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Message from the Director of Development

By the time you read this we will be into the start of a new academic year, but as I write the Summer Term for our 2022 leavers has only just reached its conclusion. It was with the greatest of pleasure that, for the first time since joining The Leys in August 2020, I was able to participate in the end-of-term celebrations.

At The Leys Connection Summer Party I was delighted to speak to parents of our Upper Sixth leavers, some familiar and some of whom I was meeting for the first time. It is one of the benefits of being Development Director at The Leys that I get the chance to know our Leysian families, many of whom have seen several children through the School, and many who are Old Leysians themselves (more of which later in this edition).

The Leavers' Ball, held at Duxford Air Museum, was a particular highlight. When asked if I would like to attend, I must say I was dubious. A party involving teenagers, their parents and teachers did not initially sound like a promising proposition! How wrong I was. It was genuinely heart-warming to see the bonds of friendship between our Upper Sixth leavers, their joy at finishing their time at school and the pride of their parents and teachers in their success.

On Speech Day we celebrated that success, hearing from Senior Prefects Sophie Coady and Neil Murray as they reflected on their time at The Leys. The guest speaker, Alex Thomson (Chief Correspondent at Channel 4 News and father of George Spiller, East 2016–18), spoke powerfully on the challenges facing our society in the post-Covid era, the cost-of-living crisis, the war in Ukraine, and the climate emergency. He laid down the challenge, not only to do good (as John Wesley would have us do), but also to do better than previous generations.

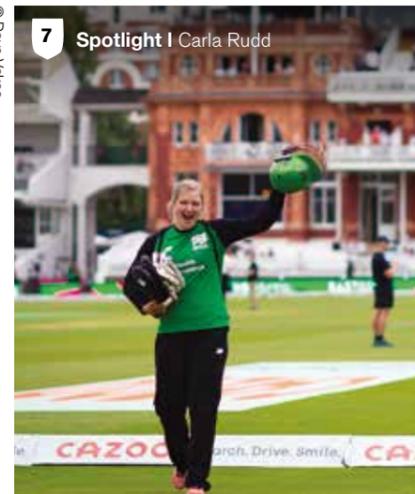
Our 2022 leavers did not take their GCSE examinations; wore masks in and out of the classroom; learnt the meaning of 'bubbles', self-isolation and online learning; were locked down for nine weeks at the beginning of 2021; and faced a year of the infamous bento boxes! The experience they have had as a group, navigating their way through their education during the pandemic, will connect them to one another and to the School for many years to come.

To our newest batch of Old Leysians, congratulations to you all for everything you have achieved in the face of adversity, and I wish you the very best of luck with your plans for the future.

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Donna Thomas-Watson Director of Development

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OL Updates



Ryan Lewis, North B/East 1997–2002

"After leaving The Leys, I continued to pursue a career as a professional racing driver. After some success in Formula 3 in Europe, including the 2004 National Championship, I had the opportunity to move to the United States to compete in the Champcar Atlantic series, the junior series to Indycar. This would lead to my remaining in the US to focus on sportscar and endurance racing, where I still compete today. Parallel to my racing career I have also worked as a driving instructor and professional driver for racing schools and automotive manufacturers. I still race at a professional level, but my main focus now is managing my automotive events and training business, which provides high-performance driving and employee training and event management services to the automotive and motorsport industry. I live in Indianapolis, Indiana with my wife Sara and baby daughter Quinn and, when time permits, I also work as a freelance automotive journalist. My first article for *Road & Track* magazine was published in the September issue of 2021."

Fin Creighton, Barrett 2016–18

Fin is a PGA Assistant Professional and has recently received support from the School, who have supplied him with a branded golf bag for his upcoming tours. Fin will be taking part in professional engagements and will be representing the School throughout. To progress his career, last year Fin began a foundation degree course in Professional Golf Studies, a distance learning course taught through the University of Birmingham. He is currently working as Assistant Professional at Girton Golf Club and will graduate as a qualified professional in

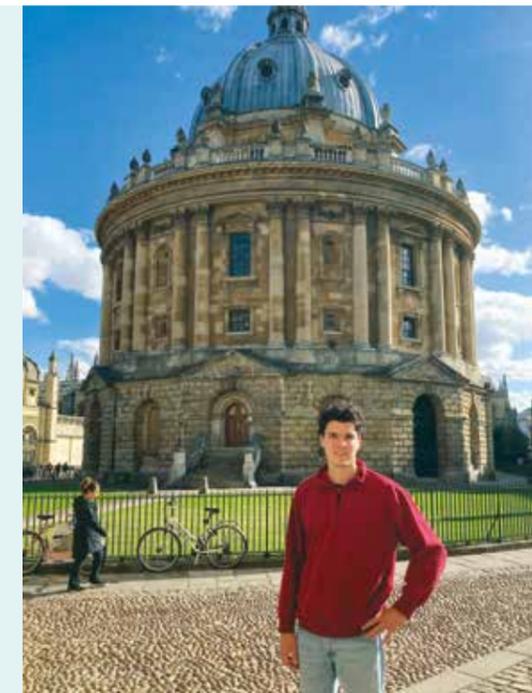


2024. After achieving his professional qualification, Fin hopes to become a Head Professional. He will also continue taking part in competitions to see how far he can progress.

Tom Goedert, Bisseker 2013–18

"I am starting a DPhil in the Department of Biochemistry at Oxford University, where I will investigate the biochemical changes that occur upon cellular senescence. Cellular senescence describes a state when cells are 'zombie-like', since they can no longer divide, and are resistant to death. The accumulation of senescent cells is believed to be harmful. To carry out this work, I have been awarded the Oxford-Hoffman Scholarship in Medical Sciences at Jesus College and a Clarendon Scholarship."

Tom at home in Oxford





Martyn Dorey, Fen 1985-90

Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (2004), President of the Guernsey Chamber of Commerce (2016-2018) and Founder and Managing Director of Dorey Financial Modelling (2013-present).

"My passion was piano improvisation which I furiously pursued at The Leys. I have kept my passion for music, and

I am lucky enough to receive weekly composition lessons from a concert pianist who works at the Royal Academy.

I fell into maths after my (now) wife went to university. I wanted to keep up, so I enrolled in a Maths, Statistics and Computing HND course, then moved on to a degree in Applied Statistics. Whilst a student I took some actuarial exams to improve my employability and to my parents' surprise, I passed! My career highlights include playing the piano for Betty Boothroyd in the Houses of Parliament in 1996 and winning 'paper of the year' from The Society of Actuaries in 2005.

After twenty years working for large investment consultants in London I relocated with my family back home to Guernsey in 2010, setting up my actuarial

business in 2013. We currently have around 170 institutional clients and try to do as much 'fun' research as we can. One of our first retained clients was the States of Guernsey, for whom we model demographics and tax. Both Guernsey and Jersey have sub-scale economies, doubled up public services, demographic time bombs and poor connectivity.

In 2018 I was inspired by the Faroe Islands' undersea tunnels to explore sub-seabed tunnels as a solution. Supported by global engineer Ramboll, I did a study to privately fund a rail shuttle under the seabed to Jersey and France which could save the islands £200 million a year. The tunnel proposal was listed as number three in the British Tunnelling Association's projects to watch this year. It will be interesting to see how this idea develops."

James Albery, West 2009-14

has been part of England Hockey for some time and this year played his first major tournament at the Commonwealth Games. He was one of the vice-captains in the leadership team and played a key role in securing the bronze medal for England. Congratulations!



Rosie supporting turtle conservation in Kefalonia

Rosie Knighton, Barrett 2015-20

"Now in my final year studying History at Durham University, I have begun research for my final dissertation. From an article by my then academic advisor, Dr Helen Roche, I was interested to learn about her research into exchanges between Nazi Napolas (National Education Institutes) and The Leys in the 1930s. Thus, with the help of the school Archivist I have begun the process of looking into these exchanges in greater detail, hoping to uncover that they were not out of the ordinary at this time, and not confined to the most elite public schools, reflecting a largely apathetic attitude in Britain at the time. My research is only in its very preliminary stages but I look forward to probing some important conversations about an important, largely neglected, part of the School's history in tandem with my research in other schools such as Sherborne."



John Scarr, North B 1949-53

"I retired in April 2022 and am now living in a retirement village with my wife just outside of Auckland, New Zealand. It would be great to hear from contemporaries or any other OLs living in New Zealand, where I have lived since 1969. I can be found at john.scarr@yahoo.co.nz."



Alex Goode, North B 2001-04

Eagle-eyed OLs will have noticed Alex is back from Japan and playing with Saracens again. He played in his eighth premiership final at Twickenham in June, but unfortunately for him he was unable to add to his collection of five premiership victory medals. In an exciting match that went to the wire, Leicester won 15-12.

Mike Taylor, North A 1988-92

"After 3 postponements, I am pleased to let you know Dawn Swain and I were finally married in December 2020 in a very low-key registry office ceremony, with just 11 people in masks present. We could have no after party due to the restrictions and Dawn, who is an NHS nurse, even went back to work in the afternoon! We more than made up for it, however, with a party held in April this year, where we could finally celebrate with friends and family. I have been incredibly blessed with great friends from my Leys days and in attendance were Robert Stoute (B 87-92), James Wilsher (B 87-92), Ben Robinson (E 87-92), Tim Wagner (S 87-92), and Mark Donnor (A 87-92). The speech from Robert was fantastic, recalling many stories from our school days, some of which I'm glad



L-R: Tim Wagner, James Wilsher, Ben Robinson, Mike, Mark Donnor, Robert Stoute

my former housemaster, Austin Jessop, wasn't there to hear! I now work as a General Manager for Reconomy, one of the UK's largest outsourcing businesses, and I have enjoyed a solid career in the Environmental Services industry. We live in Lincolnshire and have four (nearly) grown-up children between us."



Cosmo O'Reilly, Barker/East 2004-09

Congratulations to Cosmo and Beth on the birth of their first child, Sholto Ezra, on 10 December. Sholto is loving being the youngest in their boys' boarding house at Monkton Senior School, where Cosmo and Beth are Houseparents.

Laura Stephenson, Moulton/Bisseker 2013-20

"I was really delighted to receive notification that I had been awarded a share of the Hicks Prize shortly after my exam results at the end of my second year of university. The prize is awarded for the best overall performance in the subject of Physics and Astronomy and it is an honour to be recognised for my hard work. I am grateful to everyone at The Leys who supported me to enrol on this degree and the skills I developed there which have served me so well for the last two years.



I recently completed the Montane Lakeland 100 mile race. The event has 20,000 ft of ascent and had a finish rate of 53% for female competitors this year. My finish time was 37 hr 13 min and 27 seconds. I was the 25th female across the line and the youngest ever finisher. I am also the first person to achieve the 'triple crown', which is what the event calls finishing in all three of their events, Lakeland 1, 50 and 100. Lakeland 1 is a 1 mile event for under 14s and shows how long I've been waiting to finish this race!"

Old Leysians wishing to be reconnected with friends can contact the Development Office for assistance.

Upper Sixth Leavers 2022



This summer, as we bade farewell to our Upper Sixth at Speech Day and the Leavers' Ball, we discovered that seven of them are sons or daughters (and one grandson) of OLs and one former Headmaster.



Harry Barrett, West 2017–22, with his grandparents John (Headmaster 1990–2004) and Sally



Hermi Rodgers, Bisseker/Granta 2017–22 with her dad Tim, North A 1983–86

Alexander Humphrey, School 2017–22, with parents Patrick, East 1986–91, and Jo



Mary Godsai, Fen 2017–22, with her mum Lucy (née Hanson), Granta 1990–92



Samuel Tsang, East 2020–22, with his father Lawrence, Fen 1982–87, and Peter White, Common Room 1983–present



William O'Farrell, North A 2017–22, and parents David, North B 1981–86, and Louise

Ansel Lee, North A 2017–22, with his parents Edmund, West 1972–77, and Michele



Spotlight on Carla Rudd New Director of Sport



Southern Brave wicketkeeper Carla Rudd isn't your average cricketer.

Carla will combine playing for the Southern Brave, Sussex County and the Southern Vipers regional team with her new role as Director of Sport at The Leys, having moved from teaching Girls' Cricket and Physical Education at Felsted School in Essex.

A quirk of this summer's fixture list meant Southern Brave had matches on both A-level and GCSE results days, which made the match day routine a little different from usual.

"At 8 am, I signed on to the school portal to check the students' grades. I had a massive interest in it as obviously I wanted them to do well," she told the BBC in a recent interview.

Carla has played sport from a young age, and attributes physical activity as the key to becoming the person she is today. She explains: "I was encouraged to play sport by my parents and teachers, so at every opportunity I took part. Through participation, I found the love and the passion for sport and it has remained an integral, and important, part of my life."

She credits her own inspirational PE teacher, Jane Dallaway, who put her forward for trials at Sussex County.

"Without her influence, I wouldn't be where I am today. Sport gave me an identity growing up and I really wanted to get into teaching and coaching to ensure young girls and boys had the same opportunities to have fun playing sport that I did."

She is a passionate advocate for girls' sport but is also committed to adding value across the whole sports programme at The Leys. She says: "I feel very proud and privileged to be a woman in sport, but I believe gender should have no bearing on outcomes. There is an abundance of professional females in sporting arenas, and many will be role models to those aspiring to follow in their footsteps."

As well as playing in arguably the strongest women's domestic sides in the country, Carla's sterling work at Felsted, and now the opportunities provided at The Leys, give her a hand in bringing through potential stars of the future. Three to watch are Issy Routledge, Dale 2016–21, Middlesex and Cambridge University Cricket Club, Noah T, Essex Second XI and Freya H, U15 Cambridgeshire Female Player of the Year and Cambridgeshire County Female Player of the Year 2022.

Sadly, Southern Brave lost this year's Hundred final to Oval Invincibles. We are keeping fingers crossed that next year Carla might have a Hundred winner's medal to bring back to show to her pupils at The Leys.

To see our new Director of Sport in action, full coverage of the final held on 3 September can be viewed on YouTube <https://tinyurl.com/5yd3ezz2>

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Visitors to the School



As Covid-19 restrictions have eased, we are pleased to welcome OL visitors once more.

Michael Loizou, West 1997–99

visited with his family in July and writes: "Since 2015, I have been living in Scottsdale, Arizona with my wife Eleni and our three children – George (9), Elias (7) and Sophia (5). Prior to that I had worked in Greece and Abu Dhabi. I work for Troon, the world's largest Golf Management firm. This has afforded some wonderful opportunities for travel to incredible places, and to play some very nice golf courses. It was great to visit The Leys and show the kids around, they really enjoyed the visit and thought it looked a bit like Hogwarts! Schools in America most definitely do not. Incidentally, we also took in the Harry Potter Studio Tour while in the UK, which we would highly recommend to any Potter fans out there."

Marc Lucas, North A 1983–87

is based in Thailand and visited in May with his children, John Dewi and Georgina. He was delighted to see familiar spaces that he left behind long ago.



David (R) with Andy Erby

David Cruttenden, West 1961–66

has just returned to the UK after living in Zimbabwe and is hoping to be based near Cambridge. While visiting the School he was pleased to be able to pop up to Latham Road and catch up with Richard Armstrong, Common Room 1959–90.



Terry Dash, North B 1956–60

"I was delighted to return for a brief tour in May. As we entered North B, I was immediately taken back to my school days and I could still see Neil White standing there, grinning. Apart from the table tennis table being in the same place, the house has changed beyond recognition, as it now accommodates 170 boys and girls in three day houses, Bisseker, Barker and Barrett. However, a look into North A gave me an insight into how North B would look had it remained a boarding house.

I remember that for a short time, I became the most popular boy at the School with some of the masters. In June 1960, my father trained the winner of the Greyhound Derby, run at White City Stadium in London. The dog was Duleek Dandy which came in at 25-1

www.duleekdandy.com. I had mentioned the derby to Neil White who let me stay up and watch the race on his grainy black and white TV. Neil spread the word around the Common Room and a few bets were placed, hence my brief popularity.

My life was changed at The Leys, not by any academic highlights, but by David Haskell playing a Louis Armstrong LP in his study at North B. It opened a whole new world for me, and I became a music promoter, a jazz magazine editor and I started a booking agency for theatre shows which still exists today.

www.terrydash.co.uk

I feel I have had a very lucky life and several of the many friendships I made at school are ongoing."

Cosmo O'Reilly, Barker/East 2004–09

visited in June to meet pastoral staff and discover how examples of good practice here might be applicable at Monkton Coombe where he is a housemaster. He was delighted to catch up with staff who remember him as a pupil, including his Barker Housemaster, Gavin Deudney, CR 2000–present.



Charlie Haryott, East 1990–95

visited just over a year ago with his family, and commented how interesting it was to see The Leys again after 25 years; to see how much it has changed, but also not changed. Charlie works in London, where he has been based for over 25 years, focussing primarily on developing data and analytics solutions for clients in the financial services and market research sectors.

Charlie with his children Henry, Cormac and Aisling



Staff News



There are more leavers than usual this year.

Dominic Bell, CR 2000–22, is retiring and **Stephen Hancock, CR 2007–22**, has moved to Exeter School. **Paddy Wallace, CR 2015–22**, is now Deputy Head, Academic at St Mary's School, Cambridge, and **Scott Morrison, CR 2016–22**, has moved to be Assistant Director of Music at Whitgift School where **Chris Ramsay, CR 1991–95** is Headmaster and **Thomas Northcote, 2015–20**, is Director of Development.

Kate Horwell, CR 2018–21, left in December to teach at Lancing College, **Chris Lerner, CR 2018–22**, is now Head of Economics at The Perse, and **Jaspal Ubhi, CR 2020–22**, moves to be Head of Classics at Blue Coat School in Reading. **Ed Bowles, CR 2016–22**, has moved to be the inaugural Head of Sixth Form at Chesterton Community College and **Ed Hodgson, CR 2017–22**, has moved to Dame Alice Owens School in Hertfordshire.

Ben Barton, CR 2005–22, has left to continue training for ordination, **Russell**

McAlinden, CR 2006–22, left at Easter to teach at The Stephen Perse Foundation, and **Gaynor McClean (formerly Lester), CR 2012–22**, is moving to Yorkshire. **Sarah Campos Bell, CR 2014–22**, who worked part-time in the Careers Department has left to do a PGCE and **Karen Allesbrook (formerly Northrop), 2013–22** has left her role as Senior Matron to become a foster parent. **Catherine Quinn, School Shop Manager 2010 – present** changes roles to replace Karen as School House Matron.

Other changes include **James Clark, CR 2016 – present**, who succeeds Ben Barton as Housemaster of North A and **Karen Sears (formerly Cox), CR 2009 – present**, who has stepped down as Head of Chemistry and will now teach part-time. **Simon Leader, CR 2007 – present** has stepped down as Head of MFL but continues teaching, and **Neil Dix-Pincott, CR 2007 – present** is now President of the Common Room. **Rebecca Howarth, CR 2020 – present**, has been appointed Head of VI Form following the appointment of **Ethna Prosser, CR 2003 – present**, as Acting Head of Mathematics.



Laurence Higgins

Gavin Moffatt, CR 2002–08, who left us to be a Housemaster at Stowe School has recently been appointed Deputy Head, Pastoral at Rossall School and his daughters have just completed their GCSEs and A Levels. **Liam Copley, CR 1997–2001, 2009–13**, who also left us to be a Housemaster at Stowe School became Deputy Head, Pastoral just before Covid-19 struck and he is now Senior Deputy Head at Stowe.

Laurence Higgins, CR 2012–18, left us to join The Godolphin and Latymer School in Hammersmith as Head of Department where he met his fiancée, Emma. Their wedding is planned for April 2023. He has just moved again to be Director of Sixth Form at St Mary's School, Ascot, as well as continuing his work as Deputy Chair for the Independent Schools Religious Studies Association.



Simon Wilson

Meanwhile, **Simon Wilson, CR 2005–14**, writes: "I left The Leys to take up a Headship in Middlesex. In September 2019 I took my pension early and decided to work for myself as an Educational Consultant. Despite the pandemic, I have worked with schools and pupils in many ways: providing training for staff; auditing and advising schools on improving their Mathematics departments; appraising senior staff; providing specialist cover for A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics; working as a Governor; and providing intervention help for pupils in state schools to help bridge the gap in their mathematical knowledge. These intervention programmes are most rewarding and have taken me to schools all over the country, from Preston to the Isle of Sheppey. My golf has improved, and I have managed a little bit of travelling, including a trip to the Seychelles to see my son, **Tom, West 2008–2013**, with my wife Alison and my daughter **Hannah, Moulton/Dale 2005–2011**."

Following eight years as Headteacher of Ryde School with Upper Chine on the Isle of Wight, **Mark Waldron, CR 1995–2004** has just moved to be Director of The British School in Rio de Janeiro, one of the leading schools in Brazil. He is succeeded by **Will Turner, School 1998–2003**, who has joined Ryde from Duino, Trieste, Italy, where he was Head of UWC Adriatic. Mark was Will's Housemaster.

Anna Garrett, CR 2016 – present has announced her engagement to **Dominic Divito, CR 2015–19** and **Florence Markham, CR 2017 – present** is happy to announce the arrival of Posy, born on Wednesday 2 March 2022, sister to Clara and Felix.

Claire Payne, Director, Events and Domestic Services, 2013 – present is happy to announce the arrival of Finley, born in January.

Fane Henderson, Head of Marketing, 2022 – present is happy to announce the arrival of Daniel, on 14 August.



Anna Garrett and Dominic Divito



Claire Payne with Finley



Daniel Henderson



Liam Copley



Samira M and Michael D

How generous Old Leysians and other supporters of the School gave their time recently to help current Leysians discover more about their dream careers.

Samira (Dale, Upper Sixth) will soon be making an application to read Medicine at university. Over the summer holiday she had the opportunity to spend time at Guy's and St Thomas' hospital.

"I recently gained work experience at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, London, as well as the Evelina Children's Hospital, where I witnessed the brilliance of healthcare first-hand. As an aspiring medical student, these types of opportunities are vital. I was able to see the new and fast approaching medical innovations such as new clinical drug trials for skeletal dysplasias, attend Genetics clinics and see patient-doctor interactions. Medicine is interesting in that there are so many procedures that help many illnesses/conditions so watching ongoing trials and research was a dream come true.

During my work experience, being able to see so many different specialties really allowed me to have different perspectives, along with a deeper appreciation of what life as a doctor will be like. I attended multiple in-person and online clinics in Obesity and Endocrinology, Paediatrics and Genetics. I also met patients with Huntington's disease and IVF patients undergoing PGD testing (preimplantation genetic testing). I even got the chance to see a doctor diagnose a patient with Cushing's disease, something I just learnt about in a lecture. The scope of learning was endless.

Being around Doctors who are so dedicated and devoted to their profession absolutely solidified my desire for a career in Medicine. I would like to thank Dr Cristina Dias and everyone at Guy's and St Thomas' for allowing me this opportunity."

Michael (School, Upper Sixth) has a keen interest in tailoring and all things sartorial, so it was most fortunate that James Middleton, North A 1982–87, Director of Ede & Ravenscroft, was able to offer him a week's work experience at the renowned tailor's London premises. Michael writes:

"Since year 11, becoming a bespoke tailor has started to form in my mind and this opportunity has brought me one step closer to realising it.

At Ede & Ravenscroft, I worked under two very experienced bespoke cutters. I first watched at the side, learning how patterns are cut by true masters. Then, I had the opportunity to make patterns for clients (under supervision). Despite being excited to go to work every day, I still can't believe how much I have learned,

not just in the bespoke area but also social interaction in a working environment. In addition to meeting well-known tailors and cutters from various firms on Savile Row, simply speaking with them allowed me to gain so much insight into this industry.

"Since year 11, becoming a bespoke tailor has started to form in my mind and this opportunity has brought me one step closer to realising it."

This experience has really strengthened my determination to become a bespoke tailor. I have in mind studying at the London College of Fashion, on their Bespoke Tailoring course, which would provide me with a solid grounding in the various skills I would need to succeed. I hope to gain more experience under a Savile Row firm after graduation, meanwhile improving my crafts, and eventually opening a bespoke tailoring shop of my own.

I would like to thank the bespoke team at Ede & Ravenscroft for allowing me to experience this opportunity and opening new doors for me to find further opportunities like this in the future."

Freya Notley, Granta 2020-22, wrote her Extended Project Qualification about the return of art looted by the Nazis during World War II. Her dream career would be to work in an auction house, so it was serendipitous that George Gordon, Fen 1969–74, Co-Chairman of Sotheby's Worldwide Old Master Paintings and Drawings Department, has recently been involved with the restitution of a painting stolen in the 1940s in the Netherlands. The reunion between Charlotte Bischoff van Heemskerck and the 1683 Netscher portrait was widely covered in the international press, and the masterpiece was auctioned in early July.

Freya describes her own project and her meeting with George:

"I decided to undertake this research project because I was interested in lost art and how countries' legal systems dealt with the rightful ownership and restitution of works. This was an extremely interesting process

that offered me the opportunity to explore the complex battle between ethics and the law through the cases involving: Egon Schiele's *Portrait of Wally*, Lily Cassirer's *Rue Saint-Honoré, après-midi, effet de pluie* by Camille Pissarro, Maria Altmann's *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I* and *The Guelph Treasure*. I thoroughly enjoyed uncovering this mystery and it also confirmed my personal interest in Art History. Following this project, I am very much looking forward to university where I hope to read Art History with Classics.

My interest in the restitution of Nazi looted paintings is shared with George, and it was a great pleasure to meet him to discuss careers in auctioneering. We also talked about looted art, the auction world, old master paintings and the upcoming Jubilee Season sale of paintings, ranging from Impressionist artists such as Claude Monet to Gerhard Richter's contemporary perspective of clouds."

If you are able to offer any work experience or careers mentoring opportunities to our current Leysians or young OLs, please contact the Development Office development@theleys.net.



The Jubilee Season of sales at Sotheby's was held in June and July 2022 <https://tinyurl.com/3nvj6rph>

Crunching the Numbers

It will come as no surprise that The Leys has been significantly impacted by recent world events, presenting staff and senior management with major challenges.



Keeping calm and carrying on

2019–20

When Covid-19 struck in early 2020, the School continued to operate as normally as possible until the Government formally mandated all schools to close in March 2020. The School dealt first with the immediate crisis, then with the longer-term potential impact and broader consequences. The Leys was fortunate that the IT infrastructure and digital strategy for teaching and learning meant that it could move smoothly to remote teaching and was able to deliver a very high-quality service. At the time, the operational principles were to retain parent confidence in the education service, continue to ensure a value for money provision, ensure fee affordability, maintain pupil numbers, continue to pay full salaries, maintain essential site

maintenance and ensure the School was ready to provide a full on-site educational offering when the crisis was over. The School worked very closely with parents, and the Governors agreed that the fees for the Summer term should be reduced to reflect the service we were able to provide. The School also established an additional bursary fund to support any parents who struggled to pay the fees due to the impact of Covid-19. Fortunately, the number requiring additional financial support was well below the forecast level and several parents contributed towards the new Covid hardship fund which had been set up. The reduction in fees and the loss of all letting activities from March 2020 had a significant impact on the total income of the School. This was carefully managed

by making use of the Government furlough scheme, by reducing operating costs and by delaying any capital expenditure.

2020–21

For the academic year 2020–21 several assumptions and planning decisions were made: fees would not rise, there would be an increased requirement for bursary support, there would be a significant fall in miscellaneous income, all project spending would be put on hold, and staff would not receive an inflationary salary increase. We provided quarantine facilities for international boarders from early August and extra tuition for Year 11 and Upper Sixth pupils, and in September 2020 followed the detailed Government guidance and opened for all



Passing *Transition Point* (sculpture by Simon Hitchens)



Covid measures in place

pupils on site. Encouragingly, pupil numbers were higher than was forecast and investment in several new initiatives to promote international boarding resulted in encouraging levels of interest from prospective parents for 2021–22. In addition, the Governors met more frequently to ensure they were fully aware of the issues facing the School and to enable quick decision making. The Government announced in January that all schools would close, and once again we moved to an online provision. We had learned a great deal from our experience in 2020 and the provision for pupils was even better than it had been then. The School again worked closely with parents and the fees were reduced for the Lent term. As in 2019–20, we made use of the furlough scheme and managed our costs very carefully to mitigate the loss of income. The School gradually re-opened in March 2021 and we were delighted to be able to hold a re-purposed Speech Day event for the Upper Sixth leavers.



Not all masks are Covid-related!

2021–22

We were delighted that the new academic year began with the number of pupils being higher than budgeted, including the number of boarders. Project spending was delayed until there was more certainty about the impact of Covid-19. Fortunately, the School remained open for the full year and this made it possible to gradually increase our lettings income and to host the Bell School of Languages once again during the summer holidays, welcome relief for the financial team.

2022–23

The beginning of this academic year has felt quite normal, much as it was in pre-pandemic days. A full school and excellent A Level and GCSE results confirm we have weathered the storm very well thanks to the dedication and hard work of all staff and pupils. However, fallout from the war in Ukraine in the form of rising utility costs and supply chain issues threaten to present us with new financial challenges in the future. We are confident that, by working closely with our parents and proactively managing the challenges, the School will continue to prosper.

Paul McKeown, Bursar 2003–present

Welcome to our First Paul Crosfield Choral Scholars

The first Paul Crosfield Choral Scholarships have been awarded to five talented young singers at The Leys, two of whom joined the School this September.

One Year 10 pupil, two Year 11 pupils and two Lower Sixth pupils will be enjoying the opportunities afforded by the Scholarship. This term, they will be attending a full choral rehearsal and service at Trinity College, Cambridge, giving them the chance to understand what it is like to be a member of a world-class ensemble such as the Choir of Trinity College. Later in the term, they will be going one step further and joining a rehearsal before participating in a service, a unique opportunity. The Paul Crosfield Choral Scholars are also looking forward to attending a concert later in the term.

Annabel L, who has recently begun Year 11 says, "I have always had a passion for singing, and the Paul Crosfield Choral Scholarship will really help me to explore that talent I love even further." Fiona M adds, "After my two years of being a music scholar I am very excited to further my opportunity with the Paul Crosfield scholarship. Getting the chance to sing with Trinity College Choir is a wonderful opportunity and I hope to learn even more about music and singing over the next few years."

The Paul Crosfield Choral Scholarships are fully funded by gifts from members of our Leysian community given in Paul Crosfield's name. If you would like to make a gift, you can do so online at <https://bit.ly/leys-giftonline> by selecting the Paul Crosfield Music Fund from the drop down menu. Alternatively, please contact Donna Thomas-Watson at development@theleys.net.



Fiona M, Annabel L, Phoebe S, Oscar S and Rose E



NEW GRASSROOTS ACTIVITY GRANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CAMBRIDGE

As we all know, being active is crucial not only for our physical health, but to keeping us happy. Unfortunately, in Cambridge, financial barriers can prevent low-income families from taking part in sport. Cambridge City Council tries to combat this with funding to support children and young people competing at a county, regional or national level, but recognised that this excluded children just starting or enjoying non-competitive sport.

Therefore, in late 2021 the Community Fund was delighted to begin a multi-year partnership with the City Council to create the Grassroots Activity Grants scheme. The scheme supports children from low-income families in the city to take part in sport or physical activity, allocating up to £250 per family, to try and reach as many children as possible. Every year for the next three years, the Community Fund will provide at least £4,000 of sponsorship to help children get moving, whether that's swimming, dancing, boxing or kayaking.

The City Council's Active Lifestyles team received a huge number of applications after launching the scheme in spring 2022. 57 families applied. Funding was given to 27 families thanks to the Grassroots Activity Grants fund. It is already clear that this has had a huge positive impact for the families supported:

"The grant enabled my son to continue attending his gymnastics class after I became a single parent. If we hadn't received the grant I don't know how I would have paid the fees."



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"The funding has helped my son to participate in his favourite sport. He's really excelling as well: he's so happy!"

"We applied for the grant so our daughter could take up tennis lessons, which she has absolutely loved. What a lovely opportunity!"

Partnering with the City Council means we can be sure that the children helped were those most in need of support and at risk of social exclusion. In the first round of awards, all except two children received free school meals, and all the families relied on financial support such as Universal Credit. In response to the overwhelming demand, a further £1,250 was awarded to the Grassroots Activity Grants scheme so that further children could be supported.

Helen Robbins, Active Lifestyles Officer at the City Council, says: "We are so delighted to work in partnership with the Community Fund to administer this programme and extremely grateful to the Fund at The Leys for providing this grant to enable young people in Cambridge to be active. It has given the opportunity for these local children to take part in their chosen sport or activity, which wouldn't have been possible otherwise. Physical activity is so important for the physical and mental health and wellbeing of young people, and for so many low-income families the cost of activities is a barrier to participation."

The grant to Cambridge City Council is just one of the 27 grants awarded from the Community Fund in the 2021-22 school year. We are immensely grateful to all donors to the Fund, who are making a real difference to the lives of others, and the members of the Community Fund Board who give their time.

For more information on the Community Fund, including how to apply for a grant, please visit our website <https://bit.ly/leys-CF>.

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OL Sport



CRICKET – ST LUCIA TOUR



The team at the National Stadium, L-R: Donald Dave Albert (opposition coach); Andrew Bramley, K 13–18; Adam Newman, B 92–97; Joe Gunn-Roberts, W 12–17; Andrew Gale, W 06–11; Milan Mniszko, W 11–16; John Welch, A 93–98; Andrew Salvesen, E 11–13; Rob Marmion; Patrick Miller, I 06–11; Gus Barraclough, A 97–01; James Houlder, S 96–01; Dante O’Reilly, M/K/E 04–11.

“In April 2022, the Old Leysian Cricket Club embarked on our first overseas tour, with the squad keen to dust off the cobwebs of winter and enjoy eight days of sunshine, cricket and local hospitality ahead of the fast-approaching season. After two rather grim, Covid-affected years, the general consensus was that the tour should be as spectacular as possible, and St Lucia was chosen as the destination.

With an itinerary involving two floodlit T20 games, a 40 over game at the international stadium, and plenty of time for R&R and

‘team-building’, this truly was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and an amazing experience for all involved.

Our opponents for the three games were the island champions, the Choiseul Craftmasters, whose line-up included a number of extremely talented cricketers. We proved a little rusty in the first T20, losing by 40 runs in front of a crowd of about 500 delighted locals, but were convincing victors by five wickets in the 40 over game, setting up the second T20 as a ‘series decider’. This final game went right

down to the wire; however, we came a close second, with the Craftmasters winning off the final ball.

A note of special thanks to Tour Manager Andrew Gale for his tireless work pulling the whole tour together, to his family for their endless generosity in hosting us for the week, and to all those at Choiseul Craftmasters CC for being such sporting opponents and welcoming us so warmly into the community.”

James Houlder

PETE GRICE MEMORIAL SHOOT

“On Saturday 16 June, a clay shoot was held at Sam Grice’s Long Acres Shooting Ground in memory of his son Pete. Several of the OLs who attended Pete’s funeral felt that they would like to organise an event that he would have enjoyed. Although not there in body, Pete was most certainly there in the spirit of the day and in the minds of all who attended. The OLs present all attended The Leys in the 1980s and some were reunited for the first time in over 30 years. Some of Pete’s family were able to join the gathering, with his youngest, Nate, having a shoot under the watchful eye of his grandfather. In addition, Sam was excited to see a couple of the other OL sons shooting, with Benedict Lamb and Ben Criddle both getting their eye in under the expert tutelage of Sam’s right-hand-man, Mike. Sam commented that he felt as though he’d been transported back in time watching all the ‘lads’ shooting again. He was moved by the turnout and thrilled with the success of the day in general.”

Tim Criddle



The guns assemble, L-R: Sam’s assistant, Mike; Robert Todd, B 82–87; Ben Criddle (Tim’s son); Nick Redman, F 83–87; Tim Criddle, S 81–84; Sam Grice, CR 67–97; Richard Robinson, W 83–88; Richard Evans, W 82–85; Nick Maloney, S 81–85; James Middleton, A 82–87; Benedict Lamb (Henry’s son); Henry Lamb, F 80–83.

OLD LEYSIAN GOLFING SOCIETY

At the Spring Meeting at Royal Worlington & Newmarket Golf Club on 12 May, there was good support for an enjoyable day’s golf where we were welcomed by the Club Captain, Mark Elliott. Richard Chapman was some way ahead with his medal score in the morning and there was a close finish for the Neil White Trophy. Local knowledge proved an advantage for the nine holes in the afternoon.

Ted Morel Trophy (Medal)
R.J. Chapman, 85-19, 68 Nett

Neil White Trophy (Stableford)
A.J.J. Fox, 33 Points (Wins on last nine holes)
M.A. Elliott, 33 Points

Society’s Tankards (Stableford 9 holes)
M.A. Elliott & R.J.B. Bentley, 16 Points

The Spring Meeting 2023 will also be held at Royal Worlington and Newmarket Golf Club on Thursday 11 May.

Senior Bernard Darwin, over 65s, Woking Golf Club 14 June
In our first-round match we played Winchester. It was a good win in two matches some way from home. In the afternoon we

played the holders, Tonbridge, and in a close match we lost on the last green.

Team: C.J. Bonsall & C.J. Pattinson, T.D. Page & J.S. Edwards, P.M. Hockin & R.J. Chapman.

In the final, Uppingham won against Repton.

Bernard Darwin, over 55s, Woking Golf Club 30 June
In the first round we played Marlborough and all hinged around the close second match as the other two had equal one-sided margins. We did have our chances at the 17th and 18th, but Marlborough won at the 19th.



Team: C.J. Pattinson & D.W. McClean, T.D. Page & J.S. Edwards, C.C.B. Turner & A.G.T. Petrie.

In the final, Malvern beat Uppingham winning all their matches, a great achievement in their Centenary year.

Players wishing to join the Golfing Society please contact Nigel Washbourn.
email: nwashbourn@btinternet.com



Obituaries

To read the full version of these obituaries, please visit the School website.

If you do not have access to the internet or a computer and would like a printed document, please contact the Development Office on 01223 508545.

Captain Warren B Abbott, School 1947–50

on 22 December 2020

Robert Brown, North B/Barker 2002–07

on 29 July 2022

Rob left us whilst climbing Observatory Ridge on Ben Nevis with a good friend. Past the crux, for which they were roped, they were moving independently when Rob fell. With Sue, Martin and sister Gail, Rob had always enjoyed the outdoors. Walking in the Lakes, undertaking adventure holidays, a family year in NZ; these were crucial formative experiences. The Leys was right for Rob; good friends, great teachers and activities like rugby, swimming, canoeing and the CCF, that he really enjoyed. His character shone through. Mark Slater, Headmaster 2004–13, reflected that “Robert was one of the most honest, decent, positive people one could meet”. Rob went on to Leeds, reading Sports Science. Later, at Ardentenny and Stramash Outdoor Centres, he gained many qualifications and the experience he needed. In Fort William he developed a



Robert Brown

reputation as a sound, careful mountain guide, kayaking and biking instructor. He got his equipment hire and paddleboarding businesses underway and they were starting to flourish. There he met his partner, Eilidh. They were perfect soulmates with a shared passion for the outdoors. Eilidh is expecting their baby and Rob was so looking forward to becoming a dad.

In a blog reflecting on a friend’s death, Rob wrote: “It never seems fair that the ones that shine so bright get taken so early but I like to think that they would like us to have even more adventures, and we can only manage the risks we take, not control them.” A fitting epitaph for a lovely man.

A fund has been set up by Rob’s sister, Gail, to help support his partner Eilidh and their baby. The family are so grateful for support already received and would welcome any more help people feel able to give. <https://tinyurl.com/robs-legacy>

Words by Martin and Sue Brown,
Former Common Room

Christopher Cooper, North B 1953–58

on 28 May 2022

Chris was a pupil at St Faiths, before going to The Leys in 1953. He excelled in sports, captaining the 1st Hockey 11 and tennis. He was head of B House.

He went on to read Natural Sciences at Cambridge and played hockey for Clare College. For the last 20 years he was a trustee of the Nicholas Hammond Foundation at Clare College. He always took a keen interest in developments at The Leys and enjoyed several OL reunions.



Chris Cooper

Chris worked in the petrochemical business in the West Midlands where he continued his love of hockey, captaining Harborne Hockey Club and representing the county.

In 1986 Chris moved with his family to Kendal to join Furmanite as CEO in a management buyout, visiting their operating companies all around the world. The leadership he learned from playing in teams at The Leys was hugely helpful in his business career.

After 30 years in the Lake District, he and Angie moved back to Cambridge to be near their family.

Chris was diagnosed with Mesothelioma (asbestos related lung cancer) in 2018. He faced a number of difficult treatments with huge courage and determination and lived several more years than originally expected. Despite his challenges he lived his last years to the full and made the most of every opportunity; he became an active member of the Mesothelioma patient support group.

He leaves his wife Angie, two daughters, Julia, Granta 1986–88 and Alison, Dale

1989–91, and five grandsons. Nico is now in his 1st year in North A.

Words by Julia Clarke

Christopher Fairey, North B 1952–56

on 13 June 2022

Although we were not brothers, Chris and I grew up together in a large house in the village of Linton, Cambridgeshire. With war looming, our respective parents thought it prudent to merge their farm assets into one holding. Chris and I shared a bedroom in the early war years and went on to share many activities on the farm, such as horse riding.

Chris attended The Leys for four years from 1952 and achieved tri-colour status in the major sports of rugby, hockey and cricket. In 1956 he was in the crew which won the Clark Cup in the Public Schools’ Yachting Championships.

After school, Chris went straight to Harper Adams Agricultural College before returning to work on the family farm. He became Chairman of our company and stayed in this role until he retired. He played rugby, hockey and cricket for Cambridgeshire and in 1965 he was elected a full playing member of the MCC.

In 1961 Chris married Patricia in Grimsby. Their first son arrived in 1962 and as the family grew Chris had less time for sport but took on other responsibilities. He became a governor of The Leys and St Faith’s Foundation in 1977 and Chairman of the St Faith’s Committee in 1985, a role in which he served with distinction until 1994.

Chris sent all three children, Robert, West 1975–80, Charles, West 1979–84 and Julia, Granta 1984–86 to The Leys. They were



Chris Fairey

followed by three of his grandchildren, Henry, Bisseker 2009–14, Edward, Bisseker 2011–16 and Richard, West 2014–19.

Chris’ final visit to The Leys was in September 2021 for the OL Dinner. He returned home that night no doubt reflecting on his 70-year long association with The Leys School. Chris died peacefully aged 83.

Words by David Fairey, North B 1954–58

John Frankau, West 1939–43

on 12 March 2022

My father was born on 4 September 1925 in Cambridge, the second child of Ronald and Hilda Frankau. He had a close relationship with the city, going to The Leys and then to Emmanuel College where he studied Engineering. However, his first love was the theatre. Quickly realising he was a better director than an actor, he rose through the ranks to become a theatre director and then a television director.

He married my mother, Barry, in 1948. My mother followed my father around repertory theatres, getting work in each theatre. By the time I was born they were living in Notting Hill Gate and my father worked in television. He was in demand, often working on three projects at once. He had an ability to make people love him, however demanding he was.

In 1973 he directed a Yorkshire Television play, *Sarah*, which was nominated for an Emmy award. The following year he directed another Yorkshire Television play, *Mr Axelford’s Angel*, and this play won the Emmy award.

He avoided employing me until 1991 when I was in a series called *The Mixer*. He was good fun to work for but employing me may have been a mistake. *The Mixer* did not make it to our screens, and it was his last job as a director of drama.

Surprisingly, he took to retirement well. My mother and he bought a house in Newmarket, and he spent three years doing the house up. After a six-year fight with cancer, my mother died in 2010. Supporting her was his final project. He did it brilliantly.

Words by Nick Frankau, John’s son



John Hardy

John Hardy, East 1948–53, Governor 1975–2001

on 1 August 2022

John’s arrival at The Leys in September 1948 marked the start of a lifelong association with the School and Cambridge. Born and raised in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, he was the first of three generations of Leysians.

At school, he threw himself into extra-curricular activities from theatre to sport, earning himself the nickname ‘bull’ as second row in the 1st XV. He took photographs for *The Fortnightly*, twirled the baton as CCF Drum Major and became a prefect.

He remained close friends with East House contemporaries Mike Royle and Trevor Stamp, Anthony Thornton, North B 1946–50, Christ Smout, North A 1947–52, Michael Whitaker, North B 1953–58 and David Whitaker, North B 1946–51.

John enjoyed reminiscing about his school days, memorably giving an account of enlivening an outdoor art lesson by encouraging classmates to float their wooden drawing boards down the Cam.

He was an active OL and would regularly attend both the Cambridge and Yorkshire dinners. He was president of the OLU in 1995–96 and of the Yorkshire branch from 1973 to 1976. He later took great pride in serving for 16 years as a School Governor.

He studied History and Law at Clare College and worked initially in the wool trade before retraining as a chartered surveyor. He was a senior partner with Hepper, Watson & Sons in Ilkley until his retirement in 1989.

John died after a short illness and he is survived by his wife Anne, sons James,

East 1974–79, and Mark, School 1977–82 and grandchildren Jack, Moulton/West/Barker 2004–09, Rachel, Anna, George and Edward.

Words by James Hardy, East 1974–79

Alfred Ian Carlstrom (Carl) Haythornthwaite, East 1950–55

on 3 July 2022

My father was the second of three generations to attend The Leys, preceded by his father and followed by myself. He enjoyed his time at The Leys and was successful both academically, being offered two places at Cambridge University, and in the field of sport as a keen swimmer and expert shot with a rifle. His leadership qualities were also demonstrated when he was appointed Senior Prefect in his final year.

He read Electrical Engineering at Cambridge, sponsored by the Royal Navy. Following further training at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and The Royal Naval College, Greenwich he served in the submarine service for most of his Royal Naval career. On retirement from the Royal Navy, he joined Vickers Shipbuilding & Engineering Limited in Barrow-in-Furness, where he worked as Head of Electrical Design on both submarines and surface ships.

Whilst at Cambridge, Carl met his beloved wife, Brenda. They were married in The Leys School Chapel in 1959 and celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2019 (as reported in Issue 42 of *OL News*).

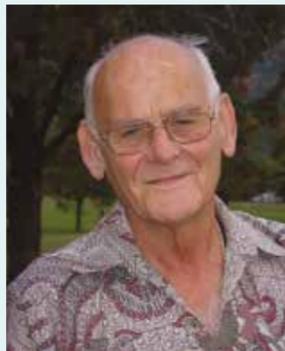


Carl Haythornthwaite

Carl touched the lives of many people throughout his career and family life, in particular continuing the work of his father on the Haythornthwaite family tree.

He passed away peacefully at Furness General Hospital and he leaves his dear wife Brenda, sister Toinie, son Ian, East 1973–78, daughter Gillian and grandsons John and Richard.

Words by Ian Haythornthwaite, East 1973–78



Ronald Ferguson Ingle

Ronald Ferguson Ingle, East 1940–45

on 28 July 2022

Ronald was born in Jinan, China, son of a Baptist medical missionary who was Professor of Surgery at Cheloo University. In 1937 he came to the UK for schooling. While at The Leys, he was evacuated in 1942 to Pitlochry. He studied Natural Sciences at King’s College, Cambridge, Clinical Medicine at King’s College Hospital, London and trained as a surgeon at RAF Hospital Ely. In 1958 he was posted by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to All Saints Hospital, Engcobo, Transkei, South Africa, joining Dr Pauline Marshall, a Royal Free Hospital graduate who had been the sole doctor there since 1954. Together they looked after a large rural community covering the full range of medical and surgical care. In 1960 he married Pauline, and took over as Medical Superintendent until he and Pauline left the hospital in 1976.

In 1982 Ronald became Tuberculosis Officer in the Health Department at East London, and in 1985 he became a Senior Lecturer in Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Africa. His research was diverse: child mortality rates in rural Transkei; rural

malnutrition; the management of pulmonary tuberculosis; clinical problems in teaching practices and referral rates between trainers and trainees. He was awarded two prizes for articles in South African journals.

He retired from clinical work in 1992 and university work in 1997. His wife died two years later. In later life, he and Gill Browne became partners.

Underpinned by a deep humanity and integrity, his long spiritual journey ended in Humanism. He leaves behind Gill Browne, his partner of sixteen years, and three nieces.

Words by Rosemary Goodridge, Ronald’s niece

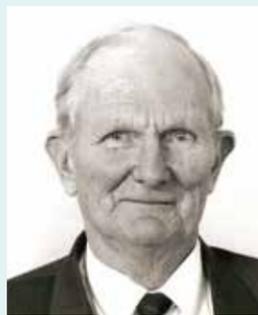
Peter (Thomas) Irvin, School 1960–65

on 16 October 2021

Brian Kipping, School 1941–46

on 16 April 2022

Peacefully in Fleet Valley Care Home, beloved husband of Evelyn and a much-loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.



Brian Kipping

Ian V Longfield, School 1941–46

on 3 August 2022

Ian joined the Leys School in Pitlochry in 1941. He particularly excelled at sport, captaining the rugby and cricket teams. He was Senior Prefect when the school returned to Cambridge in 1946.

Ian went on to Clare College, Cambridge after completing his National Service. He had secured a place to read History but transferred to Medicine. He completed



Ian Longfield

his training at the London Hospital and returned to his roots in Newcastle. He married Helen in 1958 and they honeymooned in Pitlochry, although not at the Atholl Palace Hotel. He was appointed as a GP in a new practice on a council housing estate. Having built the practice up he remained in the role until his retirement. He was an old-fashioned GP, sometimes knowing and caring for several generations of a family. During this time he and Helen raised their three children.

Ian became a Christian during his time at Clare College. This shaped the rest of his life. He was a lay preacher, and he and Helen were part of a group who established an Evangelical Church on the estate where they lived and worked. In later years he was particularly concerned for Christian unity across the churches of Newcastle.

Ian’s health deteriorated in his 90s. He spent his last three years in residential care, taking his change of circumstances in good grace. Ian died peacefully on August 3rd, going “home” to the Saviour he had loved and served for so many years.

Words by Jane van Es

Peter Magill, Bursar 1991–2003

on 13 February 2022

Peter came to The Leys from a career in industry, having worked as a mechanical engineer at Pedigree Petfoods. This provided opportunities for mirth amongst the senior common room about dogs’ dinners and that the new man was coming from Mars! (Pedigree Petfoods was a subsidiary of Mars Incorporated.) An engineering background was unusual for a Bursar, but his project management skills turned out to be exceptionally useful as the School was entering a period of expansion and building

to become co-educational. It was also a curious coincidence that Peter’s office looked out on the University Engineering Faculty where he studied in the 1960s whilst at Pembroke College.

Peter relished the challenges and variety of the Bursar’s job; he had a head for the detail of day-to-day financial management, alongside bigger plans for expansion and improvement. Highlights for him were developing the sports facilities and building the new music school, which he project-managed after his official retirement. The acoustic engineering required to provide spaces for both performance and practice fascinated him.

He enjoyed the community of The Leys, including school lunches (especially puddings) and he attended chapel whenever he could. He valued the foundation and aims of the School and his deep, quiet Christian faith helped him approach his work with fairness and compassion. He appreciated and learned from all members of staff with whom he worked, and it says something very special about The Leys community of this era that so many staff came to his funeral.

In retirement, Peter and his wife Valerie continued to live in Trumpington and kept up with many friends from The Leys, enjoying walking, fundraising and woodwork classes. Peter died peacefully in Bramley Court care home in Histon and he is much missed by his two daughters and five grandchildren.

Words by Catherine Hayhurst

Noel Page, North B 1956–61

on 17 February 2022

Noel always had very strong connections with The Leys. In 1913 Noel’s grandparents decided that their son George Scott Page should benefit from the finest possible Methodist education, so he was duly sent off to board at The Leys. The experience must have been a positive one because his three sons, of whom Noel was the youngest, followed in his footsteps. Noel’s school days came to an end in 1961 but he maintained a remarkable number of connections.

He served as a Governor for 20 years and his accountancy expertise was so valuable that for most of that time he acted as



Noel Page

Treasurer to The Leys and St Faith’s Foundation, helping to oversee a huge number of projects and developments.

Throughout his adult life Noel has been a cornerstone of the Old Leysian Golfing Society, and although he would be the first to acknowledge that the standard of his play did not come close to that of several other Page relations, he threw himself wholeheartedly into every aspect of the golfing scene.

Noel served as Treasurer and President of the OLF for many years. His importance to the history of our club cannot be overstated as he has been the central pillar that has held it up for the last half century. The strong financial position that he leaves behind means we are now able to direct resources into subsidising future events and tours.

His contribution across the board was properly recognised when in 1995 he was invited to become the President of the Old Leysian Union, a role in which he served with distinction.

Noel was clearly a man of many parts. Wherever he became involved he was very much an officer rather than a foot soldier and accordingly we should all salute him. I have been struggling to find the right words of farewell and so I am going to fall back on Leysian schoolboy Latin and simply sign off to someone who is gone but will not be forgotten and who will be so sorely missed by so many of us with one word – Vale.

From Noel’s funeral eulogy by Ashley Silverton, Fen 1973–78, edited for *OL News* by Andy Erby

Richard Petrie, North B 1972–77

on 17 April 2022

Richard Petrie grew up in Cambridge, the son of an eminent psychiatrist. He attended St Faith's before The Leys and was the older brother of fellow Old Leysian Andrew Petrie, North B 1974–77 and uncle of former Head Girl Francesca Griggs, Fen 2012–17.

Richard won a place at Trinity College, Cambridge to read Engineering and followed that with an MBA from INSEAD in France.

Richard was a man of adventure. He loved cycling, mountaineering, skiing and transatlantic sailing. He enjoyed school reunions at Assynt with many OL friends, not least Richard 'Strong' Armstrong. As a member of the School expedition to Spitsbergen in 1976, Richard helped to rescue a fellow Leysian who had collapsed on Newtonoppen, the highest mountain in Spitsbergen, and pulled him to safety on a sledge.

Richard married his dearly beloved wife Jane in 1986 and they had three children, Michael, Charlotte and Madelaine. Richard was a successful industry executive and a visionary who navigated complex ideas with great clarity. In 2013 he became Chief Executive of BuildingSmart International, leading the digital transformation of the built asset industry.

Richard was a man of integrity, uncompromising fairness and kindness. He was always supportive of and respected by his colleagues and friends. He enjoyed life enormously, with a good sense of humour which was invariably accompanied by a loud roar of laughter.

Lives are not measured by duration but by quality. Richard led a good, full life and will always be remembered with love and affection by all those who knew and loved him.

Words by Andrew Petrie, North B 1974–77

Thomas A Pranker, West 1941–42

on 15 April 2020

George Fredrick Robinson, West 1949–53 on 26 Feb 2022

Robert Sadler, Governor 2002–2016

Bob died in February 2022 following a short battle with cancer. He was a Governor of The Leys and St Faith's Foundation, ending up as Chair of the St Faith's Committee. He also had two children at The Leys, Kate, Fen 1994–98 and Mike, Fen/School 1991–96, who is married to Katherine Pearl, Fen 1994–96. Many other members of Bob's extended family are also past pupils of The Leys and St Faith's. Bob was also one of the first parents to serve on The Leys Connection prior to his becoming a Governor. His son Mike commented: "A huge supporter of both schools over the years, the family received condolence letters from many school connections but also from five past and present Headmasters of the schools, who all wrote to acknowledge the impact of his support and dedication, sage advice, humour and friendship. His memorial service at Dry Drayton Church was attended by almost 300 people, including a significant number of Old Leysians, Governors and former Headmasters; a testament to his strong connection with and service to the School".

Words by John Harding, Common Room 1968–2005 and Mike Sadler

Antony J (Tim) Waters, West 1940–44

on 18 April 2022

The eldest of three brothers, all of whom attended The Leys, Tim had a very happy time at school, spending one term in Cambridge before the School moved to Pitlochry at the start of 1940 Autumn term. There he shared a room with Derek Wheatley in one of the towers of the Atholl Palace Hotel, forging lifelong friendships as well as an enduring love of Scotland. He revisited Pitlochry regularly, driving up from Birmingham until his late 80s.



Antony J Waters

On leaving school he hoped to join the Royal Engineers, following his father Sir Arnold Waters VC. However, his National Registration number designated him as a 'Bevin Boy', requiring him to work down the mines unless marks in School Certificate examinations qualified him for a university place. Necessary marks achieved, he studied Mechanical Engineering at Birmingham University sponsored by the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, achieving a first-class honours degree.

After the war he joined his father as a consulting engineer in Birmingham, becoming a founding partner of AHS Waters and Partners in 1955 and, later, senior partner. The partnership flourished, joining Mott, Hay and Anderson (later Mott MacDonald) in 1985. Tim was a Director of the combined firm until retirement, continuing as a consultant until the age of 70.

He had a long and happy retirement enjoying family, friends, his garden and, especially, his succession of English Bull Terriers. He always maintained that their daily walk in the park was one of the main reasons he lived so long.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Ann, their three daughters, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Words by Sally Venn

Robert Edward Watson, East 1950–55

on 18 July 2022

Paul Michael Whitaker, North B 1953–58 on 8 April 2022

Michael commenced a varied working life by joining the family wool firm in Bradford, followed by successfully developing a Yorkshire franchise for Kentucky Fried Chicken. For 36 years he served as Secretary to the British Franchisees' Association, forming close links with its counterpart in the USA. He moved on in 2002, enabling him to concentrate on his property and investment companies.

Few knew of Michael's extensive charity work, including the thirty years he was Chairman of the Friends of Airedale General Hospital, and as a trustee for houses

provided for disabled people in Keighley. Each Christmas his car would be filled with parcels for the occupants of St George's Crypt for the homeless in Leeds, and as a committed Christian he was a generous supporter of Ilkley Baptist Church.

After many business and holiday visits to Canada with his family, Michael acquired a lakeside holiday house in Ontario in 2006 where they and their guests enjoyed happy times. Somehow, he found time to cross the Atlantic in his yacht, crewed with friends, and back home near Ilkley he acquired and piloted a helicopter and then a monoplane.

Although forever active, he always found time to spend with his son and daughter during their childhood. He was a great character who, sadly, spent much of his last two years in and out of various hospitals, tirelessly supported by his wife as he battled uncomplainingly with his medical problems. Michael leaves his wife Susan, two children and three grandchildren.

Words by John Hardy, East 1948–53

A fuller account of Michael's rich life can be read in the obituaries section of The Leys website.



Paul Michael Whitaker



Nick Wilde

Nicholas Wilde, Common Room 1972–2000 on 29 June 2022

Nick read Languages at King's College, Cambridge and, after a short spell at Dauntsey's, joined The Leys in 1972 to teach German, eventually retiring in 2000. He quickly established a reputation as an outstanding teacher, amongst the finest in this period. During his time the results in the German Department were second to none. He was in turn Assistant Housemaster in School and North A. Many members of those houses had their first enthusiasm for classical music kindled in his study, or took part in play-readings there. Drama was always central to his extra-curricular life, directing school and house plays, designing sets, and even choreographing a pantomime. He took over the Lit (in the days when it was a debating society) and ran it with his customary style. Although never a sportif, he ran the Third XI Cricket for many years, his regime noted

for the wearing of ties on the field of play, the spoof nineteenth-century team photographs and the village matches on Sundays. The sporting professionals were predictably contemptuous, and it was a particular satisfaction for him the year the Third XI had an invicti season. For the last twelve years of his full-time career he was President of The Fortnightly, setting new standards for quality of writing and accuracy of presentation. Over the years, the magazine became a repository of his inimitable cartoons. There was no aspect of the intellectual and artistic life of the School which he did not influence. However, his focus started to move away from the School to his own writing and illustrating, and he became increasingly part-time. He published two books for younger children with his own illustrations, *Sir Bertie* and *The Wyvern and Huffle*, and two novels for teenagers, *Into the Dark* and *And Down Came a Blackbird*. In retirement he lived quietly in Applecourt in Newton Road, carrying on with illustrations. His retirement passion became marionette puppets. These were immaculately made and dressed with his usual attention to detail and meticulous handiwork. The flat became filled with his new family.

Words by John and Jean Harding, Former Common Room

Peter Wing, North A 1958–64

in January 2021



OL Events 2022–23

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| DATE AND TIME | VENUE | DETAILS |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday 10 November 2022 OLS London Drinks 18:30–20:30 | One Moorgate Place London EC2R 6EA | All OLs welcome. Please book online. |
| Friday 2 December 2022 London Carol Service 18:30–20:00 | Wesley's Chapel City Road London EC1Y 1AU | All OLs and current Leys Parents welcome. Please book online. |
| Wednesday 7 December 2022 OLS Annual General Meeting 18:00–19:00 | Via Zoom | All OLs welcome. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time. |
| Thursday 8 December 2022 1875 Society Event A Christmas Carol 18:00–22:00 | Great Hall The Leys, Cambridge | Pre-theatre supper followed by the School production of <i>A Christmas Carol</i> . By invitation for members of the 1875 Society and their guests. |
| Thursday 23 February 2023 Leys Community Drinks 18:30–20:30 | Exeter Venue to be confirmed | A drinks reception for OLs studying at the University of Exeter or living in Exeter or Devon. |
| Sunday 14 May 2023 OL Reunion 10:30–16:30 | The Leys Cambridge | Reunion for OLs who entered the School between 2000 and 2009, and those who joined these year groups later. Invitations will be sent nearer the time. |
| Wednesday 24 May 2023 OL Communion 12:45 | Wesley's Chapel City Road London EC1Y 1AU | All OLs welcome. No booking required. |

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