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28 years of service

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Baroness Trumpington
A life remembered



News from the Development Office

Over the course of the last financial year the Development Office has been raising funds for the on-going "Gift of Education" bursary programme. The response from members of the Leysian community was fantastic with over £330,000 being raised from over 280 donors following our recent partnership with Royal Springboard, the UK's largest boarding school bursary charity that places over 500 vulnerable and disadvantaged children into boarding schools every year to give them the transformative gift of education.

Bursaries benefit our whole School community because they enrich our School by enhancing academic and wider curricular standards and continuing to make us a more socially inclusive community. Bursaries also reinforce the aspirational and inclusive nature of the School – girls and boys from all walks of life can be part of a supportive and diverse community where success is a product of their own ability and hard work, rather than where they come from. The impact of bursaries is of course not limited to their time at the School, but reaches way beyond. Please do get in contact if you feel you can support this very special programme.

I am personally very touched by the generosity of all those who contributed to the school last year, thank you!

**Thomas Northcote,
Head of Development**

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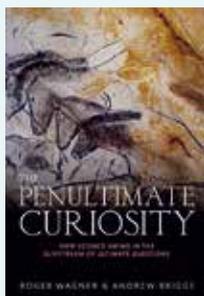
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OL Updates

**Andrew Briggs,
School 1963–67**

is currently Professor of Nanomaterials at the University of Oxford. He has had a number of books released in the past 12 months. In April this year Oxford University Press published the paperback edition of *The Penultimate Curiosity*. The documentary film of *The Penultimate Curiosity* is available at CuriosityStream. Julia Golding has written, with Roger Wagner and Andrew Briggs, a brilliant set of books for children based on *The Penultimate Curiosity*, under the series title *The Curious Science Quest*. Lion Hudson published the first four books of the series in 2018, and the final two are currently in production for publication in June 2019. Julia has captured the science accurately, and made it utterly accessible to children in the 8–12 age range. Like many of the best writers for children, she has also made the series informative and stimulating for grown-ups. For more information please follow this link

www.lionhudson.com/page/author-detail/?k=ANDREWBRIGGS&auth=ANDREWBRIGGS



**Robin Fisher,
North A 2009–14**

“Between 23–29 August this year, I will have swum 21.5 miles across the English Channel in aid of the charity Rethink Mental Illness and in memory of my brother John Fisher, who unfortunately passed away due to mental illness. I have a target of £4,000 to raise for the charity, a more than worthwhile cause, supporting those affected directly and indirectly by mental illness across the whole country.” I am grateful to the OLS for their travel grant which helped me fund this challenge.

**Aubrey Collins,
School 1992–94**

We are delighted to announce that Aubrey has been appointed Head of Physics at Lord Wandsworth College in Hampshire. We wish him well in his new role.

NEWS FLASH ‘On 25 August I set off at 4:47am and just made it to Cap Gris Nez, the headland that juts out from the French coastline, before the tide change swept me around the coastline. The journey took me 14hrs 7 mins 30 secs.

Setting off in the dark and watching the sunrise felt amazing. The last 4 hours were incredibly tough as my crew kept pushing me, but ultimately so worthwhile.’

**Lou Hall (nee Beazor), Dale 2003–08
and Rob Hall, Former Common Room**

are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Elias Benjamin Beazor Hall, born on 21 March in Abu Dhabi. Lou and Rob are having lots of fun in UAE and their jobs are both going really well. They are excited about their family adventure now!



**Peter Helps MBE,
Fen 1974–79**

Peter was awarded a MBE for services to arts and culture in the Queen’s Birthday Honours. In 1995 Peter joined Sinfonia Viva, a creative music charity providing orchestral, educational and performance opportunities and projects in, with and for local communities. Whilst ensuring concert giving of the highest standard Peter is also passionate about the role music can play in the development of the social skills and educational attainment of participants in the Orchestra’s nationally acclaimed project work. Peter chairs the Leicestershire Music Hub Executive Committee and is a trustee of Magna Vitae, a culture and leisure trust based in Lincolnshire as well as being a Director of Magna Vitae Enterprises,

the Trust’s trading arm. He has just assumed, for a second time, Chairmanship of the Association of British Orchestras’ Chamber Orchestras Managers’ Group. He is a Director of Sinfonia Viva Events Ltd, the Orchestra’s production company. Peter has led on many creative projects including being producer and tour manager of Sinfonia Viva’s Cabinet of Curiosities Tour of five locations using its inflatable venue and being the local content producer for two original, created pieces that opened and closed the Olympic Torch Relay Evening Celebration Event in Derby in June 2012. He worked on the culmination event for Derby City’s area opportunity fund year-long project *This is Derby* in June 2019.



**Bryony Wood,
Moulton/Fen 2011–18
and Cameron Lewis,
Moulton/School 2010–17**

outside St James’s Palace on 26 November 2018 having received their gold Duke of Edinburgh award. A great achievement, congratulations to you both.



**Henry Milward,
School 2001–06**

Henry and his wife Aoife welcomed a daughter, Elodie, on 31 March 2019. Congratulations.



**Carl (A I C) Haythornthwaite,
East 1950–56**

1st OL marriage in the School Chapel?

“Brenda and I have just celebrated our Diamond Anniversary on 14 March, 60 years on from being married in the School Chapel in 1959! It was by chance that Tony Pepper mentioned to us that the School Chapel was licensed for marriages, explaining that Bisseker had arranged it so he could marry his 2 daughters there. What was never revealed was that one of the girls was actually marrying an Old Leysian, Keith Payne! So, although we were the third marriage in the chapel, I had to relinquish my belief that I was the first OL to be married there.”



**Above left: the bride and groom
outside the chapel with the best man
and bridesmaid**

**Below left: at the diamond wedding
party with their bridesmaid and
best man**

CONGRATULATIONS

**Ben Shennan,
Moulton/Barker 2008–15**

has accepted an offer from Oxford to study for a DPhil in organic synthesis with applications in medicine. The DPhil is a four-year course involving an introductory year of training in Organic Chemistry with various projects in different labs. Eventually, Ben aims to specialise in Total Synthesis which focuses on the synthesis of complex molecules observed in nature, often bearing interesting pharmaceutical properties. We wish him well.



Ben in his element

Summer term report

School Sport highlight of the summer



The Leys quad competing at Henley Royal Regatta

This has been a fine season for Leys Swimming, with a number of impressive performances in galas and a superb display from both boys and girls at The Bath Cup.

The Boat Club recorded multiple wins in Cambridge races and at Ely. Our Year 10 beginners were successful in their match versus Perse Upper and two quads entered the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta.

Athletics at The Leys continues to grow from strength to strength. Many of our performers were selected to compete at the regional championships, with standout performances from Charlie H and Charlie B winning the Cambridgeshire County Championships.

Boys' Tennis has had an enjoyable and exciting term this summer. It has been a great season for the U15A and B teams, their best performances this term was when they beat Kimbolton and Bedford in two very

tight contests. The match against The Perse for the 3rd VI produced the most exciting moments of the year, with The Leys taking the fixture 5-4 in the final set. The 2nd VI produced some good performances to beat Kimbolton 6-3, a very competitive 5-4 win over The Perse, and a 9-0 in the mixed match against Haileybury. It has been a good season for the 1st Team boys with some very close and competitive matches. The highlight was coming back from 4-2 down to beat Oundle 5-4. In the U15 AEGON Cup, the matches have been a really good experience for our stronger Academy players and they have tested themselves against some very fine players in the County.

Girls' tennis has continued to flourish, the Moulton pupils have battled hard, demonstrating resilience and desire against some very strong schools. The Year 9 squads have continued to develop and have now adapted to playing some fine doubles and singles tennis. The real highlight of the season for both sides were the comprehensive victories over The Perse and Stephen Perse. The 7-2 wins against The Perse and Bedford school illustrated the strength in depth at in

the U15 girl's division. The 2nd team had a successful season, winning three out of four matches played. The 1st team reached the final of the East Region Aberdare Cup, with superb wins against Bishop Stortford and Framlingham.

This was yet another very successful year for Leys Cricket. The Moulton boys' and girls' teams developed week on week. The U14C's had a great season of cricket, a highlight of the season was a great team performance in victory against Felsted. The U14B cricket team put a great deal of effort into their training and played some classy cricket. It was a great start to Leysian Cricket for the promising U14A team. The U15B won all their games as a team, backing each other at the crease and in the field, it all came together in the victory over The Perse by 140 runs in the final game. This was a very good season for the U15A side culminating in a famous last ball victory in the last game. The 3rd XI had two very close defeats and one superb victory, beating Norwich by 136 runs. The 2nd XI thoroughly enjoyed the cricket they played this year, especially the 10 wicket win over Haileybury. The 1st XI had a very



Rugby and Hockey Tour to South Africa, the boys at the Cape of Good Hope

the first female composer to be signed by Decca. The whole evening was a very pleasing result of lots of hard work and preparation. The Chamber Choir have an upcoming CD recording.

Leys Sport – Summer Tour to South Africa

Soon after the School broke up for the summer the rugby and boys hockey teams jetted off to South Africa for their summer tour. They flew into Johannesburg where they played their first matches. They also played matches in Pretoria and Cape Town. Speaking to some of the boys on their return they said it had been the most amazing experience both sporting and culturally. They saw some really stunning scenery and met lots of wonderful people. One of the unexpected highlights was the time spent with their host families lifelong friendships have been forged. It was agreed that their best matches were those against Bryanston High School, Johannesburg, with a rugby victory of 45–7 and a hockey draw, 2 all. It was the first time the boys had played hockey on grass!



Danny Church

Farewell

We said farewell to a Leys legend this summer, Danny Church, Grounds Keeper; Danny worked as a member of the Grounds Staff for 28 years. We will all miss his cheery waves and smiles, and of course his outstanding contribution to keeping The Leys' grounds looking as amazing as they always do. We wish Danny all the very best of luck in his new role as Grounds Keeper at Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club. Our loss is their gain.

good season, progressing to the last 8 in the National T20 tournament. The season finished with a pleasing 9 wickets victory over The Perse and a 3 wicket victory over the MCC.

With many of the girls new to the sport the U15Bs have had a good first term. The U15A girls had an exceptional season, winning all but one of their fixtures. A comprehensive victory over The Perse in the final match showed how far these girls have come. It has been great to see Girls' Cricket thriving here at The Leys.

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Music and Drama

The Year 9 play kicked off the summer term. 'The Tales of King Arthur' which brought this well-known legend with its many twists and turns to Great Hall on an unusual contemporary set. It was powerfully performed by an extremely able cast of 26 young actors. Then the Year 7 and 8 production brought us the enchanting musical adventures of the little Ugly Duckling in the form of 'Honk Jr'.

Our End of Year Concert was once again held at the wonderful Saffron Hall and featured all the school's main ensembles. A highlight was the world premiere performance of *I wandered lonely as a cloud*, a commission for the Chamber Choir by upcoming composer, Rebecca Dale,



End of Year Concert

Visitors to the School



Sayuri Ikura, Fen 1994–97



Sayuri made a flying visit the School on 20 June. She had not been back since she left in 1997. She was thrilled to be back and was delighted to see how the school looks with a number of important new developments since her time here. She visited the School shop and is now the proud owner of a Leys sweatshirt!



Suzannah Welch **(nee Harten-Ash),** Fen 2000–03 and **Francesca Slot,** Moulton/Fen 1998–2005

Suzannah and Francesca paid a flying visit to the Alumni and Development Office on 1 August before heading off for coffee at an old haunt 'Martin's', now Hot Numbers. Suzannah introduced us to the beautiful 8 week old Phoebe, a sister for 18 month old Theo. Many congratulations Suzannah and Andrew.



Ademar Bandeira Filho, North A 1998–99

Ademar visited the school on 23 May, he was very pleased to be able to meet up with Charles Fraser his Housemaster and with his friend Damien Rigden, North A 1998-02 (now Sports Coach and Assistant Housemaster North A). Although only here for one year Ademar has a great affection for the School. He is now living and working as an engineer at home in Brazil.



Oliver Carr, North A 1988–90

Oliver brought his family, wife Tanya and children Julian and Vivian, to visit The Leys on 29 July. They live in Essen, Germany. He and Tanya last visited The Leys for the reunion in 2005, so were pleased on this visit to be able to show their children around the School. On entering the chapel Oliver's comment was "It still smells the same". He was able to show his family his room in A House which is now the House Matron's office. They planned an afternoon of punting following their visit.

Benjamin Pratt, School 1981–85

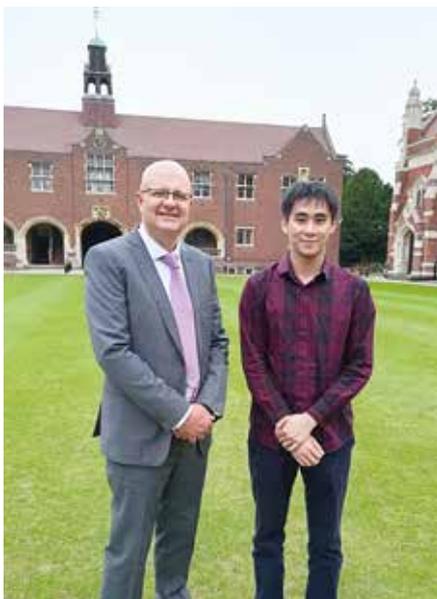
We welcomed Benjamin back to The Leys on 26 July. He brought his youngest sons to look around the School whilst they were visiting England from their home in Michigan, USA. "I had wanted to share with my twins where I had gone to school."



Edward He, East 2010–12

Edward visited the School in June and gave a presentation to the LVI Further Mathematicians about his current research. Edward did an Integrated Master's degree in Mathematics at Christ Church, Oxford and is now in his third year of five studying for a PhD in Operations Research at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. His research will help solve transportation-related problems faced by delivery companies such as FedEx and UPS.

It all started in 2010 when Geoff Howe taught Edward, and now they are 'Housemen' together. (They both went to Christ Church, Oxford)



Carolyn Flintoff, widow of John Flintoff, East 1946–51 and daughter of James Stansfield, North B 1921–23

It was a delight to show the Flintoff family around the School on 29 July. Carolyn hadn't known which house her father had been in so was thrilled to see North B and to stand on the entrance steps once trodden by her father. She was also very pleased her sons and their families were able to see the place their father and grandfather had so much enjoyed.



OL Events

OL STUDENT DRINKS, NEWCASTLE, 21 FEBRUARY

A recent new initiative hosting an informal reception for undergraduate OLs in their place of study had a successful launch in Newcastle in February. Ros Hart and Andy Erby were pleased to catch up with eight OLs studying a range of courses including Geography, Psychology, Engineering and Medicine. Their enthusiasm for the city, their courses and The Leys was palpable. We look forward to repeating the event in other cities in the future so look out for one near you.

Present were; Jack Elliott, Moulton/West 2010–16; Emily King, Moulton/Fen 2009–15; Ed O'Brien, Bisseker 2010–15; Harry Oswald, Moulton/Barrett 2008–15; Nic Tan, Moulton/School 2010–15; Sam Hurd, School/West, 2016–18; Will Zeitlyn, West 2011–16 and Fergus Learoyd, Barrett 2012–17.



INFORMAL CAMBRIDGE DRINKS, 4 APRIL

Once again this informal event was a great success, over 30 OLs attended a lively evening held in the Upper Common Room. We enjoyed meeting up with so many local OLs. We hope to see you next year!



OL REUNION, 19 MAY

“Few things are more distressing to a well-educated mind than to see a boy who ought to know better disporting himself at improper moments” This line was mentioned a few times during the Reunion! Clearly never to be forgotten by those who wrote it out many, many times.

We were blessed with a glorious day. Guests started to gather outside the chapel at 10.30am. Many had not been inside the chapel since they left in the 1970s. They seemed happy to do so on this occasion although some had been reluctant attendees during their School days apparently!

Following the chapel service, conducted by Revd Meharry, the Headmaster formally welcome the 60 or so OLs and former

Common Room back to the School. The School’s catering department laid on a fabulous roast lunch. Apparently School food has improved greatly since the 1970s. The House tours that followed were much enjoyed, although some were shocked at the major changes that have been made to their houses, with both Fen and old School House now being girl’s houses. The House tours elicited much reminiscing as did the display of archive photos showing young men (and members of Common Room) sporting some very up to the minute hair styles!

The Reunion is always the highlight of the OL events calendar and this year was no exception. A very happy day was enjoyed by all, many being reluctant to leave with still more tales to tell! Come back and visit us soon.



Walking to the Dining Hall (above)
Lunch in the Dining Hall (below)

FOOTNOTE – OLs FROM THE 1970s



Ian Asken making the coin toss with Clive Mackintosh



Ashley and friends dressed as they might have been in 1978

During his year as President of the OLS Ashley Silverton, Fen 1972–78, organised a Retro Disco and a cricket match to mark the 40th anniversary of his final year at The Leys. Fancy dress was optional but the Fen boys went all out as you can see! Ashley was ably assisted by Ian Ashken, Fen 1973–78. They very generously donated the profit from the event to the School’s Bursary Programme.

It was good to welcome so many of that year back to this year’s Reunion.

NEW YORK, MAY 2019

They say practice, practice, practice is the way to the Carnegie Hall but luckily OL Alec Sirken, East 1973–74, allowed me in without any such inconvenience which was a wonderful way to start my visit to New York. He kindly hosted a number of OLs for a concert. I was able to meet with a number of OLs during my short visit including at a drinks event at Prohibition on the Upper West Side. I am pleased to report that the Leysian Community in the States is thriving and I am very grateful for the support we receive when we visit.

Thomas Northcote,
Head of Development

OL Sport

OLFC OUTING



ROGER FELTON, FEN 1973–78

OLs were well represented at the 2019 European Spoofing Championship in Newcastle on 12 May. Some very Old Leysians (vOLs) were joined by some not so old ones for a thrilling contest of numismatics ahead of the Worlds in Japan in October.

The organisers of the European Rugby Championship kindly scheduled the Final to be in Newcastle on the same day so we were all able to watch fellow OL, Alex Goode, win his 3rd winners medal with Saracens.

Standing: Jack Elliott, Moulton/West 2010–16; Max Wilson, West 2011–16. Seated: Ben Elliott, West 2008–12; Will Spriggs, North A 1992–97; Josh Hooker, West 1992–97. Front Seated: Roger Felton, Fen 1973–78; Paul Miller, West 1971–75; Bill Endacott, North A 1961–66; Nick Poynton, North B 1960–66; Ashley Silverton, Fen 1973–78. Front: Ollie Silverton, School 2005–10; Mark Elliott, Fen 1977–82



Your support is always very welcome.
Follow the link to our section on the School website,
where full details can be found.

GOLF

Old Leysian Golfing Society REPORT BY NIGEL WASHBOURN

At our annual business meeting on, 6 February the following Officers were elected for two years:

President	Stuart Amey
Captain	Nick Dendy
Vice Captain	Charlie Kidman
Honourary Secretary & Treasurer	Nigel Washbourn
Assistant Honourary Secretary & Treasurer	Richard Chapman
Team Manager Halford Hewitt/Grafton Morrish	Nick Dendy
Team Manager Bernard Darwins	Tim Walton

Committee Members: Alan Cox, Richard Endacott, James Kisby, Andrew Macalpine, Noel Page & Stephen Peak

HALFORD HEWITT CUP, 9–14 APRIL

We played Rugby at Royal St. George's in the first round. Our fourth and fifth pairs unfortunately were outclassed losing some way from home. Thereafter our first three pairs played some quality golf to finish by only just losing all three vital matches on the 18th green. We then moved to Prince's to play in the Halford Hewitt Plate against Epsom. Another quality match where we lost 2–1.



Back Row: Chris Newlove; David McClean; Chris Holden. Front Row: Andrew Petrie; Paul Quin; David Page; Tom Williams; Simon Cooper; Nick Dendy; Alex Smethers; Peter Hockin; Charlie Kidman; Chris Turner



Back Row: James Gibbons, Common Room; Richard Innes, OL; Nick Dendy, OL; Charlie Kidman, OL; Stephen Peak, OL; **Front Row 4 pupils;** Neil Mackay, OL; Nigel Washbourn, OL; Lindie Tapping, OL; Peter White, Common Room



Putting Team: Liam McKeown; Chris Newlove; Chris Holden; Nick Dendy

MATCH V THE SCHOOL

We had another enjoyable match against the School on the Old Course at the Gogs. James Gibbons and Peter White ran the School side. We did just prevail with a close finish winning 2-1.

Lindie Tapping, Fen 2011-16, played for us again. She recently graduated from Liverpool University where she played for their golf team. Lindie is working in the Administration Team at the LPGA, for the Solheim Cup, Europe v USA. at Gleneagles in September.

SPRING MEETING AT HUNTERCOMBE GOLF CLUB, 7 MAY

A return to this Club after a few years gave us another very enjoyable day's golf near Nettlebed. In the morning Roger Wood was easily ahead to win the Medal. The rest of the scores for the morning and afternoon reflected the difficulty for everyone's putting on the tricky, but excellent greens.

SCORES

Ted Morel Trophy (Medal)

Roger Wood, 87-11, 76 Nett

Neil White Trophy (Stableford)

Paul Miller, 27 Points (Last nine holes);
Charlie Kidman, 27 Points

Society's Tankards (Stableford)

Tim Walton & Roger Wood, 24 Points;
Richard Endacott & Paul Miller 23 Points

+ THE SPRING MEETING 2020 will be held at Royal Mid Surry Golf Club, near Richmond on Thursday, 7 May. This is our Captain's home club and it is hoped that there will be good support.

GRAFTON MORRISH

On 12 May we qualified with a score of 85 points. In the Finals we are playing Warwick at Hunstanton Golf Club on 4 October. Team: Tom Williams & David Skilton, Simon Cooper & Alex Smethers, Chris Turner & Andrew Petrie.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON PUTTING FINALS

In The Royal Wimbledon Schools Putting Tournament we reached the Finals on 13 June. We narrowly missed a play off for second place by losing our last match. Charterhouse were the winners.

SENIOR BERNARD DARWIN (OVER 65s)

In the first round of the Senior Bernard Darwin we lost to Tonbridge. It was good to welcome Charlie Kidman playing on his first occasion, he and his partner having a halved match.

Tonbridge went on to the Final losing to Charterhouse.

BERNARD DARWIN TROPHY (OVER 55s)

In the first round of the Bernard Darwin we played Charterhouse. Even with a good team we could not equal their quality. In the Final Malvern won against Harrow.

Our Golf webpage is regularly updated and is under Old Leysian Clubs & Societies on the School website.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME please apply to:
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Over 55s: David Page; Paul Quin; David McClean; Andrew Petrie; John Edward; Peter Hockin; with Tim Walton standing behind

Spotlight on Matthew Rycroft CBE



From The Leys to the Department for International Development: Matthew Rycroft CBE, North B 1981–86, studied Mathematics and Philosophy at Merton College, Oxford before joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1989. He received a CBE for his work as Private Secretary to the Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs, covering all foreign, European, Northern Ireland and defence issues in No 10 from 2002–04.

The Russell Group were delighted to welcome Mr Matthew Rycroft CBE, who spoke about 'International Development and Britain's place in the world'. Currently Mr Rycroft is the Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Development. The department leads the UK's efforts to promote sustainable development, end extreme poverty, and aims to tackle the global challenges of our time.



He was interviewed by Lily von Moll:

Why did you decide to become a diplomat?

I joined the Foreign Office because I was really interested in the world, I remember preparing for the interviews and getting really interested in what was happening around the world. I found the international pages of the newspaper more interesting than the business pages – about conflicts in Africa, about Europe, about the balance of power between the big superpowers. I had never studied International Relations or anything like that but I just had a huge interest in it.

What advice would you give to someone considering a similar career to yours?

If you have an interest in the world, in languages and different cultures, in different ways of doing things – then my main tip is to go for it. Visit the British Embassy, get an internship in the Foreign Office or some work experience. Your degree isn't too important:

being fantastic at languages is only a marginal advantage, it is having the aptitude to learn new ones that is more important. It is also very common to move between departments, so there is built in variety. No days are boring – you're working on some of the biggest issues in the world and the personal interest in it and enjoyment from it is amazing.

Which is the most exciting highlight of your career so far?

Other than speaking to the Russell Group at The Leys... The most exciting bit in the early part of my career was definitely being at Dayton for the peace talks that ended the war in Bosnia. I got a front row seat to see how leaders of countries at war with each other negotiate in order to end a war, and I learned a lot from the US diplomats who are running the negotiations which bring different factions together to try to reach an agreement.

A real highlight was working with the Queen. When I was the Deputy Head of the Foreign Office I used to go and support the Queen whenever she met new Foreign Ambassadors in London.

Later on in my career a real highlight was working with the Queen. When I was the Deputy Head of the Foreign Office I used to go and support the Queen whenever she met new Foreign Ambassadors in London. They would present their credentials to her and she would have a little chat with each of them before they would formally start their jobs – that was definitely a real highlight. But actually the thing about diplomacy and international relations in general is that basically you have no idea what is going to happen each day. When I was ambassador to the UN in New York everyday was different and there was always a Russian VETO or a bit of theatre about something or an important decision to pass in terms of resolution so a lot of really interesting things.



Matthew with pupils at their school in Sudan



How did you find all the travelling? Did you ever feel the upheaval every four years was disruptive or was there an advantage to that whole process?

It is disruptive and it definitely can make things difficult in terms of family but if you are curious about the world and interested in other cultures and really getting under the skin of what's going on in a foreign country then it can be very rewarding. For the children, for instance, it can be a really great education on its own, even though they're moving to different schools.

When you were at The Leys, academia and sport aside, you were involved in lots of different extra-curricular activities: the Music Society; The Fortnightly; the Essay Club – which skills do you still use today?

I think in a way everything I'm doing now I learnt at school or university: learning how to think for yourself, learning how to construct arguments and think about what's right and wrong, what's logical and illogical – those are really important skills which I think you learn at school. In terms of extra-curriculars, I guess learning how to be in a team, learning how to work with other people.

If you hadn't become a diplomat which other career path would you have liked to follow?

I was quite close to going into the secret service, as is quite a common career path in the department. There are many transferable skills that lend themselves to lots of different departments.

What would you like the *OL News* to be reporting about you in ten years' time, in other words: where would you like to be in ten years' time?

I would hope that I'm still working and doing interesting jobs, making a difference, even if it's in a small way, for the UK. Our country has had a challenging few years and I hope in 10 years' time all of that will be behind us and that we will have come together as a country and really understood what we want to be proud of, what we want to be known for and I would love to be part of that.



With Professor Brian Cox at an event supporting Sightsavers at the Science Museum



Matthew with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Nadia Murad

Obituaries

Rev. Peter Allen,

Former Common Room, on 25 December 2018

Richard Cadman,

School 1970–75, on 23 April 2019 after a long and brave battle with cancer

Cadders, as he was affectionately known, was a stalwart Old Leysian who became President of the OLS in 2010. Typically, in his year of office he hardly missed an OL event whether formal or informal. He was President of the Yorkshire Branch of the OLS and joint Secretary with Charles Clough for many years. During their time in office, regardless of the Agenda, all meetings finished at 7.43pm precisely, at least according to the minutes.

On leaving School he worked at the NatWest where he met Julie Buchanan, who later became Julie Cadman. Julie supported Cadders unstintingly at OL functions. After NatWest he worked for General Guarantee for 20 years and later moved to Pitts Wilson Electrical in Bradford where he became HR Manager/Consultant for the rest of his working career.

Cadders loved his sport, playing cricket and hockey for Ben Rhydding to a high standard.

Cadders spectating at the Halford Hewitt in 2018



He was a Leeds United Season Ticket Holder. A supporter of Yorkshire County Cricket Club for most of his life, he went to many matches with his mother and sister who shared his passion.

Golf was perhaps his main love and he had the rare honour of being Captain of both Shipley Beckfoot and Ilkley Golf Clubs. He was incredibly loyal to OL Golf and played for many years in the Halford Hewitt, the Grafton Morrish and the Bernard Darwin teams, captaining the OLGs in 2011 and 2012. He had a classic golf swing and the distinction of holing out on the 7th at Royal St George's for an Albatross 2 and having a Hole in One on the 10th at Woking, both whilst representing the OLGs, a feat which is unlikely to be matched.

These bare facts illustrate Richard's considerable achievements, however anyone who spent any time with him knew him as one of the nicest chaps you could ever wish to meet. Friends, both men and women, would agree it was always great fun to be in his company. He had a keen sense of humour and he listened well. He was kind, generous and a true gentleman.

He was a great friend to many, demonstrated at the service celebrating his life where it was standing room only. The Service was attended by a number of OLs many of whom had travelled a long distance. Martin Priestley and Mark Slater, current and immediate past Headmasters of The Leys attended reflecting how well he was respected throughout the Leysian Community.

Devoted to his family, he will be missed hugely by Julie and his children Emma, Lucy and James.

It was great fun and a real privilege to know him.

Words from Peter Hockin, North A 1962–67

Keith Fairweather,

North A 1944–48, on 17 February 2019

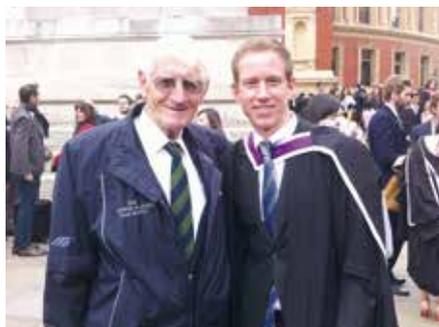
UNCLE KEITH

David Keith Fairweather was born in Clitheroe, Lancashire where his father was a GP. In 1935, when Keith was five, the family moved to London. Keith began school at Dulwich College, but in 1940 due to the Blitz Keith and his older sister Christine were evacuated for schooling – Keith to the Royal Oak Hotel in Betws y Coed and Christine to The Mount School, York – beginning a separation of their lives. When the war ended, Keith joined The Leys School in Cambridge (his first two years in Pitlochry) before beginning medical studies at Clare College Cambridge, moving on to Guys Hospital. During his time at The Leys and Clare, his skills at rugby were highly regarded, and he only just missed out on a full Cambridge Blue when the previous year's captain returned for the final.

After national service Keith came to Australia and used the home in suburban Melbourne of Christine, who had migrated to Australia with her husband Peter (Fensham) in 1956, as a base between locums for ex-Guys Hospital doctors in Australia. His years as a military doctor during peacetime provided little preparation for the challenges of being a GP in rural Australia such as the day a man came into his outback surgery saying he had been bitten by a snake.

On his return to Britain, Keith studied for a Diploma of Physical Medicine – a specialty that directly relates to the back problems so many old rugby players experience. Thereafter, he was always critical of fellow doctors who failed to learn how to treat this very common presenting symptom. He became the founding partner of a Fulham general medical practice that endures to this day and he mentored many young doctors to flourish in their careers.

With no children of his own, Keith had a very special relationship as Uncle Keith with



Far left: Keith Fairweather with his great nephew, Jasper, at Jasper's graduation in Cambridge
Left: John Flintoff and family



Rachel, Mark, Roderick and Patrick, his niece and three nephews in Australia. Over extended family visits to England during the 1960s and 70s, and later as young adults, each of them separately lived with him for a period at River Gardens in Fulham, and Keith took great interest in their different careers and characteristics. Now aged 54–62, all four had remarkably been to see him in his last year. More latterly, Keith has been well supported by his former medical partner Cathy Stewart (nee Bond), his cousin Rosemary and his close friend Barbara.

Words from family members Peter and Rachel Fensham

Keith will be remembered by many OLGs as a stalwart of the OLGs, he was a very good golfer and represented the OLGs for many years at the Halford Hewitt, the Darwins and the Schools Putting Competition at The Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, where he was a member. Latterly he loved to give his support to the OLGs. Keith attended all the Pitlochry Reunions including the last one in 2010. He was also a regular at the OL London Drinks.

Words by Fi Slot

John Flintoff,

East 1946–51 (notice in previous OL News)

I first met John Flintoff when he came to The Leys in 1946 with his brother, Michael, the Flintoff twins. Sadly, Michael died tragically in a motor accident. After The

Leys, John went to Trinity College Cambridge and then qualified as a solicitor, joining his father in the family practice in Newcastle-on-Tyne. John also became legal advisor to the Baltic Maritime Conference. I next met him when he became engaged to Carolyn who was a friend of my family. Her father, James Stansfield, was also an Old Leysian. It is said that John and Carolyn first met up an apple tree while they were each on a fruit picking holiday! They had a long, happy marriage and had three children. My wife and I have enjoyed many good times with them over the years. Sadly, recently, John became increasingly physically handicapped but remained his cheerful self. We last met him about a year before he died when he was with all his family on holiday in the Lake District. Photograph above is of John with his family on that occasion when we had an enjoyable lunch and reminisced about our years at The Leys.

Words from his friend David Tattersall, North B 1944–47

Donald Keith Hargreaves,

West 1957–62, on May 7 2018

My brother died in hospital in Atlanta, Georgia after several months of illness.

After leaving The Leys he went first to Christ's College Cambridge, followed by a post-grad course at Loomis in Connecticut. He then went on to Yale University. Derek, as he now preferred to be called, made his

career in finance which continued until his retirement. He worked first at the Federal Reserve before moving on to JP Morgan Chase, where he rose through the ranks to reach the level of Vice President. He settled in New York, where he developed an enthusiasm for opera – with The Met being a particular beneficiary of his philanthropic giving to both public and private causes.

Words from his brother Brian Hargreaves, West 1953–58

Peter Lyn Hodgson,

North A 1958–63, on 2 July 2019

Peter sadly passed away peacefully at Southampton Hospital, on 2 July 2019. He leaves behind his doting partner Jacqui, three children, Penny, Michael and Clare, and five grandchildren, Alex, Josh, Lily, Maya and Kira. Peter dedicated his working life to property management and had considerable expertise in his field. He had a passion for motor cars, in particular Formula 1, reading and his family. The family would love to hear from any of Peter's School friends who have memories of Peter during that time.



Words from his daughter Penny Hodgson

The Reverend Brian Holliday,

West 1948–53, CR 1978–86,
on 17 May 2019

Three perspectives – Pupil, Common Room
and Son

Stephen Ludlow, North B 1980–85 writes

Brian was the Chaplain throughout my time at The Leys. He had been at The Leys from 1948–53 and returned as Chaplain from 1978–86. He encouraged friendship and understanding between the pupils and as father of three teenage children had a practical way of putting school life in perspective, always making himself available to provide a listening ear. As a teacher of RE, he took pride in the fact that pupils took the subject in the fourth form as their first O level with many attaining a grade ‘A’. In Brian’s care we had great fun – I played in his 4th XV Rugby side, affectionately known as the “God Squad “ and his passion for cricket meant he was the natural choice to coach the 4th XI cricket team for The Leysian Mission ‘derby’ game. He will be remembered fondly for the faith, friendship and fun he shared with all his pupils.

*Andrew Erby, Common Room 1981,
1983–2016 writes*

Brian is remembered by colleagues who served with him as a gentle, kind and uncomplicated man. He could often be seen, head to one side, looking pensive, as he mulled over recent events and placed them into context. He was very conscientious in his preparation for chapel Services and lessons, keen to secure good visiting preachers, and RE exam results were also



Brian Holliday

good. Colleagues found him very supportive; for example, when learning of a problem relating to a pupil he was quickly in touch with the Housemaster to offer support and assistance. He and Gweneth were very hospitable, regularly hosting lunches and teas which made visitors and new colleagues feel very welcome. Brian also had a sense of humour and he was not afraid to play the fool to get his message across. On one occasion a chicken appeared in assembly. No-one had the least idea who was in the chicken suit until the chicken appeared on stage and removed his head-dress to make his announcement. To everyone’s surprise and amusement, it was Brian, advertising the Lenten Appeal.

Daniel J Holliday, North B 1981–86 writes

As a boy at the School, having a father who was also chaplain was not ideal! Whilst I spent most of my time feeling mild to acute levels of embarrassment at his mere presence, I was on the odd occasions secretly proud of the way he appeared to allow his not so closet left-wing tendencies permeate pretty much everything he did – from Harvest Sunday to Remembrance Day. These days he might be called an “activist” but to him he just believed that in a Thatcherite climate and school atmosphere, it was essential that an alternative narrative be both seen and heard.

Terence Desmond Cowan Large,

North A 1944–47, on 2 March 2018

(John David Hay) Iain Mackenzie,

North B 1945–50, on 13 April 2019

After leaving The Leys, of which he always retained happy memories, he qualified as a chartered accountant (9th in the final examinations of 1955), and did his National Service as a naval sub-lieutenant, taking part in the Suez action of 1956. He moved to Canada in 1959 to work in the financial sector, becoming President of two successful investment companies, as well as (with his wife) a breeder of Limousin cattle on the farm that they ran together. After his retirement in 1991, he and his wife settled in the Isle of Man, making many new friends, and where he was persuaded out of

retirement to become a director of the Manx subsidiary of a well-known international investment corporation. He died peacefully in Noble’s Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man survived by his wife Helen, formerly Clive-Ponsonby-Fane, their son Graham and his wife Nicole, daughter Charlotte and granddaughter Genny – their second son James tragically died young. A generous and congenial host, whose membership of a horseracing syndicate brought him great enjoyment, Iain will also be greatly missed by his large extended family and his many friends.

Words from his brother-in-law Simon Parkes

Robert Stewart (Kim) McKim,

North B, 1943–48, on 27 January 2019

Mike France, School 1943–48, telephoned to let us know of his passing. Mike and Kim shared a room at Pitlochry.

Jan Gilbert Paulusz,

North A 1947–49, on 5 December 2017,
aged 88

After school and National Service Jan qualified as a Barrister at Law, his childhood ambition (Lincoln’s Inn 1957). Later appointed one of Her Majesty’s Records. He is remembered for his open-handed generosity and humour by his many friends, and is mourned by his wife Luisella and surviving brother Geoffrey.

J Jeremy M Potter,

School 1950–55, on 7 February 2019

Eric Southern,

Common Room 1951–80, on 24 June 2019

Eric encouraged an enigma about his age, he spared Her Majesty the cost of a telegram by just over a year. He came up to Peterhouse in 1939 to read Classics but the war intervened. After the war he returned to Peterhouse taking BA in Classics and his teaching qualifications. He joined the staff at The Leys in 1951 where he taught Classics until his retirement. Who can forget his sparkle

when introducing Falernian wine – produced from Aglianico grapes from the slopes of an extinct volcano – described by Pliny the Elder as Faustian Falernian; “It is the only wine that takes light when a flame is applied to it”. Hearing of it made a teenager feel seriously grown-up. Always eager to embrace any intellectual challenge or research, during his sabbatical from The Leys he took an additional BA, this time in English Literature. In the 1980s he took a third degree, an LLB, after which he lectured on Law. He has been one of the lecturers at U3A in Cambridge, lecturing on his beloved Classics with courses in Greek, Latin, The Odyssey, The Iliad, Virgil, Caesar’s Gallic Wars et al. Eric was an inspirational teacher. He always sought to bring out the best of any pupil’s ability. His acerbic humour was unforgiving but accurate. He displayed impish delight seeking out passages in Milton’s Paradise Lost which were direct translations of complete tranches of Virgil. For many of us he instilled a life-long passion to seek out and research. The most generous and thoughtful person, he was constantly curious and informed about the world and all that is in it. We shall miss him so very much.

Words from Rod Ashby Johnson, School 1957–62

I was taught by Eric, the Latin set was a top set and his creed was that “if we were in the top set we were clever enough to do well at O level.” So while the second set was ploughing through lots of grammar tables and idioms, we were encouraged to read bits of Latin not on the syllabus. It made for an interesting time but not many top grades, while the second set did a lot better, although I am not sure they enjoyed it as much! Studying A level Greek was really challenging. Eric chose Aeschylus’ play the Agamemnon as our set text, and it was obvious that he was really enjoying the work – but as I discovered when I went on to read Classics at University, it is one of the most difficult texts to translate and understand. Having said all that Eric was passionate in particular about Greek and Latin literature – “it enables you to meet the characters who lived and wrote in the ancient world” – and it was his encouragement which spurred me on to read Classics, and to then follow in his footsteps as a Classics teacher.

Words from Paul Henderson, Fen 1967–72

Owen Sutherland,

North A 1960–64, on 25 May 2019

Owen excelled at rugby. He was selected as full back for the 1st XV at quite a young age, but his playing days were cut short when he sustained a serious neck injury. Owen followed his brother William to St Catharine’s College, studying Natural Sciences from 1965 to 1968. Rowing together in a college crew, the brothers won their blades in the Bumps. After graduating, Owen married Maggi and farmed the family’s land around Dunstanburgh. About thirty years later he diversified into property redevelopment. Owen moved to Spain in 2004 with his second wife Jan, from where they sailed a catamaran in the Mediterranean. They travelled widely and enjoyed dancing, winning trophies for Modern Jive and attending Scottish dancing weekends. Owen also wrote poetry, stories and acted with a local drama group. While visiting England in early 2018 he became unwell. He was very philosophical and endured his long illness, supported throughout by Jan, with great stoicism. Owen is survived by Maggi, Jan and her family, and his daughter and son. Jane, a doctor, has three children and Jonathan is an airline captain.

Words from his friend James Caesar, North A 1960–65, (St Catharine’s 1965–68)

James Richard Steed Tapp,

North A 1949–53, on 26 October 2018

(Arthur) Rodney Tapp,

North B 1946–51, on 19 January 2018

George David Whitaker,

North B 1946–51, on 11 July 2018

Born in Bradford, West Yorkshire he spent his earlier school days at Bradford Grammar School before becoming one of the many boys from Yorkshire who continued their education at The Leys. At The Leys it became apparent that he was a keen and excellent sportsman: indeed, it could be said that this formed the major part of his school life, for he became a tri-colour for two years, and Captain of Cricket and Rugby in addition to being a School Prefect. He was widely known among the boys as “Ticker”, and was the sort



David Whitaker

of school sporting star who was something of a hero to us younger boys. David did his national service being commissioned in the West Yorkshire Regiment. During his time in the army he was very keen to play for the OL XV in its annual match against Cambridge University which had in its team some players of national repute. Somehow, somewhere, somebody knew the right strings to be pulled (rumoured to be the late “Buck” Buchanan) and the War Office released David to play in that match. He also played for the Territorial Army against the Combined London Old Boys XV and had a Yorkshire trial in 1952. In 1953 he went up to Emmanuel College Cambridge to read Economics and Law. He again made the most of the sporting opportunities. He played rugby for his college and for the LX Club (the University second XV), narrowly missing a blue.

David joined the family firm of wool merchants in Bradford where he remained for his entire working life. He was appointed as a General Commissioner of Taxes for Bradford and was greatly involved with the Yorkshire Association of Youth Clubs. David’s local church formed an important part of his life; even during the last three months he was supporting neighbours and friends from church. He was a highly amusing raconteur and an accomplished after-dinner speaker. He was never happier than when he was in the midst of his family. He keenly followed the progress of his five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He and Isobel were married for over 60 years. Sadly, she was to die eighteen months ago. David leaves their son Iain and daughter Jane.

Words from John Hardy, East 1948–53

Common Room News

by Andy Erby



News of Common Room Past and Present

SEVEN MEMBERS OF COMMON ROOM ARE LEAVING THIS SUMMER; Judith Samuel, CR 06–19 is retiring; Dominic Divito, CR 15–19 to be Head of Maths at St Mary's; Philip Blayney, CR 16–19 will be teaching in Munich; Lydia Aers, CR 16–19; Laura Pooley, CR 17–19; Monika Keeble, CR 17–19; and Damian Reding, CR 18–19. Karen Cox, CR 09–, leaves Fen House to become Head of Chemistry. Chloe Emery (nee Knights), CR 13–, succeeds Karen as Housemistress of Fen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Chris Larner, CR 18–, Rob Francis, CR 10–, who were married during the summer holiday, and to Claire Kennedy, CR 16–, on her recently awarded PhD. Rob Francis, CR 10–, and Paddy Wallace, CR 15–, have recently co-authored A-level text books in Russian History and Probability and Statistics, respectively.



Richard Tillett, CR 2004–2010 – Principal of Queen's College, London

After seven years at Harrogate Ladies' College, in September 2017 Richard became Principal of Queen's College. "Queen's is a remarkable place; we call it, the original girls' school' (it was founded in 1848 and was the first UK institution to offer academic qualification to young women). Its Harley Street location means that it attracts an astonishingly diverse range of pupils. I am still struck by how fast girls grow up in London, and the tolerance and mutual respect of the community really stands out". Richard still misses The Leys, particularly running Bisseker House, but he wouldn't swap his Saturdays with the family for a return to those days.

Richard Armstrong, CR 1959–1990

Richard had heart by-pass surgery in the New Year and has made a good recovery as can be seen below. He is pictured here at a summer gathering to celebrate his 85th birthday. Together, the colleagues pictured below left have served in seven decades with a combined 'first' service record (i.e. excepting roles taken after retirement) of 336 years!

Maureen William; Danny Lawrence; Caroline Chamberlain; Margret Shaw; Stephen Siddall; Rowena Erby; John Dillistone; Peter Chamberlain; Stan Whitehead; Richard Armstrong; Andrew Erby; Jean Harding; Alison Watt; John Harding; James Deverson; Bella Dillistone

Michael Wilcockson, CR 1986–1996

Michael left The Leys to be Head of Divinity at Eton College. He led the department for 16 years until he was appointed Head of Philosophy, their first. During his time at Eton Michael was, amongst other things, an Assistant House Master, the Commanding Officer of Eton College CCF and Master in Charge of Faith Classes. In that time he also wrote many books and articles including books on ethics, philosophy and theology. Last year he was ordained deacon in the Church of England and in June this year he was ordained priest. Michael retired from Eton this summer and now lives in Linton where he shall be part-time curate, and teaching part-time at The Perse Upper School, and Army Chaplain to the Essex Army Cadet Force. A quiet retirement was never going to be on the cards!

Simon Morris (CR 1995–2001)

Simon left The Leys to become Deputy Head at St John's, Leatherhead, a post he held for seven years. He then moved to be Head at Kingswood School in Bath. Founded by John Wesley in 1748, Kingswood can lay claim to being the oldest Methodist School in the world! In July 2020 Simon will be standing down after 12 years as Head. Simon and his family have loved being in Bath and connections with The Leys are preserved by having John Barrett (HM 1990–2004) as a Governor and by appointing Barney Stuttard (CR 2013–2017) as a colleague.

Jean Barker's (Baroness Trumpington's) Memorial Service

I can only describe Jean Barker's
memorial service on 25 June
as a triumph in her honour.



The venue was St. Margaret's, by Westminster Abbey, the utterly beautiful and imposing sixteenth century masterpiece, with its twentieth century John Piper windows. With 'the great and the good' assembled, including two former prime ministers and their wives, this was to be no ordinary memorial service. The House of Lords was naturally particularly well represented by many Peers, led by the Lord Speaker, Lord Fowler, and by Black Rod.

As befitted a service for such a characterful woman, the service was led by another woman of note, the Reverend Canon Jane Sinclair, Rector of St. Margaret's. The civil side was similarly represented by the Lady Lord Mayor of Westminster. But it was the Barker family that stole our hearts, and no doubt Alan Barker was very much with us too.

The service opened with a bidding prayer that focussed on Jean's breadth of achievements covering the School, local and national government, and the world in general – echoed in a piece from Revelations – and followed by a most enthusiastic rendering of *For all the Saints*, (though I'm not sure that Jean Barker ever thought of herself as one of them).

Christopher Barker read *If I Should Go*, followed by an anthem from Elijah. Gigi Barker read from Kipling's *Glory of the Garden*. And so, a beautiful service progressed.

Lord Deben, a fellow lover of East Anglia, giving the address recounted many of the themes of Jean's life that we so loved and admired. Lord Elton followed, light-heartedly recounting Jean's love for the House of Lords and its ways.

Altogether, a service utterly befitting a great woman, so well loved.

Words from Anthony Eastwood, East 1946–51

THE OLD LEYSIAN BENEVOLENT FUND

The Old Leysian Benevolent Fund exists to support Old Leysians and their dependents if they run into difficulties through accident, illness, redundancy or other unforeseen hardships. Anyone experiencing such hardship, or anyone who knows of someone who may perhaps qualify to receive help from the fund, should contact: The Secretary, Charlie Kidman, (B/F 63–68) at 165 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0DH. Telephone: 01223 323956 Email: charliekidman@btinternet.com

Any request for help is always dealt with in confidence and with discretion. If you would like to help the Fund in its ongoing and valuable work, please contact the Secretary. Any donation, large or small, would be a tremendous help.

2019 OL Survey



Thank you to those of you who kindly completed the recent survey updating us with contact details and interesting snippets about your lives. New jobs, marriages, the arrival of babies, the publishing of books – the list goes on. Here is a small selection of the updates we were delighted to receive.

If you would like to send us your updates to appear in a future OL News please email Fi Slot at fas@theleys.net

Bernie Augstein, Moulton/Barker 2008–13

Moving to Sydney, Australia after working for IBM in London for a year, setting up my Videography & Photography business *Bernie K Media* in Sydney working with over thirty clients around Sydney to create promotional video and photo content in my first eight months.

Paul Bains, West 1987–92

Finally in my mid-forties I'm having a go at earning a living from something I love doing, writing and talking about rugby. If you're interested in rugby then check out DrivingMaul.com or join me for a chat on Twitter [@DrivingMaul](https://twitter.com/DrivingMaul).

Henry Easterling, North B 1976–81

I have spent the last 6 years working as Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive of the NHS. I have recently stepped down in order to rebalance my life!

Andreas Erlenhardt, West 1995–99

I started my law firm in 2011. Married Nadine Harmel in 2014, my daughter, Paula, was born in 2017.

Paul Laidler, East 1991–96

Paul has recently joined Pivot International where **James Storie-Pugh, North A 1990–95** is Director.

Leonora Meriel (previous name Uff), Dale 1994–96

Married in 2017 to Dan Coles, a BBC journalist. Living in Teddington, London. Full time writer of two novels: *The Unity Game*; *The Woman Behind the Waterfall*.

Robert Stoneley, School 1980–85

Organising committee member for the 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships.

Lawrence Tsang, Fen 1982–78

Working and living in Hong Kong, Lawrence now devotes part of his time in running his own advisory business, travelling, and volunteering in various NGOs. He comes to

the UK regularly and would love to meet up with friends from The Leys.

Robin Wallis, School 1975–79

After a stint in diplomacy and then teaching, I am now more or less a professional Hispanist, editing the Bulletin of Advanced Spanish, guiding in Spain and Latin America, setting and overseeing school-leaving exams for Cambridge Pre-U.

Tim Yealland, North A 1968–73

Was awarded an MBE in the 2019 New Year's Honours 'For services to the Arts and to Music Education for Young People'

Offering work experience to a current Leysian or young OL is one of the ways in which you can volunteer to support the The Leys. Thank you to OL James Taylor (Moulton/School, 2003–10) for volunteering to help Victor L (Sixth Form Leysian) in June this year. Victor joined James for a day's work experience at Ashworth Parkes Architects in Cambridge.

James said: "It was great to help a current Leysian gain some professional experience and hopefully give them more of a steer on how they view the next stage of their life after leaving school. Selecting a university course or career path without a notion of the day-to-day demands of the job can be a daunting task and so to aid this decision with a small donation of time was an easy

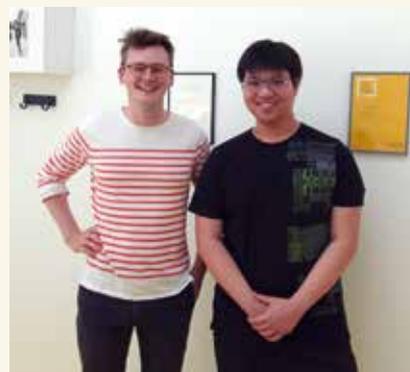
decision to make. We wish Victor all the best in his next adventures after The Leys, and hope that in a few years he will also be helping the next generation of students find their way."

James joined APA in 2014 after completing his undergraduate degree in Architecture and Environmental Design at Sheffield Hallam University and has since completed his postgraduate degree at London Metropolitan University. James continues to work at APA full-time in preparation for his RIBA Part III.

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to offer and receive careers help and mentoring.

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OL LODGE

The Old Leysian Lodge was founded in 1923. Since April 2018 it has met four times in Cambridge. On 5 March 2019, W.Bro. Joseph Clark was installed as Master for 2019–20. At this meeting the Lodge remembered a long-standing member, R.W.Bro Harry Arnold, West 1953–58, who

died in December 2018. Harry followed his father to the school – he must have enjoyed his time there as he later named his house 'The Leys'! He had a distinguished Masonic career, serving as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Bedfordshire, and was a stalwart treasurer of the Old Leysian

Lodge. Lodges in Cambridgeshire are committed to raise £900,000 by 2023 in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Nearly £300,000 has already been collected, which will support a variety of Masonic and non-Masonic causes.

Vice-President of the OLS and Fi Slot, Secretary of the OLS were invited to speak after the dinner. They were able to update the Lodge about The Leys and the OLS. Andy and Fi were accompanied by Bryony Wood, Moulton/Fen 2011–18, Bryony was awarded a School prize given by the OL Lodge in 2018.

Enquiries about membership are welcome: please contact Chris Hoffman, School 1973–77, on 07555 719968 or c.w.hoffman@btinternet.com

Jonathan Dowson, West 1955–60

OLs at the March meeting: George Gooderson, West 2004–09; John Pesci, North B 1986–91; Luke Loades, School 1990–93; Jonathan Dowson, West 1955–60; Chris Hoffman, School 1972–77; Tony Hemming North A 1951–54.



As guests at the OL Lodge Dinner in May Andy Erby,

OL Events 2019–20

The events listed below are those arranged at the time of going to print; there will be other events taking place so do look at our social media platforms and your email inbox for details.

DATE AND TIME	VENUE	DETAILS
7 November OL London Drinks 6.30pm–8.30pm	The Charing Cross Theatre, London	Invitation enclosed/attached
7 December OLS Annual Dinner and AGM 6.30pm–11.00pm	Downing College, Cambridge	Invitation enclosed/attached
27 January–7 February 2020 L6 Art Exhibition 10.00am–3.30pm daily	Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London EC1Y 1AU	Art work from L6 pupils from The Leys. All welcome, free of charge
9–20 April 2020 Assynt Golden Anniversary Reunion	Assynt	50 years on and OLs are still returning to Assynt. Please join us at the Inchnadamp Lodge when you can between 9–20 April, 2020. It will be a wonderful chance to renew past friendships, forge new ones, reminisce and of course attempt as many peaks in the Assynt area as weather and fitness allow. Contact Ed Sadd at edwin.sadd@btinternet.com. 017125 516348 or 07812481546 for more details.
17 May 2020 OL Reunion 11.00am–5.00pm	The Leys, Cambridge	Reunion for those who entered the School in September 1950 to September 1959, and all those who joined those years at a later date. Invitations will be sent to the cohort before Christmas.
School Events		
12–14 November 'Blue Stockings'	Great Hall	www.theleys.net/551/box-office
22 November Autumn Concert	Great Hall	www.theleys.net/551/box-office
4–6 December 'Amadeus'	Great Hall	www.theleys.net/551/box-office

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STOP PRESS On the sports pages of the *Cambridge Independent* for 7–14 August the headline read 'Old Leysians mount promotion bid'. We are delighted to report they were successful ending the season at the top of Division 3 with an impressive 392 points. They are therefore promoted to Division 2. Huge congratulations to them all for their hard work and success. To follow the OLCC next season you can find details of their fixtures in the OL section of the School website. www.theleys.net/529/alumni-development/old-leysians/clubs-and-societies

It is now possible to receive the *OL News* electronically; if you would like to receive this version in future please let us know.

If you have any queries regarding any of the events please contact Fi Slot at fas@theley.net

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