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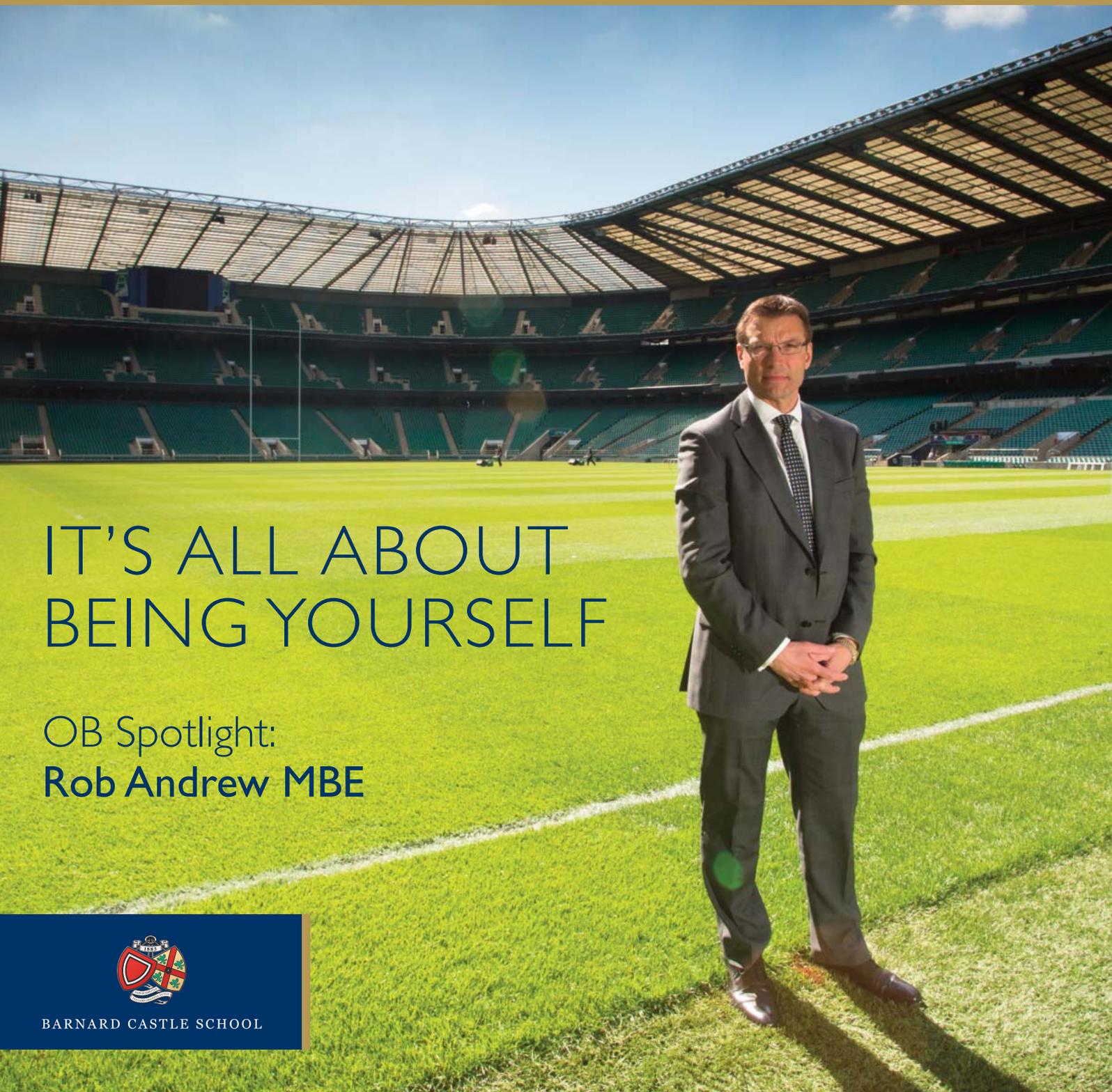
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Welcome

ALAN STEVENS



Headmaster

Barnard School Castle

Recently I received a letter from Bruce Crawcour, an Old Barnardian in Shrewsbury, formerly of Durham House from 1958-1964.

Enclosed with the letter was an aged and yellowing piece of paper which dated from 1886. It was an original programme for the opening of the main school building which brought the School back to Barney from Middleton-one-Row and situated it close to the decrepit medieval institution which gave it part of its foundation.

On the cover of the programme, the School's architect, Robert Johnson, had drawn a sketch of the front of the new building, but – with typical architect's license – he had gone even further and had drawn something which did not even exist then. Just to the east of School House (what is now Brereton House and the Linen Room) he had drawn a Chapel.

What he drew, however, was quite different in both style and orientation from what we have today. He drew a chapel in sympathy with the design of the main building which appeared to have a belfry in the style of a pepperpot on its roof. And like almost all churches, it faced east.

Our chapel was, of course, eventually built in 1912, 16 years after Mr Johnson's sketch. It is quite different from how he envisaged it in many ways, but most strikingly different in its orientation. Instead of being built on an east-west axis, it was built facing north, which was not only unusual but clearly unanticipated.

As a Headmaster and as President of the OB Club, I rather like that. It is not bad to be different and I think that it says something about us as a school community. It reflects the diversity of characters, backgrounds, beliefs and interests that we have. Whatever normal is, I suspect that we have precious little of it here in Barney. What I value is the enthusiastic linguist who can fire a L98 rifle accurately in freezing driving rain and the next day she sings Haydn like a cherub at a cathedral evensong; or the second row forward who towers above 10 year-old entrance test candidates who are almost paralysed with nerves, but who makes them smile and relax because he knows just what to say in that moment.

One of the latest visitors to observe the qualities that make Barney such a good school was Geoff Ford, Chairman of Ford Aerospace, who recently gave an inspirational lecture to our Sixth Form. He went on to refer to Barney as "the pre-eminent school in the north-east."

I hope you enjoy reading Barney Connect, catching up with stories about School and OBs and, if you haven't revisited for some time, why not do so on Barnardian Weekend and sign up for the London dinner in October. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours aye

Alan Stevens

Headmaster and President of the Old Barnardians' Club

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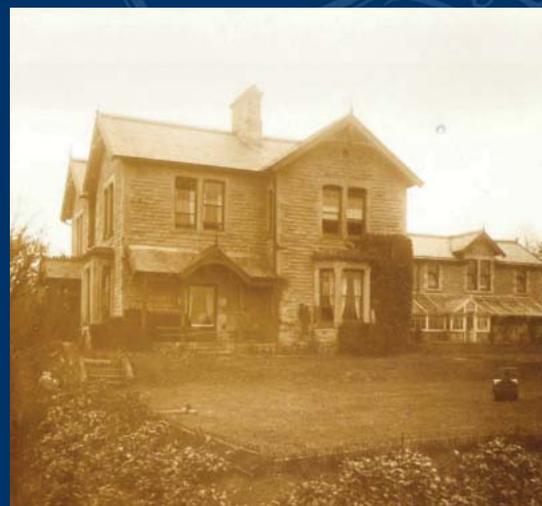
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WELCOME MESSAGES



Message from the Chairman

In my final year as Chairman I have once again enjoyed the many occasions bringing Old Barnardians together again, helping to strengthen our community ties.

Our annual Barnardian gathering last Summer saw a change in format from day to weekend, which we hope will encourage OBs to bring the family, spend quality time with friends and reacquaint themselves with the beautiful Teesdale countryside. London continues to be a region where a significant number of OBs live and work, so we were pleased to introduce the new Rugby Dinner to the schedule – an event that will be repeated in 2015.

We're delighted to say that the Club continues to prosper and works in close partnership with the School on a great many initiatives – not least this new look magazine and the relaunched alumni website. I'm sure you'll agree both significantly improving how our Barnardian community communicates.

As part of continued progress, I encourage those of you who have an interest, to consider volunteering your time as part of the Club Committee. There is a number of vacancies and we're keen to hear from less well represented parts of the membership.

Thanks as ever go to Dorothy Jones, Club Secretary, for her continued dedication. Finally, I would like to thank all the committee members for their time and effort throughout the year.

Stuart Everall
Chairman of the Old Barnardians' Club



Message from our Heads of School

Becoming not only the student representatives of one of the most notable schools in the north of England, but being the first pupils to be joint Head Girl and Head Boy was undoubtedly a slightly frightening but most definitely exciting prospect. Both of us feel truly attached to Barney and we feel honoured to have such a key role in the School for our final year.

It is around this time of the year that we have begun to reminisce about our truly enjoyable times at Barney, and how much we owe to this wonderful institution. Games lessons in temperatures more suitable for eskimos, dragging ourselves up to Top Tree in the final stages of the Barnard Run and the mosh around the rare sight of a hot chocolate dispenser at morning break – all tough at the time, but looking back these are cherished memories.

There aren't many schools where you can step straight from passing a rugby ball to dancing to 'Grease Lightning', and it's for this reason that Barney is such a special place. We will leave Barnard Castle, not only with academic qualifications which we hope will reflect us at our best, but as rounded individuals who have been in the fortunate position to try our skills in such a diverse range of activities.

As soon to be young 'Old Barnardians' ourselves, we reflect on the many value added opportunities OBs bring to the School – from being speakers in our Sixth form Lecture Series to facilitating careers visits out to industry. We recognise the value in giving back and look forward to supporting Barnardians of the future ourselves.

Sam Everall **Rachel Pratt**
Head Boy Head Girl



REVIEW

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012–2013



As Chairman of the Old Barnardians' Club, **Stuart Everall** provides a review of the academic year 2012-2013

The academic year started well with healthy numbers in both the Prep and Senior School and for many, the term started early in late August with sports training, followed soon after by the various new starter inductions. This year however was a little different as we also saw a new structure to our Sixth Form.

Innovation by Mr Butler, Head of Sixth Form, saw the new Head of School, Calum Matthews, ably assisted by not only a 'Head of Day pupils' but also a 'Head a Boarding' plus five new deputies. These new senior monitor positions were introduced to encourage a new and additional level of responsibility among the older members of the School's community.

House Singing fell early in the term and was both welcomed and dreaded in equal measure! This year's adjudicator was former Head of Music, Mr Ian Sutcliffe who awarded Tees and Bowes first place in the Junior and Senior sections respectively.

Singing is enjoyed in a more formal setting by the Chapel Choir and they performed with great enthusiasm and skill at various settings throughout the year.

REVIEW

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012–2013



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These ranged from Newbiggin Methodist Chapel, York Minster and Ripon Cathedral, to our own carol services and special Chapel Centenary Service as reported in last year’s newsletter.

Still on the Musical theme, the School’s bands and orchestra performed with great credit throughout the year. The Wind Band played at the Durham Christmas Market and were heard to good effect during the interlude on Speech Day. Individually six pupils achieved Grade 8 or better in their chosen class and Whizzy Gorman was awarded the title of ‘Musician of the Year’.

The CCF plays a prominent part in School life and this year, under the command of Major C E Connor and stewardship of SSI M Lewis, they had a very successful time. In the first term history was made when the Colts Canter team, led by Cadet RSM Barnes, won the event for the very first time in the School’s history. Further success was achieved in the Jarvis Cup shooting competition when the

School’s two teams were placed 1st and 2nd and Tees won the house shooting competition. 30 Cadets and four officers took part in the town’s Remembrance Day Service and the usual field days and weekly parades occurred as normal.

Sport in the first term is centred around girls’ hockey and boys’ rugby. As a young side, the 1st XI found the going tough, drawing two games although lower down the School there was more success with the U14’s and U13’s being County Champions and both U16’s and U12’s being runners up. On the rugby front the 1st XV had a reasonable season being unfortunate to be knocked out of the Daily Mail Cup in the 5th round by King’s, Macclesfield with the last play of the game. Elsewhere most of the other age groups had winning seasons and individually J Coser (U18) and J Beckwith (U16) represented North of England. At ‘Nailing up’ Bowes and Durham did the honours for hockey and rugby respectively.



Senior monitors 2012–2013

Performing of a different nature occurred in December, when Mrs Gorman produced Arthur Miller's play 'A View from the Bridge'. As usual, all leads performed with credit and brought the story to life for the audience. Later in the month, the School enjoyed its usual array of Christmas festivities – from the now annual Christmas Fair to carol services and of course the traditional Christmas Dinner!

The short Lent Term saw module examinations for the Sixth Form and trial papers for Year 11. Light relief came by way of 'treating' our touring visitors from St Andrew's College, Argentina to an obligatory rugby match in standard Barney weather conditions!

The Barney Bash looms large for all pupils and this year the money raised – over £5000 – was donated to the Safewater Trust. For the more elite runners the Barnard Run offers a chance to shine with James Watson and Leah Bloomfield taking the honours in the senior races and Stella Jones (Year 7) breaking the Junior girls record by over 47 seconds. Tees and Marwood were the successful houses in both the Barney Bash and Barnard Run.

Elsewhere on the sporting front the Squash teams performed creditably, the 1st V winning 75% of their games. Boys' hockey continues to improve and the 1st XI had a respectable season. The swimmers fielded young sides and found the going tough but still competed with credit in the Whitgift 8 School Competition and the Bath and Otter cups. For the girls the netball 1st VII contained no Upper 6th pupils but still performed satisfactorily, whilst the lacrosse team, under the captaincy of Amanda Usher also competed well. In the house competition York and Marwood were the winners of the hockey and netball respectively.

Durham House retained the house drama competition and in the public speaking, Longfield House won the Intermediate event and then went on to win the senior competition as well. The Lectern Club met four times throughout the year and gave another cohort of pupils the chance to deliver short or long speeches and then have their offerings evaluated, all in a formal dinner setting.



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REVIEW

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012–2013

The School's musical was 'Back to the 80's' and whilst the music was more in keeping with the taste of the staff than the pupils, an energetic production was put to the audience over four nights. Super performances came from the leads, Jamie Preston and Sarah Perkins, but equally impressive were all of the supporting crew, who whipped the audience up into a frenzy each night!

Other 'one off' events featuring in this term were 'World Book Day' and 'National Science Week'. Pupils, as ever, were offered the chance to go on the Junior Ski Trip, to attend CCF's Adventure Training week and in the Easter holidays there were visits to Greece to experience the culture and the Cairngorms to experience ice-holding.

This term, the School also mourned the death of former pupil, former teacher and Old Barnardian Vice-President, Alan Wilkinson, and a fuller write up appears elsewhere in the magazine.

Sports Day was held on May Day Bank Holiday and the occasion was blessed with some excellent weather. Records

tumbled, Marwood triumphing overall in the girls' section and Durham in the boys.

Not to be outdone by the seniors, Mrs Beaty directed 'Czarina's Frog', a Russian fairytale for those in Years 7, 8 and 9. Excellent performances from Kieran Lewis, Nicholas Mackay and Amy Morrill showed maturity belying their youth.

The weather was kinder towards the summer sports than last year and this enabled cricket, especially, to flourish. Our groundsman, Gary Ventriss, was able to produce some firm pitches and the 1st XI, captained by Bret Upton, had a reasonably successful season. They came close to winning the end of term festival narrowly losing to King's Macclesfield. Other junior teams whether in cricket, tennis, rounders or athletics all took advantage of the more pleasant conditions. York house 'nailed up' by winning the house cricket.

As examinations finished so the end of term festivities began. The Upper Sixth artists exhibited in the local gallery, the Nest, the writer, Victoria Campbell,

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Sports Day winners 2013





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came to visit the school and Year 11 held their prom at the Morritt. A most enjoyable Barnardian Weekend was held in late June, with over 100 OBs welcomed back across the three days.

The year concluded with Speech Day which saw OB and Director of Corporate Finance at Deutsche Bank, Louise Foster, both speak and present prizes. The day culminated with the annual Leavers' Ball. Earlier in the day the outgoing Head of School performed the tricky task of passing on his gown to two Heads of School, with Rachel Pratt and Sam Everall sharing the position for the coming year.

At the end of the year the School also said a fond farewell to Stephen Kean, retiring after 30 years of service, as well as to Nino Mancino and Emily McMillan who were both moving on to pastures new. They were all thanked for their commendable service.

Summer holidays extended the term for many, as various expeditions took place – the Coast to Coast walk, CCF camps and in the case of Mathew Jeffrey, Ben Pullan and Seb Hampson, the 'Nijmegen Marches'. We also said *bon voyage* to several pupils who spent time overseas working on community/scientific

projects in Borneo, Namibia, the Arctic, Nepal and Kenya.

The summer holidays can be dreaded by those waiting for examination results and it is often these that signify the passing of a school year. At A-level the school showed a pass rate of 98% and at GCSE a pass rate of 90% with 49% gaining either A or A*. These are all commendable achievements in a year packed full of similar successes so perhaps it was fitting that the final achievement, as befitting his position, was by the outgoing Head of School, who successfully gained his place at Oxford.

A busy year, but then they always are!



OB SPOTLIGHT

ROB ANDREW MBE

Cambridge alumnus, former England fly half and now Professional Rugby Director for the RFU, Rob Andrew MBE (Yo, 1974-81) reflects on his years at School, provides insights into how to get ahead in the workplace and what he'd advise his younger self – and of course a little something about rugby!



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What's your favourite Barney recollection?

Overall I remember having happy times at School, dominated mostly by sport. Cricket and squash took up most of my time and in a masochistic way I also enjoyed the Barney Run! On reflection it was definitely character building – toughing it out on rough terrain down by the river, running in less than conducive weather and just when you thought you were finished, running all the way up past Prep School, round to Top Tree and down again – 4.5 miles. Pretty brutal.

Who inspired you during your school days?

There were two or three teachers who really were inspirational in my time. History teacher Robert Clark introduced me to rugby at U12 level and Kenneth King was my inspiration in cricket and squash.

As Mr Clarke was a Gloucester rugby man, we always knew that when struggling in a history test by us simply writing 'Gloucester' at the top of the sheet we'd always come out with at least one mark! Kenneth King nurtured my love of both cricket and squash – he had the patience of a saint in both sports and would spend hours in the nets constantly throwing balls at me to help me practice. A great man.

You've mentioned in previous interviews that you'd not even held a rugby ball prior to your time at Barney. At what point did you know that rugby was going to be the career for you?

I'm not sure that I ever thought that rugby would be my path – certainly not at School, although perhaps more at university as things became a little clearer. I loved all ball sports at Barney, but nothing defining at that age. I did some U16 & 18 rugby but unlike Rory (Rory Underwood, Yo & Td, 1972-81) I didn't play for England U18s. I wasn't so much annoyed at this – more disappointed, so I kept my head down and kept working away.

However further to arriving at Cambridge and making the first XV, rugby became more of a focus and my sporting career really took off. So much so that within nine months of leaving Barney (Rob took a 7th term to study Oxbridge entry) I was playing rugby for

Cambridge in the Varsity match at Twickenham and was 12th man in the Varsity cricket team at Lords. I often used to pinch myself thinking what a remarkable transformation I'd undergone further to being on the farm in Yorkshire!

What advice would you give to your student self now?

I strongly believe there's merit in being yourself, following your dream and if you've got a real passion for something, simply 'go for it'!

In my life, what has resulted has come about from simply following best opportunity. I think you tend to get out of life what you put in – whatever your walk of life. By following this philosophy, I've found life takes whatever course it takes, but you'll certainly enjoy the journey more than if you approach your future in an overly prescriptive fashion.

How important is it for today's leading sportsmen and women to still gain a solid education? Is it important or is 'celebrity' sufficient?

The last 10 to 15 years have seen a massive shift in regard to the level of money and celebrity in professional sport, and the 24/7 media spotlight also creates another level of pressure. It's very difficult for young people to keep a balanced perspective on what is actually important in life and in rugby, the challenge continues to be in creating rounded individuals.

Encouraging young players to think about education as well as sport is important because a sports career isn't for life. The physical demands of the modern game mean that more than ever before, the length of a modern playing career can be shortened, whereas a solid education is for whatever comes in the future. Acknowledging the challenges of the modern game and a need to maintain a sense of balance, the RFU now supports the current stars and stars of the future through their academy and school systems.

OB SPOTLIGHT

ROB ANDREW MBE

What has been the proudest moment of your sporting career?

Difficult! As an individual it probably has to be the drop goal vs Australia in the 1995 World Cup quarter final in South Africa. It was the last kick of the game and we won 25-22.

Who would you say has been your biggest inspiration in sport?

From a coaching point of view this would have to be Jeff Cook (England team manager in the 1980 and 1990s) and Sir Ian McGeechan (Lions coach 1989 – 1993). They both gave me massive confidence and belief. Few people have self-belief, most have self-doubt. Instilling self-belief in people is hugely important.

What is or are the biggest issues facing rugby today?

Firstly, I'd probably have to say the challenges that money has brought to the professional game. With money in the mix

since the sport turned professional, the core values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship come under fire. While the RFU look to maintain these values going forward – through how players should act, fans behave and volunteers are managed – and while a good job has been done since the game has gone professional; we should never become complaisant.

Balancing the introduction of new technology with the value of the free flowing game is also another important issue.

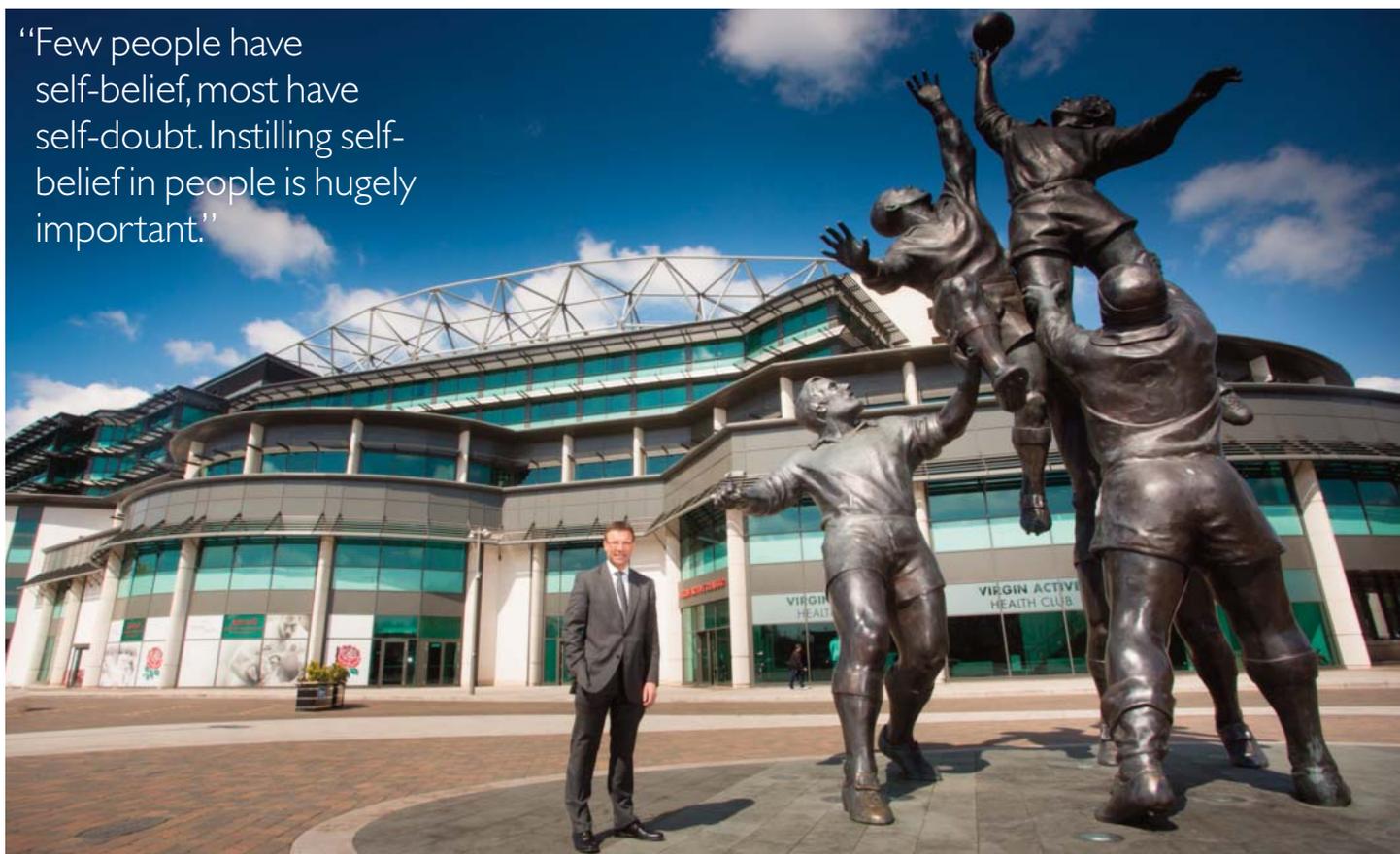
We are all looking forward to the World Cup in 2015 – how are plans coming along?

While I'm not directly involved with the organisation of the World Cup, I know logistics are falling into place and it's shaping up to be a magnificent festival of rugby. Venue information is published and ticketing is underway.

We heard a lot about ensuring an Olympic legacy, what plans are in place to ensure a successful legacy to the Rugby World Cup?

With World Cup matches being played in every corner of the country we're confident that the passion for top level rugby will reach new audiences. Matches are being held not only in dedicated rugby grounds but also multi-event stadia and football venues, meaning that the Rugby World Cup experience will be possible for more than two million fans. As a high profile sporting occasion we'll also be getting volunteers involved, kids rallied at school level and infrastructure improved across the country as we prepare to welcome the world.

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The parallel between sport and management is an interesting concept – what would you say are the most significant transferrable skills between the two?

Rugby – like much of business – is absolutely all about team work. I see it as the number one team sport as it’s so diverse – so many different types of people, so many sorts of players and such a wide range of competencies are needed. You might be a very talented individual but if you don’t want to work within a team framework then chances are that you won’t succeed.

For both, the most important thing is for people to genuinely want to work together – challenging each other when needed, but feeling comfortable that this can happen without being threatened by it. As in business, working together will involve differences of opinion but in the end once debate has been had, a decision has to be taken and a certain direction has to be supported. Also having a common goal and a plan of action to meet this goal is important. Things will go wrong! The goal is trying not to repeat the errors.

Essentially, whether sport or business, it’s all about getting the right people and characters around you to get the best working environment.

What advice would you give to young Barnardians leaving university and entering the workplace for the first time?

I believe what employers are looking for are people with a strong self-belief, someone with a magic extra something, perhaps illustrated through extracurricular pursuits achieved outside of the classroom. I’m always interested in people who are engaged and aren’t afraid of getting stuck in – both as an individual but also when working in a team.

As a society we’ve become good at performing in league tables and getting people through exams. While important, gaining real world experience and an ability to get on with people are both vital.

What advice would you give to those considering a career change or career refocus?

As I’d advocate to my student self and despite encroaching age – just ‘go for it’! As I myself have encountered, there are so many opportunities out there, although many also present great challenges. New opportunities may present themselves in a different geography, industry sector or job function, but if we don’t embrace change as it presents itself, we may just get left behind.

What would your motto for life be?

It has changed through my life although now I’d have to say “be yourself”. While others can be there to guide and support you, people need to allow you to be yourself. Purporting to be someone else is false economy. ■

Interested in attending the proposed 2015 Old Barnardian Rugby Dinner in London?

Register your interest online at www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk/?page=RugbyDinner2015

BARNARDIAN NEWS

Six Nations Dinner



The inaugural Six Nations Dinner took place at the Army and Navy Club in Central London on 6 February 2013. Almost 100 OBs and friends of the School gathered at for an evening of socialising and to hear guest speaker, Old Barnardian Rory Underwood MBE (Td & Yo, 1972-81).

After a welcome by the School's Development Director, Rachael Barker; Master in Charge of Rugby, Luke Monument MC'd the evening and delivered a fabulous presentation on the history of rugby at Barnard Castle giving some latest

statistics regarding the number of schoolboy internationals nurtured at Barney – 38 since 1998.

As guest speaker, Rory Underwood – who with his usual flair – spoke about his time at School, as well as his rugby career. Rory also paid a fitting tribute to John Oates who had been his coach whilst at Barney and who was guest at the dinner with his son Oliver and daughter Imogen.

Dinner guest and Barney alumnus Frank Whately, Honorary Fellow of Kingston University reflected: "What a great night on Friday! Thank you so much

for the evening. It was a terrific success and so good to see one or two people I had not seen for decades..."

The Rugby Dinner will fall every two years at a central London venue. View the online community calendar to register your interest for the 2015 Rugby Dinner. Visit www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk

View photos from the Six Nations Dinner. Search *Barney Six Nations Dinner Flickr 2013*

OB ATTEMPTS TO CONQUER EVEREST



Following in the footsteps of previous OB mountain greats – Bentley Beetham and Graham Ratcliffe MBE - OB Nick Talbot will be attempting to conquer Mount Everest this Spring.

Nick, who has Cystic Fibrosis, contacted the Old Barnardians' Club earlier this year to enquire whether the Club would consider supporting his charity, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. While the Club is regrettably unable to support all requests for support, committee members thought that given the relevant link with Everest through Nick's OB predecessors, supporting research into Cystic Fibrosis was a most suitable charitable cause to lend support to and a donation of £500 was granted.

Former day pupil, Nick explains: "In April-May 2014 I will attempt to be the first person with CF to summit Everest to raise money and awareness for the CF Trust. This will help them fund critical research which is showing real promise and support

those hoping for a lung transplant before it's too late. My attempt involves many months of intensive training and is as much a mental challenge as a physical one. My training has gone well and my health is strong, although I look to supporters to help me achieve my fundraising goal.

I'm now the grand old age of 37 which is not bad considering I have CF and I've been really fortunate in life – both in my career and in my health. Following improvements in my health due to medication I'm now taking, this has resulted in me not being able to support the cause through participation in medical trials. I've therefore been looking for new ways to help the CF Trust and have decided to combine my passion for the outdoors with raising money and increasing the profile of CF."



If you'd like to support Nick's Everest challenge visit:
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CFvs.Everest>

Read more about Nick's challenge online at:
www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk/news

Barnard Castle School new visual identity



BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

Many of you will have noticed the School's new visual identity which has been appearing in a phased programme to our websites, publications, promotional imagery, adverts, uniform, vehicle livery and more.

This is the first time in some while that the School has had a consistent visual identity and is an essential part of our planned approach to building the School's reputation and raising its profile.

As a major part of the new identity, our redrawn logo was first reintroduced in October 2012 and featured on our new School prospectus. Drawing on historic iterations of the Barnard Castle School crest, our new logo reinstates the full colour and historical accuracy of our heraldic shields and the School's name is written in the distinctive Georgia font.

As a close School partner, the new identity has also been extended to the Old Barnardians' Club. Welcomed and approved by the Club in 2013, the Club logo has now been brought in line with the master School logo and features on all Club correspondence.



Longfield 25th Anniversary Reunion

The weekend of 26 to 28 April 2013 came alive as former Longfield girls returned to School to celebrate the quarter century since the opening of Longfield House.

The weekend started on Friday evening with drinks in town for those who were in the vicinity, but celebrations began in earnest on Saturday morning with morning tea and a nostalgic look at old School photos in the Nicholson Room. With plenty of laughs and exclamations about "...curly perms being the height of fashion..." 'old girls' were invited to take a tour of the School and Longfield boarding facilities with present members of the Sixth Form. "So much has changed and so much has stayed the same" seemed to be the comment of the day!

The School was pleased to welcome all former Houseparents of Longfield House to a reunion dinner on the Saturday evening – even Mr and Mrs Tredget arrived from Australia. School catering was top notch as ever, and guests enjoyed an evening of school tales and

a good catch up of what everyone has been up to over the years. To finish the weekend current Longfield girls hosted the Sunday Chapel Service with the theme of Sisterhood.

Dot Jones, Alumni Secretary and OB Club Secretary comments: "It was great to see so many Longfield girls back at School – the mix of events across the Weekend seemed to work well for our 'old' girls and we look forward to seeing them again very soon!"

Those who attended the Weekend included: Alison & Richard Armstrong, Amy Bain, Jess Brice, Sophie Brown, Tori Cliff, Rebeckah Dixon (Pattison), Julia Doig (Stevens), Stuart and Diana Everall, Louise Foster (Yarrow), Nicky Hayward (Clark), Kathrin Iddon, Dorothy Jones, Steve & Marion Kean, Evie Kennedy, Harriet Knowles, Jo Langley-Hobbs, Samantha Legg, Vicky Mackay, Chelsea McMillan, Andy & Sue Moorhouse, Hazel Oakes, Martin & Judith Pepper, Nick & Sue Seddon, Jess Scott, Sue & Ian Tredget, Fiona Turnbull, Kate Walton, Lisa Walton, Katie Wilson.

BARNARDIAN NEWS

Barnardian Weekend 2013

With a change of format to allow OBs to come from far and wide, Barnardian Weekend 2013 proved to be another notable event in the OB calendar and attracted over 100 supporters.



Barnardian Challenge: Netball

Starting with drinks in the Old Well pub on Friday evening and with sports taking place throughout the Saturday, the Weekend was blessed with fine weather and was a great occasion for OB socialising, sport and nostalgia.

As many OBs may be aware, at each Barnardian gathering the *Barnardian Day Challenge Shield* is keenly fought for – this year the School proved the victors as they triumphed in netball, cricket and shooting (reintroduced this year), while ‘TeamOB’ won football and round-robin squash!

Our thanks must go to Chris Wayman (football), Zoe Wilkinson, (netball) and Steve Ridell (cricket) who organised sports teams for the day. We must also extend sincere thanks to long serving OB and current OB Club Vice President, Gerry Camozzi who kindly donated the *Barnardian Day Challenge Shield* back in 2007.

The Saturday day time was rounded off with an evening buffet in Big School which proved to be an informal and relaxed occasion, allowing OBs to mingle after a hard days sports competition!

The traditional Sunday Chapel Service was well attended also, and was followed by the Old Barnardians’ Club AGM.

The Weekend was also a good opportunity to recognise another long serving member of the Barnardian family as Steve Kean retired at the end of the summer term after over 30 years service. During his time at Barney, Maths Master Mr Kean held a number of roles including Longfield tutor and one time Head of CCF. An OB tie was presented in recognition of his service.



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Michelin Star Awarded to OB

James Close (Te, 1987-98) was awarded a Michelin Star in 2012 and has retained it in the latest awards. James left school unsure of exactly which way to take his career and initially tried lots of different jobs including working in House of Fraser. Not enamoured with a career in retail he then trained as assistant golf pro but felt he wasn't quite good enough, so progressed to a job at Headlam Hall washing pots.

When the Raby Hunt at Summerhouses came up for sale the Close family purchased it and realising that his passion lay with food, James learned from

his Mum how to produce bistro dishes. James' interest, creativity and passion led him to be awarded his first star just four years later and of course we must send him our very many congratulations and wish him continued success.



'CAIRO TO CAPE' FOR CHARITY

Teesdale adventurer Jack White (Te, 1993-03) set off in April 2013 to cycle 12,000 kilometres from Cairo to Cape Town. The journey saw him travelling through 13 countries; Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa all in aid of Farm Africa.

Jack had dreamed about the 'Cairo to Cape' challenge for years and finally gave up his job in St Andrews to give it a go. Before he left he came to School with his bike and during morning Chapel, spoke about his love of Africa and his desire to help through this particular charity. Jack arrived in Cape Town early in October having stopped off in various places to do some charity work and he also climbed Mount Kilimanjaro as he was passing!

Congratulations to him on an epic effort and also for raising over £20,000 for his charity. Read more about his travels and the Farm Africa charity at <http://jackcyclesafrica.com>



Barney Run

2013 and 2014

2013

For once the weather wasn't too bad at all and a group of four OBs came to take part in the 121st Barnard Run in Lent Term 2013. Sam Forsyth (Te, 1979-89) Jack White (Te, 1993-03) Krishna Mahadevan (1973-81) ran ahead of the Senior Boys and Angela White (nee Spark, Lo, 1988-90) ran with the Inter girls. There was lots of cheering and support as they tackled the course. As victor, Krish was awarded the Ewart Tankard with Jack and Sam in hot pursuit! Angela was the very first 'old girl' to run for the OBs and would love to encourage others to join her in future years!



2014

Hot on the heels of taking part in 2013 and following his recent African adventure in aid of Farm Africa, Jack White (Te, 1993-03) once again took to the Barney Run course. This year OB Chris Wain (Da, 1980-85) stepped up to challenge for the Ewart Tankard, and while the two battled with blustery conditions, it was Jack who claimed victory.



BARNARDIAN NEWS

Old Boys Rugby is back!

The traditionally rugby match against Durham School was once an annual fixture for the OB Rugby team but due to dwindling numbers on both sides, this fixture sadly disappeared. After an absence of nearly eight years without a fixture, we are pleased to announce that the BCS Old Boys Rugby Club is back up and running. Jim Carver (1997-04), reports:

“The BCS Old Boys Rugby Club was invited to enter a team into a charity tournament held at Darlington Rugby Club on 11 May last year. With the tournament being 15- a-side we were sceptical about raising a full team with subs, but the response we had was fantastic. 20 players turned up on the day – a mixture of ages, with players who left School nearly 20 years ago playing alongside lots of young energetic faces.

We were drawn in a tough group and managed to win our matches against a touring side, a Darlington mixed side and Mowden Park 2nds.

Undoubtedly the match that everyone wanted to play in was the grudge match against Yarm Old Boys. Yarm were the favourites going into the match and had a strong side consisting predominantly of players who had recently played in the Daily Mail vase. The game was a scrappy one and we walked away with a 0-0 draw meaning we went through to the next stages as top of our group. We lost in the semi final to the eventual winners, Houghall College, but were delighted to make it so far; being the first time many of us had met each other, let alone played rugby together.

The atmosphere throughout the day was brilliant, everyone got lots of game time with it being rolling subs and we all agreed that it was a great feeling to wear the Barney shirt again.”

Jim is looking to arrange a number of fixtures in the coming year and beyond, and will once again be entering a team into the 2014 rugby tournament at Darlington Rugby Club. Save the date for Saturday 10 May 2014!



Want to get involved?

To get involved please contact Jim Carver on 07595534430 or email jamesc@carvergroup.co.uk.

FAREWELL TO RACHAEL BARKER, Development Director

Barnard Castle School says a fond farewell to its Development Director, Rachael Barker this Easter.

Having joined the School from the University of Cambridge in 2011, Rachael is moving to pastures new in Cardiff and will be taking up the role of Head of Alumni Relations and Development at the University of South Wales.

Rachael comments: “It’s been a pleasure to work with OBs over the last couple of years and to see the passion that so evidently exists in support of the OB community and the School’s long term future. I’m confident that the work of the Development Office in establishing creative communications, improving the quality of OB records and facilitating industry contacts will continue with gusto, and will provide a sustainable foundation for all future activities and initiatives.”

Established in September 2011, the Development Office provides a professional focus for all School marketing and communications, admissions, Old Barnardian-relations and philanthropy.



CONNECT WITH BARNEY

Barnard Castle School and the Old Barnardians' Club offer a range of services, benefits and events for all former pupils.

Services

- Free annual BarneyConnect magazine
- Barnardians Reconnected website www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk
- Reunions and events
- BarneyEConnect
- Barnard Castle School as a venue

Benefits

- Club membership
- Benefits Scheme
- Merchandise

For further details of all OB events and to view the latest news and links to our social media channels visit www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk

-  @barney_school
-  For photos from events. Search 'Barnard Castle School Flickr'
-  Join the Barnard Castle group or like our School profile page. Search 'Barnard Castle School LinkedIn'
-  Access photos from our Archive. Search 'Barnard Castle School History Pin'

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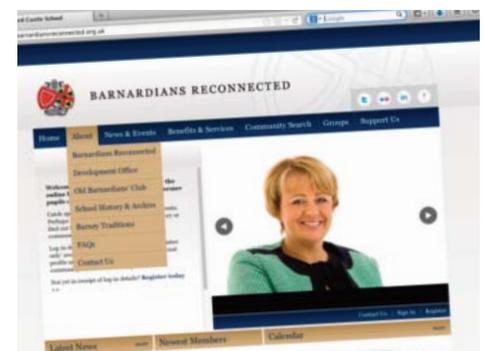
One of the most important and popular services that Barney provides its former pupils is the opportunity to re-establish contact with old friends.

Work has been ongoing over the last 18 months to redevelop the OB website to make it even easier for former pupils to seek out lost friends and make contact again.

An upgrade from the website previously available, the new Barnardians Reconnected website is intuitive to use, embraces assorted social media channels and provides a hub for Old Barnardian news and activity.

A significant amount of the redevelopment has been associated with collecting, cleaning and restructuring OB data. As a result, the upgraded member directory – featuring all former pupils – now enables former pupils to search for classmates by a wide range of School or occupation-related data fields.

With the site password-protected and with the ability for users to customise their visibility settings; OBs can be assured that their data is not only held securely but also discretely.



- View forthcoming events and register online
- Join groups online by geographical location or sporting interest
- Keen to get involved and wish to update your OB profile? Visit www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk

BARNARDIAN NEWS IN BRIEF

Nisha Devgan (Ma, 2003-05) and **Michelle Stobart** (Bo, 1997-05) took part in a charity trek and community project in the Indian Himalayas in support of the Butterwick Hospice, a charity close to their hearts. The girls raised approximately £5000. Their 'Just Giving' page is now closed but you can still support their efforts by donating to the Butterwick Hospice www.butterwick.org.uk



Congratulations to **Dr Tom Moorhouse** (Te, 1987-94) on the launch of his debut novel, a childrens' book called 'The River Singers' (Oxford University Press). Tom received a very favourable review in the Independent with the headline 'Move over Ratty Sylvan is here: an Oxford Academic's new children's book could be a rival for 'Wind in the Willows'.



On Sports Day 2013 the Spitfires flew in – not the planes but the RAF 7s team! Their Captain **Rory Wood** (Da, 1993-03) had organised for the team, who were cycling from Glasgow to Twickenham for charity, to call in for lunch. Our pupils were able to chat with the team about careers in the RAF, fitness and rugby.



Congratulations to **Nigel Farndale** (Yo, 1976-81) on the launch of his latest book 'The Road Between Us' Benjamin Evans of the Telegraph gave the following review 'Nigel Farndale transcends Faulksian comparisons with The Road Between Us. Rich, unsparing and exquisitely textured, his latest novel also gives the subgenre some audacious twists'.

Peter Verow (1960-71), **Ian Nuttall** (Yo, 1958-65) and **Bryan Patterson** (No, 1957-64) met up again last year as part of a reunion for England squash players and during Barnardian Weekend Ian and Peter were pleased to visit the refurbished school courts.



Our congratulations go to **Nicola Hodgson** (Ma, 1996-05) and **Andrew Darling** (Da, 1997-02) who married in the School Chapel last summer. A number of OBs attended the wedding.



Congratulations to **James Catterick** (Du, 1999-03) who married Kate Day on 21 September 2013 at Bettleys Mansion near Cobham in Surrey.

Congratulations to **Mathew Tait** and his wife, Lexi who welcomed a son in June, Xander.

Kathryn O'Sullivan Brown (Lo, 1996-02) welcomed her third child, Hannah, just a couple of weeks after attending the Longfield Reunion Dinner in April 2013.

Sisters **Dr Lizzie Grogan** (nee Neville, Ma, 1996-03,) and **Katie Neville** (Ma, 1995-'02) both became Mums this year. Lizzie to Phoebe Niamh and Katie welcomed Lily Grace. We are sure the little cousins will have lots of fun together.

Rory Underwood (Yo, 1972-83) and **Paul Kelly** (Yo, 1971-81) travelled to Sydney to the British and Irish Lions game and met up with **John Asquith** (1973-81) – looks like they had a fabulous time.



Rory Clegg (Yo, 1998-08) is now playing with the Newcastle Falcons where he is playing alongside OBs **Alex Tait** (Te, 1998-06) and **Tom Catterick** (Du, 2004-09).

Congratulations to **Michael Ellery** (No, 2006-08) and **Alex Gray** (Du, 2002-09) who are playing 7's Rugby for England.

Congratulations to **Calum Clark** (Da, 2005-07) who has recently captained the England Saxons.

Tom Waddington (Te, 1995-06) is currently living, and hoping to settle, in Perth, Western Australia. He recently wrote the following "I studied for a BSc in Geography and a MSc in Disaster Management (1st) at Northumbria University in Newcastle. After my Masters I was given the opportunity to work in Davos, Switzerland at the Swiss Avalanche Centre where I worked on and designed programmes to detect avalanches and using GIS; this was an amazing experience where I gained many skills. I am looking to work in an environmental/geographical area and would be very keen to become involved in mine work, consultancy, exploration, schools, council, etc". If anyone is able to help Tom in any way please contact him on tomwaddington1@hotmail.co.uk

We welcome your latest news and photographs.

Submit online at www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk
or email development@barneyschool.org.uk

It has been a busy year for **Sam Gunning** (Lo, 1998-05) who is now Mrs Bond as she has married and delivered her first child, Oskar. Diana and Stuart Everall were guests at the wedding and Diana witnessed the signing of the register.



Louise Foster (nee Yarrow, Lo, 1990-92) accepted the Headmaster's invitation to present the prizes on Speech Day last year. Louise enjoyed the day and found the Chapel services very emotional.

Patrick Grant (Yo, 1986-90) has had a very busy year. He has appeared as a judge on 'The Great British Sewing Bee', produced a ready to wear designer collection under the brand 'Hammond & Co' for Designers at Debenhams and worked with Barbour on their Autumn/Winter Collection 2013. Patrick also writes for GQ and a number of other publications. Patrick is also on the judging panel for Amway's Britain's Top Real Role Model, the search for Britain's most inspiring entrepreneur. He has also been busy cycling and hiking for charity, taking part in the Surrey 100, Scotland Coast to Coast and Etape Pennine all in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. On his visit to Barney as part of the Etape Pennine boys from York House went along to cheer him across the finish line.



Congratulations to **Ian Hodgson** (2002-07) has 'passed out' from Sandhurst and had the honour of carrying the Queen's Colours on parade day.



Congratulations to **Frank Whately** (No, 1958-67), who after the death of British broadcaster David Jacobs, has become President of the President's Council for the Rose Theatre, Kingston.

Rachel Metcalf (Bo, 2006-11) recently received her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at St James' Palace. Currently Rachel is reading Law at Durham and has accepted the offer of a post graduate training contract from global law firm, Linklaters. She will take up to eight months time out post graduation, with a month of this to be spent in Borneo at an orang-utan sanctuary.

John Hunter (1980-87) reports: "A group of us caught up for beers and to hear each other's latest at the George in Pierecbridge last June for Father's Day. Alan Farrar, our House Master popped in too but we forgot to get a picture of him before he left!" Those in the photo L-R are: **Phillip Lamb** (Te, 1980-87), **Chris Wain** (Da, 1980-85), **Phillip Jarratt** (Da, 1980-85), **Dave Crisp** (Da, 1980-85), **John Hunter** (Da, 1980-87), **Gordon Cross** (Da, 1980-87), **Ivan Whitfield** (Te, 1980-87), **Mike Reed** (Da, 1980-87), **Steven Kirby** (Da, 1980-87).



Simon Blanch (Da, 1991-95) is now living and working in Geelong, Victoria, Australia. He is married and has a little boy.

Sarah Phillips (Bo, 2008-10) has graduated from Cardiff with a First in Religious and Theological Studies including modules in Arabic, Hebrew and Sanskrit. From May 2014 she will be working with 'Teach First' and in the meantime is spending a well earned GAP half year with her family in Johannesburg where she's assisting at the Sparrow Foundation Primary School for disadvantaged children. Her brother **Nick** (Te, 2009-11) had a GAP year and has now started his undergraduate course in environmental studies at Leeds University.

Matthew Hodges, Duncan Ross and Tony Underwood are all now based in Dubai and flying for Emirates.



As a hobby **Aidan Turnbull** (No, 1972-79) regularly fights in 15th Century armour in the Supreme Fighting Championships at Corfe Castle. Someone tried to cut his head off (for real) with a broadsword but thankfully only succeeded in opening his eyebrow. We hope he is now recovered!

Congratulations to **Adam Ingram** (Da, 1996-03) who last year was awarded best thesis in Astro Physics in the UK, by The Royal Astronomical Society.

In August 2013 **Ashleigh Nixon** became Mrs Ben Whitbread and we wish her and her new husband all the very best.

Derek Watson, John White and David Collins meet up in Bermuda (March 2014) to enjoy a Dark & Stormy or two!!!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Marwood House 20th Anniversary

Sunday 4 May 2014
Barnard Castle School

Celebrating 20 years of Marwood House, girls are invited to a special Sunday Chapel service.

Old Barnardians' Charity Rugby Tournament

Saturday 10 May 2014
Darlington RFU

For a second year, James Carver (1997-04) is organising an OB team to take part in the Henry Vaulks Charity Tournament at Darlington RFC. Email jwcarver@hotmail.co.uk or jamesc@carvergroup.co.uk to contact James if you're interested in taking part.



Barnardian Weekend 2014

**Friday 27 June to
Sunday 29 June 2014**
Barnard Castle School

Join fellow Barnardians – young and old – for a weekend of sports, socialising and catching up. Join 'Team OB' to help compete for the *Barnardian Challenge Shield*. 2014 sports are Netball, Football, Squash, Cricket and Shooting.

Sign up to the Gourmet Buffet evening on the Saturday evening (£10 per head) and attend the annual OB Chapel Service and Club AGM.

Old Barnardians are particularly welcomed to the Chapel Service this year as there will also be a short tree dedication ceremony in memory of Mr Alan Wilkinson – former school master and stalwart of the Old Barnardians' Club – who died last year. All welcome.

OB Golf day 2014

Sunday 14 September 2014
Barnard Castle Golf Club

Held at Barnard Castle Golf Club and teeing off at 12 noon, join OBs for a leisurely 18 holes, followed by refreshments in the Club House. The Gradon Cup, the Tony Parkinson Trophy for the Longest Drive and Nearest Pin 18th to be awarded. To register your interest, please contact Graydon Parkin direct (email: [gnj.parkin@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:gjn.parkin@dsl.pipex.com)).



BENTLEY BEETHAM ENDEAVOUR LECTURE 2014: SEIZETHE DAY, BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

Friday 16 May 2014
Barnard Castle School

Celebrating the spirit of one of Barney's most esteemed OBs, and with the inaugural lecture marking the centenary of his return to Barnard Castle School as a teacher, the Bentley Beetham Endeavour Lecture is a new annual occasion for our community. Barnard Castle School is delighted to welcome Baroness Grey-Thompson as the inaugural speaker for this series.

“Seize the Day”

This will be an inspirational and informative journey through the life of one of the country's best-known paralympic athletes and now a cross bench peer in the House of Lords. Tanni will speak about achievement, what it takes to succeed and make a difference, and will draw on her own life experience.

All events are listed online. For further information and to register your attendance, visit www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk/events
Alternatively email: development@barneyschool.org.uk



Old Barnardians' Club London Dinner 2014

Friday 10 October 2014
East India Club,
St James's Square, London

A thoroughly enjoyable dining occasion, with the opportunity to meet President of the OB Club and Headmaster of School, Mr Alan Stevens. Open to all, this event attracts members from far and wide, not just those living or working in or near London. Partners welcome.

Barnard Castle School Open Day 2014

Saturday 4 October 2014
Barnard Castle School

For those of you considering Barnard Castle for your child or grandchild, Open Day is an opportunity to tour the School, see our extensive facilities and discover at first-hand how our friendly School community operates.

As an Old Barnardian you will likely be familiar with the School, although for those of you who haven't visited us in a little while, Open Day is a chance to meet the Headmaster and familiarise yourself with our latest developments. From 9.30am. Full details online at www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk

Heritage Open Day 2014

**Saturday 13 and Sunday 14
September 2014**
Barnard Castle School Chapel

Forming part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative, Barnard Castle School Chapel once again opens to the public as one of several Teesdale properties and landmarks included in the County Durham programme. Visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk or further information

Remembrance Day 2014

Sunday 9 November
Barnard Castle School Chapel

Join our School community as we remember the fallen of global conflicts at our annual Remembrance Day service. This year will be especially poignant as we mark a century since the outbreak of the Great War and the loss of so many Barney boys. This occasion marks the first of several Great War commemorative occasions. RSVP to Dorothy Jones.



Barnard Castle School Music Spectacular

10 February 2015
Gala Theatre, Durham City

A celebration of our School's musical excellence. Come along to watch performers from across the School – from Prep to Sixth Form – as they take to the stage in Durham. Booking information released in the near future.

Old Barnardians' Club meeting dates

All Barnard Castle School

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Committee Meeting
3 May 2014

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AGM
29 June 2014

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Committee Meeting
6 September 2014

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Committee Meeting
10 January 2015

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Committee Meeting
25 May 2015

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AGM
28 June 2015

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OBITUARIES IN MEMORIAM

ALAN WILKINSON (1927-2013): A TRIBUTE

Stuart Everall, Chairman of the Old Barnardians' Club reflects on one of Barney's most respected characters.

Top: Alan and Gerry Camozzi
Bottom: Alan and members of his family



Alan Wilkinson, a stalwart of the School, the Old Barnardians community and the town of Barnard Castle, died in March, aged 85.

This tribute can never do justice to all of Alan's interests, commitments or his years in the classroom. He was however kind, full of fun and well respected by all who met him.

Alan attended Barnard Castle School as a pupil between 1937 and 1944 before going on to study English at Queen's College, Oxford. A brief teaching spell at Coxwold, North Yorkshire, which involved an evacuation to Lindisfarne College in Ruabon, North Wales ensued, before he joined Barney to teach English in 1952.

From here his teaching experiences began. Alan's love and enthusiasm for English were soon apparent to all he taught. A dab hand at throwing chalk as well as other unconventional teaching methods meant Alan became a personality amongst all Barnardians.

His passion for drama was also evident and he directed many School productions, both classic titles as well as musicals. Pupils' skill at drama was given the chance to flourish and many Old Barnardians fondly recount how they were persuaded to perform. Alan derived great pleasure from the longevity of friendships that ensued, with several pupils going on to notable success in the performing arts, and individuals such as actor Kevin Whateley (OB 1959-1969), keeping in contact with him.

For the Old Barnardians' Club, Alan was a great source of knowledge – not only about former pupils and staff of the School, but also about constitutional matters of the Club. He served as Chairman and became a Vice-President and throughout, his enthusiasm for all matters relating to the School was tangible.

Away from the School Alan was heavily involved in the life of the town. He served on the Town Council for a total of 46 years being Mayor on four occasions. His contribution to this side of his life was recognised when he was made an Honorary Freeman of the town in 2010. He also served the town by being a local historian, giving talks about Barnard Castle and on the connection between Charles Dickens and Teesdale. Indeed on several occasions he could be seen in Victorian dress conducting a tour!

The thoughts and prayers of the whole Barnard Castle School community are extended to the family and friends, and of those Old Barnardians who are no longer with us. May they rest in peace.

“Many of us are lucky enough to have had at least one brilliant teacher at school. Someone who inspired us, energised us and enlightened us. Mine was Mr Wilkinson.”

Phil Mews (1978-1988)

“Always enthusiastic, humorous and mischievous!”

Robert S Hunter (1952-1959)



His love of the town and surrounding areas was always evident in his discussions. Alan published several books on walks around the area, postcards of the town and finally completed a long held ambition, a book on the history of Barnard Castle. In 2012 his book entitled ‘Dotheboys and Beyond’ was published to coincide with the bi-centennial of Dickens’ birth and was launched with fanfare with articles in the local press and a public event hosted at Barnard Castle School!

Above all however, Alan was a family man. Along with Jean, they brought up five children, all with a love of the English language, a love of the local countryside and simply a love of family life. Sunday afternoons were often occasions when the family gathered at his home and he liked nothing better than playing and entertaining in his beloved garden with his grandchildren. His prowess at football, cricket and golf, evident in his earlier years, still persisted and his energy and enthusiasm for life was readily apparent.

As a former colleague and his son-in-law, I know he will be sadly missed by all, but equally know that he leaves so many super memories for all who knew him.

Alan will be fondly remembered at Barnardian Weekend in June when as part of the Sunday Chapel service a tree will be dedicated in his honour.

Visit www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk/event/BarnardianWeekend2014 or alternatively telephone the Development Office.

Alan and Jean Wilkinson

OBITUARIES IN MEMORIAM



Jack Hatfield (Yo, 1946-50) passed away on 26 January 2014. Whilst at School he was very involved in sport but his great love was swimming. He was part of a very successful Bath Cup team for which he received an Award of Merit and he also received colours from School. After leaving Barney, Jack was called up for National Service in the Army where he also became a champion swimmer. After leaving the Army, Jack continued to swimming and gained many other titles, including coming second in the English Championships three times. He enjoyed playing water polo and was involved, as a Director, at Middlesbrough Football Club. In 2009 Jack was granted the Freedom of Middlesbrough with the Mayor at the time saying of Jack “an incredibly kind and thoughtful man”. Despite having suffered a major stroke a few years ago Jack was determined to swim again and within three months he was swimming 20-30 lengths every day! Jack’s funeral was held at his local Parish Church and was attended by a number of OBs.

Fred Clark (No, 1945-50) The following obituary was sent by John Tremble. “Fred passed away on Sunday on Sunday 6 October aged 82 after being in poor health for some years. He will be remembered in his school years as an outstanding all rounder both in sport and class. He played for the First XV at wing forward, was an

excellent squash player and at the same time the best cross-country runner in the School, winning the Barney Run two years in succession. Fred succeeded Kenneth King as Head Boy during his last year at School, a difficult appointment managed with great sensitivity. On leaving School he entered the Medical School at Kings College, Newcastle and on qualifying immediately joined the RAMC to complete his National Service as an army doctor. After completing his national service he resumed his civilian work and after a spell gaining experience in the USA he returned to Tyneside to work at the General Hospital where he was appointed consultant. In his later career he was a senior consultant at the Freeman Hospital from where he retired at age 65 years. His retirement allowed him much more time for his favourite sport of fly fishing. Fred is survived by his wife Barbara, son Rick and daughter Dee”.

Eric Scott (No, 1942-49) Eric, an ex OB Club Chairman (1977-78) passed away in December 2012. At School Eric played for the First XV and was awarded colours in 1949. Eric was also a founder member of the Panthers Rugby Club, a team which played Club sides during the holidays. He was a Senior Scout and has been described by his peers as a ‘pillar of the School and Club’.

CAR (Bob) Johnson (Du, 1978-86) His friend Kevin Dyer wrote “best known to schoolmates as Bob – Robert in polite company and (if memory serves) Andrew by his mother – passed away suddenly on 22 February 2013 at the gym. A good friend to many and a vibrant, feisty, plucky individual both on and off the sports field Bob will be sadly missed by all who knew him well. He leaves wife Samantha and sons, Chris and Isaac.”

JW Thompson (1943-48) Joseph William (Billy) Thompson of Snotterton Hall, Winston, Co. Durham, died on the 20 March 2013.

Professor David M Moore (1944-51) Professor Moore passed away in June 2013 aged 79. He was a highly regarded expert on the flora and vegetation of southern South America and the South Atlantic, especially the Argentina-Chile-Patagonian region and the South Subantarctic Islands, including the Falklands. His obituary appeared in the Telegraph on 22 August 2013. From School David went on to study at University College, Durham where he also stayed to do postgraduate research. After his PhD he went to Australia for two years and USA for two years. A lecturer at Leicester University and then Reading University, David continued his research and was a much published scientist. In 1976 whilst at Reading University he was promoted to a personal professorship.

David’s fieldwork was paramount in the understanding of the Antarctic Floristic Kingdom. He was the first to publish the true flora of the region and discovered 14 species unique to the Falklands including *Plantago moorei* (Moore’s Plantain) which he discovered in 1964 (although it was not described as a new species until the Danish botanist Knud Rahn did so in 1984). David’s knowledge of the island was also a huge help to the Ministry of Defence during the Falklands War by providing detailed topography and notes on local conditions. David is survived by his wife and two sons.

Roger Thirlwell (No, 1976-81) Roger’s brother Angus wrote to tell us of Rogers death in June of this year after a long fight with lung cancer.

The thoughts and prayers of the whole Barnard Castle School community are extended to the family and friends, and of those Old Barnardians who are no longer with us. May they rest in peace.

Colin Pratt (Yo, 1949-54) Colin passed away on 16 June 2013, following a fight with cancer. He fought a hard battle, despite a very disabling stroke which struck him down eight years ago. He always enjoyed hearing the news from OBs and in April he managed to make a pilgrimage to visit his parents' graves in Staindrop and a look at the School including the rugby fields on which he used to play which made him very happy.

W Snowden Taylor (Du, 1942-48) Snowden died at Morris Grange Care Home, Middleton Tyas on 5 February 2014 aged 81. He suffered from vascular dementia. He leaves his wife, Jean, and three sons and a daughter. Some OBs will remember his 60 birthday when his family gave him a surprise party at Sadberge Village Hall. Quite a number of the 'boys' he played rugby and cricket with were there. He enjoyed his days at Barnard Castle School, especially sport. He often recalled the evening just before one Christmas holiday when Mr Harry Badger invited the Colts Rugby team for supper. After supper the dining room was transformed into a rugby pitch. Happy days!

Alan Burrows (Yo, 1955-1960) died on 23 March 2014 after a short illness. Alan's early career was spent training as an architect with a local practice in Middlesbrough. In 1972 Alan joined Barclays Bank Plc in their Property Services Department leaving in 1998 to continue as a freelance architect until retiring in 2003. Alan lived in Sadberge for many years, married in 1971, and is survived by his wife Janice and children Victoria and Samantha.

Mark Chenoworth (Yo, 1973-80) We received the following obituary from Mark's wife, who herself has been unwell and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

"Mark died suddenly, at home in Leek, Staffordshire, aged 50 in May 2012 after a massive heart attack. He was awaiting coronary bypass grafts for heart disease but his post mortem also revealed he had leukaemia. He had battled all of his life with Spina Bifida but he hadn't let this stop him enjoying life to the full. Mark, an accountant, retired at the age of 36 following major spinal surgery which left him wheelchair bound. Mark discovered scuba diving quite by accident and realised that after going to certain depths he regained the ability to walk, he then became a technical diver and enjoyed many years of travel to exotic countries pursuing his 'sport'. He became a very active Freemason which became his absolute passion, travelling up to Barney when he was fit enough to attend the Old Barnardian Lodge. His brother Jonathan, who also attended to School, died suddenly of a heart attack in 2007 aged 42. Mark never really came to terms with this; he was plagued with depression following Jonathan's death as his father had just passed away as well. When Mark died he should have been diving in Egypt where we were due to celebrate our 50th birthdays but his Consultant advised him not to travel. As my parents were going with us Mark insisted that we still go, otherwise we would lose a lot of money. He died the day before we were due back so he was on his own but on reflection I think he knew this was going to happen, he managed to dial 999 and he died with a very nice police lady holding his hand!"

Dr Ronald Clark (No, 1961-67) Ron was in Northumberland House leaving in 1967 to go to Glasgow University to read medicine. He died earlier this year aged 62. He leaves his wife Christine and his two daughters – Sally a solicitor working for the ICC in Dubai and Diana an accountant with the McLaren Group. Diana ran the New Forest marathon on 22 September raising funds for Cancer Research in memory of her father.

John Anderson BEM passed away peacefully on 29 November 2013 at home. John was very well known locally as the owner of a local garage and for his outstanding service as a retained firefighter, for which he was awarded the BEM in 1998. A measure of the man was that just days before the opening of a new extension at the Middleton-in-Teesdale John had been in hospital but he managed still managed to open the new building.

Marshall E Walsh (Du, 1946-47)

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