Dear,

This issue is dedicated to obituaries and news of Remembrance Sunday. So far I have had one paragraph on Founder's Day.

Regards

Bridget Trueman
Chairperson OT 2011-14

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Friday 05 September 2014

Unfortunately as New College are not able to guarantee completion of the refurbishment of the dining hall in time for our booking; the celebratory dinner has, regrettfully, had to be postponed.

We will be back with further details on when we will be rearranging this in the near future.

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Remembrance Sunday in Thame

The sun shone on a crisp November morning. The road was closed by the police and as always townspeople turned out in force to remember those who died for our liberty in the 2 World Wars. Mark and Bridget Trueman represented the OTs, marching with the LWS staff representative and head boy and girl who laid the wreath at the memorial.
OBITUARIES

Ray Hawes

It is with great sadness to have to report the death of Ray Hawes, aged 75, on Sunday 3rd November after a long battle with cancer. He died peacefully at home in Mt Pleasant, Charleston, South Carolina, USA.

Ray was an outstanding local sportsman, one of the best of his generation. He was a very talented cricketer & golfer & also played table tennis & squash. Moreover, he was a charismatic, generous person, who touched many peoples' lives.

Ray was born in Aylesbury & spent his childhood & early married life in Long Crendon. He went to Lord Williams’ grammar school in Thame & left after 5th form to work with his father, Willis, at Crendon Concrete; then formed Hawes Farm Buildings. He moved to Grendon Underwood in 1980 and then to Devon for several years before moving to the USA. He first resided in New Hampshire before settling in Charleston, South Carolina, where he established his businesses.

On the cricket field Ray opened the batting firstly at Thame CC, where he set records of scoring 1,000 runs in consecutive seasons in the 1960's. He captained the club before moving to Aylesbury CC after which he then played county cricket for Bucks. He became the 1st Aylesbury batsman for 20yrs to score 1,000 runs and went on to captain the club for many seasons in 1970's. He also played for SOA (South Oxon Amateurs) and later for Devon over 50's. It is believed he achieved the remarkable feat of scoring 100 centuries over his career.

Ray was also a single figure handicap golfer. He was a member of Oxford City (Southfield) & Buckingham golf clubs. Ray was a founder member of Five Star Events, an Oxfordshire organisation running golf events for local charities, and was its President in 2009/10.

Whilst in the USA Ray went on to patent a number of inventions. In 2000 he set up Rapid Deployable Systems Inc. which marketed his structures, which enables bridges, such as the Bay bridge in San Francisco and the one in Detroit linking US & Canada, to be enclosed for repairs/maintenance. He then obtained the contracts for the
in Detroit linking US & Canada, to be enclosed for repairs/maintenance. He then obtained the contracts for the US Navy fleets in Norfolk, Virginia & Seattle to enclose their aircraft carriers. He was recognized by the US government for his innovative work which resulted in him having dual American/British citizenship. Most recently he invented the framework for a category 5 hurricane proof house, made from aluminium. The house is the first of its kind and is engineered to withstand winds up to 157mph and earthquakes up to 8 on Richter scale. These houses are built by one of his companies, Cat Five Houses of Charleston.

Ray is survived by his wife of 55yrs, Maureen (nee King) who was born in Thame, sisters Daphne, Margaret and Sylvia, his four children: Nina, Julia, Angela & Geoff, & 9 grandchildren.

Ray will be sorely missed. His funeral will take place on Thursday 14th November in Mt Pleasant. The family intend to hold a memorial service in England in due course.

Barry Yates

Dear Bridget,

A well known member of my form, Ray Hawes has died of cancer. He has lived in the USA for many years. He was an excellent cricketer, terrorising us with his fast bowling while at school. He made the 1st XI at a very young age. He later turned himself into a batsman and made 99 centuries before going to the USA. He nearly made his century of centuries with his last innings before going. He played county cricket for Oxfordshire, Devon and possibly Bucks.

Unfortunately I cannot get down to Founders Day this year. Could you please present my apologies at the AGM and pass on the news of Ray's death. I will let you know when an event in his memory is organised in the UK.

Kind regards

Cliff

Tony Savin

OT Tony Savin died on July 15th 2013. He had attended the School during the late 40s and early 50s where he was an outstanding sportsman on the rugby, athletic and cricket fields as well - as being Head Boy.

From the Oxford Mail:

The headmaster who ran Josca's independent preparatory school for more than three decades has died aged 81.

Tony Savin initially joined the school part-time to coach cricket while he was at university. When he finished his degree in 1957 he joined the Headington school as a full-time member of staff teaching Geography, French and Games. By 1963 he was headmaster and five years later faced his first challenge when the school was told it would have to leave its Latimer Road site as it was going to be sold. Once the parents had agreed Josca's should keep going, Mr Savin searched high and low for a new site, before coming across Frilford House in Frilford, near Abingdon. After borrowing £11,000 from family and friends he bought the house with two acres of land for £18,500. The school belonged to Mr Savin for a fortnight.
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During his tenure the school expanded both in size and in the number of pupils it taught. A new £7,000 multi-purpose hall was added in 1971 and opened by Sir Kenneth Weir, Rector of Exeter College, and more than 10 acres of land was bought next to its playing field in 1977. In 1997 it merged with independent Abingdon School to become Abingdon Preparatory School. Mr Savin retired in 1999.

Anthony Savin was born on April 25, 1932, in Blackheath, London. His parents then moved to Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, and he attended Lord Williams’s Grammar School in Thame before going to University College, Oxford, to study Geography.

It was during his time at Oxford that he became involved in Josca’s when he gave a lift to John Clotworthy, who already worked there and mentioned that the school was looking for a cricket coach. Mr Savin volunteered and this began his lengthy association with the school. In 1958 he married Gillian Blunt, who served as school secretary at Josca’s.

Mr Savin died on July 15 and is survived by his wife and his four children Linda, Elizabeth, Michael and Katherine, and nine grandchildren.

A private cremation service took place at Oxford Crematorium on July 23.

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Dr Michael James Vendy Bull

Dr Michael James Vendy Bull was born on 8th December, 1926 at Waterstock in Oxfordshire. The elder son of a yeoman farmer, he was educated at Lord Williams’ Grammar School, Thame, then at St. Edward’s School, Oxford.

In his teens, he was interested in the mechanisation of farm machinery, then mostly horse drawn. He designed and built a hydraulically operated front loader for the farm tractor which was used for many years. On leaving school, he read Natural Sciences (Hons) at University College, Oxford and completed his clinical training at the Radcliffe Infirmary, qualifying in December 1950.

After two junior house appointments at the Radcliffe, he did a three year short service commission in the Medical Branch of the RAF, serving at Fighter Command station at Tangmere in West Sussex. The large number of service families there was his introduction to general practice and on his release, he returned to Oxford to undertake a six month appointment in obstetrics at the Churchill Hospital. In 1956 he joined an old established practice in East Oxford becoming a full partner in 1958. With his family he lived in the practice house in Iffley Road for ten years until the practice was able to move to the newly built East Oxford Health Centre. He then built a new house for his family in Risinghurst, Headington.

His principal interest in practice was obstetrics and in 1965, he initiated the provision of the 12 bed Oxford GP Maternity Unit, staffed by GPs and community midwives, alongside the Maternity Department at the Churchill Hospital. In 1972 this unit became fully integrated into the new John Radcliffe Maternity Hospital and he supervised and audited it for another twenty years. He was appointed a Hospital Practitioner in Obstetrics during this time and submitted a number of papers and monographs on the subject.

In 1980 he was awarded the RCGP Butterworth Gold Medal for an essay entitled “The GP Accoucheur in the 1980’s” and during the same year he was elected a Fellow of the RCGP. During the 1980's he was the GP member on the Council at the Royal College of Obstetricians in London and was also a member of their examining body for the Diploma in Obstetrics.

In 1984 he exchanged practices for six months with a GP in Christchurch, New Zealand and made many valued friends and colleagues in that country. His other major interest in practice was minor surgery and in 1995, three years after his retirement, an illustrated handbook “Surgical Procedures in Primary Care” was published by the Oxford University Press.

He is survived by Ida, his wife for 61 years, two daughters, a son and nine grandchildren. A third daughter...
Tim Drake

Bridget,

You may remember Tim as he was in my year.

Received news that he died on 2nd October. Tim had been in a coma since he collapsed mid September due to heart disease but suffered irreparable brain damage as a result and never recovered.

Best wishes.
Graham Thomas

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Founder's Day - Saturday 09 November 2013

Sadly the rugby fixture between the OTs and the Old Pangbournians had to be cancelled at the last minute on Founder’s day. Additionally rain prevented play in the netball fixture. There will hopefully be fixtures played at another time in the year.

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What's on-line ...

There are a number of properties on-line that we encourage our members to view for further news, views, information and just for interest:

**Lord Williams's School web-site**

This not only has all the most up to date information about the School but also features the monthly School newsletter “Take Me Home”.

Also there are two static pages for the OTA and the John Hampden War Memorial Fund:

OTA Page on the Lord Williams's School site

JHWMSF Page on the Lord Williams's School site

**OTA Flickr Site**

We now have well over 3700 photos to view: a permanent and regularly updated repository of all things Lord Williams's School, OTA and ‘Thame - from the foundation of the School through to the present day. Maintained by the OTA

Please leave comments and, if you can identify people, please also record their names in the comment box as well.

**ALSO IF YOU HAVE MATERIAL THAT WE CAN ADD PLEASE SEND IT TO US AND WE WILL UPLOAD**
OTA web-site
This is still on-line, run by the OTA but has not been updated for a number of years. The format is now out-of-date for our needs hence the work to create a new style blog-format. However a lot of the content will be transferred over as we know people find it useful. Once the content has been transferred this will become a holding page. www.oldtamensians.co.uk

LinkedIn
Quite a few of the OTs, including several on the Committee, are members of this LinkedIn group and are 'chatting'.

Facebook
We now have a new Old Tamensians's Page that is run by the OTA but is an informal group and can be updated directly by OTs who have 'liked.'

The new URL is: www.facebook.com/OldTamensians

OT Twitter (Tamensian)
Run by the OTA but now regularly updated. Please join us in the Twittersphere!

YouTube
There is no dedicated channel although there are a couple of OT videos on YouTube including the ATV documentary Star from the late 1970s and Matron, a home video from the mid 60s. They can be easily searched.

OTA Rugby
David Ratcliffe set up set up an Old Tamensians rugby page on www.pitchero.com Here is a link directly to the OTs page.

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**Hits on the OTA Flickr Site reach an all time high!!**

**Do we have the biggest on-line archive?**

The OTA archive is certainly one of the biggest for a private body. Certainly the biggest for a school in the UK.

We now have over 3700 images online that cover, the School, the OTA and since acquiring Norman Lilley's own archive an expanded section on Thame.

And as we've grown, so have the number of visitors. The biggest number of views on a single day thus far is over 33,000.

The subject matter is diverse as you might expect: the earliest image is from the 14th century - a petition written to the King. We have plans to upload Lord Williams's will (it's not a straightforward task) and then we have images of people, events, artefacts, letters, albums, educational material, anything and everything that might be of interest. (And out stats show that the diversity of what is viewed is broader than one might expect.)

We have at least another 2000 or so images to upload. And we're always looking for
more. So please post or e-mail anything you have. Scan if possible; if not take a photo and send it through. The archive is becoming an international research source and hence has great interest beyond just OTs or people connected with Thame.

And please make comments in the Comment Box under every image; identify people if you can. The greater the interaction, the better the archive.

www.flickr.com/photos/oldtamensians/

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Email us at: secretary@oldtamensians.info

LETTERS

Founder's Day

Bridget,

It was good to meet you, and thanks for all the hard work you have done so consistently for so long.

I was a bit disappointed to see the sparse turnout (the first time I ever managed to be in UK for the occasion) especially from the younger ones, but I guess that is just the times we live in.

Anyway. Thanks again and perhaps next year!

Regards

John

Class of 1947 Reunion

Hi Bridget

The annual get together of the “Class of ‘47” was held once again at the Harvester at Wheatley on 18th September.

We had, once again, an enjoyable lunch and a good turnout of Ten members. Not bad after 66 Years!

Brian Wallis (1947-1952)

Lord Williams’s School Prayer Group

We warmly welcome you to join us to pray for the life of the School and into some of the issues that affect us and our young people, as we journey together through these challenging years!
We'll be meeting once a term, on Wednesdays in Meeting Room 1 at Upper School, from 6.45-7.45pm.

If you'd like to be kept informed of when the meetings will take place or have any particular prayer requests, or comments please contact us at: jo@simonwhitfield.plus.com

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Old Tamensians' Association - Keeping you in touch with Lord Williams's School

Have you some news to tell us? The email Bridget at: ota@waitrose.com

Would you like to update your details? Then send these to: members@tamensians.info

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