



Community Spirit

Education moves at a very fast pace and as we continue to provide the very highest quality teaching supported with the finest facilities it seems that there is one feature of our Schools which remains unchanged. Our current and former pupils share an indomitable spirit – a strong affection for their School, together with a zest for life and a determination to succeed in their chosen paths.

This spirit was clearly evident at a recent gathering of Old Boys, all of them former Captains and Vice-Captains who came together to

celebrate their contribution to the School and to hear our hopes and plans for the future. From diverse backgrounds, they shared a BGS education which has stood them in good stead to forge impressive careers and make an invaluable contribution to society.

Such spirit was equally evident in a team of current students and recent leavers who tackled the challenges of a telephone campaign to raise funds for the new Sixth Form Centre. Enthusiasm and determination led them to achieve their ambitious fundraising goal of £100,000 all of which will be used for the benefit of the next generation.

Community Service Rewarded

We are delighted to report that several members of the BGS community have been honoured this year.

School Governor and Chairman of the Development Committee, Brian Allan, received an OBE for his services to higher education. Brian was formerly Director of Foundation Degree Development at the University of Salford and, in a career spanning more than three decades, he has helped thousands of people progress into higher education and reach their full potential.

Geoffrey Shindler, Old Boy and Appeal Patron was awarded the OBE for services to the administration of justice. Geoffrey,

who lives in Prestwich, is a partner in the Manchester-based law firm Lane-Smith & Shindler. Geoffrey was also appointed as the President of the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Worldwide this year.

Dorothy Meredith, Old Girl, was awarded the MBE for her contribution to the Witness Service scheme. Dorothy worked in the Probation Service for 34 years and was a founder member of Victim Support. She played a very active part in establishing a Witness Service scheme in every court in Greater Manchester, thus ensuring the availability of support to every witness, whether he or she had also been a victim or not.

Victoria Wood OBE, Old Girl and Appeal Patron is undoubtedly the country's best-loved comedy writer and actress. Victoria won two top prizes at this year's BAFTA TV Awards in London. She wrote and starred in *Housewife 49* which was a one-off drama based on the war diaries of a housewife in Barrow, Nella Last, winning awards for best actress and best single drama. This brings Victoria's total of BAFTAs to a magnificent seven, including the special tribute award in 2005.

Full information regarding these awards can be found on the Alumni Website www.bgsdev.co.uk.



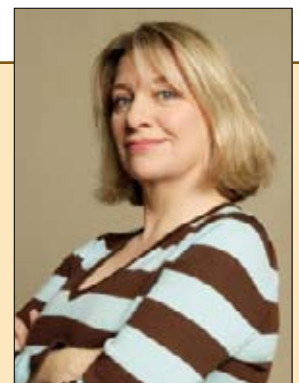
Brian Allan OBE and family



Geoffrey Shindler OBE



Dorothy Meredith MBE



Victoria Wood OBE



Steven Harvey,

Headmaster of the Boys' School, writes:

One of the many things which have impressed me about BGSB since I came to the school last year has been the affection which so many Old Boys feel for their School. This year we have responded to this affection by organizing two special occasions.

In June we held a Business Reception at the St James's Club in Manchester. A good number of Old Boys who work in the local and regional business community attended. In September we held a day for former School Captains and Vice-Captains. Over 40 attended and almost 80 wrote to say that, with regret, they would not be able to be with us. David Armsbey, our Second Master, spoke to our guests in a most engaging and entertaining way about many of those present. Geoff Bennett, who was School Captain in 1949 and a member of staff for many years, proposed a toast to the school, and Ciaran McCaughey, the current School Captain, replied to the toast to the Captains and Vice-Captains.

Among our distinguished guests on the Captains and Vice-Captains' Day was Col Dennis Walton who was School Captain in 1939, Sir Brian Cubbon, who was Vice-Captain in 1946, Alistair Burt MP, who was Captain in 1973 and Geoffrey Smith, Vice-Captain in 1961 who travelled from America to be with us.

Captains and Vice-Captains are very important people in the life of the school. They attain their positions because they are deemed by staff and boys to set a fine example of involvement and commitment and to possess leadership qualities of a high order. We are always delighted when Captains and Vice-Captains go on to achieve great things through leadership and service after they leave BGSB. We were thrilled to welcome so many of them back to the school for what was a most enjoyable and memorable day. I am sure that boys at the school today will feel inspired by the achievements of their predecessors.

At both the Business Reception and the Captains and Vice-Captains' Day I was grateful for the opportunity to bring the Old Boys up to date on the life and work of their School. I spoke about the school being primarily an academic community and was pleased to report on this year's public examinations results. The A Level pass rate was 98.9%. We were delighted that Matthew Trafford (last year's Captain) secured his place to read Law at Jesus College, Cambridge.

We were particularly pleased with this year's GCSE results. The pass rate at Grades A* to C was 97.2%, with 47.2% of the entries being awarded Grades A* or A. Every one of the 95 boys achieved at least 7 A* to C passes, and 15 boys achieved either A* or A in each of their 10 subjects. We were pleased to appear in the list of the 44 top independent boys' schools (at GCSE) in the country published in *The Times* on 1st September.

Last term two of our Seventh Formers, Scott Mody (this year's Vice-Captain) and Richard Stanton, had poems published in *Iris* magazine, a magazine which promotes Classics in schools. They wrote the poems, translations of Ovid's *Amores*, as part of their AS Latin course. And April saw the publication of *Away With Words* – an anthology of poems written by pupils from schools in the north east and north west of England. The anthology contains poems by 32 First and Second Formers from BGSB.

While we are primarily an academic community, we aim to be much more than this. I was pleased to read a recent interview given by Tony Little, the Head Master of Eton. Mr Little, commenting on the A Level results achieved at Eton this year, said: 'My belief is that if you set up a good pastoral structure and you provide rich extra-curricular activities such as music, sport and theatre, then the academic results will follow. It pleases me that this year of boys who have done so well at A Level have

also done well outside the classroom.' This holistic view of education is something which I fully endorse. I believe that here at BGSB we have both a very good pastoral structure and a rich extra-curricular programme.

Last academic year we launched the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Twenty two senior boys are currently preparing for our first World Challenge expedition; they and four members of staff will be going to Mongolia for a month next summer. Two of our musicians – Alex Benn and Martin Hagan - have become full members of the Hallé Youth Orchestra. The 14th annual BGSB trip to the Battlefields of the First World War will take place later this term. Last November ten Sixth and Seventh Formers entered the highly prestigious annual Sir Rhys Davies Mock Law Trial Competition in Manchester winning against fierce competition from leading independent schools.

In March the CCF had its biennial inspection. The report said: 'This was an all-round excellent inspection which demonstrated a CCF with high morale, well led and equipped and a credit to themselves and the school'. I am very proud of our CCF and greatly admire the contribution it makes to the character development of those who are part of it.

In sport we continue to maintain a pleasingly full fixture programme in Soccer, Rugby, Cross-Country, Basketball, Cricket and Golf. The sporting highlight last year was the success of the 1st XI footballers in getting to the semi-final of the ISFA Cup. Plans are well underway for a sports tour to Australia and New Zealand in the summer of 2009. The boys who have been selected for this tour are looking forward to it enormously and are already busy with their fund-raising.

In last autumn's Inter-House Cross-Country competition the boys were encouraged to have their runs sponsored, in order to raise money for Oxfam. The boys raised over £1600. Last year we also held two non-uniform days to raise money for 'Children in Need' and 'Jeans for Genes'. A sense of gratitude for the education they receive here, and a sense of responsibility for those less fortunate than themselves, are what we try to instil in the boys.

I started by referring to one of the many things which have impressed me about BGSB. I am also very impressed by, and very grateful for, the fine Common Room with which I am privileged to work. It says a great deal for BGSB that so many staff give many years of service – in some cases a whole career – to the service of the school. At the end of last term, Stewart Brady retired after 33 years' service; Keith Whittaker retired after 31 years' service; Sarah Golightly retired after 22 years; and Irene Pope after 20 years. While the retirement of such colleagues is always a sadness, I am delighted that advertisements for staff attract people of real calibre. It is the staff who are at the heart of our central aim – to give the boys an outstanding launch for their adult lives in a caring and challenging community – and I am enormously grateful for their commitment to this noble purpose.

A full report of the School Captains and Vice Captains' Day can be found on the Alumni Website, www.bgsdev.demon.co.uk.



School Captains and Vice Captains of Bury Grammar School Boys



Ciaran McCaughey with Col Dennis Walton



Bobby Georghiou, Headmistress of the Girls' School, writes:

It gives me real pleasure to write this article for *The Key* at a time when there are so many good things to report from the Girls' School.

As I write, the great majority of our last upper sixth are busily packing for their first term at university. They have won some very fine places having yet again achieved highly at A level where our overall pass rate was 100% with 79% of the grades at A and B. Around one third of these girls each gained at least three straight A grades. Twelve students gained at least four A grades and one (Penny Lawton, who now goes to Durham to read physics) five. Fiona Dickinson gained six. She is one of our successful Oxbridge applicants and will be studying architecture. Charlotte Maher (social and political sciences), Nichola Leach (geography), and Kathryn Hernandez (law), all secured their Oxbridge places. At GCSE our overall pass rate at A* to C was 98.5%. All girls gained 5 A* - C, the government bench mark. Our A*/A percentage is 60%. Twenty seven girls had 10 A*/A passes and Sophie Greenhalgh gained all of her subjects at A*. Katherine Hampson and Lucy Schofield both won marks in the top 5 nationally in English Literature out of an entry of 364,832 candidates.

Exam success is as ever only a part of our busy school life. We have a very full extra curricular programme and there have been many trips at home and abroad. Just before the end of term nearly all the lower fourth (year 8) went to France overnight as part of our very popular cross curricular event which sees most girls taken out on a visit and time in school given to an activity which requires them to work beyond the range of their normal subjects. Over the holidays the CCF went on their annual camp, this time to Wathgill. The Festival Choir went to Lake Garda and Venice where they sang in St Mark's Basilica during Sunday mass. A concert in the very pretty church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli drew



Festival Choir, BGS G

quite a crowd. A group of our sixth form girls went to Lourdes to help the pilgrims there while the most intrepid spent four weeks in Kenya on a World Challenge Expedition. July 16th saw all of them with three accompanying staff on the summit of Mount Kenya, a trek of several days far from the comfort of home. They then spent a week at an orphanage where they helped with the care of the children and where the dormitories now have bright painted murals signed *Bury Grammar School Girls 2007*.



Kathryn Cross

Our sporting stars were very busy over the holidays too. Abigail Irozuru represented Great Britain in the World Athletics Championships where her performance in the under 18s long jump placed her 15th in the world. Kathryn Cross, already the first girl to be selected for the Lancashire Academy, joined the U21 development squad over the summer, represented her country in Holland and was voted U18 Young Players Woman Cricketer 2007. Gabriella Kaye is Lancashire number one in under 15 table tennis and represented England in the Maccabiah Games in Rome where she won a bronze medal. Katey Jason was selected to play hockey for the North of England Squad and joins Soraya Hassan playing for Greater Manchester Under 17s while Helen Wakefield and Jessica Mortimer have been selected for the Under 18 team.

We are now all eagerly awaiting the completion of the new Kindergarten in May 2008 ready for the children next September and the plans are well underway for the Sixth Form Centre due to begin next summer. Fund raising has been a major part of our last year. A number of our sixth formers took part in a very successful telephone campaign and we have also received tremendous support from our Parents' and Old Girls' Associations. Besides the generous donations made by individuals, we have had some very enterprising fund-raising ideas: Mrs Anyon, school secretary and grandmother of Emily, parachuted from 14,000 feet earning £1000 in sponsorship for the buildings fund while earlier in the year Mr Popadich, father of India, and the Parents' Association held An Evening of Hair and Fashion which raised £5000. The Old Girls' Association raised £700 through a raffle of a painting by Judith Moore, which has been given to the Kindergarten. We are fortunate as a school in the support we receive from our community but it always seems to me that time and time again our pupils repay our faith in them and I do not doubt for a moment that they will make the very best use of the facilities and resources we are all striving to gain for them.

As we look forward to another action-packed year, I thank all of our friends, families and supporters; we do appreciate the faith you show in us.

Increasing Access

The Governors of the Bury Grammar Schools are committed to the provision of bursaries giving access to bright children whose parents are unable to afford our fees. Our Bursary Scheme brings benefits to individual recipients, the schools and the community. The children who benefit from this Scheme are often amongst our highest achievers and, in their turn, make a valuable contribution to society. Furthermore, it is vital that we maintain a rich social balance within our Schools.

We thank everyone who has contributed to our Bursary Fund and we are delighted to report that in September 2006 we were able to create 8 new bursary places and in September 2007 12 new bursary places. We are now looking for funding for children who will take the entrance examination in January 2008. For further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Francine Healey, Development Officer.

Chairman's Dinner

The Chairman's Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 14th November. This is an occasion where we can thank our current supporters and also encourage others to play a part in the future of so many young people in and around Bury. We shall inform our guests of the developments in School and of our plans for the future. The purpose is twofold: to improve the resources available to all our pupils, thus ensuring that we continue to provide the highest quality educational experience, and to encourage support of our Bursary Fund. Our guests are drawn from members of the business community, and parents, former pupils and friends of the schools. If you would like to receive an invitation to this event or to a future dinner, please do not hesitate to contact Francine Healey, Development Officer. Tel: 0161 764 1733

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Junior Masterchef

On Thursday 21st June 2007 eight teams of Bury schools' students took part in the final of the Junior Masterchef competition organised jointly by Tottington and Bury West Rotary Club and Bury College.

Our two teams were Jodie Taylor and Wallis Hogan, each in year 10 and Sana Chaudhry and Sophie Jones, each in year 8.

The competition was held in the Bury College Kitchen and Chef, Mr Mo Daho, told the girls and boys that they were all winners to reach this stage. After two hectic and very hot hours the dishes were displayed for the judges and the guests who included parents, teachers, friends, rotary members and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury. All the food was cooked to a very high standard and presentation was superb.

The team from St Gabriels was placed first and for the second year running Jodie and Wallis gained 2nd place.

All competitors received a certificate of commendation, plus the aprons and chef's hats worn for the competition.

Our congratulations went to all four students who took part in this exciting competition.



Sana Chaudhry with the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury

Computing Award – April 2007

The Computing Department at BGSB is delighted to have been recognised as achieving the best A Level Computing results at an independent school. The award was made by *The Good Schools Guide* which aims to highlight excellence in teaching.

The Good Schools Guide ranked BGSB first using a combination of measures which included actual results over the last three years.

Paul Meakin, the school's Head of Computing, says: 'I am very pleased that the hard work of the boys and members of staff has been recognised by this prestigious award'.

World Challenge - Kenya 2007

- BGSB

In September 2005, after a rigorous selection process, a team of twenty one girls embarked on a two year programme of challenge. The aims were to bond together as a group, become aware of each others' strengths, weaknesses and needs, raise £3250 each towards the cost of a thirty two day expedition to Kenya and plan all aspects of the challenge.

The group met on a regular basis to discuss fundraising activities and plan routes, transport logistics and everything else required to complete the expedition. Three years earlier a similar group had been to South Peru and before that to the Himalayas in Nepal so a certain amount of feedback had been gratefully received.

Over the next two years the group successfully completed a three day training course in Buxton in the middle of a very wet October and raised much of the finance through activities such as setting up stalls at the November Craft Fair and May Gala. The main source of fund-raising came through a successful campaign of bag-packing at Morrisson's.



Eventually following final itinerary planning and a 15Km fitness test the group was ready for departure.

There were twenty girls along with Mr John Wilkinson (school leader), Mrs Pat Pearson and Tom Parkin, the World Challenge expedition leader.

The whole expedition was a resounding success. After arrival in Nairobi, the team left to do a safari in Hell's Gate National Park where a variety of wildlife was observed. We then embarked on an eight day trek to the summit of Mt. Kenya at 16,500 ft. The spectacle of a party of 23 all reaching the summit in time for sunrise was astounding.

Following the trekking phase we spent time experiencing living in a Somalian hut and working with a camel herd. We then headed east to Mombasa and to the Rainbow Rescue Centre three hours north in Malindi. Here the group taught in the main school, helped construct a new hospital and kindergarten, and spent time with the sixty orphans at the centre. We painted the dormitories and spent leisure time with the children.

Finally, we had two days of rest and relaxation on the beautiful Indian Ocean Coast.

Everybody involved in this project gained far more than they ever imagined. Some of the challengers' comments included:

"The most amazing experience of my life – full of so much love and laughter and shared with the most amazing friends ever."

"The most magical experience shared with the best of friends!"

"A truly amazing expedition shared with truly amazing people; creating memories full of laughter, happiness and emotion which will stay in my heart forever."

J. Wilkinson



World Challenge - Mongolia 2008

- BGSB

Mongolia is the destination for the team of teachers and students from BGSB in summer 2008. The trip will be the culmination of almost two years of planning which began in December 2006 when prospective participants were interviewed to assess their eligibility. The cost of the expedition is £3,500 and each boy has to raise his own funds to pay for the trip. This has led to many fundraising initiatives ranging from busking in Bury to eBay entrepreneurs.

The team will travel through Beijing during the Olympic Games to reach Mongolia where they will acclimatise in Ulan Bataar, the capital. Provisions will be purchased for the trek to the north of the country, near the Siberian border, travelling on foot for eight days and then horseback using traditional Mongolian saddles for three days. The team will then return to Ulan Bataar to help in a school or orphanage. The final phase of the exhibition is a visit to the Great Wall of China and Hong Kong. The expedition will be a life-changing experience for the boys who have also undertaken to raise funds to help the community in Ulan Bataar. One fundraising idea is to hold an auction for 'the things that money can't buy'. Any contributions or ideas for other fundraising ventures would be most welcome.

Mark Bradley

20th Art Show - BGS

Thursday 10th May was the date marked for the 20th Annual Art Exhibition in the Girls' School. The exhibition was testament to the wealth of talent in the school and a culmination of the efforts of those pupils studying Art, Design and Technology. Work was displayed in the form of paintings, textiles, sculptures, photos, garments, furniture and furnishings.

GCSE student, Aadhithya Anbahan, who was born in Madras in India, produced a body of vibrant work inspired by the Asian culture. She persuaded members of her family and her friend, Rebecca Bailey, to model for her in traditional Indian Costume resulting in bold, colourful exotic pieces. Aadhithya's was just one of the many exhibitions on display which were greatly admired by our guests.



ART TRIP TO ANDALUCIA

A week after returning from study leave, sixth form Art students, Muqim Arshad, Alessio Bacci-Evers, Oliver Harrison and Harrison Woods, set off to Spain to gather primary information for their A2 course.



Upon arrival at Malaga Airport, the students were greeted by Andrew, a local artist, who took them for a traditional Tapas lunch, following which they went to the Picasso Museum to see work by the legendary artist. The museum displayed fine examples of Picasso's earlier work and students also had the chance to observe the development of Picasso's cubist style, reflecting on the inspiration he got from African art.

Later, travelling along the beach road to the hotel Finca El Cerillo, students admired the spectacular view of the sea. The journey then continued into the mountains, along steep, winding roads, with huge drops to the side. Finally, upon reaching the hotel they were greeted by proprietors Gordon and Sue (and Basil the dog).

After a quick tour of the hotel they set out to explore the grounds where they would sketch and paint.

That evening after a splendid meal in Competa there was an opportunity to watch football in the square which was alive with a fabulous Spanish atmosphere.

The rest of the visit was spent hard at work, exploring the area and working around the grounds, drawing and filling sketch books.

Visits were made to Fabrica De La Luz, a National Park, where they got the chance to experiment in watercolour. The Fabrica is an area of great beauty; a natural stream runs through it and the different types of trees and rocks there make good subjects to sketch. Frigilana, is one of the area's big tourist attractions and students visited to make more sketches and interpretations of the views of the white houses on the sides of the mountains.

The trip gave all students an opportunity to work in a variety of media and to draw and paint the dramatic scenery surrounding the hotel. It was an ideal opportunity to focus completely upon Art and spend time developing skills and gaining inspiration.

On the last night of the trip hosts Gordon and Sue, along with Mr Burns and Mrs Golightly, were delighted when the boys delivered a speech thanking them for such an enjoyable and interesting 'study trip'.



ARTFEST 2007

During one day of hectic activity in the Girls' School, every member of Year 7 was involved in creative work for a day. Pupils were able to choose from nine activities provided by artists in various rooms around the school. The theme for exploration was

'METAMORPHOSIS', focusing on the change of either materials or ideas.

Graham Marsden led a Kite-Making Workshop, Jill Randall instructed pupils armed with glue guns on how to construct a themed box using scrap metal and plastic, the group led by John Hassall produced successful watercolours of flowers and koi carp and Bob Nancollis took over the Design and Technology workshop so his group could paint and hammer undisturbed to create wooden 'shrines' embellished with bottle tops and plastic toys. John Spedding brought suitcases of weird and wonderful objects into the Art Room, encouraging his group to express themselves on a large scale in a variety of media whilst Howard Fisher's



group transformed photos of their friends into sophisticated digital pictures, alive with colour and pattern.

Taste buds were activated by a superb display of cakes, pastries, sandwiches and salads, manufactured by pupils from felt, buttons, beads and sponge, a first for Textiles Technology teacher, Barbara Swift who, up to now, has worked in the more conventional field of dress making. Garments made by Ruth Spedding were adorned with all manner of decoration to express the idea of the wearers' inner selves and last but not least, Jeff Allen made a return visit to BGS working with pupils to build a splendidly symbolic school swan from wicker complete with its 'key' to knowledge.

Mayoral Visit to BGSB Exhibition

The hard work of all GCSE and A level art students was celebrated in May with a visit by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury. Councillor Farooq Chaudhry and Mrs Rubina Chaudhry were most impressed, not only with the high standard of work on display but also with the superb facilities of the new Art wing at Bury Grammar School Boys.



The Ogden Schools' Science Partnership

After initial discussions in early summer 2006 prompted by The Ogden Trust this partnership was established between The Bury Grammar School Girls, Woodhey, Castlebrook and The Derby High Schools with Holy Cross College and Bury Grammar School Boys joining at a later date with input from Manchester University. The aim of the partnership is to

promote an increased interest, enthusiasm and fascination for science amongst the students at all of the participating institutions with the hope that many will eventually pursue scientific careers. The sponsorship for this partnership is generously given by The Ogden Trust along with a DfES grant which allows our major events to be funded.

During this following academic year many varied activities have been developed by the staff of the schools. They have included student lectures, one hosted at Woodhey given by Dr Ian Morrison on 'The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence', another at Bury Grammar Girls given by Professor Patrick Gaydecki on Digital Signal Processing; a Teachers' Working Group led by Daniel Waind from Woodhey and hosted by Woodhey and Bury Grammar Girls; a launch week in March involving the visit of the Starchaser rocket, the building of rockets at the different schools and a launch dinner. During the launch week year nine students from the Girls' School visited The Derby School and from The Boys' School visited Castlebrook.

The dinner was hosted by the Boys' School; guests included The Mayor of Bury, Cllr Jack



Peter Ogden with students from BGSB

Walton, Sir Peter Ogden, David Chaytor MP, staff, governors and student ambassadors from the participating schools, staff and governor representatives from Wakefield where a similar partnership is in operation and research scientists from local universities. The after-dinner speaker was Professor Peter Fielden from the School of Analytical Science and Chemical Engineering, Manchester University. He spoke about the importance of 'Curiosity, Creativity and Challenge' in science.

The theme of 'Space' has been followed through these activities and the final joint event under this scheme was a trip to the National Space Centre, Leicester at the end of June for eight students and a member of staff from each of the schools.

The partnership enables staff and students to work together in a way appreciated by all concerned and not experienced before. It has led to close collaboration and dialogue between the schools as we have pursued our common aim. We are grateful that there is funding for at least another year and we look forward to developing the theme of 'Light and Sound' next year.

Science in Focus - BGSB

This is a sixth form monthly lunch time activity that has been run by the Girls' School for the past five years; it is open to students from both sixth forms and usually has an attendance of about 30 interested scientists.

My aim in setting up this group was to introduce what is new, interesting and exciting in the scientific world to the students, by inviting in speakers to talk about their areas of research. Girls are involved in the inviting and thanking of speakers and they also have the opportunity to have lunch with them before the lectures.

Speakers have come from universities, research institutes and hospitals, and have covered a wide range of topics. Last year Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell was one of our speakers; this year our speakers have included, Dr Maria Canal talking about biorhythms, Professor Rob Lucas on a new method of light detection in the mammalian retina, Professor Peter Fielden on the latest analytical measurement techniques, Dr Elaine Docherty a molecular diagnostic geneticist on a type of retinal cancer found in babies, Dr Liz Sheffield on the sex life of ferns, Professor Patrick Gaydecki on the digital signal processing revolution and Dr Rip Gangahar on the use of ultrasound in accident and emergency diagnosis.

Each of the speakers has given an inspirational and some of them a practical insight into the relevance of their work.

I have been very encouraged by the students' attendance and the interest they have shown. I would always be very grateful to know of any new speakers; please do get in touch with me if you know of anyone who would be willing to come and speak to us.

Sally Fielden

Head of Science, BGSB

BGSB Springwatch

Pupils in the Girls' School avidly followed the progress of a family of blue tits early this summer. The birds were recorded in their next box with remote camera which was kindly supplied by the Parents' Association. In May the girls were treated to pictures of the seven young being fed by their parents, although the wet conditions made it difficult for mother and father to find food. It was a great relief, tinged with sadness, when the fledglings left the nest to fend for themselves on 1st June. It has been a fascinating experience bringing wildlife to the centre of BGSB and one which was enjoyed by all.



Geographers and Geologists

Thank you to everyone who responded to my request about your geography/geology careers.

One thing that I found out was how unique a discipline geography really is. This was no more evident than seeing how diverse your career paths have been. I genuinely believe that geography is one of the subjects on the curriculum that teaches pupils skills that are relevant to a rapidly changing world. Geography numbers are falling nationally at examination level, but luckily here, we are resisting the trend with large numbers at GCSE and AS/A2 level. With the information that you kindly supplied, I can now show the pupils what can be achieved and what sort of future career paths can be followed with a little hard work and dedication.

Once again, I thank you for taking the time to help me and the pupils.

Mark Bradley

Discovering Science at BGS

In July we invited year 5 children from 6 local primary schools to experience lessons in both Bury Grammar Schools. While our focus was always to be science we also wanted a cross curricular approach and so included classics – on a scientific theme. With the help of the Ogden Trust we arranged their transport and they duly arrived on one of the rainiest days of the year, keen to experience real scientific laboratories.



In Classical Studies in both schools pupils learned about 'What the Greeks and Romans did for us' led by Classics staff. The one hour session looked at three areas of interest:

- Pythagoras: his theorem, philosophy and discovery of the relationship between the notes an octave apart and its influence on western music
- Architecture: Focussed on the Parthenon, the ruined Greek temple on top of the Acropolis in Athens, exploring its mathematical proportions, its optical illusions and its beauty.
- Roman Central Heating. Explaining the workings of a Roman baths and how the hypocaust heated the baths and provided hot water and comfort to the bathers.

In Science in the Boys' School the one hour session was composed of half hour activities in Chemistry and Biology.

In Chemistry, pupils explored the link between astronauts on a space walk and babies by investigating a designer chemical used to make an item of clothing that both would wear: a nappy. Pupils explored how effectively the chemical found in nappies absorbed water [not urine!] and assessed how suitable this designer chemical was at doing its job. The boys then all had the opportunity to make and play with slime, experimenting with its properties and its limitations.

In Biology, the boys became microbiologists, competing in pairs to identify as many different microscopic plants and animals as possible. By using a visual key to identify the micro-organisms present all pupils gained valuable experience in using microscopes and making accurate observations. All were amazed at the size of some of the organisms which looked quite menacing as they were viewed via the projector using the TV microscope.

In the Girls' School staff enjoyed meeting the year 5 girls and their teachers. They experienced a practical session in a laboratory on either temperature regulation in animals or on the properties of polymers. They made models and measured their rate of heat loss or they investigated the absorbency of a nappy polymer and experienced a slimy polymer.

Their enthusiasm and interest gave us a useful insight into their progress in science. They competently carried out the investigative exercises and were able to conclude either that it helps penguins if they huddle, polar bears to have thick fur and elephants to flap their ears or they discovered how very absorbent nappy polymer is and how slimy polymers can be fun!

All pupils left, having enjoyed the day with a small memento from BGS and a personalised certificate to commemorate the day.



Three Decades of Music

In June a number of former pupils teamed up with our current musical stars, our Festival and Concert Choirs, our orchestra and friends from the Hallé Choir and from the Rossendale Male Voice Choir, to give us 'Three Decades of Music – A Celebratory Concert' performed at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. Under the leadership of Mrs Stoddard, Musical Director, the evening consisted of a wide variety of musical numbers featuring past pupils who have gone on to great musical success together with current pupils who are surely destined for great things.

Along with the choirs, highlights of the concert were performances by Julia Wilson playing oboe, Zara Benyounes, on the violin and vocal performances from Soraya Mafi, Jenny Grimshaw and professional soprano, Debbie Myers. Current Y7 student Emma Rushworth, played solo violin and there were other memorable performances from Y11 pupil Alicia Pylypczuk on the cello and Y10 student Laura Stoker playing the clarinet.

The evening concluded with an enthusiastically received presentation to Mrs Stoddard and was certainly a fitting celebration of the last three decades of musical excellence at BGS.

Festival Choir Travels to Italy

With the summer term barely over, the Festival Choir headed for sunnier climes, namely the Lake Garda region of Italy, accompanied by Mrs Stoddard, Miss Cebertowicz, Mr Joyce, M. Bret and Mr Castell. The girls were based in Pastrengo and concerts took place in Bardolino Cathedral and in Venice at the Chiesa Santa Maria di Miracoli and, most memorably, mass at St Mark's Basilica. Other highlights of the stay included a lunch in Macesine, a day at Gardaland, tours of Venice and Verona and a performance of 'Aida' in the fabled Arena at Verona, which will live long in the memory of those present, not least because of the pre-performance 'entertainment' provided by our girls. It goes without saying that they sang like angels and their performance in St Mark's provided a suitably splendid BGS finale for retiring Musical Director, Dorothy Stoddard.

Visit of Sir Cyril Smith MBE

Sir Cyril Smith, Appeal Patron, honoured us by visiting in March this year to speak to students about his life as an MP and to answer their questions on the world of politics. Sir Cyril spoke candidly about his role as Liberal Chief Whip and then fielded questions about the future of the Liberal Democrats, the future of the House of Lords and his interest in environmental issues, proving that he has lost none of his wit and repartee. He received warm applause from his young audience at the end of his visit.





Peter Stock *has supported our Appeal by making a major donation to our Sixth Form Centre. When asked what had prompted this decision, his response was:*



“Attending the recent Founders’ Day celebration reminded me of some important values and traditions which certainly influenced my decision to support the Centenary Appeal.

BGS educate the boys and girls not only to be aware of the history of their grammar school but also to be thankful for it. They know their motto, Sanctas Clavis Fores Aperit, and are expected to stand by it. In a world where there is not always sufficient emphasis placed upon core traditional values and the importance of education in preserving what is good for the future, it seems to me an extremely worthwhile investment.

My own donation is for the Sixth Form Centre but it has been the work carried out on the Kindergarten which has particularly impressed me and led me to my decision. This is a very prudently managed project and yet the scope of the building itself is ambitious - as anyone who walks down Bridge Road and sees it taking shape by the side of the Girls’ Sports Hall can now see. To build what is effectively a whole new school at under £3 million is a clear indication of tight controls. At every stage the project is overseen by the Schools’ Project Manager, Peter Skinner, who was also responsible for the Learning Resource Centre and the new Arts Centre in the Boys’ School, and who is now designing the Sixth Form Centre for the pupils of both Schools.

My own daughter, Suzanne, attended BGS from 1980 - 1989. She thoroughly enjoyed her school years and I firmly believe that BGS instilled in her the confidence and self belief to succeed in everything she set out to do. In fact, she joined me at the recent Founders’ Day celebration - her first for 19 years - and was delighted to see that whilst the School was maintaining its traditional values, it was also introducing new more modern threads into its great tapestry - one of these being the Sixth Form Centre. The new Centre will provide a lecture theatre, joint social space and seminar rooms, all essential in giving the Sixth Formers the all so important additional independence.

I now have three grandchildren. Luke and Ben have enjoyed the Kindergarten and can look forward to the benefits of the new Sixth Form. My youngest grandson, Sam, hopes to attend the new reception class later next year. It is wonderful to see that as well as learning important skills of life such as good manners and the more obvious reading and writing, Luke and Ben are growing in confidence weekly. Their insatiable appetite for learning and zest for all things new - be it learning a musical instrument, playing in the sports team or singing in the choir - never ceases to amaze me. This alone is reason enough to give my support to the School.”

Peter Stock has spent a lifetime in the textile industry and is arguably one of its most successful businessmen.

Peter was born in Rochdale. After an education at Rochdale Grammar School, he followed in his father’s footsteps and joined Davey Kenyon’s, one of the town’s textile firms. After 20 years in the trade, working his way up the career ladder with the major groups such as Courtaulds and Coats Viyella, he branched out and purchased his own business, Pincroft Dyeing and Printing Company Ltd. 22 years later, his achievements speak for themselves. He has grown the company he purchased in 1985 into a group of textile companies with a turnover of £54m. Rochdale Textile Supplies Ltd competes on a global scale, with offices in France and Germany and distributors in Russia, Canada and Australia, supplying fabric to over 47 different countries worldwide. The business, based in Lancashire, employs over 250 people and produces some 30 million metres of fabric a year. This fabric is made into garments and worn by a variety of workwear and corporatewear end users, including British Telecom, the NHS, Shell, BP, Honda, MacDonalds, London Ambulance, HM Prisons and Defence Organisations worldwide.

In recent years, he has expanded his commercial interests to include investments in a variety of businesses where his entrepreneurial skills can contribute to their development.

He puts his success down to a number of things - a good education, hard work and entrepreneurial spirit.

We are delighted that the Stock Family have joined us as Appeal Patrons, giving us their full endorsement.

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Foundations for the

The new Kindergarten is now clearly evident to everyone passing along Bridge Road and a milestone was reached this summer when the foundation stone was laid in place. The ceremony gave Chairman of Governors, Dr John Findon, an opportunity to thank some of our most generous benefactors; their early support of our vision for the future has ensured that our youngest children will enjoy the many benefits of our new Kindergarten in September 2008. This new school will offer the finest facilities imaginable for boys and girls, providing the best possible start to their school careers. We are enormously grateful to everyone who has made a contribution; each and every gift makes a difference.

The next target is the development of a brand new Sixth Form Centre for the pupils of both schools. This college-style facility will enhance our students’ education by creating the flexible teaching space required to enable us to deliver a varied curriculum using the most advanced teaching methods and encourage independent learning in preparation for university and successful careers.

Bridget McIntyre

Bridget McIntyre (nee Sutherland, BGS 1972-79) became UK Chief Executive Officer of Royal & SunAlliance in November 2005 where she is responsible for a business with over 10,000 employees. Prior to this appointment she worked for Norwich Union for 13 years in a variety of roles including Finance Director of the general insurance business. Bridget



qualified as a chartered management accountant. Despite the demands of a high-flying career, Bridget still has a busy life outside the office and we were thrilled when she agreed to become a Patron of The Way Forward Appeal.

Rebecca Allen worked for Royal & SunAlliance during her gap year.

Rebecca writes:

Bridget McIntyre is an Old Girl of Bury Grammar School and visited last year after speaking at Prizegiving. Inspired by her speech at the event I contacted Bridget and, after shadowing her for the day in London, I am now working at insurance firm Royal & SunAlliance; where Bridget is the UK CEO.

Bridget left school slightly unsure as to what she wanted to do and swiftly fell into business, qualifying as a chartered management

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Future



A central sixth form entrance, cafetorium, seminar rooms and quiet study areas with full IT provision, along with a university-style lecture theatre and drama studio are just some of the features of the new Centre.

We thank everyone who has contributed to our Appeal but we must continue to encourage donations toward our Building Fund; it is simply not possible to raise the amount required from fee income. Together, these two new building projects are inextricably linked and will shape our Schools for the future. If every member of the BGS community were to make a modest monthly donation, we should quickly reach our target.

For further information about our development plans please do not hesitate to contact Francine Healey, Development Officer on 0161 764 1733, email francine@bgsdev.demon.co.uk.

accountant. She may not have been typical of the traditional academic model of Bury Grammar School student, but an inkling of what was to come was evident in her running of the school Tuck Shop. Bridget left BGS with the confidence that she would succeed, knowing that she had the ability to carve her own path. She believes that her BGS education has played a very important part in her life.

Bridget has worked at many high profile companies, including Norwich Union and she was asked to join Royal & SunAlliance in 2005, as the UK CEO. As you can imagine this is a very high-powered job and yet she proves that there is still time to smile when working in the City; I expect there are few other CEOs boasting a Take That calendar along with pink accessories in their office - evidence of Bridget's fun-loving nature.

There is clear evidence of Bridget's optimism and energy in the way she runs Royal & SunAlliance, making sure the company is clearly focused on the customer. Earlier in her career Bridget worked in a variety of finance roles at Volvo UK, the publisher Harper Collins and Marconi Radar Systems. She now lives in Suffolk, with her husband Chris and their dog, Berti.

Personally, I feel very privileged to be working for Royal & SunAlliance during my gap year and I know that it would have been very difficult to gain such interesting and useful experience without the help of BGS. It's wonderful that girls leave Bury Grammar School feeling happy to return and help current pupils realise their ambitions and I hope that more girls will benefit from such links in the future.

Neville Cormack OBE

is Chairman of Cormar Carpets, one of the leading manufacturers of tufted carpet in the UK for over 50 years. Despite huge competition from overseas, Cormar has maintained its position at the forefront of manufacturing technology. Since September 2003, Cormar Carpets, together with the Ogden Trust, has sponsored two pupils in our Schools. We were delighted when Neville Cormack agreed to be a Patron of our Appeal.



In February, Helen Butterworth visited the Head Office at Tottington to interview Neville Cormack.

Helen writes:

Neville Cormack OBE, Chairman of Cormar Carpets, is undoubtedly a valuable asset to the 'The Way Forward Appeal'. Celebrating their Golden Year in 2006, Cormar Carpets is one of the few success stories of the British carpet industry. From the company's first 5000 sq ft manufacturing mill in the Rossendale Valley to their current position as the UK's leading manufacturer of tufted carpet, Mr Cormack has witnessed his business transform, but his commitment to the area of Lancashire is unchanged. Despite fierce competition from overseas, all of Cormar's carpets are produced in Bury, and with 230 employees, Cormar ranks as one of Bury's largest employers.

Neville Cormack's daughter, Helen, was Deputy Head Girl and therefore he has a good knowledge of the School. On the question of what Bury Grammar School offered his daughter, Neville Cormack stressed that it was the unique academic environment it provided. "Most of all it gave my daughter confidence and self-belief. The School has a very special atmosphere and a staff which is exceptionally good."

Mr Cormack believes that a vital component of success lies in putting the right people in the workforce. These "right people" are loyal, hardworking and bright; attributes that he feels Helen gained at Bury Grammar School. He has a keen interest in educational matters, not only as a Patron of our Appeal but also as a Governor at Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School.

As a pillar of the local community and with his established connections to the School, we were thrilled when Mr Cormack agreed to become a Patron of the 'The Way Forward Appeal'. He feels it is important for entrepreneurs to be socially responsible, "If you are within a district, you should try and involve yourself, helping institutions and people within that area." Mr Cormack relates his business practice to the way he acts outside the business arena. "You shouldn't isolate yourself from the community in the same way that you shouldn't isolate yourself from your employees". This is an ethos Mr Cormack duly follows.

Mr Cormack places importance upon great relationships between employees and management at Cormar. In the past three years emphasis has been placed upon cultivating team spirit. "We have set up teams responsible for social activities, human resources, quality processes, labour saving and other interdependent groups". This innovative restructuring in the organisation of the business has been tremendously effective, with employees expressing their satisfaction personally to Mr Cormack during his frequent "walkabouts" on the factory floor.

Mr Cormack was initially attracted to the Appeal by the creation of a new Sixth Form Centre. "The sixth form environment is highly important and the development will improve the facilities immensely". He also stressed his support of the new Kindergarten, explaining his belief that it is important to "mould" children from an early age.

In addition to helping the School with its Appeal, Cormar Carpets, along with co-sponsors The Ogden Trust, has supported two students through the Bursary Scheme. Mr Cormack believes "it is highly important for those of all backgrounds to have the chance to come to a school like Bury. There should be a wide social mix". It is this commitment to helping the community combined with his extensive knowledge of education, which makes Mr Cormack an ideal Appeal Patron.

Dublin Trip

In February 2007 a group of 24 Sixth and Seventh Form Historians and three members of staff visited Dublin and the surrounding area in conjunction with the A Level study module 'Britain and Ireland 1798 to 1921'. This was the third time that we have run this trip since 2003. Once again we were blessed with generally very good weather which enabled us to conduct a walking tour of Dublin visiting sites such as the General Post Office, headquarters of the 1916 Easter Rising. We also visited the Book of Kells exhibition at Trinity College Dublin. On the Monday of the tour we travelled south of Dublin to see the Museum of the 1798 Rebellion and Avondale, the home of the great Irish statesman Charles Stewart Parnell, which was opened especially for our visit. As on our two previous tours, the highlight of our visit was probably the tour of the intensely atmospheric Kilmainham Gaol, which in many ways encapsulates the whole period that we study. The largest disused prison in Europe, the Gaol housed virtually all the opponents of British rule in the 19th and early 20th Century, and in the courtyard the leaders of the 1916 Rising were executed by firing squad. The central hall of the prison is familiar from its use in many films such as 'Michael Collins' and the original 'Italian Job'.

Mark Hone, Head of History and Politics BGSB



Battlefield Tours

The Bury Grammar School Battlefields Tour continues to go from strength to strength. Originating in 1994 it is now one of the longest-established school battlefield tours in the country and one of the very few to feature a different itinerary each year and take pupils of all ages, many of whom come on several tours. Our October 2006 tour was to the 1916 battlefields of the Somme and followed on from our summer 'mini-tour' in which a small party of our veterans took part in the official 90th anniversary commemorations at the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing. We paid tribute to several old boys buried or commemorated in the area, including the 11 former pupils commemorated on the Thiepval memorial. Subsequent to the tour a well-wisher has donated to the school on permanent loan the identity tag and whistle belonging to old boy Lieutenant Robert Hardman, Royal Engineers who was killed on 1st July 1916.

In October 2007 we shall be marking the 90th anniversaries of the 1917 battles of Messines and Passchendaele near the Belgian city of Ieper. 1917 was the costliest year of the war for Bury Grammar school as 35 old boys died, many in the battles around Ypres. We shall be visiting Messines Ridge, scene of the largest man-made explosion in History up to that date, when 19 huge underground mines were detonated beneath the German defences on June 7th 1917. Commanding one of the infantry battalions in the follow up attack was Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Boardman DSO.



Tom Boardman had been a founder member of the Bury Grammar School Cadet Force (now CCF) as a pupil in 1892 and later commanded the Christ's Hospital School cadets where he was a science master. He survived Messines but was killed in August 1917, the most senior BGS old boy to die in the war. We shall also retrace the attack of 3/5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers (Bury Territorials) near Passchendaele on October 9th 1917. During this assault, made in terrible conditions of mud and torrential rain, old boy

Captain Frank Bentley was awarded the Military Cross. The body of an unknown Lancashire Fusilier from this battle was found in 2006 on the disused railway line we shall walk along. This soldier was buried with full military honours on 4th July 2007 in the nearby Tyne Cot British Cemetery. At the conclusion of the tour, members of our CCF will take part for the 9th time in the world-famous Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

Planning for our 15th annual tour next year, entitled '1918: Forgotten Victory' is already well under way.

Mark Hone



The Medal

Just before the end of the summer term Hamza Shahid, now of Form 3UA, brought in a medal awarded to his great-great grandfather, who fought in the First World War. Mr Hone, the Head of History and Politics, identified it as a 1914/15 star. This means that the soldier to whom it was awarded, Sepoy Karim Baksh, of the Baluchi Light Infantry, first saw active service in a theatre of war between November 1914 and December 1915. Mr Hone asked for the assistance of fellow First World War researchers on the internet 'Great War Discussion Forum', which has an international membership, to find out further information. From the available records it seems almost certain that Karim served on the Western Front, in Belgium and France, during 1915. At the outbreak of war an Indian Army Corps of 100,000 men was sent to France to support the British troops fighting the Germans there. They included units of Baluchis, men recruited in what is now Northern Pakistan. The Indian Army troops fought bravely but suffered heavy casualties and reinforcements had to be sent out to them from the Subcontinent. Karim was almost certainly one of these. At the end of 1915 the Indian Corps was withdrawn to the Middle East and Karim Baksh's unit later fought in East Africa. He survived the war. The medal Hamza's family now proudly owns had lost its original ribbon. However, a member of the Great War Discussion Forum, Mr Michael Johnson, a lawyer from Toronto in Canada, kindly sent us a replacement.



A Mathematical Challenge - BGS

It was a battle of the minds as thousands of English school pupils took on Australia for a special version of The Ashes cricket series. And unlike our under-performing cricketers, the English youngsters came out on top.

Some of the highest-achieving competitors were six girls from Bury Grammar School, who were ranked among the top 100 in England in the competition.

The pupils took part in an online maths challenge over three days along with 30,000 other youngsters from across the country.

Bury Grammar School Girls was the third best school in England, with pupils answering 272,058

questions correctly during the marathon.

Six of the pupils - Sobia Gauhar (14), Nayab Hussein (15), Kerrie Smith (14), Vineeta Tandon (14), and sisters Tabitha (12) and Jessica Whiting (14) - were among the top 100 students, answering thousands of questions correctly.

Yvonne Hanham, Head of Maths, said: "The Athletics Ashes created a real buzz with maths throughout the whole school and everyone enjoyed testing their mathematical knowledge both against the Australians and against other schools in the UK. These six girls in particular did tremendously well to gain a top 100 place in the game nationally, and we are all absolutely thrilled by their success."

National Healthy Schools Award

Bury Grammar School Girls was delighted to achieve National Healthy School status in December 2006.

The aim is a Government initiative to help schools to become healthier, focusing on emotional, social and community health - as well as the physical.

A healthy school is one that is successful in helping pupils to do their best and build on their achievements. BGS is committed to ongoing improvement and development to equip all pupils with the skills and attitude to make informed decisions about their health. The key focus areas of the initiative are - healthy eating (and drinking), physical activity, emotional well-being and PSHE (personal, social and health education) which includes education on drugs, sex and relationships. PSHE provides pupils with the knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes to make informed decisions about their lives.

For more information about the government's National Healthy Schools Programme please visit http://www.foodinschools.org/schools_support/healthy_schools.php

Full report on www.bgsdev.co.uk.

Bury Grammar School Raises £1650 for Oxfam

Bury Grammar School Boys has raised a staggering £1650 for Oxfam in its House Cross Country Competition. Each year, all members of the Senior School compete in the cross country running event to win points for their houses. Boys this year were asked to obtain sponsorship for their participation in the event. Money raised was donated to the Oxfam Unwrapped Appeal and was used to purchase a mango plantation and for the planting of 150 trees. The mango plantation will be a source of income for families over many generations. The 150 trees will provide food and shelter, and slow soil erosion.

Bury Grammar Schools Raise £1200 for The George House Trust

The pupils of the Bury Grammar Schools have once again shown their generosity by raising £1200 for The George House Trust in their annual World AIDS Week. Both schools were involved in five days of learning about the genuine threat posed by HIV and AIDS, while holding fundraising activities to raise money for the Manchester-based AIDS charity.

The week began with assemblies in both the Boys' and the Girls' schools which highlighted the plight of HIV and AIDS sufferers and the desperate need for funds. This was followed by a series of fundraising activities mostly inspired, organised and run by the pupils themselves. Activities included a sponsored CCF leg wax, where brave male members of the Combined Cadet Force volunteered to undergo the ordeal of leg-waxing in public, all receiving sponsorship money for their bravery!

Another event which caused much hilarity was the Cross Dressing Day in which several members of the sixth and seventh form in the boys' school dressed as ladies for the day. These 'ladies' travelled round both schools with collecting tins and were well received



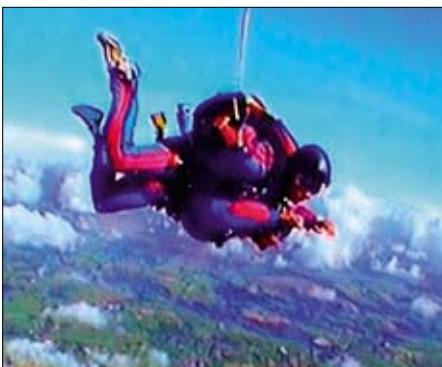
by staff and pupils alike.

The pupils also organised a Sketch Show where the paying audience was treated to some comic wit from famous sketch shows over the years, re-enacted by the pupils themselves. Plenty of fun was had by all who attended.

History teacher Andrew Christian, who co-ordinated the event said, 'As on every other charitable occasion, both schools have proved themselves to be caring communities, interested in serious causes and willing to give generously. On behalf of all the staff and pupils involved we would like to thank them for this.'

Jim Vann from the George House Trust received the cheque for £1201.30 from Bury Grammar School representatives with event organiser, Andrew Christian.

Taking the Plunge for the Appeal



After two disappointing cancellations owing to poor weather, on Sunday 26th August a bright and sunny day dawned and Headmistress's Secretary, Linda Anyon, was given the all clear to fulfil her lifelong ambition to jump out of a plane. At the same time, Linda and granddaughter Emily, currently in Year 4 at BGS, gained generous sponsorship from parents, friends and colleagues.

By mid afternoon, Linda was strapped into her harness heading towards the plane, watching Morecambe Bay and the Lakes unfold before her during the steep climb to 14,000 feet. After a final check the doors opened, Linda and her partner edged forward and after a tap on the shoulder launched themselves into mid air. Linda says "The experience was indescribable as the feeling of uncontrollable falling disappeared and the sensation of flying took over. Dropping 2 miles in 50 seconds passed by quickly and as the parachute opened, noise and speed turned to peace and calm. Our descent to the landing area was perfect - it was the experience of a lifetime, truly awesome! I am truly grateful to everyone who supported me."

Linda's brave initiative has raised in the region of £1,200 towards the new Sixth Form Centre.

Standing on the shoulders of a giant

A tribute to Mr. H. J. James (Jammy), Head of music in my time at B.G.S...

It is a long time since I put an earnest pen to honest paper, but having the last edition of *The Key*, inviting contributions of literary gems, I felt morally bound to share some memories and maybe even jog some of the same by paying my tribute to someone very special.

In September 1956, there I was, the lad from the council estate side of Walmersley whose dear, hard-working parents paid the princely sum of one pound and nine pence-three-farthings per week on a Government Assisted Scheme, all bedecked in my brand new Kay House uniform. With shiny black Oxfords, cap firmly planted on newly shorn hair, wearing a satchel that was squeakier than a chalkboard and stiffer than a penny liquorice stick, staring up in awesome dread at the grey granite stairs that I was to climb to the first floor and turn right through the brass-latched door of upper IIIA, thus began my education.

Jammy wasn't a big man, but he was a giant to me. There I was, stood wide eyed at my first assembly in the Roger Kay Hall, amid what seemed to be a thousand boys chatting, laughing, making new friends, some loud, some quiet, some silent. Even I was speechless, taking in the whole scene, the ceiling, the windows, the smell of beeswax, the high stage on which stood several men in black robes.

On the floor, just underneath the apron of the stage, sat a large black grand piano; from the left side, a small, thin, wiry man walked up to the said piano-forte and sat down. He had black, slightly greying curly hair, horn-rimmed spectacles and the largest hands I'd ever seen on a man! I remember thinking to myself "He'll never get a tune out of that thing with those hands" - this from a boy who'd never seen a grand piano before and whose knowledge of music extended no further than Semprini and Billy Cotton on the radio (sorry, wireless!) and Winifred Atwell and Russ Conway on the telly!



The next ten minutes are somewhat hazy and I am not totally sure whether it was the Headmaster or his deputy, Mr Ince who gave a short welcoming address - Arthur never wasted words - and uttered the legend "We shall all now sing hymn number..." the number doesn't matter, my memory fails me there, but what did matter and still does to this very day is THAT one moment, when after acknowledging a perfunctory nod from the speaker, Hugh James Esq. (Mr James to you!) Head of Music, B.G.S., swept those enormous

hands over the piano keys and with a sideways look at the assembled 'congregation', raised his right arm and brought it crashing down on the on-beat. I swear to this day that the hairs on the back of my head stood up as, what sounded like the massed choirs of the World lustily sang "For all the Saints, who from their labours rest. Hallelujah!!!!" What a moment! What a thrill! The exhilaration! There stood I drinking in this joyous choral climax unaware that for me, academia flew out of the window, music flew in, and I was doomed for eternity.

Piano lessons followed quickly, administered by Mr James, patiently sitting as my crab-like fingers stumbled over ivory, sounding rather like the late, great Les Dawson on a bad day. I taught myself guitar, bass and banjolele (memories of happy trips to the lake district with the C.C.F. in 'Minnie' the school 'Chara', Captain Jed Ferley driving and me on the banjo playing 'Livin' Doll' and 'Travellin' Light' by Cliff Richard (Good old sing-songs!)).

The year 2006 saw my fortieth anniversary as a professional pianist/entertainer on the world stage, land and sea. Music has given me a wonderfully Technicoloured life which I have been privileged to share with thousands of people and I have a loving family, B.G.S. and Mr James to thank for it.

Jammy, you were an inspiration to me all those years ago and you still are. You were a small man with a big heart and broad shoulders, thank you for allowing me to stand on them. I shall never, ever forget you.

Yours respectfully, Ian (Cass) Castree (1961 leaver). Ian's article can be seen in full on www.bgsdev.co.uk

Prestigious Vellacott Prize

- BGSB

Lower-sixth History student Christopher Stanton has achieved success in the Vellacott History Essay Competition organized by Peterhouse, Cambridge. Christopher's essay, entitled 'History shows that there is one thing worse than being dominated by the United States and that is not being dominated by the United States' was chosen as one of the Commended entries. His essay was praised for its clear style, level of research and originality of thought. The Vellacott Prize is regarded as the most prestigious History essay competition in the country. Christopher received his certificate at a ceremony at Peterhouse on 5th July. Christopher, together with his brother Richard, won joint second prize in the Cambridge University GCSE History essay competition last year.

Sports Report - BGSB

All boys have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities and we are proud to report upon their success. In Football, the last season undoubtedly belonged to the 1st XI who progressed to the semi-finals of the ISFA Cup where they were beaten by Charterhouse. In Rugby, the 1st XV had a poor start, but showed huge signs of improvement toward the latter end of the season. Most of the side consisted of 5th Form boys, all of whom should have 2 more year's service and with talent coming through from junior teams the outlook is good.

The Cricket season was virtually a washout, but the U13 XI notched up some good wins and both U13 XI and U14 XI progressed to the latter stages of the Lancashire Cup. The U18 Basketball squad had a disappointing season, but there is huge promise for the future lower down the School: our U15s team reached the Bury Schools final and the final of the Lancashire Cup. Mud featured predominantly in this season's Cross Country races, but there were notable contributions from a number of individuals - Lewis Doughty was outstanding with 2 first places and Ciaran McCaughey returned from injury to win his last three races also gaining a place in the Greater Manchester Athletics Team. In Swimming, we recorded good wins against local schools. More boys are choosing Hockey as an option and the team have made good progress this year. A number of Athletics meetings were cancelled this year, but our boys excelled in the fixtures which did take place. Full report can be seen on www.bgsdev.co.uk

BGSB – Triumph at Sir Rhys Davies Law Competition

A team of ten Sixth and Seventh Years from Bury Grammar School Boys took part in and won the annual Sir Rhys Davies Mock Law Trial Competition at the Minshall Street Crown Courts in Manchester. This prestigious competition, which is in its sixth year, is highly contested by the leading independent schools from the Manchester area. Bury Grammar School Boys have entered the competition every year and have previously finished as runners up, but this is the first time that they have won it.



The team, comprising Stephen Roberts, Priyesh Patel, Adam Goldwater, Scott Mody, Christopher Stanton, Joshua Taylor, Richard Chew, Robert Freeman, Shantanu Kafle and Phillip Collins, spent Friday afternoons since the start of the year preparing their prosecution and defence arguments for a number of fictitious cases. They were fortunate to be guided by two practising barristers: Mr Rajen Dalal, an Old Boy of the school, and Mr Nicholas Flanagan, both of whom belong to the Cobden House Chambers in Manchester.

During each round two members of the team acted as the prosecution or defence team while the other members assumed the roles of witnesses, Court Usher, Court Clerk and jury members for the cases between other schools. In the first round the team, led by Priyesh Patel and Christopher Stanton, secured a narrow victory over a very strong team from Manchester Grammar School. In the second round, led by Stephen Roberts and Christopher Stanton, William Hulme were comprehensively defeated. Then in the third round, and local derby, Bury Grammar School Boys, led by Scott Mody and Shantanu Kafle, beat the Bury Grammar School Girls by a comfortable margin.

The final was against a combined team from the Bolton School Boys' and Girls' Divisions, and following a bravura performance by Bury Grammar School Boys members Scott Mody and Christopher Stanton, the real judge trying the case awarded first place to Bury Grammar School Boys.

Howard McWilliam said: "A great day was had by all and the outcome was just reward for the many hours of hard work the team have put into preparing. The members of the team who are currently in the Sixth Form are looking forward to defending their title next year."

Glittering Prizes

Connoisseurs of the absurd (and there was no shortage of these amongst 1950s grammar school boys) may be mildly diverted by a tale which, in terms of time-span and implausibility of plot, smacks of Coronation Street.

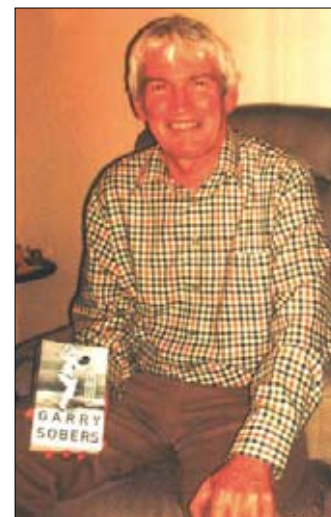
I left school in July 1961 for St Andrews University. Some months later a former neighbour in Radcliffe sent me a newspaper cutting containing a list of prizewinners at Bury Grammar School, which indicated that I had won the Headmaster's Prize for German. I wrote to the then Headmaster, Mr Hansford, asking what procedure was necessary to claim this prize. A courteous reply came from Dr Meier, my former German teacher, confirming that I had won the prize and that the school would shortly be in touch with further details.

All of this came back to me last autumn, when I read an article in *The Key* by one of my contemporaries, Geoffrey Smith, which made reference to Mr Hansford. The same magazine contained a valediction to the retiring Headmaster, and an article by the new Headmaster, Reverend Harvey. Thinking it safe to assume, after 45 years, that the school was unlikely to contact me with the promised further details, I wrote to the Headmaster, in a spirit of wry amusement outlining the circumstances and wondering whether Mr Hansford was still in my debt, or whether the prize, like some damnosa haereditas, passed from one Headmaster to the next.

Unsure of whether or not to expect any reply, I was delighted by an immediate and gracious response which included details of the appropriate 1961 Prize Ceremony, and a book-token (inflation index-linked).

This left me with the problem of choosing a suitable book.

I am a stranger to prizes. Lacking both the stoutness of heart and sharpness of sword which F.E. Smith assured would guarantee the glittering prizes I have been content to remain a troubadour on the touch-line of life. It is true that I did win a gallon of brandy in a bizarre competition organised by a short-lived crossword magazine, but that was a second prize. Also, I once finished fourth, and therefore just amongst the prizes, in the Scottish heat of the Times Crossword Championship and, lest it be thought that, adapting Prufrock, my life is measured out in crossword lights, I can claim the occasional success in pub quizzes. But a proper prize? And one where I have to make a choice?



Eventually, I settled for 'Gary Sobers – My Autobiography' for a number of reasons. Although totally without literary merit, it is of a genre which I found enjoyable at the time I won the prize. Secondly, Sobers was the pro at Radcliffe for five years in the late fifties, one of those ludicrous incongruities which spice the irony at the heart of English humour. (For those unfamiliar with cricket, or unaware of its best ever player, this is analogous to Shakespeare writing scripts for 'Neighbours' or Michelangelo re-designing Besses o' The Barn Railway Station). Finally, and in somewhat maudlin vein, it reminds me of my time in Radcliffe, where I lived during my seven happy years at Bury Grammar School.

It only remains to thank Mr Harvey for bringing what modern ju-ju men call 'closure' to this curious saga. It has afforded me much pleasure, though, as Hölderlin remarks, 'nur zu Zeiten erträgt göttliche Fülle der Mensch' – only at times can man endure the abundance of gods. (My own, admittedly rusty, translation.) But then Hölderlin never saw Sobers bat.

Robert D Lyall (1961)

Australia and New Zealand Tour, July 2009

We will be embarking on our first overseas Sports Tour to Australia and New Zealand in July 2009, taking a Senior Rugby squad of 22, a Development Football squad of 18 boys and 5 members of the Games staff. The duration of the tour will be three weeks, including six matches for each team, sightseeing and the opportunity of a lifetime for our boys. The itinerary will cover stays in Brisbane, Auckland, Queenstown, Dunedin, Christchurch and Sydney. The calibre of teams in the southern hemisphere is second to none, the climate is sensational, the environment is extremely safe and there are fabulous sightseeing activities on offer.

We are looking for kit sponsors and we would be happy to hear from anyone in the BGS community who would like further information.

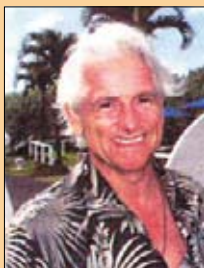
Lee Hilton

Head of Physical Education & Games

PETER DEARDEN, 1942-2007

Peter was born on August 21, 1942 in Bury, England, only child of Muriel and Eric Dearden. Both parents and both their parents were born and raised in Bury.

Eric had become an engineer by dint of capability rather than education and Muriel was trained as a teacher.



They both highly valued education and encouraged Peter through his successful studies in Bury Grammar School, then through Birmingham University.

He earned his PhD in Chemical Engineering in 1967 and immediately got a position at Shell Oil Company in the Bay Area of California where he found himself in the company of several old school friends.

After a career change into selling vacuum pumps, then material handling equipment, he met and married Shelley, who claims they sketched out the concept for their business on their first date.

Broughton Hall consumed their lives with spectacular success until they sold it to an international company in 1989. They decided to split their winnings and go their separate ways, wishing each other a happy life – certainly one of the least acrimonious divorces on record.

After the requisite consulting and non-complete period of years, Peter started Clarendon House in Santa Barbara, which grew much bigger and faster than Broughton Hall. However the company had to shut down following a down-turn in the market.

When he extricated himself from that situation, he began his travelling phase. He was diagnosed with Myleo Fibrosis in January 2004, and told there was no treatment or cure. Peter took this on as yet another grand project, hiring a research assistant to travel the world with him to investigate alternative therapies. He sought many opinions of Western doctors first, but they offered no hope.

He came to the US to consult with the Mayo Clinic and his disease turned to the acute phase. He was hospitalised in Asheville, NC and passed away very gently at the hospice there on April 2, 2007.

Peter Dearden was a lifelong member of the Old Boys' Association – remembering his time at BGS with great affection. We owe a huge debt of gratitude for the most generous legacy he left to the Schools in his Will.

SIDNEY GEE, 1910-2007

Sidney Gee, who died in January 2007 at the age of 96, had fond memories of his time at Bury Grammar School. His family lived at Bolton Road near the barracks of the Lancashire Fusiliers and his grandfather had donated the land for the recently demolished Fairy Street Methodist Church. Sidney's father's haulage business struggled, (partly owing to a fire at his stables and an accident when his traction engine went over Blackstone Edge - transport businesses were very different then!), so it was thanks to a Kay Scholarship that he was able to attend BGS in 1921 from St Stephen's Elementary School - the only boy in his year.

Sidney's elder brother Harvey was already at BGS and Sidney's welcome by the master who took the roll on the first day was 'Gee, surely not another Gee'. Sidney remembered the strong classical emphasis of his education, (although Greek was dropped after two years), and this is supported by an early school exercise book the family still has, showing Sidney's watercolours of classical persons and events. Membership of the OTC took Sidney to camps at Catterick and Aldershot. Sidney enjoyed rather than excelled in sport; he was in the Soccer Second XI and remembers playing in tennis matches against the Girls' School - about the only contact there was. Friends from school days, fondly remembered in later life, were Bill Flint, Fred Monks, John Charnley and Eric Vose.

Sidney recalled that there were three routes to BGS from Bolton Road. The most expensive, and only for wet days, was a tramcar to the town centre and a two hundred yard walk; this cost one penny. A cheaper alternative was a halfpenny tramcar ride to Bury Bridge and then a longer walk. But the most exciting route, on foot, involved Deardens Street, then past the tar works and under the railway to emerge by the huge Egyptian and Victoria Mills where coal was fed directly into the boiler rooms from canal barges. The walk was often delayed by the sight of coal being heaved into the huge furnaces. Then it was across the canal and river to emerge near the school, invariably late.

After Matriculation, Sidney left BGS in 1928 to take a post with Martins Bank. After war service with the RAF and marriage he lived for a short time at Hazel Grove and then moved to Martins Bank Head Office in Liverpool, eventually becoming Premises Manager. This involved responsibility for the Bank's property portfolio of over 600 branches, and particularly the development of the Bank's branch network in the South West of England. New technology, particularly computers, was changing the nature of banking and bank premises, and Sidney commented that computers were shrinking in size so fast that they often didn't need the space that had been provided for them. Martins was at the forefront of 'hole in the wall' banking, and had just opened the first street cash dispenser in the country when they were taken over by Barclays in 1969. Sidney visited Canada and the USA to look at bank premises. He retired in 1974.

Sidney is survived by two sons and two grand-daughters, and also by two sisters who both attended BGS.

Michael Gee, February 2007

Sidney Gee remained ever grateful for his Kay Scholarship and the opportunity of a BGS education. He firmly believed that access to our Schools should be made available to all bright children and was a keen supporter of our Bursary Fund.

ADAM NORRIS, 1980-2007

Adam Norris has died of cancer, aged twenty-six years. He had been ill for some time.

Adam came to Bury Grammar School from Higher Lane Junior School, and my recollections of him begin when he entered Exitus Burgundy as a ten-plus pupil. He quickly became "Noy", a nickname by which he was to be known for the remainder of his life.

Adam altered very little during his time at BGS. He remained amusing and good-natured, and his prowess at rugby football earned him county selection with both Lancashire Schools and Lancashire Clubs. He rose to the rank of CSM in the Combined Cadet Force, and showed a rare ability to deal with the raw recruits and help them through their first uncertain year in uniform.

After he left school, Adam entered Manchester Metropolitan University, but he left before graduating and set off to travel in Asia. Thereafter, his life was divided almost equally between various entrepreneurial schemes at home and extensive travelling abroad, interspersed at one period with a spell of work for a utilities company.

Adam had finally returned home and had settled down to a degree course in Waste Management at Northampton University when he became ill.

The funeral of any young person is particularly distressing. However, the minister officiating at Adam's memorial service invited the many mourners publicly to share their recollections of him. Several duly spoke, and there was laughter and amusement, though the tears were never very far away.

In the years to come we shall miss Adam. To his mother and father, and to his fiancée, Sharon, we extend our heartfelt sympathies.

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The BGS Community

The Bury Grammar Schools are fortunate to have the support of organisations which make an enormous contribution to the fabric of life in our Schools. The Old Girls' and Old Boys' Associations along with the Parents' Associations of each School are thriving groups which enjoy many annual events always held in an atmosphere of warm conviviality.

Steven Harvey attended the annual Old Boys' Dinner held at the school on Founders' Day, 4th May. He was delighted to share news of BGSB with over 150 Old Boys who were present. Guest Speaker Simon Johnson (1985 leaver) spoke of his memories of school and about his own career as Director of Business Affairs at the Football Association. The Old Boys particularly enjoyed his anecdotes about the appointment of the England Football Manager! Steven also joined the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association at their annual dinner, which this year was held at the National Liberal Club on 8th May.

Bobby Georghiou joined members of the Old Girls' Association at their annual AGM and dinner held at The Old Mill on 3rd May. In her address to the Old Girls, entitled "Where would we be without our Old Girls?" Bobby entertained her audience with some interesting and amusing anecdotes, illustrating the contribution our Old Girls make to BGSB. Bobby travelled south immediately after Founders' Day to attend the annual lunch of the London Branch of the OGA, held at Connaught Hall. The new venue was a great success and everyone was delighted to see many new faces this year.

Steven Harvey attended the dinner and presented the prizes following the Silver Swan Challenge Golf Match 2007. Competition was fierce and, as always, there was much discussion regarding the rules, as Old Girls battled against Old Boys. Despite the warmest encouragement from Headmistress, Bobby Georghiou, who was unable to attend this year, the Old Girls were defeated. It was an entertaining and memorable day. Players of all ability are invited to attend next year's event.

This year our Old Boys' Association generously contributed over £5,000 to provide a new sports kit for each member of staff who coaches a school team and also a full new playing strip for our squad of 1st XI Footballers.

The Old Girls' Association raised £740 for the Appeal by raffling a painting of a family of swans by Judith Moore (1952 leaver) at their Reunion Lunch in September 2006. Judith has most kindly produced cards of the painting which are on sale in the Development Office and again, all proceeds will be given to the Appeal.

The Boys' School Parents' Association has enjoyed a busy year. In addition to organising the catering at many school events they held a spectacular Summer Fun Day. Some of the fabulous attractions included a paintball alley run by the Lancashire Fusiliers, a giant slide, a basketball tournament and an auction of superb prizes including a meal experience donated by Andrew Nutter of Nutter's Restaurant. The day proved to be fun for all the family and despite the frequent rain storms was successful in raising over £5,000. The proceeds have been used to provide a pool table in the Junior School and new science equipment in the Boys' Senior School.

The Girls' School Parents' Association has been equally busy. In November 2006, along with Antony Popadich, a current parent and proprietor of Antony for Hair, they organised a fabulous evening of hair and fashion which was not only a most enjoyable event, but successful in raising over £5,000 for the Appeal.

This was followed by the ever popular annual Christmas Craft Fair and the May Gala which were attended by hundreds of visitors. The theme for this year's Gala was 'Superheroes' which proved inspiring for the pupils who entered the fancy dress parade. The Association has been successful in raising the magnificent total sum of £20,000 this year!

For further information about our School Associations please refer to back page.

Full details of all events can be seen on www.bgsdev.co.uk



Sports Report - BGSB

It has been a busy year for all sports at BGSB. All students are able to participate in a wide range of sport both within the timetable and in the many extra-curricular clubs.

In Gymnastics many of our girls have taken part in the clubs available during lunchtime and after school. A number of Athletics meetings were cancelled owing to the weather, but the BGSB team had a very successful evening against local independent schools at Withington Girls with Years 7

and 9 finishing second, Year 8 winning and Year 10 coming in third. Our Year 9 Netballers remain undefeated in the Bury League and claimed both the Rally and League Championship. The Year 11 Rounders squad was successful in winning the Bury Schools Rounders tournament. The Tennis teams enjoyed a number of matches against local schools. Seven BGS girls were selected to represent Bury in the Greater Manchester Cross Country Championships.

From The Top:
 Old Boys' Dinner,
 May Gala,
 Golf Day Presentation,
 Family Fun Day,
 PE staff wearing new kit,

Events Calendar

November 2007

14th November	Chairman's Dinner
17th November	Craft Fair (Girls' Parents' Association)
20th November	BGSG Informal Concert, Roger Kay Hall

December 2007

12th December	Joint Christmas Concert, Bury Parish Church
13th December	Joint Christmas Concert, Bury Parish Church
14th December	Joint Christmas Concert, Bury Parish Church

February 2008

1st February	Old Girls Business Networking Event, Roger Kay Hall
23rd February	Murder Mystery Evening (Boys' Parents' Association)
27th February	Hair & Fashion Evening (Girls' Parents' Association)

March 2008

12th March	Les Miserables, Joint Production, Roger Kay Hall
13th March	Les Miserables, Joint Production, Roger Kay Hall
14th March	Les Miserables, Joint Production, Roger Kay Hall
15th March	Les Miserables, Joint Production, Roger Kay Hall

April

18th April	Lunchtime Recital, Bury Parish Church
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May 2008

1st May	Old Girls' Association AGM & Dinner
2nd May	Founders' Day
2nd May	Old Boys' Founders' Day Dinner
3rd May	Old Girls' Reunion Lunch, London
6th May	Old Boys' Reunion Dinner, London
10th May	May Gala (Girls' Parents' Association)

June 2008

29th June	Summer Fun Day (Boys' Parents' Association)
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Parents' Associations' Events

For more information about the Parents' Associations' events or information on how to become involved, please visit our website www.bgsdev.co.uk or contact:

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Old Boys' & Old Girls' Associations

The Old Girls' and Boys' Associations are actively seeking new members across all year groups. Not only do they have representation in the North but they also have a thriving London membership.

Both Associations are committed to their members and arrange fantastic events and reunions throughout the year.

As members you receive an annual newsletter, invitations to all events plus access to the schools facilities. There is also an active Sport and Social Section, including Football, Basketball, Table Tennis and Bridge teams, together with a swimming section and a keen Golf Club.

For more information on becoming a member please contact the associations direct:-

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Looking for...

Old friends are looking for the following alumni and we hope you will be able to help.

We would be grateful for any information you can give and ask that you also take a few moments to view the 'lost alumni' page on our website; if you do have any details about the Old Boys and Girls listed please contact Louise at the Development Office on 0161 7641733 or email louise@bgsdev.demon.co.uk

Conversely, we are in touch with thousands of Old Boys and Girls and would be more than happy to help you locate your old classmates; please do not hesitate to contact us.

1940s

Peter Alexander Roberts
Brian Walker
Leslie Davies
Lorna Davis

1950s

Peter Carr
Michael Pollitt
Ken Young
Richard & Peter Fletcher
Brian Cockcroft
Stephen Marshall
Alan Cullins
Stuart Hamer
Hilary Burch

1960s

Gabriel Dobson
Mildred Wilkinson
Gillian McDiarmid
Leon Bannion
Glenys Roberts
Sarah Crawshaw
Paul Thomas
Valerie Hopkins
Jean Dawson

1970s

Joan Taylor
Bower, Conrad & Ashworth
Steve Barlow

Morag Rainbury
Tim Hamer
Jean Bragg
Philip Taylor
Jonathan Parker

1980s

Janet Lomas
Brian Charlton
Johnny Glass
Steve McEvoy
Donald Nutt
Doroto Pito
Lisa Meeham
Hazel & Cheryl Greech
Suzanne Doyle

Joanne Gaffin
Victoria Banks
Karen & Alison Winkley

1990s

Paul Taft
Lee Martin
Catherine Shirt
Michelle Ramnarine
Mark Sokol
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