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# Welcome

## ALAN STEVENS



**Headmaster**

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**A recently dusted off copy of the School Song emerged last term from the relocated Archive which now occupies a lofty position at the top of Brereton House – Old School House or even simply School House, to many Old Barnardians. This shocking piece of Victoriana strains for a rhyme from the outset with the opening lines, “Blow bravely ye breezes, round the school that on Tees is...” We don’t propose giving an airing to this excruciating note of nostalgia in Chapel any time soon.**

However, the School Song remains relevant today in at least one respect: the weather is one of the few constants in our ever-changing world of School life; those bravely blowing breezes are as much a feature of modern rugby, hockey and cross-country now as they were generations ago and our home teams still smile at the look of initial shock that visitors from more sheltered locations wear as they emerge from our changing rooms into the bracing Barney air.

Yet while de-frosting the touch-judges continues routinely, indoors we have made huge strides forward, completing the twin building projects of our Prep School extension and our Sixth Form Centre. The Prep extension includes classrooms and a superb, fully-equipped junior science lab and our Sixth Form Centre has, quite innovatively transformed the way in which Sixth Form work, while also providing a social space and a venue for guest lectures, many of which have been delivered by eminent Old Barnardians.

As records of the opening of our new facilities by HRH The Duke of Gloucester join the Archive, we have already begun to plan ahead and look to the academic and sporting projects which will help future generations of Barnardians to learn the lessons that are truly important and to enjoy successful and fulfilment long after Barney’s breezes become a distant memory.

If you would like to see how the old and new complement each other and how we are building for our children’s futures at Barney, please contact Dot Jones, the OB Secretary or Chris Enticknap, the Foundation Director, and plan to revisit. It would be pleasure to welcome you back.

Best regards

**Alan Stevens**

Headmaster and President of the Old Barnardians' Club

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There are a number of ways you can keep up-to-date with OB news and events

### Facebook

There are currently three active Facebook groups

- Old Barnardians Womens Sports Teams
- Old Barnardians Rugby
- Old Barnardians Club

### Twitter

**OB Twitter**

@barney\_ob

**Banard Castle School Twitter**

@barney\_school

### LinkedIn

[www.linkedin.com/company/barnard-castle-school](http://www.linkedin.com/company/barnard-castle-school)

### Website

[www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk](http://www.barnardiansreconnected.org.uk)

- View forthcoming events and register online
- Join groups online by geographical location or sporting interest
- Update your OB profile



# WELCOME MESSAGES



## Message from the Chairman

**I was honoured to be proposed and elected as chair of the Old Barnardians' Club in 2015. Taking over from Peter Hodges (and Stuart Everall and Gerry Camozzi before him) all of whom have made an invaluable contribution both in maintaining strong relations with the school and also helping to grow the reach of the club and ensuring its continuing relevance. I extend my thanks to all of you for your tireless hard work and also to the Headmaster, Alan Stevens, who has been invaluable in ensuring that the School and the Club work together as one.**

It has been a very good year for the Club and we have made huge strides in embracing social media and bringing many lost sheep back into the fold. In addition to an ever developing Barnardians Reconnected website, there are c.300 OBs in the LinkedIn Group and almost 1,000 in the very active Facebook Group which includes daily updates on events, recollections and photos.

Turning to the events of the past year, The Old Barnardians' weekend last June saw strong numbers in attendance on a gloriously sunny afternoon bolstered by a gathering of OBs from the mid 1980s who helped support the younger generation playing cricket, football, netball and shooting from the relative comfort of the beer tent. Going forwards, it is the intention to use this weekend to continue to be open to all but also to use it as an opportunity to host reunions for various landmark celebrations such as those from 2013, many of whom will be graduating from university this year, those from 2006 who left 10 years ago, those from 1991 who left 25 years ago and those from 1976 who left 40 years ago as well as any other impromptu gatherings that people would like to organise. Holding this event in the summer months however, means that rugby and hockey tend not to get a look in so there are plans to hold an autumn gathering in September each year (at the same time that the annual OB golf competition takes place), to ensure these key sports do not get overlooked. In terms of sporting fixtures, last but not least, John Gedye recently organised a squash reunion after the success of the original one in 2012. This similarly had a good turnout and a good time was had by all with the school putting on a prize presentation and a hot buffet supper.

Other notable highlights have been the well-attended London dinner at the East India Club. This was resurrected several years ago and is now a firmly established staple in the calendar. This has been complimented by bi-monthly London drinks at a local hostelry in the City which by a lucky coincidence is very close to my office. So successful has this been that the first Quayside drinks in Newcastle took place in April. Apart from a small contingent of older Old Barnardians, c.30 younger members turned up, most of whom are students at Newcastle and Northumbria universities. Finally, an Oxford lunch is planned in May which looks to be well attended too. These events are superb opportunities for catching up, networking and reminiscing and I urge anyone in the vicinity to come along to future gatherings. Our largest event though was the reunion of the 1940s/50s leavers and you will be able to read more about it elsewhere in the magazine.

Of course none of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of Dot Jones, longstanding Club secretary and very much at the heart of the Club – on behalf of the Committee and the Club I extend my heartfelt thanks to Dot for everything that she does to make the Club the success that it is.

Finally I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow Committee members, new and old, for their time and effort during the year and in particular, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mike Goundry who has recently stepped down from the Committee. He has been stalwart in his support and enthusiasm over many years including time as Chairman in 1999. We look forward to seeing him at future events.

I look forward to another eventful year and to welcoming back as many of you as possible.

Kind regards

**John Hunter**

Chairman of the Old Barnardians' Club



## Message from the Heads of School

**As we come towards the end of Upper Sixth it's hard to believe that after eight years we are soon to become Old Barnardians. Although the future is full of uncertainty we know Barney has provided us with a solid base from which we can grow. There have always been a lot of opportunities available to us, including the chance to become Heads of School at the end of Lower Sixth. Personal highlights have been visiting South Africa with the 1st XV Rugby, singing Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral and of course ski trips! We have very much enjoyed the responsibilities of the position, representing the student body both in and out of School.**

We have always considered ourselves a transition year for the School as we have seen it change substantially. In our first year the A Block was built and Mr David Ewart retired to be succeeded by the current Headmaster Mr Alan Stevens. The ethos and values of the School have and will remain constant but we have enjoyed being a part of the innovation that Mr Stevens has brought with him. Many of these changes will soon become tradition, such as leaving the name tags in all the Senior Monitor gowns as well as the new Head of House gowns with coloured trim.

The handing over of the gowns in the final Nailing Up of the year already feels the normal way for the new Senior Monitors to begin their office. We feel privileged to have been able to finally welcome the arrival of the new Sixth Form Centre. This has been the last major change we will see but we are confident the school will continue to progress- maybe one day they will even replace the S Block!

We are both excited to see what the world has to offer but we will never forget where we came from. We will certainly revisit the school in years to come. Like many Old Barnardians we have spoken to we have many happy memories of our time here.

**Sam Adamson**      **Kerin Borer**  
Head Boy              Head Girl

## Welcome our new committee member

This year we welcomed Agni Ghosh to the committee. Sadly Daniel Parkin, Andrew Brockett and Mike Goundry have resigned from the committee as they have other commitments. We thank them for their efforts and know that they will continue to support the Club in other ways.

**I attended Barnard Castle School between 2005 through to 2014, having joined the school as a keen footballer and leaving as an avid rugby player, I very much enjoyed my nine year stint at Barney. Throughout my schooling career sport played a large part of my life; representing the Brown and Blue colours in five disciplines at a first team level, with my fondest memories on the rugby pitch. Alongside this, I indulged myself in every and any house activity (I think I covered them all!) in the mighty York house.**

After playing rugby in New Zealand in 2014, I now work and live independently in 'The Big Smoke' headhunting into Investment Management. Having a keen interest in business and finance I'm really enjoying my current position and still keep my hand in playing rugby.

**Agni Ghosh** (Y, '14)



# BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

## NEWS



“I am very proud of our whole school community but perhaps even more important than the inspectors’ judgement is the endorsement of our parents.”

## Praise for Pupils

**Praise by education inspectors for pupils’ high standards of behaviour and enthusiasm for learning has been matched by parents’ overwhelming support for their school in a report.**

Parents “extremely high levels of satisfaction” with independent Barnard Castle School, in County Durham, met the inspectors’ “excellent” rating for pupils’ personal development, pastoral care and extra-curricular provision.

Leadership and management, governance, the quality of boarding and arrangements also attracted the highest judgement.

All pupils, who come from across the ability range, are nurtured and encouraged to at least reach their academic potential with many exceeding it through predominantly high quality teaching that demonstrates rapid pace, thorough planning, a high level of challenge, strong subject knowledge and imaginative use of resources.

An 11-strong team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate visited the school, which has close to 700 prep and senior pupils aged 4-18, including 150 boarders, on a 50-acre site.

In their report inspectors described finding “a nurturing environment in which all pupils are encouraged to develop their talents and confidence” and young people who “are mature and thoughtful, with an excellent understanding of life in British society and the wider world”.

“The school is a community where mutual care is strongly evident,” they said, with excellent relationships among pupils with staff and each other and value placed on service and good citizenship.

Headmaster Alan Stevens said: “I am very proud of our whole school community but perhaps even more important than the inspectors’ judgement is the endorsement of our parents. “The inspectors told me it’s almost unheard of for 95 per cent of those responding to give such positive feedback, saying their children made good academic progress, were happy and well cared for and stimulated by a wide range of activities.”

Early years provision was described as “excellent” leading to the school’s youngest children making “excellent progress in all areas of learning to achieve beyond the levels expected for their age”.

“Staff know the children well and have high expectations of them” and children demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour, the report says. Prep school headmistress Laura Turner added: “Our aim has been to create a warm and friendly school that belongs to the children, where they feel happy, safe and confident and are enthusiastic about learning. We know and

care for every child as an individual and I’m delighted that our staff’s hard work in creating our family environment has been recognised by the inspectors.”

Since the school’s last inspection, the prep school has been extended with new classrooms and a science laboratory, and a dedicated sixth form working and social centre has opened at the senior school.

In the senior school, literacy skills are said to develop rapidly from Year 7-9 and sixth form study is enhanced by a wide-ranging lecture programme and cultural trips in the UK and abroad.

Pupils’ physical development was described as “excellent” with success shown in a wide-range of extra-curricular activities and initiatives such as the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and the Combined Cadet Force, while many opportunities exist for performance in music and drama.



# Landing a Royal Seal of Approval

**A state of the art investment in the leaders of tomorrow has been opened by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.**

Hundreds of pupils aged 4-18 provided a flag-waving reception for His Royal Highness as he landed on the fields in a royal helicopter.

The Queen's cousin was there to tour and officially open the school's innovative new Sixth Form Centre, where he met staff, governors, architects and students, all of whom had an input in the new building.

The design and construction of the Sixth Form Centre within existing school buildings yet blending cutting-edge educational features was of particular interest to the Royal visitor, who is a qualified architect.

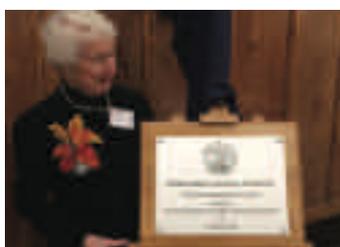
Prior to unveiling a plaque, he told students, staff and guests including Lord Lieutenant of County Durham Sue Snowden: "It's a great pleasure for me to come to your splendid school and be in this historic hall which marks many years of past pupils. I am delighted to play a tiny role in your history by coming to open your new Sixth Form Centre.

"Sixth forms now need to be much more sophisticated in what they provide in terms of electronics and gadgets in order to enable sixth formers to have access to a much wider world.

"For me it's a great pleasure to see architecture that can be squeezed in between historic buildings and provide the space and meet the particular needs of your sixth form in order to fulfil their true role. Congratulations to all who have played a part and I hope those who use it appreciate that it didn't spring overnight."

Explaining that the new centre is named after Old Barnardian and former housemaster Kenneth King,

Headmaster Alan Stevens said: "We will continue to undertake those most



valuable principles for which Kenneth King was renowned – to prepare and guide young people for the future so they can make informed choices in their later lives which are valuable to their community, society and nation so they can be fulfilled, happy and successful people."

The centre has been planned to transform quickly from formal study area to comfortable social space featuring tables for dining and booth seating for socialising. Clever use of acoustic materials allows for individual and collaborative study and multiple activities in the same open plan space.

Emphasis has also been placed on the technological needs of modern students with Wi-Fi, PCs, USB charging sockets, electronic room booking tablets and intelligent lockers with thumbprint scanners and charging points for a range of devices. Workspace on the mezzanine level boasts views of the ground floor and Bowes Museum next door thanks to panoramic glazing.

Head of Sixth Form Chris Butler said: "This wonderful centre was designed with the help of students and is very much for the students. It is a unique private space that complements beautifully the rest of the school.

"It enhances the student experience greatly by providing an adult learning environment similar to university and

bridging that gap about which we hear so much from higher education."

Mr Butler added: "The aim was to develop the Sixth Form as an institution with the very best facilities. I wanted it to be an emotive, airy space, where people would draw a breath as soon as they walked through the door – I am delighted to say that is what has been achieved."

To boost students' life-skills there are also three fully fitted kitchen stations, which they can use to develop culinary skills, complete with built-in ironing boards to help prepare them for life at university and beyond. The centre is open for students from 8am – 10pm each day.

It is also home to the director of studies and careers staff, giving students easy access to a host of invaluable advice and a venue for visiting speakers from industry, professions and higher education, as well as sessions on the psychology of behaviour, management and current affairs.

**Articles on p6 – 7 written by French and Lamming Media**

"We are pleased to have Mrs Yvonne King with us today to be a part of this important occasion"

# BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Barnard Castle School has recently formed a Foundation to be the focus of its fundraising efforts for capital projects and bursaries. The coming years will see a range of fundraising initiatives that will contribute to the school's ambitious development plan and help fund a significant bursary programme.



In addition to my pupil days, Barney has played a major part in my life as a parent of three, a longstanding member and past Chairman of the Old Barnardians' Club, a Governor and now as the first Chairman of the recently established Barnard Castle School Foundation. This new initiative brings focus to the ambitious developments being planned and the Headmaster's vision for the school. Whilst the School seeks to develop better facilities and opportunities for future generations of pupils it needs to devote most of fee income to operating costs whilst endeavouring to keep fees at an affordable level.

Since the school was founded, all capital developments have been funded from school fees, the generosity of a few committed benefactors and appeals largely supported by Old Barnardians. The Foundation will provide a structured approach to support future growth through the generation of funds for the updating of facilities and the provision of bursaries.

We have identified two priority projects including a dedicated Chemistry and Biology building and a Sports Hub adjacent to the playing fields. These will be the first targets for fundraising which, when achieved, will also create space to redevelop new Art studios. Whether your interest is in the support of these capital projects or the expansion of a significant and long-standing bursary programme, we hope that you will give your support to the Foundation in whatever way you can.

**Peter Hodges OB** (Y, '72)  
Chairman of Barnard Castle School  
Foundation



**My association with Barnard Castle School started in 1964 when I joined York House under the leadership of housemaster Kenneth King. Some 52 years later it was a privilege to be asked to participate in the Royal opening of the new Kenneth King Sixth Form Centre. In many ways this epitomises the ethos that has prevailed at Barney since its foundation 133 years ago. The dedication of teaching, pastoral and support staff has ensured ongoing achievement. The completion of this modern and vibrant facility marks another key milestone in the development of our school community which over its long history has sought to do the best it can to provide opportunity and encouragement to every pupil. The new centre will considerably enhance the learning experience for the sixth form and the wellbeing of the school community as a whole.**



**Barnard Castle School has an outstanding academic record and we are proud of all that the school has accomplished since its endowment in 1883. The school's unique setting and its family atmosphere provide a happy and nurturing environment for our pupils.**

Through the recent sale of surplus land we have been able to invest £2.5m to create the new Kenneth King Sixth Form Centre and an extension to the Prep School. But this is only the beginning of our ambitious plans and our next capital projects are to develop new flagship science and sports facilities.

At the same time we want to offer more bursary places for our pupils and hope to find individuals who would like to sponsor a full or part bursary for a pupil who would not otherwise be able to join us and benefit from a 'Barney' education.

The Foundation will allow us not only to share our vision for the school but also to achieve it far sooner than we could from our very limited resources. We know there is enormous goodwill towards the school, and the Foundation will help us to harness and channel this into support where it is most needed.

Everyone who contributes to the Foundation will be shaping the future of Barnard Castle School and ensuring its continuing success in a highly competitive environment. We hope that you will want to help, and urge you to contact the Development Office to discuss ways in which you can support. We can assure you that all supporters will be kept closely informed of the Foundation's progress and achievements.

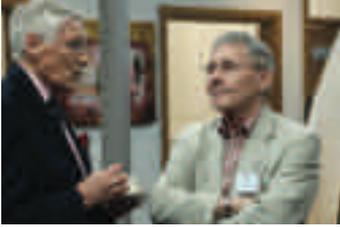
**Alan Stevens**  
Headmaster



“There is no wealth but life. Life, including all its powers of love, of joy, and of admiration. That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest numbers of noble and happy human beings; that man is richest, who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal, and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others.”

John Ruskin, *Unto This Last*, 1860. Recited by the Bishop of Durham at the opening of new science facilities on 6 November 1900, and subsequently painted on a wall in Central Hall at the request of the Bishop.

# BARNARDIAN 1940/50 REUNION 11 MAY 2016



'Superb food –  
different to my day'



'So much was  
different and yet  
the same'



'Where have the lockers gone?'



'A most amazing and memorable day'



'That's the first time I've been through that front door'



# BARNARDIAN 1940/50 REUNION 11 MAY 2016



'Barney made me  
what I am today'



'A dance studio?'



'I used to play cricket here!'



'Happy, smiling girls and boys'



'Good to be back after 70 years'



'Refreshing to see the school in good health'



# BARNARDIAN NEWS

## Team Endeavour Racing

A sports team set up to develop, inspire and challenge injured veterans after life changing injuries during service.

**After 11 years at Barney, I went on to join the Army as an Infantry Officer in the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment where I was able to continue my passion for sport, the outdoors and seeking a need for an adrenaline rush. The Army gave me a vast experience and the opportunity to have an active life, ranging from skiing for the Infantry at the Army Championships in the French Alps to operational tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan.**

Unfortunately, I was blown up in December 2012 during my third operational tour. Due to the damage suffered to both of my feet, my Army career was over and I'd never be able to run again. After a further set back in 2014 where I suffered a second injury to my right leg and developed compartment syndrome the surgeons amputated my right leg below the knee. Weirdly this was the start of things getting a whole lot better both physically and mentally.

With the massive reduction in pain and amazing care at the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Center, Headley Court I was able to quickly pick up the sports I'd left behind in 2012 and pick up a new passion in powerboat racing.

I was able to set up Team Endeavour Racing as a sports team that developed, inspired and challenged injured servicemen that had been through a similar situation to myself. The team is solely organised and driven by its members who have been medically discharged from the Armed Forces post injury.

It is able to create a positive environment to develop individuals and



give confidence back to veterans who struggle coping with their injuries post discharge from the Military.

Racing two boats in the 2015 National Thundercat series and competing at the 2015 P750 World Championships in Malta the team has set its self up for a great year in 2016.

It has grown to 15 members with different roles including; racers, mechanics, photographers and PWC safety operators.

As a team we will compete in the National and European Championships in 2016 and also have an amazing opportunity to crew an 80ft powerboat to break the world record to circumnavigate the globe in under 60 days from October 2016.

We have been very fortunate to be able to provide this opportunity to those that need it by the kind help from our sponsors: The Endeavour Fund, BLESMA – Limbless Veterans and the Lt Dougie



Dalzell Memorial Trust. The team is regularly looking for new sponsors to help open up more doors and provide a great competitive environment post injury in the Armed Forces. Please do follow our story through 2016 on our website [www.teamendeavourracing.com](http://www.teamendeavourracing.com)

PS As well as his commitment to the Endeavour Fund in 2016 Stuart is pushing his body to the limits by taking part in the London Marathon, La Marmotte Granfondo and Ironman Mallorca to raise money for three charities who have either helped him through the most difficult time of his life or who have supported his friends

Here he is with his long time friend OB Ryan Edwards Pritchard ('03) who is also competing alongside Stuart in the three events.

**Stuart Croxford (Y, '03)**

## 2,000 miles, 3 OBs and a little boat.



**In 2014 Andrew Mason carried a full barrel of ale on his back for 100 miles in 5 days to raise money for the Natalie Kate Moss Trust, now, two years later, he is setting out to raise another £150,000 for the Trust which supports students who have suffered a brain injury to finish university.**

The challenge this time is to circumnavigate Great Britain, unsupported and beating the current world record of 26 days, 9 hours and 9 minutes. The crew consists of his great friends from school Kyle Booyens(N, '08) and Fred Moore(N, '08) along with a fourth crew member, a friend from RGS Newcastle, they will row 2000 miles without touching land in what is known as the toughest ocean rowing challenge in the world. As you can imagine the lads have been in training for months to make sure they are physically fit but on top of that they have raised the sponsorship to

fund the challenge. Now they are chasing donations for the charity, all whilst working in their full time jobs so just to get his far has been a challenge in itself. They set off in June - we wish them much luck and a safe journey. If you would like to know more about their record attempt visit their website [www.RoughReadyRow.co.uk](http://www.RoughReadyRow.co.uk)

“The circumnavigation of UK coastal waters, non-stop in a 4 man ocean going rowing boat is an epic adventure that will only be completed by a few intrepid oarsmen. They will need to be strong and determined individuals, yet outstanding as a team – and be able to work the weather and tides to their advantage. I wish the race every success – it truly is the ultimate endurance challenge and an event I shall be tracking closely as it develops throughout June. Good luck to all who take part.”

**Sir Ranulph Fiennes** – GB Row Challenge



“They will need to be strong and determined individuals, yet outstanding as a team”

# BARNARDIAN NEWS

## City Drinks



**As new members of the OB Club Committee and both working in the City, John Hunter and I felt we should try to introduce a way for OBs to get together on a regular basis. After many discussions (over a pint, of course) the format was decided – pub, informal, no food, bi-monthly and City Drinks was born (although I have since discovered it was more a case of City Drinks re-born).**

The numbers have been up and down – which is to be expected, but over the four sessions so far, over 25 different OBs have attended. On the first night John and I waited anxiously for others to appear and were thankfully joined by six others, after all we could have ended up sitting entirely by ourselves at a big table in a crowded pub!

Interestingly, not many women have joined us and we hope this will change over time. City Drinks is for all OBs, young and old, male and female.

However, acknowledging that men are from Mars and women from Venus, if any female readers have been reluctant to attend for any reason, we would very interested to hear from them.

Overall, John and I feel that the re-launch of the City Drinks event has gone very well and it is on course to be a successful permanent feature of the OB calendar. It is an important contribution to the maintenance of an esprit de corps amongst Old Barnardians and, through that, to the development of a closer and more symbiotic relationship that will enable the OB Club better to fulfil its objective of supporting the school.

Not to be outdone another new member of our Committee, Agni Ghosh, has organised the first of what we hope will be a bi-monthly event in the north and will be known as Quayside Drinks.

For the interest of OBs in far-flung places, the following have been spotted in the City on one or more occasions during the past year: Edwin Adrienne (N, '86), Garry Bowe (T, '77), Nick Charnley (T, '91), Kamthon Chaturachinda (Du, '84), Ashley Cooke (Du, '81), Paul Crocker (N, '80), Nic Crowe (Da, '11), Richard Deacon (N, '78), Piers Doggart (T, '81), Gordon Donkin (N, '78), Graham Duckett (Du, '78), Julian Fifield (T, '78), Agni Ghosh (Y, '14), Geoff Hetherington (N, '77), Oliver Hill (N, '06), John Hunter (D, '87), Philip Jarratt (Da, '85), Robert Kirby (N, '77), Christopher Lai (Y, '85), Fred Moore (N, '08), Mike Nicholson (N, '84), Martin Rainbow (Y, '78), Mark Swinbank (T, '87), Andrew Thompson (T, '77) and Louise Yarrow (L, '92) (all school years as provided by attendees).

**G Hetherington**

## Squash Reunion March 2016

**On Saturday 12th March nine Old Barnardians and six current students enjoyed a full day of squash on the school courts. The oldest OB playing was Angus Ross, aged 46, the youngest Daniel Milne aged 19. The tournament began with a round-robin qualifying competition in groups of eight.**

Stephen Riddell played well for four matches before his body gave up on him and he retired. The top two in each group qualified for the main competition play-offs. Robert Harrison, Jonathan Mann, Angus Ross and Nick Stainthorp then battled it out in semi-finals. Robert defeated Angus in the final 3-1, Jonathan claimed 3rd place.

Meanwhile others played 'Plate' 'Bowl' and 'Spoon' Competitions- James Tindale won the plate, defeating current pupil Aiden Rusk in the final. Dan Milne won the Bowl and Rohan Kelsall won the spoon. Those who could still stand by the end then enjoyed drink, food and reminiscences in the dining hall with the current first team players.

**John Gedye**



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# Quayside Drinks

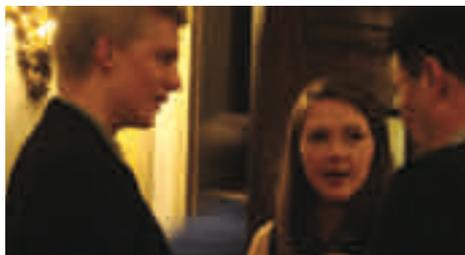


The inaugural Quayside Drinks was a well-attended, resounding success. A large group of young men and women, all OBs of course, enjoyed a relaxing evening with much merriment and the opportunity to catch up with old friends.

We intend to make this a regular calendar event, the next being planned for July 15th 2016. We hope to see you there!

# BARNARDIAN NEWS

## London Dinner 12 October 2016



**Having attended the London Dinner for the first time last year, and having enjoyed it immensely, I had high expectations for this year and needless to say, it didn't disappoint. Arriving by train from 'somewhere north of Watford Gap', there was just enough time to check into my room at the East India Club (membership through the J7 scheme, one of the many perks of a Barney education), before heading straight back out again to meet up with a couple of fellow 'Young Old Barnardians', Agni Gosh ('14) and Millie Cartwright ('15) for a few pints and a quick catch up.**

Returning to the Club, as this was to be the venue for the nights entertainment, we were led into the Clive Room for a few more drinks and a chat with OBs who had left the school both recently (like myself) and those that left fifty years ago! It was interesting to learn about the somewhat questionable activities some of the more senior OBs had managed to get away with during their time at Barney. How times have changed!

Moving into the East India Room for the meal it was a great surprise to be seated with some familiar faces from my own school year, Calum Matthews (Head of School '13) and Hugh Carter (one of my fellow Deputy Heads of School '13), and find out what they had been up to these past two years.

The three course dinner was nothing short of exceptional and we enjoyed speeches from both the Head Master, informing us about how the new 6th Form Centre was coming along, and the recently appointed OB Chairman John Hunter. After the meal I decided it was time to introduce my contemporaries to the East India's American Bar for yet a few more drinks and few more stories. When the bell finally rang for last orders it was time for many of us to go our separate ways. Whilst some veteran OBs decided that was time to call it a night, it was good to see a great many others decided to go out and paint the town red (John, I'm talking about you here).

As for me and my gang, having taken it upon ourselves to adopt the current Heads of School Kerin Borer and Sam Adamson for the night, we decided to head up to the smoking room (ironically, you are no longer allowed to smoke there) for a few more drinks, courtesy of the night bar, and some great conversation that carried on into the early hours of the morning.

I'm sure I can safely speak for everyone when I say that a great time was had by all. When can I sign up for next year?

**Attended by:** Julian Fifeld ('78), Gordon Donkin ('78), Graham Duckett ('78), Richard Deacon ('78), Nick Bliss ('77), Ian Fisher ('71), Matthew Gash ('78), Roger Coates ('72), Nigel Coates ('74), Tony Aikenhead ('72), John Littlefair ('72), Ian Cowley ('68), Frank Whately ('67), Peter Smith ('67), Nic Crowe ('11), Ed Grundy ('11) George Woollard ('11) Sam Fuller ('09), Cameron Jones ('11), Harriet Knowles ('11), Doug Bolton ('11), Nick Stockdale ('83), David Osborne ('89), Neil McCallum ('80), Ashley Cooke ('81), Mark Swinbank ('86), Edwin Adrienne ('86), Venessa Tsui ('02), John Hunter ('87), Adam Hunter ('89), David Soanes ('87), Gordon Cross ('87), Piers Daggart ('81), Julie Black ('89), Peter Black ('89), Alex Ashton ('89), Geoff Hetherington ('77), Brian Hick ('13), Calum Matthews ('13), Hugh Carter ('13), Agni Ghosh ('14), Millie Cartwright ('15), Gary Brown ('52), Tom Hatfield ('54), Les Dodds ('67).

**B. Hick**

## Golf Day

**The Graden Cup. This was held in September at Barnard Castle Golf Club and not quite as well attended as in other years.**

Our thanks must go to Graydon Parkin who has, for several years, organised this event. He has however decided to stand down as the organiser and we are grateful to Kevin Atkin for stepping in to the breach. On behalf of the Club and all those involved in the golf day we would like to thank Graydon for all of his efforts.

**Winner: Stuart Hicks,**  
2nd Nigel Hill,  
3rd Dan Parkin

**Longest drive:**  
Nigel Hill

**Nearest pin:**  
Kevin Atkin

The Golf Day this year will take place on the same day as the 'Autumn Gathering' – Sunday 11 September 2016.

## Bentley Beetham

In July 2015 the school was presented with an exhibition case to house the Bentley Beetham Collection. The case was a gift from the Leeming family in memory of **Eric Leeming** (Du, '50) who held Bentley Beetham in high regard. The Leeming family will be guests of honour at the Beetham Endeavour Lecture in June this year.





## Dylan Emery

At the Olivier awards earlier this year his show 'Showstopper! The Improvised Musical' won the Best Entertainment and Family Category.

**Dylan Emery** (T, '92) has come a long way from playing Willie Mossop in 'Hobson's Choice' and Algernon Worthing in the 'Importance of Being Earnest'. At the Olivier awards earlier this year, his show, which is called, 'Showstopper! The Improvised Musical' won the Best Entertainment having been pitted against Peter Pan, Dr Seuss' The Lorax, Alice's Adventures Underground and I Want My Hat Back. When interviewed by the press Dylan credited Andy Moorhouse with helping to develop his love of improvisation. Whilst at school Dylan was Captain of both House Singing and House Public Speaking. We wish Dylan continued success.



# BARNARDIAN NEWS IN BRIEF

At least five of our OBs ran the London Marathon this year. Stuart Croxford and Ryan Edwards-Pritchard ran as part of their 3-pronged fundraiser. **Owen Thomas** (N, '09) ran for 'Children with Cancer', **Ollie Oates** (Du, '09) for 'Brainwave' and **Lottie Holmes** (M, '13) for 'Mencap'. Well done to all of them and we hope they reached their targets.



**Stephen** (T, '70), **Alan** (T, '69) and **Peter** (T, '74) Brenkley were together in Chapel for the confirmation of Stephen's daughter, Evie, who is in Year 8 Bowes House.



**Geoffrey Turnbull** (Du, '79) came back to do the Barnard Run, thirty seven years after he ran it at school. His record cannot be beaten as the course has changed.



**Dr Robert Duncan** (T, '98) appeared in an episode of the Hairy Bikers BBC 2 show 'The Pubs that Built Britain' which was filmed in a pub in Carlisle. The pubs of Carlisle were nationalised during the First World War and lots of temperance policy

was implemented to try and reduce the 'degenerate drinking' of the mission critical munitions workers residing in the city. Rob did his PhD on 'The Drink Problem in Britain during the First World War' at St Andrews University from 2005 – 2008 and was asked to film as a contributor on the show. He has published a book 'Pubs and Patriots' which was reviewed by History Today. He now lives in London and works at St Mary's University in Twickenham as an International Recruitment Officer.



**Jack Frater** ('07) Jack is living out in Western Australia where he is working in the far north on the mines as an Operations Supervisor. It is a very different way of life where he flies in and flies out and he has to deal with temperatures which are sometimes above 50C. He is responsible for two processing plants, a power plant and a train loader – the trains are about 3km long! Jack is very much enjoying his life in Australia and has done lots of travelling. He is living the dream.

Congratulations must go to **Thea Thompson** (M, '12) who has been chosen to represent England at the Open Indoor Netball World Cup in New Zealand in the summer.

Congratulations to **Scott Carpenter** (Da, '06) who was picked to play water polo for Australia in December 2015. He is currently recovering from a shoulder injury and hoping he is chosen for the Olympic Squad.



**Guy Wilks** ('99) currently drives for JRM in the FIA World Rallycross Championship. We wish him safe races!

**Duncan Hewitson** (Da, '15) has informed us that after finishing school he went out to the United States where he completed the course and gained his Private Pilot's Licence. His plan is to eventually obtain his commercial licence.

**Hayley Anderson** (M, '15) is at Northumbria University, studying Real Estate BSc (Hons) and loving it. She says she is already planning her placement year which she will undertake in two years and which will go towards her accreditation. Her plan is to be a fully qualified chartered surveyor. Hayley said 'I know it's a long way in the future but really having a wonderful time and thankful to Barney for giving me this opportunity'.

**Rebecca Heslop** (B, '07) has a foodie blog infoodieheaven on which she shares recipes for healthy and tasty meals which are easy to make. The blog has been so successful that it has recently been nominated for the Liebster award. More recently Rebecca has launched her website [www.infoodieheaven.com](http://www.infoodieheaven.com)

**Tim Sedgewick** (T '07) has become the Chair of the Durham County committee of a farming charity, the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI). The charity helps those involved in farming and in recent times has given tens of thousands of pounds to flood victims in Cumbria, Lancashire and Durham. Tim wants to raise awareness of the charity in the region and the help it can provide to struggling farmers. Tim has also recently been elected as chair of the Bishop Auckland branch of the National Farmers Union.

**Rory Wood** (Da, '02) recently visited school on his return from Kabul, Afghanistan where he had been for 5 months. He was posted to the UK Aviation Detachment as part of the UK's mission to promote a stable and secure Afghanistan and which played a vital role in transporting NATO personnel across Kabul and the greater operational area by helicopter. As Camp Commandant he was responsible for a diverse range of logistical components in

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support of the Detachment, including making sure that equipment arrived on time to allow needed engineering work to keep the aircraft serviceable. He also headed up a team responsible for the day to day running of the detachment in terms of real life support involving catering, cleaning and infrastructure repair etc. On his return Rory was set to enjoy 6 weeks of leave prior to starting a new post at Air Command in High Wycombe.



We heard recently from **Louisa Dobson** (M, '05) who wrote the following and we send her huge congratulations: 'This year I made history at York Minster by becoming the first ever female alto to sing with the choir of York Minster! The choral tradition of York Minster has, for hundreds of years, been boy trebles and an all-male back row. A few years ago they introduced a girl treble front row, one of the first cathedrals to do so, and this is fairly common now. Last year the Director of Music decided that he was going to audition female altos for the deputy list (singers who deputise for the main choir when they are unavailable for a service) and I was accepted and have now sung with the choir several times! Many cathedral choirs still resist such a massive change in tradition! It's a pretty overwhelming feeling to know that I was involved in an historic event and an incredible new chapter for York Minster.'

**Robert Wilkinson** (T, '67) and his wife Lois, visited England during the summer of 2015 and took the opportunity to meet up with OBs **Miles Dixon** (T, '67), **Frank Whately** (N, '67) and **Peter Smith** (Du, '67) with their wives



for lunch at the Bell Inn, Hampton Poyle. **Paul Hockie** (Yo, '69), **Mike Pinkney** (Yo, '68), **Colin Bland** (Yo, '69) and **John Gladstone** (Yo, '68) met up in London recently for a few beers and a curry.



**Tony Aikenhead** (Du, '72) has become the first non-family member to become CEO of Sir Robert McAlpine which was founded in 1896. We send him many congratulations and wish him well in his new role.

Congratulations to **Charlotte Defty** (M, '99) who has been awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in the Speciality of Plastic Surgeons.

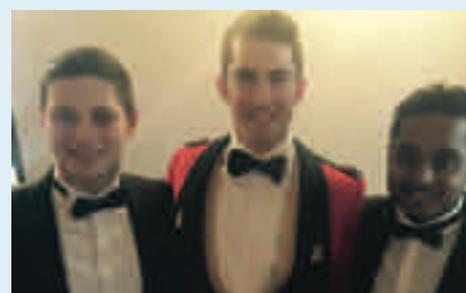
Congratulations to **Alastair Bailey** (Y, '91) who has received the award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Nursing' from the Leeds Centre for NeuroSciences.

We recently heard from **Jane Lowes** (M, '07). After school Jane went to Nottingham University to study veterinary science and then worked in private practice in Newcastle for three years before deciding to set-up a charity for the street dogs in Sri Lanka. The charity provides much-needed veterinary care in a country where there are no animal welfare laws and dogs are regularly abused. There is now a roaming dog population of over 3 million, so Jane

and her team run neutering and rabies vaccination clinics, as well as treating the sick and injured animals in a bid to try and free the island from rabies and reduce numbers humanely. The charity is funded by donations and in the last ten months Jane and her team have managed to prevent thousands of unwanted births and have protected fifteen hundred dogs from contracting rabies. If you are interested in hearing more about the charity Jane can be contacted through her website [wecareworldwide.org.uk](http://wecareworldwide.org.uk)

**James Close** (T, '98) has recently been in the news having been awarded a Michelin star for the fourth year running, and our congratulations go to him and his staff. James has also made the headlines by deciding to stop serving lunches - he wants his chefs to use the time they would have spent on lunches creating new dishes and menus. He has introduced a five course development menu which is served on the last Sunday of each month. In November The Raby Hunt was listed as 17th in the Sunday Times Top 100 Restaurants.

**Will Grundy** (T, '14) is now a Commissioned Officer having recently 'passed out' of Sandhurst. A number of OBs were there to help him celebrate including **Sam Everall** (Du, '14) and **Agni Ghosh** (Y, '14). Congratulations Will.



After catching up with the news of the new buildings in last years' Barney Connect **Norman Philbey**, former staff member wrote 'There certainly seems to be a lot happening at Barney nowadays. I remember how spartan it was when I arrived in 1961, classrooms doubling as common rooms, dormitories with no curtains, prefabs to teach in yet visitors often said they sensed the good atmosphere when they stepped through the front door'.

# BARNARDIAN NEWS IN BRIEF

**Graham Abraham** (N, '71) is now the private pilot for Sir Frank Williams flying him from one Grand Prix to the next.

**Andrew Knapton** (Du, '81) has served with West Yorkshire Police for twenty seven years, the last eleven of those as a Detective Inspector. He is just about to join Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary HMIC as a Chief Inspector (Staff Officer).

**Patrick Grant** (Y, '90) was invited by the Headmaster to speak at Speech Day and present the prizes. He made a great impression on all who attended. Looking very smart (naturally), and without notes, Patrick spoke from the heart about his time at school and what he learned from being here. He spoke of learning about decency and courtesy; of how to get along with just about anyone; how he gained the confidence to give anything a go and to take risks. It was quite an emotional day for him and at the end of his visit he said 'Simply standing in the Barney building, particularly Chapel, fills me with great memories and expectation of what the future holds for the School and its current cohort of students'. Patrick stayed all day and attended the Summer Ball in the evening.



**Robert Sloan** (Du, '94) and **David March** (Du, '95) who now live in New Zealand are pictured here playing together for the first time since 1990 when they represented Durham House in the U15 House competition. In this game they were playing for Grammar TEC (who are Robert's club) and beat Papatoetoe 40-5.



## Births

Our congratulations go to **Rob White** (T, '99) who is celebrating the birth of a baby girl, Sophie, born July 2015, a sister for Charlie.



**Lizzie Grogan** (M, '03) welcomed her second daughter, Florence Grace, who was born in September 2015.

**Adam Gray** (N, '05) and his wife Danielle who welcomed, Oscar, into their family in November 2015. Oscar was christened in the school chapel in February, pictured here with his Mum Dad and big sister Ellie.



**Nyundo Armitage** (N, '98) who welcomed a daughter, Kate, in October 2015

**Libby Crewe** (née Young, Bo '03) had baby Kirsten Elise, on 5th April 2016.

**Chris Burgess** (Da, '95) welcomed his third child, a son, Fraser, in April 2016.

**Tom** (Da, '00) and **Caroline Coxon** (nee Bailes, Ma, '02) welcomed baby, Ava Grace, in April 2016.

**Anna McMahon** (née Wignall, Ma '03) welcomed her son, Alfie, in April 2016

In April 2016 **Lee Inman** (N, '95) welcomed double the joy with twin sons Freddie and Charlie who will join big brother James to keep Mum and Dad busy.

Also in April **Iain Stuart Corsie** (N, '93) celebrated the birth of his son, Timothy.

## Marriages

**Richard Parker** (Da, '00) married Kathryn, in Dubrovnik, in August 2015



**Alice White** (M, '01) married Tom Jackson at St Mary's Church Barnard Castle in August 2015.



**Carrie Burgess** (B, '03) married David Riley on Dec 21 2015 at Ingleton Parish Church. The school choir sang and a Year 11 pupil played Christmas songs on the piano as guests arrived at the reception at Headlam Hall.

Bridesmaids included **Libby Crewe** (B '03, née Young), **Anna McMahon** (M, '03 née Wignall) and Lesley Burgess who is Marwood Housemistress (and wife of **Martin Burgess**, Da, '95). Other OBs there on the day included: **Jack White** (T, '03), **Stuart Walker** (T, '03), **Lorna Walker** (M, née Noble), **Richard Thompson** (Du, ), **Jennifer Thompson** (M, '01 née Partridge), **Lizzie Grogan** (B, '03 née Neville), **James Carver** (Du), **Matthew Brown** (N, '03), **Kate Tarn** (M, née Williamson), **Doug Tarn** (D, '98) **Katie Shearn** (M, '02 née Neville).



In April 2016 **Katherine Barwood** (L, '01) married Guy Williams in Beaumaris, Anglesey. Her sister **Victoria Barwood** (L, '05) was bridesmaid.

# OBITUARIES IN MEMORIAM

## DENYS BRIGGS



'A special word of goodbye must be addressed to the Captain of School. Briggs possessed that rare quality of leadership which consists in making other people do what you want them to do without their realising that they are acting under orders'.

**Denys Briggs** (N, '45) Denys's achievements at school were many, he was without doubt an outstanding 'Barney boy'. He was Head of School, Head of Northumberland, Captain of 1st XV and Colour Sergeant Major in the CCF (known at that time as the JTC). In his speech on Speech Day the Headmaster said the following 'A special word of goodbye must be addressed to the Captain of School. Briggs possessed that rare quality of leadership which consists in making other people do what you want them to do without their realising that they are acting under orders'.

In the Barnardian magazines of the time there are numerous mentions of Denys. As captain of the 1stXV in an undefeated season, the Headmaster said at the celebration dinner that the 1944 season would forever be remembered as 'Briggs year'. His coach said 'A brilliant captain and an inspiring leader of the forwards. In every game he has set an example of untiring hard

work and dogged determination'. Denys is noted on the boards in the dining room as a 1stXV player for 1943/44 and 1944/45.

As a member of the JTC Denys attended many camps but his final camp was very special as after a 7 year break (due to the war) the cadets were able to camp once again at Whitburn. Charles Hardy praised Denys in his report in the Barnardian 'Special mention must be made of our senior cadet, CSM Briggs, who throughout the year has set a high example of discipline and efficiency. His enthusiasm, initiative and reliability were rare, even among cadet CSMs'.

Denys's enthusiasm for the school didn't waiver and after leaving school he joined the Old Barnardian Club committee where he served for over 30 years holding the office of Treasurer and Chairman. Until later years he was always at the forefront of all OB activities and he used his legendary leadership and organizational skills to encourage others.

# OBITUARIES IN MEMORIAM

**Alan H Kendall** (N, '57) died in November 2014 from pancreatic cancer. On leaving Barney Alan attained a choral scholarship to Kings College, Cambridge where he read theology. Music was central to his being and he sang in choirs from the age of eight firstly at Sedgfield parish church through to Kings College, then on to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle and finally for twenty five years at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. Apart from singing he worked in publishing and spent four years in Paris working for Achette. He developed from publishing into writing his own works and published over 20 books mainly on composers and music. In the latter part of his life he became a borough councillor for Bracknell Forest and was elected Mayor just after he was diagnosed with cancer. Not to be daunted he battled on and chose Pancreatic Cancer Research as his mayoral charity for which he raised over £18,000.

**John Alderson** ('58) March 2014.

**George David Barras** (Du, '49) died in 2014

**Andrew C Dent** (T, '98) died in a motorbike accident in May 2015, aged 29 years.

**Roger John Casson** ('62) died suddenly but peacefully in April after a holiday in the Lake District.

**Paul MacMohan** (Y, '73) passed away in March after a battle with cancer.

**W G Spink** (Du, '60) died in August 2015

**Mr Kenneth Emberton** Master 1952-86

Ken Emberton came to Barney in 1952 as a teacher of Classics and became head of that department in 1955. For his first six years he was a tutor in Durham House and for the following two a tutor in Northumberland. In 1964 he became Housemaster of Northumberland House. His pupils recall a kind and generous Housemaster and teacher who certainly went 'the extra mile'. He was well known for his 'troggs' and his love of cricket; his organ playing and as an enthusiastic choirmaster; his concern for the boys in his care and his friendship towards his colleagues. As a gift to his colleagues Kenneth paid for a room in the school to be dedicated as a dining room for boarding masters. It is known as the Emberton room and is used now as the staff room. On the announcement of his death the OB Secretary received many heartfelt messages which were made into a booklet for his family. Kenneth married Enid after he retired and they lived in his beloved Tickhill where he became part time organist at the parish church and where he became fully immersed in community life.

**Mrs Helen McGill** passed away on 11 May 2016. Obituary to appear in the next magazine.

**Dr Malcolm McKay** (N, '53) died at home in June 2015 aged 80 years. Winning a scholarship to school sparked Malcolm's interest in Natural Sciences and from these early days he was intent on becoming a doctor. He graduated from Durham University Medical School and in 1962 he entered General Practice. However, he had a break from this for two years when he volunteered to be a medical officer in a fishing protection vessel during the 'cod wars' between the UK and Iceland. Returning to life as a GP he joined a practice in Low Fell where he stayed until his retirement. Malcolm's hobbies involved his great interest in all things fauna and flora. He went wild fowling on the Solway for 50 years, making many friends. Following his botanical interests, he would often travel miles to see and photograph any newly discovered rare plant. His greatest love, however, was salmon fishing, and he fished the Tweed for 40 years. In 1978 he was the proud winner of the Malloch trophy for landing the biggest fish of the season, a specimen weighing 34 lbs. He leaves his wife Lise, two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Laurence Cummings** ('41) passed away in July 2015 after a very short illness. Whilst at school he was renowned for his sporting achievements and was one of the few boys able to stand up to 'Kip' on the squash court. Whilst at school the family had financial difficulties but Charlie Adamson persuaded 'Kip' to waive the fees. After school Laurence joined the Durham Light Infantry and was blown up at Monte Casino. The deafness this caused remained with him all his life. Nevertheless, he was well known in the North East for his sporting ability (latterly at golf) and his sports business. Laurence is survived by his wife and three sons. The boys are also OBs and were all boarders in York House – **Robert** ('65), **Neil** ('66) and **Phillip** ('69). Laurence's brothers-in-law also attended Barney.

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

**D Kidd** ('52) passed away in 2015

**J Dennis** (Y, '54) October 2015

**Robert (Robbie) Stuart Burns** taught English at Barney in the 1950s/60s. His son wrote to inform that that Robbie had passed away in February after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Barbara, son Arthur and daughter Catriona. Arthur said 'He always treasured his memories of his time at Barney, with its lively staff common room, and kept in close touch with many former colleagues and pupils over the years'.

**John L Dowson** ('47) died peacefully in February 2016 surrounded by his family. In his obituary in the Darlington and Stockton Times he was described as 'a champion of the hill farming community both locally and nationally'. For his tireless work with the Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association over many years, he was awarded honorary life membership. He was involved in many other farming and local Committees and Associations throughout his life. He leaves behind his wife Mary, two sons and grandchildren.

"A champion of the hill farming community both locally and nationally".

**John S Tremble** (Du, '49) died on Jan 26 2016 aged 84 years. John's love of Barney (The School) and Barney the town and dale never waned from his time at the school during WW2. He often said that most significant happenings in his life emanated from Barney.

School camping trips led to a life-long love of scouting, later becoming a Group Scout Leader. Education led to eventual qualification as a Mining Engineer. He met his future wife in Barney, my sister Lilian, whose passing in 2013 he never really recovered from. Rugby remained his strongest sporting affiliation all his life, with fond memories of England, Percy Park, Gateshead Fell and Rockcliff. Lifelong friends from school included the late Dr. Fred Clark, those two and a nice malt made for good entertainment. He could talk with enthusiasm and passion about mining, railways, particularly steam, and anything mechanical. I would never have known that coal from South West Durham, chosen for its quality, was used to fire up the boilers of Titanic, had it not been for John. In his retirement years his garage housed a model railway layout, all built by him, which was an accurate depiction of Barnard Castle's station and sidings. John is survived by his two sons and four grandchildren, who gave him both focus and pleasure in life when declining health was taking its toll. Tim Raw, March 2016

**Peter Winch** (Du, '51)

**Robert Gittins** (N, '52)

**G A Stoddart** ('46)

**Alan Lumley** (Du, '03) Alan was running the Wilmslow half marathon in April 2016 when he collapsed. Despite the best efforts of the medical staff Alan died. After his death over £14,000 was raised for a charity to be decided once the cause of Alan's death is known. Members of staff spoke very highly of Alan. Firstly Martin Pepper as his rugby coach 'Alan was a significant member of one of Barney's most successful rugby teams of all times. He played a major role in helping the team reach the Daily Mail Cup final at Twickenham in 2003. Playing at fly half he orchestrated a talented backline that included the likes of Lee Dickson and Mathew Tait. He was well known for his 'show and go' often unlocking defences and creating numerous try scoring opportunities. He was a complete team man, very passionate about his rugby and other sports too. The Cup Final squad had a 10 year reunion at a Saints v Tigers match and it was lovely to reminisce about some very special times - he will be sorely missed by everyone who had the privilege to have known him.'

And secondly Dan Gorman as his Housemaster 'It was with great sadness that we learned of Alan's tragic early death last weekend. I was greatly privileged to be Alan's housemaster for his final two years at Barnard Castle School; he was an outstanding sportsman, a very strong academic and a witty, charming young man. In every way, he epitomised what it was to be a 'Barney boy' and it was no surprise to learn of his continued academic success at Manchester University and his subsequent successful career in Law. He will be greatly missed by all of us who were fortunate to have known him.'

# DATES FOR THE DIARY



## Summer Gathering

### Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June 2016

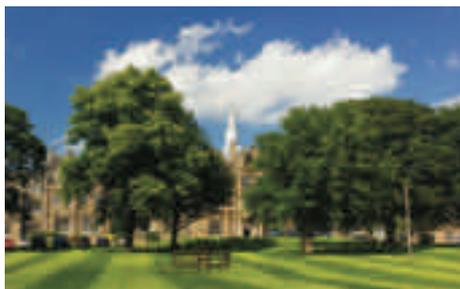
Cricket, Football, Tennis, Netball, Shooting  
From drinks in the Old Well on Friday night to Chapel on Sunday morning this is the perfect weekend for socialising, sport and a general catch up. Play for an OB team or support from the side-lines; have afternoon tea on the lawn or stay for the buffet supper in Big School (or both); sing with the choir or read the lesson in Chapel. This year our Chairman, John Hunter, is sending a special invitation to the following year groups– 1991 Leavers, 2006 Leavers and 2013 Leavers.



## Autumn Gathering

### 11 September 2016

This year we are re-instating the Autumn gathering which will include rugby, women's hockey, squash and golf.



## Open Day

### Saturday 1 October 2016

If you are considering Barney for your children or grandchildren please do take this opportunity to view the school on a busy and bustling day.



## Bentley Beetham Endeavour Lecture

### Friday 17 June 2016, 7.00pm

We are proud to announce that Nick Talbot OB, has become the first person with Cystic Fibrosis to climb Everest. He will be our speaker at the Bentley Beetham Lecture. Come and hear his amazing story.

His first two attempts were thwarted by natural disasters but he has secured the funding to make his third attempt this year and we look forward to hearing his news. Nick is also hoping that by making this climb he will raise £100,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

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



### Remembrance Day

**Sunday 13 November 2016, 10.45am**  
 Old Barnardians are always welcome at Chapel services but this one, in particular, seems to hold a special place in the hearts of OBs. In 2015 several OBs who are now in the Armed Forces attended the service.



### Old Barnardians' Club meeting dates

*All held at Barnard Castle School*

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**Committee Meetings**  
 Sunday 26 June 2016

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**Committee Meetings**  
 Saturday 10 September 2016

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**Committee Meetings**  
 Saturday 14 January 2017

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**Committee Meetings**  
 Saturday 29 April 2017

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**Annual General Meeting**  
 Sunday 26 June 2016 in the Library after the OB Chapel Service.



### London Dinner

**Friday 14 October 2016, 7.00pm**  
 An absolute 'must attend' in the diary of many OBs. Great evening with old and new friends in a superb setting.

### Festival Of Nine Lessons And Carols

**Wednesday 14 December, 7.30pm and Friday 16 December 5.30pm.**  
 This service provides a meaningful start to the Christmas period. The Chapel is beautifully decorated by the Barney Friends and each year the tree seems to get bigger! OBs are most welcome. Join us for mulled wine and a mince pie afterwards.



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