deciding against research, he determined to become a teacher. Following teaching practice at Manchester Grammar School, he taught at Dulwich College and then for over thirty years at Fettes College in Edinburgh as Head of Science, Housemaster, Senior Master and Deputy Head.

He was widely respected and held in great affection. He was much involved from singing in the College choir to coaching the College's Vth Girls' Hockey team. He visited China for the College and successfully created links that brought many young students to Fettes. He played golf, but singing was his passion. He was a member of

two top choirs, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra Chorus and the St. Giles Choir, with whom he performed in prestigious concerts all over Scotland in London and abroad. In 1962 he married Mr ('Timber') Watts's daughter, Barbara. *Apologies for this late entry but it arrived too late for the 2016 edition.*

Henry Coulson (1945-1949): died on 5th of January 2017.

Henry who was a farmer from Hibaldstow and husband of the late Valerie, father to Nigel, Julie, John and Andrew, grandfather to Rachel, James, Oliver, Abigail, Jonathon, Alex, Lucy, Emily, Katie and Grace.

Henry, aged 83 years, peacefully passed away on 5th January 2017 at home with his family. The funeral service was held at Hibaldstow Methodist Chapel at 1pm on Friday 13th January.

Raymond Stanley Kitchen (1944 to 1949): Son, Russell, emailed to say that "It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you of my Father's death on 3 January 2017.

Raymond fought a 20-year battle with Parkinson's and latterly with Cancer; he died peacefully at Altham Court Care Home in Lincoln.

I know he would want to be remembered as a former pupil, Briggensian (committee Member in the 1970's I believe) PTA Committee Member in the 1970's and a Foundation Governor appointed at around the same time by Col. Roger Nelthorpe. I know his school was always a source of great joy and continuing pride in his life, he was delighted when I too attended from 1970 to 1977.

My Mother, Hilary, today passed the School Crest which has hung on his study wall for decades to me, I shall treasure it as he did.

Many Thanks **Russell Kitchen (1970 to 1977)"**



NEWS OF OLD BRIGGENSIANS 2016/17

Robin East (1958-1965): At long last retirement is in sight for me so **Chris Plumtree** has commissioned me to contact you all and try and arrange a final **re-Union some 50 years after we all left** that fountain of knowledge **BRIGG GRAMMAR SCHOOL! Saturday, 22nd April 2017**

I only have 16 addresses including mine so if any of you have further contacts, I would appreciate it if you would contact them or send me their e-mail addresses so I can try and persuade them to join us?

Such names as Kady Ward, Geoff Parkinson, Mick Graveley, John Speed, Alan Claire, Norman Hutchinson to name but a few, there were some 60 of us in the A and B forms!

To try and make it more accessible, **Mike Hewson** has very kindly offered to host it at his country mansion near Newark, Notts and with ample accommodation at The Premier Inn in Newark, Mike will even lay on a coach, to have us all bussed up to his house, and taken back of course at the end of the evening! Obviously therefore, an early indication of whether you can join us would be appreciated so we can negotiate with the hotel and reserve enough rooms. We would anticipate meeting about 7 to 7.15 to be at Mike's at 7.30 PM.

I know it means a bit of an effort Guys but none more than Chris flying in from Croatia, his home for the last 10 years and he has agreed already, so please give it some serious thought, it would be great to catch up and talk about how life has treated us all and hear what the staff at the time thought of us - hence David's invitation, who if you didn't know, became the Headmaster of our old school!

So over to you guys and really looking forward to hearing from you; Robin East, Captain of football and Cross Country Champion 1963!!!!!!

Robin has already had 15 acceptances and there are 20 provisional rooms booked at the hotel. Ed

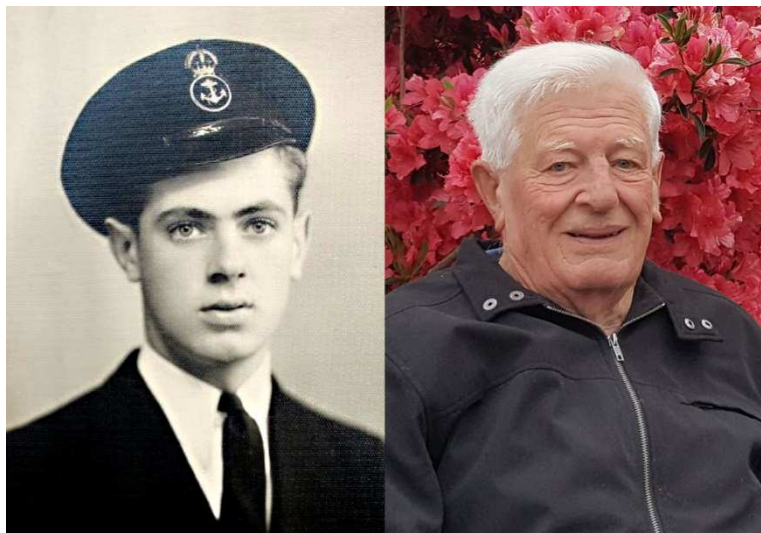
Bill Eldridge: (1963-1970) Not much to report this year except that I have been upgraded to Level 3 as a Starter/starters assistant in athletics which means I can officiate at Championship events in the North of England. I have to reach Level 4 if I want to be on the National list for athletics officials so that is something for the future. I do see **Steve Robinson** quite frequently at athletics events, he is a Track Official.

I have also had contact this year from **Rob Towler** who is still living and working (!) in France.

Cliff Turner (1936-1941): Cliff is one of the oldest surviving Briggensians.

God willing, he will be **92 on March 21, 2017.**

Cliff now lives in New Zealand. He comes from the locally famous family of Brigg pork butchers who had a



shop on Queen Street for decades. He served in the Navy and later the Merchant Navy, travelling the world, then worked at Scunthorpe steelworks and at the original Keadby power station before leaving our area for pastures new across the UK and later abroad.

He has kindly penned a special "extra" for Christmas use, and his references to BGS are below in italics.

In 1936 I had started to study chemistry at the Grammar School and yearned for a chemistry set; at the time these were very popular. One night my parents went out and my friend Henry Jacklin came round with his chemistry set. Things went awry and we sprayed a pink substance all over the ceiling. My ambition to get a chemistry set for Christmas was never realised!

School finished a few days before Christmas. At the Grammar School we sang Adeste Fideles (Come All Ye Faithful) in Latin at the last assembly of the year and Headmaster Daughton read out the placings in the term's exams for every boy in the school.

In the early 1930's we used to visit my great grandmother on Christmas Eve at Oakleigh House next to the Grammar School to take her a box of biscuits.

Early in 1941 I had joined the navy as an artificer apprentice. At Christmas we had 14 days leave but only half of us could have Christmas at home; the other half had 14 days embracing the New Year.

I had joined my first ship, HMS Birmingham, in October 1945 and as a result had a royal gift of food at Christmas. The Birmingham had been the first Allied ship to enter Copenhagen a day or two after VE Day and King Christian X arranged for a parcel of Danish cheese, bacon and butter to be sent to the home of every member of the crew. I had not been in the Birmingham at the time but was included in the bounty that was delivered to 4 Redcombe Lane.

Walter Cash (1927-1933): Walter is most probably our oldest Briggensian and was **100 on 14th January 2017.** He lives in Scarborough and has frequently contributed towards the Newsletter. Congratulations from all Briggensians.

Alan Vickers (1962-1969): I'm writing this update from the warmth of Palm Beach, South Florida which has been our main home for the last couple of years. We share our time between here and our home in Atlanta Georgia which was our first landing point when we arrived in the US 20 years ago.

After a privileged life as a senior executive with some of the world's great companies such as Nike, Reebok and Starbucks, I left corporate life about a year and a half ago. Retirement is not a concept my wife Pam and I are prepared to consider and so I became an investor/entrepreneur. As the result of a reunion with a former colleague I am now the co-founder and Chairman of a couple of software start-ups - my partner is U.K. based and we're optimistic about becoming the next Microsoft!!

In addition, Pam and I have a successful Direct Sales business in the Nutritional and Anti-aging field which she founded about 10 years ago.

Of our four children, three are living here in the US, whilst the youngest is based in St Andrews - she is, not surprisingly, in the golf business and works with IMG managing a number of players including Paul Casey, Martin Kaymer, Luke Donald and Brandon Grace. She's married to her husband John who is the Operations Director of the R&A and is responsible for the setup of the Open. They are expecting their first child in January which will give me a good excuse to play the Old Course again👉

We have twin boys, Tim and Will, the latter being a flight instructor at a commercial pilot training school in Atlanta, and the former a one time professional golfer who became an instructor with David Leadbetter in Orlando. Tim married Azahara Munoz, a three time member of the European Solheim Cup Team and current LPGA Tour member, last year and the two of them live close to us here in Palm Beach.

Our eldest daughter Sophie lives in Atlanta with her husband Chris and our three grandchildren - they founded their own Cross Fit gym a couple of years ago and have added a fitness equipment manufacturing business since. My mother Joan, who is a former pupil of Brigg Girls High School, still lives in the area - she recently became a resident of Wrawby Hall Care Home in Wrawby and celebrated her 90th birthday in September. She is also a former Ladies Captain at Elsham Golf Club!

I still work out almost every day, and am about 10lbs lighter than I was in my last year at the Grammar School!! I'm fortunate to spend more time than most on the golf course where we live here at Ibis Golf and Country Club and manage to maintain a single figure handicap - who knows I may one day play in the Old Briggensian event! Needless to say there's an open invite if you ever get weary of the British winters...Best, Alan.

Tim Phipps(1972-1979): Putting on the style in this picture taken back in August. Tim with Ian Foster, back from USA on a visit, and their wives. "We are sat outside my house in a 1962 Alvis, about to be chauffeured for tea. This as a result of my successful bid at the Rotary Charity Dinner.



Bret Butler (1951-1958): emailed from NZ to say, "Not much to report from this end of the world other than earthquakes continue to be troublesome. The most recent has been at Kaikoura in the South Island where among other things the entire shoreline got lifted. Although we are several hundred miles away we felt the effect and got a decent shake.

We did our best to escape the New Zealand winter with a week in Rarotonga in the Cook

Islands and then two weeks up in Port Douglas on the north-east coast of Australia. We have just come back from a five-week trip to the UK, taking in a few days in India on the way through. My mother is still alive in Grimsby at the age of 95 so we spent about ten days up there. I see that the PM in England wants to bring back the Grammar schools. I would have thought he had enough on her plate with Brexit without opening another can of worms."

Bill Phipps (1961-1968): Apologies I will be unable to attend the dinner in 2017, but the 1968 leavers hope to make an appearance at the 2018 Dinner - the 50th anniversary of our leaving BGS.

Peter Jarvis (1951-1958): recalled that he had violin lessons with **John Bradley**. We used to play quartets with Mary on the cello and her mother on the piano. We lived nearby Mary Holt; we knew her well. I was in the same class as **Roger Dobson**; I am happy that he is doing so well.

Since this email was received, Peter has suffered an incident in his brain that has restricted his ability to communicate verbally and this has got progressively worse. However, he is still quite active and trying to work around the difficulty. We send our best wishes to him and the family.

Jon Cresswell (1985-1992): Family still in the South West while I am now overseas with the European Union. Life in 29 Commando was brilliant fun but like all good things it had to come to an end. Best wishes to my fellow Briggensians worldwide although I doubt I will find many where I currently am..... JPC

David Bradbury (1959-1966): sent a response to the news that the Annual Dinner Speaker 2017 will be Chris Moore. "I knew his father as "Archie". I think I was vaguely aware that his real first name was Jack, but I always called him "Sir" to his face, and referred to him as "Archie" when discussing with fellow pupils. In the school athletics competition, Archie used to assist "Mr Starter" (Mr Jarvis). One of Archie's jobs was to supervise the draw for lanes. I was, I think, in the Lower VI and was therefore competing against Upper VI formers. I had reached the semi-final of the 220 yards ("yards" - those were the days!). You will recall that heats took place during normal lesson times, with the whole school released to watch. I had a tough semi-final heat, but knew if I ran well I had a fighting chance of reaching the final. We drew for lanes and I was delighted to draw lane 3 - not too tight round the bend, but with three other runners in my sight to chase. I was focussed and "in the zone", waiting to be called to my marks. I was vaguely aware of a kerfuffle going on, apparently relating to the draw for lanes, but I had no wish to become involved. However, Archie sought my opinion. Content with lane 3, I replied, using a common idiom of the time: "I'm alright, Jack". "Don't be impertinent, Bradbury!" came the response. I was mortified; my equilibrium destroyed, focus lost and yanked out of "the zone". I struggled home in third place, so just making the final, but it should have been so much easier! Happy days!



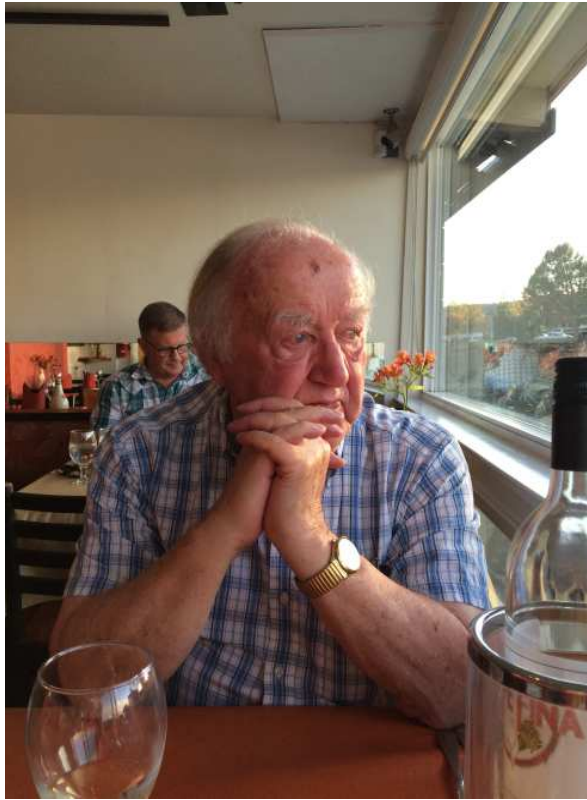
I'm looking forward to the dinner next March, in the company of younger cousins **Richard Price** and his sister **Jane (now Reason)**, and our older cousin, **Roger Dobson**, who celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary a few weeks ago. Fortitudine!"

Derek Sumpter (1943-1950): I got in touch with my old school friend **Peter Wade** who has had more dealings with Liza Welton in the past than I and he made inquiries about **Peter Welton's** health. The news is not good. It is very sad in fact. I have copied Liza's reply to him and here it is for your information:

"Unfortunately there is no chance of improvement - the diagnosis is that he will continue to deteriorate - at what speed is unknown - but he is definitely less able mentally now than a few months ago. There will be no calendar as he is just not able to organise this nor has he been able to produce any new paintings in the last year or so. While I could have helped him with the calendar I was of the view that it would have caused him stress he would not be able to handle".

Peter had an immense character, a personality loved by all and I am sure we all pass on our best wishes. Ed.

David Selley (1949-1952): I was at Brigg Grammar School from 1949 to 1952, when we moved to Newcastle.



What I remember most are the freezing cold water in the outdoor swimming pool, the dreadful food for lunch (the boarders I think ate much better), the daily bus trip from Scunthorpe and hitchhiking back when we missed the return bus, and the annual cross country race through the very muddy Brickyard Lane, which I did rather well at, finishing around tenth each year.. I also remember Mr. Matthews the headmaster who I believe had been a boxer and looked the part.

After Newcastle, National Service (where I was a Chinese linguist) and Oxford University, I emigrated to Toronto, where I have lived ever since. My two passions are travel and birdwatching – often both together. Two years ago, I finally decided I was getting good at retirement, so I gave up the various consulting jobs I had taken on since my 1998 retirement from Ernst & Young. I travelled extensively on business and my wife and I are keeping it up, albeit now at our own expense. In early 2017, we are taking a cruise to Antarctica – the only continent not yet visited. Depending on how you define “country”, I have been to just under or just over one hundred in my travels. Is Bermuda a country? Is Guadeloupe?

We visit the UK every year for a reunion with my RAF buddies and one of these days I hope to visit Brigg for old time’s sake.

Trouble is, it’s situated half way between Scunthorpe and Grimsby – hardly tourist attractions!

Tony Ayres (1955-1963): John Cox has just forwarded your email about the 2017 newsletter to me - I bumped into him at a college dinner on Saturday.

I have repeatedly tried to get my details re-inserted into a database somewhere, so that I can receive these emails in my own right. I was in School House between 1955 and 1963. At the time I paid the appropriate sum to be a lifelong member of the OBs, but I have never actually received anything. I do occasionally meet John, because we subsequently went to the same college, so I do catch up with the occasional snippet. But I miss a lot - I am disappointed, for example, not to have known of the death and funeral of Brian Williams. I do now know of the Briggensians.co.uk site, which I visited over the weekend. But it would be nice to be accepted again as a member of the fold and to receive the same communications as everyone else does.

Apologies Tony we clearly got this one wrong but hope we have put things right now.

Richard J Lawson (1961-1968): As it happens, I was going to write to you about a chance encounter with a classmate on a Eurostar train to Paris in September.

My wife and I had just sat down when I looked along the aisle and I saw **Bill and Eileen Phipps** taking their seats. We did not get much of a chance to talk but discovered they had not been to the March dinner much in recent years like us. I suggested we should get in touch with them to see if we could co-ordinate better efforts to attend.

I had assumed I would find Bill's email address on the Briggensians' website somewhere but that is not the case for obvious reasons these days, but I saw your reference to being able to assist people wanting to contact others. I am happy for you to give Bill my email address and for him to contact me (if that is the way you work on giving out email addresses) - a former colleague at Municipal Mutual Insurance does it that way when individuals want to contact an ex colleague who is in the Pensioners' and Friends' Association.

Details duly passed on so I hope you managed to get in touch.

Dave Harness (1968-1975): My BP email address will be closed down at the end of 2016 when I retire, yes it is going to happen this time, not sure what I am going to do going forward yet, but it won't involve trains and planes and London hotels!

David Culm (1954-1956): Lives in Littleover, Derby and sent an update. My brief sojourn at Brigg Grammar School only lasted two years (due to my father's frequently posted RAF career). Now aged 75 I fondly look back to my brief stay on the Lincolnshire Edge at RAF Hemswell and my time at Brigg Grammar School. Harsh winters with days away from school because the East Kesteven Council School bus (green Bedford with wooden seats) could not get to us. Penny-halfpenny currant buns which were sold at play time under cover at the edge of the school playground.

The slimy green swimming pool which came into action in early summer. A productive year being taught German by '**Doggy' Barker**'. His teaching methods stood me in good stead 50 years later when I visited Germany. The basic woodwork skills I was taught at the workshop across the road at Brigg was also very useful. My friend **Grundy** and I used to wander from lesson to lesson speaking in made up German and were once overheard by Doggy Barker who set us 100 lines in correct German version of what we were saying! Yes just a few memories of that distant time. Now I think back at my manual cycling days in the Lincolnshire countryside, from the saddle of my electric cycle! Well, you have to move on.

Derek Sumpter (1943-1950): George Gunson (1944-52) and I met up in Guildford last August and had a celebratory day out in memory of our days at Brigg Grammar School during the 1940s and our love of the County of Lincolnshire. It started with coffee and croissants in Guildford and ended with a late night meal in an out of town Surrey restaurant. Many anecdotes of the old days were exchanged and old friends remembered and toasted. The last time we ate together was at the Briggensian dinner in **2013** so we made up for the missing years. I keep in touch with old school friends of our '40s era - **Brian Chapman (1944-50), Frank Flear (1946-51), John Morton (1945-51), Peter Wade (1945-53), Charlie Windass (1946-54) and Ron Waller (1942-49)**. Despite all of us being well into our 80s we haven't written off attending Briggensian Dinners in the future.

Eric Hair (1954-1957): I've been retired for over a decade so news is hard find. I am Roy O'Neill's first articulated clerk having left BGS in 1957.

My wife Sally (**Sally Hales** left the Girls HS in 1956). Providing the other half.

Grand children seem to have been the missing ingredient! What a delight when Esther arrived.

David Brunt (1972-1979): I'm trying to look up some old friends, as you do as you get older, and I was wondering if there is any way of contacting **Debbie Cottingham**, I know that she married **Roger Wood** and they moved to **York** but unfortunately they split up a few years later. I lost touch in the mid '80's when I moved but I notice that she had an entry in the 1979 Briggensian magazine. Any help would be appreciated.

Ailsa Wish (Ramsay) (1967-1973): My snippet of news is that I retired as Head of Art at Caistor Grammar School this summer after 29 years (previously I was at Cranbrook School in Kent and Clifton College, Bristol so clocked up the hours at the chalkface!).

I am now delighted by the arrival of a grandson and ready for more painting projects. I find my watercolour style looks something like my Dad's (**Ian Ramsay**). I have been painting with a little Art Group over at Wold Newton Village Hall and met up with **Harry Thorpe**.

Richard Bray (1969-1973): We send our commiserations to Richard whose father, Gerry, died in September aged 85 years. He was latterly at the Valleys Care Home, Scunthorpe, as he was suffering from Alzheimer's. On a brighter note congratulations on passing your MBA at Manchester with Merit.

Richard says, "The bad news from all the trips to the UK last year (70+ days and 5 trips) was that I was hospitalised with a very bad case of economy class syndrome; severe pulmonary embolism with total blockage of lungs, heart failure, heart enlargement and a lot of other long words beginning with cardio-! Spent nearly 3 weeks here in Coronary Care whilst they dissolved the clots, and got me back to normal.

It was a close call, the ambulance crew were very quick to pick me up and take me to the local hospital, another 2 hours and I should have had it!

Not flying for a while, so unsure of next trip back, wife and son have great interest in me staying alive!

The UK seems quite dynamic at the moment, so much change, both positive and negative, though I think it will be a few years for the effects of Brexit to take hold.

The US election is also dramatic, 300 million people and the choice is between those two. Feel so sorry for the American people!

Simon Church (1975-1982): As 2016 draws to a close I thought I would just drop a few lines from the **'Down Under Briggensians' (Perth Branch)** outlining the year

This year has been an eventful but fulfilling year for the 'Down Under Briggensians'.

Myself (1975-82) and my brother **Paul Church (1961-66)** both still live in the northern suburbs of Perth, Western Australia.

Since retiring Paul and his wife Maggie have been travelling to France, Spain, UK and Peru and he tells me there are future trips already planned.

The picture shows Paul and I during a trip to Melbourne to watch the Speedway GP as well as a tour of the famous MCG cricket ground.

Sadly this year saw the passing of Ria Jacklin, loved wife of **Chris Jacklin (1974-81)**, Chris now lives in Perth along with his young son Jesse.

Chris, myself and Paul Jenkinson (1974-81) who resides in Sydney - are all in regular contact and already have our tickets booked for the upcoming Australia v South Africa cricket test at the WACA (Perth) in November.

Talking of cricket, I have had the pleasure over the last three pre-seasons to assist with boxing / martial arts training of the Western Australian cricket squad.

The current first team coach and ex Test match legend Justin Langer is a second Dan black belt at Zen Do Kai.



Justin and I are both trained by Kyoshi Justin Boylan at Total Martial Arts in Perth, Western Australia's most decorated martial artist and former world champion.

The players really enjoy the variation in training and the close combat of boxing and judging by the results of the last few seasons and the number of WA players in the current Australian team, it is doing them no harm.

Recently my wife Joanna and I returned home from a three-week trip around England visiting family and friends. Whilst in Lincolnshire we were able to meet up with a number of 'old' friends from both school, cricket and my footballing days.

A highlight was a brief visit to share a cuppa and a chat with **Gary Smith (Bottler)** and his lovely wife Tracy in Brigg.

Gary (1973-80 'approx') is a well know Brigg Town cricketer who has been seriously ill for a couple of years. The strength and positivity of this beautiful couple was inspiring and I wish them all the very best for the future.

Joanna and I made another quick visit to Hibaldstow and met with an old classmate of mine **Nigel 'Cass' Coulson (1975-82)** and his sister Julie.

Julie now runs the family farm at Hibaldstow and has done an amazing job converting it to organic.

It was wonderful to catch up again after recently welcoming Julie and her daughter Rachel to our home in Perth during a recent visit they had to Western Australia.

Our Lincolnshire holiday concluded with drinks at the Whistle & Flute, Barnetby where I met with some of my class mates from Barnetby C of E primary school, who I hadn't seen for 40 plus years, along with members of Brigg Town cricket club and Barnetby United football club.

The photos show me alongside ex Briggensians Caroline Bayley - nee Altoft (1975- 82), Jane Kelly - nee



Rimmer(1975-82), Martin Willerton (1976-81) and Andrew Peall (1973-80)

A wonderful night was had by all and it hopefully is a prelude to the **'35 year school Briggensian reunion'** scheduled for summer 2017.

Anyone wishing to know more about the re-union, or wishing to assist with the organising please feel free to drop me an email on simon@churchosborne.com.au or message me on Facebook (**Simon Joanna Church**)

The reunion is initially for my year (1975-82) however, all Briggensians will be welcome.

Chris Jacklin (1974-1981): As mentioned above we sent our condolences to Chris on the untimely death last April of his wife Ria and he sent us a touching response.

*Yes very tough for Jesse and me. She was a very special spirit, who fought cancer so courageously for the last 6 years.
Had great support locally from including others Simon Church and family.
My parents and daughter, Tara, flew down, my Sister Clare is here now and members of Ria's large and loving family have flown in from Jakarta.*



Mike Cosser (1961-1968): Mike wanted to thank all the Committee for, “the great weekend Jenny and I had in Brigg and Scunthorpe on and around 19th March.” *(2016 Annual Dinner)*

“The Dinner was fab, and we had a really great time, nice food as well. As regards my e-mail out, I got responses from Nev Miller, Rob Smart, Mike Pearson, Bill Phipps, Dave Arbuckle, Trev Faulkner, Dave Wilkinson, and David Evans. So all their e-mail addresses are correct. Unfortunately I didn't e-mail everyone, so”

Nev (Miller) has suggested our cohort try to attend en masse in 2018 to mark 50 years after we departed, so there may be a better response then.

Great to see you on the night, and to see everyone well and looking full of joy. Thank you for all the great work you do for the Briggensians.”

Peterjon (PJ) Dodd (1953-1959): Congratulations to PJ on becoming Captain of Selby Golf Club for 2018. We all hope you enjoy your year in the spotlight.

Stuart Marshall (1983-1990): **Stuart sent me an email, pressured by his dad I suspect.**

I believe my Dad keeps bumping into you on the golf course and keeps you updated!

He mentioned you'd be interested in writing something in the Briggensians magazine.

Feel free to edit, but perhaps not too much embellishment...!

I'm currently splitting my time between giving anaesthetics, educating doctors and medical students and researching patient safety in Melbourne. There's no real 'typical' week but generally I'll be looking after patients in theatre for two days and either teaching or mentoring PhD students on the other days. I work at two universities, Monash University and the University of Melbourne where I've recently been appointed as an Associate Professor of Medical Education. My research has recently been about how medical staff manage emergencies – it's a mixture of psychology, medical knowledge and design (of medical equipment and visual prompts). It's been very rewarding seeing some of my work and my students' work being used to save lives when things go wrong, even though nowadays those events happen rarely. I get to do quite a bit of travelling for work, presenting in conferences around Australia, the US and Europe, and occasionally get back to Brigg for Christmas. I hope to get back this year with my two daughters and look forward to catching up with some old friends! Best wishes, Stuart



Nev' Miller (1961-1968): *Nev' sent news in his Christmas letter and I have copied a section for this Newsletter, I'm sure he will not mind.* “I thought I had finished with work after my contract in Australia last year, but I received a phone call in April enquiring if I could help out again on the same project. The engineer doing the work had had an accident and the company didn't have any other resources. So, I ended up dusting off

my work boots and heading to Western Australia for the month of May. This time I went Premium Economy with Air New Zealand which I can recommend.

I couldn't understand why this job was dragging on so long. Any profit must have been spent long ago. However I used the opportunity to great advantage. I discovered a Historic Motorcycle Racing Club in Western Australia that was to hold a race meeting whilst I was there. I carefully arranged not to have to work that weekend and drove the 700 km to a small place called Collie to watch the event. Unfortunately, bad weather caused the racing to be abandoned on the Saturday, but the weather cleared up overnight and I was able to see some racing on Sunday morning before having to head back north to Geraldton.



Scunthorpe Telegraph published the following on 31st August 2016 and it may bring back a few memories:

From 1959 until 1976, **Brian Williams** was its last headmaster, the term headteacher not being employed in those days!

His staff donned their flowing black gowns and mortar boards on speech days held in the town centre's Corn Exchange, since demolished.

Discipline was enforced and accepted by the pupils.

There was still a thriving boarding house and its members were identified by wearing different coloured ties to those of the dayboys.

Brigg Grammar excelled at sports and had extensive facilities, including a large field which shared a border with the nearby Girls' High School, educating girls who had passed the 11-plus. *The original 17th century part of Brigg Grammar School. The bricked-up doorway was reopened in 1969 to mark the 300th anniversary. This grade one listed building now forms part of Sir John Nelthorpe School*



At Brigg Grammar, swimming became much more popular from 1969 when they finally got round to heating the water in



the school pool. This improvement marked the school's 300th anniversary.

Some of the senior masters still teaching in the early 1970s had started their careers in Brigg before the Second World War.

Brigg Girls' High School alongside Wrawby Road, the A18. The buildings now form part of the Sir John Nelthorpe School, a comprehensive founded in 1976

A tuck shop – across the road from the school – was visited at break times to purchase crisps, pop and chocolate bars, with entry to Jack Clark's premises being controlled by the sixth form prefects.

They, too, wore a different type of tie to indicate their status at the top of the pupils' pecking order. Saturday morning lessons were compulsory until July 1968 when this traditional practice was finally discontinued because of the extra cost to the council of providing transport six days a week, rather than five. Brigg Grammar's day pupils came from a very wide catchment area. Buses brought in boys from villages north of Lincoln like Bishop Norton and Snitterby, from Scunthorpe and as far east at Keelby. Brigg Grammar's art room was Bohemian – heated by a stove and housed in former stables across the road from the main school buildings. Boys bored with learning about perspective could admire the school model railway club's layout which ran the full length of the building, along one wall. Latin was still being taught during the early 1970s but only to the most able boys, including those interested in making a career in medicine. Black shoes had to be changed for brown pairs to be worn inside the school buildings, the aim being to keep mud and dirt off the floors. Everyone prepared to work received a very good education at Brigg grammar, whether they had attended a local council primary or a paid-for prep school. When it came to applying for jobs, many boys found that their grammar school education was well received by potential employers.

Committee Members: If any Briggensian living locally would be willing to join the committee then please contact Helen Cresswell at: hcresswell@westrum.co.uk or tel: 01652 653216. There are only 3 meetings annually and they last approximately 1 hour so the commitment is not great but the value of your opinion to the association is huge.
Please help if you can.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed towards this Newsletter and remind Briggensians that they should advise me of any email address changes so that they continue to receive notifications about events, news and activities of the association. If anyone is in contact with other Briggensians who do not receive our emails please encourage them to contact me so that they can be added to the circulation list.
Best wishes to all for 2017 and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Dinner.

BRIGGENSIANS SPORTS 2016:

Rounders & Netball

Rounders- The rounders had to be postponed due to rain and was played a week later when only a few attended. Fun type games were played and enjoyed.

Netball- This was well attended with nearly three school teams and an old girls team. The old girls played short matches against each team, which were enjoyed by all. The School teams played against each other while waiting to play the old girls team.

Cricket: The weather and availability prevented any play this year but the game should be played again in 2017

Football: Adrian Gibbons- Charity Football: Brian Taylor MBE JP - wearing the **red top** - was delighted to receive **£1,000** on behalf of the British Heart Foundation during a presentation made on the football pitch at Sir John Nelthorpe School.



The cash came from the memorial football match in May 2016 at The Hawthorns, in memory of long-serving SJS teacher Adrian Gibbons, the renowned local footballer.

Adrian's family were there to present the cash, together with many members of Briggensians FC, Adrian's former club, also represented on the picture are organisers Jon Taylor with the cheque and Craig Benson (right).

Boxing Day +2:

The annual Briggensians football game was held at the Sir John Nelthorpe school. Over 30 players turned up and a good crowd to watch an entertaining game of football.

There were the usual old boys such as Jon Taylor, Craig Benson, Paul Neale, Jonathan Allcock, Steve Jordan, Matthew Bell and a large number of younger old boys such as Elliott Gunn and Chris Rodgers and of course Col Mumby. The game was played between those who were 30 and over against those younger. There was a minute's applause before the game in memory of Adrian Gibbons. This was the closest game in years but experience proved valuable in the end with the Old boys winning 1-0 with a Rodgers goal. A good crowd supported



including Jane Gibbons, Kelley Gibbons, Lucy Gibbons, Alan Taylor and Matthew Mosey. Everyone went to the Britannia after the game for darts, dominoes and other festive fun. We were also joined by other familiar faces such as Keith Barnes, Carl Sherwood, Rich Rivron and Phil Clipson. The Old boys ended up overall convincing winners and £180 was raised to go towards the British Heart Foundation later in the year. I will be organising

another charity game at Brigg Town during the May bank holiday. Please contact me if you would like to be involved. It is hoped to be a Briggensians v Brigg Town Old Boys' game.

Golf: President Dave Brittain; Vice President Peterjon Dodd and Secretary/treasurer Ted Cox

The weather was good as 11 members took part in the OBGS **Spring Meeting** at Elsham Golf Club. The course was in good condition and surprisingly dry considering the recent wet weather. However, the greens were a bit tricky, having been recently hollow-tined and sanded. That being said, scoring was reasonably good overall with very good, and close, scores for the first three players.

It looked for a time as if the Captain's Prize would be won for the first time by a lady member. Allyson Golland showed her playing partners, Peterjon Dodd and Ted Cox, that keeping the ball down the middle of the fairway, which she managed with great regularity, paid dividends as she returned a score on every hole—no doubt she is pleased she bought those Titleist hybrid clubs. Then her careful preparation before putting showed Peterjon and Ted how to cope with the greens and she finished the front nine with 22 points, having amassed five net pars.

However, playing in the last group, Allyson's husband, Nick, was involved in a battle with Mark Boast, which led to Nick also returning 22 points for the front nine holes.

Both Nick and Mark birdied the par-three sixth hole, as had done Alan Taylor earlier. As members started into the second half of the course, the wind freshened and the temperature dropped and consequently so did the scores.

It is a pity that so few members were able to play in what turned out to be the closest contest for some time, with Nick Golland winning the tankard with 39 points from Mark Boast and Allyson Golland on 38 points; Mark took second place by virtue of a better score on the back nine holes.

1 st	Nick Golland	39 points
2 nd	Mark Boast	38 points (on back nine)
3 rd	Allyson Golland	38 points



The Autumn meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to heavy rain. There was already water standing on the 18th green when I arrived at 11.15 and the junior competition, which was being held on the same Sunday, was called off just after I arrived. When I went into the pro's shop I was told that Geoff Sells had rung to say he was not coming because of the rain; when Alan Taylor arrived he said that Jonty Allcock had cried off because his mother was unwell. The first group was just about to go out when the Elsham captain came in to the

changing room to tell us the course had been closed. He said there was also a chance of lightning about 4pm, although that did not happen. Tim Phipps was able to phone Mark Boast and stop him coming.



The eight members that remained did hold the AGM; there are important points arising from the discussions:-

1. Most of the male members have been captain and it is about time we had a lady vice captain who would take up office in 12 months time.
2. Dave Harness, who, although captain this year has been too busy to take much part in events, said that he would be willing to serve again - he retires at the end of this year and would be

available for all events. He is seen here handing over the captaincy to Jon Taylor.

3. The dwindling number of participants continues to give concern and the event is in danger of folding without greater commitment.

Ties and Badges for Sale:

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

Members who would like to purchase these items can:

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



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

Badges £10 each Ties £10 each

New members:

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

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

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

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

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At the same time, perhaps you could send some news or old photographs about yourself or school friends for the 2017/18 Newsletter or web site to: dave.brittain@talktalk.net

Notes:

Briggensians' Association

40th Annual Dinner 2017- Booking Form

I will be attending the Briggensians' Dinner on **Saturday, 18th March 2017** (application closing date: **Friday, 3rd March**) and enclose a cheque made payable to the Briggensians Association

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

Tables are usually for
6, 8, or 10 places

Name: **Years**to.....

Address:,

Post Code: **Email:**

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

Contact Person's Details:		Starter			Main			Dessert			Special Dietary Needs
Name:	Tel. No.	Soup	Pork Pate & Toast	Prawn Cocktail	Beef Stroganoff	Salmon	Mushroom & Brie Wellington (v)	Lemon Syllabub	Apple & Red Fruit Crumble	Cheese & Biscuits	
Email:	(must be clear – please use capitals)	Guests Names	School Dates								

Please send this completed booking and menu choice form, along with payment to
(Cheques payable to The Briggensians Association):
The Briggensians Dinner Secretary, c/o Rachel Harvey, Sir John Nelthorpe School,
Wrawby Road, Brigg. DN20 8DS Tel. 01652 653135