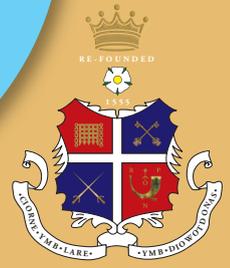


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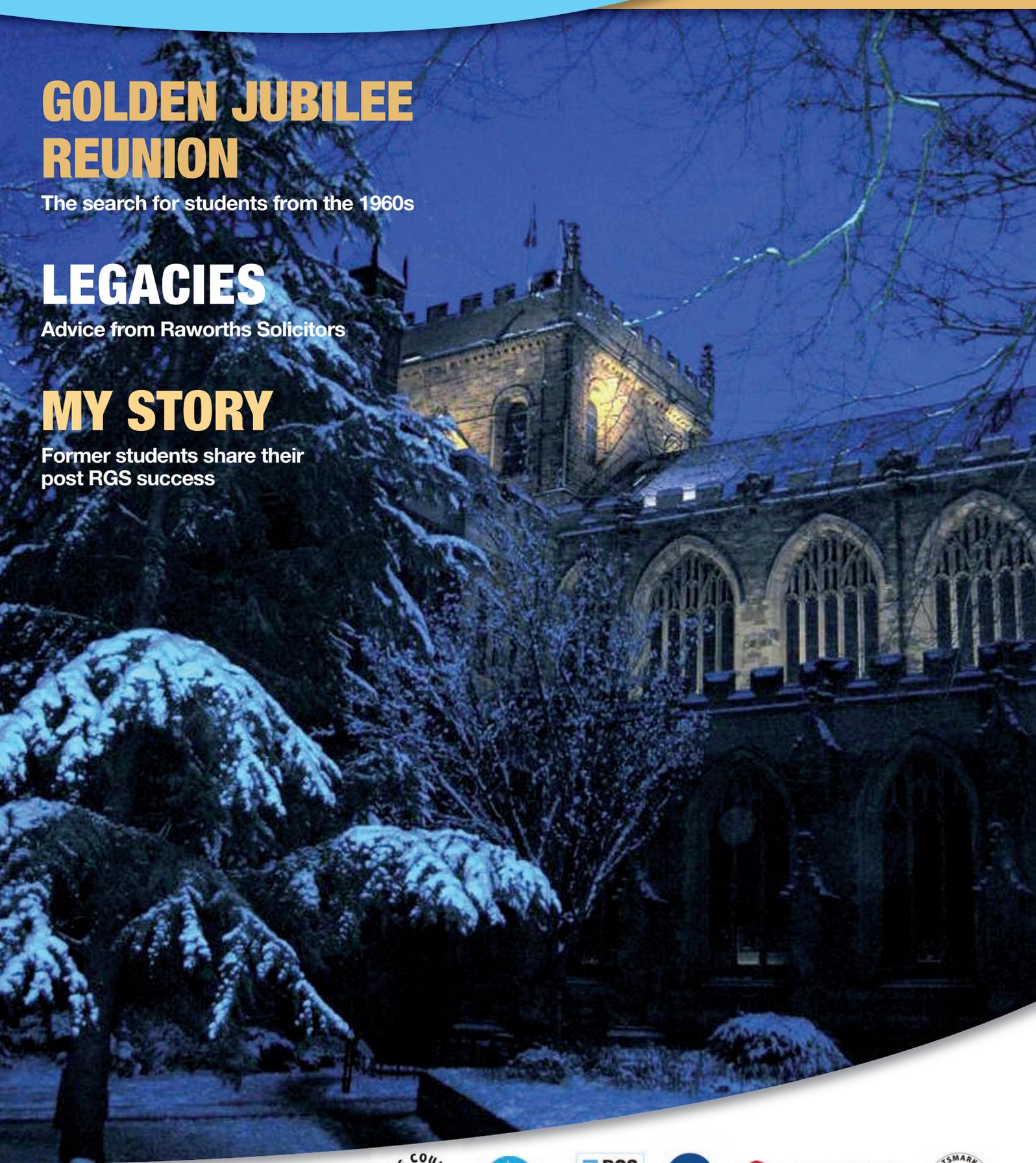
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INAUGURAL ALUMNI DINNER AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Around thirty guests attended the inaugural alumni dinner held at the House of Commons on the evening of Thursday, 20th October 2011. The evening was hosted by Julian Smith, MP for Skipton and Ripon and kindly sponsored by the Old Riponians' Association. The dinner was held in a majestic dining room overlooking the River Thames. The headmaster was joined by governors, Old Riponians and former students spanning the generations from recent leavers to our oldest guest, John Dean at 91, pictured left with Julian Smith, MP and the headmaster.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



Fifty guests joined the headmaster for a drinks reception in Ripon Cathedral Library before the Carol Concert on Thursday, 15th December. Guests included governors, major donors to the Sports Hall campaign and volunteers who helped with the sixth-form mock university entrance interviews.

OXFORD REUNION

We are planning our next reunion in Oxford on 3rd May 2012. The event is open to all former students of Ripon Grammar School, members of the Old Riponians' Association; husbands, wives and partners are most welcome to attend.

To express an interest, or to learn more about this event, please contact Jackie Dawson at dawsonj@ripongrammar.co.uk by 29th March 2012

GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION

The search is on to trace former students who attended Ripon Girls' High School in the 1960s.

Ripon Grammar School warmly invites all former students to visit the school from 2.00pm on the afternoon of Saturday 14th July 2012 to share their memories with staff and students. A former High School Student who is hoping to attend is Bess Fai, (formerly Westwick). Bess was at the High School from 1935 to 1940, married a Canadian airman and now lives in British Columbia. She is keen to hear from anyone who remembers her and has been successfully reunited with Bessie Wass.



Her search continues to contact Kathleen Bruce, Joan Forth, Jean Burini, Irene Gamble, Molly Towler, Sylvia Towler, Sylvia Thacker and Marian Sedman.

Ripon Grammar School's history can be traced back as far as the seventh century and in 2005 it celebrated its 450th anniversary since its refounding in 1555. This summer the school will be celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the merging of Ripon Girls' High School with Ripon Grammar School in 1962, and to mark the occasion, the school is calling on former students to search their attics and dig out old photographs and memorabilia from this time.

Headmaster, Martin Pearman, said: "Ripon Grammar School is one of the oldest schools in the country and with a long and proud history. As a school, we are looking to re-acquaint ourselves with former students across the generations at a special event in July and to mark the 50th anniversary. We are planning to mount a photographic exhibition and feature some case studies of memories at school during 1962".

If you think you might be able to help, or you know someone else who attended school, please contact Jackie Dawson on 01765 602647 x392 or email dawsonj@ripongrammar.co.uk

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Headmaster wrote to parents last year asking for volunteers to contribute to the school's strategic vision for the next five years and beyond. Much has been achieved during the last five years in terms of facility development: the Mathematics and Engineering block opened in 2007 and a brand new state-of-the-art Sixth-Form Centre, shared with Outwood Academy Ripon, was opened in 2009. In 2010, we celebrated the opening of the Sports Hall and an official event was held on 20th May 2011 to mark the opening of the astroturf pitch.

Ripon Grammar School has applied to North Yorkshire County Council for funding to extend the dining facilities and create a new classroom block to replace the temporary classrooms; the outcome of these bids will be known shortly.

Over the past academic year we have been consulting with parents, staff and students to discuss their varied priorities. It is important that we are all united behind Ripon Grammar School to secure the resources needed to support continued development in the next five years and beyond.

The strategic plan was shared with parents of first-year and second-year students in June and September 2011 respectively. The evening included a tour of the school's facilities and the refurbishment of the main school changing rooms emerged as a funding priority. In July 2011, the governors provided £4,000 from the delegated budget to undertake immediate works to the boys' toilets.

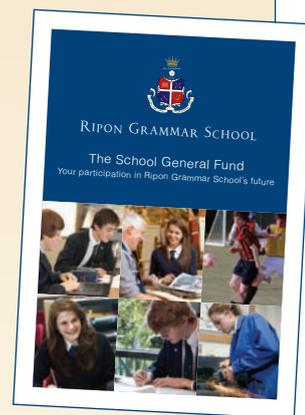
During recent months a donation of £10,000 has been received and with Gift Aid Ripon Grammar School will receive £12,500. The governors decided to use reserves to make up the shortfall in funding and the boys' and girls' changing rooms were refurbished over the half-term break. Funding from the Local Authority has enabled plans for the extension of Johnson house to be drawn up. These plans will be fully costed and submitted to the Local Authority for consideration in the spring.

GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

Ripon Grammar School General Fund is a registered charity and funds raised are used to support a host of projects to support individual students, group and whole-school activities. Hitherto the fund has been used to:

- finance transport for trips and sports fixtures which amount to approximate £10,000 per year;
- subsidise the cost of mounting various school plays, concerts and musicals;
- enable the various clubs and societies in school to continue to flourish;
- subsidise the cost of the annual speech day, lower-school prize giving; carol service and the commemoration service, both of which are held in Ripon Cathedral;
- provided science equipment, library furniture and sports kit.

The General School Fund will be re-launched this term to encourage every parent or guardian to give an affordable sum of money on a regular monthly basis.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

A snow-blowing machine has been purchased to help clear paths and car parks thereby improving health and safety on site during inclement weather each winter.

A library TV screen for the main school building has been purchased to display information, together with a new public address system for the main school hall.

CAR PARK

Work has been completed to extend the school car park; an extra 24 spaces have been created by HACS.



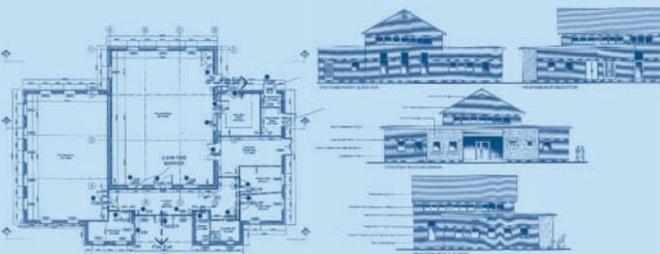
BOARDING

The refurbishment of boys' boarding continued over the Christmas holidays and all the senior section has now been completely refurbished.

MUSIC BLOCK

Parkinson's have recently been appointed to build the music block which will contain a large rehearsal space, an ICT-based classroom, a recording studio with a live room and two practice rooms. Ground preparation work and site clearance started soon after Christmas to clear the site so that work could start in earnest in the New Year. It is anticipated that the new facility will be completed by the autumn of 2012.

Miss Jackson, music teacher said: "I am really looking forward to having a purpose built rehearsal space with excellent acoustics".



LEGACIES

Legacies could potentially be enormously important to Ripon Grammar School as they leave considerable assets for the governors to invest in the school. Legacies can ensure that future generations will have the best possible facilities and the opportunities to fulfill their potential, thus ensuring the continued success and preminence of Ripon Grammar School. Please do consider this as, without such help, RGS would not have the facilities it has now.

WHY LEAVE A LEGACY?

A gift in your will to support Ripon Grammar School is a way of making a lasting contribution to the school for generations to come, whether it provides new buildings and facilities such as the sports hall and astroturf, or resources to help students whose parents are struggling to pay for school trips or buy new uniform.

Ripon Grammar School General Fund is a registered charity and any bequests that you make in your will are exempt from inheritance tax. This can be a substantial benefit to your estate and your beneficiaries.

Bequests made to Ripon Grammar School would normally be deducted from the net value of your estate and reduce the amount which is liable for inheritance tax. In addition, from 6 April 2012 where the value of gifts to a charity in a will is 10% or more, a new lower rate of inheritance tax at 36% applies. This represents a 10% reduction from the usual 40% rate and results in less inheritance tax being paid on the taxable part of your estate. In this way you can ensure that your assets go to a cause of your choice rather than to the government through taxation.

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- A reversionary legacy allows you to provide for your family first so they enjoy the income during their lifetime with the capital passing to Ripon Grammar School on their deaths.
- A residuary legacy involves leaving all or part of the net residue to Ripon Grammar School after all other gifts and liabilities have been met.
- A specific legacy might include antiques or works of art, or perhaps stocks and shares.

HOW TO MAKE A LEGACY

Anyone can leave a legacy and it is very easy to include a legacy to Ripon Grammar School General Fund in your will. Alternatively, if you have already drawn up a will you may add a simple bequest by way of a Codicil. Ripon Grammar School can provide sample wording if requested.

PLEDGE FORM

If you decide to leave a legacy to RGS, we should be most grateful if you could notify us by completing a pledge form. This is not a requirement but it will help us enormously with our long-term financial planning.

William Kinread, Parent and Partner at



For further information or to discuss your thoughts or ideas please contact: Ms Jackie Dawson, Commercial Development Executive on 01765 602647 x392.

REMEMBERING RIPON



I attended school from 1951-55 as a boarder. The country was in the grip of post-war austerity and the headmaster, Mr W J Strachan, a dour Scot, was a disciplinarian of the old school. It was not too far removed from my image of 'Tom Brown's Schooldays'! Seventeen year old senior prefects could beat twelve year old juniors (six of the best) or hand out lesser punishments such as lines or all 124 verses of the dreaded Psalm 119. I was rebellious, constantly in trouble and couldn't wait to leave.

In those days the national unemployment figure was around 300,000 and there were jobs for all, especially in manufacturing. I joined the Sperry Gyroscope Company as a trainee machinist and attended technical colleges to study for a City and Guilds Diploma. It was then that I discovered that I had been educated, whether I liked it or not, to a far higher degree than my colleagues. We didn't tackle trigonometry or logarithms until we were seventeen but I had mastered them when I was thirteen at school. I was better read and better equipped than they.

I emigrated to the United States in 1967, when the Vietnam War was at its height and precision machinists were at a premium. I joined a company in Indianapolis building the gearboxes for Bell and Sikorsky helicopters. They had also made the gearbox that failed on the last lap of the 1996 Indy 500 while Parnelli Jones was in the lead driving the S.T.P. turbine driven car.

On my return to England I pursued my career working in the aerospace industry making parts for Concorde, plastic injection moulds and later sporting guns at James Purdey and Sons. My mastery of logarithms and trigonometry proved vital throughout my working life and I have come to realise in later years what a tremendous debt I owe to the school.

I have therefore made provision in my will for a part of my estate to go to the school and I suggest former pupils think about this when they are making theirs, after all the school played a major role in making them who they are. The pursuit and maintenance of excellence are worthwhile aims indeed, and who knows it may benefit their descendents one day.

John Dodd, School House 1951- 55

NEWS FROM THE Parents' Association

RGSPA raised over £11,400 during the 2010 to 2011 academic year. This was broken down approximately as a result of a range of events including a Burns' Night; the Art Weekend in April, three cake stalls in Ripon Market; £2,500 the summer raffle, the Bishop Monkton Comedy night and the serving of tea and coffee at school events. Thanks go to all Parents' Association members who organised these events and, also, to all those who helped and attended these events.

The money raised has been used to support many projects, including the cost of the mini bus, a new CD player for the French department, a laser printer and an etching press for the art department, new library furniture, hockey goal-keeping equipment, blackout curtains for the stage, new overalls and a car battery for the Greenpower car, PE ties to replace sports colours and maintenance (by the Walled Garden) of the planters outside the school entrance.

The Murder Mystery evening held in November was very successful with 80 people attending. The total profit made was just over £1,000. The RGSPA jam and pickles stall at the Christmas fair on 3rd December also generated around £125.

This year, the Parents' Association held a very successful Burns' Night on 21st January, followed by Astronomy evenings in conjunction with Mr. Barker a physics teacher in January and February. A further Comedy Evening, at Bishop Monkton Hall, is scheduled for 28th April. In addition, a cake stall at Ripon Market Place is planned for Saturday 5th May, 2012.

There will be an 'Olympic Spirit' theme for the RGSPA Summer Raffle, with all the prizes linked to sport and health and fitness. The prizes will include a selection of hitech sports gear, a signed t-shirt from the GB diving team (including Tom Daley and our own Jack Laugher), gym and leisure club memberships, sailing lessons, tennis coaching, sports massage and physiotherapy sessions. If parents are able to secure any similarly themed raffle prizes, the RGSPA would like to hear from you ASAP!

Please contact Jane Robinson on hartwithrobinsons@talktalk.net or Ruth Campbell on erc46@btinternet.com Thank you!

Our annual Grand Draw is one of our biggest school fundraisers, raising more than £2,500 for much-needed school equipment last year. It also gives local and regional businesses the chance to promote what they have to offer to our school community and beyond.

ONLINE SHOPPERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Parents, staff, students and former students of Ripon Grammar School are being urged to log on to the internet to help raise funds for school.

Ripon Grammar School Parents' Association have signed up with <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>, an innovative website where thousands of people are raising money for charities every time they shop online.

By using easyfundraising to gain access to over 2000 well-known retailers, savvy shoppers generate a free donation for the good cause of their choice. And as donations can be as much as 15% of the purchase price, Ripon Grammar School Parents' Association are really hoping local people will log on and support them.

Jane Robinson, chair of Ripon Grammar School Parents' Association is keen for as many people as possible in Ripon to sign up: "In the current financial climate we know that every penny counts so we're not asking people to donate, just to consider using the easyfundraising portal whenever they have the occasion to shop online.

Featuring over 2000 of the UK's most popular retailers including M&S, Argos, Boden, Tesco and Sainsbury's and many more, easyfundraising has already helped UK charities raise over £2.6 million. As well as raising funds, the free-to-use website also gives shoppers access to hundreds of offers, discounts, vouchers and free delivery codes that they won't find elsewhere.

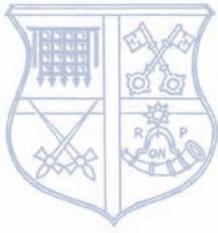
CHARITY WEEK

Friday, 14th October 2011 marked the start of RGS' annual Charity Week; with a staff versus students' football match to kick-start the week's activities.

The beneficiary this year was CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), whose aim is to prevent Sudden Death Syndrome in young adults by raising awareness of the condition nationwide. The charity was chosen by the sixth-form and it proved to be a great week for all students as every year group became involved. With events ranging from a Harry Potter film night to the

well-received staff pantomime, there was something for everyone to enjoy. There were many highlights to the week, including the incredibly successful 'Auction of Promises' which raised over £2,500. The week concluded with a balloon launch where the school watched as 200 balloons were released; a heart-warming sight to end the week. It was wonderful to see all the students throw themselves into the fundraising activities by holding chocolate raffles or 'guess which teacher's knees' to raise as much money as possible. The winning form of 2C raised a phenomenal £299 with their raffle – huge congratulations to them all!

A massive £10,601, 86 was raised over the course of the week: a fantastic achievement by all the staff, students and parents who supported this event.



OLD RIPONIANS' ASSOCIATION

President/Secretary:
Mrs Jenny Bellamy
Treasurer:
Mr George Owram

IKE DAWSON – RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL STUDENT 1948-54



I hailed from a tenant farming family who lost their farm in the Great Depression and my father was reduced to farm labouring. Life was hard and money very tight. Aged 8, I saw Spitfires in air combat over grandma's house near York and set my sights on being an RAF fighter pilot. Happily for us, my brother, then I won scholarships to Ripon Grammar School.

Ripon Grammar School was a wonderful start in life, for which I have been grateful. In our busy lives we often fail to express our appreciation to those who helped us get going but fortunately for me the RAF connection helped me remain in touch each Christmas with three of the four most influential of my RGS teachers until they died. They were:-

John Allinson – or 'Panic' – the Maths Master and Air Cadet Officer who rescued my delight in maths after the disaster of thirteen different maths teachers in the first four years, lost me – and others. He was a Bomber Command Lancaster captain with thirty-six operational missions. Crews who survived a tour of thirty missions normally did no more.

John Brown – or 'Masher' – Deputy Head, chemistry master and a great cricket and rugby coach. He was an RAF Sqn Ldr station armament officer who went into the bomb bay of a shot up burning Lancaster which crashed on landing, to defuse the hang-up bomb load - whilst others dragged out the shattered crew.

Lesley Eley – or 'Les' – physics – wireless operator/air gunner who survived more Bomber Command operations than most Wop/AGs by far. It was always the Wop/AG or tail-end-Charlie that the fighters took out first!!

Major E'od Thomas – or 'Ted' – English – who taught in India, was in the Indian army and was called to the defence of Singapore and the Malaya peninsula. He survived three years in Changi Jail as a POW of the Japs.

To a man they were magnificent role models and I owe them so much.

My RGS days were busy and exciting. Under-age, I had inveigled my way into the Ripon City Air Training Corps Squadron and flew for the first time. When the school cadets were formed, I opted for the school Scouts and, with excellent guidance and encouragement from 'Taddy Kempster' and 'Ego Burton', Colin Avery and I were invested as Queen's Scouts in 1952 [my scroll prepared before February 1952 reads King's Scout]. Inevitably, with much to do and too little time available, I gave up City air cadets and swapped Scouts for Cadets at school.

Guided by John Allinson, I was soon spending the weekends when I wasn't playing school sport, gliding at RAF Rufforth near York. I also had the great fortune to be awarded an RAF Flying Scholarship and opted for the civil flying school at Burneston, Derby. The 'Miles Magister' was a joy to fly and after going solo in 4.55 hours there was a right rumpus ... seventeen was the minimum age to fly a powered aircraft solo! I understand some very creative recording was done ensuring the Air Ministry desk wallahs were kept quiet.

First XV rugger and First XI cricket with preparation for O-level in 1953 and A-Level in 1954 gave us all two busy years but the cream on the pudding for me was to be one of the thirty strong group of English air cadets on the annual Air Cadet Exchange to Canada in 1954.

I loved Canada, the space, the land, the people, the smell of the pines, Niagara Falls and much more. Many of our disparate group sang, as did I, in their school choirs. Our accompanying mentors quickly grasped a different way to express our thanks to our Canadian hosts. As a group, in harmony, we sang our thanks in English Folk songs. The Cannucks loved it. All too soon we were singing farewell at RCAF La Chine with our adaptation of Swing Low Sweet Chariot, 'Swing Low Ye Ole North Star – coming for to carry me home'.

Academically, I found O-levels and A-levels a struggle but managed half a dozen decent O-levels and respectable grades in chemistry, physics and mathematics A-level. I should have done better but met the requirements for RAF pilot training which was my goal.

After RAF officer training I was lucky enough to be in the group detailed for pilot training in Canada. Flying off rolled snow in the Harvard at Centraillia on Lake Huron near London, Ontario and then out west at Portage la Prairie Jet school west of Winnipeg on the T33 was a very good grounding in first generation jets!

After Gunnery School in the UK and my first 'dead-stick' landing, I was on a Comet at 40,000 ft over the Indian Ocean out of Bahrain, bound for Changi, when half the tail came off. Then I flew a fully-armed Venom 1 to meet the Mig-15 fighter sweeps down from 'White Cloud' to plague Hong Kong; only those guys almost always turned back north, short of the border. It was all change to the Venom 4 and Hunters in Aden, Oman and the Gulf, one of Britain's dirty little wars where I lost a number of very good friends and found that bullets don't hurt - at first. Becoming a flying instructor in the UK for four years was then rather tame although the next job as the Training Officer on a cold-war nuclear Strike Squadron in Germany, not long after the Cuban Missile Crisis, was anything but!

As the youngest member of the course and newly promoted to Squadron Leader, frankly I didn't enjoy the RAF Staff College – they took themselves far too seriously. However, it did give me the leg up and for the next three years life was rich as a Training Squadron Commander at Linton-on-Ouse. One of my pleasures was to have two RGS air cadets on the squadron each Wednesday for a jet-familiarisation flight.

Staff tours are inevitable but mine could not have suited me and my family better. For the three years I served as a NATO staff officer in Norway, we skied and skated in the winter and walked in the forests and swam in the lakes in the summer. Back home and back to the academic grind for another year, this time the National Defence College. My posting was as the RAF's Chief Flying Instructor (Advanced Flying) at the RAF Central Flying School and Commanding Officer of the Red Arrows for two and a half years.

I opted to retire early as a Wing Commander aged 40 to become the Operations Director of Northern Ireland Airports Ltd during the troubles from which I was then recruited to turn Teesside Municipal Airport into a limited-liability company. In many ways that was my toughest assignment: the airport was losing half a million pounds a year. I was proud to hand it over with a very strong balance sheet and healthy profit over 15 years ago. Alas, since 2006, Durham Tees Valley has declined dramatically – perhaps irredeemably.

I think I will take as my epitaph the remarks of my Convenor of Trades Unions at Teesside. When I retired he came to say goodbye and he left me with the pithy little observation:

"Our members have mandated me to tell you, we think you have been a right hard nosed old b.... but always a very fair right hard nosed old b....".

Thank you Ripon Grammar School ... you schooled me well!!!

Ike Dawson

MY STORY

SIMON HEBB

Simon joined the Harrogate office of Gore Brown Investment Management in 2010 as investment manager looking after clients' portfolios and developing business.

Simon first entered the financial services industry when he joined Standard Life Assurance Company as a trainee after leaving university in 2000 and eventually became an independent financial advisor specialising in giving tax and investment advice to companies and high net worth individuals. In 2005, Simon was recruited by Rensburg Sheppards Investment Management to join the discretionary management team in Leeds and was responsible for the active management of investment portfolios for a range of clients including charities, pension funds, trusts and individuals.

IM Asset Management (IM Capital) appointed Simon as Business Development Manager to lead their entrance into the third party market in 2009. Since joining GBIM, Simon has been selected for Citywire's '30 under 30', a survey of Britain's top 30 wealth managers under 30 years old.



RICHARD WEBSTER - FOUNDATION DOCTOR (NHS)



RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

I attended Ripon Grammar School between 1997 and 2004. I studied chemistry, maths, biology, business studies and general studies at A-Level. I gained good grades at A-Level, performed prefect duties in the Upper Sixth and represented the school as a member of the 1st XV Rugby Team.

FIRST STEPS AFTER LEAVING SCHOOL

I took a Gap Year during which I worked in a Heroin Detoxification Hospital as a Nursing Assistant. I also attained officer level entry into the Army which I later declined.

In September 2005 I started studying medicine at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Bristol.

In 2008, I obtained a BSc in Neuroscience with 1st Class Honours. I presented my research findings at the Bi-Annual Conference of Neuroscience in Geneva, in July 2008.

In 2009 I completed a twenty-week placement at Bordeaux Hospital as an Erasmus student. I continued playing rugby as a member of the 1st XV Medical Team for Bristol University and also played for Bordeaux University Team while in France.

I spent my elective period working in A & E at a hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal and as part of a surgical team in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, before enjoying a two-week holiday in Vietnam.

I completed my MBChB in July 2011.

CAREER PATH

I am now at the beginning of my working career as a doctor. I have been accepted as an Academic Foundation Doctor at the Sheffield NHS Trust.

A TYPICAL WORKING DAY

On my current attachment I am the Foundation 1 Doctor on the Diabetes Ward. Each attachment lasts for four months. My duties of care are to the current inpatients and also any newly admitted patients. A typical day starts with a morning ward round during which we will see all the patients under my consultant's care and make plans for their investigations, treatments and discharge. I will spend the rest of my morning reviewing the patients, ordering their necessary investigations, chasing up results from the previous day and acting out or completing their care plans as prescribed by my seniors. I write discharge summaries for those patients who have finished their hospital stays and we review the patients again at the evening ward round.

Sometimes I have out-of-hour's commitments where I join a small team of doctors at night or over the weekends. The main aim of the team is to go around the hospital and treat the patients who are most sick so that their own doctors can continue their care again once normal hours resume. I also have to respond to crash calls when necessary during these times.

NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER

I took up my first post as an Academic Foundation Year 1 doctor at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield after completing my undergraduate medical training. I must complete two years of foundation training, working with the Sheffield NHS Trust. In my second year I will complete a four-month rotation in a research position which will open up opportunities to pursue an academic career in medicine. I am interested in Accident and Emergency, Surgery and Anaesthetics. I will hopefully do a PhD as part of my speciality training which will allow me to teach and continue my research commitments whilst working in the NHS as an academic doctor.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS WHO ARE INSPIRED BY YOUR STORY

One of the most difficult things to do if you are considering a career in medicine is to get into Medical School. You need to get good grades at A-Level. Anything extra you can do to make you stand out from the rest and show you have commitment to the career will really help when writing your personal statements and attending interviews.

OBITUARIES

WINIFRED ALLINSON 9/5/1922-1/9/2011



Win Allinson was born the eldest of eight children in Shildon, County Durham. Her father, Norman, could find no work in Shildon after World War One, but he managed to find work building Burnhope Reservoir in Weardale.

Win passed her eleven plus, (the first of six in her family to do so) and went to Wolsingham Grammar School. She met John Allinson in Chapel.

She did well at school, particularly in biology. She won a place at Queen Mary College, University of London, but never saw anything of London, as the College was evacuated to Cambridge during the war. She graduated with a First Class Honours Degree and trained to be a teacher in Durham.

In 1950, John got a job teaching mathematics at Ripon Grammar School, so the family moved to Ripon, living in Whitcliffe Grove and joining the Central Chapel on Coltsgate Hill. They had two children, Judith and Gareth.

Win's teaching career was in abeyance until 1958, when she was asked to cover for an illness at Holy Trinity Primary. She also worked at Ripon Modern School and then from September 1959 she was asked to cover an absence in Ripon Girls' High School, where she was given a permanent position in 1960, teaching biology. She was delighted!

In 1962, when Ripon Girls' High School and Ripon Grammar School amalgamated, Win became Head of Biology, where she taught until her retirement in 1982.

In 2009, Win tripped and broke her hip, so after a time in Harrogate Hospital, she moved to Threshfield Court Care Home in Grassington which was nearer to her daughter Judith. On Sundays, Judith always took her to Chapel, either in Settle or Grassington or Allhallowgate in Ripon. She was made very welcome in all those places.

She still enjoyed the beauty of the earth, the green of the grass and the blue of the sky. She loved singing the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful' and in her last year, she took much pleasure in going to chapel, eating chocolate cake and seeing her grandchildren.



In the last edition of The Clock Tower we reported on the sad loss of Shirley Barton (née Hainsworth).

We would like to record our sincere thanks to the Barton Family for the beautiful Harry Stebbing St George bench, in memory of Shirley.

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

Thursday 3rd Oxford Reunion

July

Saturday 14th Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion
- Ripon Grammar School

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ANCESTRY?

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS A WEEK TO SPARE?

WANT TO BRUSH-UP OR DEVELOP ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS?

For further information or to see how you can help Ripon Grammar School, please contact Jackie Dawson.

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