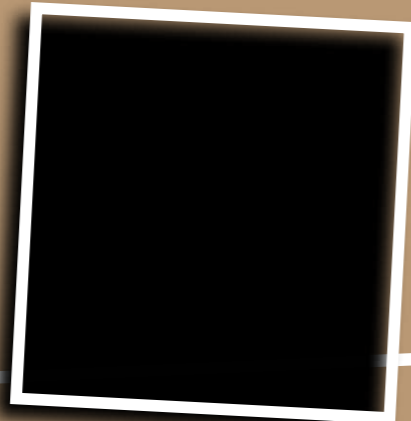

Nostalgia often seems to be the exclusive preserve of older people. As if the past must be long passed before it can be fondly rekindled. Certainly at Bromsgrove, reunions of those now in their later years are always nostalgic occasions. Smiles crease and eyes grow misty, as distant decades are unearthed. Those who knew the School under Headmaster Walters, who can conjure up stories of making-do at Llanwrtyd Wells, who grimace as they recall ice growing inside the 18-bedder. Nostalgia, from the Greek, is a compound of “homecoming” and “ache”. If our reunions tell us anything, they tell us that the School was a very different place in the 1940s and 1950s.

Yet equal emotion flowed at the recent reunion of 1970s Old Bromsgrovians. Far from elderly, those men and the first women ever to attend the School, were just as nostalgic. Somewhat envious of the focus, facilities, and food that today’s pupils enjoy perhaps. Nevertheless, they wore their tales of gruelling sports practices and demanding academic schedules as badges of honour. So they should, for



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Hairspray was the school's major production of the year. For



Guy Shirra (1960-1965) was recently invited to speak at the Hong Kong Club on the topic of 'Policing 20th Century Hong Kong'. Guy arrived in Hong Kong in 1967 as a Probationary Inspector. He served in CID, Tsim Sha Tsui and the Emergency Unit, Kowloon West and Kowloon City. He took early retirement in the rank of Superintendent in 1997.

Iskra Lawrence (2004-2009) was named by the BBC as one of their '100 Women of 2016'. In addition, Iskra was awarded the title of #GreatGirlLeaders by the World Girl Guides - one of only six women chosen worldwide.

Credit: Ashley Jo Photography New York

Most recently, Iskra was invited by L'Oréal to walk in their first show for Paris Fashion Week. The whole Champs-Élysées was closed off for the walk, which included celebrities such as Jane Fonda and Helen Mirren. Vogue magazine covered the event.

Credit: L'Oréal

It has been an incredibly busy day by.royy.royy.royy04 h included cela51.(an)]TJ s8]TJ700200550052004BE00200560044904A0051E

Of his visit, Richard says "In lots of ways it feels like Bromsgrove UK but in a warmer climate (35 degrees when I was there) with Houses called Walters, Taylor and Edwards. Students undertake the Bromsgrove Badge and there is a "Bromsgrove's Got Talent" competition. The uniforms are similar in colour with Bromsgrove printed in red on the backs of the shirts or blouses."

Colin Jones (1969-1972) recently reconnected with us after being out of touch for some time. He says that most people would know him by his

BIST has been shortlisted for an academic award under the British International School Awards 2017 with the winner's ceremony being held in London in January 2018. The Headmaster, Dr Dan Moore will be present and also visiting Bromsgrove UK during that month.

Chris Thomas (1981-1986) adjudicated the resurrected House Drama competition in December 2016. Chris was a leading light of the Bromsgrove drama scene in the 1980s, playing leading roles for most of his time in the Senior School. Perhaps the highlight was co-writing the rock opera, Pilgrims Progress, which was performed by the School in Routh Hall and later in Worcester Cathedral.

After Bromsgrove, Chris studied English and Drama at the University of London and The Central School of Speech and Drama. After several years working in advertising and on the London fringe theatre scene, he completed a PGCE in Drama and English at Cambridge University.

During an Upper Sixth field trip to Birmingham, pupils met Tim Webb (1998-2001). He gave the group an impromptu discussion about his company and what they make, including bridges and radiation shields.

Thank you to Dr Stanford Wong (2001-2006) for visiting the MedVet Society and giving pupils tips on their medical applications.

Viet Duong, Greg Kozhinov, Stefan Shakhazizyan, Leo Hu and Arsen Melikyan visited their former Housemaster, Mr Bell and Housemother, Jean Batchelor in Wendron-Gordon. They are all now living in London and in their last year of university.

Peter Lee-Smith (Prep Headmaster 2001-2009) recently emailed us this photograph of former Bromsgrove Preparatory School staff.

Left to right are Chris and Mary Harris, Peter and Sue Lee-Smith, Colin and Sue Pickering and Steve and Margaret Purdy, sunning themselves after tea at Saltmarshe Hall, East Riding, Yorkshire.

It is lovely to hear from our former colleagues - do let us know if you have any news you'd like to share on this page for the next edition of the alumni magazine.

The Eleventh of November is always a poignant time in Llanwrtyd Wells as it holds great significance to Bromsgrove and for those who were evacuated there when the Government requisitioned our School buildings for the War effort. Many former pupils and members of staff were killed during World War Two, and their names, along with those from the town, are commemorated at the War Memorial. Each year, representatives pay their respects and a wreath is laid on behalf of Bromsgrove School.

Christopher Price (School 1939-1944), along with Megan Griffiths and Nikki Thorpe from the School's Alumni Office, were in attendance to represent the School this year.

The millennials are a socially conscious and politically active generation. We get infuriated by the state of the country, we are champions of social justice, we go on streets to protest and some of us even aspire to devote our career to make the world a better place. Yet, how much do we actually understand of the problems that we're trying to solve, or the people that we're trying to help? Ever since I was a kid, I've wanted to "make a difference" in the world - but what difference exactly? It wasn't clear to me until I came to college (Northeastern University in Boston, USA). My passions are in international development and public policy. It wasn't until this summer that I realised the power of proximity.

Bryan Stevenson is a lawyer, a social justice champion and is often described as the living Martin Luther King Jr. He created the Equal Justice Initiative that is dedicated to ending mass incarceration in the United States and challenging racial and economic injustice. When he delivered a speech to Northeastern freshmen at the beginning of this semester, he mentioned four key points on how to "change the world," the first and most important being getting proximate to the problem that you're trying to solve. It struck a chord with me because, while there is a plethora of Westerners going to poor communities and trying to help, few of them truly understanding what the communities need.

This summer, I had the privilege of going to Cape Town, South Africa to study social entrepreneurship with my fellow classmates from Northeastern. It was an opportunity to be confronted with my own privileges, biases and ignorance. Before the trip, the only preconceived notion I had was that South Africa would be somewhere in between Sub-Saharan Africa and the West in terms of economic development and culture. Little did I expect the sheer level of inequality and legacies of the apartheid era. I took the opportunity to be fully immersed in the culture, the people and their daily lives. My most memorable moment was when I was playing the violin for a classroom packed with children, their eyes all lit up and some of them even moved with the music.

I spent a week volunteering at that

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Old Bromsgrovians who left the School between 1970 and 1979 returned to Bromsgrove on Saturday, 9th September 2017 for a Reunion.

The day began with a welcoming service in the Memorial Chapel with a special Anthem by the Chapel Choir, memories recounted by the current Heads of School and a reading from the Deputy Head (Pastoral), Mr Al McClure. Pupil guides then escorted the OBs on a tour of the School and Old Chapel. Lunch followed in the hospitality suite and later in the afternoon, OBs were invited to record memories of their school days on camera.

Richard Pyatt, Donald Miller, Simon Brown, Matthew Taylor, Mark Perrins, Penny Ribbeck, Clem Schilizzi, Nikki Thorpe, John Butler, Michael Woodall

John Gunton, Jess Lomas, Peter West, Julian Jenkins, Bill Jordan, Fraser Gates, Robert Parry, Simon Reid, Megan Griffiths

Tony Finn, John Palmer, Nick Daniel, Michael Amos, Stewart Towe CBE, Sarndra Leversha-Clague, Peter Clague, Ian Walker

Celia Skitt (formerly Gibbin) and Sarah Edwards (née Gibbin, Lupton 1975-1979)

Robert Lennox, Mark Adams, Felicity Melley (nee Dow), Edward Allen, Michael Brooks, Kim Wells, Joyce Egremont, Charles Faulds, Barry Gibbs

OBs taking a tour of the School with pupils

Jonathan Phillips, Jennifer Phillips, Sarah Edwards (née Gibbin), Celia Skitt (formerly Gibbin), Al McClure, David Hope, Nick Sanders, Philip Schofield

Jonathan Phillips and Philip Schofield



The School was delighted to welcome back many former members of the Common Room for a reunion with colleagues and friends, as well as some current members of staff who were at Bromsgrove before the year 2000.

We hope that the reunion will become an annual event and look forward to welcoming back many more staff members in future years.

Our next teaching staff reunion takes place on Saturday, 12th May 2018 for all those who were teaching at Bromsgrove pre-2005. Please make a note in your diary now, and look out for your invitation in the New Year.

Al McClure, Richard Barr, Pauline Kenward, Ann Charlish (née Shipman) and Amanda Bradshaw (née Parr)

Venetia Cosier and Elizabeth Pittaway with one of the maroon books

Liz Langlands, Steve Kingston and Venetia Cosier

John Gunton and Catherine Maund

George Carey and Wendy Carey

Bob Newton with current pupils



Todd Sundaravej (Elmshurst, 1972-1977), a former academic staff member of Bromsgrove International School Thailand (BIST), organised a reunion with pupils and staff members including Bromsgrove UK's Steve Challoner (a previous Headmaster of BIST).

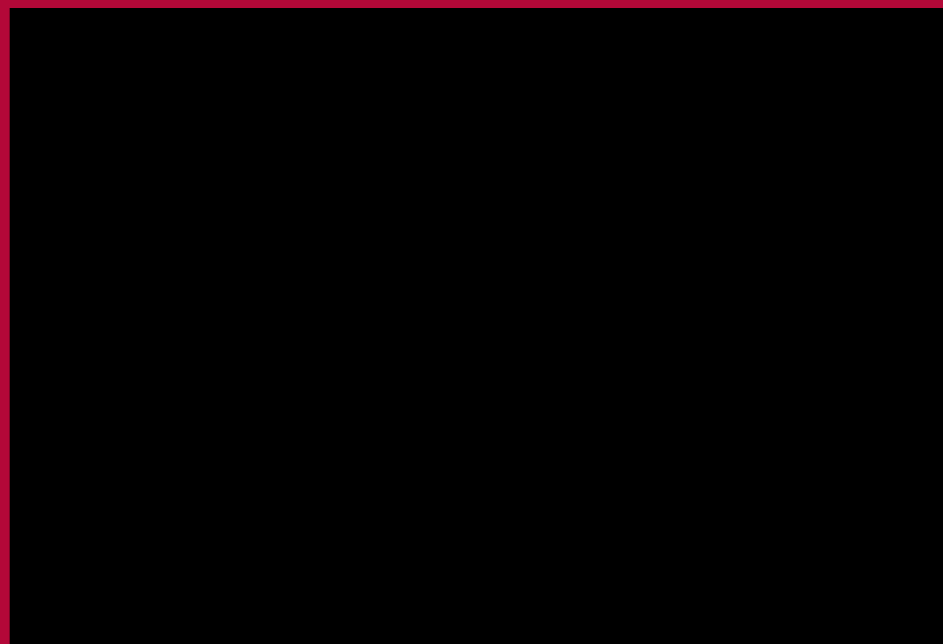


For the Old Bromsgrovian Expedition Club's 40th anniversary dinner, Old Bromsgrovians, friends, guests and partners gathered in the Tyn Y Coed Hotel in Capel Curig, Wales. It was an excellent evening with speeches about the mountains and OBEC, and perhaps most importantly the fellowship they get from meeting up twice a year in the hills of Snowdonia.

Despite the best efforts of Storm Brian, the majority of the Club's members enjoyed the local surroundings. The hardy attempted, but failed, to reach some low lying summits and others (the sensible ones!) took a low level walk to Betws-y-Coed down the valley.

This year the age range went from teenagers to somewhere north of 80. Names that you might recognise from across the generations include John Gunton, Simon Hill, Michael Woodall, Terry Reis, Neil Gibbs, Craig Hudson, Phil Gibbs, Mark Gunton, Andrew and Catherine Maund, Tony Blacker, Duncan Harper, Chris Bywater, Phil Blacker, Andrew Plewes, Tom Thompson, Chris Parker, Jamie Veitch and Jon Badger.

OBEC welcomes new members (come once and you're a member for life!) to join them in the hills. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Jon Badger (Walters 1985-1990) at jonathabadger@outlook.com



The Old Bromsgrovian Lodge celebrated their 300th anniversary with a special ceremony and dinner at the School.

In attendance were Lodge members and their wives/guests, and Old Bromsgrovian Fran Kingston (Thomas Cookes, 2002-2013) provided some pre-dinner entertainment. The Headmaster, Mr Clague, was guest of honour.



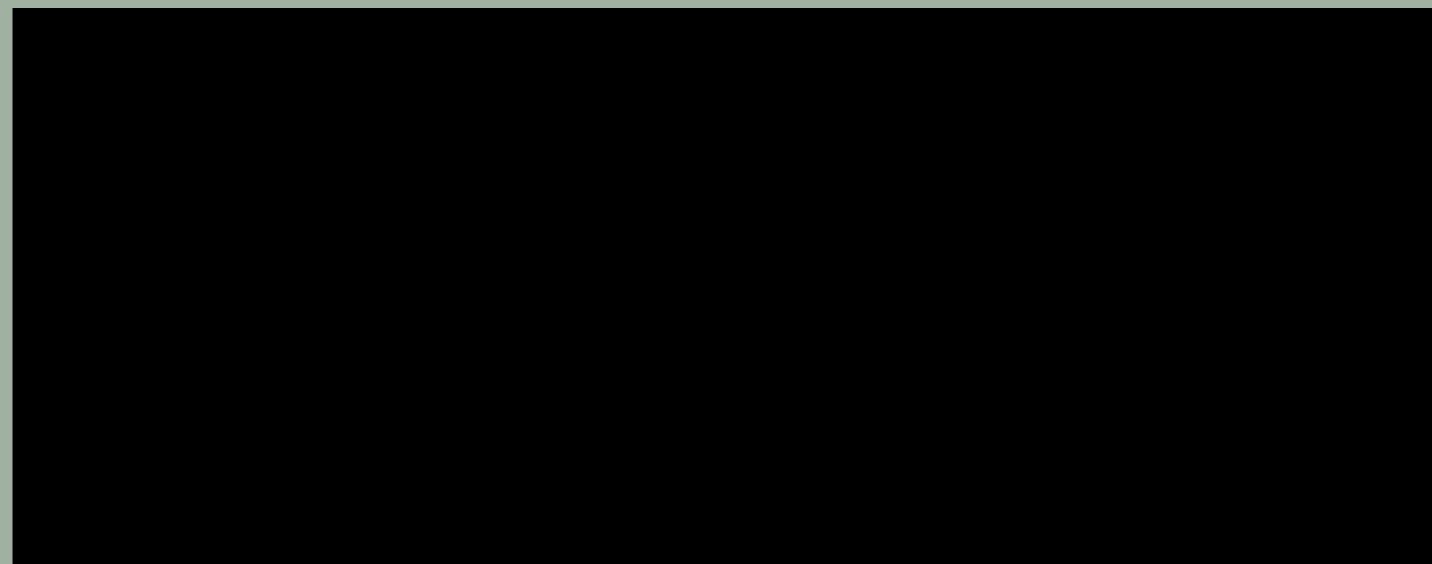
The School, in conjunction with the Alumni Committee, have launched a new online shop for Old Bromsgrovians. You can now purchase your OB tie, lapel pin, umbrella and much more online via the School website at www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/categories.aspx

You can also still call the shop to purchase your items - their telephone Sr.373eM-8(w) o



We offer a warm welcome to Jess Lomas (née Williams, Hazeldene, 1992-2000) who has joined us as Alumni and Events Assistant. As well as being an Old Bromsgrovian, Jess has worked at the School for a number of years, firstly in the Sports Centre and latterly as Art Technician. She joins us to assist with the work of the Alumni Office and to help with School and external events.

You can continue to contact Jess and Megan in the Alumni Office on the usual email account - oldbromsgrovians@bromsgrove-school.co.uk, by post to the School address or by telephoning 01527 579679 ext 357/366.



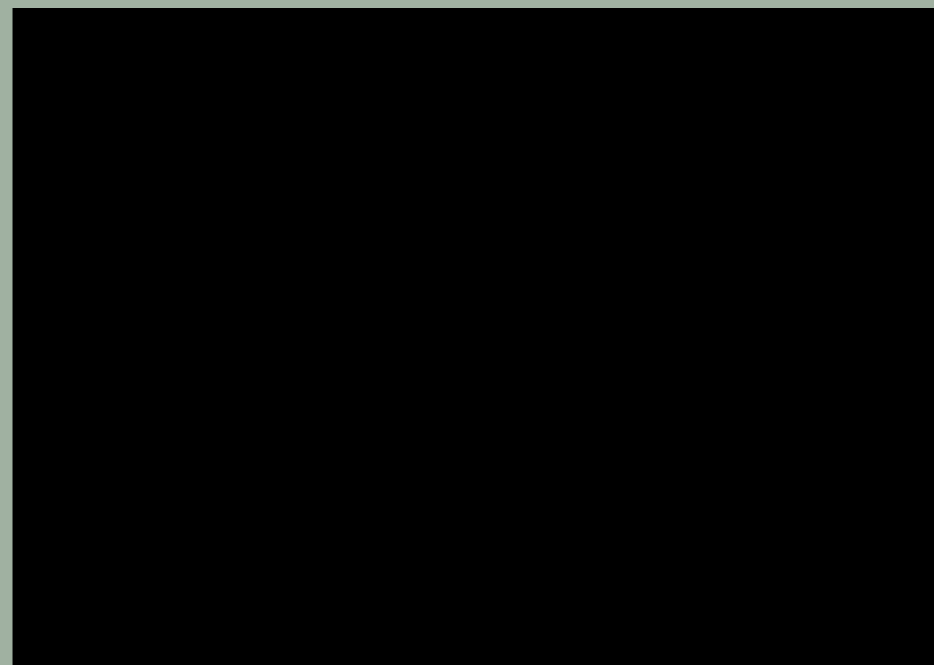
The interior of the Routh Concert Hall with tiered seating and an extended stage area

We are pleased to bring you a sneak peek inside the new Routh Concert Hall and the Cobham Theatre (on the Prep School site).

We look forward to using these fantastic facilities for our upcoming music and drama productions.

If you would like a tour around the new buildings, please contact the Alumni Office - email oldbromsgrovians@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or telephone 01527 579679 ext 357/366.

Do you have any stories about performances in Routh Hall from your school days, as well as any photographs you would like to share with us? Please contact the Archivist, Nikki Thorpe - nthorpe@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or telephone 01527 579679 ext 365.



The interior of the new Cobham Theatre at the Preparatory School

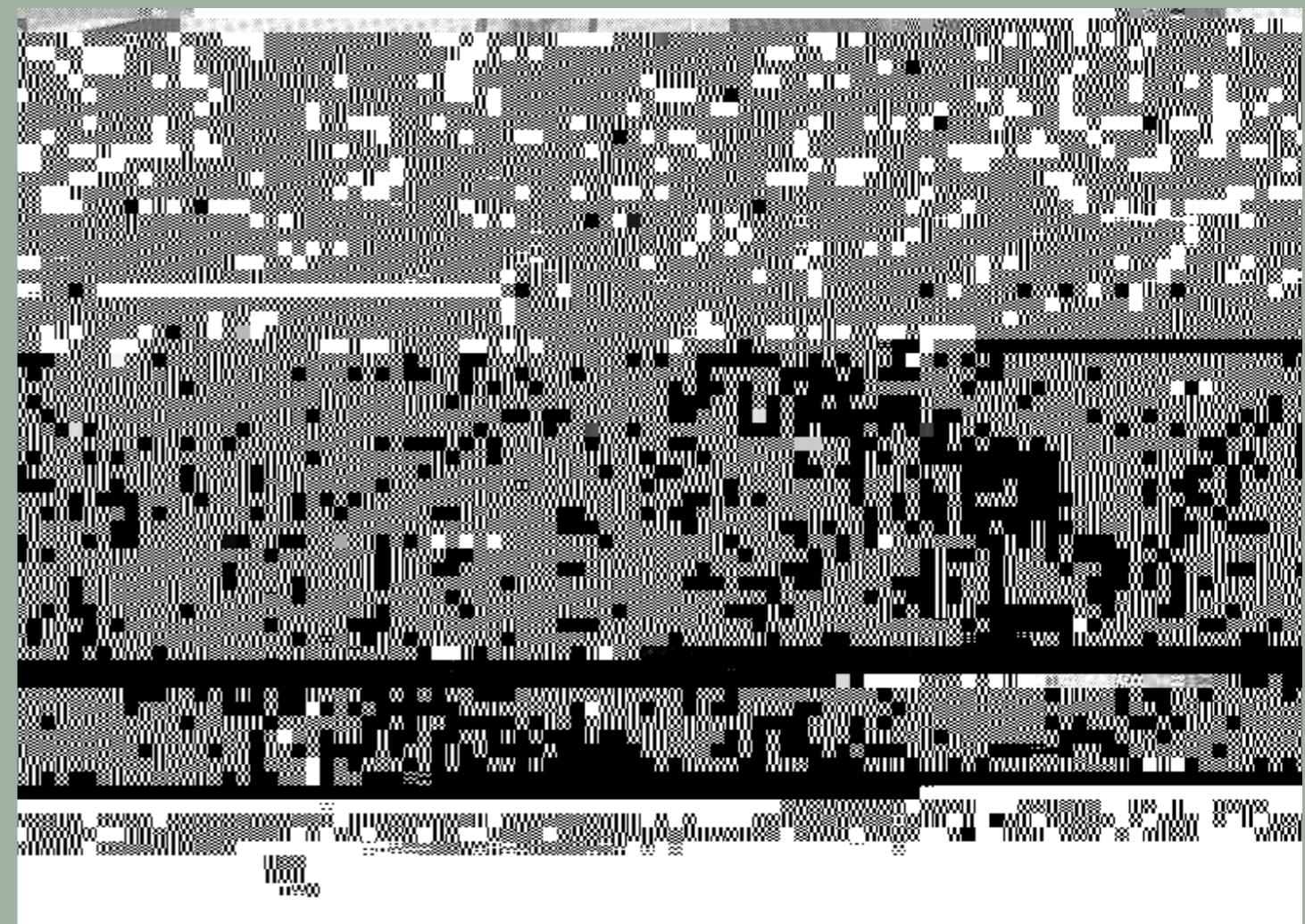


It is hard to believe that I have only been in post for two years as School Archivist at Bromsgrove School! In some ways I feel like I've been here forever with enquiries throwing up familiar names and places and taking me back to the same records to delve further and discover anew. Some days, surrounded by unsurveyed boxes and piles of documents and photos still waiting to be repackaged and listed, I feel like I've only just started!

This gives a clue to the fact that archive work does not radically alter from year to year. The key tasks of preserving and making accessible what we have, collecting and seeking what is missing are the bedrock for the exciting stories, exhibitions, alumni displays, museum loans and school workshops.

This year we have uncovered, had donated and acquired a wealth of exciting archives relating to the history and heritage of Bromsgrove School.

An enquiry I had from a researcher about



Ian Mellor (School 1962-1968), William Kay (Cokes 1965-1970), Rodney Hare (School 1964-1969) and Trevor Snape (Gordon 1965-1970) celebrating their 1967 win in the BBC Sporting Chance Competition

Richard Brookes (Lupton 1961-1965) recently sent us this programme from Wendron House, Christmas 1927 - exactly 90 years ago.

Do you know who designed the elaborate cover?

If have anything you'd like to share with us for the next edition of the Alumni magazine, please email us at oldbromsgrovians@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or write to us at the School address (details on the back).

An extract from the Bromsgrovian 1968 about the BBC Sporting Chance Competition in 1967:

One day during last Autumn the Headmaster was asked by the BBC if the School could take part in their radio Sporting Chance Competition. Mr Cox was asked to take charge and he soon

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And after Bromsgrove?

I went to York to study Politics. I ended up sharing a room, washed my roommates contacts down the sink on the first morning and found that I was not ready for University. I needed some time out, and my former Headmaster, Nick Earle was very kind to me, advising me to start again. I had a year off and went up to Durham the following year to study Theology, I had a great time there.

How did that shape your future career?

At Durham I spent most of my time





Sir Paul Judge was born in South London in 1949. Ever the entrepreneur, he made money by selling programmes at Blackheath rugby club on Saturday afternoons.

Sir Paul was rated one of the "Top 40 under 40" by Business Insider Magazine in 1986, by which time he had already successfully led a management buyout of Cadbury Typhoo the previous year. By May 1986, Premier Brands was formed and when he sold the company in 1990, it was worth £310 million. Just a couple of years later, he was appointed director general by Norman Fowler, chairman of the Conservative Party.

More recently, Sir Paul was a founder of the Guild of Entrepreneurs, an organisation formed just three years ago.

Sir Paul was a very good strategic thinker, who made a positive and valuable contribution to Bromsgrove during his time as one of our Governors.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara and his two sons from a previous marriage.





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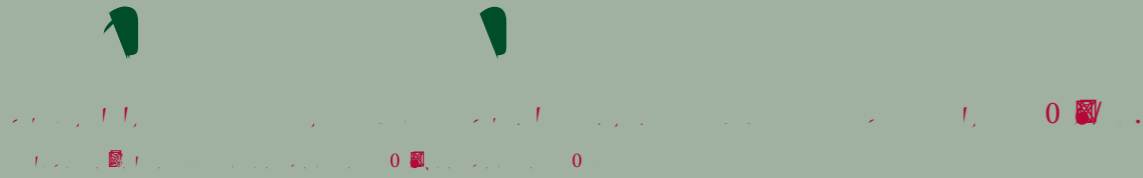
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The Sir Thomas Cookes Legacy Society acknowledges and thanks all those who have made a gift in their wills to Bromsgrove. Members are invited to an annual lunch and a new legacy board listing those who have made bequests over the years will be erected around the School.

If anyone is interested in making a gift in their will to Bromsgrove, please



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