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100 YEARS AT HALLAM

**MEMORIES OF
NICHOLAS HENSHALL**

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HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

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This year we celebrate the centenary of our School's move from the cramped surroundings of industrial Stockport to the splendid new buildings constructed on the Hallam site at Woodsmoor in 1916. The subsequent progress and development of Stockport Grammar School will be celebrated in a series of events and publications throughout this anniversary year. Few schools enjoy such an illustrious history. Thanks to the support of all sections of the school community and the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, Shaa's foundation continues to go from strength to strength – in the number of boys and girls we educate, in terms of academic results, in extracurricular sport, music and drama and in the quality of facilities and working relations which exist in the school.

Schools are, of course, principally about people not buildings; they must be orientated towards the future rather than the past.

Their prime purpose is to broaden the experiences and horizons of each individual, fostering aspiration through inspiration so as to equip girls and boys for the challenges they will face in adult life and enable each individual to contribute his or her talents towards the wider good.

Our School is distinguished not only in the achievements of our girls and boys but also in their diversity.

The strength and vibrancy of our community is rooted in a continuing commitment to our Founder's wish to ensure that talented children from the town of his birth are given every opportunity to develop their potential regardless of their social background or family circumstances. The Bursary campaign seeks to ensure that local boys and girls can contribute to and benefit from the education we offer and has advanced significantly in recent months as a consequence of the generosity of many donors. In doing this we seek to connect



young people to the town in which they live, to give them a sense of pride in and responsibility for the neighbourhood and to provide each with an understanding and appreciation of the needs of others. There is no better way to mark this anniversary year than by celebrating and promoting the influence of Edmond Shaa's legacy to future generations.

Our busy programme of activities and functions continues to develop. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future events or would like to call in on your next visit to Stockport. I do hope that you will enjoy reading this publication and that it will encourage you to renew your contacts with fellow Old Stopfordians. Thank you for your continuing support.

Andrew Chicken
Headmaster



A YEAR IN OFFICE

OSA President David Garrett (OS 1981) looks back on the school year.

Writing the annual message for the Old Stops' Review has afforded me the opportunity to reflect on my year in office. I would like to convey how impressed I have been with the talent of our pupils at all ages.

The contributions and commitment from both pupils and staff has been outstanding and I have thoroughly enjoyed all the events which I have been to this year.

The quality of the concerts put on by the Music department, both choral and instrumental, continues to be exceptional. The variety of the plays staged by the Sixth Formers and the Classics department has been both entertaining and stimulating and I must also mention the Art Exhibition, The Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Speech Day prize giving, the Dance Showcase, the Carol Services and last but by no means least, the outstanding sporting achievements of our many talented teams. It gives me no greater pleasure than to say 'well done to you all'.

I have been honoured to serve you as President this past year and look forward to a really exciting centenary year at the Hallam site; a year that comes with plenty of opportunities to renew old friendships and to perhaps make new ones during the school's centenary celebrations. I know that our External Relations department have a full programme of events lined up for us to enjoy so please look for details of these on the school website, Facebook or LinkedIn. You will all be very welcome.



FROM THE HELM

Welcome to the sixth issue of Old Stops' Review. As the magazine goes to press we are able to announce the beginning of an exciting new initiative. As part of the celebrations to mark 100 years of the school on the Hallam Site the process has begun to digitise the school and Old Stopfordian archives. A primary aim will be to safeguard documents for the future but the new digital archive will be accessible via the school website and it will enable alumni and other interested parties to view, on-line, articles, photographs and documents.

The archive is being constructed by a company specialising in the scanning of historical material. They offer a range of bespoke services and have a blue chip client list which includes many of the leading independent schools in the country. Our archive will be fully searchable through keywords.

The initial tranche of material currently being processed will consist of the complete collection of 'Stopfordian' magazines dating back to occasional issues at the end of the 19th century and continuously from 1929. As individuals, your first inclination may be to look up magazine issues which relate to when you were at school but the articles, reports and lists of staff and pupils over the years, contain a fascinating record of the activities and achievements of Stockport Grammar School and provide much interesting reading.

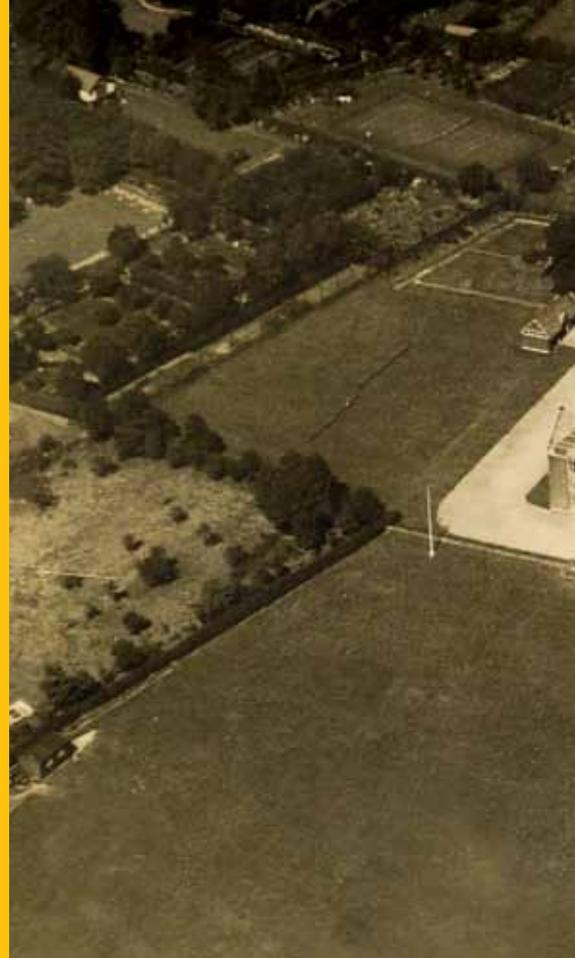
The most recent issues of 'Stopfordian' detail a huge range and variety of clubs, societies, drama and music productions, sporting achievements and trips, in addition to academic success, but older Stopfordians will remember fondly the opportunities offered to them in the context of their time.

A particular memory of mine and, from correspondence, one of yours as well, was the Johnston school plays which ran for a week in the Hallam Hall including two matinees on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the whole school attended. I vividly recall the construction of the proscenium framework with small boys gripped astride swaying steel columns trying to fit nuts and bolts to adjacent beams hauled up on ropes. Then there were the exploits of the lighting and sound staff operating from the balconies and sometimes in the loft space above the hall ceiling fixing the cables for the lighting barrel. However, I digress, back to the present.

This first stage of the digital archive is almost complete and it is hoped that it will be up and running before the end of the summer term in early July. All Old Stopfordians for whom we currently hold e-mail addresses will be notified when the site becomes operational in the Summer Term.

Initial funding for this project has been made possible by a generous donation of £10,000 from the '250 Club' of the Old Stopfordians' Association and it is hoped that further funding will allow the archive to expand. The original archive continues to grow but there are still areas that would benefit from more photographic material, preferably with names, and individual accounts and reminiscences, particularly of the Junior School in the 1950's and 1960's. I would particularly welcome short written personal accounts, as opposed to the very brief form reports in the magazines, before the memories fade completely.

Best wishes
Stuart Helm

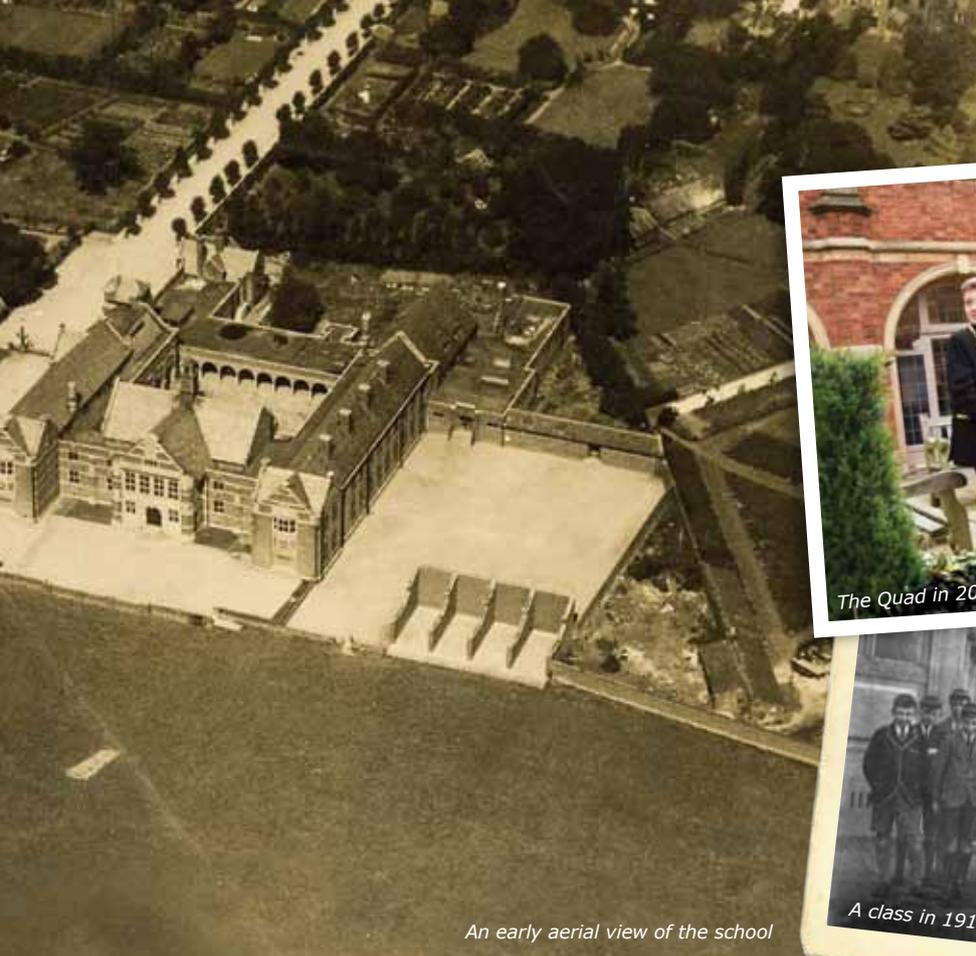


CELEBRATING THE SCHOOL'S

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the school's move to the Hallam site, we take a look back at Stockport Grammar School's rich history.

Founded in 1487 by the legacy of Sir Edmond Shaa, Stockport Grammar School is one of the oldest schools in the country. Born to parents from Dukinfield, then a hamlet in the parish of St Mary, Stockport, Sir Edmond was apprenticed in 1450 to Robert Botiller, a goldsmith in London. In 1462, under the reign of Edward IV, he received the life grant of the office of Engraver to the Tower Mint and all other mints in England and Calais. He was a Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, later becoming Prime Warden in 1476.

In addition to his Goldsmiths' responsibilities, Shaa served as an Alderman and in 1474 he held the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex. He became the 200th Mayor of London in 1482-83.



An early aerial view of the school



The Quad in 2016



A class in 1916

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOVE TO THE HALLAM SITE

It is thought that the school's first home was in St Mary's Parish Church, Stockport. In 1608, the school moved to Chestergate and again, in 1832, to Greek Street. By 1910 the school had started to outgrow the Greek Street site and the search began for a new location.

The Move to the Hallam Site

The site chosen was the Bramhall Lodge Estate at Mile End, owned by Mr Alfred Bell, a member of a well-known local brewing family. The foundation stone was laid on the 4th April 1914 by Chairman of Governors Walter Bright Hodgkinson.

On Saturday, 29th January, 1916, Colonel George Dixon, Chairman of Cheshire County Council, formally opened the new buildings. A guard of honour was formed by the School detachment of the Stockport Battalion of the Cheshire Volunteer Regiment.

The new buildings were designed for 250 pupils in ten classrooms grouped in a two-storey block on one side of a quadrangle, on another was the Hall, named after one of the main benefactors of the build, the Ephraim Hallam Trust.

In June 1944, the school welcomed the addition of the Junior School, initially in a converted house in Davenport Park.

Co-Education

1980 brought a dramatic change with the news that the adjacent Convent School was to close. Seeing the opportunity to expand the facilities available to pupils and to move to co-education, the Governors made the decision to purchase the site.

In September, girls joined the school at age 11, in to the Sixth Form and the Junior School.

The school has continued to grow and prosper with a school roll in 2016 of over 1,400 pupils from the ages of 3 to 18.

The school will host a selection of events in 2016 to mark the centenary year. These include the Centenary Concert in March, a visit to the Houses of Parliament in April and a heritage open day in September.

The External Relations department has produced a new publication outlining the school's history. If you would like a copy, contact us on externalrelations@stockportgrammar.co.uk or call 0161-419 2408. The publication is also available on the school's website - www.stockportgrammar.co.uk

NICHOLAS HENSHALL (1944-2015)

Nick Henshall, who lost a long battle with cancer on 16th September 2015, helped to shape and inspire countless pupils across three decades as History Master at SGS.



Born in Rugeley, Staffordshire, in 1944, Nick moved with his parents to Stockport where he became a pupil at the school where he would later teach.

He achieved a First Class History degree at Cambridge and began a PhD on the possibility of revolution in late eighteenth-century Britain yet gave it up after reportedly spending too long reeling microfilm in the bowels of Manchester University library.

Nick penned two books - *The Myth of Absolutism: Change and Continuity in Early Modern Monarchy* (1992) which was widely debated by academics and translated into German, Italian and Russian and *The Zenith of European Monarchy and its Elites: The Politics of Culture, 1650-1750* (2010).

He held a Schoolmaster Fellowship at St John's College, Cambridge, and later became a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in recognition of his contributions to early modern history. He also taught occasionally at the University of Manchester, wrote for *History Today* and edited *History Review*, its sibling magazine aimed at sixth-formers. For many years, he enjoyed attending the annual *History Today* awards party each January.

Graham Earles (OS 1983) fondly recalls being a pupil in Nick's lessons. He said: "We enjoyed and remembered his lessons. Never one to take much notice of a bell, key points or stories had to be completed before we left. Once ensconced, we were dazzled by Nick's brilliant grasp of detail, relevant anecdote, and latest scholarship. What a combination that was.

"These thoughts are always personal and here I can speak only for myself. Unquestionably, however, Nick's teaching, confidence, and belief in me as a pupil transformed my school experience, and, from that, my future."

David Armitage (OS 1982), who was taught by Nick and is now Chair of History at Harvard University, said:

"Nick was the kind of committed, charismatic, contrarian teacher everyone should have when they are young. As a ten-year old, I had no idea how lucky I was. Indeed, I found Nick's energy and eloquence more than a little frightening and certainly hard to take in.

"Thirty years of friendship only confirmed what an inspiration he was: resolute in discussion, endlessly curious and emphatically engaged until the cancer and the treatments that kept it at bay together took their toll."

Gordon Marsden (OS 1972), MP for Blackpool South, delivered the eulogy at Nick's funeral at St George's Church on 30th September. He said:

"Nick of course could be both spiky and mischievous. A natural conservative in the Burkean tradition, his love of the chase, in rhetoric and argument, could sometimes tax time and motion.

"Right from our first encounters at school he knew that my political views leaned in the other direction but my subsequent forays into politics and the career of Mrs Thatcher, of whom Nick was a keen admirer, often spiced and extended the dialogue.

"Nick was called upon to hold his own head high - after major operations and treatment with cutting-edge drugs at The Christie. He had to draw upon all his resources of stoicism and personal dignity, to put himself out, to journey while he could, with visits to London for History Today parties and a last holiday away last autumn at the time of his 70th birthday, to Blackpool, to see the Lights, the Winter Gardens, the Tower and to evoke a special time from his childhood visits and where he, I and his cousin Cherry enjoyed a splendid meal on a sunny autumn day.

"The SGS School Latin motto is "*Vincit qui Patitur*", "he conquers who suffers", or if you prefer, "he conquers who endures".

"Nick Henshall did indeed suffer, but he fought back, he endured, with that same spirit and patience that derives from that same Latin word "*Patitur*". He has conquered and he will endure for everyone here. Nick, whatever their beliefs, you will endure and live on in the hearts and minds of the lives you've enriched, the lessons of love and brio you imprinted on those you have known, taught and helped, who return today, some in spirit, to try and repay that boundless measure."



SOPHIE BRASSINGTON

(OS 2003)

IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT SOPHIE IS LIVING HER DREAM

From developing her talents in fashion design during her time at SGS to landing her current role at the Royal Shakespeare Company, Sophie has always been driven and determined to realise her ambitions.

After leaving school, Sophie studied art foundation at Manchester Metropolitan University before achieving a degree in costume design at Leeds University's Bretton Hall.

In the years that followed, Sophie worked on a number of exciting projects including Take That's Circus tour and one off assignments for Def Leppard, White Snake, Art Garfunkel and the Russian Ballet.

She then secured a role at Oldham Coliseum Theatre, a job she thoroughly enjoyed despite the long hours. It was here that Sophie decided to specialise in mens' period costume.

In January 2010, Sophie landed her dream job as Mens' Costumier at the Royal Shakespeare

Company where she has worked on a number of productions including *Matilda the musical*, *Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall*, *Bring up the Bodies* and *Richard II* with former Dr Who actor David Tennant.

She said: "The RSC sets a high value on personal development so I have enjoyed a number of interesting developmental challenges, including working on the committee looking at long term options for the costume department as well as doing a period as supervisor.



"We are currently working on costumes for our spring and summer season. 2016 promises to be an extraordinary year at the RSC as we celebrate Shakespeare's continuing legacy 400 years after his death."

Sophie, who is set to marry her partner James in May, credits her time at SGS for helping to sow the seeds for a brilliant future career. She said:

“ I strongly believe that the help and guidance I received during my time at SGS, in particular Mr Helm and Mrs Beckett from the art department and Mr Young from the graphics department played a big part in influencing the career path I have taken. For this I am truly grateful.”



Leather coats for army officers ...in *Henry V*



Sophie modelling one of her own creations on the runway at SGS

RUNNING FOR TEAM GB

Ross Millington (OS 2008) is a member of Team GB's Athletics squad and picking up medals on a regular basis. Ross spoke to OSR about his career so far and the exciting events he's got coming up.

Do you think your time at SGS helped you achieve your later success?

Absolutely. SGS is pretty much where I started my athletic journey. The first sign that I was ever any good at running came when we ran cross country in PE lessons. From there I ran my first ever races at the school's cross country events and then on the track in the summer. If it wasn't for the encouragement of the PE staff and the amount of sport we were able to do at SGS I may never have gone down this path. I also think the competitive element at SGS has helped me achieve in all aspects since I left the school. I think today too many kids are sheltered from competition in school and that's detrimental not only in sports but in all areas of life. I am thankful that competition was readily encouraged at SGS, both academically and athletically, as it has benefited me ever since.

What did you do after SGS?

After SGS I went to sixth form college at Marple and then headed out to America on an athletic scholarship. I was at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque for just short of five years graduating in December 2013 with a major in English (Professional Writing) and a minor in Business Management. Since then I have been based back in Stockport and am part of a professional running group supported by New Balance.

When and how did you get into athletics?

I was chosen to represent the school at the Stockport Schools' cross country and just went from there really. I joined my local athletics club, Stockport Harriers, and from then on competed for both the club and the school. I was very fortunate to be guided by my coach at the time, Dave Turnbull, and the PE staff at SGS. The encouragement and education they gave me helped me to really enjoy the sport, which at such a young age is extremely important, and ultimately allowed me to stay in the sport until now.

How often do you train and what does your training involve?

At the moment I train every day, usually twice a day and sometimes three times a day if I am in the gym. My week is usually structured with two hard sessions on Tuesday and Friday, a medium-long run on a Thursday and a long run on a Sunday. Everything else in between is just easy running and I will be in the gym probably four-to-five times a week. With the

support of New Balance I am fortunate enough to be a full-time athlete so I have the time to dedicate myself completely to my training. Outside of training I don't get up to much, just a lot of relaxing and recovering! My training group also go away to altitude training camps a few times a year, and each of those will last 4-6 weeks. We head out to Iten in Kenya in October/November and January/February and then to Flagstaff, Arizona, in April.

What has been your greatest achievement in athletics?

I think medals are the most important thing in this sport, so I would have to say my 5000m silver medal at the European U23 Championships in Ostrava 2011 is my best achievement so far. Winning the British Championships and Olympic Trials over 5000m in 2012 is also up there. More recently my fifth place at the senior European Cross Country Championships in 2014 was a highlight, as well as winning the English Championships over 10 miles in both 2014 and 2015. However, I am hoping 2016 will bring some much bigger results!

What events have you got coming up?

I am currently out in Kenya training at altitude until the middle of February. When I return I will race a 10km on the road in the Netherlands, then the British Championships indoors over 3km and then the British Cross Country Championships. After those races I will head out to America to train and chase some Olympic qualifying standards!

What advice would you give for anyone wanting to get into athletics?

My advice would be to get into something that you really enjoy and that makes you want to strive to be the best you can be. There are so many ups and downs in sport that at a basic level, you have to enjoy what you do in order to continue and get the most out of your potential. I am a big believer in hard work, you have to work hard in order to get results, so be prepared to knuckle down!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Well done to **ELLEN DOWNS (OS 2015)** and her sister Juliet, a current SGS pupil, for their success at the mountain running Home Counties International championships. Ellen took the gold medal while Juliet won the silver medal.

JAMES FLYNN (OS 2012) is enjoying a successful career as a prop at Sale Sharks. James made his professional debut against London Irish in November 2012.

Congratulations to **NEIL CAMPBELL (OS 1978)** who rode the Prudential London to Surrey 100 mile cycle event raising £1,700 for the One Cause charity in the process.



Congratulations to former basketball star and motivational speaker **JOHN AMAECHI (OS 1989)** who was named Harvard Humanist of the Year 2015.

MATT DIXON (OS 1988) is a freelance campaign manager within the music industry. He got into the industry by writing letters to every record company he could find contact details for. His career started with a role at EMI's Manchester office followed by a promotion and a move to the London office. He then worked for writing and production company Xenomania before setting up www.band2market.com. The company help artists promote their CDs and tours.

Culinary whizz **RICHARD HOWARTH (OS 2010)** has developed a range of gluten free curry sauces – which have received rave reviews from Michelin Star Chef Michel Roux Jnr – after struggling to find suitable ingredients for his grandfather and sister who are both coeliac. The sauces, manufactured by Richard's company Plain Starkers, are free from gluten, artificial colourings, flavourings, preservatives, genetically modified ingredients and have no added monosodium glutamate. Richard is looking forward to an appearance on TV show Dragon's Den where he hopes to get advice and funding from the panel of business experts.



SALLY MCROBERTS (OS 2012)

has followed a staggeringly different career path after achieving a First Class Chemistry degree from the University of Nottingham. Throughout the course of her degree studies, Sally, an accomplished pianist, was travelling to London to record an album and has pursued a career as a singer/songwriter following graduation. Under the stage name of Sally Caitlin, she is now promoting her first single *Falling Back Together*.

STEPHEN ZARTARIAN (OS 1993) now a senior analyst at AstraZeneca, runs Bramhall-based Mountfield FC which a number of current SGS boys play for. He is always keen to recruit new players.

CLARE FRANCIS (OS 1994) has taken on a new role as Head of Customer Engagement and Content at Barclays Bank.

NICOLE SANDLER (OS 2004) is now Head of Geography at All Hallows Catholic College in Macclesfield and would like to thank SGS Geography teachers Mr Howarth and Mr Martin who helped her to develop a passion for the subject.

MILLIE RALSTON (OS 2012) put her creative skills to the test when she made a video to raise funds and awareness for Cancer Research in memory of her father.

KATE RUSSELL (OS 2006) went to the London College of Fashion, where she achieved a BA (Hons) Fashion Management degree. Since then she has worked as a buyer for Ralph Lauren and as a UK rep for a Belgium Diamond label. This year, Kate launched Novella – her own collection of python skin handbags, shoes and accessories – which are all handmade in Bali.



SIMON CONWAY (OS 1992)

led the European swingers at the Virgin Atlantic flying club golf league at Harbour Town Golf Links in South Carolina. He was one of just 12 players picked to represent Europe at the tournament. The European team won the cup by a clear five points and Simon won two of his three individual games.



EXHIBITION

Mount Everest was the focus of a touring exhibition worked on by **DAVID BRUCE (OS 1996)**, who is Head of Corporate Relations for Barclays Group North West. Last September marked the 40th anniversary of the Barclays sponsored successful British expedition to the top of Mount Everest via the previously unconquered South West Face. The expedition, led by veteran mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington, saw four climbers – including Old Stop **PETER BOARDMAN (OS 1968)** – reach the summit of the world's highest mountain over several days in late September 1975. Mr Boardman, who tragically died on another Everest expedition in 1982, made a number of historic ascents, including Kangchenjunga North Ridge and the south summit of Gauri Sankar via the West Ridge. Items on show at the exhibition included personal artefacts from the climbers, including mittens, a trekking permit for Nepal and accompanying trekking map; stunning re-prints of some of the original photographs taken by various expedition members during the climb; and a copy of a letter written by Sir Chris Bonington to Barclays' then Chairman Sir Anthony Tuke thanking Barclays for its support.

Congratulations to **EMMA CARTER (OS 2009)** on reaching the semi-finals of Richard Branson's Virgin Business 'Pitch to Rich' competition with her Jewellery brand Rare Pink. Rare Pink impressed the public and the judges with their unique business pitch, while competing against 524 entrants in the 'Grow' category. Rare Pink was shortlisted for the top 10 of the Pitch to Rich competition, run by Virgin Media Business. At the end of last year, Rare Pink was named New Jeweller of the Year at the British Jewellers' Association Awards, just 12 months after launching its website at www.rarepink.com.

TIM FIRTH (OS 1982) will take over as headmaster at Wrekin College in September when the current headmaster, Dr Haydn Griffiths, retires from post. After leaving SGS, Tim studied English Literature at Sheffield University and completed his PGCE at Oxford University where he was awarded a Blue for cricket. He started teaching English at Bedford School, before moving to The Leys School in Cambridge where he also took charge of the cricket. He was promoted to Head of English at The King's School, Ely, and is currently Senior Deputy Head at Hurstpierpoint College, West Sussex having previously run the Sixth Form and been Acting Headmaster.

After leaving SGS, **GUY LAYCOCK (OS 1985)** studied French and German at Trinity College, Cambridge, before heading to Oxford University to read International Relations. He now works for the European Commission in Brussels and lives just outside the capital in Tervuren where he met his wife Kinga. The couple have a son and two daughters. Guy has worked as an interpreter since 1991 and currently interprets from French, German, Italian and Polish into English at meetings of the European Commission, the Council of Ministers of the EU and the European Council.



Budding actor **OLIVER MILLS (OS 2012)** is currently assisting with drama in the Junior School following the success of *The Tree of War*, the WW1 musical he co-wrote and directed. The musical is a tale of love, loss and hope that explores the lives of a group of South Manchester lads and lasses caught up in the trauma of the First World War. The cast features a number of Old Stops and current SGS pupils.

The Tree of War is Oliver's first project as a composer and musician having graduated after studying music at The University of York. The piece was written to commemorate 100 years since the First World War and music from the show debuted at a successful preview concert in Manchester Cathedral.

CAMILLA POULTON (OS 1996) was appointed Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Pentonville in January 2016. On leaving SGS in 1996, Camilla read Law at Cambridge before qualifying as a solicitor. Camilla follows the path of David Miller (OS 1971) who is a former Chair of the IMB. IMB members are independent, unpaid and work an average of 2-3 days per month. Their role is to monitor the day-to-day life in their local prison or removal centre and ensure that proper standards of care and decency are maintained.



**PERSONAL
BEST OF
ONE HOUR,
11 MINUTES
AND 36
SECONDS**

BRITISH HALF MARATHON CHAMPION

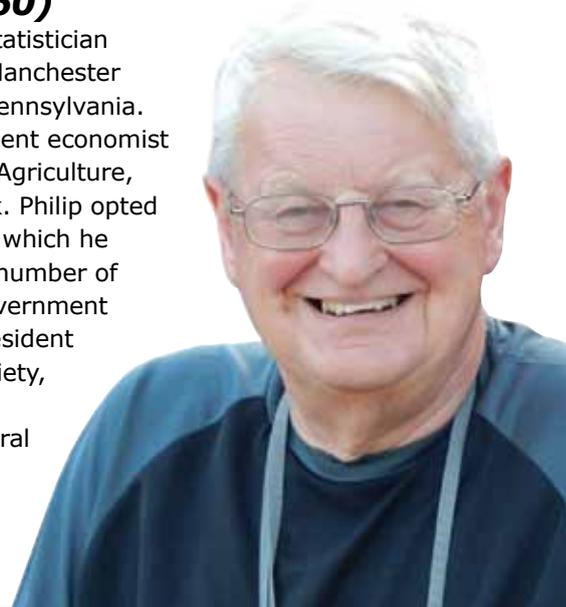
Congratulations to **JESS COULSON (OS 2008)** who was recently crowned British Half Marathon champion following a race which also served as a trial for the World Half Marathon Championships in Cardiff. Jess, a former member of Stockport Harriers, achieved a personal best of one hour, 11 minutes and 36 seconds. In 2012, Jess won the European Cross Country Championships.

JON BELL (OS 1997) is Consultant Interventional Radiologist at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Didsbury. He graduated with Honours from the Universities of St Andrews and Manchester. After completing Clinical Radiology training, he undertook higher sub-specialty training in Interventional Radiology in the North Western Deanery. Jon was previously Chair of the Junior Radiologists' Forum and is currently a member of the Faculty Board of Clinical Radiology of the Royal College of Radiologists. He is also a member of the Safety and Quality Committee, a subcommittee of the British Society of Interventional Radiology. In 2015, Jon was appointed as a member of the European Society of Radiology Management.

FRANK MORGAN (OS 1971) was awarded the OBE for services to Higher Education in 2012. Frank retired from his role as Vice Chancellor of Bath Spa University in 2012. He has also worked as an accountant for Greater Manchester Transport and the London borough of Southwark. He is currently a Governor at Bridgewater College.

The only way is up for **NATALIE CLARKE (OS 2013)** as she prepares to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in June in aid of Childreach International. The charity helps victims of the Nepal Earthquake and you can find out more on Natalie's fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/natalieclarke1>. She said: "I am undertaking this huge challenge for Childreach International, an amazing charity that helps children in less developed countries have access to education, food and water, empowering them to reach their full potential in life."

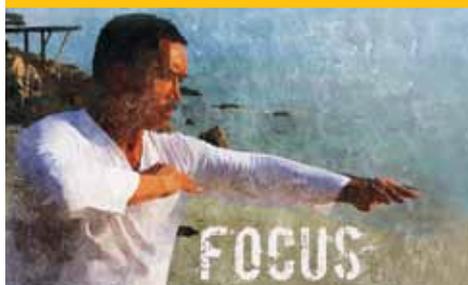
PHILIP LUND (OS 1960) is a semi retired economist and statistician who has spent time lecturing at Manchester University and the University of Pennsylvania. He has also worked as a government economist in London and for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) in York. Philip opted for early retirement in 1996 after which he undertook consultancy work in a number of overseas countries and for UK government departments. He also became President of the Agricultural Economics Society, a Public Member of Network Rail, Economic Adviser to the Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales and President of the Manchester Statistical Society.



CHRISTOPHER WALTON (OS 1949) has recently been elevated to the rank of Major in the former Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment. On leaving school, he signed up for National Service and six months later was commissioned into the Lancashire Fusiliers serving in Jordan and Egypt for two years. On going up to Caius College, Cambridge, he transferred to the 8th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers headquartered at the Tower of London where, apart from overseas service with the World Bank in Washington DC, he served the rest of his time with the military. Christopher was appointed MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2011.

FOCUS IN MOTION

Following graduation from Leeds Metropolitan University, **STAN TANG (OS 1991)** established a management consultancy designing and implementing programmes across central government in the Department of Health as well as the NHS and utilities sector.



After completing daily Chi Kung energy and Kung Fu training and teaching the disciplines part time, Stan was motivated to set up *Masters Black* in May 2015 with his long time friend and kung fu brother Master David Taylor. *Masters Black* combines the skills of two Kung Fu masters to teach mental focus and wellness.

MUSICAL MAESTRO

NAOMI CLARKE (OS 2012) penned a catchy Christmas tune to help raise awareness and funds for Save the Children.

The 21-year-old, who is currently studying at Cambridge University, wrote *Christmas is Here* as part of her final year coursework. Naomi, said the project began as a way of getting some experience of producing a record before she hit on the idea of a Christmas single. She chose to back Save the Children after reading about its work helping young people in the

developing world and despite being a songwriting novice Naomi says she is pleased with the finished record.

She added:

"I'm happy with how its turned out. I don't really think of myself as a composer so I looked at the Christmas songs that always get played and analysed what makes them tick musically and tried to use those things in mine. I didn't want to preach at everybody to donate so went along the lines of making it happy and trying to spread happiness. I think at the moment the world can use a bit of happiness."



Visit justgiving.com/Naomi-Clarke-Christmas to hear the song and find out more about Naomi's fundraising efforts.

FLYING HIGH

HOWARD MILLS (OS 1970) is a computer scientist who has spent half of his life in Northern Germany. After obtaining a Computer Science degree at Manchester University, Howard joined the university's Physics department as a computer programmer, spending a lot of time at the DESY lab in Hamburg before moving there permanently in 1982. He now works for the German branch of Sun Microsystems which allows him to travel across the globe. In his free time, Howard – a father of two – enjoys gliding, gaining his gliding pilots licence in 1983 and buying his first glider six years later.



ROGER PAKEMAN (OS 1981)

is an active member of the Green Party. He is Treasurer of his local branch and has stood as a candidate for Oldham Council for the last two elections. After graduating from the University of Edinburgh with a degree in Geography and Economic History, Roger lived in Scotland before moving to Oldham in 2006. He works at Bury Council on ensuring all 14 to 19 year-olds progress into either education or employment. He is also chair of the Working Carers Employee Group.

CHRISTINE KOLBE (OS 2001)

is helping to champion the rights of women around the world in her role as a Government advisor on gender policy. Her role within the Department for International Development sees her working to help bring an end to harmful traditional practices, such as female genital mutilation (FGM) and child, early and forced marriage (CEFM).

THE WORLD OF YACHT DESIGN

Globetrotter **CHARLIE BAKER (OS 2006)** gives us an insight into the fascinating world of yacht design.

What were your favourite lessons at SGS?

Design Technology, Art and Business Studies took up most of my time in the Sixth Form and I loved them all for different reasons.

What did you do after SGS?

I went to Coventry University to study a foundation degree in Art and Design followed by a four year Masters degree in Automotive and Transport Design. I specialised in yacht design taking on a seven month internship in Turkey during my third year.

When and how did you get into your current job?

After working in Italy and Monaco for just over three years I was lucky enough to land a job back in Blighty at Redman Whiteley Dixon Ltd, one of the top yacht design studios in the world. I have now been with RWD for two years.

How would you describe your job?

My role is as a design project manager so it is a mixture of managing clients and their needs, managing our internal creatives to produce what the clients want and managing the flow of information to and from whichever shipyard we are working with. Mix all that with some exterior and interior design and that's what my role is.



What's a typical day in your job?

Typical days don't happen very often, however if I'm in the office I will either be drawing up interior and exterior details, Photoshopping realistic visuals, preparing presentations, on conference calls with shipyards and suppliers, reviewing 3D models with our exterior guys or looking through the thousands of fabric and finish samples we have in our studio (Mrs Vernon would love that room!). A lot of time is spent flying around Europe and sometimes further afield so weeks get broken up nicely and it keeps me on my toes!

What would you say has been your greatest achievement/ proudest moment?

Two years after graduating from university I stepped onboard a 42m Superyacht that I had worked on the interior design of. As a designer, to have your ideas brought to life is what it's all about. Seeing a client enjoy the environment we have created for them is something I could only have dreamt about when I was at SGS.

How do your friends and family feel about your success?

Friends and family have always been supportive of what I wanted to do and rarely questioned my dream of wanting to be a Superyacht Designer, strange as it may have seemed. I'm not sure I would say I've reached that point in my life where I can say I am successful so would not expect my friends or family to feel much about my success. I am midway through my largest project to date, a 74.5m motor yacht, and when finished it will be the first time I can show some family and friends exactly what it is I do and why it's so important to me.

What advice would you give for anyone wanting to get into your line of work?

Passion. Our lives are taken over by this career, it's not a 9-5, Monday to Friday kind of job. I took 89 flights last year including going to Australia five times, while only spending a total of eight days there! It's not for the faint hearted and it will test you but if you love making things then you will make it happen.

CHARLES SPEIGHT

(OS 1944, Chairman of Governors from 1996-2003 and OSA President from 1988-89) died on 4th August 2015.

Charles joined SGS with a Foundation Scholarship in 1940. After an excellent school certificate he chose Accountancy as a career and worked for a Manchester firm from the age of 16. At 18, he volunteered to join the RAF and was lucky to escape with his life when the train carriage he was travelling in through Egypt was hit by a terrorist bomb while he was visiting the refreshment carriage.

After demobilisation, he became a fully qualified Chartered Accountant and enjoyed a very successful career in Manchester. As Chairman, Mr Speight was enormously supportive of school events and his encouraging manner was always appreciated. He was heavily involved in all building projects and his business and finance experience was key to securing the purchase of the Dialstone Lane fields and additional land for the school. His most significant contribution was his role in the extension of the Junior School, the Sports Hall and the Technology Centre.

Paying tribute to Mr Speight, Joe Barnes (OSA President 1970-1971 and Governor from 1978-1998) says:

"Known to everyone as Charlie, he was an Old Stopfordian to the core, and an elected Distinguished Life Member. Academically he was very bright, and in addition he won the school Manual prize in 1941.

"After an excellent School Certificate he chose Accountancy as a career and was articled to a Manchester firm at the age of 16. In today's world he would certainly have done well at University, but in those wartime years, life was quite different.

"By the time he was 18, and due for call-up for military service, the war had finished, and Charlie was already well advanced in taking his professional qualifications. He volunteered to join the RAF as his military service, but his early experiences were quite dramatic,



and he was in fact lucky to escape with his life. As he was travelling by train in Egypt to report to a new posting, he decided to go for a drink in the restaurant car and left his seat. Shortly afterwards he heard a violent explosion and realised it must have been a terrorist bomb. When he was able to return he found that his former compartment had been completely destroyed along with his former companions. The story was fully covered by BBCTV last year in their Remembrance Day programme.

"Charlie was a member of Bramhall Park Golf Club and served as Club Treasurer for many years, although his own golfing prowess was cut short due to back problems. Bridge became Charlie's favourite pastime and he was respected by everyone. In every way he was proud of being an Old Stopfordian, determined to give something back to the School in exchange for the fine education he had received, and the opportunities it had provided.

"He was President of the OSA in 1988-89, and later was invited to join the Board of SGS where his professional experience was invaluable. He went on to be appointed Chairman of Governors and was most successful in steering the School through a pivotal period in its continual development. He was an example to us all, and I know he will be sorely missed by Jo, his wife, Jill and Kate, his daughters, his grandchildren and, of course, his many friends.

"For me, Charlie's death came as a deep personal loss, as he also found time to be my Best Man in 1952 (and I had been his Form Captain from 1940 to 1944)."

SPOTLIGHT ON...



CECIL KIMBER (OS 1906) CREATOR OF THE MG SPORTS CAR

Cecil's enthusiasm for the auto industry was born when he bought a motorbike shortly after leaving Stockport Grammar.

An accident that caused severe injuries to his right leg meant he soon swapped two wheels for four and bought his first car.

After leaving his role at the family's printing business, Cecil went to work for the chief designer at Sheffield-Simplex. During the First World War he moved to AC Cars and then to EG Wrigley, a major supplier to Morris Motors.

In 1921, he was hired by William Morris as sales manager at Morris Garages where he began to develop a range of special cars based on Morris bodies.

The MG Marque was born in 1924 and the MG Car Company was formally established four years later to give it a separate identity to Morris Garages.



OS SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Knowing that success in competitions would boost the success of the MG Marque, Cecil entered and won the London to Lands End trial in 'Old Number One', a purpose built competition car that can now be found at the Heritage Motor Centre in Gaydon.

As demand increased, production of the cars moved from a workshop in Oxford to four larger workshops and in 1930, Cecil became managing director of MG. The company moved to a new factory in Abingdon where the cars were made until 1980.

During the Second World War, production stopped and the factory was used to make basic parts for the armed forces. Reports suggest Cecil was sacked when he failed to gain the company's approval in his bid to win the firm an aircraft contract.

Cecil went on to work for coachbuilder Charlesworth before moving to piston maker Specialloid.

On Sunday, 4th February, 1945, he boarded a train at King's Cross bound for Leeds. He was killed when the carriage he was travelling in was derailed.

Last year, Blue Plaques were installed at the Boundary House in Abingdon and on Cecil's childhood home in Stockport to honour his contribution to the motor industry.



Our 2015 Old Stops beat the 1st XI netball team 18 - 13 after a hard fought battle! Congratulations!



This retro picture of the 1983 OS football team was the most popular post on the Old Stops Facebook page this year.



Congratulations to Old Stop **Chloe Withers (OS 2012)** on scoring a try for Cambridge in the Women's Varsity match at Twickenham in December. The final score for the game was Cambridge 52 - 0 Oxford!

GOLF ROUND UP

James Stewart won the Oppida Cup and the Best Gross Jubilee Cup. The SGS Golf Championship Shield and School Cup was won by Harry Cash. Bob Bailey won the Centenary Trophy and Bryan Rendell won the Mr Dunlop Cup. The Society is always on the lookout for new members. Contact David Withington by email Withington.d@sky.com or call him on 0161 439 3073 for information.

SGS HIGHLIGHTS



FUN-PACKED TRIP FOR JUNIOR PUPILS

Children from Year Four spent two days in York enjoying an overnight trip. Pupils spent their first day at Murton Park's Danelaw dark age village where, once they had dressed up as Romans, they faced a day of hard work to both maintain and defend their new settlement and to be able to see through the helmets. Some of the pupils were guards while others practised weapons training and made oil lamps.

The following day, pupils visited the Castle Museum in York where they explored an authentic Victorian street complete with a retro sweet shop, dungeons and an old toy shop. They also enjoyed a workshop on the use of electricity in WW1 and made a Morse code machine.

After lunch in the Merchant Adventurers Hall the pupils visited the Jorvik centre which shows how Vikings worked, lived and hunted.

PARENTAL SURVEY AWARDS TOP MARKS

Parents have given exceptionally high ratings to the senior and junior schools in an independent survey carried out by RSAcademics.

An impressive 97% of parents rated the senior school's academic results in the top two categories of very good and good, with 91% rating the quality of teaching at this level. 90% rated the provision of clubs, the extra-curricular programme and sporting opportunities as very good or good, as did 90% for the leadership of the school and its day-to-day running.

The survey results for the Junior School were also outstanding, with 93% of parents happy to recommend the school to others.

RSAcademics said: "Parents are impressed with the school, feeling it delivers strong academic standards whilst providing support to pupils by caring staff. The extra-curricular opportunities on offer ensure pupils experience a balanced education."

For more information please visit the school website.

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

A cast of 86 pupils from across the school and a production team of over 50 pupils and staff collaborated over just four weeks to create a fantastic adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*.

Over its two night run, *Down the Rabbit Hole* had sell out audiences captivated as they followed Alice, played by Ella Burton, as she was sent spiralling down the rabbit hole due to

the pressures of teenage life. School work, peer pressure, family conflict and the fear of the future are all too much for her to cope with.

The collaboration of drama, dance, music and art brought the traditional much loved characters to life as Alice met up with them, sought advice and gained perspective on her journey on how to grow up and stand on her own two feet.



STOPPING BY

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE OLD STOPS VISITING SCHOOL

LAURENCE JONES (OS 1958)

Laurence paid a visit to show us his picture of Tatty Davies and several other Old Stops dating back to around 1949. Tatty fought in the First World War and his wife was a teacher at SGS.

PETER BRIGGS WAGSTAFF (OS 1956)

Peter called in to SGS from South Africa to say hello in December. After leaving SGS, Peter completed a BTEC in Mechanical Engineering at Loughborough. Peter is a keen runner and has completed the South African Comrades Marathon fifteen times! Peter tells us he was given the middle name 'Briggs' after his relative Josiah Briggs who was involved in the design of Stockport Town Hall.



RICHARD HORROCKS (OS 2013)

Richard, who popped in to say hello in October, is currently training for his pilot's licence, which includes a trip to Arizona.

WILLIAM MILLER (OS 1989)

William is now working for General Electric and splits his time between the UK and the Middle East having previously been based in Italy for 15 years. He paid a visit to SGS in October to tell us how Chris Muscutt helped to develop his love for languages. After leaving SGS, William read Italian at university before taking a job in Florence.

HABIB ESFAHANIAN (OS 2003)

Habib made a return visit to offer support and guidance to current pupils and told them more about his role as Vice President in Bulk Commodities Trading in one of the leading US banks.

He spoke about the path he took after leaving school, telling pupils he studied at the London School of Economics before securing a job at Lehman Brothers. He was working there in 2008 when the company went into bankruptcy and subsequently moved to Geneva as an Oil Trader before he was offered a role back in London nearly six years ago.

Habib is now actively involved in Graduate development and said the main qualities he looks for in potential new employees are enthusiasm and passion for the role. He said there is a misconception that you need a degree from Oxford or Cambridge to be successful in this field and promoted the idea of having candidates from different backgrounds and disciplines.



GOING FOR GOLD

Old Stopfordians got the royal treatment when they collected their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at St James's Palace.

Former pupils Matthew Allison, Robert Clarke, Catriona Leggat, Vinayak Mandagere, James Ruddock, Jake Saunders, Elizabeth Worthington and Laura Wynne celebrated their achievement with HRH Prince Philip, the Award's patron, before actress Dame Helen Mirren presented them with their certificates.

During her speech, Dame Helen said: "What a fantastic room to celebrate this achievement and what an honour it is to share the celebration with you. You are the gold of our country. You've demonstrated discipline, consistency and concentration, you've faced untold challenges."

The Award requires participants to commit to activities to develop skills and physical challenges as well as carrying out volunteering that benefits their community. Stockport Grammar School is an independent operating authority for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award with 324 pupils currently enrolled across all levels.

All Old Stopfordians are invited to join us for the Stockport Grammar School summer reunion barbeque on Saturday 18th June from 12-3pm. The occasion will also celebrate the school's Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme.

OLD STOPS' EVENTS ROUND UP

REUNION 2015

Over 200 Old Stops and current and former staff attended the Retirements & Summer Reunion barbecue in June 2015.

The event marked a 10 year reunion for the Class of 2005 and an opportunity for guests to say goodbye to members of staff set to retire from Stockport Grammar School at the end of the school year, including; Classics teacher Mr Bird, Psychology teacher Mrs Braude, Chemistry technician Mrs Lowe, Head of Geography Mr Howarth, Assistant Head (admissions and operations) Mr Wallington, and our longest serving member of staff, Geography teacher Mr Martin.

The school was also approached by former Head Girl Lisa Bricknell nee Morris (OS 1992) to mark 30 years since the Class of 1992 joined Stockport Grammar Senior School.

The event welcomed Old Stops and former staff from all generations as far back as 1945. Many marked the occasion as an opportunity for individual year group reunions and as a chance to offer well wishes to retiring members of staff.



TIME TO REMEMBER

Pupils welcomed Old Stopfordians to the school's annual Remembrance Day Service followed by lunch in the Hallam Hall.

The Old Stops, who attended the school between 1941 and 1962, also received a talk from current

pupils who had recently visited the Somme Battlefields.

Former pupils travelled from far and wide – including France, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man – to attend the event.

CENTENARY CONCERT

St George's Church was the atmospheric location for an evening of choral and orchestral music beautifully performed by Senior School pupils of all ages in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the school's move to the Hallam site.

The concert, which was held in support of the church's organ fund, showcased a varied repertoire including performances of Albinoni's Oboe Concerto in D Minor with soloist Simon Fraser, who was recently selected for the National Youth Orchestra, and Fauré's Requiem with soloists James Holt and Emily Howling. There were also performances from the School's Chamber Choir, String Orchestra and Junior Chamber Choir.

LONDON BOUND

A group of 200 Old Stops are looking forward to joining SGS staff and the Head Girl and Boy for a tour of the Houses of Parliament, followed by a drinks reception on Thursday, 28th April. Thank you to Gordon Marsden (OS 1973), MP for Blackpool South, for his sponsorship of the occasion.

The hugely popular event is being held in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the school's re-foundation on the Hallam site in 1916.

FOUNDER'S DAY

The sun shone on St George's Church as Old Stops joined current pupils and staff to mark Founder's Day.

The service was led by former SGS chaplain and current Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent Matthew Parker.

THE SHAA SOCIETY LUNCH

Supporters of the school enjoyed a beautiful meal in the Hallam Hall on 10th March. Donors and legators are also invited to an exclusive evening reception and tour of the annual Art exhibitions.

For information on ways to support the Bursary Scheme and help children from all backgrounds attend SGS, please contact the External Relations department on 0161-419 2408.

OSA DINNER

Good food, quality conversation and treasured memories were the order of the day for 71 Old Stops attending the Founder's Day OSA Dinner in the Hallam Hall.

The annual event is organised by the OSA Committee and provides Old Stops with an excellent opportunity to catch up with their old friends.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to **Jenny Hunt nee Morgan (OS 2004)** who got married at Malmesbury Abbey in Wiltshire in May.

Congratulations to **Emma McKeand nee Pollitt (OS 2005)** and her new husband Christopher, who married in May. Emma works for Net-a-porter as a media production controller.



ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to Old Stop **Annabel Chapman (OS 2010)** and her fiancé Robert Stone (pictured) who got engaged in Paris on 30th October.

BIRTHS

Alison Newsome (OS 2003) and husband Lee welcomed baby Henry Oliver Newsome on 11th April.

Danielle Golding (OS 1999) married Jonathan Oliver in Dubai in 2012. The couple now run their own business – MENA Mortgages – and had their first child in October.

Congratulations to Old Stop **Stephen Lockwood (OS 1999)** who has welcomed his second daughter Sophie who was born on 25th February weighing 7.8lb.

OLD STOPS BECOME SGS STAFF

Welcome to new SGS staff **Lauren McAllister (OS 2006)** (Classics) and **Elizabeth Ripley (OS 2009)** (Junior School).

DEATHS

Alastair Clark CBE (OS 1967)
11th February 2015

David Whieldon (OS 1990)
1st March 2015

Donald Smith (OS 1952)

Mary Abraham (former member of staff to 1944) 10th May 2015

Brian Bouskill (OS 1947)
13th May 2015

Roy Clough (OS 1941)
17th May 2015

Alan Peter Smith
(former member of staff to 1987)
18th May 2015

Dr Eric Whittaker (OS 1936)
July 2015

Charles Speight
(OS 1944, Chairman of Governors from 1996-2003 and OSA President from 1988-89) 4th August 2015

Fred Berry (OS 1949)
5th September 2015

Nicholas Henshall
(OS 1964, former member of staff & former governor)
16th September 2015

Peter Massey (OS 1951)
16th September 2015

Geoffrey Mitchell (OS 1937)

Colin Dunkerley
(former member of staff to 1993)
19th October 2015

Dr John Lansbury (OS 1958)
22nd October 2015

Dr John Rimington (OS 1941)
20th December 2015

Mark Knowles (OS 1981)
1st December 2015

Trevor Bradshaw (OS 1959)
7th February 2016

Dr Peter Fogg (OS 1948)
13th February 2016

Vaughan Wilcock (OS 1967)
16th February 2016

ROY CLOUGH (OS 1941)

Roy Clough won a Scholarship to attend SGS in 1934, leaving in 1941 to start a course in Mechanical Engineering at the College of Technology in Manchester (now Manchester University). During the war he served in the Home Guard and in 1943 he was directed to join a team

at Rolls Royce in Barnoldswick to work on aero gas turbine development. After the war ended he returned to his studies, achieving a very commendable First Class Honours BSc. Roy spent 29 years working for the Department of Atomic Energy before retiring to the small seaside

village of Beer near Seaton in Devon. Roy left a substantial legacy to the school's Bursary Fund for which we are immensely grateful. His generosity will support a number of additional means-tested bursaries over the coming years.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BURSARY GOLF DAY

Thursday, 16th June

SGS will hold its annual Bursary Golf Day in association with Vernon Building Society at Stockport Golf Club, one of Cheshire's premier golf venues. This is an excellent opportunity for relaxed and informal networking with friends and contacts and to raise your company's profile within the school community.

The profit we raise on the day goes directly to the Stockport Grammar School Bursary Fund.

Not a golfer? You can still support the day by donating team or individual prizes, taking out an advert in the programme or joining us for dinner in the evening.

Visit the Alumni section of the SGS website for further information and to download a booking form.

TIME TO REUNITE

Saturday, 18th June

Fingers crossed for sunshine as Old Stops from all year groups are invited to make a return visit to SGS for the summer reunion barbeque. The event will mark 100 years since the move to the Hallam site, the success of Duke of Edinburgh Award at SGS and the retirements of teachers including Mrs Muscutt (languages and co-curricular) and Mrs Taylor (music). Special requests have been made for reunions of the following year groups – OS2006, OS2005, OS1996, OS1995, OS1986 and OS1973.

If you would be interested in taking part in an Old Stops' cricket match on the day, please email externalrelations@stockportgrammar.co.uk

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OLD STOPS' WASDALE REUNION WEEKEND

Ian Hall (OS 1983) and Chris Muscutt are organising a Wasdale Reunion on 8th - 10th July. All Old Stops are welcome to join in for a weekend of walking, families are welcome. There will be a barbeque at The Strands Hotel.

Ian has recommended The Strands Hotel, The Screes Inn or, of course, camping at the Church Stile campsite. Contact Ian on ian@cityandcheshire.com for more information.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Saturday, 10th September

The school will throw open its doors to anyone interested in learning more about the past as the centenary celebrations continue. The Heritage Open Day will feature activities for all ages as well as guided tours of the school.

OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Sunday, 11th September

The search is on for an Old Stops' Hockey Team to represent SGS in this year's AROPS Cup Hockey Tournament in Coventry.

To participate all players must be former pupils of Stockport Grammar School. The maximum squad size is 16, each team must provide an umpire and teams must be responsible for their own first aid. Entry fee is £30 and the event runs from 10.30am-4.30pm. Please register your interest by emailing externalrelations@stockportgrammar.co.uk.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are lots of ways you can keep in touch with old classmates and teachers as well as seeing what's going on at SGS now...

 On **Facebook** there is the *Old Stopfordians* page for memories and connecting with Old Stops and the *Stockport Grammar School* page for news about the school.

 Follow us on **Twitter** @stockportgs

 Search for the *Stockport Grammar School Alumni* group on **LinkedIn**

Email your news to **externalrelations@stockportgrammar.co.uk**

Call the External Relations department on **0161 419 2408**

We regularly help Old Stops to re-find old friends and we are always pleased to arrange visits for you to look around school or the archives.



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