



# Old Owenians Newsletter

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**Welcome to our Old Owenians Newsletter—for all Old Owenians, with a message from our Head...**

*"Dear Old Owenians*

*As our 400th Anniversary year draws to a close we'd like to thank those of you who've been able to support us by attending our special events or contributing to our Science Building appeal (an amazing £875K raised to date). It's been a tremendous year for reconnecting with our alumni, with currently over 3,300 of you who want to keep in touch via our email list and quarterly Newsletters. You can now be directly involved in inspiring our students through our Old Owenians Careers Talks Week each March or volunteer work experience placements and have many opportunities to visit the School throughout the year. We're especially grateful to Old Owenian, Sandy Cannon, who left in 1985, who has volunteered to lead the Harold Moore Annual Reunion Luncheon in October in London in 2014 with Perry Offer, Head Boy in 1977 as Master of Ceremonies, following the "retirement" of Stan Gould, Michael Harold and Barry Hyman.*



*Our final 400th anniversary events have been very well attended (reports on page 2), and included a "Locomotive Legacy" (according to the Welwyn and Hatfield Times!), as First Capital Connect named a train after the School in November! If you travel from London to Cambridge, by train, do watch out as you may be travelling on our train!*

*We're also delighted to announce that our new Science Building will be named "The Myddelton Building", after Sir Hugh Myddelton (below right), who was responsible for bringing fresh water to the people of Islington from Hertfordshire via canals in 1613. This historic engineering and scientific achievement made a significant*

*difference to the lives of many Londoners. In addition to Sir Hugh Myddelton's New River project being launched in September 1613 and benefiting the Islington population, we're also linked by one of our past Houses being named after him in the old Islington Boys School. The Myddelton Building will be officially opened sometime during the Spring and teaching will hopefully commence in the new facility after February half term 2014. If you still wish to make a contribution or Buy a Brick inscribed with your name, our 400th Appeal closes on 31st December 2013.*



*Our Autumn Term has been a kaleidoscope of different activities from our youngest students bonding on their Year 7 trip to Marchants Hill (I even attempted a zip wire myself!) to a record number of our eldest students applying to Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry courses (around 90). Theatre trips, Maths and Youth Speaks competitions as well as Science Society Lectures, a Sixth Form Fashion Show and a rugby match against the famous Harrow School for our 1st XIV in the Nat West Cup have all contributed to the excellent extra-curricular education that our students receive.*

*The focus continues to be on Teaching and Learning, however, and the Dame Alice Owen Foundation has generously been able to support this by providing funding to appoint additional teachers to reduce class sizes in Science, Maths and Languages for Years 12 and 13. As part of our commitment to being a Teaching School, we also organised a teaching taster week in September—to which one Old Owenian attended! We very much see this as an opportunity for the School to recruit outstanding teachers for the future, and are working with the Institute of Physics to develop an enhanced programme for School Direct for Physics and Maths teachers. So, after another very busy start to the school year, may I wish you all a happy Christmas break and we look forward to hearing more from some of you in 2014!*

*Dr Alan Davison"*

**400th Anniversary  
Appeal closes  
31st December 2013  
Last chance to  
Buy a Brick—  
see page 6 for details**

## Report on 400th Autumn Events!

### Old Owen's Lodge 400th Anniversary Reception – Friday 27th September, 2013

Thanks to Mr William Hamilton-Hinds for organising this special 400th anniversary evening for Lodge Members and Guests, which included a tour of Freemasons' Hall, located in the heart of Covent Garden at 60 Great Queen Street and a talk by Ms Diane Clements, Librarian and Curator of the Museum and Library of the United Grand Lodge of England, which houses one of the finest collections of Masonic material in the world. This was followed by a formal dinner at the Kingsway Hall Hotel, attended by Head, Dr Alan Davison, invited staff members, Old Owenians and Lodge Members.

The Freemasons talk explained the most likely foundations of Freemasonry – originating from the groups of working stone masons who created support groups for the trade and built the great cathedrals and castles of the medieval period. Today it is a secular, fraternal organisation which, "teaches its members moral lessons and self-knowledge through participation in a progression of allegorical two-part plays. These are learnt by heart and performed within each Lodge, following ancient forms and symbolically using stonemasons' customs and tools."



Freemasons' Hall is now the headquarters of the United Grand Lodge of England, which governs Freemasonry in England, Wales and the Channel Islands. It was built specifically as a memorial to the Freemasons who died in the Great War – a scroll of over 3,000 names who gave up their lives is kept in a casket below a beautiful stained glass window. The venue is one of the most magnificent Art Deco Grade 2 listed buildings in England, is available for corporate hire, home to London Fashion Week and is often the location for shooting many Hollywood and TV films! Guided tours are provided for members of the public, including the Grand Temple and ceremonial areas – for more information see: <http://www.freemasonry.london.museum/>

With values based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness, Freemasons make a major contribution to society with many charities benefiting from their members' active role in their communities raising in excess of £25m each year, and make donations to UK Charities as well as worldwide disaster relief funds. **Sincere thanks are extended to the Old Owen's Lodge and its members, who presented a cheque of £1,000 to Dr Alan Davison at the dinner, towards the 400th Anniversary Appeal.**

### An Audience with Sir Alan Parker, Screen on the Green, Islington—Tuesday 1st October, 2013

Thanks very much to one of our parents, Nicola Darcy, who kindly sent us this take on the evening!

*"It might be true that a small number of DAO's Islington families have been a little slow to haul themselves up to Potters Bar to support fundraising events - not through any lack of appreciation for the fabulousness of school, it's just sometimes tricky to co-ordinate after school activities, homework, mealtimes, spouses AND a trip to PB on a work night.*

*Well - no more excuses! A group of enthusiastic parents took the initiative to organise a fundraising event in Islington for the new science block; something relevant with local flavour and interest. On the evening on 1st October Sir Alan Parker was our guest at the Screen on the Green, the oldest cinema in Islington, for an interview and showing of his movie - The Commitments.*

*Sir Alan was a wonderful guest, interviewed on stage by film critic (and Islington parent) James Rampton; he entertained us with stories of his childhood in Islington, his primary school round the corner from the Screen, and his days at DAOs.*

*Sir Alan said he owed everything to Owens, giving him a tremendous start in life - exactly what we wanted to hear! We particularly enjoyed the juicy gossip about which superstars were the most troublesome to work with.*

*On our comfy sofas, supplied with wine and nibbles, we then watched The Commitments with its fabulous music. We also managed to raise very nearly £5,000 for the new building - a huge thanks to everybody who supported the event!"*

### An Evening with David Dein, Edward Guinness Hall, Dame Alice Owen's School—Monday 7th October, 2013



Many thanks to our parents, Gary Minkin and his wife, for organising this evening with David Dein, previously Vice-Chair of Arsenal for 13 years, who gave up his time voluntarily to support the School. It was another hugely successful event with a near sell-out in the Edward Guinness Hall to a nearly all male audience!

Thanks to our parent, Nafisa Ashings for her role in managing the ticketing and to our Year 11 students, Georgia Swift and Charlie Smith, who overcame technical difficulties to ensure everything ran seamlessly during the evening. Some of our Lower Sixth boys are pictured here with David.

## Harold Moore Luncheon Reunion, Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London—Thursday 31st October, 2013



This 400th anniversary event, again, saw record numbers in attendance.

Over 110 guests enjoyed the dignified surroundings of the Imperial Hotel, first in the area for pre-dinner drinks, then through to the formal dining room for a sumptuous meal preceded by grace and followed by speeches, a toast to Dame Alice Owen and renditions of both the current and Old Girls' Schools' Songs.

Present Head Dr Alan Davison, past Head David Bolton, chair of governors Peter Martin, deputy head boy Sean O'Dea and deputy head girl Bavni Tulsiani (pictured right), were joined on their table by one of our oldest Old Owenians Charles Baron (or "Father of the House"! ), past chair of governors Tom Morkill, Old Owenian John Weston and his wife and past staff member Graham Dove, as well as your editor!



Many thanks are extended to Old Owenians Stan Gould and Michael Harold, who left the Islington School in 1953 (pictured left with your editor!) and Barry Hyman who left in 1959, for their dedication in delivering this event over many years. This was the last occasion organised by the team and we wish them a well-deserved "retirement"! Thanks also to Brenda Ainsley, nee Savoff (deputy head girl, who left in 1952) for saying Grace.

We now extend a very warm welcome, on behalf of all our Old Owenians, to Sandy Cannon, who left Owen's in 1985 and will

be taking up the mantle for next year's event. Past Head Boy, Perry Offer, who left Owen's in 1979 (pictured left with Gary Kemp at our 400th Mansion House event) will also be supporting the event as Master of Ceremonies.

Our School hopes that the Annual Luncheon will go from strength to strength. We're very grateful to Harold Moore for originally establishing this traditional reunion back in the 1930's for a group of his friends and to Sandy and Perry for volunteering to ensure his legacy continues. So, whether you're from our Islington or Potters Bar Schools or whether you're members of the Old Owen's Association (based at the Old Owen's Sports Ground) or not, we hope all will feel this event is for you!

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

The **Harold Moore Annual Reunion Luncheon 2014** will be held on Monday 27th October, 2014, during half term at the Imperial (right).

Sandy and Perry would like as many of you as possible to continue to support this extremely sociable event, as you have done in previous years and would encourage new members of their own generations to join them! They look forward to seeing you next Autumn—spread the word! Details about how to book your place will be available in our Old Owenians Newsletter next June!



## A Train named Alice!

As students from another local school in Potters Bar commented, on the day we commissioned two trains to take our students to the 400th Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral, "They've even got their own train now..." - we can say that now we really do have our own train!



In recognition of our 400th anniversary and our relationship with First Capital Connect, a train was named after our School on Friday 8th November 2013. We're very privileged to be awarded this accolade as First Capital Connect have only named two trains this year, the other being the Royal British Legion. Selected Year 7 students, staff and governors attended and we're thrilled that students will sometimes be able to travel to and from School on our very own train! First Capital Connect have given us permission to produce this report that appears on their website:

*"First Capital Connect has named one of its trains 'Dame Alice Owen's School 400 years of learning' in honour of the*

*Potters Bar school's 400th anniversary. Past pupil and Chair of Governors Peter Martin unveiled a plaque on the four-carriage Class 321 EMU No. 321409 train at Welwyn Garden City station on Friday 8 November. He said "To be here and to see a train named after Dame Alice is very special. Students from Dame Alice have been travelling on this line for almost 100 years." The school soul band provided music to mark the occasion.*

*Headteacher Alan Davison said: "This is a momentous occasion for the school to have our foundresses' generosity recognised by First Capital Connect in this wonderful way. Many of our students travel by train to school every day and are really excited about travelling on a train that recognises the success of their school. We are exceptionally grateful to First Capital Connect for awarding the school this honour."*

*First Capital Connect Customer Service Director Keith Jipps said: "Dame Alice Owen School is an excellent and truly historic institution with many of its pupils using our services every day. We are delighted to be able to mark the occasion in this way and honour the school for its contribution to the local community."*

*Today's high-achieving mixed secondary school with academy status was originally founded in Islington in 1613 by Dame Alice herself, a thrice married widow whose first husband was a brewer. It is supported by the Dame Alice Owen's Foundation which is managed by the Worshipful Company of Brewers. Ten per cent of its places are allocated to students in the Borough of Islington, the school's home for 350 years of its history, and over 200 students travel with First Capital Connect daily from Islington to Potters Bar. Two past pupils who now work for First Capital*

*Connect also attended the train naming ceremony: Will Crang – Business Improvement Analyst and Jack Eagling – Service Planning Assistant."*



We also appeared on the front page of the Welwyn and Hatfield Times with the wonderful "Locomotive Legacy" headline. Thanks also to Emma Cripps, who supports our School website for the headline "A Train named Alice" - it's obviously inspired some creative talent as well!

## Nine Lessons and Carol Service—Cathedral and Abbey Church of Saint Alban—Monday 16th December 2013



Our final 400th anniversary occasion was supported by our whole School community. Deputy Head, John Godfrey led this event with Director of Music, Simon Werner, Assistant Director of Music, Elizabeth White, Director of Brass Ensemble, Bernard Bean, Director of Close Harmony Group, Katrina Makepeace-Lott and Accompanist, Robert Thompson. We are grateful to the Dean and Chapter of St Alban for welcoming us to the Cathedral. The Organist was Michael Papadopoulos and Clergy were Revd. Paul Arbuthnot, Preceptor and Minor Canon, Revd. Peter Bevan, St Mary the Virgin and All Saints, Potters Bar, Cannon Michael Burns, Area Dean of Barnet and Vicar of King Charles the Martyr, Potters Bar.

The Nines Lessons were read by:

First—Mr William Hamilton-Hinds (Member of staff and Old Owenian)

Second—Esther Bishop (Year 7 student)

Third—Zach Kaylan (Year 8 student)

Fourth—James Rozzi (Year 9 student)

Fifth—Katherine Males (Year 11 student)

Sixth—Gareth Hilton (Head Boy)

Seventh—Mr Peter Martin (Chair of Governors)

Eighth—Lauren Prentiss (Head Girl)

Ninth—Gary Kemp (Chair of the 400th Committee and Old Owenian).

Performances were given by the Senior Boys Choir (right), Brass Ensemble, Junior Choir, Senior Girls Choir, Junior

Chamber Choir, Senior Mixed Choir, Close Harmony Group, Senior Chamber Choir. The retiring collection was in aid of our partner School in Tanzania and the new Science Building. Thank you to everyone who attended.



### Building progress of our new Science Building

You can see our photo gallery on our 400th Appeal webpage, which shows how the building has taken shape since November 2012. This photo was taken a couple of weeks ago by our Science Technician, Colin Strong and shows services now being installed.

The teaching staff of our Science Department have had influence on the design of the build, for example narrowing corridors to ensure maximum space in laboratories, positioning of key facilities, provision of adequate desk space in the staff room and area for students to study/take exams.

## Report on 400th Appeal

An amazing **£875K** has been raised towards our **£1m target** to support funds for our new Science building—here's a message from our Head of Science, Mike Jays, who says *"A huge thank you from the whole Science Department here at Owen's to everyone who has contributed to our 400th Appeal to make our new Science Building possible. Our team are so excited about the prospect of having excellent facilities that will match the quality of teaching and learning as they know they will be able to continue to inspire our next generation of world class Scientists in the right environment!"*

Words cannot really say enough, so they've arranged a photo for you.....



## Members of the Science Department Autumn Term 2013 are:

Mike Jays, (Head), Finty Adams & Laura McGeough (resp. for Biology), Bernard Davies (Head of Chemistry), Simon Poliakoff (Head of Physics/AST), Amy Kent (Head of Psychology), Rod Archer (Chemistry), Kika Dorotheou (Chemistry/Science Specialism), Marina Di Franco (Chemistry), Katherine Fradley (Physics/Co-ord, KS3 Science), Jack Friedlander (Physics), Adam Holden (Physics), Sian Jays (Biology/AST), Jimi Laleye (Biology/HOSP/Pastoral Care/HOSP Yr 11), Tim Leake (Chemistry), Dave Mitchell (Chemistry/Assistant Head/KS3), Leena Mukherjee (Biology), Matt Pickering (Physics), Nigel Richards (Physics), Debbie Wadd (Biology), Amanda Whitehead (Biology), Debbie Palmer (Science Resource Co-ordinator), Karen Morriss (Lab Tech), Norman Roper (Senior Lab Tech), Carole Sibley (Lab Tech), Colin Strong (Lab Tech)

Old Owenian and key member of our Alumni Team, Derek Webb, says, *"I have had the honour to represent all Old Owenians on the 400th committee. What a fantastic year it's been for everyone involved, and I hope many of you enjoyed this special anniversary and its events. As we now look back from this rather special 400th Christmas of Dame Alice Owen's School, we realise that we not only commemorate the history and values of the school but also remember what it has meant to each of us to be part of the Owen's family."*

*A main objective of the programme of events was to bring everyone together to enjoy our friendship from Owen's and to pass that mantle on to the current students. Another objective was to raise funds for the new Science building. This will be named...(The Myddelton Building)....in a way that continues the ties that bind Islington and Potters Bar together. This Science building will benefit future generations of students, and also support what we need to do in the UK in developing our skill base. The fund has reached **87.5% of its target** (including 291 named bricks!!!), which is a fantastic result in the current economic climate."*

## Last Chance to Buy a Brick!

There's still time to make a contribution if you'd like—**our 400th Appeal CLOSING ON 31ST DECEMBER 2013**. Applications received during the Christmas holiday will be gratefully accepted. See our 400th Appeal page for more details <http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/2013appeal.html>.



## Forthcoming Events 2014

### Old Owenians Careers Talks Week—March 2014

Following another of our successful Careers Talks Week in March this year, we're once again repeating our opportunity for Old Owenians to share their career stories and tips for student's during week commencing Monday 3rd March 2014. This coincides with National Careers Week <http://www.nationalcareersweek.com/> (3rd-7th March 2014). For those interested, please pencil the date in your diaries now!



Your life choices are invaluable to share with students and talks from a range of professions and industries have often inspired students to change direction as well as confirm the path they have chosen and have provided useful tips on employment. We believe this is an important part of our student's education, especially in the current climate where students really need to consider a range of advice before making decisions.

We'll be sending you an email alert in early January, specifically inviting you to volunteer to take part in our 45 minute lunchtime sessions for groups of guaranteed 15 students or more. A sandwich lunch will be provided and Mrs Carol Whiter (our Careers Advisor) and your editor will gladly give tours of the school to those who wish in the afternoon. Some comments from this year's talks are below:

*"The students were great, they weren't afraid to ask questions and asked very informed ones at times. The tour of the school is a great idea; it's interesting to see how much things have changed."* **Harriet Roberts (left 2006)**

*"Reflecting after the talk made me think about how privileged I am, both in terms of the schooling that I was fortunate enough to receive and for having achieved a position that others like the current students are both interested in and aspire to. It has really been quite humbling."* **Emilios Lemoniatis (left 1992)**

*"The students were incredibly polite, interested and interesting. Owen's remains an inspiring place."* **Andrew Porter (left 1991)**

*"It was so invigorating to re-visit the school and be reminded of the incredibly positive atmosphere that is Owen's. The resources are amazing and the talent of the students is palpable. The pupils are so bright, animated and switched on, it is evident that Owens is an environment in which to thrive. I feel so proud to be an (old) Owens Girl. I really enjoyed my time with the pupils and the tour of the school, thank you."* **Philippa Found (2001)**

### Old Owenians Coffee and Tour Morning—May 2014

Following this successful event in 2012, we're holding another Old Owenians Coffee and Tour Morning on **Saturday 10th May 2014 10am-12noon** partly in response to your requests to hold another event at the School especially for Old Owenians and partly so that you have an exciting opportunity to tour our new Science Building, which will officially be opened in the Spring. Those who have visited already (wearing hard hats!) have been extremely impressed by the size and space inside the building. By May, we anticipate it to have been in use for a couple of months at least, so you'll be able to tour a real working environment!



We know those who attended our event nearly two years ago really appreciated being escorted round by our Sixth Formers, who were keen to show off their School, and take a trip down memory lane for those Potters Bar Old Owenians or for those Old Owenians who attended our Islington school, to visit the school for the first time.

You'll have a chance to catch up with friends in our Dining Room over complimentary tea and coffee kindly provided by our OSA (Owen's School Association), listen to Mr Bernard Bean's Music Centre students rehearsing in the impressive Edward Guinness Concert Hall (opened by Edward Guinness CVO in 2002) as well as see our other buildings including the Edinburgh Centre (Library, Information Technology and Physics, opened by HRH Duke of Edinburgh 1990), the Bernard Ryan Centre (Sixth Form and Modern Languages, opened by HRH the Princess Royal in 1997), the Arnold Lynch Centre (Maths, Art and Design Technology, opened by HRH Duke of Kent 2007), and the Sports Cricket Pavilion (opened by Monty Panesar in 2010).

Family and friends will be welcome too and you could even pop into the Old Owen's Sports Ground in Northaw for a spot of lunch—more details will appear in our end of March Newsletter—put the date in your diary now!

### Invitation from The Arrow Team 2014

Our new Arrow magazine Sixth Form Editors have a message for you!

*Dear Former Owenians,*

*The Arrow Magazine Team is giving you the opportunity to pre-order our next edition, due to be released in April 2014. We plan to make the magazine available to the entire Owens community. For just £5, we will post you your copy of the 115<sup>th</sup> issue. You can request your copy to be sent anywhere in the UK up until July 2014. We encourage early orders by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February in order to guarantee being included in our print run.*

*When sending us your details, please state how many copies you require, your full name and delivery address. Cheques can be made payable to Dame Alice Owen's School, and can be mailed to:*

*The Arrow Editing Team  
Dame Alice Owen's School  
Dugdale Hill Lane  
Potters Bar  
EN6 2DU*

*The magazine will also be available to purchase in school, and at all school events, from April 2014 onwards.*

*Kind regards,*

*The Arrow Editing Team:*

*Barnaby Merrill, Charlotte Evans-Young, Will Robinson, Clara Wisenfeld Paine,  
Tom Richardson.*

Any queries, please contact them at: [arrow\\_magazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:arrow_magazine@hotmail.co.uk)

### The Arrow 2013

Our special 400th Anniversary Edition is now available for you to view at:

[http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/the\\_arrow.html](http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/the_arrow.html).

It includes interviews with some of our alumni and pictures of Arrow's through the ages, as well as reports from current students, results of literary competitions and much more! Enjoy!

### Not the 400th News!

We'd love to share all our current School News with you but this Newsletter would be double the size if we did, so if you want to see what else we've been up to this year, please visit our website to see our Half Term Newsletters which include more detailed summary updates from our Head and reports from different

curriculum areas! Thanks to our parent volunteer Newsletter Editor, Mrs Sara-Jane Mansfield for pulling them together!

[http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/newsletters.html](http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/newsletters.html)



A recent rugby sporting highlight was reported in the Welwyn and Hatfield Times when our Boys Rugby 1st XV reached the fifth round of the NatWest Schools Cup and qualified to play Harrow on their famous fields. Although they didn't win they had a great experience!

We are also delighted to announce that three of our senior students have been accepted as members of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. They are Rebecca Bradley on Cello and Louisa Till and Amy Ying on Violin. Students from all over the country apply for these prestigious places

and while our students have been successful in the past, three in one year is exceptional and unlikely to be matched by any other school other than the specialist music schools! They will play with top conductors and in significant venues in London and throughout the UK. As a reminder, you can always keep right up to date each week, with our Latest News reports on our website: [http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/latest\\_news.html](http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/latest_news.html).



## Other Spring Events 2014

You're welcome to attend any of our School events below—for all music and drama performances, please see our Ticket Information webpage: [http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/ticket\\_information.html](http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/ticket_information.html)

**Wednesday 22nd January—Science Society Lecture**—"Career in Civil Engineering" by Mr Colin Chick, Corporate Director, Environment & Regeneration, Luton Borough Council and former governor of Dame Alice Owen's School, 7-8pm Main School Hall—just email Miss K Dorotheou to say you'll be coming [dorotheouk@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dorotheouk@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk)

**Wednesday 5th February—Senior Chamber Concert** – Edward Guinness Hall 7.30pm

**Wednesday 12th February—Junior Chamber Concert** – Edward Guinness Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday 27th, Friday 28th, Saturday 29th March—Musical Production "Grease"** – Edward Guinness Hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 1st April—Concerto Concert** – EGH 7.30pm

**Thursday 3rd April—Soul Band Gig** in the Main Hall 7.30pm

## Workshops by Old Owenian Louise Gubbay for inspiring actors/actresses

Louise Gubbay, who left in 1990, is an agent for actors and actresses in TV/Film and Theatre, and is the daughter of Raymond Gubbay CBE, who is a classical music promoter. Thanks to Penny, Louise's personal assistant, for getting in touch. She wondered if any of our students or past students would be interested in hearing about Louise's workshops (see link: [http://louisegubbay.com/lga\\_workshops.html](http://louisegubbay.com/lga_workshops.html)) sometime in the future – if you are, please email her at: [assistant@louisegubbay.com](mailto:assistant@louisegubbay.com)). Topics covered are the usual advice on CV's/reels/headshots for both here and Los Angeles, marketing themselves for both here and LA and then naturally talking about the LA scene. Our Sixth Formers interviewed her in The Arrow 2012, read this at: [http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/the\\_arrow.html](http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/the_arrow.html) (p24).



## Old Owen's Golf Society



*"The Old Owens Golf Society was formed in 1933 and many trophies have been donated to be played for each year. The society has been enjoyed by many old Owenians but in recent years the number of old boys turning up to play at the matches through the year has been dropping off. At the last meeting at Aldwickbury against Stationers, Owen's only managed to get three old boys to play!"*

*The society arranged matches against the school in the hope that this would encourage ex-pupils to join the society but we have discontinued this owing to lack of funds and no results for many years of activity. We can fill the Albert Hall & there are over 3,000 people in contact following the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. Please do not let the Golf Society fall by the wayside, but get in contact with Brian Fry [bjfry04@btinternet.com](mailto:bjfry04@btinternet.com) (01604 710474) (07841 417887) and join the Society and bring your friends to the matches to be arranged in 2014."*

Thanks to Old Owenians Graeme Downing, who left in 1953, for this article. Steve Roberts, our Head of IT, would love to play a match against the Old Owenians again so it would be great if there's an Old Owenian out there could get in touch and see what's involved!

## Old Owenian Tony Hadley surprises the audience at the Royal Albert Hall



On 16th October, Spandau Ballet member, Tony Hadley performed numbers from the past in his own electric show and delighted the audience when he invited fellow band members and Old Owenians, Gary Kemp and John Keeble to join him during the encore for Gold!

## New DAOS Shield in the Gym

As part of a refurbishment of the gym floor, earlier this term, our DAOS shield was added at no extra cost, giving the gym a real facelift!



And now for your contributions...



**DAVID NEWMAN—LEFT 1974**



Many congratulations to Professor Newman who received an OBE from Princess Anne at Windsor Castle in recognition of his work promoting an academic relationship between Britain and Israel in the summer.

We included an article about him in our Old Owenians Newsletter September edition on page 15 and he has kindly since sent this great photograph!



**MICHAEL BROADHURST—LEFT 1963**

Thanks to Mr Broadhurst, who lives in Canada, for telling us about his climb to conquer Mount Kilimanjaro this October. He kindly sent us this report and photo—note the pink high heeled shoes:

*“Wanting to celebrate a significant birthday a few years ago, one of my friends asked whether I would be interested in joining him in a climb up Kilimanjaro. Of course, it sounded tempting, and I agreed, but we both then put it off for over five years. Finally, last Christmas, we set the date, and a third friend joined us.*

*We decided to hike the Rongai route up, taking six days to ascend the four thousand metres from the entrance which is at 2000 metres altitude, and to come down the Marangu Route, definitely the busiest route on the mountain. I particularly liked Rongai, as we stayed at what was once the Outward Bound Hut, and I had done an Outward Bound Course while at Owen’s, over fifty years before.*



*We each had to work up to the climb, but my most significant training was on a Stairmaster, typically walking up stairs for an hour or more at a time. The climb was exhilarating, but by the time we got to the Outward Bound Hut, at 4605 metres, we were feeling challenged. The three of us were 200 years old, cumulatively thankfully. After reaching the top, we descended only a couple of hundred metres, and camped under the glacier. A freezing night, but we had reached the summit, and I had worn the pink high heels for the “Walk a mile in her shoes” fundraiser, of the local YWCA. I enjoy hiking, but this was a stretch that challenged me, but left me satisfied I could still achieve goals if I planned and prepared.”*



## GEOFFREY HUNT – LEFT 1962

Thanks to Mr Hunt for getting in contact and kindly updating us on what he was involved in when at our Islington School and what he's done since. He heard about our Old Owenians Newsletters from his brother, David Hunt. He tells us, *"I was one of the leaders of the Christian Union and Cloudsley house captain in my final year. I then went on to Christ's College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences and Electrical Engineering, and, after teaching for a couple of years went to Bible College and took training in linguistics. I have been involved in Bible translation and literacy for minority languages since 1971 and this has included software development for those purposes."*

Now, at 70, he's still involved full time and also tells us, *"My son's name is Owen and in Ghana, where we lived in a rural village of mud huts without running water or electricity, the local people called him Awee (Awaay) and I was known as Awee ba (Owen's father)."* He returns to Ghana for a while in the New Year. We wish him good luck on his travels.



## HOLLIE SMALE—LEFT 2000



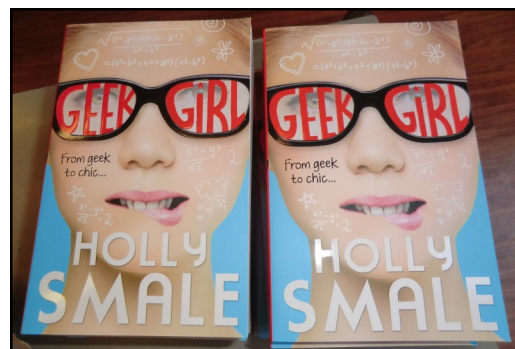
Thanks to Hollie Smale, who was a student here at Owen's from 1998 to 2000, for coming back to inspire students in Key Stage 3 during their English lesson this October, with a talk about her work as a published author. Kindly arranged by our Librarian, Mrs S Compton, Hollie attended with her agent from Harper Collins Children's Books and was able to sign her books for her fans in the audience!

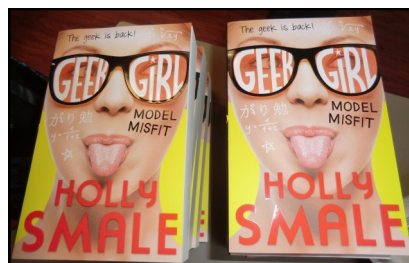
Your editor was privileged to hear Holly explain in her talk, why she chose to come to Owen's for her Sixth Form and studied English, Economics and Biology, mainly as those were the only subjects available - she was so keen to attend! She shared fond memories of her time at School, remembered taking part in the Sixth Form Fashion Show and enjoying walking the catwalk with fellow students in the same hall where she was giving her talk! She used to roam around the Lake at lunchtimes and said that this was the happiest time of her growing up years, when she was allowed to be a studious geek and not be bullied for being one!

When she left, she went onto study a Masters in Shakespeare at Bristol University, and after a short career as a model and travelling, teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL), is now a writer. Her first book *Geek Girl* was published earlier this year, not completely autobiographical but drawing on her earlier school years when she felt like an outsider, and the sequel *Model Misfit* was published this October. Influenced by her travels, the first book is set in Russia, the second visits Tokyo and the third (due to start writing in November), will be based in New York.

*Geek Girl* was a huge success, being published only in February and claims to be the biggest selling debut book, now having sold over 50,000 copies and in the top 10 of Children's Books. The stories are about a fifteen year old girl called Harriet Manners and her journey to becoming a model. Hollie insists it's not just a "girli" book but suitable for boys too with at least 5 strong boy characters. In fact one boy emailed her to say it was his favourite book, but not to tell anyone! She says the books are a fast pace read, with lots of fun and excitement and come under the comedy genre.

Not used to speaking to so many students, Hollie was relieved to receive more questions than she could answer! She encouraged students to not worry if they don't have friends or are having a rough time – things will work out! She has a passion for travelling and told students that books are great but you can't get more exciting than the real world where visiting different cultures widens your experiences to include different foods, music, surroundings, people and ways of doing things which can be inspiring!





Going back to her childhood, Hollie explained that she used to love visiting the Science and Natural History museums, had a rock collection and was obsessed with reading – her favourite book was the Faraway Tree, with Sylvie, a fairy who lived up a tree and made biscuits that changed flavour when you ate them and Saucepan Man and Moonface and Lands that you could visit at the top of the tree. She wanted to stay in that story book world forever!

After a hard time at her first secondary school, it was a school trip to the Clothes Show at Birmingham, where she was spotted by four agents when she was aged fifteen, that made her think she could do something different but found she didn't really fit into that glamorous world in the end either.



It was Dame Alice Owen's School that gave Hollie confidence and she loved being at our School. Now, with a great career ahead, she's considering film rights and will be launching the books in America in 2015, already discussing that her books are more suited to film, not television!

Students asked her what it was like on a day to day basis being a writer, to which she responded that yes, there were parties, but mostly, she padded around at home, wearing her day pyjamas (having got changed out of her night-time pyjamas) and could easily stay all day writing wearing her onesie!

What was her answer to those few students who said they didn't like reading? That they just hadn't found the right book yet and to keep looking!



**DANIEL DAVIS**

Mrs Compton also told us that Old Owenian, Daniel Davis, a Professor of Immunology at Manchester University is an author too – of The Compatibility Gene, a book which is now available in our library for Sixth Form wider reading. Steven Pinker, Johnstone Professor of Psychology, Harvard University, and the author of 'How the Mind Works' and 'The Better Angels of Our Nature' gives this review on Amazon: *"Who am I? What makes me different from everyone else? Daniel Davis recounts the remarkable science that has answered one version of these questions. He makes immunology as fascinating to popular science readers as cosmology, consciousness, and evolution."*



**IRENE ROPER – LEFT 1963**

Thanks to Mrs Roper for getting in contact with her year of leaving date and telling us how she remembers the 350th anniversary very well. She now lives in the *"depths of Dorset"* and tells us, *"My first husband was also an 'Old Owenian' as was his brother and for quite a time during the 1970's / 80's I was secretary of the Old Owens Association. My 3 sons, now in their 30's and 40's also attended the school and the last time I visited the school (many years ago) I saw a girls school photo when I was in my first year in Form 3P. I do hope all continues to go well with the school and the association."* She would like some information about her past English teacher if anyone has news of her – she says, *"I thank her daily for her teaching and she certainly proved to be a great inspiration."* If you'd like to pass on any details to Mrs Roper, just email us to get in touch!



### ALAN NEWMAN – LEFT 1969

Thanks to Mr Newman for getting in contact all the way from Oregon. He left the UK in 1971 and settled in the USA in 1974. He tells us he is now a Commedia Dell'Arte Mask Maker with studios in Oregon and Bali Indonesia – see his wonderful photos below! If anyone would like to contact him, he'd love to hear from his old school friends in the UK! Please email him direct on: [commediamask@gmail.com](mailto:commediamask@gmail.com).

Leather Commedia Dell'Arte  
& Leather Neutral Masks

Pulcinella Cetrulo, Brighella, Dottore Forbizione,  
Capitano Fanfarone, Arlecchino de Flambeaux  
Don Pantalone



### JUNE PURVIS NEE MANSELL—LEFT 1973



Thanks to Mrs Purvis for sending some photographs of happy days spent at Harrock House (left), Owen's rural centre in Buxted, Sussex from 1966 to 1973, which she thought we might like to use for inclusion in our Newsletter with the hope that they will bring back joyful memories and perhaps prompt others to dig out some old photos too.

She tells us, *"As an 11 year old living in flats in Hackney, east London, going to Harrock House and experiencing the countryside made a great impact on me and probably changed the course of my life! Since leaving Owen's in 1973 and working in central London for eleven years, I became*

*self employed to own and run a wine bar in Diss, Norfolk; turned to antiques and ran an auction, antique fairs and subsequently started an Antique Centre in Yoxford, Suffolk. As I didn't take a gap year back in 1973 I took one in 2011 and have now moved to the northwest coast of Scotland to live and work on a croft, a varied and happy life!"* She adds, *"Many thanks and very best wishes to you!"*

*"Gwen Phillips, Laura Lusignani, Lorraine Jones, Diana Shrimpton and Kathy Shelton in the common room at Harrock House 1968"*





*"Marian Lawson, Ruth Rata, Olwen Lewis, Elizabeth Richards, Lorraine Jones and Kathy Shelton in the gardens of Harrock House 1966"*



*"Jackie Plumb, Janet Purr and Jean Nichols by the 1000 year old yew tree in the church yard of Buxted Church"*



*"Lorraine Jones and June Mansell by the swimming pool Harrock House 1968"*



*"Laura Lusignani, Lynne Pierce, Jacqueline McDonnell, Elizabeth Richards, Anne Williams and Violeta Perez day trip from Harrock House to Raystede 1968"*



*"Miss Burgess relaxing in the gardens of Harrock House 1971"*



*"Hockey training at Harrock House August 1970"*



*"Hockey training week at Harrock House August 1970"*



*"Marian Lawson, Olwen Lewis and Sheena Reith and others outside the Crown and Woolpack at the Angel, Islington on the last day of school 19th July 1973"*



### **DOUGLAS HEATON—LEFT 1959**

Thanks to Mr Heaton for sending us some of his memories of his time at Owen's School and the outcome of his studies. He now lives in Alberta, Canada.

*"I attended Owen's School from 1952 – 1959 which meant travelling daily from the Brent to the Angel underground stations on the Northern Line, a solo journey few parents would permit in this enlightened age. I was not a particularly inspiring student neither was I physically adept at sports. Fortunately I found homes in Rowing, Small Bore Rifle Shooting and the Army Cadets (the alternative to taking Religion), these activities being the dumping grounds of last resort.*

*At the age of 14, I had to make a choice between Arts or Sciences. Not knowing any better, I picked Sciences because it sounded more modern and fun. Then at 16, I had to make another choice, "Bot & Zoo" or "Phys & Chem". With only one uninspiring quasi-biology class in 3rd Form to guide my choice, my final years to the 6th Form were filled mainly with mathematics, physics and chemistry. The fact that I won the science prize with an 80% mark in 3rd Form did not change much. Nobody told me of this achievement until I was told to sit in the front row on Visitation Day, July 23, 1954, the day the awards were handed out. It was a small book, published in 1947 on the Wonders of Natural History, with the school crest in gold leaf on the cover. I still have it in my possession.*

*The Headmaster of the day, Mr Burroughs, decided that our overly full science timetable should include Russian and German. Extra classes were tacked on to the end of the normal school day to accommodate this enrichment. Now in those days you needed a modern language and Latin to get into university and I was useless at both; so much for university. I loved chemistry but my GCE "A" level mark of 19% did not reflect that love. OK, so I did not do well in exams and I probably did not study hard enough for them. My chemistry teacher Mr. Hutchings, "Tombstone" to his students, had a penchant for explosions and bad smells which fired my passion for the subject if not my ability.*

*I finished my career at Owen's with not much to show for my time at the school. The world looked bleak for me in 1959. I am sure there have been many students in a similar situation over the years. The two things I acquired at Owen's was that love for chemistry, and some skill in writing thanks in no small measure to Mr Hardwick who was a true pedagogue. "Tom Brown's School Days" provides a good analogy. ICI (Plastics) took me on as a laboratory assistant, the lowest of the low, a "grunt" washing glassware, but did provide me with the opportunity to go to Hatfield Technical College one day a week with pay where I earned a Higher National Certificate in Chemistry.*

*By now it was 1965 and I was 24, single and bored. Emigration to Western Canada opened many doors including an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alberta. I found challenging work doing R&D in synthesizing experimental antibiotics (not bad for someone with no biology background), exciting process engineering work in the monstrous oil sands of Northern Alberta, and managing environmental R&D projects in the electrical power industry. Climate Change became another of my passions.*

*So why am I telling you all of this stuff? It is because initial failure at school is no excuse for quitting on dreams. Over the years of my wonderful chemical engineering career, I learned that Owen's School had imbued me with many important work and study skills that lay dormant for several years. I may have been a lousy student but I learned valuable lessons for which I am forever grateful. Thank you Messrs Hutchings, Hardwick, Baker and Stevenson; my brilliant inspiring teachers."*



**RON HASLER—LEFT 1963**

Thanks to Mr Hasler for reflecting on the influence of his German teacher on his career and friendships.

*"I left school in 1963 and received the prize for Modern Languages in the Sixth Form. In 1966 I went to Germany where I worked for two years at a German Bank then I came back to England in 1968, where I joined S.G. Warburg in the City. There I became a money dealer using my German to speak to the many German clients we had. I travel to Germany each year, where I visit the friends I made when I was in Frankfurt in the 60's. I must thank Mr Banks, my German teacher, who gave me the enthusiasm for the language he taught."*



**ROSS JOHNSTONE - LEFT 2009**

Thanks to Mr Ross Johnstone for getting in contact and we wish him many congratulations on achieving a First Class Master's degree in Mathematics (MMath) from Hertford College, Oxford University this July. He is staying on at Oxford to study for a DPhil in the Systems Approaches to Biomedical Science Industrial Doctorate Centre.



**SLYVIA GAMBIN (NEE GODFREY) - LEFT 1964**

Thanks to Mrs Gambin for recounting her memories of Science at School and how it formed the basis of her careers before and after her children. Also for sharing how important she feels it is to spend the early years with your children—a luxury many cannot afford today. She suggests that, *"The new method of applying for jobs 'on-line', means that you have to have something special that makes you stand out from the crowd. Perhaps doing what I did, by writing to organisations or going along and asking in person, might make potential employers, notice and remember you and even get more of an idea of you as a person. Maybe students could give it a try?"*

She also says, *"I really enjoy the Newsletter because every time I receive it, there are a few more names I remember and lots of happy memories come flooding back. The latest newsletter (September) is full of special memories for me. I do remember Mr Langford as I did (but failed miserably) A level chemistry way back in the early 60's. In fact one of the 'golden oldies' I met at the wonderful Royal Albert Hall concert, remembered him too and told me how she had a big crush on him then because he was (& of course still is), so cute! Discretion prevents me from mentioning her name but LG (as she was then), you know who you are!"*

*I was also very sad to hear that Ms Burgess has passed away. I remember her mostly as a very enthusiastic PE teacher. Unfortunately her love of hockey didn't get transferred to me but tennis and netball definitely did. I played tennis for pleasure for many years after leaving school. She also taught me Maths for a while. Originally I was taught by Mrs Bax who I think, if my memory serves me right, had been Miss Youdale until she married. I think I was coping ok but was moved into a different group with Mrs Shipton.*

*That was the start of my problem with Maths. We really didn't gel and I ended up moving to Third division maths which was the lowest group and we only did arithmetic. Ms Burgess was our teacher at that time and she did her best but without geometry, algebra and trigonometry we could not do our GCE. I really needed Maths 'O' level so my parents got me a tutor and I caught up and passed my exam. I stayed on for sixth form taking Chemistry, Physics and Zoology. I was fine with the practical side but because of my life-long lack of confidence with Maths I was really struggling, especially with Physics. I left in 1964 having stayed on for an extra year which didn't help really.*

*I decided to write to several London teaching hospitals to see if they had any posts suitable for a keen 18 year old who loved science, especially Chemistry. I got interviews at three of them, The Middlesex, University College and The Hammersmith and was lucky enough to be offered jobs by all of them. I chose The Middlesex as it had a special place in my heart because various family members had been treated very well there. I spent almost 10, very happy, years there as a research biochemistry technician. I trained while I worked via a day release scheme. I used to spend one 12 hour day (9am-9pm) at Paddington College and one evening (6-9pm) at the London or Brompton Hospital. Four days were spent at the Middlesex working in a biochemistry lab and on the wards.*

*After 2 years I got a Medical Laboratory Sciences qualification. It was fascinating because, unusually for research jobs, every day was different because of the varied interests of my boss. There was also quite a bit of contact with patients which added to the interest. I only left when my first son was due. Once he started school I tried to get a job in a school lab so I would have holidays with him. It took a long time but eventually I found one only to find all those years of learning the difference between cuprous/cupric, ferrous/ferric etc., was all to no avail because they had changed to copper1/copper2, iron 2/iron3 and so on. Still I continued for 2 years until my second son was due.*

*I then had a very long career break (13 years!) because of various other family commitments and when these finished I managed to get another school laboratory job. I have been there for over 15 years and I am now way past retirement age but am still working. I shall probably be retiring fairly soon as I am now 68 but I know I shall miss it very much.*

*I owe a large debt of gratitude to those Science teachers I had at Owen's who introduced me to, what I think, is the most fascinating subject because there is always something new to learn. It is constantly changing as new discoveries are made and you can never get complacent. I got a very satisfying career from the seeds those teachers sowed.*

*Those teachers were:- Miss Maycock (Chemistry & Physics), Miss Roberts (Biology) and when I started to do A level Zoology, Mrs Pye took over after the retirement of Miss Roberts. I'm afraid I don't remember the names of all the science teachers we had in the boys school but I think as well as Mr Langford there may have been Mr Baker and another Chemist with dark hair and a mysterious scar on his cheek who was very serious. We girls concocted lots of dramatic stories about how he got his scar and why he was so serious. We had Mr Crocker for Physics and another man who was thin with dark hair and a red complexion."*



#### LES GIBBINGS—LEFT 1971

Thanks to Mr Gibbings for his valuable contribution, continuing his sporting stories and this great montage of footballing students stars!



He says, "Apologies for the poor quality of 1964 prints - here are some of those who played for the school year football team from 1965 (see stat tables further on). I hope the names are correct after nearly 50 years !

*Back Row: Jimmy King, Les Gibbings, R.J. 'Bob' Harness, Mark 'Billy-Whizz' Franklin, Hans King, Alan 'Hogs-the-Ball' Hunter, Cliff 'Fingers' Chapman, Keith Bartlett.*

*Middle Row: Dave 'The Cat' Toplis, Vince Sartori, Graeme Medcalfe, Grahame Comerford, Billy Hornsey, Dave Parkin(s), Steve 'Bifocals' Bye, Alan Droy.*

*Bottom Row: Peter Martin, Saul Samuels, George 'Baltimore' Lee, Chris Frankland & Keith Blankley (who played once in a 'guest' role)."*

Mr Gibbings continues... *"This is the second in my trilogy of my school year football team performances from the 1960's, based on my contemporaneous records of matches and statistics that I kept in a series of exercise books. After suffering a startlingly poor beginning to our school football career as Under 13's which I outlined in the last issue we were keen to make amends the following season in 1966/67. Unfortunately neither fate, nor as is more likely, our collective ability were kind to us and in some ways the outcomes of our matches switched between sometimes better yet more often, worse!*

*Still we learned from our previous season and there certainly seemed to be no rush to secure the services of **Peter Martin** as our 'keeper again, even when we were scratching around on the odd occasion when his replacement and new regular keeper left the field of play injured or where we were left without a formally recognised goalie for a particular game. However, from this distance in time it might just be that Peter refused to return 'between the posts' ever again after the baptism of fire he had in our first season and who could have blamed him for that?!*

*Our captain, Alan Droy managed to put as good a front on our performance as possible by reporting in the 1967 Lent issue of 'Arrow' that this had been 'this team's best season' with five defeats in nine matches. But it was not the whole story as we played a further five games before the season was brought to a close. The statistics tables below shows all the names of the Owenians and their part in our overall performance.*

### Owen's Under 14's (1966-67) & 15's Football Teams (1967-68)

	Ap- p's	Gls	Res	OG	App's	Gls	Res	OG
Name	66/67 14	66/67	66/67	66/6 7	67/68 6	67/68	67/68	67/6 8
Bartlett, Keith	7	2	1	-	5	4	-	-
Bye, Stephen	14	1	-	-	4	0	-	-
Chapman, Cliff (G/K)	-	-	-	-	3	0	-	-
Comerford, Grahame	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Droy, Alan (Captain)	14	6	-	1	5	0	-	-
Franklin, Mark	1	0	2	-	3	0	1	-
Gibbings, Les	13	7	-	1	6	2		-
Harness, Robert	12	3	1	1	5	1	-	-
Hornsey, William	2	0	-	2	2	0	-	-
Hunt, Cliff	-	-	-	-	2	0	-	-
Hunter, Alan	8	0	6	-	5	1	1	-
King, Jimmy	13	0	-	-	4	0	-	-
King, Hans	2	0	1	-	1	0	-	-
Lathrope, Clive	3	0	-	-	1	0	1	-
Lee, George Balmore	5	0	-	-	1	0	-	-
Lloyd, Mark	7	0	-	1	2	0	-	-
Martin, Peter	13	2	-	-	2	0	-	-
Maund, Phil (G/K*)	2*	0	-	-	5	0	-	-
Parkin, David	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ross, Alex	2	0	-	-	1	0	-	-
Samuels, Saul	2	0	-	-	0	0	1	-
Sartori, Vince	13	0	-	1	6	0	-	-
Toplis, David (G/K)	12	0	-	-	2	0	-	-
By Opponents	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

*It ought to be said at this point of course that playing in a school team was subject to how it rated against other competing priorities. As a Saturday morning match would take up the best part of a morning until lunchtime subject to the travelling distance involved, some boys who might otherwise have played regularly could well have found themselves committed to earning some pocket money if it involved Saturday working. Similarly boys who were on the fringe of making the side seemed to lose enthusiasm if they did not get to show their abilities as frequently as they had wanted to. This did cause us some problems now and then especially if the side (like this one) was getting less than wonderful results. In such situations, we therefore faced fielding less than a full team which did not help matters.*

*It has to be said that was probably a reasonable expectation that at the start of a new season boys would be fit and raring to go, and it was a disappointment to find how often fate yet again, conspired to get us off to a bad start or throw obstacles in our way - as not only did our 'new' keeper, **Dave Toplis** get injured the day before our opening match but his replacement, **Billy Hornsey**, turned up with a bandaged hand. So with a third choice and normally a defender, **Phil Maund** (still not Peter Martin you note), we kicked off away from home against our big local rivals, Highbury Grove who were actually full of my friends and football club pals.*

*To make matters a little worse, one player decided with great fuss that he had pulled a muscle in the very first minute of this, our first match of the season. Now whether he did or not remains a moot point but my notes did name the chap – who was recovered enough to play the following week anyway (which I am not sure is possible unless it had only been a slight sprain). A less charitable view may be that (and up until this article he was, after more than fifty years, still my pal) **Vince Sartori** (for it was he), decided that discovering an injury early on removed him from having responsibility for anything less than a satisfactory team outcome in the match.*

*As it happened I opened the scoring, giving not a fig for the feelings or bonds of friendship with many of the opponents. Sadly, they returned the compliment and put six past us running out winners by 6-2! Could things get worse do you think? Of course they could and did. We reached an absolute nadir in the next game in early October 1966 by being not just thrashed but humiliated by a 12-0 drubbing at the hands (or feet) of Stationers.*

*One of the goals was a peach and worth recalling. A cut back from the left wing across our six yard box saw a player move with aplomb to drive the ball on a full volley into the back of the net past our despairing goalie. Fabulous except for one thing, the player was **R.J.'Bob' Harness**, our own centre half for the day! When asking Bob on and off over the years afterwards about why he scored in such an obviously deliberate way, he said it was because he felt that the game was already lost and he just could not resist the opportunity for a good 'wallop' in front of goal. It was just unfortunate, it seems, that it was his own team's goal!*

*Further defeats followed until we finally won away against Hackney Downs at the end of the same month 2-1 with goals from **me** and **Peter Martin**. However, before this merely slips into being a match by match progress report I would like to give prominence to our replay with Stationers when we avenged the gruesome earlier defeat by winning 5-3. It was not without its drama as despite a 3-0 half time lead with goals from **me**, **Keith Bartlett** and **Steve Bye** and then being 4-1 ahead midway through the second half, with the score at 4-3, our victory was not assured until I secured my second goal of the day towards the end amidst great shouts of delight as I recall (most un-Owenian for the times).*

*A round-up of other key match events that season must include our recovery from a 2-0 half time deficit to a 3-1 defeat looming with only five minutes left at John Lyons to snatch a 3-3 draw with two fine goals from **Bob Harness** (whose O.G. scoring experience had now paid off but at the right end of the pitch). **Keith Blankley**, who as a by-stander would probably not have otherwise got a school team game, stepped into play a one-off 'guest' role to make up the full team when we were in a match where we achieved a 2-2 draw with Tollington Park and **Alan Droy** scoring the only hat-trick of the season in a 3-2 win over Kingsbury County and a late penalty after two goals by 'newcomer' **Dave Parkin**, to secure a 3-3 draw at Parmiters.*

*I am delighted to say however that such achievements were not enough to stop me running out as the **team's top goal scorer for the season with seven goals**. A special word must be given to **Dave Toplis**, our regular goalie, was a slight figure but with cat-like capabilities and without whose valiant efforts we would have surely seen the team suffer worse ignominy than it did. Of the five penalties he faced, he saved four of them. A remarkable achievement when his morale with the defence he had in front of him must have always seemed to be at constant rock-bottom.*

*Our sojourn into the 1967/68 season was one for which my records stop after November. This may have been due to a lack of care on my part or the fact that as I recall Hockey was being introduced into the sport curriculum and that football was therefore probably only played over the Michaelmas term.*

Without dwelling on it, the outcomes were similar to our previous trends as the statistics compiled for the six matches I recorded information shows. A few 'new' names are to be noted and our single victory was achieved against Kingsbury County 3-2 with the ever quick and industrious **Keith Bartlett** scoring two and me the other goal.

As a final comment I must ask the question, who would bother supporting such a team on anything other than a reluctant ad hoc basis? Well, there was someone who became a regular supporter of our team and to whom a special consideration should be given. **Mark Lloyd** came into the side and with him, in a manner of speaking, also came his Father. He was the one adult who was often to be found on the touchline calling out the occasional mantra of 'C'mon Owen's'. Initially ungrateful for his mono-tone comment and even presence I think the players came to be grateful having him around as a sort of ultra-conservative 'cheerleader' on the side-lines over the course of two or three seasons showing nothing less than positive support for the team, which let's face it, was lucky to have anyone bothering to watch as they passed by, let alone travelling any distance just to watch them!

### U14's Team Statistics 1966-67

Owen's U14's	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
Home	9	2	2	5	17	36
Away	5	0	1	4	7	27
Overall	14	2	3	9	24	63

### U15's Team Statistics 1967-68

Owen's U14's	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
Home	2	1	1	0	5	4
Away	4	0	0	4	3	25
Overall	6*	1	1	4	8	29

(\* excludes 8-0 defeat by Archbishop Tennyson as Owen's could only field SIX players)

For whatever reason I have been unable to locate any records I may have kept for the 1968-69 season. It probably coincides with players from this year team trying to break through into the Owen's 1st XI but I cannot be sure. I had at least one or two games in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI myself as striker, scoring on my debut in the most appalling heavy rain alongside Owen's soccer 'immortals' such as **Ron Erwood**, **Billy Morgan** and **John Sullivan** but rather disappointingly I failed to take the opportunity to make a place my own and made only a few appearances afterwards. As a result the final part of this, my Owen's soccer trilogy, therefore moves on to the activities of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and what turned out to be a fine 1969-70 season in which we meet those with the 'pseudonyms' of **Sid**, **Docker** and **Bernie**....oh yes, and me as top goal-scorer again!"



### PAMELA MANSI (NEE STUBBS) – LEFT 1951 AND VALERIE CROSS (NEE STUBBS) – LEFT 1955

Thanks to sisters Mrs Mansi and Mrs Cross for sending us good wishes for our St Albans Carol Service and sharing their amazing historical link with the Cathedral.

"Even though we won't be able to attend the Carol Service on December 16th, we are delighted to hear of the school's association with St. Alban's Cathedral. Our five times great grandfather the Rev. Philip Stubbs FRS, was Archdeacon there 1705-1709. A little later than Dame Alice, but Philip was also instrumental in founding Day Schools for poorer children.

Philip himself was a pupil at Merchant Taylors, but looking down on the congregation on December 16th this year, I'm sure that he will be very proud to know that his five times great grand-daughters, Connie, Pamela, Valerie and Hazel, all attended such a wonderful school as Dame Alice Owen's!"



## ALAN BEAUMONT—LEFT 1955

We're sorry to learn of the passing of Mr Beaumont, who contributed to our Newsletter in September 2011. Thanks to Ms Rosemary Knight EDOA (Enfield and Districts Organists Association) Newsletter Editor, who gave us permission to publish this obituary. She wrote it based on the eulogy the minister gave at his memorial service, having taken details from one of Alan's books, which contained a short autobiography.

*"Alan Stuart Beaumont was born on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1939 in Islington, just a few months before the outbreak of World War II, and he spent his formative years in war-stricken London, one of two boys and two girls. As a 9 year old he joined the Band of Hope at Mildmay Park Methodist Church, where he gained invaluable experience playing the piano for hymns and at Members' Evenings. He was promoted to Primary Sunday School pianist and played for the Senior School when Miss Birch was away.*

*Alan started his education at Owen's Grammar School, Clerkenwell. He joined the church choir and had lessons with Allan Brown, FRCO, for whom he deputised on occasion at St Paul's Onslow Square SW7. Alan became organist and choirmaster at Mildmay, during which time he wrote a book to celebrate the church's centenary in 1961. When Mildmay closed, he became organist at Green Lanes Methodist Church, where he met his future wife Joyce after the evening service, as she returned from playing at the Middlesex Hospital Chapel. Alan and Joyce were married in Kirton Lindsey in Lincolnshire in August 1963, so in fact had just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.*

*Alan was employed by the Port of London Authority between 1955 and 1980 and during these years he witnessed the decline and demise of London's shipping industry. He moved on to employment at Trinity House Lighthouse Service, working there between 1980 and 1986, seeing the computerisation of lighthouses and lightships. During these periods Alan became 'a legend in his own lunch hour' (his own words), practising the organ at local churches, including St Olave's Hart Street (the church of Samuel Pepys), and Hawksmoor's St George's in the East. Alan then found a safe haven in the Civil Service until his retirement in 1999.*

*Alan was invited by the Head of Keyboard Studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to teach piano at Junior Guildhall while studying with him for RCM and Guildhall piano teaching diplomas. He retired from there after 28 years of teaching and 18 years of examining. In 1983 Alan was nominated by the Principal of the GSMD to become a Freeman of the City of London. After he retired he gained a BA in Humanities with English Language at the Open University. He had some poems published and his diary of 1956 was ready for publication. He also wrote the history of 100 years of Methodism in Bowes Park.*

*Alan and Joyce were together at Trinity at Bowes for 40 years. Alan was accompanist at choir and assistant organist. He was choir secretary and he always gave an amusing report at the AGM. He was as interested in words as in music, and enjoyed wit and humour and subtlety of language. His love of music embraced jazz as well as classical music. In the words of the minister at Alan's Memorial Service: through his music he led people into the presence of God. Alan is survived by his wife Joyce and daughter Sarah. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him."*



## DRAMA ALUMNI

Thanks to our Director of Drama, Emma Govier, for providing some information about our Drama Alumni below. This is also available at: <http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/drama.html>.

Our current students have just performed a fantastic production of Hamlet—perhaps we'll be reporting on some of them here in the future—their fencing talents were also amazing!



## GEMMA BARNETT—LEFT 2012

*Gemma is currently in her second year of studying a BA in Drama at the University of East Anglia. In 2012 she played Louise in 'After the End' with By Any Other Name Theatre Company, the Nurse in 'Romeo and Juliet' with By Any Other Name Theatre Company which was performed in Italy. In 2013 she played Sally in 'Reefer Madness' with the University of East Anglia Drama Society. Her last performance was in 'The Librarians' with Minotaur Theatre Company which was performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.*



### **CAMERON BIGGS—LEFT 2011**

*Cameron is a graduate of Mountview in Design and Applied Arts. When I joined the school he became an invaluable part of the extra-curricular technical crew because he already had years of professional experience and it was no surprise he said he wanted to take an A Level in Theatre Studies. In his final year at school he directed a production of 'Agnes of God' which he took to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with three of his fellow students in Year 13. He lit all of my shows while he was at Owens and was Head of the Technical Crew in his final year. He is also the Front of House Manager at The Wylllyotts, a job which helped to support him through his degree.*



### **NICOLE BLACK**

*Nicole graduated with a BA in Acting from ALRA in 2012. She has just landed the part of 'The Woman in Black' starting in December 2013 at Theatre Royal Bath and then in the West End at the Fortune Theatre in Covent Garden from January to October 2014.*



### **JAMIE COLES—LEFT 2012**

*Jamie's first round of auditions were not successful, however he was certain that Acting was the career he wanted to go into so he took a year out after finishing his A Level in Drama and Theatre Studies and became a Teaching Assistant here. After many much more successful rounds of auditions he was offered places at both Rose Bruford, St Mary's and The Central School of Speech and Drama. He decided on the latter and is now an acting undergraduate October 2013.*



### **DANIEL GARBER—LEFT 2010**

*Already a graduate with a degree in Biology (2013,) Daniel never really lost the desire to be a part of the acting world. He missed it so much that he came back and joined my Year 13 class in his final year in order to refresh and develop his understanding of theatre practitioners, devising and directing. While at university he directed theatrical performances of 'Reservoir Dogs' and 'Pulp Fiction' and after he graduated he took 'Titus Andronicus' up to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where it received excellent reviews. He is now an undergraduate at The Drama Centre studying for a second degree in Directing 2013.*



### **NATASHA KAFKA—LEFT 2013**

*Natasha applied to many theatre schools including Mountview. Although she didn't get through this year (2013,) Mountview were so impressed by her they gave her a place on their foundation course which takes 60% of these students onto their undergraduate course; she is determined to be in that 60% and we wish her all the best.*



### **BEATRICE OUTRAM**

*Beatrice is in her second year at Leeds University studying a degree in Theatre Studies.*



**ALICE RAFTER—LEFT 2012**

*Alice is in her second year at Leeds University studying single honours in English and Theatre.*



**MILLIE ROLLE—LEFT 2012**

*Milly is currently in her second year of studying a BA in Drama at the University of East Anglia. She has had an equally rich experience as Gemma, playing the lead role of Kate in 'The Taming of the Shrew' in her first term. Her last performance was in 'The Librarians' with Minotaur Theatre Company which was performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.*



**LUCIE SNOW—LEFT 2009**

*Lucy graduated from The Arts University Bournemouth in 2012 with a degree in Make Up for Media and Performance. She has a large amount of experience in working with Short Film and her focus tends towards prosthetics. Since graduating Lucie has worked in the make-up department on Thor II.'*



**PHOEBE STREET—LEFT 2009**

*After graduating with a BA in Acting from Mountview in 2012 she has already appeared in the West End in 'Les Miserables' and is currently in 'The Light Princess' at The National Theatre.*



**DAVID DALLMAN—LEFT 1961**

Thanks to Dr Dallman for some information about alumni from his era who have made a name for themselves in various fields. He visited our School in September from CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Switzerland (see Old Owenians Newsletter Edition 11 page 26) and also bought a copy of our History Book, which he is busy reading! If anyone would still like a copy, the order form can be found on our webpage at:

<http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/2013.html#historybook>

**LEE SALLOWS – LEFT 1963**

*Mr Sallows—well-known in the field of recreational mathematics.*

**ROBIN OFFORD – LEFT 1959**

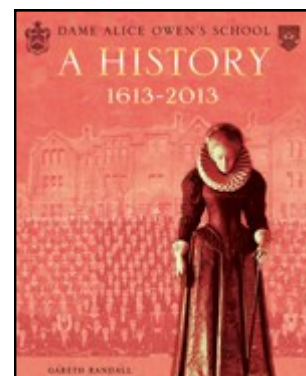
*Dr Offord—emeritus professor (University of Geneva); an expert on HIV/AIDS.*

**IAN CRAFT – LEFT 1957**

*Mr Craft—well-known gynaecologist.*

**JOHN HATCHER – LEFT 1960**

*Mr Hatcher—emeritus professor (Corpus Christi, Cambridge); an expert on the Black Death.*



Thanks to Dr Dallman for also submitting these photos from Sports Day 1959. He says, "I didn't take them myself because I was second, third respectively in the Mile and 880 yards which are the first two photos. It may have been my friend Mike Goodge who took them. The athletes are M D Fox (Mile), J G Howells (880 yards) and J R (Roy) Collins in the long jump.

The first two are taken looking south, that is the pavilion (shown in some recent photo in the newsletter) is behind the camera, the third facing west so the pavilion is back down to the right.

What I find more interesting now than the athletes themselves are the other people in the photos.

In photo 1 you see towards the right with some papers in his hand, Reg Tricker our sports master and former Arsenal player in the 1920s.

Then Reg 'Dan' Dare, author of the first history of the School and its revision, is the tall figure at the back of the judges.

In front of the judges in glasses is J E Smith, English teacher, also mentioned in some newsletter correspondence.

Behind him (balding and shirtsleeves) is Mr Darby (maths).

In photo 2 you again see Mr Smith, and two to his right (balding with glasses) is Mr R 'Baldy' Butler (French)."



### TYLER RIX – LEFT 2011

Continuing news from Tyler – he's just recorded a cover of Diana, a One Direction Hit – see it posted on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw-4om99-kk> and help increase his fan base by giving your feedback on the social media site! Awesome!





### MARCUS KAYE—LEFT 1945

Thanks to Dr Kaye for telling us about his visit to Bedford Modern School, where he was evacuated in second World War. Thanks to Bedford Modern School for their permission to publish the page of their Eagle News publication from June 2013 which gives a photo of Dr Kaye's visit to their School (copy printed below):

*"Dr Mark Kaye (formerly Kauffmann) was evacuated in 1939 with fellow pupils from Owen's School, Islington, which shared the BMD (Bedford Modern School) premises in Harpur Street until the war ended in 1945. His younger brother, David (now deceased) was an OBM (1943-45). Advised by a BMS biology teacher, Mr E J Saunders, Dr Kaye caught, killed and dissected a frog in 1944. The skeleton of the frog is now preserved in the museum of Guy's Hospital in London, where Dr Kaye trained to become a dentist. He bought a large-scale mounted photo of the frog skeleton, together with a poem on the subject to show BMS Biology VI Formers on 19th March 2013, by kind invitation of Mr Neale Else (Head of Science) and Mr Rob Brand (Head of Biology). The board is to be framed and displayed in the Biology Department."*

#### News

### Visit of Dr Mark Kaye



Year 13 students with Dr Kaye (from left: Cameron Pye, Raeshan Dawnet, Rosalind Latham, Sophia Sandhu, Sarah Long.)

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### The Mobbs Memorial Match

**Senior** BMS CCF Cadets were on parade at the Bedford Embankment War Memorial on 13 March 2013 as part of the Mobbs Memorial celebrations. They marched immaculately from the Memorial to Bedford Rugby Club behind the Band of the Parachute Regiment and were the only other uniformed personnel to be invited to participate. First played in 1921, the Mobbs Memorial Match honours Edgar Mobbs (1892-98), an England rugby legend and hero of World War One, during which he won the DSO and was later killed at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917, aged 35. Some of the most illustrious names in English rugby have played in the Mobbs Memorial Match in the colours of either the East Midlands or the Barbarians, who played each other every year until 2011, but the Match lives on with the British

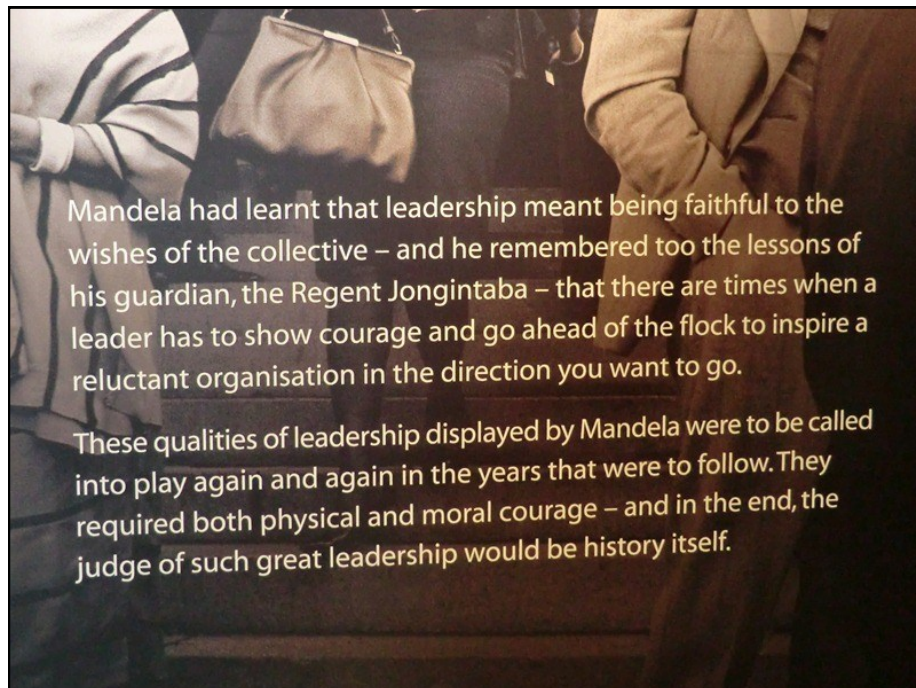
Army facing teams from Bedford Blues and Northampton Saints in alternate years. This year it was the Blues' turn to play a British Army team, which they defeated 43-29 in a fast-paced encounter.

Bedford Blues' Chairman Geoff Irvine (1954-58) said: 'The Mobbs Memorial Match is one of rugby's most historic fixtures, so we are delighted to share it with our neighbours from Northampton. It wasn't so long ago that the Mobbs Memorial Match was one of the highlights of the rugby calendar, with fans coming to watch some great players. Hopefully supporters of the Blues and East Midlands rugby as a whole will get behind the match, enjoy all the other entertainment that will be on offer, and help raise plenty of money for charity.'

### And finally...

#### Remembering Nelson Mandela

Our School had a minutes silence on Friday 6th December at 9.50am in memory of Nelson Mandela. The School bell was rung at the beginning and end of the minute. Your editor remembered her visit to South Africa in 2011 on the R.E. School Trip and how the influences of Mandela were very evident—in Soweto, in the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg (see quote on one of their displays below) and on Robben Island off Cape Town (see his cell in the prison below where he was kept for 27 years). Rest in peace.



#### New Foodbank in Potters Bar

Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Sugar (500g)  
Fruit juice (carton)  
Soup  
Pasta sauces  
Sponge pudding (tinned)  
Tomatoes (tinned)  
Cereals  
Rice pudding (tinned)  
Tea bags/instant coffee  
Instant mash potato  
Rice/pasta  
Tinned meat/fish  
Tinned vegetables  
Tinned fruit  
Jam  
Biscuits or snack bar

The Trussell Trust was our chosen charity for this years Harvest Collection in School. Students collected the biggest number of items yet. Matt Grimstead, our new Charity Co-ordinator, was delighted with the response and took our contributions, with students, to the new Foodbank, set up in the Oakmere Community Centre (open 1-3pm on a Thursday) to support local people in difficulty. Here's the list of food they'd like donated to help those in crisis in our community.



#### Year of Leaving Dates Missing!

Thank you to those who kindly responded to our recent mailing which requested year of leaving dates where we were missing your data! We're still updating our records, so if you still have yet to send us your details, we'd love to hear from you.

#### Please continue to spread the word!

We're delighted to be in contact with so many of you and would like to be able to support requests for reunions by having details for as many past students as possible! If you can ask any of your peers you're in contact with to get in touch, so we can help out, we'd really appreciate it! Just ask them to mail their year of leaving date to us at [oldowenians@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:oldowenians@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk).

#### Here's to 2014!

We'll be in touch in January with details of how you can take part in our Old Owenians Careers Talks Week, but in the meantime, may we wish you a wonderful Christmas break and A HUGE THANK YOU AGAIN for all your support in our special 400th anniversary year. My Christmas tip this year comes from a colleague who recommended I try baking frangipane mince pies for a twist on the traditional classic cake. Having tried them, I can back her recommendations—Stollen eat your heart out!!!

*Mrs Mandy English, Alumni Relations and Website Manager*



P.S. The deadline for our next edition is Monday 10th March, 2014 –please send your updates to the email address above!