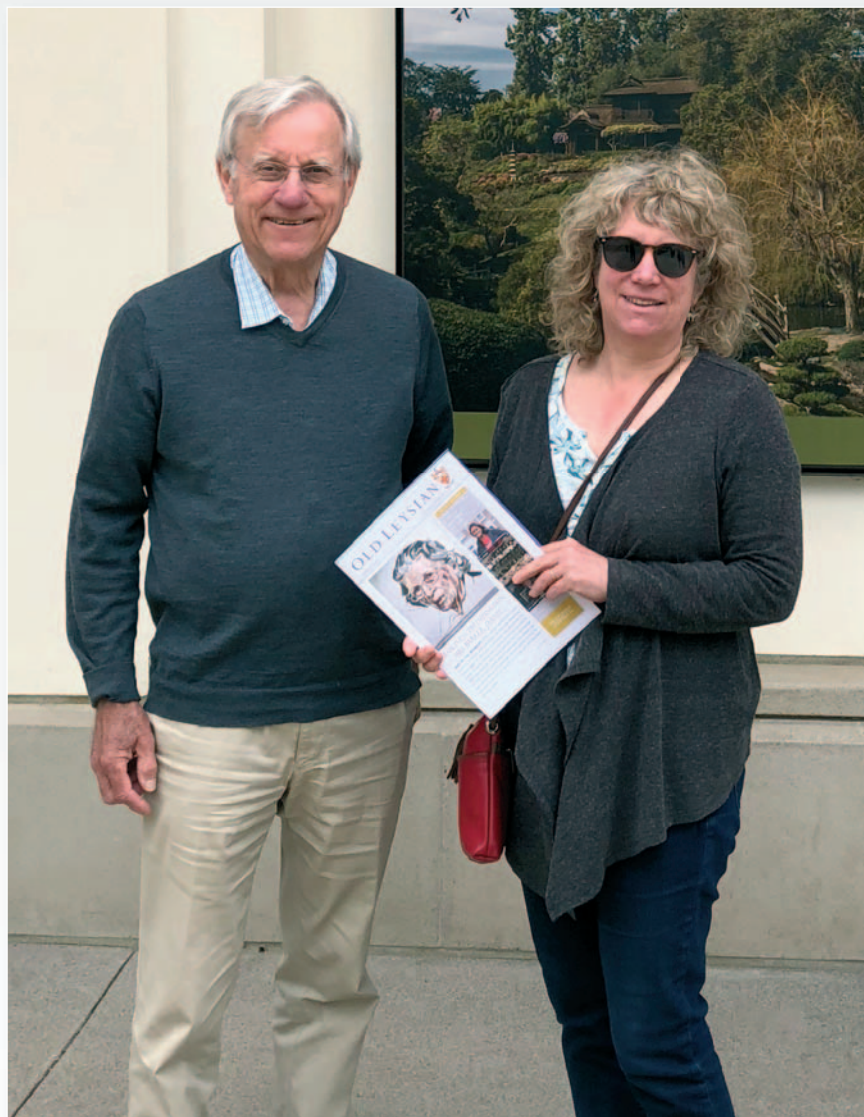


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THE OL NEWSLETTER WELL TRAVELLED...

WE ARE DELIGHTED to see that the OL Newsletter is still travelling the world; this time it is in America enjoying a family holiday with Richard Haryott, West 1954-59, and his daughter Jo de Grey, Granta 1985-87. Jo is the current Chairman of the Old Leysian Society.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

AS I am sure almost every Old Leysian is aware our school song is the revered Xaipete but not so widely known is the meaning of that word. Some low level research on my part suggests that it can mean welcome, rejoice or farewell. I have not yet established how it came to be adopted by The Leys or even when but perhaps more on that another time. What I have discovered is that in the grounds of Eton College the inscription Xaipete appears on a classical Greek style statue. I am not aware of too many other links between the two schools. Whilst Eton is probably most closely associated with tradition, our alma mater is renowned for its liberalism and progressive approach. These were themes explored by Alan Bennett, one of our most cherished writers, in his first work for theatre entitled "Forty Years On". That title particularly resonates for me as it is exactly four decades since my school days came to their conclusion.

There is rather a delicious irony in that I started at The Leys when this country was joining the EEC but as I write we are in the middle of negotiations to leave the European Union. The pace of activity regarding both Brexit and my Leysian involvement will accelerate quite markedly from here. To date I have already taken part in a communion service at Wesley's Chapel so as to mark a merger with our Mission that took place almost 30 years ago. Historic ties are being strengthened and I am sure that increased collaboration between Old Leysians and the Wesley's Chapel community lies ahead. To that end I am delighted that Jennifer Smith, the newly appointed Superintendent, has agreed to be my guest speaker at the OLS annual dinner which is to take place on Saturday 8 December. Now that the University Arms has been magnificently refurbished after a two year closure and regeneration programme it seems entirely fitting to choose a venue that will hold cherished memories for many of us. Further details will follow in due course.

Naturally I was delighted to attend the Halford Hewitt Public Schools Golf Competition last

month. As the longest serving golf secretary on the planet Nigel Washbourn is very well versed on how the event runs and as ever he deserves enormous credit for making the Royal St George experience such a memorable one. Otherwise the Yorkshire Dinner looms large on my horizon and I am particularly looking forward to the OL Family Day which is to be held on Saturday 8 September. Events organised for then will include a girls hockey match between the school and Old Leysians, the traditional internecine rugby fixture between the OL over 23s and the under 23s, teas will be served throughout the afternoon with beer and Pimms available post-match. That evening the Great Hall will host a drinks reception, dinner and live band with a nostalgia driven 1970s theme. Please see the accompanying

advertisement which provides further details. There are only 100 subsidised tickets available so book now or risk disappointment.

Assorted other activities are creeping into my diary and these include Speech Day in July and the Remembrance Day Centenary Celebration in the Chapel on Sunday 11 November which I do not doubt will be a most moving and evocative occasion. I look forward to meeting a varied and wide cross section of Old Leysians over the coming months so that we can renew old friendships, make new ones and encourage others to follow suit. Taking on the role of OLS President is a real honour and privilege.

With best wishes, **Ashley Silverton**, Fen 1973-78.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Saturday 8th September 2018

IN THE GREAT HALL AT THE LEYS WITH...



Uncle Funk & the BOOGIE WONDERBAND

Drinks Reception: 6.30pm

3-course Dinner and Retro Live Band

Carriages: Midnight

Tickets: £50 per person

Dress Code: 1970s

RSVP to Fiona Slot - FAS@TheLeys.net

CAMBRIDGE & LONDON INFORMAL DRINKS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE Wine Bar was the venue for this year's informal OL drinks in Cambridge on 8th March, bringing together thirteen OLs joined by the Headmaster and the Alumni and Development staff. A wide range of year groups were represented, from those who joined the School in 1976 right through to OLs who left in 2007. It was lovely to hear about all of the wonderful things that our local OLs are doing in their lives now and everyone seemed to enjoy the wine!

The following week, a select few of the OLs resident in London met at the Bishop's Finger... upstairs, just in case you missed the one hundred times that my phone checked me in on Facebook! The 2002 leavers led the way in the consumption of 37 pints of Guinness, perhaps in training for St Patrick's Day two days later. Tales of leaping out of study windows to impress girls and desperate weekly efforts to quit the School choir (not in any way embellished by the Guinness I'm sure) made for a very entertaining evening.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at these events, which we organise as a way of helping to bring OLs together throughout the year. When you have your own OL get-togethers, as we know many of you do, please do mention @OldLeysian in your posts on social media so that we can all share in the moment! We look forward to seeing you at an OL event in the near future.



Ashley Silverton, Fen 1973-78; Nicki Sethi, West 2000-02; Paul Shapiro, West 1997-02; James Wyatt, School 1997-02; Alex Crisp, West 1997-02; Sam O'Shea, West 1997-02; Roger Felton, Fen 1973-78.



James Harrison, North A 2008-13; Peter Matthews, North B 1973-78; Ashley Silverton, Fen 1973-78; Nicki Sethi, West 2000-02; Paul Shapiro, West 1997-02; James Wyatt, School 1997-02; Alex Crisp, West 1997-02; Sam O'Shea, West 1997-02; Roger Felton, Fen 1973-78.



Krista Cooper, Granta 1989-91; Bruce Sutherland, East 1976-81; Charles Saumarez, North B 1998-03.



Fraser Patrick, School 2002-07, with his fiancée Rose Newberry.



Daisy Borrett, Dale 1988-90; Tom Halliwell, North B 1983-88.



Martin Priestley, the Headmaster; Lucy Simper, Fen 1994-99; Bruce Sutherland, East 1976-81; Paul Simper, West 1994-99; Kate Straker, North B 2002-05; Claire Sanders, Fen 2002-07.

OLD LEYSIAN NEWS

ENGAGEMENTS

Fraser Patrick, School 2002-07, became engaged to Rose Newberry in January.



Lucy Sales, Moulton/Dale 2000-07 became engaged to Maximillian Maurer in March.

Berni Schulz, West 2005-07, and **Ant Pook-ayaporn**, Granta 2006-08, were married in Bangkok on 24th March. They met at the school in 2006 and have been together ever since. Quite a few OLs from all over the world, including Mrs Muston, attended the wedding.



OL NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Emma Albery, Fen 2012-17. "I was absolutely over the moon when I found out I was selected for the Middlesex Ladies 1st team. I've been working so hard on all aspects of my game over the winter to try and compete for a place, so to find out all that hard work has paid off, I couldn't be happier. The training with Middlesex has been tough but I have loved it. I find the senior players in the squad such as Beth Morgan, Naomi Dattani and Natasha Miles hugely inspiring and they create a great ethos in training for the whole squad which has an emphasis on hard work and commitment. The coaches, Sanjay Patel and Danni Warren also both push us to be the best we can be. Having individuals with Danni has meant I can work more closely on my batting and spin bowling skills, and I believe this has been key to my development this winter. I'm very excited for the season ahead, especially for our match vs the MCC which will be played on the main pitch at Lords on 24th April. This will be the first time ever Middlesex Women have played on the main pitch and it will definitely be a historic day for Women's cricket."



John Corner, East 1954-59. It is with great sadness that John informed us of the death

of his wife, Belinda. She died of a very rare condition called PSP, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. John would like people to be aware of this rare condition: he hopes it will soon receive research funding which is sadly lacking at the moment.

Dr Chan Gunn, East 1946-50. On 15th March 2018, the University of British Columbia celebrated the official opening ceremony of the Chan Gunn Pavilion at its Vancouver campus. This 20,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility for exercise and sport medicine teaching, research and patient care was made possible thanks to the generosity of donors including OL Dr Chan Gunn (pictured on the left wearing his OL tie).



The new rehabilitation space, gym and labs in the Chan Gunn Pavilion will house researchers studying the healing power of exercise, working to improve athletic performance, investigating sports-related injury recovery strategies and exploring optimal exercise training for people with cancer and other chronic diseases.

The Chan Gunn IMS Wing for research, teaching, and care will also continue advancing and promoting Gunn Intramuscular Stimulation as a treatment for chronic and neuropathic pain around the world, an innovative treatment developed by Dr Gunn in the 1970s. Dr Gunn said that he and his wife Peggy "are honoured that UBC has devoted part of this building to building on my life's work in helping people".

A Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, Dr Gunn's pioneering work in the



field of pain treatment has been recognised with awards including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond and Golden Jubilee Medals, the Order of British Columbia and the Chinese Canadian Legend Award. He was named as one of the most influential Chinese-Canadians in Canada by the CBC and is a Member of the Order of Canada.

Will Hooley, Barker 2007-12.
From The Leys to the United States.



"After much talk over the years, and having been assessed, the chance of playing full international rugby was in front of me.

Many would think I had the dream trip away. Two and a bit weeks, based out of the team base in San Diego, working in the Californian sun during the dismal English winter. It was an honour and great goal of mine to be called up to the USA Eagles squad for the 2018 Americas Rugby Championship (ARC).

Playing my first game against Argentina XV at the StubHub Arena in Los Angeles was surreal. Not officially a capped game, but my 20 minutes off the bench went like a blur. A ferocious battle, high velocity, noisy, and little in it, we managed to beat the Argentinians 17-10 and I scored 6 points.



Next stop was Sacramento to take on the neighbours from up north, Canada. I only re-



alised how much of a grudge match this was when expressed by ex-USA Eagle Louis Stanfill at the shirt presentation the night before, "there is no better feeling than beating those Canadians. This tournament is only a success if you beat them!"



On a windy Saturday afternoon on the 10th February 2018 at Papa Murphy Park stadium I officially became Eagle 517. Coming off the bench for 25 minutes I managed to secure a penalty and help the team to a gritty 29-10 win over the Canadians. Arrangements meant I had to fly back to England to play for my club but the boys would later go on to regain the ARC title.



I now have my goals set with America. I'll work hard to maintain my place in the squad for this summer series. It's no secret; my aim is Tokyo, 2019 and the Rugby World Cup."

Andrew Jordan, School 1970-74. "After The Leys I went up to Christ's College where I took up rowing. A few years ago, the Christ's Col-

lege 1st VIII of 1978 got back together and we have been racing a few times a year ever since, now a Masters F crew (average age 60 to 65) so survival is a priority! We row a few events each year in Cambridge, and an overseas trip which so far has included the Coppa Lysistrata in the bay of Naples, the Head of the Charles in Boston, the Basel Head on the Rhine and, most recently, in September 2017 at the World Masters Regatta at Lake Bled, Slovenia. This year, we are hoping to row in the Roseninselachter, an 8s race over 12 kilometres on the Starnberg See, Munich.

Below are a couple of photos of our crew, the first taken at the marina in Naples (I am on the left) and the second taken at Lake Bled (I am third from left)."



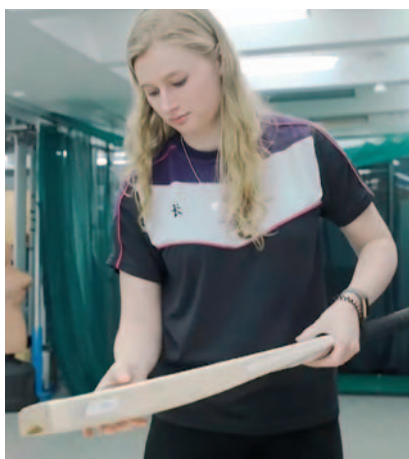
Motobumi Kobayashi, West 1982-84, and **Patrick Pordage**, West 1980-85, visited the school after thirty three years – they were shown around by Thomas Northcote on 6th February.



Katherine Laws, Moulton/Dale 2007-14. "I am a final year Product Design Engineering student at Loughborough University and successfully secured my dissertation working in conjunction with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). I am working with the England visually impaired squad to redesign the cricket bat that they use for the sport. The game differs from the traditional cricket by using a white plastic ball with metal ball bearings inside which is bowled underarm. The players are split into three sight categories, completely blind, restricted sight and partially sighted and the batsman use three distinctive shots; the chop, the sweep and the drive.



The ECB identified that the traditional cricket bat was not optimal for visually impaired cricket due to the differences in the two disciplines. Consequently, rapid and excessive wear and breakages to the equipment are seen. It is believed that prior to this project, there has been no research on what parameters achieve peak bat performance or any recorded attempts to redesign the cricket bat to better meet the demands of the visually impaired athletes.



I have worked closely with the players in all three sight categories focusing on the sweep shot with the aim to enable the players to hit the ball in the air. Unlike traditional cricket the ball must roll along the ground when bowled restricting the batsman have the ability hitting the ball in the air.

I have attended several training camps to test the iterative prototypes using Trackman© which



The Leys Choral Society including OLs Tim Rodgers, North A 1983-86, and Brian Rushton, North B 1952-56.

professional golf players, such as Rory McIlroy, use to predict the ball trajectory of their shots.

This all wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the additional support I got during my A-levels I wouldn't have achieved the entry grades for Loughborough so would like to thank Mr Howe and Mr Harmsworth."

Leys Choral Society. On Saturday 17th March, the newly formed Leys Choral Society gave their first concert in the Chapel to a good-sized audience. Comprising of parents, staff, alumni and associated friends of The Leys, and under the direction of Director of Music, Mr. Kenworthy, the choir gave excellent accounts of well-known works including Handel's *Zadok the Priest* and *And the Glory of the Lord (Messiah)*, Stanford's *Te Deum in B flat* and Vaughan Williams' *Old 100th*. The Leys Choral Society will be meeting next in Lent term 2019 and all OLs living in the local area will be very welcome.

Chloë Tinsley, Fen 1999-04. Chloë, former Art Scholar and Head Girl, recently showed her work in Mayfair. Her landscapes are painted outside in situ across the UK and are kaleidoscopes of colour. She credits much of her success to her time spent in the Rugg Centre under the direction of Adrian

Mutch. Exhibiting alongside five other female artists over International Women's Day, the "Art for Jo's" exhibition raised money for Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, exceeding expectations. Chloë's joyful landscapes were described at the event by Lord Mark Poltimore as "Strik-



ing and Impactful". Chloë is based in Cornwall and is taking part in Open Studios 19th - 28th May. If you would like to see more of her work view her website (www.chloe-gallery.co.uk). She also works at the drawing board when it rains in inks and gouache; for cards, prints and now wallpaper.



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, North B/Fen 1963-68, 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.



1875 SOCIETY

THE 1875 SOCIETY exists to acknowledge those OLs and friends of the school who have informed us that they have made provision for The Leys in their Wills. The school is very grateful for this ongoing support.

If you are thinking of how you can support the school and would like more information about the 1875 Society please contact **Thomas Northcote**, Head of Development on 01223 508927 or at tsn@theleys.net.

THE OLD LEYSIAN LODGE NO.4520



SINCE APRIL 2017, the Lodge has met on four occasions in Cambridge. On the 6th March 2018, W.Bro. Barry Smethhurst was installed as Master.

Freemasonry is one of the World's oldest and largest fraternal and charitable organisations, with over six million members worldwide. Members come from all walks of life and meet as equals, whatever their race, religion or socio-economic position. Freemasonry has been in existence for over 400 years and evolved from the traditions and ceremonies of the medieval stonemasons who built our cathedrals and castles. It has developed an interesting tradition of ritual and ceremony, as have many ancient institutions, and provides a unique fellowship, an enjoyable hobby and an opportunity to be involved in a range of charitable activities.

UK Freemasonry contributes over £33 million to charity each year and the greater part of this goes to non-Masonic charities and disaster relief. Local individuals and communities are also supported, for example, the county's Freemasons have raised £230,000 for the Arthur Rank Hospice, (named after J. Arthur Rank, North B 1901-06, a founder of the Old Leysian Lodge), while the Old Leysian Lodge has been pleased to support the Great Hall at The Leys and continues to sponsor two School Prizes.

At the Lodge's meeting in March, Jonathan Dowson, West 1955-60, received a certificate to mark his fifty years as a member of the Lodge. Also, the Lodge remembered John Jaffe, School 1939-44, who had died on 7th November 2017 after over sixty years as an active Freemason.

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

Jonathan Dowson.

GOLF

OLD LEYSIAN GOLFING SOCIETY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting was held at the Offices of Arup & Partners, 13 Fitzroy Street, London, W1, on 7th February.

The following Officers continue for the next year:-

President Stuart Amey
Captain Chris Metcalf
Vice Captain Nick Dendy
Hon.Sec. & Treas. Nigel Washbourn
Ass.Hon.Sec. & Treas. Richard Chapman
Team Manager Nick Dendy
Committee Members:- Alan Cox, Richard Endacott, James Kisby, Andrew Macalpine, Noel Page & Stephen Peak.



*Old Leysians wishing to join the Golfing Society should contact the Secretary, Nigel Washbourn, at 13 The Fairway, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 3DZ.
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 email: nwashbourn@btinternet.com*

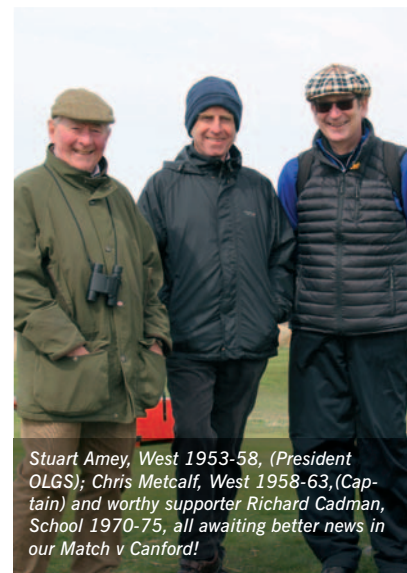
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T.L. Williams				C. Cowen		
C.A Holden	2/1	1		H. Avshu		0
L.J. McKeown				M Aldous		
T.D..Page		0		P Nanayakara	3/2	1
C.C.B. Turner				S.J. Anthony		
A.G.T. Petrie	6/5	1		R. Kelly		0
J.S. Edwards				A.S. Patel		
C.E. Newlove		0		A.W.H. Charawani	4/3	1
S.D. Cooper				G. Watkins		
A.R.J. Smethers	5/3	1		J. Swinney		0
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THE LEYS			V	CANFORD		
C.E. Newlove				P.J.L. Steen		
P.M. Hockin		0		A.J. Maher	5/4	1
T.L. Williams				M.R. Suggett		
C.A Holden		0		T.A. Adams	6/5	1
L.J. McKeown				D.J. Restall		
T.D. Page		0		O.D.H. Stocks	1 Up	1
C.C.B. Turner				C.J. Kerr		
A.G.T. Petrie		0		N.J.A. Gordon	3/2	1
S.D. Cooper				N.J. Pomeroy		
A.R.J. Smethers	5/3	1		J. T Hollis		0
		1				4

HALFORD HEWITT CUP APRIL 5TH – 8TH

There was good support again this year with twenty of us and we welcomed Ashley Silverton, resplendent in an Old Leysian Blazer, President of the Old Leysian Society.

With a good team we once again found ourselves playing Dulwich for the third time in recent years, this time at Royal St. George's. History did repeat itself and with two good wins some way from home our first pair clinched the final point at the 17th.



Stuart Amey, West 1953-58, (President OLGs); Chris Metcalf, West 1958-63, (Captain) and worthy supporter Richard Cadman, School 1970-75, all awaiting better news in our Match v Canford!



Chris Turner, West 1980-84, plays his tee shot at the short sixteenth.

By the sixth short hole we had started to edge ahead, in a strong head wind the best shot and the only one on the green from ten tee shots was from Alex Smethers. At the tenth matches three and five had gained further advantage and by the twelfth these matches were nearly over. Good golf was still being played by our first pair and at the short sixteenth Tom Williams holed a ten foot putt to stay two ahead and the seventeenth was a formality to clinch the vital point.

Our match against Canford was going to be a tough one, they have their own nine hole course and a P.G.A. Coach. We were fortunately able to call on Peter Hockin as one of our players was unwell and with Chris Newlove they were two holes up after three, but gradually all matches excepting our last pair struggled. Somehow we did not produce the same standard as we did against Dulwich.

SENIOR BERNARD DARWIN (OVER 65) WOKING GOLF CLUB

In the first round we have drawn Uppingham on Tuesday 19th June, play off at 10.00 a.m. Supporters will be welcome.

On the Wednesday afternoon there is the Veteran's Darwin (over 75) when we hope to field two pairs.

BERNARD DARWIN (OVER 55) WOKING GOLF CLUB

In the first round we have drawn Malvern on Thursday 5th July, play off at 9.10 a.m. Supporters will be welcome.

The Autumn Meeting will be held as usual at The Gog Magog Golf Club, on Friday 7th September, booking in from 8.15 a.m. Details will be sent out nearer the time. **N.S.W.**



Team photo:- Peter Hockin, North A 1962-67; Alex Smethers, North A 2000-05; Chris Metcalf, West 1958-63; Tom Williams, West 1993-96; Chris Turner, West 1980-84; Stuart Amey, West 1953-58; David Page, Fen 1966-71; Liam McKeown, West 2008-13; Andrew Petrie, North B 1974-77; Simon Cooper, North A 1993-98; Chris Holden, North A 1985-90; Chris Newlove, Barker 2005-08.



Liam McKeown, West 2008-13, and David Page, Fen 1966-71, by the 15th green waiting for Cranford to play.

OLD LEYSIAN REAL TENNIS CLUB 2017-2018 SEASON

THE OLRTC has had a tremendous season, with the 3rd annual tournament held at the Cambridge University Real Tennis Club on Saturday 23rd September 2017. As usual the format was a doubles round-robin tournament with 4 pairings. Everyone was rather jolly, but determined to have their name engraved on the winners' pewter tankard. All matches were officially marked by one of the club professionals and the level of tennis was high. However, congratulations to Peter White (School master) and Patrick Humphrey (Hon OLRTC member) who won all their matches with gusto and were the deserved overall winners. The day was a great success. Thank you to all the players and spectators. See you all court-side next year!

The next OLRTC tournament will be held on Saturday 22nd September 2018. Please let me know if you are keen to play, everybody is welcome (drjoelhumphrey@aol.com).

Grattan MacGiffin and Joel Humphrey entered the 2018 Schools' Alumni annual doubles tournament, held on the 21st January at the Middlesex University Real Tennis Club. Pre-tournament confidence was high following some rare winter training, provid-



Grattan MacGiffin, Fen 1985-90, and Joel Humphrey, East 1992-97, at the Middlesex University Real Tennis Club.

ed by the effervescent Tom Hartley. Though this was our toughest assignment yet, with 26 schools allocated into 6 round robin groups battling it out into the knockout stages. Not perturbed by our strong group we negotiated top spot, with resounding wins over Worth (6-2), Highgate (6-1), Rugby (6-3) and Eton (6-3). After an enjoyable lunch and extended break we were up against King's Canterbury in the quarter final. Unfortunately, we couldn't fully recover from a slow start and regrettably lost 5-6. King's Canterbury were the eventual winners, beating Worth in a very tense final. Tactics have already been discussed for next year.

Joel Humphrey

Real Tennis in Australia

Whilst Joel and Grattan were surrendering in

the quarter finals of the Cattermull cup, Derrick Wells, East 1969-72, and Mark Elliott, Fen 1977-82, (pictured below) were playing in the Boomerang Cup in Melbourne (Aus) - perhaps the foundations for an Old Leysian team for the 2020 Boomerang?? Watch this space...



Nick Lloyd, Fen 1966-71; Damian Humphrey, East 1988-93; Mark Elliott, Fen 1977-82; Patrick Humphrey (Hon OLRTC Member); Joel Humphrey, East 1992-97; Tom Hartley, North B 1982-82; Shaun Ruffles, North A 1988-93.

THE LEYS

LENT TERM REPORT

EDITED HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEADMASTER

THE LENT TERM saw a wide variety of academic enrichment, endeavour and achievement. Pupils have been rising to the STEM challenges which they have been set on activity days and some of our Lower Sixth have been working as Financial Times Audience Leaders. Academically ambitious Sixth Formers have been entering essay competitions in many subjects and Olympiads in the sciences and languages. Subjects as varied as “How to Change the World”, “Leadership” and “The Artist in an Autocratic State” have been covered in this term’s Russell Group talks. Our Headmaster’s Society and Academic Society meetings continue to go from strength to strength, and the et@l programme (educational talks@The Leys) is really getting into their stride with our pupils speaking after my Monday assemblies. The senior Spanish debating team won the inter-school competition at The Perse and the French team were runners-up in the final.



Musical highlights this term have included the Music Scholars’ Concert and the Musical Theatre Competition, in its fourth year, which was adjudicated by Jacqui Dankworth. We were also pleased to welcome back OL Rory Purvis, North A 2009-14, to give a clarinet recital at Lunchtime Live.

LAMDA results were superb with 11 distinctions and 9 merits achieved by the 20



pupils taking the exams. The Dance Showcase demonstrated the hard work and dedication of our dancers drawn from every year group in the school, and the Advanced Dance and Senior Contemporary Company were invited to perform in the prestigious ‘Bodyworks’ show.

All sports enjoyed a term of fantastic success and development. The U15A Netball team and the U16B and U15A Hockey sides went through the season without losing a game. Following their qualification for the Investec National Schools Hockey Finals at the Olympic Park, the Girls’ U16 hockey side (pictured above) put a huge amount of effort and training in preparation for the tournament involving the 8 top sides in the country. The finals will be at the beginning of May. Our Rugby Sevens team reached the semi-finals of the Rosslyn Park Schools Sevens Vase Competition, winning their first six matches before succumbing to the eventual winners, Blundells. The Bath Cup Swimming squad performed admirably at the London Aquatic Centre with the girls’ squad placing 5th and 7th in the Medley and Freestyle finals in the Small School’s Otter Cup. The Rowers enjoyed huge success at the Peterborough Head, the Volleyball team reached the Cuppers Final, the U15 squash side qualified for the National Finals and the U14 Rugby side enjoyed a tour to Belfast.

Six pupils from Years 9 and 11 spent three days in the Cairngorms learning how to operate safely in full winter conditions in our Scotland Winter Skills course.

The year 11 Army cadets were tested in advanced infantry tactics and leadership in the CCF Army Senior field experience in January, and over half term a small group of Navy cadets visited our affiliated ship, HMS Trumpeter.

I should also mention the amount of work being done for the benefit of the local and wider community. The ‘Hockey Hub’ enables 5 different primary schools to have access to our coaching and facilities every Thursday evening. We hosted the Primary and Prep Netball Festival in February. The link with our local Prep schools gets ever stronger with King’s College Prep and St John’s Prep enjoying the coaching and facilities here and St Faith’s benefitting from the expert coaching of our outgoing Head of Rugby, Tommy Dan.



THE GREAT WAR XII

May 1918 saw the Germans under Ludendorff continuing with their western offensive.

THE SUMMER OF 1918 has always appeared strange: that a war bogged down in the trenches for years should suddenly become so fluid; and that the side securing all the spectacular victories should be the one heading for defeat. Ludendorff had to secure victory in this campaign: the Germans had insufficient resources left for another round of trench warfare and anything less than victory would bring collapse, as the revolutions of 1918 were to show. Although the Germans got west to the Marne, crossed it and could bomb the centre of Paris, the Allied lines held and by the end of July Pétain could order counter-attacks. Now it was the turn of the Allies to move swiftly, with Americans and Canadians supporting British

and French. By the end of August most of Ludendorff's gains had been recovered and the outcome of the War was becoming increasingly clear. Although the French had born the brunt of the German summer offensives, British troops were heavily involved in the drive back to the East, so the numbers of Leysian war dead increased sharply.

GORDON NASH had gone into his father's business but following his father's death he joined the Royal Flying Corps. On 7 May, whilst on an instructor flight another plane crashed into his. He is buried in Fooks Cray Baptist Chapel Yard. LESLIE ATKINS was working in London and helping in the Boys' Brigade. He felt the call to join the Wesleyan ministry and went out to France in the Royal Fusiliers' London Regiment. He was killed on 24 May at Telegraph Hill, south-east of Arras, and is commemorated at Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension. REGINALD MALLINSON, Royal Field Artillery, died on 12 June in Ormskirk of unknown causes and is buried in the churchyard at Aughton in Lancashire. FRANK HENRI left Trinity College, Cambridge, to join the Northumberland Fusiliers. He was wounded on the Somme in 1916 but, after convalescing, insisted on rejoining his regiment, which went on to fight on the Asiago plateau in the Italian Alps. On 15 June the Austrians launched a massive counter-attack in which there were 104 British casualties including Henri, who is buried in Magnaboschi British Cemetery. JOHN FOULDES joined the Royal Field Artillery and was wounded in an early German gas attack in 1915. He rejoined his regiment in Greece and was killed on 25 June at Salonika. He is buried at Karasouli Military Cemetery. FRANK ADAM had already lost a brother and a cousin. He was Senior Prefect in 1915 and hoped to become a doctor, but instead joined the Rifle Brigade. On 16 July he was on a night patrol near Bethune, was wounded and died at an aid post that day. He is buried at Bully-Grenay Communal Ceme-



tery British Extension. After a distinguished career at The Leys, a prefect for two years and a Tri-Colour, HUGH PARTRIDGE qualified as a doctor and joined the West Riding Field Ambulance, part of the Royal Army Medical Corps, gaining the Military Cross and Bar. His dressing-room dugout was hit by a shell on 24 July. He is buried at Hagle Dump Cemetery outside Ypres. THOMAS STEVENSON came from Edinburgh and joined the Royal Scots. On 1 August his regiment attacked German positions near Villeneuve, outside Soissons. The Ninth Battalion lost 80% of its strength including Stevenson, but the operation was reckoned a success as, next day, the Germans were in full retreat. He is buried at Raperie British Cemetery, Villeneuve. NOEL ROBINSON joined a shipping firm in Newcastle after leaving The Leys. He joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1915 and was mentioned in despatches. After being gassed and wounded he returned to the Front and died of wounds on 2 August. He is commemorated in Montigny Communal Cemetery Extension. DONALD HOLMAN was a member of one of the leading Leysian families in its early years. He was due to go to Trinity College but volunteered instead in the Middlesex Regiment. He was killed in the Somme offensive on 8 August, and is buried in Beaumont Cemetery, Sailly-Laurette. ERIC MANSFIELD fought in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and was found gassed on 24 August having led a charge the day after he had returned to the Front. He is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. OSBORNE EDWARDS was an assistant dock manager at the West India Docks in London before joining the Machine Gun Corps. He was killed leading his men into action on 25 August. His is one of only eight military graves in Bucquoy Communal Cemetery south of Arras. At the end of this four-month period, JOHN NEAL of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment was killed on 31 August and is buried in Ecoust-St.Mein British Cemetery to the south of Arras.



John Harding, Former Common Room.

OBITUARIES

James Michael (Mike) Scott Anderson (late RA) West 1940-44, on 15th January. He is one of a few former pupils of the school who was at the school but never went there. His entire time with the Leys, was when the school was evacuated to Pitlochry during the 2nd World War. On leaving he joined the army and following officer training served with the Royal Tank Regiment before re-badging to the Royal Regiment of Artillery in around 1947. From leaving the Army in around 1960 he then went onto a career in the Scotch whisky industry, most notably with Bells, until he retired.

Herbert Hague Bibby, East 1931-35, on 16th January.

Donald Moyes Butter, West 1945-47, on 28th March. Donald was born in Highbury, London to Scottish parents, both went to Edinburgh University and became doctors. Donald lived in London for most of his life, apart from short spells of evacuation to Scotland, Hertfordshire and Devon. Donald's career was as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, although he always said that his dream was to be a farmer! He spent the first 20 years of his career working for three professional firms and the next 25 years in the National Health Service, relating to the construction of new hospital buildings in London and the Home Counties. Donald married in 1963 and had two daughters and three grandchildren. He was very much a family man and loved spending time with his grandchildren. One of his main



Donald Butter.

interests was cinema organs. He also enjoyed sport, he was also a keen gardener, and collected stamps for many years and was interested in financial matters. He enjoyed holidays in Europe and walks in the countryside with his family. On retirement, he began working on his family tree and traced his family back to 1715 with certainty and back to 1415 with a fair degree of certainty.

(Sheila Butter, daughter.)

Stephen Thomas Lumley Harbottle, School 1938-43, on 26th February 2018. (See John Long's memories on page 15.)



Stephen enjoying the last Pitlochry Reunion at the Atholl Palace in 2010.

Alastair Michael Hay, North B 1950-55, on 6th January. Alastair is survived by his sister Jennifer Pillsworth; his beloved wife of 56 years, Gabriella; his 2 daughters Michaela (Shane) Marchand and Nicoletta (Pat) McDonald and his 4 grandchildren, Charlie, Miranda, Alexander and Finn, each of whom he was immensely proud and who brought him the greatest joy. Alastair was born in Birmingham to Dr. Charles Hay and Josephine Johnston of Edinburgh. While Charlie went off to war as a ships' doctor, Alastair and his new baby sister spent the first years of their life in Peebles. The family then settled in Cambridge where Alastair attended the Leys School where he excelled at rugby. He served in Africa with the Royal Marines, after which he returned to England to attend Cambridge University, earning a degree in Land Economy from Fitzwilliam College. Gabriella and Alastair married in Florence Italy,



Alastair Hay.

moving back to England where he began his career with Shell-Mex & BP, and where their 2 daughters were born. The new world called and they moved to Canada, first to Toronto, then Calgary, until Alastair's career brought the family to Edinburgh in 1972. In 1976 the family moved back to Calgary where Alastair built a successful career as a Chartered Surveyor. He served 2 terms as Police Commissioner; volunteered annually as a Stampede Parade Marshall; served on several boards and was an active member of the community who could always be found socialising, at the Glencoe Club, or on the side-lines of his grandchildren's sports events. Still the adventurers, Alastair and Gabriella travelled the world with friends, exploring far places but returning frequently to their little house in Florence, which Alastair called their "spiritual home." Alastair will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, dry sense of humour, his endless generosity and his complete devotion to the family. Most of all, Alastair will be remembered for the unending and eternal love he had for his beautiful Gabriella. (Edited from the Calgary Herald.)

Stephen Philip Hitchen, West 1962-65, was diagnosed with a brain tumour for which he underwent surgery and battled courageously until his untimely passing on 17 May 2016 aged 68. Stephen was born in Leeds and was the grandson of Clarence Percy Coupland Hitchen (North B 1901-02), the younger son of Philip Spitta Hitchen (School 1926-31), and younger brother of Geoffrey Paul Hitchen (School 1952-57). Following his time at The Leys, Stephen attended Art College in Newton Abbot in Devon, after which he became a draftsman and later a land surveyor working

for many years for Devon County Council. Stephen retired in May 2013. Stephen was warm and gentle, and a devoted family man; married for 43 years to Jacqueline. He is survived by his wife, his brother Geoffrey, his two sons James and Mark, and five grandchildren.

Timothy James Law, North B 1941-45, on 22nd January.

Alec Milroy Macfie, West 1947-50, on 18th January.

Michael Thorp Marsden MBE, West 1946-50, on 29th January.

Peter Marshall, Common Room 1960-89, on 29th December 2017. Peter was born in South Wales and spent his young childhood there. Peter's family moved to Cheltenham. In 1938 he went to Cheltenham College. He became a member of the Combined Cadet Force and he discovered he was an exceptional shot. He qualified as a marksman and competition shooting would stay with him through his life, including winning cups and medals at Bisley. At Cheltenham College Peter first discovered the importance of a good education. The ability to influence and

change people's lives for the better drove him to take up a career in teaching. Peter was offered a place at Gonville and Caius, to read Zoology. But before he could go he had to do National Service in the Army. He joined the 7th Regiment, Royal Signals, and eventually ended up doing service in Egypt. At Gonville and Caius Zoology and Biology became another one of his passions, he graduated with a first class honours degree. After leaving University, Peter got a research job at the Department of Fisheries. This involved spending months on end in the Arctic Circle on fishing trawlers carrying out fish surveys. He met his wife, Jenny, whilst he was working at the Department of Fisheries. They had three children Wendy, Simon and Kate. Peter's first teaching job was at Bryanston College. The family then moved to Cambridge in 1962 when Peter joined The Leys, teaching Biology. He was involved in running the rifle club and also taught Religious Education. During his time at The Leys he wrote many text books on Biology that formed part of the national curriculum. Jenny sadly passed away in the mid-80s. After a number of years Dad met Selina and so started a new chapter in his life. Selina and her family adopted Peter as part of their family and Selina's grand-

children saw him as their Grandpa. Peter was a deeply religious man. He became a reader and Lay Preacher in 1993 and volunteered as part of the Chaplaincy at Addenbrooke's. Peter went on and led pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Galilee. He became deeply involved in the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, raising awareness and funds for the hospital, he was awarded the Order of St John for this work. He enjoyed painting and painted many pictures of his time in the Middle East. He was a lovely husband and father and we shall all miss him.

(Simon Marshall, son.)

Colin David Milne, East 1944-48, on 21st December 2017. He is survived by his partner Shona, and three children and four grandchildren from his former marriage.

Anthony Thomas Pepper (Tony), School 1935-39, on 21st January. Tony Pepper has died at the aged of 96. Tony was in School House 1935-39, an Honorary Scholar, Tri-Colour, and Senior Prefect. He served in the Royal Artillery during WWII, and was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre for his part in the liberation of Antwerp. After the war he trained for the Methodist Ministry and Wesley House, Cambridge from 1946-48. In 1948 he was given special permission to marry Betty (at the time probationers were not normally allowed to marry for seven years until their probationary period was over) in order to go as a missionary to Burma (now Myanmar), where he was ordained.

He served as minister of Chauk Methodist Church and Chaplain to the Burma Oil Company. He returned to England in 1954 to become chaplain at the Leys, where he also taught maths and was assistant scout master. He moved on to circuit ministry in Bradford (1962-1967), Worcester Park (1967-1972), Sunderland, where he was also Superintendent of the Sunderland South Circuit (1972-1979) and finally Tranent in East Lothian (1979-1985). Tony and Betty retired to Betty's childhood home of Abernethy in Perthshire, where they spent a very happy retirement for over 20 years. In 2008 they moved into residential care at MHA Moorland House in Hathersage, Derbyshire, in order to be near their eldest daughter, Mary, who lives in Sheffield. Betty died in 2008 and Tony continued to live quietly, lovingly cared for by the staff at Moorland House. Although increasingly frail, Tony continued to enjoy the daily crossword, sudokus and other puzzles, as well as many games of scrabble. He died peacefully on Sunday 21 January 2018 after a short illness. He is survived by his daughters



Peter Marshall with William.



Reverend Anthony Thomas Pepper.

Mary, Jennifer and Penelope, and son Sandy. He will be sadly missed by his family, former pupils of The Leys and many friends throughout Methodism.

(Sandy Pepper, North B 1972-77.)

Memories of school friends.

Tony Pepper, School 1935-39 and Stephen Harbottle, School 1938-43.

The last week saw the news of the passing of two fellow members of School House who were significant in my life. Stephen and I joined The Leys as new boys in School House in September 1938 when Tony was Head of the House. It was then the custom of occupants of the senior studies on the ground floor to invite new boys to Sunday tea on their first weekend. Tony invited me as perhaps the oldest of the new house intake – a year older than Stephen – and memorably had made a jelly

for the occasion. When he was later married I wrote him to remind him of the occasion and to tell his new wife what a considerate and imaginative person she had married.

Although Stephen and I played chess in the junior common room and showed a joint interest in current affairs in those turbulent immediate pre-war years, it wasn't until we were in Pitlochry that we became so close as friends. The fact that we were all in one building meant that one's friends were no longer, as at Cambridge, drawn almost exclusively from one's own separate house. Consequently inter-house small societies emerged like 'the Pallas', initiated by Jack Sutcliffe, North A 1938-43, of which Stephen and I were invited to become members. As the bible has it 'young men see visions' and in walks round Pitlochry, we jointly envisioned 'the aftermath of the Second World War' in a joint presentation of purported news headlines and

incidents leading to a Federal Europe. Having heard it presented to the Pallas Society, Percy Heywood, its staff overseer, arranged for it to be re-presented to the entire school in the Hotel Ballroom.

Since we had become close friends, when Stephen had six months at a University as part of a military short course before joining the army he chose to do it in the Queen's College, Oxford, which I had entered in October 1942. We spent long evenings together after Hall 'putting the world to rights' before his six months came to an end, kept in touch when he was in India, and he became the Godfather of my first child, a daughter, in 1950. Living in Newcastle on Tyne when I was at ICI Billingham on Tees we saw one another quite frequently and he brought my daughter a flexible rubber animal and taught her to call him 'Yda.Ba'.

In early 1955 Tony was in Wearside before joining The Leys in Cambridge as Chaplain. When he visited Stockton on Tees to take a service Stephen joined him for lunch at our flat in Norton. Subsequently whenever I or I and my family was going north (taking the family on holiday to the Atholl Palace Hotel) we stayed with Stephen and Gwen in their home in Jesmond.

Finally, Stephen, Tony and I and our wives met up again at the quinquennial reunions in early October at the Atholl Palace, and when Tony preached at the Sunday service I read the lesson during my timer as Chairman of the Board of Governors.

It is hardly surprising that this has been such an evocative time for me!

Written by John Long, School 1938-42, on 13th March 2018.



John at Pitlochry in 2010.



EVENTS CALENDAR

The Headmaster's SE Asia Visit.

The Headmaster will be hosting receptions in Hong Kong (Tuesday 30th October), Singapore (Friday 2nd November) and Kuala Lumpur (Tuesday 6th November). Invitations will be sent out nearer the time confirming the details.

7th September, 6pm-8pm.

1875 SOCIETY AND BENEFACTORS' DRINKS.

The Headmasters House, The Leys.

By invitation.

8th September, 2.30pm-5pm.

OL FAMILY DAY.

Sports Field and Pavilion, The Leys.

An afternoon of sport with tea in the Pavilion. All OLs very welcome.

8th November, 6.30pm-8.30pm.

OL LONDON DRINKS.

Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR.

Invitations will be sent out nearer the date.

8th December, 6.30pm-10.30pm.

OLS ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM.

University Arms, Cambridge, Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1AD.

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News from Wesley's Chapel and the Leysian Mission by Jen Smith



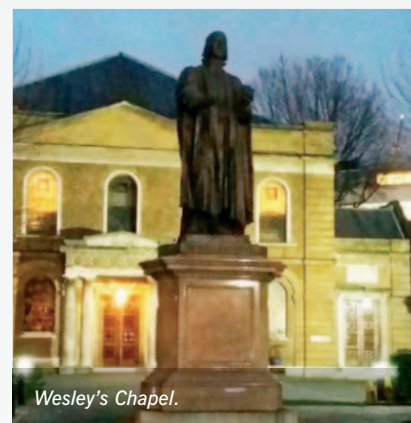
Superintendent Minister Jen Smith on moving day.

New Neighbours at 49 City Road!

Rekindling the Leysian tradition of young people living in the Mission and offering service, we are happy to report the re-plant of the 'Wesley Community.' Eventually six single adults will live in community at 49 City Road, all receiving subsidised rent (made possible by the Leysian Mission Fund) in exchange for volunteer service. Three are in residence already: one of the first is Charlotte Morley whose family had deep links with the Leysian Mission before it joined City Road in 1989. Old Leysians who might be looking for subsidised accommodation in central London, take note! Vacancies will be advertised as widely as possible, but enquiries are welcome.

OL Communion at Wesley's Chapel, Thursday 1st February

OLs and other members of The Leys community were warmly welcomed to Wesley's Chapel for the annual OL Communion Service. The service was taken for the first time by Rev'd Jen Smith and the sermon was given by Rev'd Clifford Meharry. The congregation placed tulips at the bust of Rev'd Moulton.



Wesley's Chapel.



Peter Matthews, North B 1973-78; Alistair Bowerman, School 1992-97; Roger Felton, Fen 1973-78; and Ken Burnett, Moulton School 2007-14.



Nigel Washbourn, West 1951-55; Chris Jarman, School 1967-72; Ian Pinker, Fen 1967-72.



Rev'd Moulton.



Sagan Daniels, School 1998-03; and Ann Muston, Former Common Room.