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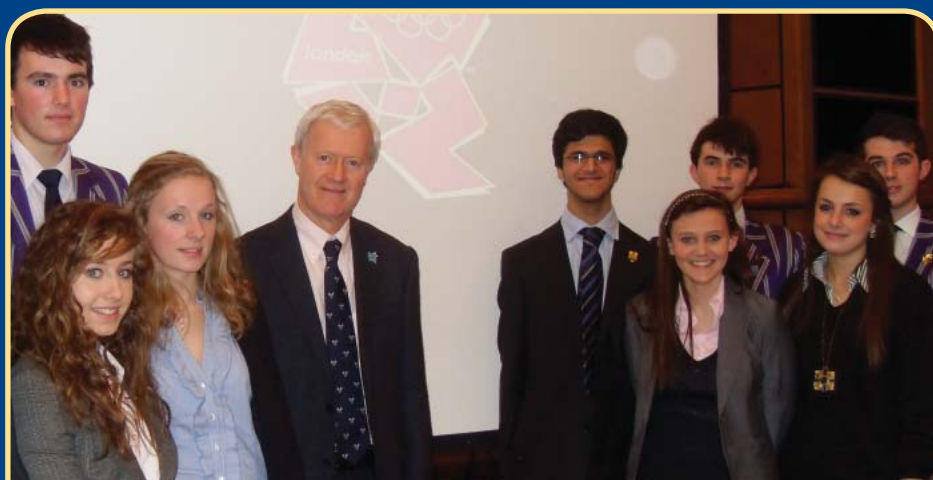


Former Pupil Inspires With Olympics 2012 Talk

An 'old boy' of Leeds Grammar School has inspired current GSAL students with an insight into his work for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Geoff Newton left the school in 1969 and is now the Director of Olympic Opportunities with the London Development Agency (LDA), which is the Mayor of London's agency for driving sustainable economic growth.

He visited the school to talk to students and staff about his work with the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Explaining the scale and breadth of the work involved in preparing for the Games, Mr Newton highlighted the unique opportunities for young people to get involved, particularly in volunteering, and said he saw the Games as inspiring a new generation to take up sport.



Pictured are (L-R) Alex Davidson, Felicity Jordan, Victoria Gee, Geoff Newton, Adnan Memon, Kate Robinson, Adam Bergen, Helen Mason and Oliver O'Neil.

Mr Newton also talked about Yorkshire Gold, the region's plan for capitalising on the 2012 Olympics, which includes 49 potential pre-Games training camps and a host of athletes hoping to compete.

He said: "Thousands of people in Yorkshire are already participating and seeing the benefits of bringing the

Games to the UK. Imagine the recent success of Yorkshire's sportsmen and women - Sheffield's Jessica Ennis with the World Championship Heptathlon Gold and Leeds' Alistair Brownlee's victory in the Triathlon - being repeated on an Olympic scale in 2012. There is no better way to inspire young people around the region."

Welcome New OLs!

Our Year 13 boys have now left the School and have become fully fledged OLs. We welcome you all, wish you all the very best for the future and look forward to meeting you at our events!

Appeal

We would like to hear from any OLs interested in giving a talk to our pupils about their chosen career path/industry. Please contact Mary-Ellen Wyard on **0113 228 5159** with your details.

Welcome from David Bell

President of the OLA



Thank you for the honour bestowed on me to serve as your President for the next two years. Serving after Richard Tovey will be a very hard act to follow! I started at LGS in 1941 at 8 years of age, in the early days of the war, under the formidable headship of Dr Terry Thomas. Then following a short career in the RAF, I joined the family Machine Tool Business in Leeds and Wetherby. Engineering has been my main interest throughout my working life, and it has been an extremely interesting career encompassing all aspects of engineering, especially mechanical engineering.

We welcome to the OLA all new members, and I look forward to meeting you at our many forthcoming events as listed elsewhere in this Review.

Please also be aware of all the facilities at the Crag Lane clubhouse and sports field in Alwoodley, and the many social functions and activities that are held there.

Over the last year we have had a number of successful events; perhaps the most enjoyable being the London Dinner. We were entertained with brilliant speeches by the Head, Dr. Mark Bailey, and the recently retired Deputy Head, Mr Peter Jolly. They were each presented with Honorary Life Membership of the OLA. As Dr. Bailey has now moved on to pastures new, we would like to thank him for his untiring help and support during his tenure as Head. We are all very grateful to him.

We would like to welcome the new Principal and Chief Executive, Mr Mike Gibbons, and look forward to meeting him at some of our future functions.

The OLA committee works hard on your behalf, and we would like to encourage younger members to join. The work is enjoyable and not too onerous! I would like to thank the committee members for all their efforts; it is a pleasure to work with them.

Finally I would like to give our thanks to Richard Tovey, who has been an excellent President, and has done a wonderful job for the OLA, and the last but not least, Bronwen Ashton, the school development manager, for all her help and support.

Message from GSAL's New Principal and CEO

It is a privilege to assume the leadership of The Grammar School at Leeds and I look forward to meeting many former pupils over time. The warmth of the welcome I have received has been most heartening and it is a considerable honour not only to take over from Mark Bailey and Sue Fishburn, but also to be heir to such

tremendous traditions established over the years at both Leeds Grammar School and Leeds Girls' High School. The pride and affection which generations of students have for their school is self-evident. It is great that there are such vibrant organisations of former pupils keen not just to take those traditions forward but to work to sustain the sense of camaraderie and belonging which characterises so much about the schools both past and present.

I look forward to a long and happy association with GSAL and with yourselves and, if the opportunity presents itself, please do say hello if you are visiting the school.

Mike Gibbons



Development Office News

Welcome to the latest edition of the OL Review. I will be covering for Bronwen on her maternity leave and we are thrilled to hear that she had a baby girl, Florence Matilda May, late May!

If you would like to submit an article for the next edition, the deadline is Tuesday 30 November. Please send copy and pictures to the Development Office via email: maryellen.wyrd@gsal.org.uk or by post to the school address.

Governors' Annual Review

The 2010 Governors' Annual Review is due to be published this autumn when it will be posted on the school website for everyone to read. If you would like to receive a printed copy as well, please ring any member of the External Relations team on 0113 229 1552 and ask them to add you to the Annual Review mailing list. In future years, only former pupils whose name is on this list will receive a printed copy of the Review.

Win Free Tickets to the Leeds Flower Show at GSAL this August!

Please don't forget to see the Calendar of Events on page 4 for details on how to WIN a pair of tickets to this event.

Have a great summer!

Mary-Ellen Wyrd

Alwyne Chappell OL50

Alwyne attended Leeds Grammar School 1945-1950 when he left to work for his father's Joinery and Funeral Directing company. Later he became a Director of a building systems manufacturing company. Alwyne remained keen on sport after leaving school and captained Scarcroft Cricket Club in the Wetherby and District League, Roundhay RUFC before they joined Headingley to form what is now Leeds Carnegie and was capped thirteen times as open side wing forward for Yorkshire in the days of the Rugby Union County Championships. At the age of twenty-six it seemed a good time to retire from rugby, having chopped off his finger and thumb with a circular saw. He took up sailing which proved to be life changing in that he gave up his job and sailed off with his wife to the Mediterranean at the age of forty-eight. His children, then in their twenties chose not to join them, so he sold the family home, bought them an apartment and returned thirteen years later. He has now written a book, 'Drink, Dear Boy?' about his adventure which is now published.

KD Pickup OL55 remembers...

I write in connection with the mention of Richard Burnett OL59 mentioned in the Review Summer '09. Seeing this name in the Review prompted me to dig out the enclosed photograph of the School Colts XI 1954. From memory, I think 'our' Burnett was 'Bob' but it may be the same chap. We enjoyed a good season and I think we lost but one match. As 56 summers have now elapsed since that lovely year, I thought it might perhaps be worthy of a reprint in the review. These are the names and some biographical snippets as I recall:



Back row: L to R: RD (or RB) Burnett, BG Smith, CS Hill (deceased), FJ Hollis, I Matthews, Mr PH Kelsey.

Front row: ? Windsor (with whom I opened the bowling), DJ Palmer (wonderful cross country runner), P Johnson, JD Brooke (superb all-rounder), Alan White, Peter Woodhead (Vice Admiral RN), KD Pickup.

Bernard (nicknamed Joe) Walmsley OL51

Bernard Walmsley came across these wonderful photos in his own archives and has passed them on loan to the School for reproduction in the newsletter. He is in the '48 Boxing Team with Mr Hare. Mason Clarke is with the Gym Team. From his memory, Mason took part in the Olympics in 1898! Bernard left school in 1951.

he remembers...

'One of the benefits of the merger will be school plays and presentations. In my time – late 40s, early 50s – boys whose voices had not broken played girls' parts. I was Lady Macduff in *Macbeth*; Lady Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet*; and Gwendolen in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. It was with considerable relief and considerable pleasure that I 'graduated' to the role of Fluellen in *Henry VI*!



1949 Gym Team.



1948 Boxing Team.

OL London Dinner 2010

The OL London Dinner 2010 was held on Friday 26 February at the Savile Club, W1. At 175 OLs, this was, I believe, a record. Given the previous two years' attendances were in the region of 75, we were lucky (skilful) to have picked a venue that could accommodate a sudden more than doubling of the numbers at short notice. This included an extra final three on the night. I didn't notice any of my quail missing. But then I can't remember what we had for dessert at all.

What was the cause of this Pythagorean swelling? Was it the prospect of the England-Ireland clash the following day? Was it the delicious menu? Was it a man? No, it was a legend. The legend of Peter Jolly (PJ to all), in the first year of his retirement, after 38 years at the school. In many senses, this dinner provided an opportunity for OLs to celebrate the career (more than a career) of this school force.

PJ had kindly accepted the invitation to speak and he mastered the floor, zig-zagging between tables as he made his presence felt across the two rooms that the dinner filled in his honour.

He delivered the expected, morning-assembly-quality, performance and received a prolonged and heartfelt standing ovation. A de facto second retirement party. Crowds, young and old, thronged around him for the rest of the evening; and I doubt he needed to buy a drink.

It was great to see so many ex teachers there; and to see the genuine honour that they seem to regard their status as Honorary OLs, their ranks now swelled by PJ. Current teachers too (Headmaster and "Too Tall Paul" Lunn).



Former Head Dr Mark Bailey (left) and recently retired Deputy Head, Peter Jolly (right) were both presented with Honorary Life Membership of the OLA.



L-R Richard Tovey and David Bell.

Given the bar was still pretty full at 1.30am, I would say that we had a good year.

The Dinner goes from strength to strength, the venue is welcoming and loved and we look forward to many more. But how to follow this one? There are plans afoot.

Thanks to everyone who played a part in the organisation. Thanks to all those who attended (please come and support us again next year). Thanks to Richard Price, member at the Savile Club. And thanks to Peter Jolly for being PJ.

Laurence Fumagalli, OL 1990.

OLA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010/2011

August 2010
Saturday 7 August and
Sunday 8 August
Leeds Flower Show
Venue: GSAL

Time: 11am-5pm Saturday,
 10am-5pm Sunday

NEWS FLASH For your chance to win a pair of FREE tickets to this fabulous event, we are GIVING AWAY 25 (pairs) to the first to ring in. So, please ring in and contact any member of the External Relations team via the main switchboard on 0113 229 1552 and provide your name, address and the name of the newsletter you receive. Tickets will be sent out late July/early August to the first 25! Winners, please send in your pictures.

November 2010
Friday 19 November
OLA Lunch
Venue: Aspire, Infirmary
Street, Leeds City Centre
(former Yorkshire Bank)

Time: 12-12.45

Price: £25 per head excluding drinks

For further details and to confirm your attendance, please contact Richard Tovey by email on

rsjt@gregorypropertygroup.co.uk

February 2011
Friday 25 February
OLA Annual London Dinner
and AGM

Venue: Savile Club, London

Further details on price and speaker to be confirmed in the next mailing.

April/May 2011
OLA Ball

Further details on venue, price and speaker to be confirmed in the next mailing.

If any of you are organising an event and would like it publicising in this newsletter, or would like help organising a reunion, please contact Mary-Ellen Wyard in the Development Office.

In Memoriam

Dr Richard Leslie Woodhead FRCP OL59

Dr Richard Leslie Woodhead died in November 2009. He attended Leeds Grammar School from 1950-1959 and won a Hastings Scholarship to Queen's College Oxford to read Medicine. He then trained in clinical medicine at University College Hospital London. From 1975-1997 he was a consultant physician to Bradford Hospitals. In retirement he wrote, 'The Strange Case of R L Stevenson' which was well received. He valued his education at Leeds Grammar School and maintained a keen interest in OLs and developments at the school.

George Thirkell OL45

George died on the 3rd of February 2010. He was married to his wife Barbara for 55 years, having emigrated to Australia in 1963 along with their son, Paul and daughter, Kim. George held engineering positions in various fields and many a building in Sydney is a testament to his planning ingenuity. He was also a skilled wood worker and made most of the furniture for their home. During his time in Australia, George attended four school reunions, the latest one being in Melbourne.

Professor Dr Neil Cox OL74

Nationally acclaimed dermatologist, Professor Dr Neil Cox, died at the age of 53 on December 8th last year. He was a 'bright youngster', was fast-tracked through Leeds Grammar School and sat his A-levels two years early at the age of 16. At 17, he attended Liverpool University, graduating with a first class Honours Degree in cell biology in 1978 before gaining a medical degree in 1980. Dr Cox worked on and chaired many national, regional and local dermatology committees. In 2005 he was made president of the dermatology section of the Royal College of Medicine. Medical writing was another part of his life. He chose to live in Cumbria because he was a 'countryman at heart'. Dr Cox is survived, by his wife Fiona who he married at Weeton Church in 1980, and their two children, David and Kathy, who are at university.

Geoffrey Hubert Wooler FRCS OL24

Geoffrey Wooler, who died in his 99th year, 'brought distinction to his native city of Leeds with his pioneering open heart surgery'. He was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Giggleswick School. After reading Medicine at Cambridge University, he began clinical work at the London Hospital. He was called up in 1939 and went to North Africa. There he began three years of front-line surgery during which he operated on some 3,000 wounded men. He returned to Leeds in 1947 at the invitation of distinguished surgeon, Philip Allinson, taking up a consultancy in the department of thoracic surgery at the General Infirmary. Mr Wooler and his team aroused national interest in making the heart accessible to surgery. Mr Wooler retired from the NHS in 1974. Subsequently he opened a restaurant in Headingley, Leeds.

Paul Newland OL57

Paul died on 31st January 2010.

Roger Barltrop OL49

Roger Barltrop died on December 6th 2009. He was born in 1930 and went to Leeds Grammar School before joining the Navy. He read Greats at Exeter College, Oxford, before joining the Commonwealth Office and was later appointed as High Commissioner in Fiji, in 1982. He then returned home in 1989 where he renewed his interests in amateur theatre and opera. He also appeared as an extra in the television film 'The Railway Children'. He married Penny Dalton in 1962 with whom he had two sons and two daughters; after they were divorced, he married Bojano Komadino, in 1988.

school news

Welcome to Our New Principal



Michael Gibbons (right) is welcomed to GSAL by Chairman of the Governors, David Gravells.

Mr Michael Gibbons has taken over as Principal and Chief Executive of GSAL.

Mike Gibbons, who has an outstanding track record in education, joins GSAL from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield where he has been Headmaster since 2001.

Mr Gibbons expressed his delight and honour to be assuming the leadership of GSAL.

He said: "I cannot think of another school that combines such tradition with such modernity, it is a very exciting opportunity. I look forward to getting to know the pupils, staff and parents, as well as the wider Leeds community."

He was born in Durham, but went to school in Leicester before going on to King's College, London University, obtaining both a degree in History and a diploma in Theology.

After a brief period working in London, he returned to King's to complete a PGCE and has been a teacher ever since. He taught for a couple of years at Ardingly College in Sussex before transferring to Rugby School (of Tom Brown's Schooldays fame) where he became a Housemaster. A stint as Second Master at Whitgift School in London followed, prior to his move to Yorkshire as head of QEGs Wakefield.

Mr Gibbons is a member of the Headmasters' Conference, for which he is the elected representative of the North East Division on the Education and Academic policy committee. He is also Chairman of the Forum of Independent Day Schools.

He is married to Penny and has a son at York University and a daughter studying A-levels.

GSAL Students Celebrate Oxbridge Offers

Eighteen GSAL students are celebrating offers of places at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Sixth formers with offers under their belts are Naomi Ackerman, to study classics at Girton, Cambridge; Laura Ayres, linguistics at Queens', Cambridge; Joe Dawson, classics at Corpus, Oxford; Grace Dickinson, French and Spanish at Homerton, Cambridge; Sarah Goulesbrough, classics at Queen's, Oxford; Sarah Hopkins, philosophy, politics and economics at Magdalen, Oxford; Owen Jones, biological sciences at Worcester, Oxford; Jason Lu, mathematics at Churchill, Cambridge; Georgia Lynott, mathematics at Trinity, Oxford; Tom MacHugh, English at Christ Church, Oxford; Pooja Menon, law and French law at St John's, Oxford; Alex Philpott, mathematics at Christ's, Cambridge; Claire Rogers, law at Jesus, Cambridge; Camilla Rooney, natural sciences at Robinson, Cambridge; Lucy Stone, French and German at Emma, Cambridge; Alex Watson, engineering at Pembroke, Cambridge; Laura Wetherly, politics, psychology and sociology at King's, Cambridge; and Rachel Zagajewski, economics and management at St Edmund's Hall, Oxford.



Back (L-R) Owen Jones, Jason Lu, Alex Watson, Joe Dawson and Alex Philpott. Middle (L-R) Lucy Stone, Camilla Rooney, Pooja Memon, Grace Dickinson, Naomi Ackerman, Sarah Goulesbrough and Georgia Lynott. Front (L-R) Laura Ayres, Rachel Zagajewski, Claire Rogers and Sarah Hopkins. (Not in photograph Tom MacHugh and Laura Wetherley.)

GSAL Wins Over MCC

The GSAL 1st XI cricket team defeated the MCC by five wickets in an exciting match.

The final score was MCC 197 runs for 6 wickets off 51 overs with Amrit Bhogal bowling 12 overs with 2 maidens, taking 3 wickets for 44 runs. GSAL scored 198 runs for 5 wickets off 52 overs with Luke Johnson scoring 65 runs and James Wainman, 62.

Head of cricket, Steve Dunn, said: "This was a fine performance by the lads for which they were praised by the MCC players for their play and all round contribution to the game."

David Picked For England Team



Talented sportsman David Swarbrick has been selected for the England U16 boys' hockey squad and represented his country at the 4 Nations European tournament at Easter.

The Y10 student, who plays at centre forward, is currently attending training camps at Lilleshall in the run up to the event where England will play against Germany, Holland and Spain.

David plays hockey for the GSAL first team and is also a member of the school's football, rugby, cricket, swimming and athletics teams.

Out of school he plays for Harrogate Hockey Club.

Callum's Adventure Series Wins BAFTA Award



Y11 student Callum Kenny is celebrating news that a BBC-TV adventure series in which he appeared has won a BAFTA Award.

Serious Ocean, a month-long voyage which was filmed in Southern Chile, won the factual category at the British Academy Children's Awards, in London.

The series was filmed at the end of 2007 and featured Callum and seven other youngsters as they trained in sailing and diving techniques in the

fjords and channels of Tierra del Fuego; carried out penguin censuses and research into remote colonies of sea mammals; and undertook the first survey of the most southerly glacier in the world outside Antarctica. The epic journey ended with the team rounding Cape Horn.

The four boys and four girls in the team, who were all aged between 12 and 15 at the time, are to meet up with the film makers this summer for a party to celebrate the award.

Gordon Represents West Yorkshire and England

Cross country runner Gordon Benson represented West Yorkshire in the English Schools Cross Country team at Heaton Park in Manchester where he came seventh in muddy and wet conditions.

This is the biggest cross country race in the calendar for English youngsters, attracting 324 runners. His performance earned him an England vest to represent England in the Home Countries International race, where he went on to finish fifth.

This event included the top cross country runners from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, with England winning gold.



Sri Lanka Cricket Tour

This year's cricket tour to Sri Lanka was a huge success with exciting matches and the chance to see the results of the school's fundraising efforts.

Some 19 players went on tour with Y10 girls Kate Hunt and Alice Johnson as scorers. They played cricket academy teams in Colombo, Kurunegala, Kandy and Galle, won four matches, lost three and were on the verge of a fifth win when rain stopped play.

Josh Habergham captained the party, leading from the front both on and off the field. James Wainman was the all round performer, scoring 243 runs and taking 11 wickets. Other key players were Chris Harrison, who gained his 1st XI Cap for a fine 52 at Galle International Cricket Stadium and scoring over 170 runs on tour, James Parsloe who finished top of the bowling averages, taking 11 wickets, and Alex Woodward, only in Y9, for some excellent bowling throughout the trip. The Top Tourist Award went to Tom Pettican for his all round contribution.

During the trip the team also had the chance to see the results of six years of fundraising for the Seenigama community which suffered in the Boxing Day tsunami.



The cricket team and GSAL staff visit the Foundation of Goodness charity at Seenigama.

Sam's Memorial Dinner Success

Sam Best has raised more than £16,000 for St James Hospital's bone marrow transplant unit at a charity dinner held in memory of his dad.

The Y11 student organised the Chris Best Memorial Dinner in the school assembly hall after securing the backing of 13 sponsors.

Guests at the dinner included Dr Gordon Cooke, who heads up the bone marrow transplant unit, and recently retired GSAL deputy head Mr Peter Jolly, who taught both Sam and his dad.

Chris Best tragically died in 2004 following complications associated with malignant lymphoma and Sam has dedicated himself to raising money in his memory ever since.

He said: "The evening was a great success and I can't believe how much was raised. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously."

Sam also expressed his thanks to teacher Leanne Sutheran who helped with the organisation of the event.



Sam Best with Peter Jolly at the dinner.
Photo by bencummingphotography.com

Chocolates and Cookies for Charity

Students and staff at GSAL raised more than £3200 to help communities in the developing world last year...by indulging their love of chocolate and cookies!

Religious Studies teacher Diane Norton runs a popular Traidcraft stall at break time along with a team of keen students, and colleagues Daniel Watkins and Lucy Brown.

Trade is so brisk that GSAL has also been able to pay £18 per month from the profits to support a child in Rwanda.



Pictured (L-R) are customers Eliza Milhaire, and Sophie Ruston with Mrs Diane Norton. They are being served by Jacob Ziff, Steven Moore and Sam Myerson. Not photographed is Lewis Renwick who also helps on the stall.

THIS YEAR'S CHARITIES

Senior School has raised £20,683 so far this year for:

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Martin House, Macmillan Cancer, Jeans for Genes, Salvation Army, St. Anne's Shelter, Dogs Trust, Joint Educational Trust, NSPCC, Water Aid, St. Gemma's Hospice, Cancer Research UK, Mary's Meals, St. George's Crypt, Starlight, Acorn, RSPCA, Diabetes UK, Mountain Rescue, Wheatfields Hospice, Children in Need, and the Breast Cancer Campaign.

After Easter there has been fundraising for:

Anthony Nolan Trust, Braintrust, Lepara, World Wildlife Fund, The Centre for Healthcare Associated Infections, Leeds Community Foundation, RNLI, Kidney Research UK, Lord Mayor's Charity: Riding for the Disabled and the Samaritans (Leeds Branch). There will also be a non-uniform day for Malawi projects.



For more information visit the website at www.gsal.org.uk or contact Mary-Ellen Wyard in the Development Office via maryellen.wyrd@gsal.org.uk, telephone: 0113 228 5159 or by post to the school address.



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