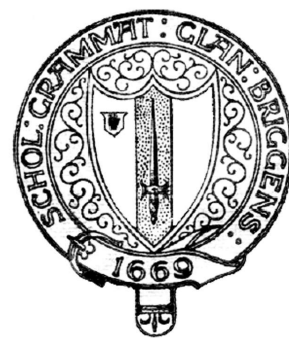




BRIGGENSIANS' NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020



Fortitudine.



Nathaniel Taylor (1678-1693) and the original schoolroom as recently refurbished

Briggensians' Association 43rd Annual Dinner

Saturday, 14th March 2020, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

£25 Elsham Golf Club £25

Guest Speaker: David Horsley

Booking slips are located on the last pages of this Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Annual Dinner 2021

Saturday March 15th 2021 - date tbc

Summer Sports 2020

School Field, 6.00PM

Rounders & Netball: Depending on support

Cricket: Friday in July 2020 tbc

Youth VS Experience

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

Winter Sports 2020

School Field, 6.00PM

Football

December 2020 tbc

Youth VS Experience

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

**Football + Pub Games,
27th December 2020–10.30AM start**

Golf Section

Spring Meeting 12.00PM, Sunday, 19th April 2020

Autumn Meeting 12.00PM, Sunday, 18th October 2020

Past vs present 4.00 PM, Monday, 6st July 2020

**Requests to play, please contact David Harness: dave.harness@ymail.com
Tel. 01652 688005**

Annual Dinner Menu

Starter

Melon

or

Tomato and Basil Soup

or

Chicken Liver Pâté



Main

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

or

Salmon Fillet with Hollandaise Sauce

or

Vegetarian Option

Butternut Squash & Red Pepper Tartlet

All Served with Seasonal Veg & Potatoes



Dessert

Raspberry and White Chocolate Roulade

or

Fruit Crumble & Custard

or

Cheese and Biscuits



Tea and Coffee

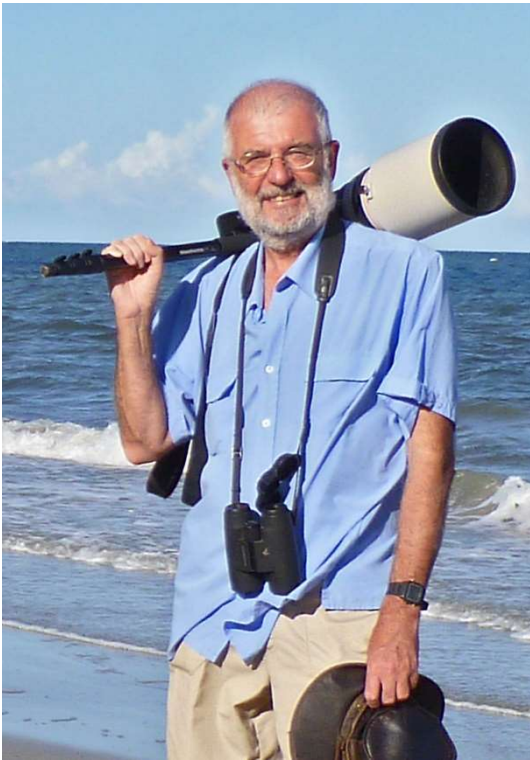
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Guest Speaker 2020

After leaving Brigg in 1969 I went to University College London to read Zoology. Most of my focus in this course was towards Ecology, Evolution and Animal Behaviour. I was fortunate that during my time at Brigg I had learned Geology with the inimitable John Slack, so I did some of that as well. Geology has been a really useful background to understanding landscape and ecology. My life has been full of extremely lucky coincidences (as I approach 70 I hope it continues to be that way) and during my 3rd Year a new and what turned out to be a ground-breaking course called Ecological Genetics was on offer.

Just four of us did it, but we were never alone in the lecture theatre in the Human Genetics Dept. A significant number of researchers in the Dept and beyond were always there at the back to listen to our fascinating lecturers- Sam Berry and Steve Jones. The latter has become the go to expert for the Media on Evolutionary topics and both have authored several books. Steve told me that Prof. Bryan Clarke had a PhD opportunity in his new Genetics Dept at Nottingham and Steve would act as a referee if I wanted to go for it. I did and spent a super 4 years there studying the mechanisms behind the enormous variety of colour variation in the shells of a land snail called *Cepaea*. Perhaps more importantly within such a small Department of about 12, we were very much involved in each other's work and this was a hugely broadening experience. I benefited in many ways including learning statistics and computer programming- all of which stood me in good stead later. In addition, several other folk in the department were also keen ornithologists and we did a lot of birding around Nottingham but also began to make visits to the North Norfolk coast. We always used to say that if there were no jobs for us in the future then we might be able to teach Biology at an independent school we had heard about called Gresham's. It was in Holt only 4 miles away from the best bird reserve in the country – Cley.

During my last year at Nottingham I got married to Bizz (Isobel) Morris who was a fellow traveller on the School Bus from Scawby and in the same year as me although in those days her schooling was done on the other-side of the fence. We even ended up at UCL together – she read Anthropology. Many of you will remember Bizz's father **Arthur "Chips" Morris**, who taught me French at Brigg. He was also interested in birds and I think I first met Bizz one night in Twigmoor Woods when our Birdwatching group bumped into the Morris family who were also looking or listening for Nightingales and Nightjars. A lucky break – Bizz knew what it was like to want to be out in the countryside and spending time with naturalists.



There were few jobs in prospect in 1976 and I had done some adult education for the WEA and I set about exploring that as a career choice. Whilst this was going on the Gresham's advert for a Biology teacher appeared in the paper. I applied for it, got the job, and the rest as they say is History. Bizz and I arrived in Holt in the long hot summer of 1976 to set up home in a school house, on site, which was a Georgian folly with a flat roof and battlements. We had about 2/3rds of it and lived very happily there for 8 yrs and raised 3 boys. We bought our own house in Holt later- again a lucky coincidence. The result was that I have always been able to walk or bike to work, never had a proper commute.

So a working life in one place at a school which had a lot of similarities in the way it was run to Brigg GS. A close community in a small town. A lot of accent on games and music as well as the academic. The Biology Department had good facilities and I always had excellent colleagues. My initial boss had an interest in Natural History and he taught me so much, especially about plants, a subject I had never spent much time on until then. The makings perhaps of a more rounded naturalist. There were times when

we could take children birding – virtually all day on Saturday after chapel if, they or I didn't have games commitments. The Hockey I learned at Brigg (both school and Club) stood me in good stead. Cricket was more of a problem, which I solved with the advent of the BBC computer. I wrote the programmes for the games list (who did what and when) and I managed to work it that, as this was a time-consuming job, I had games time off in the summer to do it- and take kids birding at the best time of the year.

I particularly enjoyed, not surprisingly, my A level teaching. After my first HoD retired, I was given that role. It was about the time when course work was coming in. We had always encouraged our pupils to do a voluntary A level project, but now everyone had to do it. Fortunately my colleague also had a research background and we were able to combine our

areas of expertise and build something which worked really well and the pupils seemed to enjoy too. My IT and statistics capabilities became useful again.

At school I also had become involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. It was helping on an expedition to the Pyrenees in 1984 that had done that. It also started a lifelong interest in those mountains and indeed the rest of Spain and the beginning of European travelling. Since then we have done a lot, including two Pyrenean DoE Explorations which I organised myself. This involved me getting my own clapped out Transit minibus and the gradual transformation, via several vehicles to be a motorhome traveller with an on-board loo! Our biggest and longest expedition was a magical 7,000 mile return trip from Norfolk to the very North and Easterly tip of Norway. We drove past a sign in Finland which said Murmansk 300km

After 31 years- 93 terms and at the age of 57 I decided to hang up my lab-coat (something I rarely wore by the way). There was a new A level syllabus coming on stream and we were going to do International Baccalaureate as well. I had put a lot of time and effort into a Department website and the thought of doing it all again was too much. At that time the teacher's pension scheme was still good, and even though I would take a financial hit, we had planned for that possibility and all turned out well. In fact better than just well. A new lease of life. I had always been developing my photography -video and stills - so I had a lot of material to use for WEA courses in Wildlife and Natural History and giving lectures around the county. The biggest change was getting into Cruise Lecturing. This enabled us to go to places we would never have dreamed of- like South America, Greenland and the Caribbean. We paid to do an extension to one of these and went to that Evolutionist's mecca - the Galapagos. (More in the talk) These trips extended my potential lecture topics enormously and the photo collection has now got quite large. Various relatives in Australia have prompted two trips there, and a former pupil - now a wildlife tour guide, invited Bizz and I to join him on a special tour to Madagascar. Great at last for Bizz to not just be observing my wildlife but enjoying Lemurs, one of the most interesting parts of her UCL Anthropology Course.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019-20

Another enjoyable year as Chairman of the Briggensians committee has passed. Many thanks to those who have given their time and enthusiasm to sitting on the committee to plan the Briggensians' activities.



We are always looking for new members to bring fresh ideas to the group. The average age of the committee seems to rise every year, so if there are any potential younger members out there you would be most welcome.

Unfortunately, this year we have lost a number of Briggensians. Frank Flear, Alec Collins, Geoffrey Towler and John Foster are no longer with us. I think they were all featured on Facebook at some time last year. Please join me in sending our collective condolences to all the families and friends affected by such loss. The annual dinner 2019 was an eventful evening. Special thanks go to our speaker, Anne Rae, who came back this year to deliver an interesting and intelligent speech.

I must also congratulate my fellow committee member Julie Lawson. She had done her homework well, and researched the history of the Girls High School. On the night, her talk was both witty and educational. Top marks Julie!

The 2019 dinner, in my opinion was one of the best I have attended. Thank you to all those that put in the hard work to make it such a success.

Unfortunately, the Head Mr. Biglands could not make it to the dinner. He was in hospital recovering from a badly fractured leg he acquired whilst skiing. It cannot have been the easiest of years for the Head, but he has soldiered on, and we hope to see him at this year's dinner.

Many thanks also go to John Hastings, our Toast Master for the evening. John had only just lost his dear wife Sylvia a few weeks before the event. But like a real trouper he bravely came along and carried his duties. Thank you John.

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, his staff and all the students.

The sports, as always, were well attended and as competitive as they were enjoyable.

Last year saw the renovations begin on the old grammar school building. The first phase is now complete, and the library building has been restored to its former glory. I urge you to keep looking at the Facebook and SJN/Briggensians websites, so that you can keep up to date with events, and support the “Our Place in Time” project.

Clive Thompson

Head teacher’s Report 2019-20

Dear Briggensian, this year I have chosen to produce my report with a broader look at Sir John Nelthorpe School as a whole, as opposed to the purely traditional academic summary in previous reports. I hope you find this to be of interest.

At the start of this academic year we welcomed 154 pupils into our new Year 7, which means that the year group is full, and the largest cohort of any of the year groups. In total, there are 694 pupils on roll, (356 boys and 338 girls). Our Sixth Form has 70 pupils on roll and this number is growing annually following improving A Level outcomes each year. Our credibility as a viable option for year 11 pupils choosing their next steps for study is reliant on the school being able to demonstrate improved A Level outcomes. This brings us to a grand total of 764 pupils. This time last year, there were 733 pupils on roll. We are growing quickly. We have a duty to try to provide places for any family who wishes for their child to attend this wonderful school but we remain committed that we must not lose our character, appeal and qualities, regardless of cohort size.

New Staff

We welcomed a number of new staff in September. New to the team are:

Miss Freer – Geography

Miss Bird – English

Mrs Major – English

Mr Allen – Science

Mrs Bush – Mathematics

Mrs Elletson, Mrs Wood and Miss Green - Teaching Assistants



Sporting achievements

The successes and participation rates of our pupils in sport clubs, activities and events are nothing short of amazing given the wholly inadequate sports facilities currently. Yet despite this, perhaps our greatest asset in securing such a highly regarded sporting profile amongst the local schools and wider community is the team of staff who give freely of their time (in all weathers!) to develop our young people in so many positive ways.

Our Place in Time - Anniversary celebrations

The first phase of refurbishment works on the original schoolhouse is mostly complete now. There is a need to secure funds to facilitate the furnishing of what will become the new main school reception area. I hope that it will not be long before we can open the doors on Grammar School Road as the new main reception entrance. Ongoing works need to be confirmed with the local authority but a second phase is designed to improve the facilities in and around the drama hall. For any of you who have purchased an anniversary mug (special thanks to Julie Taylor for overseeing the orders and despatching of these), plus those who have donated towards this project, we are extremely grateful. It’s not too late to add your support!

In the autumn term, we celebrated our ‘Our Place in Time’ themed curriculum week. The pupils were a credit to themselves, the school and their families as they conducted themselves wonderfully in response to the many activities and opportunities that the school presented. Learning Latin in languages classes through to sampling

old fashioned delicacies in the dining hall (ox tongue and piccalilli, herring pie, carrot sponge and festive mince pies made with the usual fruit and... beef mince... – I can assure you it was all very tasty!). All pupils were able to visit the original schoolhouse and view the many exhibits, photographs and artefacts on display showing the school over the last 350 years. I was taken with the number of pupils who were scrutinising the many old whole-school photographs looking for their relatives who attended in years gone by. We also planted two roses in a ceremony to acknowledge the former two schools and which will hopefully bloom into colour every year and stand as a visual reminder of our rich past. So many more activities took place in that week inside and outside of lessons, across all subjects; too many to mention but I know the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the week. Staff donned academic dress for the week which was quite a spectacle too. It was quite a challenge to get some staff to return them at the end of the week. How empowering a uniform can be! My sincere thanks to all the staff for their additional hard work in making the week the special and successful week it was. Fortis et Fidelis!!

Examination Success

Staff, pupils and sixth form students celebrated another successful set of GCSE & A-Level examination results last August, continuing our consistently high performance, year on year. Our curriculum is very much focused on the more rigorous GCSE subjects. Whilst these subjects are generally accepted as being ‘harder to achieve a good grade in’ than many of the ‘softer’ subjects that many other schools choose to offer. We firmly believe that our curriculum provides pupils with the most relevant knowledge, skills and understanding for gainful employment whilst providing the strongest foothold to gain entry into further education and subsequently higher education (particularly the Russell Group universities). Ours is a traditional ‘academically challenging’ curriculum. Many parents who have commented, say, how similar to a grammar school curriculum they feel ours is compared to other local secondary schools. However, I must always reiterate that unlike grammar schools we are not a selective school. This makes the job of maximising attainment for all pupils much harder than for an actual grammar school. You may be interested in noting the local and national performance of schools in the English Baccalaureate (EBACC) qualification. The EBACC focuses on the most academically challenging subjects, namely English, maths, history, geography, modern foreign languages and the sciences. Our school enters the highest percentage of pupils of all schools in North Lincolnshire for these qualifications and achieves the highest outcomes compared to all other schools in this local authority and significantly above the national average.

Yet again, our 6th form students achieved good A-Level grades, representing the culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work from themselves and staff. Our extremely high pass rate demonstrates the fantastic response of our students to the new, more demanding A-Levels with all securing employment or higher and further education places. All our students worked extremely hard, with some fantastic individual performances and a high number exceeding their targets. Thanks to the commitment of all involved, the overwhelming majority are now studying at their first choice of University.

I am incredibly proud of our pupils and students and am so pleased that their hard work and dedication has been rewarded with these excellent results.

A note of caution though; the financial pressures small school 6th forms now face are so great that sustaining a viable provision in the future is becoming increasingly difficult for us to achieve. The reality is, we need to grow in cohort size to improve income and we need to see even higher outcomes for students if the 6th form is to survive. There are so many good local alternatives now for post 16 study, including the increasing availability of a diverse set of apprenticeships that 16 year olds in this area are really spoiled for choice.

School Improvements (Capital Investment)

Last summer we completed the fourth year of North Lincolnshire Council’s capital school improvements. Refurbishment work took place over the summer break with the replacement of the roof on the gymnasium on Grammar School Road as well as a complete overhaul of the electrical and heating systems in the south wing of the Wrawby Road school, which accommodates the reception office, the Geography Department and two of our science classrooms. Plans are to be confirmed for the next stage which is likely to be focussed on the Wrawby Road central hall, library and 6th Form facilities.

I would like to wish you all the very best for 2020 and I look forward to perhaps seeing some of you at the annual dinner. **R. Biglands**

Brigg Girl's High School: Brigg Girl's High School opened 23rd September 1919, in the Congregational School Rooms in Wrawby Street and The Kindergarten in Pratt's shop in The Market Place with sixty-six pupils. This was a larger entry than expected as arrangements had been made for thirty-five pupils. Many people in Brigg were grumbling and saying they were in need of a High School and Lindsey County Council decided to go ahead. There were no school buildings, no furniture and no text books.

The Bridge was taken as the badge and was suggestive as showing that with carefulness and faith, obstacles can be surmounted. With the motto – Fidelitas. The uniform was a blue kilt, white blouse and green belt. All the girls were to wear a green cap.

The school began in wooden huts on a small site adjoining The Vicarage. Three huts formed a quad with covered ways, classrooms, a spacious gym and cloakrooms with adequate supply of gas and water, heated by coke stoves. This was described as delightful with a unique character. The grounds were very muddy but the girls were very happy with "our cosy huts, stoves and little desks of our own. Things are altering every week and it is simply lovely and everything that we could wish for ..." (Miss Lardelli). Others describe the huts as "much despised" but what a magnificent spirit.

It appeared a cheerful environment promoting a Moral Education and general happiness and kindness. Miss Lardelli was the Head Teacher until 1935 bringing a buoyancy and charm with her. "Her enthusiasm she transfused into our very beings" said Doris Earle - Head Girl 1928 – 1929.

The original number of staff was 6 including teachers of drawing, dancing and pianoforte. A Domestic Science Mistress joined in March.

At the first Speech Day in June 1920 the Dean of Lincoln voiced the spirit of the time by saying how important it was that all girls receive an Education which would fit them for their new responsibility in competing with man in every sphere of life.

Potato patch monitors were appointed. The garden was a source of vegetables that were used to provide the School meals and the meals were made in the Domestic Science lessons. Drill was enjoyed by the girls and there was Sports Day, dances and fancy dress as well as a new laboratory. An outbreak of smallpox in Barnetby meant that pupils could not attend school, but had to take their exams in the holidays. The school was divided into Houses during Summer Term 1922 – Canterbury, Glanford, Lincoln and York.

The Foundation stone for the Wrawby Road site was laid in 1936 and the new building was officially opened 2nd November 1937. By this time there were 110 pupils. The new school cost £23,520 to build. The building included a well-equipped Gymnasium complete with shower facilities. Air raid shelters were built and there was compulsory carrying of gas masks. After dinner naps were allowed if any girl had been disturbed by air raids during the night. During the war the girls knitted blankets for hospitals during the "Knitting for Europe Scheme".

Miss Liddle was Headmistress during the war, the move from the huts to the new buildings on Wrawby Road and saw an increase in numbers. She had a great love of order and a valuable tradition of pride. She left to become the Head of The Queen Mary High School for Girls in Liverpool.

The High School has always had a strong tradition of raising money for others, including a tractor for Korea which was especially adapted to work in the rice fields. Other charities supported were Ockenden, Christian Aid, Save the Children, Lepira, Sunny Smiles as well as for local children and animals.

And the girls regularly enjoyed School Trips – we will never forget Rock Hall, Gibraltar Point, Paris and The Horncastle Residential (with the boys!). And we fondly recall THE FENCE, the new Computer Terminal linked via the GPO telephones network to the County computer in Hull, running on a timeshare system, using Basic and FORTRAN.

By 1946 the number of girls had increased to 187 and the school closed on 22nd July 1976 with 350 pupils, 20 full time staff and 7 part time alongside a caretaker, groundsman, secretary, lab technician, cleaning and canteen staff. Miss Moore had been the Head Teacher since 1970. There were 7 different Head Teachers in total.

The rules of Helpfulness, Tidiness and Cheerfulness, a liberal education, quality and improvement are a fine legacy left by the inspirational and much loved Miss Lardelli with her dark hair, her rich browns, tangerines and crimsons in dress, vivid, and radiating happiness. **Julie Lawson**

Brigg Girls High School 100 Years Old: A service was held for **Miss Lardelli** on Thursday 27th June at her graveside in Brigg

Staff, students, governors, foundation trustees and the Briggensians were all represented at this small but beautiful service for Miss Lardelli, the headmistress of Brigg Girls' High School when it opened 100 years ago this year. Many thanks to Rev. Fr. Owain Mitchell for officiating.



Brigg Sixth Form Awards 2019

Art & Design	Taylor Prizes	Nia Robinson
Biology	Derek Appleyard Memorial Prizes	William Clark
Biology	BSF Subject Prize	Ben Cowling
Business Studies	Henthorn Prize	Leah Hemstead
Business Studies	BSF Subject Prize	Chloe Hopkinson
Chemistry	Nelthorpe Foundation Prize	Rory Kelly
Chemistry	E F Brown Memorial Prize	Sam Lewis
Computer Science	BSF Subject Award	Callum Burrows
Drama	BSF Subject Award	Owen Jollands
English Literature	Spilman Award	Peter O'Hara
English Literature	BSF Subject Award	Kirby Moss
English Language	Briggensians Award	Harry Townsend
English Language	BSF Subject Award	Sadie Rickell
History	Taylor Award	Callum Burrows
History	Sergeant Prize	Stephanie Reid
ICT	Vale Academy Parents' Association	Emily Woollin
Mathematics	Briggensians Award	Jacob Marshall
Mathematics	BSF Subject Award	Josh Taylor
Media	BSF Subject Award	Richard Lowe
Music	BSF Subject Awards	Abigail Tutty
		Callum Law
		Megan Russell
		Thomas South
Physical Education	BSF Subject Award	Tori Smaller
	BSF Subject Award ~ BTEC Sport	Ben Botham
Physics	Stephenson Award	Sam Lewis
Politics	BSF Subject Award	Peter O'Hara
Product Design	BSF Subject Award	William Clark
Psychology	Vale Academy Parents' Association	Rebecca Barnes
		Georgia Hynes
Sociology	Vale Academy Parents' Association	Phoebe Kitching
		Megan Wells
Lardelli Awards	Contributions to Brigg Sixth Form	Tori Smaller
	For Progress & Effort in studies	Jacob Marshall
Progress	BSF Award	Stephanie Reid
Howitt Award	For Achievement	Nia Robinson
Cusworth-Preston Award	For Achievement	Peter O'Hara
Head Boy	Vale Academy	Josh Taylor
	Sir John Nelthorpe	Adam Clarvis
Head Girl	Vale Academy	Tori Smaller
	Sir John Nelthorpe	Georgia Hynes

Lower Sixth Awards 2019

Art & Design BTEC	Sophie Grainger
Art & Design A Level	Kim Butterfield
Fine Art	Mary Pye
Biology	Megan Holah
	Caitlin Hunter
	Dani-Louise Winson
	Luke Middleton
Business Studies	Lathaniel Watt
Chemistry	Esme Mastin
Computer Science	Zac Burnett
English Literature	Tara Drayton
English Language	Dani-Louise Winson
Geography	Sara Towers
	Luke Middleton
History	Byron Stewart
ICT	Raegan Thompson
Mathematics	Megan Holah
	Lewis Wing
	Kim Butterfield
	Georgia-May Paul
Media Studies	Tarran Chatha
Physical Education	Sophie Bullass
	Byron Stewart
Physics	Kim Butterfield
Product Design	Sophie Grainger
Psychology	Ellanyah Shoebridge
	Chloe Burton
Sociology	Caitlin Hunter

Destinations 2019

Sam Baker	Lincoln University
Rebecca Barnes	Employment
Jake Bennett	University of York
Julia Bernat	Sheffield Hallam University
Will Clark	University of Liverpool
Lucy Coulson	BIMM
Ben Cowling	Apprenticeship
Jak Dunnion	Employment
Ryan Frankish	Salford University
Keaton Fussey	BIMM
Matthew Ingham	Army
Lorna James	Bolton University
Georgia Kenyon	Police
Callum Law	University of Huddersfield
Richard Lowe	University of Nottingham
Kirby Moss	University of Lincoln
Daisy Quigley	Apprenticeship
Martha Reid	Employment
Sadie Rickell	Sixth Form
Job Robinson	Loughborough University
Leah Roper	Employment
Victoria Smaller	University of Lincoln
Eleanor Somerscales	Employment
Thomas South	Cathedral Choir
Joshua Taylor	University of Leeds
Abigail Tutty	University of York
Alysha Vessey	Employment
Megan Wells	Access to nursing
Emily Woolin	Screenology/Plymouth Marjon University
Stacey Breeton	Sheffield Hallam University
Abigail Brumby	Hull University
Callum Burrows	Lincoln University
Adam Clarvis	Leeds University
Leah Hempstead	Bishop Grosseteste
Chloe Hopkinson	NHS
Georgia Hynes	Hull Royal Infirmary
Rory Kelly	Newcastle University
Phoebe Kitching	Manchester University
Jacob Marshall	Lincoln University
Peter O'Hara	Huddersfield University
William Pople	Applying for RAF
Stephanie Reid	Edinburgh Napier
Nia Robinson	Chester University
Toby Skelton	De Montfort Uni Leicester
Nathanael Stanfield	Hope and Anchor Public House
Harry Townsend	Huddersfield University
Toby Traviss	Doncaster
Alex Williams	Lincoln University

Web Site:

I am very grateful to Jonathan Woodliffe who has continued to update and improve the Briggensians' web site.

You may wish to look at the site that is to be found at www.briggensians.co.uk which has a link to the splendid Sir John Nelthorpe website.

Facebook: "The Briggensians Association"

The Facebook site continued to inform members but needs more posts. Posts will be available to everyone to use if you have news and 'likes' will help to spread the word. 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.

Obituaries



Brian Richard Bradshaw (42-47)

Born on a farm at Caenby Cliff then brought up at Brickyard Farm, Atterby Carr. The youngest of 9 children he attended B.G.S. 1942 to 1947. After leaving B.G.S. he worked on the family farm but when he was 18 he went into Lincoln to join the RAF but came home having joined the Navy. He served for 7 years serving during the Korean War on HMS Newcastle. Following discharge he worked at the Ford Plant at Langley where the Transit van was developed. Then he managed a pub in Bracknell New Town before moving to Norfolk working in engineering making full use of his naval training retiring from Anglian Windows. His retirement was spent travelling the world must be the naval influence. He passed away 01 02 2019.



Alec Cummings: (1948-1950)

Sadly Alec Collins has died. He is survived by his wife Jean and they lived in Wirksworth, Derbyshire. If any member can provide more information then it would be appreciated



Liz Fallon (nee Arbuckle) (1963-69) emailed to say: "I have some sad news you might want to include in the Briggensian.

Geraldine Goddard (nee Butler) Girls High School (1963-1969) has recently died. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer which quickly spread to her liver and then her whole body and she was dead within 2 months.

We met when we were 5 and starting at Brigg Prep School and were friends through out school and beyond. She was married with 3 daughters.

We both had happy memories of our time at the High School and went back to one of the reunions where we were surprised at how small everything seemed, but then we were smaller then so it's no wonder the place seemed bigger!

She was a great friend and we shared some very happy times.

A great listener she had an optimistic view of life, she offered wise words and loving support.

I miss her as does anyone who knew her."

Frank Flear OBE (1946-51)

ONE of Grimsby's greatest seafood processing pioneers, Frank Flear OBE, has died aged 84.

Described as an enigmatic entrepreneur, of the like we may never see again, he expanded the legacy of the town's fishing industry, creating factories that continue to thrive today.

Survived by wife of 62 years Marion, daughter Penny and son David, in retirement he was a familiar figure around Cleethorpes, where he lived in one of the seafront-facing apartments, wholeheartedly embracing new eras as he did in work.

Daughter Penny said: "He was a wonderful, warm, generous man – very family orientated. We all spent a lot of time together, we were very close." "We had discussions all the time about current affairs, politics – Brexit was exercising him greatly!"

She said his time as High Sheriff was a particularly proud period. "He bucked the trend a little as they tended to be from farming, he was delighted and very honoured to do that; he had a wonderful year, a very busy year."

A grandfather, he went on to become a deputy lieutenant of Lincolnshire, and received the OBE from the Queen in 1998.

Frank was a Worshipful Fellow of the Company of Fishmongers and Freeman of the City of London and served as High Sheriff of Humberside in 1995, prior to the county being disbanded.

Born in the resort in October 1934, and one of a family of eight, he was educated at **Brigg Grammar School**, but the incentive to start earning was clear.

Despite leaving Brigg Grammar School after O-levels, he was made an honorary fellow of Lincoln University and Grimsby Institute, attending as many graduation services as his diary would allow.

He started work as a buyer for Ross Group as a buyer in 1951, learning the business as he went along.

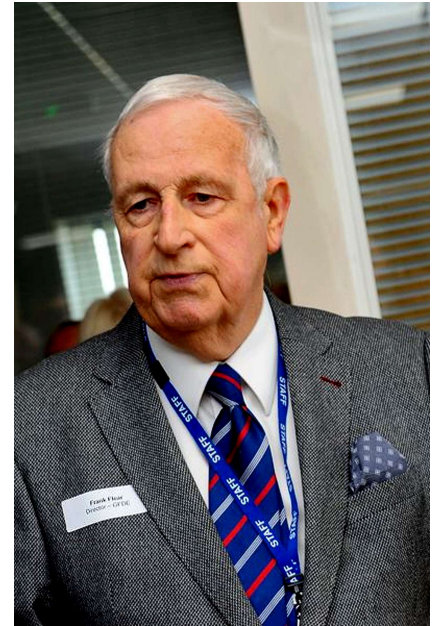
At 23 he was given charge of a curing factory, before heading across the Humber to Hull, to help develop the expanding frozen food operation.

In 1977, aged 42, he left Ross and set up Bluecrest. The business blossomed, opening the factory in Ladysmith Road recently expanded by Young's, of which it is now a legacy company, producing for the supermarket own label business, as well as for the retail and catering trade.

He remained at the helm through two buy-outs, creating jobs by the hundreds, and eventually buying RossFish. In the late Nineties he helped bring forward Seachill with a group of former Bluecrest executives - a controversial move at the time as it took Tesco work with it. And it grew with the supermarket, sowing the seeds of a business now hot on the heels of Young's, vying for the pride of 'position number one' in Grimsby.

Frank Flear was also the original Chairman of Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises Ltd, steering the development of the modern market in the early-nineties, with Ken Beeken, Derek Young and Martyn Boyers.

Mr Boyers, chief executive of GFDE, said: "He was very entrepreneurial, very intelligent and very knowledgeable about the industry. He was very enigmatic, always held in high esteem and always commanded respect of people. I don't think we will see the likes of him again, he was a unique character."



A long-term member of the FMA, in 1991 he accepted an invitation to join the board and helped prepare the way for fish dock modernisation, with the 'new' £15 million market opened in 1996.

Geoffrey Towler (1955 to 1962): We are sorry to announce that Geoff passed away in Bristol [on the 28th of July 2019](#). Geoff, an ardent cross-country and track runner, passed a degree in mining engineering at Nottingham University and worked later as a statistician for Imperial Tobacco. He had suffered from ill health for the last 5 or 6 years. He leaves a wife, Penny, and 3 children.

It has come at a bad time for Robert Towler (1960-1967) to lose his brother as it is just a month after his mother's death at 98.

Robert is presently working in Northern Uganda as team leader for a German firm, constructing a pipeline for water from the Nile.

Older Briggensians may note that Rob and Geoff's dad, Cyril (1926-1931) was at the grammar school and passed away in 1977. They, had, Geoff and Rob, both were good runners and all won the senior mile cup at different times.

John Christopher Foster (1947 to 1954): John was a pupil at Brigg Grammar School from **1947 to 1954**. He has sadly died at the age of 83 years.

John had intended to teach but instead chose the oil industry as a career, working with Petro Fina and then, when the two merged, with Total.



At 18 he went into the Royal Airforce for two years, most of which time was spent at the Central Fighter Establishment at West Raynham in Norfolk.

A highlight of those days was that he played the Double Bass in the station dance band.

After military service, he met and married Margaret, who sadly died ten years ago.

As a Justice of the Peace, he was for some years Chairman of Scunthorpe Magistrates. Tributes paid upon his retirement were testimony to the high esteem in which he was held.

John was at times a Conservative Councillor a School Governor a member of Probus and a member of the Samaritans.

He leaves Neil, Helen, and their families.

John was a dignified and capable product of a unique educational meritocracy

now extinct.

John and I had remained friends from our first days at Brigg Grammar School.

When his funeral took place at the Methodist Church at Burton on Stather, of which he and Margaret had been members, It was my privilege to pay tribute to an old and treasured friend.

(Rev.) Colin Lingard

Richard Price (1973-1980) informs us that his cousin and former Briggensian **Roger Dobson (1952-1960)** has



died peacefully. I am sure Briggensians are aware of Roger's many sporting achievements at school and then he went on to captain the Durham University football and cricket teams. Following a career in teaching in Chesterfield, Hull and Nottingham, Roger became an active member of the town council in Southwell, Nottinghamshire, where he lived. He was instrumental in setting up the first tourist information centre and he also wrote several books about the town, including two volumes about its second world war history, and another about Southwell's inns and alehouses.

Roger was a regular contributor to the annual newsletter and I remember he submitted an article in 2011 after he had completed a 500km cycle ride in Spain. On that occasion he was raising money for children's Time Travelling workshops at Southwell Minster. Roger attended the Briggensians' Dinner in 2017 with his wife Sue and other members of our family. He will be sadly missed by his family and all those who knew

him.



Sylvia Hastings There was a crematorium service at Woodlands Crematorium, Scarborough, on Friday 15th February 2019 at 12.45PM. This was followed by a service and refreshments at Westborough Methodists, Westborough, at 2.00pm.

Ian Stone:

Ken Howitt let us know that Ian Stone died in June 2019, whilst on holiday in Wales. Ian was a Biology teacher. When he left teaching he drove buses and then moved to Norfolk where he ran a pub. His wife, Joy, said that his death was sudden and very unexpected.

Karen Hirst (Whitehand)

Karen who attended Brigg Girl's High School sadly passed away on 7th November 2019 aged only 60. She had a valiant fight with Ovarian Cancer. Married to Phil she lived a lot of her life in Hibaldstow. She leaves 2 daughters, Emily and Cerys and also 4 grandchildren.

NEWS OF OLD BRIGGENSIANS 2019-20

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 three meetings annually that 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 to Julie Lawson who has assisted me this year in collating all the entries. Can I 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 2020 and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Dinner.



Heather and **Jon Cresswell (SJN 1985-92)** at a Garden Party in London in 2019. Jon is still in the army and currently serving in France

Derek Sumpter (1943-1950): writes to say that the 40s group, now 6 of them who regularly attended the Dinner, are still going! He regrets that they can no longer attend the Dinners as they are all 86 now ~ maybe it is down to School House breakfasts of porridge.



Helen Cresswell:

My volunteering this year was at Headingley, Leeds, helping at the World Cricket. It was great to be part of what ended in a magnificent win for England. This year is beginning with World Series Netball in Birmingham. My other highlight of 2019 was my trip to Australia last February. Despite a

long and tedious journey, it was an incredible trip and experience.



Rob Smart (1961-68) emailed to send a photo of **Paul Hutchinson (1961-68)**, a contemporary of mine, when I ran into him at The Hastings International Chess Congress. Paul and his brothers were the chess supremoes of the BGS team in the 1960's and still are playing at the top level. I bumped into Norman at the Congress a few years ago.



Tony Clixby (1963-70) with Mike Setterfield (1963-70)-on the right

Tony writes to say:

Me and my former classmates are now pushing 70 so it's good to be reminded of our school days.

Some of my happiest memories are of the athletics and cross-country. I even found a ten-second clip of myself setting out on the annual cross-country that was filmed as part of the school tercentenary celebrations if I remember correctly. I must have been 12 years old. But probably a lot faster then than I am now.

I remember competitions at Quibell Park and Cranwell. Competing there too was sprinter and hurdler Mike Setterfield who I had a chance to catch up with in summer heading back from Coventry to Cheshire. We managed a couple of pints and I laughed as he recounted the one and only time he beat Bill Eldridge in a race. I haven't kept in touch with Mike over the years but when I came across Squadron Leader Setterfield on the Internet I knew that must be him. He lived in Keelby during our school days as did Colin Wilson so there may be a chance in 2020 for the three of us to get together. Watch this space.



Neville Miller (1961-1968): I was hoping to report that Nev's shoulder injury was better following his motorbike accident, as reported in last year's Newsletter, but sadly that is not the case.

He is now awaiting an audience with the surgeon and meanwhile physiotherapist and osteopath bills keep climbing. The physiotherapist has restored most of his range of motion, but there is still clearly something damaged that could benefit from intervention and he remains in constant pain

It hasn't stopped him playing soccer but has affected his playing music in the folk band. He still gets about to various folk festivals across America and Canada, however, motorbike restoration has been slow but that's probably a good thing to avoid temptation!



John Duffelen: (1956-64)

Robert Maguire (1957-64) emailed to say: I have recently been in touch with classmate John Duffelen. This motivated me to re-join the Briggensians and plan to come to the dinner in March. After leaving BGS, I read Chemistry at UMIST and started work in Production Management with Procter & Gamble at their factory in Trafford Park. A year later I married Christine, a Lancastrian French teacher also working in Manchester. I rather surprised myself by still being with P&G when I retired 40 years later. In the meantime I had moved from Manufacturing into Distribution, working in Essex, then Purchasing, working in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and finally, for the last 17 years of my career, in Brussels with the R&D organisation. Christine and I have two children and three grandsons and now live in Dorset where we would be happy to meet up with any other Briggensians visiting or living in this lovely part of the world.

John Lang

David Waite – English Teacher wrote to ask: .As part of the research into school casualties of World War 2 I have been in contact with the Australian nephews of John Lang. John Lang attended Brigg Grammar from **1929 to 1938**, and lived with his grandparents on Albert St. His parents had already emigrated to

Australia. He was an athletics and swimming captain for Ancholme House and a patrol leader in the school scout troop.

He enlisted at the start of the war and was evacuated from Dunkirk. He then joined 11 (Scottish) Commando, and was killed in action in 1941 in a battle against the Vichy French in Palestine.

His nephews have sent a picture from an album that John posted to his sister in Australia. He is on the right, wearing what looks like swimming shorts. Could you share this picture with fellow Briggensians to see if anyone can name the other boys, or give a location. If you look closely there are some white houses in the distance on the left, so it might possibly have been taken on the school field.



Briggensians Down Under 2019 from Simon (1975-82) and Joanna Church

This weekend myself and wife (Joanna) had the pleasure of hosting our inter-state 'Briggensian' neighbours **Paul Jenkinson (1974-81)** and wife Caroline from their home in New South Wales.

The four of us drove the three and half hour journey south of Perth to the beautiful town of Margaret River.

Margaret River is set in the heart of the major wine growing region of South Western Australia and is famed for its great food and beverages.

Although the weather was a little on the wild side, we managed to dodge the rain and visit many local attractions, including Prevelly Beach, Mammoth Caves, Busselton Jetty, The Margaret River Chocolate Factory to name but a few.

Our lovely Air BnB accommodation was well equipped and many an hour was spent around the wood fire sampling a glass or two of the exquisite local Shiraz.

A toast was raised to old friends and staff back at Brigg Grammar, but with both Paul and I being somewhat 'vocally challenged' a rendition of 'Fortitudine' was not deemed suitable to share with the good folk of Margaret River!

However, a sporting challenge did go out from Simon and Joanna (representing Western Australia) to Paul and Caroline (Team NSW)

(NOTE - *In recent months Simon and elder brother / old Briggensian Paul Church have revived the Shakespearean game of Loggats).

Loggats is a simple game where wooden stakes (chair legs) and hurled towards a jack (or wooden ball)

Points are scored similar to lawn bowls with the winner the first team to reach 11 points.

In an enthralling game, interrupted by some drizzle and high wind, the NSW team took a commanding lead and led 10-6.

But the game was far from over. Team WA hit back with a four-point end to tie it all up at ten points apiece

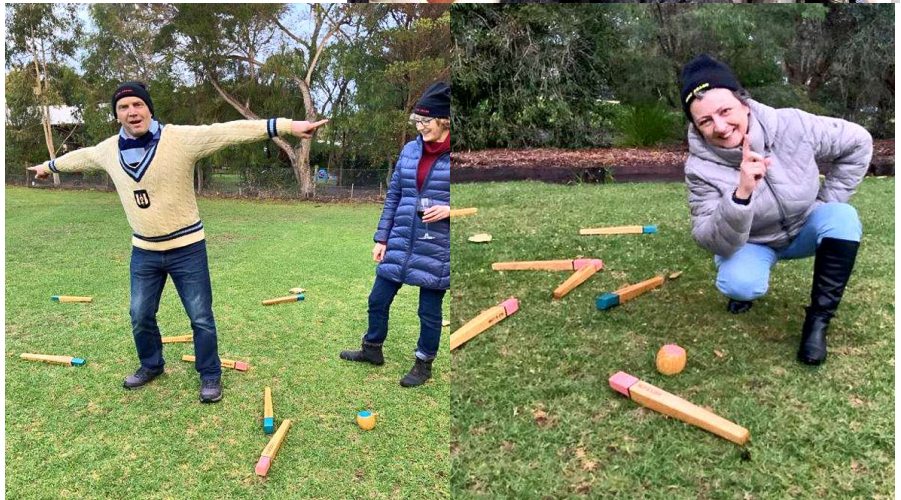
and it was left to Joanna to clinch victory for the elated Western Australia team and raise the inaugural 'State of Origin - Loggats trophy'

A planned rematch in Sydney is already well underway ... with rumours that Team NSW may be taking the game to 'altitude' with the Blue Mountains being investigated as the return venue!

All in all, it was a relaxing weekend break, with wonderful company and many funny stories shared.

We arrived back safe and sound in Perth on Sunday evening, just in time to watch the cricket World Cup game (India v Australia).

Anne Cox (opposite) returns these pictures:



Carmel McCourt and Michelle Cook:

Brigg High School students' pictures returned to their artists after 40 years. The two pictures were sold in the 1970s and purchased by Anne Cox. Anne, former School Secretary at Sir John Nelthorpe School and then Methodist minister, bought the two paintings produced by 6th formers Carmel McCourt and Michelle Cook. They were part of a sale of work organised by Head of Art, Ken Laming, for the school art department's exhibition that took place each year.

Anne was married to former chemistry teacher of the school and Brigg Hockey club player and umpire Peter, who sadly died last year. Anne, looking to downsize, wanted to return the paintings to

their former owners. Contacting The Briggensians' Association and using their website and face book page, she has managed to contact Michelle. Michelle and Carmel returned to collect the artwork as seen here.

Carmel is a successful singer and songwriter and she can be followed on: www.facebook.com/carmel.mccourt



Mark Proctor (1968-75): I am a member at Delamere Golf Club, Cheshire and became Chairman this year. I have always had a friendly word from time to time with another member, **Alan Scott (1955-60)** but one day recently he approached me with a question, "Chair, I hear you're from Lincolnshire... Yes Alan, where from? ... Brigg. I went to school there – not Brigg Grammar – Yes, You're not related to Ken Proctor? Yes, he was my brother. Ken and I were in the same class at school, I came from Scunthorpe. And so it went on... I put him in touch with you and I understand that Alan is now a fully-fledged Old Briggensian and looking forward to the reunion dinner!

We spent quite some time reminiscing and it all goes to prove what a lovely little club the Old Briggensians is with unexpected links popping up from time to time.

The Brigg White Horse was the venue for a reunion of the **Brigg Grammar School 1961-68** (mainly) year group and Dave Brittain was privileged to be invited along. Well done Mike McCleave for getting people together. Invitations went to: Mark Tatum; Mike McCleave; Bill Phipps; Ben Dacosta; Brian Wesley; Mike Sparling; John Scofield; David Arbuckle; Dave Brittain



Anniversary Celebrations:

To mark the 350/100 year anniversaries events have taken place in school except cross-country:

Cross Country:

After 20 years away the school pounded its way along Brickyard Lane in the Cross Country event revised to celebrate “the old days”.

About 500 pupils took part, some in the morning and the rest in the afternoon. For safety and supervision reasons the route was run in reverse to the original and a shorter course of 4km. The event was enjoyed by all; no slipping into their houses and no spoiling tactics. They actually want to do it again!!!! The staff who ran with them may have other ideas.



Quickest on the day were **Harry Baker (Year 10)** and **Cortez Reilly (Year 9)** who completed the course in under 14 minutes.

This was a sponsored event with proceeds going to charity

BRIGGENSIANS SPORTS 2019:

Cricket:

Nigel Fisher was pleased to report that the **2019 Cricket Experience VS School** game took place on, Friday, July 13th 2019.

It was the first time he'd seen the latest artificial pitch at SJN, which offered some help to the bowlers - good to see as many don't and that puts youngsters at a disadvantage when they join league clubs and start to play on grass pitches.

Nigel did the umpiring at both ends as we had a **surplus** of players, which was great to see.

Nigel very much hopes this fixture can be kept going in 2020.

Scores: Youth 110 for seven,
Experience 115 for four.

Some good batting, bowling and fielding were on show during the 2019 fixture, played on the artificial pitch at SJN.

It is located some distance from the old grass square used by generations of pupils and also Brigg Town Cricket Club for many years until demolition of the wooden pavilion and adjoining brick canteen building where teas used to be taken.

The game ended in a comfortable six-wicket win for the Experience team, who limited Youth to 110 for seven and knocked off the required runs in quick time.

Jack Richards, now a Brigg Town veteran, was in good form with the bat for the Experience XI whose most senior member, Brigg taxi business proprietor Tony Beel (1951-1956) was the oldest Old Boy taking part and got a bowl. Tony Beel, just managed to see victory achieved at 7.30pm before setting off to pick up a taxi fare!

He must have been 60 years older than the youngster members of the School team!

It was evident that Sir John Nelthorpe School continues to produce some promising cricketers, as it has done throughout the ages.

Current holder of the Lincolnshire County Cricket League scorer of the year trophy, Brigg Town's David Baggott was among those to assist with keeping tally when not fielding or batting.

Phil Dewfall later took the book in hand to enter the winning run - a no-ball that was hit for four.

Alex Smith managed the school side, with Nick Beacock organising the Old Boys. Jon Taylor, who helped



arrange the game, popped down at the start - camera in hand.



Left-arm seamer Nick, Brigg Town's opening bowler, produced the best wicket-taking ball of the match - an inswinging delivery that demolished the pop-up stumps.

Umpiring the match allowed Nigel an ideal vantage point to report on the match, which was 16 six-ball overs a side, and to chat to some of the Caistor, Barton Town, Brigg and East Halton club players remembered from years as a league umpire.

The weather was perfect - warm but not too hot - and we hope it proves possible to arrange another fixture in July 2020 to go in the Briggensians' Association events diary.

Many of these matches, decades ago, were played on Sunday afternoons, but a rapid expansion of Sunday league cricket in the 1980s resulted in a switch to Friday nights.

Now much less cricket is played on Sundays, could we try an afternoon game again, perhaps with a break for tea? *Just a thought...*

The first 'Old Boys' match is believed to have been played in the 1920s and various organisers since then have worked hard to keep this friendly fixture alive.

Many other Lincolnshire schools used to have similar matches decades ago but Sir John Nelthorpe's is now one of the few survivors. **Nigel Fisher**

Football:



Over 32 footballers and many more in the crowd and the bar turned up on Friday 27th December at Brigg Town FC for the annual Old Briggensians football game. The teams were the under 28's v the over 28's and the latter included a number of familiar faces such as Col Mumby, Daz Jordon, Dave Jordon, Paul Neal and Mark Morris to name a few. The game was closely contested and the old boys enjoyed much of the possession but the younger counterparts were more clinical in front of goal and ended up 3-0 winners, however, 2 of the goals were late Christmas presents from the goalkeeper, G Duncan. It must be said though that the keeper had performed 2



David de Gea class saves in the game.

At the end all 32 gave a round of applause in memory of Adrian Gibbons. All players contributed to charity to play and we managed to collect **£500** on the day that will be given to a cardiac charity chosen by Mrs Jane Gibbons. Everyone then went in the bar to play darts, dominoes, 5's and 3's, pool, a boat race, quiz and heading the ping pong ball. A few secret weapons arrived for the darts such as J Taylor senior. The old boys won overall and everyone had a great day. Thanks to Brigg Town for their hospitality and to Robbie Hall for organising the referee and assistants who were all microphoned up for the occasion.

Golf: Reports and results of the 2019 matches

BGS Spring Meeting, 15th April 2019

Top golfer on the day was, and congratulations go to, **Allyson Golland** with 36 points, playing off 21HCP with 6 pars, 6 bogies, 3 doubles and 3 scrubs, closely followed by three players on 33



points (Nick Golland, Kevin Turner & Ross McFarlane)
The course was in great condition with dry & firm fairways, it was a rain free day with swirling chilly winds, and a good time was had by all 15 golfers.



Past vs Present, Mon 1st July 2019: The annual Past v Present golf match took place at Elsham golf club. There were 8 players per team, playing match play pairs. The Past included Allyson and Nick Golland, Richard Rivron, Ted Cox, Kevin Turner, PeterJohn Dodd, Tim Fell and Jon Bain. The school team was made up of Jon Taylor, Tim Smith, Millie Smith, Byron Stewart, George Robinson, Mr Robinson, Richard Golland and James Smalley.

1. Ted and PeterJohn led out against Tim Smith and his daughter Millie. Millie has only just started playing and the old boys took an early lead but were gracious in offering coaching advice to Millie.
2. George and James were the next pairing for the school and it looked promising from the tee as Ted and PeterJohn were near the green when George hit a massive drive that whistled past Ted nearly driving the first green.
3. They played Tim and John and soon levelled the score.
4. Byron and Mr Robinson were next and took on Nick Golland and Kev' Turner. This game was close all the way round and much to the annoyance of the party behind seemed to be taking quite a long time to get round. Jon Taylor behind was getting worried he was going to lose his partner Richard Golland.



5. Jon and Richard played Richard Rivron and Allyson Golland. Jon started off alone as Richard Golland was joining after work and feared the worst as Richard Rivron sank a birdie on the first. The first 9 holes took quite a while and our party decided to bypass those in front and cut onto the 12th, a shrewd move. Jon had



one of those games where Allyson questioned his handicap on numerous occasions and the school ended up winning this one which meant it was all down to the final game.

A few drinks past, a few had to disappear before the final 4 ball appeared and it had all gone to the final hole. Kevin Turner sank an unbelievable put and won the last 2 holes to level up the day 2-2. Everyone had a great evening and we thank Elsham for their hospitality. Everyone agreed the course was in fantastic condition and we look forward to the next game. Even better was the fact Jon had managed to locate the long lost trophy. My thanks to Jon for this summary of the match, Allyson for coordinating the day, and to everyone who played which made this event so successful.

The Briggensians Golf Blazers: [Michael Shaw](#) noticed our Facebook request for information about the origins of the blazers and he reported; "those must be very old Briggensian blazers. I started work in our shop in 1955, I think there were only 2 or 3 left then, and I don't think we even sold them, although my memory plays tricks nowadays, so I may just be wrong on that. Certainly there were not many."

To the best of my knowledge, the blazer would not have been used in school. I believe they were classed as old boys' blazers. I used to have a photo of my father, **Derek (Sam) Shaw** wearing one sometime in the 1930s for casual wear. Striped blazers were fashionable at that time. I see the badge has the school motto fortitude on it, perhaps someone can jog my memory, I think this was just on the old boys badge, and possibly if they had won their colours, or maybe a prefect. Later on there was also a wired OB badge costing about £2.10 shillings = £2.50p. Considerably more than the cloth one. From the photos you can see that these blazers have been looked after very well, congratulations to whoever has looked after them.

Thinking further, re-the colours of the badge, fairly sure it was a cloth badge with Fortitudine underneath. The wire badge was only an OB one. As I am fairly certain my father was not a prefect, I am pretty sure the blazer was just for OB. Pleased the information has been of interest to you. **Michael Shaw**

BGS Autumn Meeting October 2019

A good day was had by all with some remarkably close scoring. Three players had 38 points, Dave Howson, Jon Taylor and Dave Harness, with Dave Howson winning on his back nine score. Pictured is Dave plus trophy with Jon Taylor, newly appointed Captain 2019-20, who was secretly miffed that he didn't win! However, he couldn't have worn two blazers. Dave has won the trophy before in 2002, showing he is still able to play quality golf 17 years later.

An altogether better day than last year's Autumn fixture, a few short showers and even some sunshine at times encouraged some quality golf from the 15 players, with most scoring 30+ points.

Key points of the AGM:

- Dave Brittain was re-elected President.
- Ted Cox was re-elected Vice-President
- Dave Harness was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer
- Jon Taylor was elected Captain
- Keith Barnes was elected Vice-Captain – many thanks for volunteering Keith!
- It was proposed that there be a '2's pot in future matches with £2pp, this was approved, so this will be implemented in the April 2020 game.
- It was agreed that the 2019 AGM notes, once approved by the Captain, will be circulated to the members, and matters arising will be reviewed in the 2020 AGM.



That closes the 2019 season, I think it was one of our better seasons for a while, there were 23 different players this year with 8-10 others who would have liked to play but were unavailable. My thanks to everyone who played and showed interest in the Society, and I look forward to 2020 season.

Mugs, Ties and Badges for Sale:



The association has available for sale a few ties and a new pin badge and 'Our Place in Time' mugs.

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

Mugs £5 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 2020/21 Newsletter or web site to: dave.brittain@talktalk.net

Briggensians' Association

43rd Annual Dinner 2020 - Booking Form

I will be attending the Briggensians' Dinner on **Saturday, 14th March 2020** (application closing date: **Saturday, 1st March 2020**) and enclose a cheque made payable to the Briggensians Association

to the value of £ for place(s) at **£25.00 each.**

Tables are usually for
6, 8, or 10 places

Name:

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(please write clearly)

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.	Melon	Tomato Soup	Pâté		Roast Beef	Salmon	Butternut Squash (v)	Raspberry Roulade	Fruit Crumble	Cheese & Biscuits	
Email:	(please write clearly)	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 Rachael Harvey, Sir John Nelthorpe School,
Wrawby Road, Brigg. DN20 8DS Tel. 01652 656551