



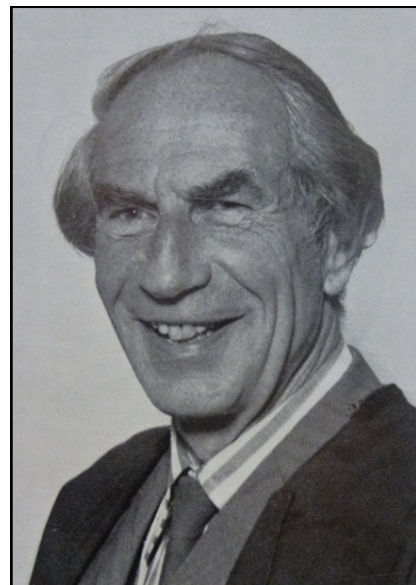
Old Owenians Newsletter

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

“Dear Old Owenians

As we come to the end of our School year, we celebrate the achievements of our past and present students, welcome our Year 13 Leavers to our Old Owenians community and announce the launch of our new secure alumni website (see page 3 for more details). We also report on the sad passing of Gerry Jones, Headteacher of both Islington and Potters Bar Schools, 1962-1981 - our Chair of Governors and Old Owenian, Peter Martin, has written a moving tribute to him on pages 23/24 and the photo left, is from Dare’s history book in his earlier years.



It was great to see so many of you at our Old Owenians Coffee and Tour Morning on Saturday 10th May – over 70 guests attended and I very much enjoyed talking to past students from Islington Boys’ and Girls’ Schools as well as those from our School here in Potters Bar - you can read their feedback on pages 4-6.

So, to our ever-busy students - in sport last term, our Year 9 Boys’ Rugby team continued their extraordinary run of success with victory in the County Trophy (unbeaten in their three years at School), our U16 Girls launched their mission to reach the Athletics County Finals and our Cricketers and Girls Rounders Teams made a strong start to the season, despite weather interrupting several matches! In individual sports, Year 7 student, Caterina White, qualified to represent Hertfordshire and Dame Alice Owen’s School in the National Schools Equestrian Show Jumping Championships.



Our Year 10 Maths team achieved an amazing 3rd place in the National Competition in Cambridge at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences, our Great Gig event (including a staff band of 10!) raised £600 for Help for Heroes and parents have been treated to outstanding GCSE and A Level Art Exhibitions (work shown left—more details page 9). Students have also performed at our Junior Concert in one or more of the following: Junior Strings, Second Orchestra, Second Band and Percussion Ensemble and Year 10 Language students travelled to Valladolid for their Spanish Exchange also visiting Salamanca and Burgos whilst there!

On Monday 28th April 2014, our new Myddelton Building was officially opened by Lord Robert Winston, who launched our 400th Anniversary Appeal for part of its funding in February 2011 (right). He was very impressed with the superb facilities and informed conversations he had with students during the afternoon—his speech encouraged all students to embrace learning different aspects of Science, however far they chose to study the subject.



Our next project—a new Languages, Drama and SEN (Special Education Needs) block starts in the Autumn—we’re gradually replacing our old 70’s build step by step with facilities much more appropriate for modern learning. In the meantime, may I wish good luck to our group of students and staff travelling on their imminent trip to our partner School in Tanzania—the substantial money they raised (£10K) will make a significant impact. Finally, we’re delighted to announce that our past Chair of Governors, Tom Morkill, has been awarded an MBE in the Queens Honours List this June—more details on page 2.

Dr Alan Davison”

Past Chair of Governors awarded MBE

We'd like to offer many congratulations to Tom Morkill, who received an MBE in the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours list in recognition of his services to education and his role as Chair of Governors at Dame Alice Owen's School.



Tom Morkill was a governor at our School for 15 years and Chair of Governors for 8 of these. Our Head, Alan Davison reports, *"He is an inspirational character, dedicated to public service and providing excellence for students at the school. He was able to secure the best from all staff at the school and, as the last Ofsted report states, 'staff willingly choose to go the extra mile for students, creating a vibrant learning community for everybody in the school'.*

He was a driving force when Owen's supported Sheredes School in Hoddesdon to come out of special

measures. This work was recognised as ‘outstanding’ in both the Sheredes Ofsted inspection report, and Dame Alice Owen’s own Ofsted report. During his time as Chair of Governors (retired as Chair in 2009 and continued on the governing body until 2011), Dame Alice Owen’s School was inspected by Ofsted on two occasions and in both reports the School was graded outstanding overall, and the second report identified no areas for improvement. The examination results improved during this time by 10% in both GCSE and ‘A’ level.

Tom has given literally thousands of hours of his time and expertise to support the school and to ensure that students benefit from the Dame Alice Owen's Foundation, which is managed by The Worshipful Company of Brewers. During his time the Foundation contributed over £6m to support school building work and provide additional opportunities for students. When the School competed, and normally won, county cups or at a music event Tom was ever present leading the cheering."

The photo above shows Tom Morkill (left) with the two Heads he served with – Mrs Aldon Williamson (Head 1994-2005) and Alan Davison – at the 400th Anniversary Reception at Mansion House in 2013.

Edward Guinness CVO - a birthday and an autobiography

We'd like to wish another former Chairman of our Governing Body and Patron of our Performing Arts Centre, Edward Guinness CVO, many happy returns for his 90th Birthday this month.

More recently Edward has been Advisor to the new Science Laboratories Appeal Committee (2010-14) and you may be interested to know that he has now published a limited edition of his autobiography (available this month).

This hardback edition (500pages) recounts his life from 1924 when the hit of the year was Rhapsody in Blue and an overcoat cost £3.10.0. (£3.50)!



A Brewer's Tale provides a fascinating insight into a life and career in rapidly changing social conditions with lots of photographs. If you'd like to purchase his book at £12 per copy, plus £4.80 p&p please email Gill Bath to order at gillbath@btinternet.com or ring her on 01491 651 936. Edward will also be kindly donating a copy of his book to our School library. The photo above shows Edward (centre) at our Myddelton Building opening in April, with past Master Brewer, Mark Woodhouse, Chairman of Hall and Woodhouse Independent Family Brewers and Lord Robert Winston.

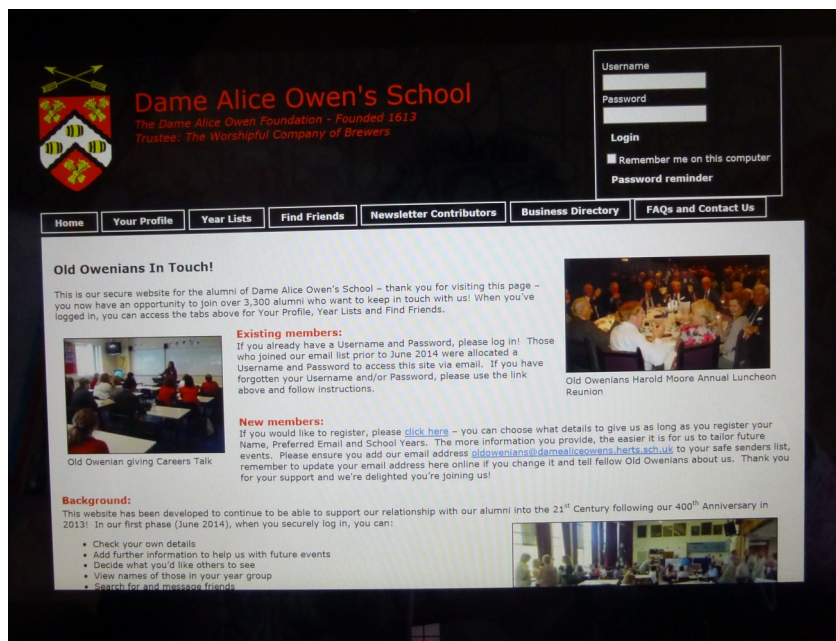
Old Owenians In Touch!

This is the name of our new secure alumni website which gives you the opportunity to check and add to your own details under “Your Profile”, decide what you’d like others to see and search for and message past students under “Find Friends”. You can even add your own photos—see link: <http://damealiceowens.web-intouch.com/>.

All Old Owenians who were on our email list up until June 2014 (over 3,300 of you!) have been emailed an individual Username and Password to access the website and we hope you’ll log on and update your own profile—including any School Awards/Prizes received, your positions such as House member, Prefect, also any School Activities you took part in and your Further Education.

We’ve tested the site so please tell us if you have any problems with access or with any of the features! We’re starting very simply and hope to add various features going forward, so would also like to know if you have any suggestions for future developments by emailing Mandy English at oldowenians@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk.

New members have to register and it’ll take a couple of days to confirm and then they’ll be sent login details too! A initial list of FAQ’s is available for you to troubleshoot if you have any queries on the main home page of the new site.



One of the new things we’d like to start is a **Business Directory**, listing details of any of your own companies or enterprises you’d like to directly promote on our secure site. If you’d like to provide us with summary information, web links, address or phone details for people to contact you, please send to oldowenians@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk and we’ll post them up from end of September onwards and add to them gradually. **More details on Old Owenians In Touch!**

Honours Board

Alumni who achieve First Class degrees are added to our Honours Board each September. Please let us know if this means you!!! On our DAOS Education section of our new **Old Owenians In Touch** Website, you can add details of your further education, including institution attended, start and end years and subjects studied with a section for any comments—see: <http://damealiceowens.web-intouch.com/>!

Senior Prefects - More Girls Names Updated!

Many thanks to Mrs Jennie Rands nee Landeryou (left 1964) for passing on information about Senior Girl Prefects from our Islington Girls’ School, which she discovered in some of the Girls’ School Magazines. We have now added the following names to our website:

1958 – Head Girl: Anthea Cornell, Deputies: Kathleen Carson, Barbara Cryle and Rosalind Chiswell
1959 – Deputies: Jean Campell and Jennifer Capper
1960 – Deputies: Helen Culverhouse and Jill Moore
1961 – Deputies: Diane Emerson and Myra Singer

Thanks also to Mrs Kim Barrett nee Bishop (left 1973) for also getting in touch about our Senior Prefects page – she said, *“I was browsing your website and came across your Senior Prefect page. I read that you were trying to fill the gaps and would like to offer you my own name - I was the Deputy Head Girl in 1973 when Janice Clift was Head Girl! I seem to have made being the Deputy something of a lifelong choice!”* Mrs Barrett is now Deputy Head/Inclusion Manager of Pelham Primary School in Bexleyheath.

Thanks finally to Mrs Pamela Mansi nee Stubbs (left 1951) for letting us know that Amy Yeo was the very first Head Girl at the Islington Girls’s School in 1886—great research, ladies!

If you know of any further names which can fill our gaps, email us at oldowenians@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk - and see details on our School webpage at: http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/about_us/senior_prefects.html - you can also add your Relationships with School in our **Old Owenians In Touch** website under DAOS Education—take a look!

Old Owenians Coffee and Tour Morning

We were so pleased to welcome all those who supported our Coffee and Tour Morning on Saturday 10th May. Guests enjoyed tours by our students, who were proud to show past students round their School and complimentary refreshments were kindly provided by our parents' OSA (Owen's School Association). Items of 400th anniversary memorabilia and our History book were on sale, also provided by the OSA— thanks to parents Sarah Lewczynski and Monique Choudhuri for their organisation. Old Owenians received a complimentary 400th anniversary mug as a souvenir of their visit!

Three of our volunteer students told us:

"Overall, I really enjoyed the morning as it was great to learn some of the school's history through talking to the Old Owenians. In terms of organisation, the little information leaflets were incredibly useful for answering questions, although I have to admit I made up my own tour route rather than follow the guide! Timings were pretty good as well, both groups took me exactly an hour so that seems to be an optimum time. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tour - there was a lot of nostalgia floating around." Tristan Balakrishna, Deputy Head Boy



"Basically I had such a good time! I really enjoyed speaking to the Owenians, especially those who had been at Owens! My only improvement would be that I wish I could have spoken to more people! Thanks so much for organising it and letting me help." Katie Prior, Deputy Head Girl

"I liked talking to the old students and hearing about how the school has changed from their time at school and ours. It was a nice change to hear first hand, personal stories instead of facts." Theo Charalambous, Year 9 Student Council Representative

Here's some of the feedback we received from our guests about what they enjoyed – next time we'll extend the time available for tours, hold the event earlier in the year to enable more of our older students to take part (a lot of students were on study leave) and provide a list of guests for people to see:

"Very interesting to see all the building work since I left 10 years ago (but nice to see that on the whole the buildings that aren't, have hardly changed)."

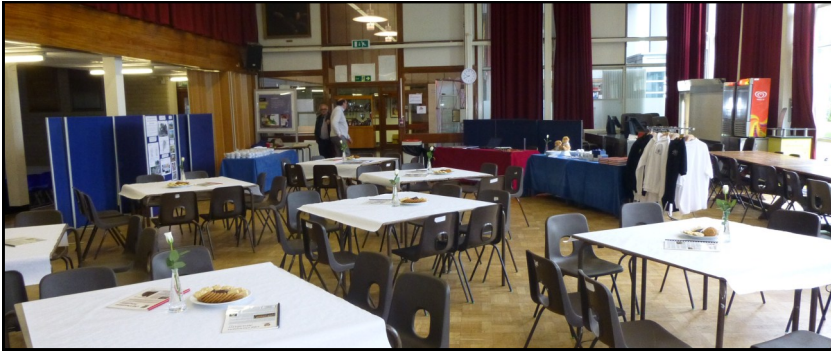


"The students gave us a very comprehensive tour of the school site, including the new science building. I was very impressed with the orchestra whom were practising (on a Saturday morning!) in the Edward Guinness Hall, and we spent some time listening to them. It was also interesting to see the old library (photo left) which was moved from the Islington building. I had the pleasure of meeting John Langford, who was a Master (and a pupil) at the Islington School. We had a great chat about "old times" at the Angel. As always, I found the students to be enthusiastic about their school. Their sincerity and dedication are so very refreshing. Thank you for a most enjoyable morning. Alan Lines (1960-1966)"

"Absolutely lovely morning and having been taught in Islington this was only my second visit to the Potters Bar site. I commend the two young girl students who took us round - I taught for several years so for me a classroom is a classroom but the new building is airy and welcoming in the way the original buildings are often claustrophobic. I know they will be replaced eventually and the sooner the better. But the school's ethos is wonderful and its success commendable and well deserved. I taught in a Grammar School and I wish it had been like Owen's is! It was very nice to meet and talk with Mandy and Alan and hear about future plans."

"I enjoyed my visit to the school and the tour was okay if a bit dis-jointed. This was my first visit to the school (ever) having been one of the last of the 'Islington' boys in the 1970's. I didn't find any of my year group and I was not sure if any from 1974 had attended. Perhaps this is an area that can be improved. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and I hope to forge closer ties with a school I am very proud to be associated with. Peter Hunt"





"It was a fantastic event and brought back many happy memories of a truly wonderful school. The tour guide was excellent a fabulous ambassador for the school. It made me very proud that I had been a past pupil. Many of my fellow Owenians have commented on my photos on Facebook and hope that another event will be organised as they would have loved to have been part of such a fantastic occasion."

"It is always very enjoyable to re-visit the School and to see some familiar faces. There were a number of new buildings and also plans to improve the School further. We found it relaxing and the Year 10 girls that showed us around were delightful and engaging. I look forward to coming back again soon."

"I was very pleased to meet up with Gerald Woolf (who went to the same Primary School as I did and was taught by my father). Also to meet up again with Norman Goldner (whom I met for the first time in over 40 years at the Coffee & Tour meeting two years ago and whose company I enjoyed at both the Royal Albert Hall and St. Paul's last year). Not forgetting the ubiquitous Bill Hamilton-Hinds, who was a 6th former when I started at Owens and a master by the time I left."

This time I was particularly interested in seeing the new science (Myddelton) block, which was only a plan two years ago and very pleased to see my centrally placed 'brick in the wall' in the entrance hall (right). I would also like to compliment the Year 9 students who showed us around the school and who were incredulous at some of the stories we had to tell about our school days. All in all, a most welcoming and enjoyable experience I look forward to repeating in the future. Colin Bull" Head Boy, 1970



"So spread out it is difficult to get an idea of the scale of the school which is a trifle disappointing, nevertheless it is what goes on inside the buildings and the school's record there cannot be faulted in any way. Keep it up! Having found the journey to be acceptable by public transport we may well visit for other functions. Thank you to our guides Kate (Deputy Head Girl) and her colleague for their information and interest in our school days during the war. It was interesting to find that our other companion had the same time at the school as did I. Thomas Howard (1939 -1944) PS. Thanks for the morning's refreshments."

"Seeing that things from the Islington site had been transferred to Potters Bar. Identifying that the ethos of the school continued. Seeing that students were confident about the school and its future. That the school remained academically rigorous but also placed this in a modern setting. Excellent balance between academic and sports provision. A great visit. Pity I could not have come before. Regards Keith Mann"

"Great to be shown around. The tour children were delightful. Would have loved to see more staff but completely understand it's their day off!"



"Really enjoyed walking around the school and in meeting past teaching staff. It was also interesting to view the investment into the school."

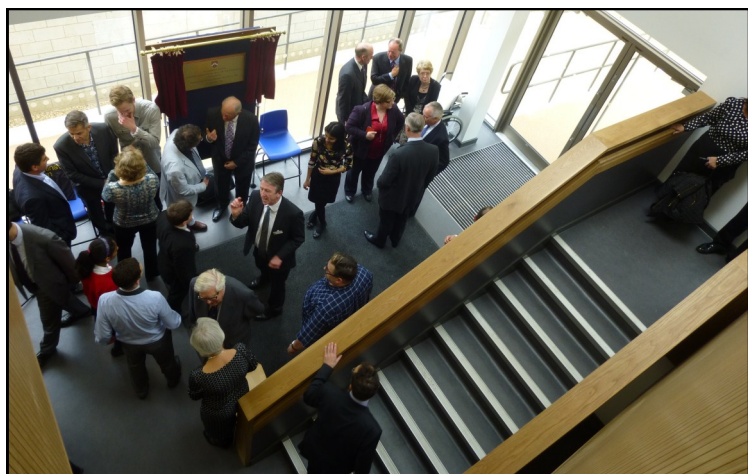
"A very friendly reception and a welcome coffee. The Head Girl (I believe) who took our small party around was charming and helpful. It would be useful to have available a list of those attending with their school years so old friends present are not missed. Jack Levy 1939-44"

"I very much enjoyed our tour, it was good to see the old parts of the school that were still there from our day as well as all the new editions. The refreshments were appreciated too. Thank you."

"Having attended Owen's at the Angel, I was interested to see the modern school, it's layout and work."

"An interesting and enjoyable morning."

"The students who gave the tour deserve a lot of praise for their enthusiasm, manner, and knowledge. They did, however, seem rather unsure of what route to take, and what to say about each area, so perhaps they could benefit from some more directed guidance next time."



"As a retired teacher of chemistry, I was particularly interested in the new science block (pictured left on our opening day). I enjoyed looking into the labs and imagining teaching in such wonderful circumstances. Each time I see the school, it seems to have changed. It is only 40 years since it opened and so many buildings have been improved or totally rebuilt. I wish I was a pupil going to Owen's school NOW instead of the school at Islington as good as it was then."

I enjoyed meeting and talking with present pupils. They were immaculately dressed and very polite. One had recently transferred from another local school and she

was so pleased to be at Owen's. Another was about to take GCSE exams and she had a great variety of subjects and had worked hard, I hope she gets the success that she seemed to deserve. "In God is all our trust". Thank you for allowing me to see the school again. I look forward to my next visit."

"Very impressed with the entire facility. A far cry from Islington. Our student guides (Emma and Caitlin) were extremely helpful and very interested in hearing how school life was back in 1955, very much enjoyed meeting some of the staff and putting faces to the names that previously had only been recognised on "E" mail. Thank you all so much."

"My wife and I greatly enjoyed the visit and consider it was a brilliant idea to have us shown around in a small group of four, by two students (probably of Year 10, or so). This made for a conversational tour in which we were able to ask questions about life at Owens today. This was particularly interesting as the other Old Owenian in our group had left the school in 1961 as I had, although I did not remember him from those days. The students who showed us around impressed us by their courtesy, helpfulness, and enthusiasm to show us everything on the tour. I was also impressed by how the school has grown in size from about 650 boys in my own day, if I remember correctly, to some 1400 young persons of both genders, today."

We were also struck by the quality of students' work on display, as well as by the variety and high standard of each type of learning facility in the different school areas. A particularly interesting example of this was the 'cutting edge' technology of the 'printer' producing 3D models from plastic material on a reel. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming and although I left the school 53 years ago, there was no sense of that lapse of time, in the spirit of the occasion. I think that '400 years of learning excellence' bridges the years and admirably sums it all up. We came away with a sense of pride and great confidence in the School's future. I greatly look forward to my next visit. Graham Hall"

"It was good, but it seemed that there were fewer Old Owenians than last time. And the weather didn't allow me to wear shorts!"

"Our guide was the Deputy Head Boy and he was charming, friendly and tolerant as various members of the group wandered off at various nostalgic moments! The new builds are very impressive and will continue to make DAOS a much sought after school, almost wished I was still teaching there..."

"I enjoyed hearing from the head of the school"



"I really enjoyed being shown around by current pupils. The two Year 9 boys conducting our tour were very enthusiastic and had lots of stories to tell about life at Owen's now."

Current long serving Owenian umpires historic match!

On Sunday 22nd June at 2pm, Ian Breeze, our own Director of Sport who many will remember, stood as umpire at Lord's. The game was a 40 Overs per side, bicentennial celebration of Hertfordshire being the first side to play The MCC at Thomas Lord's new ground in St John's Wood in 1814. For this very reason spectators were invited onto the field of play at the tea interval to picnic at their leisure (apparently this was the case 200 years ago, although on Sunday it was a more relaxed dress code)!

Included in the MCC team was Brian Lara (West Indies who scored 11,953 test runs at an average of 52.88 as well as attaining the highest test score of 400 in Antigua vs England in 2004. He also holds the record for the highest 1st class score of 501.) He is a true legend of cricket and helped the MCC to a seven wicket win over Hertfordshire.



Before the game, Ian stated *"Although I spend most of my Summer Saturdays umpiring very competitive Home Counties or Hertfordshire Premier League cricket games, I am still a little bit nervous about standing in this celebratory match. I am sure that I shall be fine when I walk through The Long Room, ring the bell, and step onto the Lord's pitch as my training and experience will kick in. However if I allow myself think of the history and the surroundings, I may not be as effective. I just hope that the Decision Review System isn't on the big screen for this game!"*

Report of the game can be found at <http://www.hertscricket.org/>



Request from Old Owenian and current member of staff, Louise Nicolaides nee Brignull

"In memory of Charlotte Faux, who sadly passed away on Thursday 20th March 2014, myself and a group of ex-students are collecting money to put towards the naming of a seat in her honour at the Royal Opera House. This collection will fund the installation of a commemorative brass plaque, which will remain in the Royal Opera House as a lasting tribute to Charlotte's talents as a singer and performer. Should you wish to donate in Charlotte's memory, please use the following link: <http://www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/charlotte-faux-memorial-fund/157833>

Any money raised will be gratefully received. Should we receive a surplus, this will be passed onto York University's Nightline scheme - a cause that Charlotte's family are raising funds for themselves, and one that Charlotte was heavily involved in during her time as a student. The money raised for the plaque is also used by the Royal Opera House to support the presentation of new productions and revivals by the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet. Once installed, the Fauxs will be able to take a private viewing of the seat at a time of their choosing, as well as a backstage tour to see some of the behind-the-scenes work the money raised will support.

Details of both schemes can be found via the following links:

<http://www.roh.org.uk/support/donations/fundraising-appeals/name-a-seat>

<http://www.yorknightline.org.uk/about-us>

Languages Talk by Jacquelyn Gurderley – Old Owenian, left 2006 (March 2014)

Thanks to Jacquelyn Gurderley for responding to a request from our Languages Department to talk to students about the benefits of studying languages. Here we recount her journey from DAOS and some of the tips she wanted to give students about studying languages. Jacquelyn took joint honours in History and Spanish, at Durham University and achieved a First when she graduated in 2006. She took History, Spanish, English and Economics A Levels at DAOS and reflected that she thought it probably was slightly harder to study for joint honours at University but she enjoyed the diversity.

After University, she spent 8 years at Accenture, then worked for her own not-for-profit organisation called Stemettes – promoting STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) to girls through setting up workshops in large companies and has now moved to JustGiving, the world's leading platform for charity giving.

She really enjoyed Spanish at School – it was such fun studying a different culture and learning about their history and political systems, film and society and often spent whole classes talking! Learning a language can give you a real sense of progress as you are learning new things all the time. She pointed out however, that if your aim is to apply to Oxbridge, then the study focuses on mainly literature!

Her gap year abroad was spent in a village south of Seville and hardly anyone spoke English, which was great for her. She got a job working as a teaching assistant through the British Council, was paid very well and worked 12 hours a week, leaving enough time to enjoy herself and spend time on the beach! She travelled in her gap year for a month in Ecuador shadowing a journalist which was a safe way to see the country as she had “local” knowledge from her work guide – some of her friends did have problems with things being stolen so you have to learn to watch out for yourself!

She listed some of the transferable skills which you learn and develop when taking a language degree:

- Persistence/tenacity – you need this to learn the detail of grammar and nuances of a language as well as have a logical approach and gives ability to get message across by trying to express yourself using knowledge you have
- Confidence—you can’t worry about making a fool of yourself – you have to get stuck in and try to express yourself in the language even if it’s not quite right - have to just go for it and not worry about failing
- Problem solving—you might have to be creative in ways of describing things using what language you know, even if you don’t know the exact word – e.g. describing a traffic warden as someone who puts pieces of paper on car window screens
- Courage to deal with people and tolerance – interpersonal skills such as empathy and ability to be patient and understand that people from different countries have different frames of reference due to their background
- Creativity in essay writing and ability to put forward your ideas and literary analysis when looking at texts, films and plays
- Resilience – on your year abroad you have to create a whole new life and then leave it behind, having hopefully made many friends

She also described some of the opportunities that learning a language gives you:

- Travel and focus for gap year – you can find out what countries are really like through talking to people and not just learning it from the Lonely Planet guide
- Chance to work abroad and to know how to relate to people in different countries
- Make friends in different countries – develop networks/contacts
- Makes you attractive to large global companies as you have a wider perspective and ability to converse with overseas clients and know how to learn a language – this could give you the edge over other candidates when applying to top companies

Possible Careers she suggested were:

- Translator – this usually refers to written ability
- Interpreter – this usually refers to spoken ability
- Working for a UK global company abroad
- Working for a foreign global company in the UK
- Teaching abroad – Teach English as a Foreign Language – TEFL

Most importantly it doesn’t disadvantage you in any way!

Our students from all years, gave her a grilling with lots of questions—some below:

Q: Do you have any tips for revision?

A: Yes, practice in front of the mirror for the oral, listen to BBC podcasts and use constant repetition!

Q: What was hardest about the change from A Levels to University?

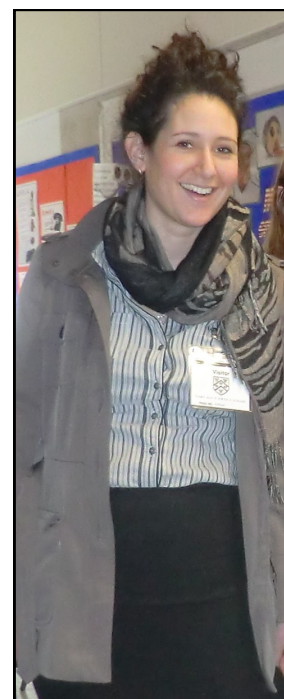
A: Probably learning self study! Also knowing that you can’t do everything but you have to do the reading – you learn how to skim read – you might have to “read” or research 15 books for one essay and you can’t read them all properly – note taking is really important. Learning the actual language wasn’t that much harder. Also there’s no benchmark about the amount of work you actually have to do – everyone does it differently and you have to work out what you need to do (ref level of study) for yourself!

Q: Do you still use your language skills?

A: No but don’t worry about not using your language when finished your degree – the transferable skills are important and you can brush up your language if you need to – best way is to read but she admitted that if she reads it’s in English as it takes too long in Spanish – you have to make a real effort to keep it up and speak to Spanish people whenever you get the opportunity!

Q: Why didn’t you move to Spain?

A: Because they never get anything done! She would miss family and friends too much and wasn’t “done” being British – London was a magnet and she’s never regretted staying in the UK! Jacquelyn said, with encouragement, she would do the same if she had to go back and make her choices all over again and the National Press has recently reported that research has shown that speaking two languages can slow down cognitive decline and help keep the brain sharper in later life, including those who learn a language in adulthood!



Harold Moore Annual Reunion Luncheon, Monday 27th October 2014, London

This is a great opportunity for all Old Owenians to come together at a formal luncheon in London to reunite and socialise with friends. Put the date in your diary—it's an ideal occasion to arrange to meet other Old Owenians; there are usually about 120 guests who attend, with capacity for up to at least 160! Invitations will be sent out to all those on the Luncheon mailing list around mid-September with details of how to pay (the price is around £37 for a three course meal, including house wine, mineral water, coffee, mints and staff gratuities).



To sign up for an invitation, simply send your details and years at Owen's to Sandyann Cannon, either to her email address sandyannc@annon.co.uk or by post to Harold Moore Luncheon, c/o 1 Watersplash Cottages, Brookmans Park, Herts, AL9 7SW or contact her on 07973 755269. We'd love to hear from you – everyone is welcome, whether you're a regular, intermittent or new attendee! A chance to sing both school songs! Final details will also be available in our end of September Old Owenians Newsletter. Sandyann also tells us that she has a copy of the 1978 School Photograph on disc – if anyone's interested please email her on a different address at: sandyanncannon@tiscali.co.uk.

History of the Harold Moore Luncheon Club

For those of you who don't know, this was originally set up and run by Harold Moore (Head Boy, 1939) and the event was continued by Mr Ray Coombes. Ray was at Owen's 1940-45 and organised many annual lunches including the four Bedford Reunions of '79, '89, '99 and '09 at the Swan Hotel in Bedford—he now lives in Devon. The Coombes family connections with Owen's have lasted a generation. Ray had two older brothers; George Coombes (Owen's 1926-31) and William Coombes (Owen's 1930-35). His older sister, Eileen Levitt (nee Coombes) was at Owen's 1928-33 and is believed to be our eldest Owen's Girl, now living in Harpenden. His daughter, Joanna Berry-Roper (nee Coombes), also attended Owen's in Potters Bar for her Sixth Form (1971-78).

Old Owenians Reunion at Old Owen's for those at Owen's 1979-1986!

Ben Nicholas (left 1986) is organising a Reunion for those students who joined as first-year students in 1979, or left in the fifth-form in 1984, lower sixth in 1985 or upper sixth in 1986! It'll be at Old Owen's on Saturday 27th September 2014 and if you'd like more details, you can contact Ben directly at: ben@nicholascommunications.co.uk – he looks forward to hearing from you!



*Class Of 1986
Reunion*

GCSE and A/AS Level Art Exhibitions—a virtual treat!

Please see our online galleries of both fantastic exhibitions on our School website. The GCSE exam theme was **Order and Disorder** and includes some artwork inspired by WW1 (below right) and the A Level exam theme was **Growth and Evolution** —: <http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/arts.html>. We're also very proud that one of our Year 12 students, Bryn Davies, has had his work selected for the Royal Academy A Level Summer Exhibition Online.



This is one of the greatest accolades in the art world for this age group and the first time DAOS have had a student take part in the online exhibition; only 36 pieces of work out of over 1,200 submissions were selected by a prestigious panel.



His work is shown above and you can also view at: <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/32> .

Staff Weekender 2014

Just to show you that the current DAOS staff do find time to get together out of School, the biennial weekend, now famously organised by Head of Social Sciences, Mr Gavin Simpson, was this year held in May and 17 Owen's teaching and support staff (and Owen Bear) chose to descend on the New Forest, near Fordingbridge, for a weekend of fun activities.

Two cycle route options were offered for day one, with the keen beans doing the full 21 mile ride, while others took advantage of a more leisurely return to the magnificent converted Granary Barn which was our home for the weekend. Mr John Godfrey's also famously organised games were the entertainment for both evenings - staff rising to the challenges set by the Deputy Head as only educationalists know how!

The success of the weekend was a tribute to how spectacularly the group contributed as a team—meals were created to the standard of top culinary chefs, washing up and clearing away were miraculously finished in no time, allowing for relaxing in the garden, watching the FA Cup Final and "round the table" table tennis. Day two offered more glorious sunshine and a group game of Frisbee on the cliff top at Barton-on-Sea, a beach stroll and a skimming competition at the seawaters edge completed a fabulous weekend.



Science Society Lectures

Our Science Society Lectures have become something of a tradition at DAOS. Students have embraced the Society with passion and readily acknowledge the benefits of these lectures which, in the true spirit of the Owen's Way, provide a window to the world.

Mrs Kika Dorotheou, our Science Enrichment Activities Coordinator is always looking for speakers in the areas of Chemistry, Physics and Electronics in addition to the traditional areas of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Speakers are drawn from a variety of professional backgrounds, including parents, and she'd like to offer Old Owenians the chance to join her programme during the next School year.

So, if the idea of talking to a group of enthusiastic students about your profession or an aspect of your work appeals and you'd like to help, please contact her on dorotheouk@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk and provide the following information:

- ☐ Title of your lecture
- ☐ Possible dates (please indicate if you prefer a lunchtime or evening lecture)

Please note that lunchtime lectures are encouraged (students and staff only) so as not to disadvantage students who live a fair distance from the school and evening lectures are held from 7- 8pm (offered to our whole school and wider communities). She looks forward to hearing from you!

School Summer Events to which you're invited!

Please see list of our Summer Concerts and Summer Play below to which we warmly invite you to join us—all ticket details will be on our website at: http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/ticket_information.html

Wednesday 2nd July—Concert Band Evening, Edward Guinness Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th July—Summer Play “Alice” (adaptation of Alice in Wonderland!), School Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 17th July—Senior Orchestral Concert, Edward Guinness Hall 7.30pm

Friday 18th July—Summer Play—“Alice”, School Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 19th July—Summer Play—“Alice”, School Hall 7.30pm

Summer Raffle and Fete!

Our OSA (Owen's School Association) are holding a Summer Raffle and Fete on Saturday 5th July 2014. They'd love you to keep that Saturday free to come along with friends and family to have a great afternoon back at your old School! Lots of events for families!

Open Day—see page 12!

If you'd like to see our full programme of events taking place throughout the whole School year, please visit our website at (calendar available from September): http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/school_dates.html

For specific Music and Drama events, please visit our website at:

http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/concert_dates.html

Advance notice of Science Society Lectures, Autumn Term 2014—just email Mrs Kika Dorotheou, our Science Enrichment Activities Coordinator on dorotheouk@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk to let her know you'll be attending—events are held in the School Hall—all welcome!

| Date | Time | Speaker |
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| Monday 22nd September | 7:00-8:00 pm | Dr Claire Walford, Medical Admissions Tutor, UCL “ Medical Errors ” |
| Tuesday 30th September | 7:00-8:00 pm | Dr Benny Chain Division of Infection and Immunity, UCL “ Vaccination : educating our bodies to stay healthy ” |
| Monday 6th October | 7:00-8:00 pm | Professor Minhyong Kim Department of Mathematics Oxford University “ The mathematics of optimal matchmaking ” |
| Wednesday 15th October | 7:00-8:00 pm | Dr Jeya Balakrishna Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist Defence Medical Services, MOD “ 'Mad, Bad or Sad: Forensic Psychiatry in Courts, Prisons and the Armed Forces' ” |
| Wednesday 12th November | 7:00-8:00pm | Mr Glen Lloyd Detective Chief Inspector Homicide and Serious Crime Command “ The use of science and forensics in homicide investigation and disaster victim identification ” |

Are there any budding vocalists out there?!

Old Owenian, Sandyann Cannon, has a further message; “*We are looking to start an Old Owenians Choir and are very grateful to the school for offering their facilities. If you're looking to brush up on your music and singing skills, or would just like to be part of this new venture, please contact Sandyann Cannon at sandyanncannon@tiscali.co.uk or ring her on 07973 755269. We'll be starting in September and aiming to perform for the first time possibly early 2015.*”

Old Owenians Golf Society

The next golf meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 28th July, starting around 11am at Stockwood Park, Luton (just off Junction 10/10a on the M1). The cost will be £35 and includes playing 18 Holes, coffee/tea and bacon roll on arrival and a 2 course meal. If you're interested in playing please ring Brian Fry on his mobile 07841417887 as soon as possible!



Work in Progress!

Here's a few up-to-date photos of the landscaping that now replaces the old Science Block which gives students straightforward access to the different parts of the School and creates a pleasant campus-style space. Building work on the new Languages, Drama and SEN (Special Educational Needs) Block will begin Summer/early Autumn.



Come and see us on Open Day—TUESDAY 22ND JULY—2-5pm!

Why not visit us to see our new building and landscaping for yourself and the new plaque and Honours Board (left), giving thanks to our major donors, which are now both in place in the new foyer?

We're holding our annual Open Day once again in July for prospective parents and our whole School community, including our Old Owenians. You'll be made **very welcome** by our student tour guides and staff who'll be available in the classroom settings to talk about their subjects! Refreshments will be available. Parking in our School is limited—if you have any disabilities please contact the School Office on 01707 643441.

Old Owens Football 1st XI - Report for 2013-14

Many thanks to Mr John Sullivan, who left in 1996, for sending us this report on the Old Owens Football team; they've had a big win this year and John fills us in on the details. You may also remember, John organised a 400th Anniversary Best Ever Owen's Football Year Tournament in 2013, getting an amazing 14 teams together from the last 20 years (see our September 2013 Newsletter)! Thanks to John for these great photos too.

"Old Owens won the Southern Amateur League (SAL) Division 1 title for the first time in 8 long years to complete an SAL and Old Boys Cup double. Both were won in truly dramatic circumstances and with a very strong Ex Owenian connection.

Even though the league was settled when we were not playing ourselves the match was played at Owens school and a Winchmore Hill team captained by an Old Owenian (Peter Gyles) were galvanised to help their local foes, and came from a goal behind to decide the title for Old Owens.

We did not need wholesale changes as the foundation was excellent but some important tweaks were made. The biggest was that Ex Owenian (Class of '81) Edward Pritchard was made 1st XI manager. He expects commitment and passion but wants to do things the right way both in terms of the football played and the way players conduct themselves.



It takes many characteristics to win a league but a strong squad is one of them. The club was able to draw on many of the best pupils to have left the school in the last twenty years. Indeed 75% of the total time played this season was by players who attended the school. That is an excellent figure and is testament to the links forged between the school and Old Owens by the likes of Ian Breeze, Adam Cotton and Jamie Bird who encourage this relationship.

There was an abundance of quality meaning when players did miss games similar excellence came in. When Bird got injured in came Urwin. When Smith got injured in came Timotheu and we were also able to call on Tyler Rix, Darragh Vieyra and Paco Craig who played their parts with cameos when back from Uni in the US.

Owens won at AP on the opening day and, after drawing with reigning Champions Nottsboro the following week, went on a 12 game winning run including wins at Salesians, Winchmore Hill and a 5-0 demolition of Wilsonians at Coopers Lane. We destroyed Salesians 6-1 to finish the year 6 points clear of the rest with 22 points from nine games.



After the enforced five week layoff for the rain came a wobble. A cocky Owens turned up at West Wickham and got smashed off the park. We beat bottom club AP 2-0 the following week in a nervy display but then went to the potential title showdown at Wilsons and put in our worst display of the season. When we drew 0-0 the following week with Winchmore Hill we feared the worst.

The following week was a pivotal point of the season. We went to Poly who were themselves title contenders without some key players (Robinson, Smith, Thomson) and turned in a terrific performance to beat gritty opponents with two late goals from Old Owenians Timotheu and Mann.

The Old Boys cup final brought respite from the league. Three weeks earlier we had been to Wilsons and been humiliated in the league. We had watched them high five, hug and jig on the pitch.

A dour and combative game was light up in the 87th minute when Eguae fed another ex-pupil Yves Okoro who unleashed a shot of beauty into the top corner and then found himself on the bottom of a nine man bundle. We had beaten our biggest rivals in their own back yard and it was a fantastic day.

We had four league games remaining and it was a roller coaster few weeks as rivals played midweek to catch up on their schedule. We ground out results keeping clean sheets as we beat Parks and Civil to go eight points clear. Then came the twist, Wilsons won at Nottsborough on the Tuesday and then Salesians on the Saturday whilst we lost at Nottsborough when we should have won. The gap was now just two points and seemingly we had blown it.

We dispatched West Wickham in our last game of the season and then had to play the waiting game. Wilsons had to win two of their last three to win the title. We sat having a few drinks at the palatial Coopers Lane when news of Wilsons defeat to Poly filtered through. They now had to win their last two tricky looking fixtures. The beat Alleyns and so it all came down to the last game against Winchmore at our school.



What happened on that Tuesday night will live long in the memory. It would probably have been easier if we had won it ourselves rather than relying on others but to have the whole team on the touchline supporting the Winchmore boys was special. The climax was incredible and it showed just how much it all meant to the team and to those connected to Old Owens Football Club. For some it was our third SAL title, for some the last and for some hopefully the first of many. We all celebrated just the same and the festivities will go on for weeks and so they should.

You need many things to be Champions and we had them all: the squad, the quality, the desire, the big game players, the defence that kept an incredible 13 clean sheets, the big moments, the cutting edge and that bit of luck. We have been looking down on the rest for 6 months and ultimately no one could catch us. Old Owens were back on the top of the SAL."

John also says that Old Owens Football Club runs six teams on a Saturday and a vets team on a Sunday and is always looking for new players, both past pupils and non-Owen's pupils and to contact John Sullivan via email on johnsullivan@hotmail.com 07971 965269 or Chris Mann chris.mann@phdnetwork.com 07801 711668 if interested!



And now for your contributions...



GEORGE BRAY – LEFT 2007

Thanks to Mr Bray for getting in touch about his plans for further studies. After completing History, German, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths A-Levels at DAOS, he went onto study Classical Archaeology and Ancient History at St John's College Oxford and is now intending to take a one-year Masters course in Library and Information Studies at a London University.

Completing this course will qualify him for certification with CILIP, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, and will also enable him to apply for long-term jobs within academic libraries. Currently working as a graduate trainee at the library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London, he has developed particular interests in the effective display of information through 'discovery interfaces' or online user catalogues.



He hopes to combine this and his undergraduate interests through the Masters dissertation, which will involve the creation and testing of a specialised search engine with the intention of facilitating interdisciplinary research across Classics, Ancient History, Archaeology and Epigraphy. As a result of the high fees for further education, he is looking for sponsorship to help bolster his self-funding. If you would like to contact him, email him at: george.bray@hotmail.com.



HAROLD EDWARD SALMON – LEFT 1915

Thanks to Mr Salmon's granddaughter, Ms Hornett, who shared details with us about her grandfather who was at Owen's in the very early 1900's when James Easterbrook and Robert Cholmeley were headmasters.

She told us, "He was completely involved with the School throughout his life; Head Boy, Captain of Football and Editor of The Arrow when he was in the Sixth Form. And as an Old Owenian, he was involved with the Tennis Club, wrote sketches and reviews for the Old Owen's Dramatic Society and was Editor and unfailing supporter of The Mark – he agreed to help produce the 350th Anniversary edition of The Mark just before he unexpectedly died in February 1962.

Harold started work as a junior clerk in the Front Office of Coutts Bank in London straight after leaving school - the result of an introduction made by Robert Cholmeley, his old school headmaster. He had to wear a frock coat to work every day, which he didn't enjoy!

In February 1916 Harold resigned from Coutts and enlisted in the 6th (Reserve) Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, but was classified as medically unfit for military service overseas due to his weak heart and extremely bad eyesight. In January 1917 he was transferred to 'W' Reserve and allowed to return to work at Coutts where he remained until retirement in 1959. Harold was an external student at the University of London for several years, graduating in 1920 with a BA degree.

Harold met his wife through the Old Owen's Dramatics Society. Sylvia Grace Armitage was the daughter of George Herbert Armitage who was a Chemistry teacher at the school, and also a committee member of the Old Owen's Association holding the position of Treasurer at one point. Harold and Sylvia married in July 1934 and had two children, Elizabeth born in 1939, and Nigel in 1941.

Oliver Mitchell, Headmaster of the school from 1939-1948, was one of Harold's best friends, and Elizabeth's Godfather - stepping in to give the 'father of the bride' speech at her wedding in 1962 as Harold had died earlier that year. He also wrote Harold's eulogy."



DAVID DALLMAN—LEFT 1961, HEAD BOY

Thanks to Dr Dallman for keeping in touch. He has kindly submitted an article from his Cambridge college (Emmanuel) of 1986/87 in which another distinguished Old Owenian appears – Professor Ernest Gordon Rupp 1910-1986 - and thought we'd like to share it in our Newsletter. The article consists of two pages and a photo, shown below and makes very interesting reading.

Thanks to Dr Sarah Bendall, Fellow and Development Director, Emmanuel College <http://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/> for authorising the publication in our Old Owenians Newsletter and Ms Katy Seppings, Team Coordinator at Lafayette Photography who has given permission to publish the photo-
Edward Leigh, whose firm was taken over by Eaden Lilley and now Lafayette Photography <http://www.lafayettephotography.com/>

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ERNEST GORDON RUPP

ERNEST GORDON RUPP was born, a Londoner, in 1910, educated at Owen's School, Islington, and graduated from King's College, London, where he studied under Dr. Norman Sykes (Fellow of Emmanuel 1944 to 1961). As a young man he was greatly influenced by the open-air preaching of Donald Soper and the journalism of G. K. Chesterton. He studied for the Methodist Ministry at Wesley House, Basel and Strasbourg, and during the War ministered in Chislehurst. He lectured at Richmond College (1947–52), then in Cambridge (1952–6) before occupying the Chair of Ecclesiastical History at Manchester (1956–67). Returning to Cambridge as Principal of Wesley House (1967–74) and Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History, he became in accordance with the College Statutes a Professorial Fellow of Emmanuel. He was elected to an Honorary Fellowship in 1983, and was Honorary Fellow of Fitzwilliam College and of King's College, London, also honorary doctor of Aberdeen, Manchester and Paris and emeritus professor at Cambridge. He was a Fellow of the British Academy and in 1968–9 President of the Methodist Conference.

His reputation as a historian was securely established by his early work on Martin Luther, beginning with a pamphlet demolishing a writer who had suggested that Luther was responsible for Hitler because responsible for the German cult of the State. "The pamphlet," wrote *The Times*, "was brilliant and funny". It also disclosed a wide and original acquaintance with Luther's works.

Rupp was soon after invited to deliver the Birkbeck lectures at Cambridge. These, the nucleus of his main work on Luther, *The Righteousness of God* (1953), attracted large audiences. There followed an immense range of publications about the Protestant Reformation, Methodism and much else besides. His work included studies in the *English Protestant Tradition* (1947); *Luther's Progress to the Diet of Worms* (1951); *Some Makers of English Religion* (1957); the contribution on Luther in *The New Cambridge Modern History* (1958); *The Old Reformation and the New* (1967); *Patterns of Reformation* (1969) on the Anabaptists and the radical Reformation; *Just Men* (1977) and *Thomas More* (1978). He edited the new *History of the Methodist Church in Great Britain*. His *Religion in England 1688—1791*, part of the Oxford

History of the Christian Church, was in his hands just before he died, and was published the day before his death on 19 December 1986.

The catholic sweep of his scholarship was matched by his concern for the unity of the churches. He was pleased by invitations from other churches to lecture on their great men of the past, and he assisted Bishop George Bell in his efforts to re-establish relations with the German Lutherans after the war. He was grieved by the failure of the Anglican-Methodist Conversations for which he was a passionate advocate but an abiding memorial is the Federation of Cambridge Theological Colleges. He was a fascinated observer at the Second Vatican Council, watching 'a great Church beating Protestant platitudes into Catholic epigrams.'

Gordon was a superlative preacher with a keen eye for illuminating analogies up and down the chain of being. He moved with consummate ease from Geoffrey Boycott to Martin Luther, from P. G. Wodehouse or Brer Rabbit to Gospel profundities. Modest and humble, he loved life's homely simplicities, devouring detective stories, watching Cambridge United with the patience of Job. (He liked to tell the story of how he was looking for something to read in a Cambridge bookshop, and rejected all the detective stories offered, saying he had read them already. The kindly young assistant then tentatively suggested he might like to move on to some of the more serious works available there). A sympathetic pastor, he was greatly loved by the little congregation at Barnwell to whom he preached each month.

Gordon regretted some of the recent liturgical and political trends in the Church but his humanity and generosity remained unimpaired. Above all, he delighted in his domestic life with Marjorie, whom he married in 1938 and for whom he cared so tenderly, and in the achievements of his family. She and their son survive him.

Robert E. Dolman.



WARWICK BROWN—LEFT 1958

Thanks to Mr Brown for kindly advising us on a printer solution and we hope that if anyone else has experienced a similar issue, that this will solve the problem for you. He says, *"I have to admit that my eyes won't stand up to reading (the Old Owenians Newsletter) on screen – so I have to print it! However this raises a problem nowadays in that I use a fairly modern HP Printer (Photosmart D7360) and it has trouble dealing with the graphic content such as the excellent photos and copies of building plans in this issue (March 2014). All forms of text seem totally unaffected. I should say that the Newsletter is not alone in suffering with the problem which results in the picture breaking into multiple repeated horizontal blocks, which often start again some way down the picture. The spoiled picture does however occupy exactly the space of the correct picture.*

After some delving and experimentation I have discovered that HP (and possibly other) printers offer a choice within the Printer Properties of which "colour management standard" is to be used. Simply choosing "Adobe RGB" rather than the HP default of "Colorsmart" solves the problem. Of course having said earlier that the Newsletter was not alone it now becomes fairly obvious that the problem lies with the "Adobe PDF" standard in some way.

I offer the above as something you can tuck away as a possible answer if any of your avid readers is experiencing the same problem."



JUNE PURVIS NEE MANSELL—LEFT 1973

Thanks to Mrs Purvis for contacting us with her news and appreciation for our Newsletter, saying how much things have changed in the last 40 years! She says, *"My own life has changed considerably too since leaving Dame Alice Owen's in 1973 and I thought that some of your readers may be interested in seeing where I've ended up. Up being the operative word as I am now living in the north west Highlands of Scotland having bought a 5 acre croft on the shores of Loch Ewe with my husband last August.*

For the major part of my working life I have been self-employed and although I am not academic the education I received at Owen's set me on a wonderful path and has enabled me to achieve many fulfilling choices. If any one would like to see what life is like on a windy, Scottish croft the link to our blog address is below and wish you well with future editions of the Newsletter" <http://seasidecrofting.blogspot.co.uk/>



GRAHAM HALL—LEFT 1961

Thanks to Graham for contacting our School about his charity and providing information on a "Climb Kilimanjaro Challenge" which they offer. Graham is one of the Trustees of the Nasio Trust - <http://www.thenasiotrust.org/> who run day-care centres in western Kenya providing orphaned children with a daily meal, education, medical care and support (see below). Their UK programme, Nasio Exit 7 offers young people the opportunity to turn their lives around through positive activities and fundraising, culminating in volunteering on our projects in Kenya. In addition they offer to young people, aged 14-24, the chance to climb Kilimanjaro to raise money for the Christian charity – they have 10-12 expeditions running this year alone. Seven students from Eton College have just signed up to take part in one of their next adventures <http://www.climbkilimanjaroforcharity.com/>.

Anyone who has completed this challenge knows what an incredible achievement it is. If you are interested in following up this as a possible participant or would like more details for your company or School, please contact Graham via the Charity email: info@thenasiotrust.org.



HOLLY SMALE– LEFT 2000

Congratulations to Miss Smale for being awarded the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2014. She visited DAOS during the Autumn Term last year for a book signing and talk to students about her Geek Girl series of children's books (reported in our December 2013 Old Owenians Newsletter). An interview with Holly appeared in the 3rd June 2014 edition of Exposé, the Independent Student Newspaper of Exeter University (picked up by your editor on a recent Open Day!) and her new book, **Geek Girl: Picture Perfect** came out as a hardback book and e-book format on 5th June. We wish Holly much success with her new publication and apologise for spelling Holly, Hollie in our previous report!!!



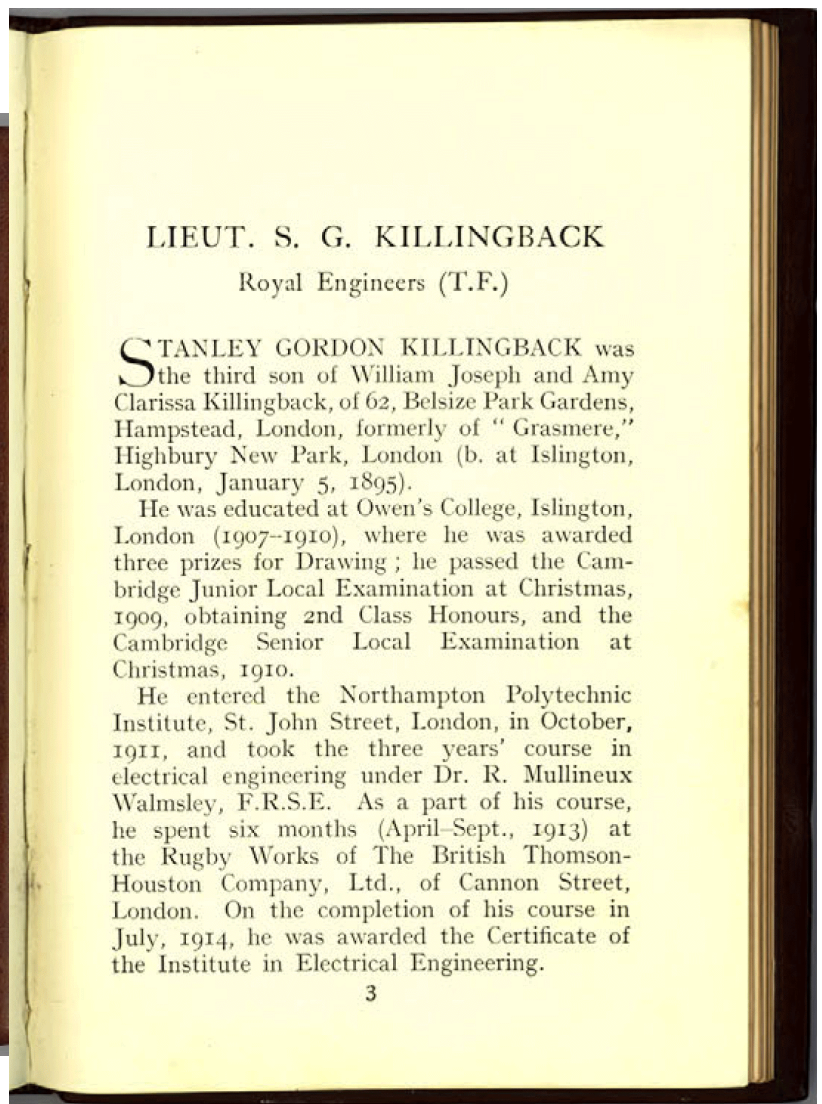
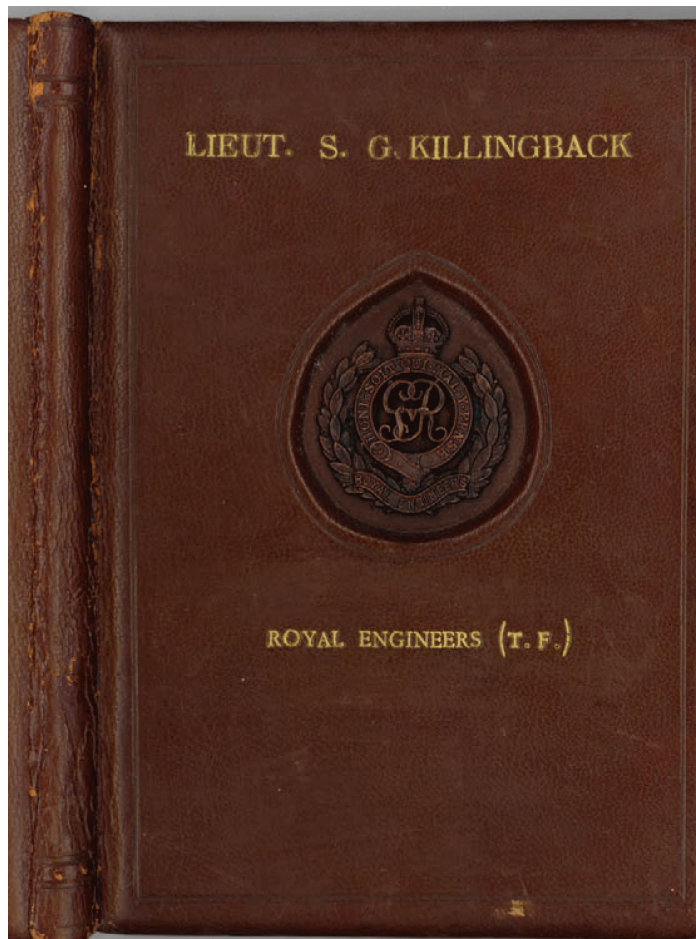
STANLEY GORDEN KILLINGBACK – 1907-1916



Thanks to Mr Ben Blythe, parent of Old Owenians Lily and Finn Schlieker Blythe, who told us he recently discovered an old family friend had a great-great uncle who also attended Owen's just before the First World War. His name was S.G. Killingback and was a Lieutenant for the Royal Engineers. He sadly died at the age of 21 at the Somme – his name appears on our First World War memorial in the grounds of our School (below). The family have kindly agreed to share the moving account of his career and death written by his regiment in The Institute of Electrical Engineers Memorial Volume.



His great nephew, Mr Blythe's godson, is an actor, and was forced to change his name because his own was already in use. Mr Blythe explained *"he chose this relative's name and now works as Edward Killingback - he is currently - and fittingly- in "Versailles" directed and written by Peter Gill at the Donmar Warehouse"*.



On leaving the Northampton Institute, he studied privately, and devoted himself particularly to military subjects with a view the better to qualify himself for a Commission in the Army.

He took considerable interest in soldiering, and, whilst a Student at the Northampton Polytechnic, enrolled as a Cadet in the University of London Contingent of the Officers' Training Corps; he served for 18 months in the Engineer Company in which he reached the rank of Cadet Corporal.

He was given a Commission in the Royal Engineers (T.F.) on June 20, 1915, and sent first to the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, and then to Newark, for the purpose of undergoing courses of instruction in military engineering. On the completion of these courses he was posted to the 3/3rd London Field Company, 2nd London Divisional Engineers, at the time a Reserve unit, and joined it at Warminster, Wilts., where he continued his training until the end of the year.

He was promoted Lieutenant in January, 1916, and transferred to the 2/4th London Field Company (which later became the 521st (Field) Company, Royal Engineers), one of the Engineer units of the 60th (2/2nd London) Division, stationed at the time at Bishop's Stortford, Herts. His Division formed, at the date when he joined it, a part of the Third Army, Central Force (Home Defence), which was responsible for the defence of the East Coast from the mouth

of the Stour at Harwich to the mouth of the Thames as far as and including Canvey Island. In March, 1916, a re-organization of the Home Defence troops was carried out; the Central Force was abolished and a Northern and a Southern Army were created for the defence of the East Coast from the Wash to the Straits of Dover. The Southern Army was made responsible for the section of the coast south of the mouth of the River Deben (Felixstowe) as far as and including the Channel ports, and his Division, in consequence, now came under this Army, and formed a part of its reserve.

His Division was ordered to France in the summer of 1916, and began to cross the Channel on June 21; he accompanied his Company to the Front on the following day. After disembarkation, the Division was by June 28, concentrated at Bailleul, then in the Third Army area, where it came under the XVII Corps. His Division began its first tour of duty in the first line trenches on July 13, when it relieved the 51st (Highland) Division in the line south-east of Carency. The Great Offensive (The Battles of the Somme, 1916—July 1—Nov. 18) was launched from the front of the Fourth Army some ten days after the arrival of his Division in the Theatre of Operations; although the main battlefield did not extend so far north as the section of the line held by his Division, subsidiary operations kept it busy, and he was called upon to undertake much difficult and dangerous work in carrying out engineering

services in the Sector of the front upon which his Company was employed. During the night of August 10-11, he was sent out to direct and superintend work on the consolidation of a crater formed by a mine exploded by the 172nd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers, on the front of his Division. He went forward with his Section shortly after midnight to the site of the work, and, whilst engaged in this hazardous enterprise, was shot through the heart by a German sniper, being killed instantaneously. His body was subsequently brought in behind the British lines by his men, and was buried in the Military Cemetery at Marœuil, near Arras.

Age: 21 years 7 months. Unmarried.

His Company Commander wrote:—

"He was one of my best officers, and one of the most popular and deservedly so. His cheerful temperament and great heartedness had endeared him to us all, and I cannot tell you how grieved I am that he has gone. I hope your grief may be tempered by the knowledge that he did his duty always to the end. His memory will ever be with us and we are poorer for his loss."

A Brother Officer wrote:—

"Quite apart from his technical ability and his handling of men (qualities which he undoubtedly had), he was a most valuable asset to the Company, and did vastly more to keep up the morale, both of the men and officers, than anyone; his consistent cheeriness was really

extraordinary, and he had the happy trick of making everybody laugh and feel happy when they were in the depths of depression. We all knew that the job he was going out on was full of danger, and he realized as much as anyone that it was quite on the cards that he would not come back, but he kept up his usual cheeriness the whole time."

Another Brother Officer wrote:—

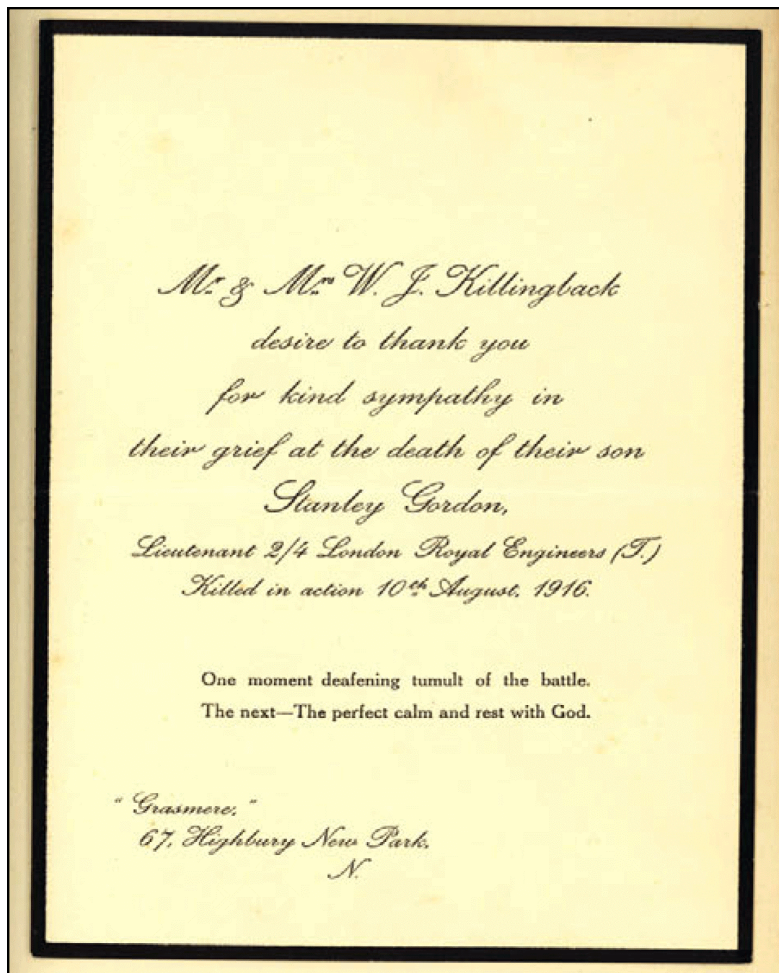
"On the explosion of the mine, he at once dashed forward with his party and with great promptitude got the men started at the points as arranged, their work consisting in the construction of two snipers' posts and a bombing post."

"A hot machine-gun and rifle fire had immediately opened from the German trenches, which at this point were only some fifty yards away."

"Lieut. Killingback, having started these parties, was making his way to a fourth party which was engaged in erecting barbed wire entanglements on the edge of the crater, when he was shot through the heart. A N.C.O. from the party he had just left ran to his assistance, but he had only just time to say: 'Never mind about me, you carry on with your duty.'"

"I can only say that he was the life and soul of the mess and his men were devoted to him. The whole Company has been deeply affected by the loss of a very perfect gentleman."

Institution record: Student, 1914.



ERY HUGHES – LEFT 2010

Thanks to Ms Hughes for getting in touch – she's just finished her fourth year at Cambridge studying Natural Sciences and found geology really interesting (after taking Maths, Physics and Chemistry A Levels in DAOS Sixth Form)! Having experienced working in the oil industry for British Petroleum (BP) as a summer intern, she's now keen to start her PhD this September. We wish her good luck with her continued studies!



PATRICIA BARBER NEE BLACKETT—LEFT 1960

Thanks to Mrs Barber for letting us know she's kept up with friends, including Carol (Eley) Francis, Jill (Aldrich) Roberson, Janice (Abrams) Benjamin, Angela (Graham) Sandler & others from Form IIIA of Sept 1955, since our 400th Anniversary last year.

She said, writing on 30th April this year, *"We have now been meeting regularly for lunch in Barnet every three months since the DAOS 400 Reunion last year - the first time we'd seen one another since we'd all left school between 1960-1962 - Carol & I having just bumped into one another at St Pauls Cathedral/Mansion House exactly a year ago today! I can't believe that a whole year has gone by since then & also since the wonderful concert at the Albert Hall on St George's Day. I sang in the Old Owenians Choir along with Deborah Whalley & Heather -?-, who were not from the same intake year as me but we'd met & made friends during the rehearsals for the concert.*

Since then I have also met up quite by chance with another Old Owenian girl - Janet Etherington who had been in the audience at the concert. However, we didn't meet then & I didn't know her from the school (she'd started at DAOS in 1962 after I'd left) but by pure coincidence I was seated next to her at a Royal Society of St George Dinner on Trafalgar Night in October last year! What a small world it is where DAOS is concerned! We've since met for lunch & at this year's St George's Day Dinner last Wednesday."



JOHN WESTON—LEFT 1952

Thanks to Mr Weston for sending in this great photo of Owenians at the Whetstone Sports Ground in 1947/8 and labelling them so brilliantly! He recounts some details about some of the characters and tells us of his passion for sport!

"This photo was taken at the School sports ground at Whetstone in 1947 or 1948. I suspect it was taken because it was the end of term or someone's birthday. All but Gleed signed the back. I have tried to correctly allocate names to each person. There's a question mark against those I'm not sure about."

There is one other signature that I believe was that of our form master D H James (Jimmy). I owe him

enormous praise for the sympathetic (fatherly) manner in which he helped me during my years at Bedford. R Newman, was, I believe of German extraction and joined the School in Bedford. His name was Neuman: he changed it to Newman to avoid the German connection.

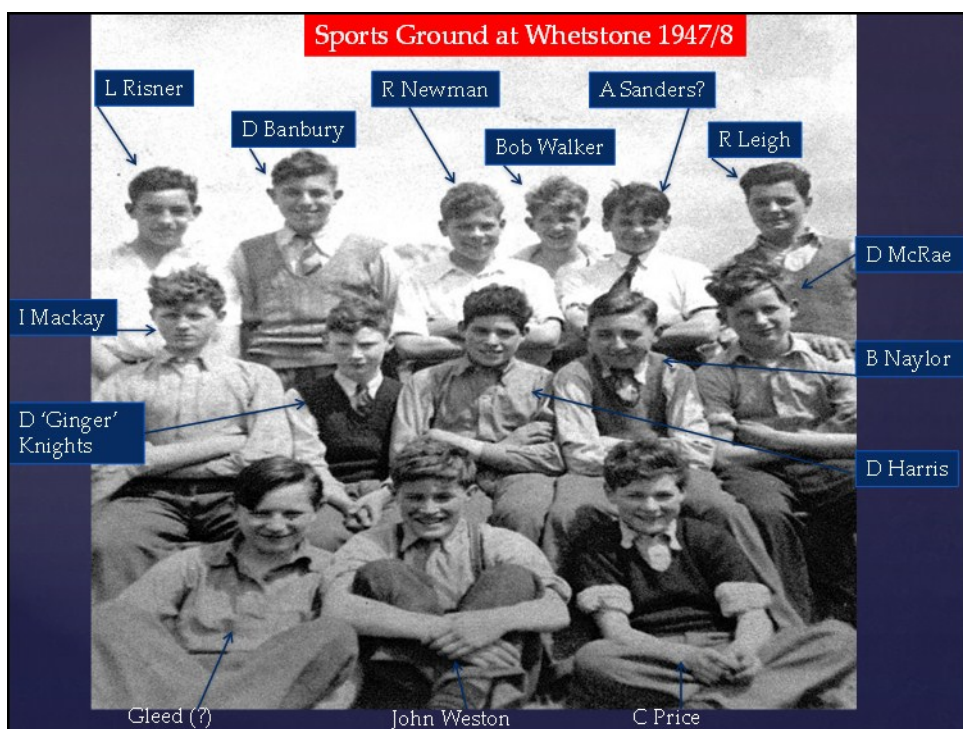
Bob Walker was a close friend of mine who died some years ago. A keen footballer and someone anxious to help the young: he supervised up and coming boxers in the Hackney area and was a good friend of Arthur Howard a boxer who fought and controversially lost a world title bout against Randolph Turpin. Bob had an artistic bent, worked in the media (George Newnes) and was always trying to paint a landscape scene which gave the impression of movement. We (my wife and I) still have contact with his widow, Maureen. He was a good friend of Doug Sutton who is a stalwart of OO. Doug could probably add a great deal more about Bob.

Ian (?) Mackay was one of three brothers who attended Owen's. His eldest brother 'Jock' Mackay was, I believe, in the Oxford crew that sank in the 1951 boat race. My second eldest brother Ron (deceased) was a close friend of his and rowed with Jock on the Ouse in Bedford. His second eldest brother's name was, I think, Alistair. 'Ginger', due to his fine head of red hair, Knights, was a friend, who was popular with his peers.

The photo indicates we were a happy group – perhaps a bit scruffy! I cannot help but wonder whether I am the only survivor from this photo. I was a pupil who wasn't inspired by academia: I lived for sport so failed matriculation/school certificate, repeated a year in the fifth form (against the advice of the headmaster Mr Garstang), and scraped through some O and A levels. I left School to complete my two years National Service in the Royal Air Force as a Pilot Officer in the Administration Branch.

Somehow I became a chartered accountant (like my extant brothers Bill (91) and Doug (79)) and obtained a Masters at LSE and lectured managerial economics and accounting at Surrey University. Johnny French, a master at Owen's offered me a part-time post as a teacher of A level Economics at the School which I declined because of the lengthy commute from Guildford. My incentive/ inspiration to study was the fact that as an articled clerk earning £2.50 (£2 10s 0p in old money) my wife Rita (who watched many football and cricket matches during my school years and for an even longer period watched me play for the OB football and cricket elevens) was expecting our first child. For the first 3 years of our marriage I was a kept man! We have three daughters and seven grandchildren. Two of our daughters are chartered accountants; the third was a project manager.

All the four Weston brothers attended Owen's – there was a Weston brother there from 1934 to 1953/4!"





ARNOLD LYNCH—1914-2004

Special thanks to the family of Dr Lynch who kindly donated these beautiful flowers to our School in commemoration of the centenary of his birth this year. We are also very grateful for their generous donation of 5 bursary awards to students studying at either Emmanuel College, Cambridge or those studying Electrical Engineering at other Universities.



Our Maths and Technology Building, completed in 2004, is named after Arnold Lynch, in recognition of his major contributions to Science and Technology. Arnold won a scholarship to our Islington Boys' School in the 1920's and from there went to Emmanuel College Cambridge to study Engineering. After graduation Arnold joined the Post Office (PO) Research Centre in 1936. He was ideally placed to take on projects in electronics – a relatively new field of engineering at this time. The PO Research Centre researched and developed new technology in the field of Telecommunications.

In the 1940s he became a member of a team of around 50 scientists, engineers and technicians working on Colossus at the PO Research Centre, then at Dollis Hill North West London. His significant contribution to the war effort was an optical paper tape reader which proved important in the eventual development of the Colossus code-breaking computer. The first Colossus machine operated at Dollis Hill at the end of 1943 and was transferred to Bletchley Park in early 1944.

Arnold retired from the PO Research Centre in 1974. In July 1994 the Bletchley Park Museum was opened and a project was started to rebuild Colossus—Arnold worked with the rebuild team to re-create the paper tape reader. The working rebuilt machine can now be seen at Bletchley Park.

With a lovely touch, small cards were carefully and thoughtfully interspersed within the floral display, highlighting aspects of Arnold's personal and working life.





KEN JONES – LEFT 1951

Thanks to Mr Jones for getting in touch. He is an avid reader of our Newsletter and wanted to pass on a message to us about our 400th Anniversary at the Royal Albert Hall:

"I wish to congratulate Dr Alan Davison and his team on the effort put in to make this concert happen. I looked at the CD of this event just after Christmas to refresh my memory and was even more amazed at the content and the quality of the performances. This concert was supreme and makes me even more proud to be an Old Owenian (1944-1951).

I am so glad that the new science block is called Myddelton as this was my school house name and of course science was my subject and has been ever since. I eventually studied metallurgy at The University of New South Wales and worked in the ceramics research department of the then Australian Atomic Energy Research Establishment near Sydney, for eleven years during the '60s, mainly on nuclear fuels.

He's kindly sent us a cropped version of the 1951 School photograph below and tells us, *"I am 2nd row down and 3rd from the right. I remember the day well. The person directly below me in the photo was LeGood known as 'Leggy'. I recognise so many of my classmates some of whom I had forgotten.*

The teachers that I remember are Mr. Garstang - Headmaster, Mr. Baker ('Butch')- Chemistry, Mr. Littlefield- Physics, Mr Hutchings-Latin, Mr. Phillips-Mathematics, Miss Cast-French, Mr Hardwick (known as 'Flash' because he always wore spats); beware the smile, he was a ferocious upholder of discipline and was the administrator of the cane. He was quite accurate, I know. It never did me any harm. Miss Cast-French. The Reverend Turner ('Tubby'). Reg Tricker- PE teacher, I still practice what he taught me. Reg at some time played for Arsenal and was great on physical exercises. Mr. Edwards ('Fogey')- English. Other teachers were - Physics, Chemistry, Art. (He says if he remembers any more, he'll let us know!) I'll stop here for the moment. Once again, thank you Owens."

Mr Jones now lives in Devon and provides his email address: kenjones@winkles.eclipse.co.uk for anyone who wishes to make contact with him to exchange memories of old times!



CLARE KIRK – LEFT 1995

Thanks to Clare Kirk for getting in contact from America! She'd like to get back in touch with Kathryn Minikin, Joanne North and Alison Duffy, who also left in 1995 and wonders if anyone has any details they could pass on. Please email her at: clarejkirk@gmail.com if you can help!



**GERALD FRANK JONES
1924-2014**



OBITUARY BY: Peter Martin, Old Owenian (1964-1971), Governor (2001), Chair of Governors (2009 -)

It is with great sadness that I record the death on 9th April 2014 of Gerald Jones, former Headmaster both of Owen's Boys School in Islington (1962-1973) and subsequently the combined Dame Alice Owen's School in Potters Bar (1973-1981). He will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

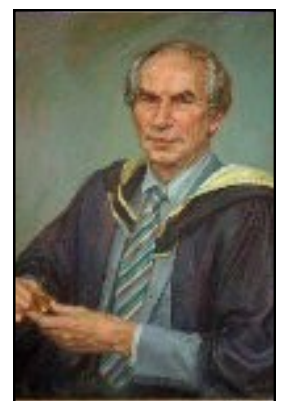
He was born in Buckinghamshire, and educated at Dr Challoner's School Amersham and the Roan School Greenwich. Like so many others, his university education at University College London was interrupted by the Second World War, during which he joined the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant, serving inter alia as a navigator on Beaufighters. On his return to University after the war he completed his degree with a First in Geography before training as a teacher, the career and vocation which he loved, and to which he devoted the rest of his life.

Gerald Jones became Headmaster of Owen's Boys School in 1962, having taught as Head of Geography in Norfolk, then at Eltham College London. Immediately prior to his arrival at the Angel, Islington he had spent five years as Headmaster of Blandford Grammar School in Dorset, and it was to Dorset that he eventually returned and retired, after a long and distinguished career in education. His last years, with failing health and the poor eyesight which had afflicted him throughout the latter part of his life were spent in the idyllic setting of Pimperne, near Blandford Forum, surrounded by his family; children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even two great-great-grandchildren!

As Head for more than 18 years, and as a governor for many years thereafter he gave a large part of his life to the school. Many people, whether they are aware of it or not, owe him a very great debt. Throughout those years he touched and improved the lives of many, and it is entirely fitting that we pay tribute to him.

Firstly, his students, of which I had the great good fortune to be one. In May 1964, almost 50 years ago to the day, Gerald wrote to my parents asking them to bring me along to the school for an interview, to decide whether I was worth a place at Dame Alice Owen's. As an eager 11 year old, keen to impress, this was probably my first exposure to what I assumed would be the stern and severe world of the Grammar School. Not a bit of it. Somehow, through the nerves (mine not his), Gerald, (but at that stage it was very definitely Mr Jones) put me at ease, had a twinkle in his eye throughout, and was genuinely interested in my hopes and ambitions, then and thereafter, as indeed he took a keen interest in all those who passed through the hallowed portals.

He was always ready with a kind word, willing to take the time to encourage all his students to achieve their best. He had the gift of intervening at just the right time to steer you along the right path, influencing decisions which could and in many cases did change the rest of your life.



He had a passion for learning, a seemingly never-ending supply of good humour, but he set high standards. As he himself wrote - " There is still that intangible something which is often called 'spirit'...in our case this consists of what is often a deceptively gay cavalier 'have-a-go' approach and a dangerous lateness of application which masks a serious determination to succeed...an effervescence and ebullience that will not accept defeat." When things went wrong, and you fell short, you sensed disappointment, and you felt that not only had you let yourself down, you had let him down.

The school in 1962, when Gerald took the helm was on the brink of radical change, both social and educational. He reformed, he modernised, he saw what needed changing and what had to be preserved. And he took the students and staff with him. When the school's future looked in doubt in the late 60's and early 70's, he engineered with Nest Kisch, the Headmistress of the Girls' school the move from Islington to Potters Bar, securing Dame Alice's legacy for generations to come.

This upheaval could have proved enormously disruptive, to students, to teachers, to the school and its reputation. It emerged not just unscathed, but all the stronger and better. Whilst doing that, he still found time to hold down the day job, to take the best from the school he inherited, and to lay the foundations on which his successors have built, turning Dame Alice Owen's school into one of the best (and I of course would say the best) state schools in the country.

Thirty years after I left the school, I came back for the second time, this time as a governor, and met Gerald again. He was still on the governing body, and had been for many years since retiring as Headmaster. Older, but still making light of his poor sight and physical frailty, he once more he had a friendly word and sound advice for the newcomer. He made me feel completely at ease. Just as striking was the fact that his love for the school was still so obviously undiminished after so long. He continued to be totally dedicated to doing what was best for the students. Within the governing body it was equally evident that he was regarded with total respect and enormous affection, his views listened to very carefully and almost invariably swaying the decision - his way!

The Worshipful Company of Brewers, as Trustees of the Dame Alice Owen Foundation for the last 400 years are rightly and justifiably proud of their school, but they would be the first to acknowledge that without the enormous contribution made by Gerald at a crucial point in its history it would not be where it is today, regularly sending large numbers of students to Oxford and Cambridge, and the vast majority of all its 6th Form to Universities and careers they choose, and thereafter into successful lives. More, our students emerge as balanced young adults, mature beyond their years and lifelong friends of the school because of the values instilled in them, values we have inherited and cherished throughout our history. Gerald championed those values and is an integral part of that history.

Last year, as we reached our 400th Anniversary, we had hoped he could have joined us at the Royal Albert Hall or St Paul's Cathedral to share in the celebrations. Frailty and ill health prevented him from making the arduous journey, but I have no doubt that he was looking on from afar with great pride at the school he had done so much to create. He certainly listened with enormous pleasure in his last months to chapters from the new school history being read to him.

Past and present generations are immensely indebted to Gerald. We are all the poorer for his passing but rich beyond measure for having known him.

Acknowledgements are gratefully made to R.A. Dare Esq., Pete Hutchinson Esq. and Gareth Randall Esq. for details of Gerald's early life and career. His funeral was on Friday 25th April 2014."

Norman Goldner, left 1970, also commented; "We are all saddened. For many of us Gerry Jones made us who we are today. He was head and shoulders above the other staff and in the right place at the right time as swinging London took off. He made sure his students developed as individuals. Remarkable."



ROB "TAFF" THOMAS – LEFT 1980

Thanks to Mr Thomas for getting in touch all the way from Mumbai! He tells us, *"I am currently Head of the Magic Bus Centre for Learning & Development, near Mumbai, India – part of Magic Bus, an NGO currently working with 300,000 marginalised children in India www.magicbus.org."* and attributes the reasons why he's where he is to *"my teachers at DAO in 2 key areas. Paul David and Jean Mackay (Physics) & Jon Townsend (Economics) started an Outdoor Pursuits Club in 1974 which led to my life in outdoor activities and educations, and William Hamilton-Hinds, who took the brave step of lending me his prized SLR camera to take on adventure trips and expeditions leading to my passion and parallel career as a photographer. www.robthomasphotography.wordpress.com & <http://www.flickr.com/photos/twodragons/sets>*



COLIN WEBSTER—LEFT 1961

Thanks to Mr Webster for finding a way to copy his 1958 School Photograph and send it to us in 4 sections!
He noticed from our list in the last Newsletter that we didn't have this copy so thought we'd share it with you for all to see!



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DOUGLAS SCOTT—LEFT 2004

Thanks to Mr Scott for volunteering to talk about his Career as a Graphics Designer this June, to students throughout the School. He tells us, *"I am currently employed in the set design/graphic design department for film and television company in Canada"* and is kindly coming in to speak in School during his visit to the UK.



JAMES DANIELLI – LEFT 1907
HAROLD PEACOCK – LEFT 1909
ALOYSIUS DANIELLI – LEFT 1910

Thanks to Mr John Peacock for getting in touch and telling us about his uncles who were pupils at our Islington School during the first decade of the last century and providing some splendid photos of that era. In the picture below, Harold Peacock is thought to be the boy, midway between the two masters, whose face is in profile.



Mr Peacock believes that another of his uncles, Montague Peacock (born 21 Jan 1883), also attended the School. This photo below (taken about 1924) shows Harold (left with pipe) and Aloysius (holding his son), each sporting a blazer with piping and a large lozenge (incorporating an "O" and an "S") on the breast pocket. Mr Peacock doesn't know if there was an Old Boys Association at the time whose members might have worn this type of blazer – can you help with more information?



Also, the photo below shows Aloysius on the right of this holiday snap taken at Shanklin in 1939, wearing a slightly different blazer but with the same lozenge on the breast pocket as in the other photo above. Mr Peacock's suggestion is that "the blazer is that of an Old Owenians sports club - possibly cricket. Aloysius' wife, son and daughter as well as Harold Peacock, his wife and son are also in the picture - but only one blazer!" If anyone can shed light on this, we'd be grateful for the details! Please email us at oldowenians@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk, thank you!



SUE BANKS – LEFT 1972

Thanks to Ms Banks for this message to those reaching their 60th milestone birthday and the happy photo!

"We're going to be at the Slug and Lettuce, Islington Green for an informal get together to mark the beginning of our 60th years. We'd love to see anyone from the year of '66 and we're doing this with a view to collecting names and contact details for everyone interested in a big reunion late 2015. If you're free on Friday 19th September for an informal gathering, please do come – from 6.30 onwards. We'll be upstairs.



If you can't make it, please let me know if you'd be happy to join a big reunion in 2015 (and contribute towards the cost), date to be confirmed but probably September. Contact me at: sue.banks164@gmail.com or text me with your details: 07952 587 104.

We really want to have a big shin dig in 2015 so please pass the word on to your Old Owens contacts. This should also include any of the years above or below who knew us between 66 and 73.

Cheers, Sue and on behalf of Chris, Chris, Geraldine, Jan and Kim"



LES GIBBINGS—LEFT 1972

Thanks to Mr Gibbings for his amazing 10th contribution to our Old Owenians Newsletter—in recognition of this we've sent Mr Gibbings a complimentary 400th Anniversary mug! Yet again, he recounts some School and very personal memories, this time of Visitation—a very timely article, with our Lower and Upper School Visitation events coming up at the end of term.

"The summer term at Owen's like everywhere else prepares those at the school for the end of the academic year. For Owen's pupils in my day and presumably now, it means the annual Visitation event when white carnations are traditionally worn as boutonnieres and prizes that have been awarded for effort or success in various endeavours are collected by the chosen recipients. Visitation also presaged the whole beer money process which was more generally appreciated, as unlike Visitation, every pupil benefited.

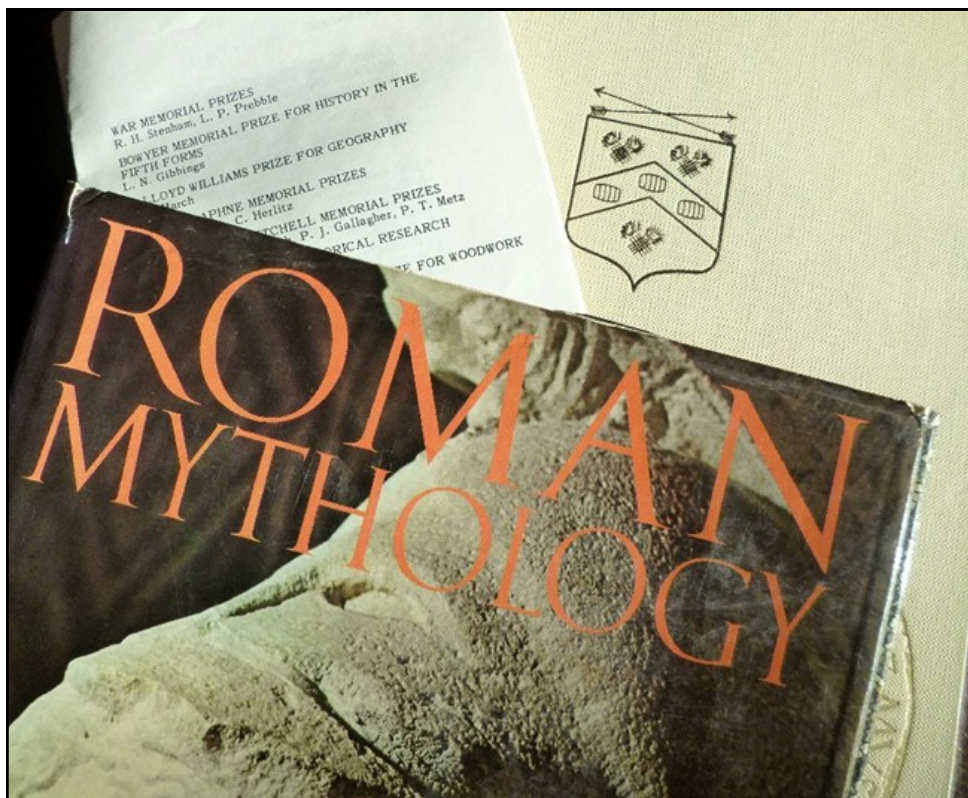
I am sure Visitation and the traditions connected with it will have already been better described by others in this 'veritable organ' (to borrow a phrase that was well used in 'Private Eye' magazine at that time) so there will be no further dalliance on that. Whilst I enjoyed the Visitation evenings as much as any of my peers, I was only more intimately involved in it on one occasion when to my utter amazement I unexpectedly won a prize. At least unexpectedly as far as I was concerned.

In view of my recent analysis of ancient football data collected in the 1960s, I suppose it would come as little surprise to know that it was a history prize at that. I always had a good record of achievement in the subject at Owen's, along with Art and English, with I suppose my crowning glory being when I achieved an end of year exam mark of 99% and came top of my class again, if not the whole school year.

*However, that was in 1967 and it was after that in the summer of 1969 when I was awarded the **Bowyer Memorial Prize for History in the Fifth Form**. I wonder if it is still awarded? 1969 was also the year that we took our GCE O Levels - which as it turned out, I didn't do wonderfully well in but I still managed to be allowed to embark on a subsequent journey in pursuit of three GCE A levels.*

I well remember going to the Music Room in the school building at the Angel shortly after being informed about my success and under the supervision of Jack 'the slipper' Paul to select my prize from a table of books.

I chose one on 'Roman Mythology' which still lies on a shelf in what I lavishly describe as my library or Reading room at home - converted from its originally intended purpose as a dining room to accommodate the mass of books I have accumulated over the years rather than have them buried away deep inside my garage or loft space. Although that's not to say there are not many books languishing there still.



It was a red letter event for me.

Although I wasn't the very first person from my Council flats in Hornsey Rise to go to Owen's, I was the first for a long time and certainly the first in my family to go to a grammar school. It had made my mother very proud and was even more so when it became known I would be receiving a prize. It proved to be however what might be best described as a bittersweet moment for me as will become clear.

The guest giving prizes on that summer's evening in Camden Town Hall was Sir James Tait, Vice-Chancellor of The City University. I recall very little of the actual prize giving - and there is no record of me receiving my prize, nor would anyone expect there to be. In those far off days, prize winners didn't pose with the notable 'prize-giver' for a quick photo opportunity to preserve the moment for posterity or to post it on a social media site as may now well be regarded as absolutely compulsory. No, all that occurred was an enquiring remark as you approached and a reciprocal grunt of thanks in reply before swishing from the stage as fast as nerve-affected legs could manage to move themselves. And my interaction was no different to this as I recall. Embarrassment and slight hesitation of going onto the stage and as swift an exit as I could muster without leaving the book behind in the hands of Sir James!

Looking over the programme for that evening I noticed one or two others who collected a prize that may be worthy of comment. Specific subject year prizes aside, one was **Geoff Travis**, the music guru from a year or two above me who famously went on to found 'Rough Trade' records I believe and inflict The Smiths on an unsuspecting world which fortunately survived the experience, but only just! Geoff won the RH Turner Memorial Prize for English.

Another was **Anthony Pyrzakowski** from my year and I believe from the same form for most of our time at Owens, who took two prizes that summer including the T E Harrison Memorial Prize for Drawing. Anthony or 'Pyrz' as he was better known throughout our school year, was not only great at Art but strong character who was also a musical virtuoso who clearly played the violin with a verve and expertise that you needed no special musical knowledge to be able to recognise or appreciate.

Finally there was **Bernard Wash** receiving his Head Boy award. This stood out for me as Bernard lived near me in the extreme north of Islington on the Camden/Haringey borders. I recall Bernard as a kindly fellow with a distinctive gait and calm demeanour with whom I spent the occasional long bus journey (long in time taken due to the volume of traffic rather than distance) along Upper Street and the Holloway Road back to the leafy heights of Archway. Otherwise our paths would seldom cross as he was not the type of chap to be found playing kick-about football in the various well used locations near our homes.

For me the great thing about that Visitation was that my mother was able to attend it and she thoroughly enjoyed the evening from her vantage point in the balcony of the Town Hall. This was significant for me in retrospect as she underwent major surgery for cancer within a few weeks of that evening. It had come as a complete shock and surprise to me at the time and she spent the rest of that summer recuperating. My A level studies started when school resumed after the summer holidays in September but my performance remained variable for some time, presumably not helped by the emotional pressure I probably felt as my mother relapsed early in 1970 with secondary cancers announcing their presence in her body. Before the end of the following spring she had passed away, but not without the additional final twist of it occurring on her 50th birthday!

Sitting here writing this aged at over 60 years of age now myself and with my own radically different life limiting condition, it still sends waves of disbelief through me that after raising five boys my mother never saw any of them form their own families or enjoy the fruits of her years of child rearing with her life ending in such tragic and early circumstances. Two of us were still at school at Owens. I am sure many Old Owenians and even current students may well have endured worse emotional times while at the school but as far as my case is concerned it makes my one appearance at the Owen's Visitation just eight months before her death and her presence to witness me collecting my only prize all the more poignant for me and not forgotten even after all these years."

Note! Our new **Old Owenians In Touch** website allows you to enter any School prizes you may have been awarded while you were here under Your Profile. We'd like to encourage older students from earlier Potters Bar and Islington days to add prizes to the list if they don't appear: <http://damealiceowens.web-intouch.com/> - many thanks.



ROWAN FUGGLE—LEFT 2007

We'd like to offer congratulations to Old Owenian, Rowan Fuggle, for being selected to exhibit in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition this year. The event in Piccadilly runs until August 17th 2014 and is open till 10pm on a Friday. If you want to see Rowan's painting, it's entry 1219 in the Lecture Room. A pencil drawing with the title of 'Haywain after Hieronymus Bosch' is listed with a price of £2000. For more details see: <http://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/15>.

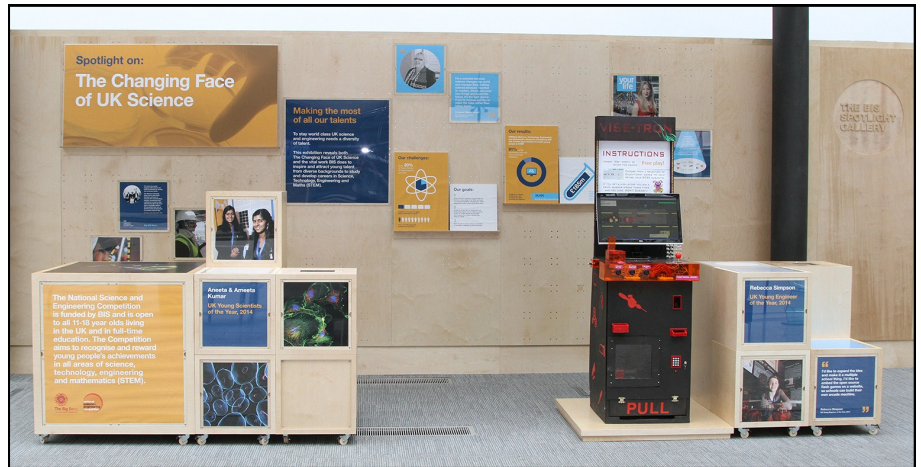


REBECCA SIMPSON—LEFT 2013

Thanks to Robin Benford, our Head of Design and Technology, for this update:

“Rebecca Simpson, who left DAOS last year, made a games machine that was aimed at helping students revise design and technology and maths. The project was for her EPQ studies. It was all made by Rebecca, and took over a year to make, as she slowly added extra features to it, like remote control and the ability to give out prizes. For the electronics she used Arduino controllers which she programmed in C++ and Flash.

*The project took her to the **UK Young Engineer of 2014**, appearances on the Gadget Show and Breakfast TV, and an article in the Evening Standard. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) are currently exhibiting Rebecca’s project at their main office in London to show their staff and visitors examples of students innovation. It is also being used as a case study by them.*



It was through taking part in the F1 in Schools competition and also her EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) studies that she became interested in Engineering and Electronics in particular. We wish Rebecca the best of luck in her studies at Imperial College.”



TARNE WESTCOTT—LEFT 1993



Many congratulations to Tarne for completing the 160 mile Marathon de Sables – an incredible 6 day race, with a 7th day charity stage, across the Sahara Desert in April and raising just under £5,000 for UNICEF UK (also reported in the Welwyn and Hatfield Times, Potters Bar edition).

The race comprised of 6 consecutive marathons, 2 of which were back-to-back, and Tarne had to endure extreme heat and fatigue levels, carrying all his own provisions for the week and the supplied daily water rations, while avoiding getting sand in his shoes and not getting lost.

He carried a transponder on his pack so that relatives and friends could watch his progress online! He’s written an amazing account of his achievement which he’s kindly made available to us to read (as a PDF from the Newsletter page – also includes great photos).

Father of two, Tarne, juggled family life and a full time City IT job to build up training to enable him to attempt the event – YOU WILL BE INSPIRED!!!

And finally...

Reminder about Old Owenians In Touch and Data Protection!

Please remember to login to **Old Owenians In Touch** to update Your Profile and send us details if you'd like to appear in our Business Directory! As we've given all those on our email list to date a Username and Password to access the site, we wanted to reassure you that we take our data protection responsibilities very seriously. All staff have recently been given an update on Data Protection (we have a comprehensive Policy available on our website) and we'd like to pass on a few questions we've been asked to consider as staff, which could apply to many of you too!

1. Do you change your passwords regularly?
2. Do you have different passwords for different systems?
3. Do you keep work data on your home computer that might be insecure?
4. Do you store any personal data on any portable device, for example external hard drive or USB stick and if so, is this device password protected/encrypted?
5. Do you know how to password protect a document or spreadsheet?
6. Do you ever send personal data via email and know the procedures you should follow?
7. Did you know that individuals have responsibilities and liabilities so you need to ensure you are aware of your work policy documents?



Thank you!

This summer, Mr Tim Rayner, one of our governors, is leaving the governing body after 9 years. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Mr Rayner for all his work on the governing body, and in particular for his support in developing our Alumni Programme. He was an original member of our Alumni Team, which was set up in 2011 as part of our preparations for our 400th Anniversary and he has been instrumental in ensuring we have a legacy for Old Owenians to be able to continue our relationship with you into the 21st century. We'd also like to say thanks to our alumni database and website supplier, In Touch Software (Simon and Chris) for all their support in helping us bring you the first phase of our **Old Owenians In Touch** website—more to come! Thanks to Old Owenians Jamie Bird and Richard Morley (also staff), Patricia Barber and Colin Bull for helping with the testing!

"Class Of" - new School year category - Old Owenians In Touch <http://damealiceowens.web-intouch.com/>

Essentially, "Class Of" is the year you left at the end of the Sixth Form—if you left earlier, it's the year you would have left if you'd stayed to the end of the Sixth Form. We've been recommended to use this system so we can help you by mailing a specific "Class Of" Old Owenians about Reunions— to help clarify our new "Class Of" School Year category, we've added

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| Islington Old Owenian – left after O Level's at the end of Year 5 | Potters Bar Old Owenian – left after GCSE's at the end of Year 11 |
| Leaving Year: 1966 | Leaving Year: 2001 |
| New! Class Of: 1968 | New! Class Of: 2003 |

an explanation to our FAQ's on **Old Owenians In Touch** and see examples left!

History Book still available to purchase!

In case you've not yet got a copy, we still have some available to purchase as well as a few copies of our specially signed books. Please see our website for more details under School History, where we've archived all of our 400th Anniversary documents and photos or email us for details!

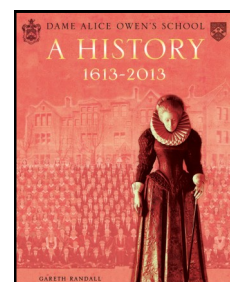
http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/about_us/school_history.html



Salad Days!

Couldn't resist sharing with you a rough recipe for a different salad discovered at a Kew Gardens café (Art students recently visited), using giant cous cous.

If you've not used it before, try frying it lightly in olive oil first before adding water to give it a nutty flavour, then add chunks of chopped beetroot, chives and pomegranate seeds for some zingy new flavours! Another one to try would be using chives instead of onions in coleslaw and folding through some dark poppy seeds for a more dramatic look!



Thanks again from your editor for your ongoing support of our Old Owenians Newsletter and Events to date this year. Looking forward to seeing some of you at the Harold Moore Annual Reunion Luncheon on Monday 27th October 2014 (details page 8)! Deadline for copy for our next Newsletter edition is Monday 8th September 2014 and we'd love to hear from our young University leavers about what they've been doing—in the meantime, enjoy the sunshine!

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