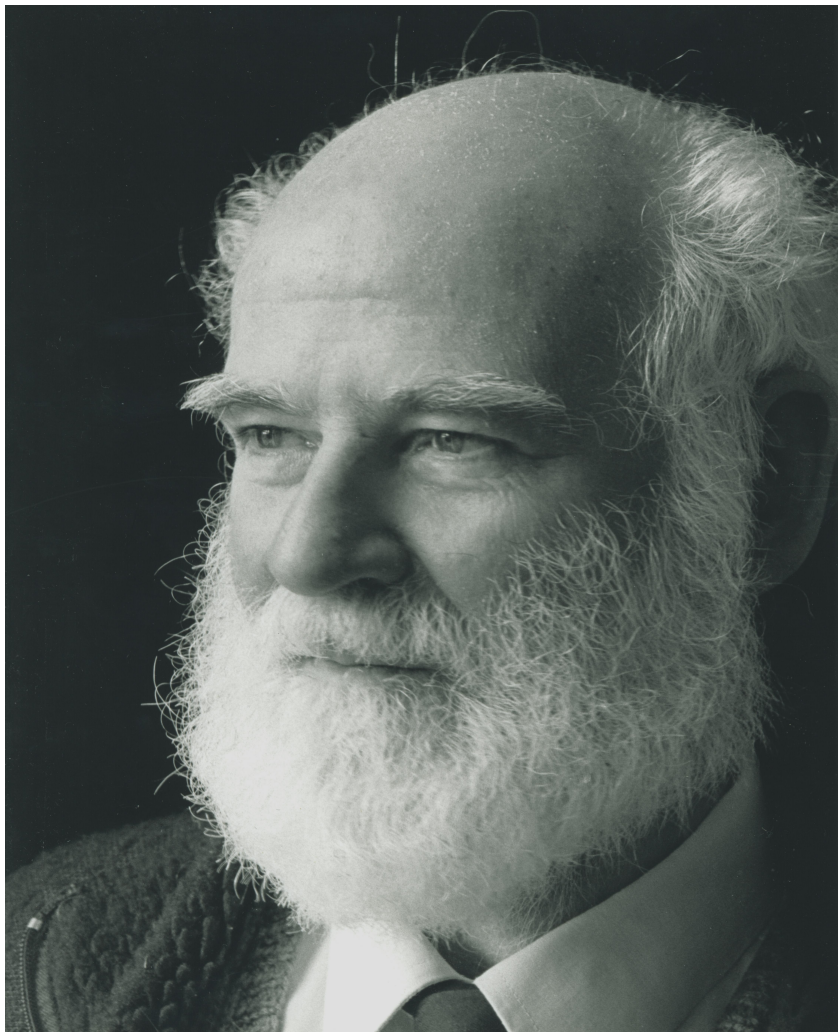


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Bruce Bilby, who has died aged 91

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ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Pharosians' Association will be held on Saturday 27 September, at the Dover Grammar School for Boys, commencing at 11 a.m. (Tea and Coffee will be available from 10.30 a.m.)

Agenda

To read the notice convening the meeting

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the previous AGM

Matters arising

Treasurer's Report

Election of Officers and Committee

President (S Yarrow)

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Membership Secretary (P Skelton)

Newsletter Editors (G Tutthill and I Wilson)

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Auditor (N Beverton)

Committee Members (retiring member Rev. John Philpott)

Any Other Business

Philip Harding (Hon Secretary)

DINNER

A booking form for the dinner is included with this edition of the newsletter.

FOOTBALL MATCH

This year's football match is scheduled to take place on Saturday 5 September (NOT the annual meeting and dinner day) at 2.30 p.m. as part of the Pharos Beer Festival (more details later in the newsletter). The match is being organised, as usual, by Mick Palmer. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to play. Call him on 01304 825472.

CRICKET MATCH 2014

The match is taking place on Friday 27 June with a 3.30 p.m. start.

LONDON REUNION

The first Wednesday evening in June saw a small group of largely 'retired' members enjoying the first such reunion since 2008 at The George on the Strand. We much appreciated Ian Donald, Chair of the School Governors, making the trek from Dover to inform us about everything from the appointment of the new Head Teacher to the forthcoming sponsored beer festival. Indeed, the consumption of food and drink took a clear second place to being updated about the school, to renewing acquaintances, and to sharing news about absentees, so that £50 was retained for association funds. (Ian thanks the organisers for their invitation, and for the hospitality).

Several members sent apologies, but those able to join us were Richard Booth, Tony Bradley, John Cox, Ian Donald, Ian Fenwick, Mike Graham, Jack Hogbin, Wally Johnson, Kenneth Lott, John Maslen, Brian Moore, Alwyn Seeds and Geoffrey Stiles.

John Booth and Denis Doble

ARCHIVIST'S CORNER

Greetings.

It may be recalled that I donated some archive material to The University of Brighton "Screen Archive South East" (SASE) which is based in Chichester (on 28 September 2011). It is from their resources that the material for TV programmes such as "The Reel History of Britain" are obtained. A set of 25 reels of 8 and 16mm films, some only lasting minutes, have been deposited with the hope that digital versions will be produced that can then be lodged in our archives. The films, mainly the products of the School Cine Club, cover the period from the 1930s to the 1960s. The latest SASE prediction is that it

will be about 10 months before a selection of the films will be processed and DVDs sent to us. The reason for the long time-scale is lack of resources and manpower.

Some time ago Stuart Disbrey (1981-88) sent me information regarding a contemporary of his, Jeremy Peter Hermer (1980-85). A Major in the Royal Marines, "Jez" was featured on a broadcast of the ITV television documentary series 'Monkey Business'. Jez was also interviewed for the BBC TV News about his official role in Sierra Leone some 14 years ago. Stuart wrote that many Old Pharosians and School Staff will remember Jez as a keen sportsman and member of the RAF section of the CCF. Whether such old television broadcasts are archived and accessible I do not know.

Going further into the past, Tony Bradley (1945-52) has added to Bill Collard's (1941-47) recollections (Newsletter June 2003), of the return to Astor Avenue from Ebbw Vale. Tony joined the school in Dover at the beginning of the summer term after the 1945 Easter holiday. For a few weeks those in form II (with form master J Slater, 1915-53), had to go to the School of Art. This, together the Technical School at the back of the Town Hall and Hillesden House (off Maison Dieu Road), were the three premises used from January 1945. After some four or five weeks at most, possibly after half-term, all the classes moved up to Astor Avenue. The school kitchens opened immediately and school lunches in the dining hall were infinitely preferable to the dreary fare served up in St Mary's Church Hall, which was functioning as a civic restaurant.

After a day or two at most, during which the boys helped to clear away rubbish that had accumulated through the occupation (or had simply been left in the school when it was evacuated to Ebbw Vale five years before), normal class work was resumed with remarkably little interruption.

Another memory of the return is the immediate resumption of school assemblies in the Great Hall - with the head prefect Martin Watts (1935-45) reading the lesson and overseeing the orderly departure of the school back to their classes. Martin left the School at the end of the summer term (July 1945). Tony next saw him again in June 2002 at the Old Pharosians' London Reunion. It was in September 1945 that there was a new intake of boys into the school resulting from the annual 11+ examination. But 'serious schooling' had started long before this. Tony's memory of the summer term 1945 is that their education had never been interrupted.

Before his death, some two years ago, John White (1933-38), recorded his school days and wartime experiences. On every Remembrance Day the

names of those who were killed in the Great War were read out at the morning assembly in the Great Hall. Then Forty Years On was sung, to be followed by the Cadet Corps buglers sounding Last Post from the parapet outside the hall.

Like many of us, John enjoyed camping at the Warren with his school chums. On leaving school John joined the research arm of the Telephone Manufacturing Company at Orpington. In 1941 he moved to the BBC wartime station "Hogsnorton" at Evesham where he worked on the "cutting edge" recording technology of the day. In 1942 John joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as a radio mechanic. His war appears to have been spent in North Africa and Italy to return safely home after the war ended.

The Newsletter of January 2013 recorded the sad loss of Bill Blackman (1931-39). Over the years various matters relating to the Lucas-Tooth shield, displayed in the Great Hall, have been reported. Some years ago Bill was kind enough to donate his 1934 Lucas-Tooth medal, complete with ribbon, to the archives. The medals were awarded for "Army Cadet Efficiency".

Following enquiries on the matter, Mrs Ann Horne, wife of teacher Nigel Horne (1953-87), has kindly offered the forename of teacher Mr Connelly (1950-51) as Lionel. The then Miss Peck (1948-60) was one of the School Secretaries at the time the Swedish gentleman from Uppsala was teaching at the School for a year.

Following the sad news of the death of David Miskin (1945-50), in the July 2013 Newsletter, Brian Moore (1945-51) wrote: "I was sorry to read that David Miskin has died in Australia. We didn't keep in touch after leaving school, but used to cycle a lot together and once camped in Nonington, where he used to be persuaded to pump the organ for me.

"For interest I attach a photo, (taken 1948/9?) with me on the left, brother and sister in front, mother and father, David on the right next to Steve Tucker, who was at that time verger at Nonington Church. All a long time ago!" A copy of the photograph was emailed to David's daughter-in-law Tina who responded: "Thanks so much for sending this – a great blast from the past. It was very thoughtful of Brian to take the time to write and send the photo, and very thoughtful of you to forward it on."

As previously mentioned, we have a copy of the Picture Post Special issue in the archives which records the sinking of the German "pocket" battleship Graf Spee (Sea-Raider). Does anyone know of any connections between this significant event and OPs?

ITEMS FOR SALE

Please note that the costs quoted for the items below are all minimums and any extra money would be welcomed by the School. Postage costs apply to UK addresses only, other areas will have to be dealt with separately with the School.

The excellent response to the goodies on offer continues and the purchasing arrangements for all items are the same: sending a cheque for the appropriate amount (perhaps plus a little), payable to "DGSB", to the Dover Grammar School for Boys, Astor Avenue, Dover, CT17 0DQ.

As previously reported, Old Pharosians can no longer buy a 1905-2005 centenary tie from the School. However, an OP maroon tie can be obtained by sending a cheque for £7, payable to "DGSB", to the School. This includes the cost of package & posting.

The DVD *Prize Giving One* is offered at a cost of £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12). The DVD is based on a DVD created by Mrs Dorothy Mannall and covers some School activities during the time her son David (1991-98) was at the School. These include a Carol Service of 1993, Junior Prize Giving in 1992 and 1993, Middle School Prize Giving in 1995 and 1996.

The hardback *Fifty Years On 1931-1981* history of the School have all been sold but a CD computer version can be bought. The cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

There are still plenty of copies of the booklet *The Dover County School 1905 to 1931* at a cost of £4 including p&p.

There are still a few tape video versions of *The School on the Hill* film, made in 1965, available from the School at the cost of £12 including p&p. A digital version of *The School on the Hill* is also offered on DVD at the same cost. My attempts to produce a "running sheet" of the film have made some small progress identifying the stars featured but there are still many people to be named and a few "double namings" that need to be resolved even if only by a majority vote. Any help with the naming of people would be greatly appreciated.

The *Film Clips One* DVD, featuring films made by the School Cine Club during the 1960s, is still available at the cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

The *Film Clips Two* DVD features three monochrome 8mm silent films created by teacher Archibald Coulson (1928-71). These include the Silver Jubilee of George V (6 May 1935), the School Cadet Corps camp at Sandwich in August 1935 and another Sandwich camp, possibly in 1938. In addition there are two more School films from the 1960s. The cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

Outline running-sheets have been produced for the *Film Clips* DVDs and, as for *The School on the Hill* film, the identity of the participants in the films would be greatly appreciated by your archivist.

The *Bolton Cartoons* of twelve teachers referred to in the July 2013 issue can be obtained in two forms, hardcopy or digital format. The first hard-copy option is a set of twelve A4 sheets with the two versions (both datted and cleaned-up), for each teacher on a sheet, at £15 plus £2 p&p (£17); or twenty four A4 sheets with each of the images on its own sheet, costing £20 plus £3 p&p (£23). Alternatively, the images can be emailed to you at a cost of £12. There are only limited numbers of the hardcopy versions available.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The following requests for information are still active.

Mike Sharp (1950-55) wants to contact Derek Burns (1950-55), any information would be welcomed.

Brian (Bunger) Coatsworth (1948-53) would like to hear news of Ronald Obree (1948-55) of first team rugby and cricket fame, and Roger Carless of the 1953 rugby 1st XV team.

Albert (Bert) Wall (1948-1953), is pleased to hear from people on 01304 822329.

Sidney Willcocks (1955-62) seeks news about Michael Dodfield. They were contemporaries at Aylesham Junior School where Sidney's father was Head Teacher.

FAREWELL

As some of you will be aware, this is my last Archivist's Corner. After 30 years working on the School archives it is time for me to sort out my own family archives. It has been a great pleasure working on the OPA archives with colleagues and there has been a degree of satisfaction when enquiries relating to OPs may have been answered, at least to some extent. My

successor is faced with a challenge, not only with the organising of the physical archive material but also the archiving of the items onto the computer database. Inevitably the archiving that has been done will contain errors – typos and mis-attributions, for example. All I can do is apologise. As “Archivist Ephemitus” I will help my successor as much as I am able – as a start I am trying to tidy up the computer database and also attempting to write helpful “readme” files to explain things.

The basic structure of the computer MS/ACCESS database is an ITEM table, a LINK table and a NAMES table. So that for any ITEM the LINK table identifies the people associated with it. As a complement, for any NAME the LINK table lists the ITEMS associated with the person. The approximate number of items etc is given below (with far more to be added).

Tables	ITEM	LINK	NAMES
Numbers	2,000	10,000	5,000

It will be a big step forward when the School-based database can be linked to the records on the excellent dovergrammar.co.uk Website run by Paul Skelton (1972-79-2005).

Regards and best wishes,

Peter Burville B.Sc, M.Phil, Ph.D, C.Eng, FIET, FBCS (1946-51)

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are very grateful to Peter for all his work with our archives during the past 30 years. He started working with the OP's archive team in 1985 but feels it is now time to pass the job on. The team, and more recently just Peter, did well to collect so much material from many people, some of them regular contacts – but, as Peter says, there is still much to be done. There will be an opportunity for the association to formally thank Peter at the annual meeting in September. We would be pleased to hear from volunteers who would be interested in taking over the role of archivist.

CRABBLE REUNION

Mike Graham is organising a reunion on 19 July at the Dover Rugby Club at the Athletic Ground, kick off at 12 noon. Anyone who can make it should send a cheque for £10 a head to cover the cost of the buffet, payable to M Graham at 30 Kerrison Road, Ealing, London W5 5NW.

BEER FESTIVAL - 5 and 6 September 2014

The first "Pharos Beer Festival" will take place on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 September at the school and will be opened by guest of honour Terry Sutton. The opening hours are Friday 17.00 to 23.00 and Saturday 12.00 to 23.00 or until the beer runs out.

Entrance for Friday night will be by ticket only which can be purchased in advance from the school at a cost of £3 for general public, £2 for CAMRA members and free to Old Pharosians on production of their membership card at the door (there is no need to purchase a ticket in advance)

Jim Gleeson from Tir Dha Ghalas Brewery in Dover has agreed to brew a special beer called "Old Pharosian". There will be more than 30 different beers and ciders available to taste.

Due to the generosity of local companies and individuals who have sponsored the barrels of beer and glasses every penny taken over the weekend will go towards the new sports hall fund.

The Old Pharosians v School football match will take place on Saturday afternoon.

Please come and support this event and bring as many friends and family with you.

THE DOVER GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND ITS LINKS WITH FREEMASONRY

What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry means different things to each of those who join. For some, it's about making new friends and acquaintances. For others it's about being able to help deserving causes – making a contribution to family and society. But for most, it is an enjoyable hobby. It is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations, teaching self-knowledge through participation in a progression of ceremonies. Members are expected to be of high moral standing and are encouraged to speak openly about Freemasonry. The following information is intended to explain Freemasonry as it is practised under the United Grand Lodge of England, which administers Lodges of Freemasons in England and Wales and in many places overseas.

Freemasonry is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values. Its members are taught its principles (moral lessons and self-knowledge) by a series of ritual dramas – a progression of allegorical two-part plays which are learnt by heart and performed within each Lodge – which follow ancient forms, and use stonemasons' customs and tools as allegorical guides. It instils in its members a moral and ethical approach to life with values based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness. Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount but, importantly, Freemasonry also teaches concern for people, care for the less fortunate and help for those in need. From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been concerned with the care of orphans, the sick and the aged. This work continues today. In addition, large sums are given to national and local charities.

The Pharos Lodge

The Pharos Lodge was formed on 29 April 1950 by a group of 'Old Pharosians'. In issue no. 110 (Pages 79 and 80, July 1950), of the School's Pharos Magazine, reference is made to the Consecration of the Lodge and comments that 'Previous to the ceremony, an official lunch was held in the school dining hall, where more than 150 guests sat down to what must have been one of the best – and best served meals since pre war days'. I recommend that all with any interest in the founding of our Lodge peruse the item.

Until the early 1990s, membership was restricted to ex Dover Grammar School students and staff, but at this time it was decided that the lodge should become 'open', thus enabling others to benefit from their ethos. I was actually initiated into the lodge by its first non-Pharosian Master. Unfortunately the ties with the school have stretched rather a lot, so I thought it was time to reconnect with the womb that gave birth to the Pharos Lodge. Whether you are a member of staff or an 'Old Pharosian', if you would like to find out more, please email me at arthur.hornby@ntlworld.com

Over the course of the year we have social events ranging from a Ladies Night to a Sunday Lunch, and with a total of seven Lodges in Dover alone, there are many opportunities to meet Masons and find out firsthand what the advantages are. Our own 'Ladies Night' this year takes place at the Ramada Hotel, Whitfield, on 22 November. This is a joint venture with the Shorncliffe Lodge, based at Sandgate, and the Entente Cordiale Lodge. This latter lodge, whilst being based in Dover, actually has the majority of its members coming from Europe, mainly France. This is a purely social occasion not restricted to Freemasons, so if you would like to join us, please contact me for a menu and

booking form at arthur.hornby@ntlworld.com

Arthur Hornby
Worshipful Master of the Pharos Lodge (6967)

For more information, see: www.ugle.org.uk/what-is-freemasonry
<http://eastkentfreemasons.org> and www.grandcharity.org

The Universities Scheme, designed to allow Graduates and Post Graduates to join at age 18 (normal requirement is 21 years of age).

Lady Masons. Although not officially recognised by The Grand Lodge of England, many towns have Lady Masons Lodges, Dover amongst them.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM

The committee has met twice since the publication of the last newsletter, and on both occasions the arrangements for the beer festival and annual meeting and dinner have been discussed.

Our president Steve Yarrow reported that an Old Pharosians team had taken part in a University Challenge-style quiz at the Dover Grammar School for Girls, and emerged victorious!

Terry Sutton confirmed he would be pleased to be co-opted onto the committee.

The treasurer reported that the latest amounts in the accounts totalled £7,400. The association currently has 173 annual members and 463 life members. Just a reminder to annual members (and life members who wish to make an annual contribution) that the subscription has now gone up to £10. Please make sure that standing orders are changed accordingly.

Director of Music Elizabeth Cameron attended our February meeting to talk about the arrangements for students playing music at our annual dinner, and Tony Wells, from the Dover, Deal and Sandwich branch of the Campaign for Real Ale, helped with the Beer Festival plans.

The committee agreed that the association would sponsor a £30 prize for the design of a logo for a membership card. At the May meeting, the winning logo was selected. It was designed by Keiren Gaine of year eight.

We are sorry to hear that Francoise Lloyd, who has been a great supporter of the association during her long career at the school, will be retiring in July. She has been one of the staff representatives on the committee, and we wish her well for her well-earned retirement.

Plans have been drawn up for a new sports hall on the top field. The location of the hall has moved a couple of times, and application has now been made to Sport England for support.

NEWS OF THE SCHOOL

NEW HEAD TEACHER APPOINTED

It was announced in February that Dr Richard Moxham was leaving the school to pursue professional and personal interests elsewhere. Dr Moxham had been head teacher for three and a half years.

Sonette Schwartz, who is head teacher of Brockhill Park Performing Arts College at Saltwood near Hythe, accepted an invitation by Kent County Council to run both schools.

A statement issued by the school read: "Dr Moxham is grateful to the governors for the opportunity to lead what he regards as a delightful school and to the colleagues and students with whom he has found it such a pleasure to work. DGSB has his warmest good wishes as it embarks upon the next phase of its development."

Following the previous OFSTED report, Mrs Schwartz said she was pleased that Kent County Council had verified that 90% of the teaching at the school was now good and outstanding, a result of relentless work done by the teaching staff and leadership team, she said.

The school commissioned an independent report on the Sixth Form that confirmed that the school's sixth form was rated in the top 2% of sixth forms in the country.

For current Year 11 the school was predicting the best results it had ever had. "I am delighted in the school's progress and can only predict great things for the future," said Mrs Schawrtz. "The school is over-subscribed and in great shape."



New head teacher Fiona Chapman

A new head has been appointed to take over in September. Fiona Chapman is currently Vice-Principal of the Folkestone School for Girls, leading on all aspects of teaching and learning. She joined the school in 2004 as a teacher of mathematics and has been both head of mathematics and assistant headteacher prior to her current position.

She started her teaching career in a comprehensive school in Hampshire and has also had experience of teaching in non-selective and Independent schools in Kent. Mrs Chapman was herself educated at Clarendon House in Ramsgate

(long before it joined with the Chatham House). During her career in accountancy, prior to studying for a degree in mathematics and information technology, she worked at Husk (UK) Ltd on the A2 at Lydden and then for the financial director at Petbow in Sandwich. Her second teacher training placement was at Dover Girls' Grammar School.

Fiona's eldest daughter, Katy Tipping, joined the sixth form at our school and was part of the Green Footprint Group that was particularly successful in the Business Enterprise competition in 2009. She is now teaching psychology at the school, having been appointed to the staff earlier this year.

Fiona says she is absolutely delighted to have been given the opportunity to lead the school through the next chapter in its history.

"I feel that the recent challenges that the school has been experiencing, along with all the government changes on curriculum and assessment, have provided the perfect opportunity for reflection on what has made DGSB so successful in the past and how these aspects, such as the tremendous relationships between staff and students – the team spirit, can be retained whilst also reshaping elements such as the curriculum to ensure that the school is delivering an outstanding education for all students," she said.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

OBITUARIES

CRAIG ANDREWS (2003-10)



Craig passed away on 16 February aged 22 after a battle with PTLD, a form of lymphoma. A group of 15 friends have got together to take part in two half marathons to raise money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. The first is the Hackney half marathon on 22 June. The group members are Christian Delbaere, Joe Bell, Josh Howie, George Mortley, Jordan Wolley, Sam Ward, Nathan Critcher, Declan King, Conor Falluto, Conor Wynne, Samuel Fogarty, Daniel Young, Jamie Capon, Jason Scorer and Max Minus. When the newsletter went to print,

they had almost reached their target of £5,000. More donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/in-memory-of-Craig

RAY BECK (1941-1946)

Ray, who lived with his wife Hazel at Ringwould, died on 2 April, aged 85. He was at the school during the evacuation years in Wales, returning with the school in December 1944. He served in the Fleet Air Arm during his two years of National Service and then worked with Seeboard, firstly as a cartographer and later as an engineer, based in London, Tenterden and eventually in Folkestone where he took early retirement. He was a member of the Old Pharosians' Association and the Pharos Lodge.

BRUCE ALEXANDER BILBY (1931-40)

Bruce was born in Hornsey, London, on 3 September 1922 died on 20 November 2013. It was in 1931 the family moved to 17 Barton Road, Dover, opening up a new world of sea and cliffs, docks and harbours, ships, trains, swimming, fishing, cycling and roller skating.

After an interview with the Dover County School's Headmaster, during which he had to read from an unseen book, Bruce was admitted to the Prep form for the summer term of 1931 at Frith Road. He was among those at the school for the formal opening of the Astor Avenue building in January 1932 by Prince George, Duke of Kent.

Here Bruce remained until June 1940 by which time he was in Upper Sixth Science, studying chemistry, physics, pure mathematics and applied mathematics for the London Higher School Certificate Examination. He had sat for the London General School Certificate Examination in Summer 1938. He held the cup for the senior swimming championship, was captain of Buckland House, school prefect and Head Prefect, won several school prizes, rose to the rank of Corporal in the School Cadet Corps and won the cup for the Guard-mounting competition held at the annual cadet camp near Sandwich. He was also manned a local A.R.P. control centre at River. Out of school, he played table tennis at Dover Y.M.C.A. and water-polo for Dover Swimming Club and he carried out chemistry experiments at home, where he had a small bench and a chromic acid battery. Once, a balloon was successfully filled with hydrogen and released, but not before a small explosion had occurred while testing for leaks. Making small quantities of nitric acid was a favourite Sunday pastime at a time when a small retort was an expensive item of specialist glassware! Gunpowder and fireworks were made in November and once a half-full open jar was accidentally ignited and sent a flame to ceiling height in a friend's kitchen. Bruce made simple wireless sets from parts on sale at second-hand shops and helped his father to build a more sophisticated three-valve receiver. Under the influence of the senior physics master, Mr W.E. Pearce, his interests swung increasingly away from chemistry and towards physics and mathematics. Mr Pearce was the author of several school textbooks and in September 1946 gave to Bruce a signed copy of his 'School Physics'.

A keen cyclist, Bruce enjoyed some long expeditions to north Kent and Essex, and to Romney Marsh, where he helped a retired Colonel with an extensive seven and a quarter inch gauge steam garden railway which carried holiday makers for a mile or so near the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch 15-inch gauge light railway. Later, when he was at university, he cycled several times between Cambridge, South Wales and South Devon.

Bruce was among those evacuated to Ebbw Vale where he visited hot and cold mills at a steel plant, giving him his first insight into the massive operations of a heavy industrial plant, which made a lasting impression on him.

A few weeks after arriving in Ebbw Vale, Bruce took the London Higher School Certificate Examination and was awarded a State Scholarship. On Mr Pearce's advice, he stayed at school until December 1940 to take the Open Scholarship Examination in Natural Sciences in the Peterhouse group of colleges, as J.W. Menter (F.R.S. 1966, later Sir James), had done in 1939.

Awarded an Open Minor Scholarship, he went to Cambridge in January 1941 as a bitermist, finding himself in some of the same classes as Menter, who had gone up in October 1940. He took Natural Sciences and an excellent treatment of crystallography in the mineralogy course stimulated an interest in this subject and in X-rays, which had a decisive influence on his career.

Bruce joined the University Senior Training Corps and in June 1941 the regular army held a large anti-invasion exercise in East Anglia and the signals section of the Cambridge STC collaborated in some wireless communications for it. So it was that he heard, on a fine summer's evening on the roof of a building in Wisbech, the decisive news that Hitler had attacked the Soviet Union.

Like many of his contemporaries, Bruce deferred his graduation ceremony until 1944. He was recruited to the Radiography Section of the Naval Construction Department of the Admiralty at a time when welded ships were occasionally failing by cracking in a spectacular manner and the Admiralty was keen to secure the safety of the welding of naval ships, particularly submarines. Bruce was sent to Germany in 1945 and in 1946 to investigate corresponding German work and equipment. Bruce left the Admiralty in August 1946 and took up a post as an S.R.C. research assistant in the Metallurgy Department of the University of Birmingham where he started to work on dislocation theory with A.H. (later Sir Alan) Cottrell. Dislocations are small imperfections in the crystal structures of a metal, which, under certain conditions connect together causing a fracture.

Bruce remained at Birmingham for five years, obtaining his Ph.D. in Metallurgy in 1949 and becoming a University Research Fellow. While at Birmingham, he also gave a course on the electron theory of metals. In 1951 Bruce moved to the Metallurgy Department at Sheffield as Royal Society Sorby Research Fellow until October 1957 when he held the JH Andrew Fellowship until the title of Reader in Theoretical Metallurgy was conferred in October 1958. A personal chair followed in 1962. Bruce formed a small theoretical department called Theory of Materials, which in addition to its research work, provided courses to materials and metallurgy undergraduates.

In 1969 the family bought the first of two a small boats and in 1978 the second, a 29-foot foot fibre-glass Bermudian sloop, was taken, with the aid of friends, into the French canals at Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme. In 1985 a long voyage was planned over three summers where the boat was taken via the French canals to the Mediterranean and on to the Greek island of Lefkas.

In 1977 Bruce was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and he continued his work on fracture until his formal retirement in 1984. Once an Emeritus Professor he continued to attend the university on a regular basis for another 20 years.

Bruce dedicated his life's work to the study of dislocation theory and fracture in metals. Using mathematical modelling Bruce and his colleagues were able to simulate this behaviour and thereby propose ways to make stronger metals which would stop the dislocations moving round. This technology was used to develop metal alloys that would remain strong, even at extremely high temperatures encountered in jet engines or nuclear reactors.

Bruce's only daughter Elisabeth died in 2009 and his eldest son John in 2011. His wife Lorette and his three surviving sons – Tom, Richard and Nicholas – his daughters-in law and son-in-law, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren will miss him very much but remember him with much love, respect and affection. His widow said he followed the newsletter with interest and was very proud to have attended the school.

NINIAN (IAN) McINNES (1936-43)

Ian's widow Audrey wrote to tell us of his death in January. She said:

“Ian spoke well of his school and the staff. He told our grandchildren of the traumatic day when he and his young brother, Keith, joined the train for the evacuation to Ebbw Vale. After the war Ian was hoping to join the RAF but when his call-up papers arrived they bore the distinguishing number which meant that he was to be conscripted into the mines as a Bevin Boy. However he was quite fortunate as he was able to work in local Kent collieries and later was able to make good use of the experiences when he applied to and was accepted by the University of Nottingham Mining Engineering Department. For many years he worked for the National Coal Board in various British coal fields and later joined B.P. in their world-wide search for coal. Although not an entirely easy profession Ian felt he had an interesting and worthwhile career.

“On retirement Ian filled his time with various local and public charities. He especially enjoyed the company of our large family.”

JAMES A PATERSON (1922-31)

Jim, who lived at Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire, has died, aged 90. He was captain of the school cricket and football teams in 1930. He read modern languages at Cambridge and joined Baines Grammar School in 1935,

teaching there for 40 years and rising to be head of the German Department. He was on war service from 1940 to 1946, commissioned and spent some of the time in North Africa. He was senior games master at Baines from 1955 to 1964 and held up Frank Woolley and Colin Cowdrey as examples of great players and gentlemen on and off the field. He said Kent Cricket and the Lake District were the great loves of his life.

R POWELL

We understand that R Powell, who lived in Penarth, moved home some time ago and has since died.

FRANK SEELY (1939-44)

Frank, who was known as Frank Szekely while at school, passed away on 28 January aged 87 and the funeral service took place in February. Frank and his wife attended one of the Old Pharosians' annual dinners some time ago and also re-visited Ebbw Vale finding many changes, so many he had difficulty in remembering where everything had been, although he said the visit brought back pleasant memories.

A few years ago he wrote: "I remain grateful to Dover Grammar School for the education which provided the basis for further study, a B.Sc. degree and to becoming a chartered electrical engineer."

Frank retired at 65 with the last 17 years of his working life spent as managing director of the UK subsidiary of a large Swiss company active in all aspects of high vacuum technology. A former Mayor of Berkhamsted, he was a Conservative county and borough councillor. In retirement, he and his wife travelled widely, recording their experiences on film and video.

His son Peter wrote: "He always held Dover Grammar School in high regard and spoke very fondly of his time there."

JOHN HENRY TOLPUTT (1942-47)

John, who was a borough and county councillor and lived in Maidstone, died in September 2013, aged 83.

As a Labour member of Maidstone council, he served on committees for planning and transportation as well as the public appeals committee, the disabled advisory group and joint works committee. John was involved with

the borough council from 1986 to 2000 and Kent County Council from 2001 to 2005. His career involved working for KCC progressing through the ranks to become head of requisitions for the education department. A colleague said: "John was a stickler for accuracy and worked exceptionally hard. He took the trouble to write to people who contacted him – an old-school councillor who enjoyed meeting people and talking to them directly about issues. Married to Christine for almost 47 years, he was widowed in 2001. He had one son, Mark.

STILL LIVING AND LEARNING

JOHN C ARNOLD (1935-42)

John, now living in Exeter, was interested in the last edition of the newsletter about a possible reunion of Old Pharosians who were evacuated during the war to Ebbw Vale. Aged 90 and having suffered a stroke, John regrets he will be unable to attend but would be delighted to receive a list of names he might remember from Ebbw Vale days. He has happy memories of his time there – he met and married Mavis Price who lived there. "Mavis has an amazing memory and remembers a number of boys from those days," he writes. John adds that his brother Roy (R.H. Arnold), another Ebbw evacuee, died in 2002.

DR. JONATHAN COATES (1990-97)

Jonathan has passed his Consultant exams whilst working in the Trauma/A&E department of Portsmouth General Hospital. Interestingly, he listened to Dr Crosskerry (see below) speak at a conference that he attended in London last December. "It certainly feels like a small world sometimes," he commented.

DAVID CORNELIUS (1976-83)

David is among those who is picking up his newsletter on line rather than waiting for the postal copy.

He writes: "I have worked at sea since leaving DGSB in 1983. I started out as a deck cadet in Shell Tankers and saw the world before joining FT Everard and Sons (a pleasant family owned shipping company based at Greenhithe). They merged with James Fisher Tankships in 2006.

"I have been master of a coastal tanker supplying fuel for the Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands and Hebrides since 2009 - work I enjoy very much. While in the CCF Navy Section at school I spent a week on a small vessel based out of Greenock. It is with a smile that I recall those days as I work in the area

these days. I have a yacht in a local marina. It was my home for 11 years before settling down in Ramsgate in 2000. I am married and have a seven-year-old son who is into everything electronic! But then, so am I!"

CAPTAIN CHRIS COOK (1979-1986)



Chris last wrote to us in 2008, on promotion to Commander. Recently promoted to Captain Royal Navy, he has updated us on his news since last getting in touch. Now serving as Chief of Staff, Naval Personnel Strategy, at Navy Command Headquarters, HMS Excellent, Portsmouth, 2014 saw Chris start his 22nd year in the RN. Since 2008 he has headed a team delivering a new information infrastructure to deployed forces at sea and in the Land environment and spent a year on the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College where he also obtained an MA from Kings College London in Defence Studies.

In 2010 Chris was appointed to the MOD as Capability Sponsor for Maritime Command and Battlespace Management before, in 2012, being assigned to the Navy's Personnel Division as Strategic Manpower Planner for the Officer Corps of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Chris and family (wife Josie and children James (14), Maddy (12) and Lottie (10)) live in Godalming, Surrey, which has been their home since 1996. Chris sends his best wishes to all those staff and boys at DGSB 1979-1986.

PAT CROSSKERRY (1953-61)

Pat, who is an ever present at our annual Dover reunions, has lived in Canada for many years but is still rowing, which he took up at Deal Rowing Club with Mick McManus (1953-59) and Dick Steer (53-59). Pat will be competing at the Henley Masters in July in the doubles and the eights.

Pat started work at the ICI laboratories before gaining a 1st in Psychology at Aberdeen before emigrating to Canada. He took a PhD at McMaster University in Ontario. In 1975-76 he represented Canada at rowing at both the

World Championships and the Olympics and in 79 he coached the Canadian coxed four which took the silver medal at the Pan American Games in Puerto Rico.

Between 1976 and 1979 Pat took post Doctoral Fellowships with the Canadian Medical Council and the BMC at Manchester University where he also managed to coach the University Boat Club. Since then he has specialised in Emergency Medicine. He was appointed to the Board of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute in 2006, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 2012 and Director of the Critical Thinking Programme at Dalhousie University Medical School also in 2012. Pat has published more than 100 book chapters and articles on medicine and is senior editor of a major text on emergency medicine. He claims to be semi-retired!

Pat has kept in regular touch with his best pal from school days Bill Bloomfield (1953-61), also from Deal, and another ever present at the old boys reunions held annually in Dover.

GARY DODD

Gary has returned to the school as a volunteer teaching assistant.

IAN DOWIE (2000-07) JAMES SHERRED (2000-07) and CHARLES SHERRED (2001-08)

This trio are among a group tackling the Three Peaks Challenge on 6 and 7 July to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The challenge involves climbing up and down Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in (hopefully) under 24 hours. They have been busy preparing for the climbs and would welcome financial support from Old Pharosians. Donations can be made at:

www.justgiving.com/teams/DFDSDoverThreePeaks

PAUL DUNN (1954-60)

Mike Graham has been exchanging e-mails with OPA assistant secretary Alistair Gardiner with reference to Paul Dunn and they recall he was school friends with Sam Wilson and Mike Hudsmith.

Mike said Paul had gone to Derby to make yet another presentation to business leaders. He was over from Singapore for a few days. Having left

school with a handful of O levels he went to Norwood Tec to study engineering. At the age of 21 he had the chance to go and work in Australia with Hewlett Packard who then had 10 employees in Oz. He helped to build them into a multi-million pound business before moving into marketing software development for the Accounting Industry. Paul discovered that his real love was marketing and speaking so he went out on a limb and formed The Results Corporation (TRC).

After attending a business seminar he decided that was the type of thing he wished to deliver to business audiences with a goal that said "train 500 people". He grew TRC into a \$20 million company serving 23,000 businesses. He then "morphed" that into Results Accountants' Systems (RAS) in 1992 - teaching accountants in Public Practice how to leverage their skills to create far better businesses for their clients.

By 2000 the company was serving more than 3,500 practices across the world. After selling his interest in RAS in 2000 Paul discovered the transformational power of giving at a chance meeting in Bangalore. He ended up funding an orphanage for Tsunami-affected children in India. That led to his co-discovery of the revolutionary Buy1Give1 in 2007, an organisation he now serves as Chairman.

Paul's aim in life has always been to make a difference. As Paul explained: "Every time you dine out a child is fed; or every time someone buys a book, a tree is planted or when someone sees a doctor, a child in need gets care. When someone buys your product or service something great happens. Businesses link their charitable giving to businesses transactions, choosing exactly where their donations go".

Mike said that his figures were out of date but Paul was certainly helping more than 600 projects in 30 countries in his "retirement". By the time this is printed Paul will have married his partner Masani Sato back in Singapore. "Will he be slowing down his round the world jet setting style ... not a chance."

WILLIAM FITTALL (1964-72)

The summer edition of Outlook, the Church of England magazine for the Canterbury diocese, devotes the complete back page to the views of former Old Pharosians' Association president William Fittall. At one stage a senior civil servant at the Home Office, he became general secretary to the Church of England General Synod, the Archbishop's Council and the House of Bishops in 2002. At the Home Office he was very much involved with the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland.

In the Meet the People article he describes the differences between government work and that of the Church of England which is subject to Canon Law. He also suggests that one of the "great mistakes" over the past 40 years has been a tendency to over-centralise local government. The article concludes that William has now returned to East Kent to live at Saltwood.

TONY KENDRICK (1968-69 and 1971-75)

Tony (Anthony) Kendrick has moved around a fair bit, "keeping one step ahead of the bailiffs". He studied medicine at UCL, The London Hospital, and St. George's Hospital medical schools in London, from 1975 to 1981.

Following three years GP training in Dover (at Buckland Hospital, Dover Health Centre in Maison Dieu Road, and St. Augustine's Canterbury), he was a full-time GP in Weybridge, Surrey for five years before going part-time in 1990 to carry out research for his MD at St George's on the care of people with long-term mental illness in general practice. He went on to become Senior Lecturer and then Reader in primary care at St George's, while working as a half-time GP.

From 1998 to 2010 he was Professor of Primary Medical Care and latterly Associate Dean for Research at the School of Medicine, University of Southampton, where he carried out research into the care of depression, eating disorders, carers' health, and bereavement. He was Dean of Hull York Medical School from 2010 to 2013 before returning to Southampton as Professor of Primary Care. He married for the second time in June 2013 and now lives in Emery Down in the New Forest.

Tony can still remember most of the names of 1 Priory 1968, from hearing them read out at registration every day: Ashton, Carley, Carr, Chapman, Clarry, Cook, Day, Ecclestone, Gill, Griggs, Heafey, Jacques, James, Kendrick, Lawson, Maddison, Marshall, Pearce, Potter, Powell, Waldron, and Webb (apologies to anyone he's forgotten). He is still in contact with a few (very) old boys including Kevin Minnock in Scotland, Simon Hunnisett in Thailand, Tim Hunnisett in Australia, and Tom Lawson in Dover.

Tony ran the London Marathon in April for Wessex Medical Research which funds studies into children's brain problems, cancer, Alzheimer's, depression, and other major health problems. People can still donate at www.justgiving.com/Anthony-Kendrick

NATHAN MARSH (2007-13)

Nathan skydived from 12,000 feet to raise more than £1,400 for the Stroke Association – more than three times his original target. Nathan, who works at Maxted's pet and garden shop in Deal High Street, described the skydive as "incredible". He took on the challenge after two of his family members suffered strokes. "I saw how fast a stroke can take over and I wanted to help people recognise the symptoms of strokes," he said. Next year he is planning a wing walk or a solo skydive.

PETER PRESCOTT (1937-43)

In the last edition we mentioned the "mystery" of a plaque located in Ebbw Vale, presented to the town by Old Pharosians who were once evacuated there. Peter Prescott, evacuated to Ebbw Vale in 1940, suggests the plaque was made to adorn one of the two benches which a group from the school presented for the Garden Festival when Ebbw was one of the selected festival towns. Peter says he enjoys the newsletter and would like to attend our annual dinners but he is nowadays unable to travel from his home in Oxford.

"I can still reel off the names of all the boys in my class when I joined the school in 1938, Abbot to Wilson (including the two Slaters, Peter and Bob)," he writes.

MARK SOPPITT (1979-86)

Mark updated us with his new address in Ontario and said he had been living in Canada for more than eight years with his wife and five children.

"I am also a granddad, which makes me feel really old, but is, needless to say, a great joy and delight. Since leaving the Grammar School I studied Law and Psychology at Oxford Polytechnic (now Oxford Brookes University) before attending Bible College for a year in 1990. Following this immensely satisfying year I joined Thames Valley Police where I enjoyed 5 very fulfilling years as a police constable. In 1998 I took a career break from the police to try my hand as a pastor of a church in Oxfordshire. In 2005 my family and I emigrated to Niagara Falls to continue work as a pastor. All in all, I served as a pastor for 14 years before standing down due to illness. My wife, Janet, is a teacher and she teaches English and English as a Second Language in a multicultural school near Niagara Falls.

"I always enjoy catching up on the news of those I knew."

JAMES THOMSON

When HMS Lancaster berthed in Dover in April, James was the second in command. "Coming home in my own warship as second-in-command is an extremely proud moment for me and my family," he said. James joined the navy in 1997 and has served all over the world since. After visiting Dover, the ship moved onto Chatham's Historic Dockyard to celebrate HMS Cavalier's 70th anniversary launch.

GRAHAM TUTTHILL (1960-1965)

Terry Sutton (1940-1947) writes: Congratulations to our newsletter editor Graham who has been awarded the great honour of being elected an Honorary Freeman of Dover, one of only five. Dover Town Council made the award in May in recognition of Graham's long career as a journalist and his voluntary work in the town.

Graham was called forward at the annual Mayor-making ceremony at Dover Town Hall to be sworn in as a Freeman where the Mayor installed him with a town sash he will be entitled to wear at special events in the town. The public ceremony was packed with the town's leading citizens and other friends.

During his installation councillors spoke highly of the way Graham, as a journalist, always put Dover in a positive light with his accurate writing and described the many voluntary tasks he performed in his church and in the town including his work with an anti-crime organisation. (Some of Graham's voluntary works were described in the last edition of the newsletter, on his retirement from the Kent Messenger's Dover Mercury).

Editor's Note: Graham joins Terry as an Honorary Freeman. He was awarded the honour three years ago for his services to the town. Graham and Terry, close colleagues, are the first members of the Old Pharosians' Association to be appointed Honorary Freeman of Dover since the late Freddie Whitehouse back in the 1930s.

HR WATKINS (1930-38)

The latest occupant of the address we had for HR Watkins has contacted us to say he moved away in 2011, but we don't know where he is now. If anyone can help, we would be grateful.