Having graduated from Manchester University and gaining his Doctorate at the Sorbonne Dr Thompson came to TGS as its Headmaster in 1961 from Lancing College, and retired after 18 years, in 1979 when the school was combined with the Secondary Modern School to become a Comprehensive school. He was fluent in French, loved Modern Languages and visited France many times. Many tributes from Old Grammarians are printed later in this NEWS and a number of scholars were inspired to become Modern Language teachers themselves, encouraged by his teaching and enthusiasm. Peter was a dedicated Christian, an active member of Ideford church and village life. He and his wife, Jean, became involved in a number of local organizations, music being the great love of them both. Deeply involved with the choir, with Jean as choirmaster and composing church music, they founded concert societies, and other arts events. They raised four children, sadly losing a daughter some 20 years ago. Staff and students held him in the highest regard and he was a keen member of TOGA, becoming our Chairman soon after he arrived and holding the post until his death. Until poor health precluded him he attended every meeting, every reunion lunch and dinner, always making a softly spoken speech afterwards, occasionally verging on political educational issues, with Miss Stockley always urging him in French and English to “Speak up or use a MIKE!!”, but he never would!

He cared passionately about the wellbeing of his staff and students and TOGA, and was always anxious for news of his former pupils. He loved meeting old pupils whom he had not seen for decades, anxious to learn about their lives and careers and would write in his neat small handwriting to a member of TOGA committee asking to be sure to write to this or that old student, sending them a back issue of TOGA News, with their addresses in red so that we would not forget! He would ring me to check that we had followed his instructions! He was as warm and welcoming to old students from the 20’s, 30’s, 40’s and 50’s, whom he had not taught, but nevertheless recognized the value of their many years of supporting TOGA, through the War and beyond. When his increasing deafness and decreasing mobility made it impossible for him to attend TOGA reunions, he moved to a wonderful care home, Penns Mount, in Kingsteignton, where, at the age of 95, he passed peacefully away on 23 January 2012 with his family around him. Ideford Church was packed for his funeral, with many former pupils and staff from near and far, returning to pay their respects. Repose en paix.

Mrs Jean Thompson 1923-25 February 2012

It was a great shock, therefore, to learn shortly after, of the death of his widow, Jean. Jean had lived alone at Ideford until she had recently broken her wrist, but was able to attend Peter's funeral. She supported her husband in all his interests and activities, especially their singing and love of music and their beautiful garden, one of Jean’s passions. Before her marriage, Jean was a trained singer. Jean looked forward to TOGA NEWS and said they both wanted to read it first, and she always told us that the jokes were the best part of TOGA NEWS! They will both be sadly missed.

We extend our sincere condolences to the family, Clare, Charles and Nick who had cared for their parents so lovingly. The family have asked us to thank everyone who attended the funerals, or sent messages, especially Roger Ford, for their kindness, which was so much appreciated.
Dear Old Grammarians

In my many years as Chairman of TOGA, I have been pleased to maintain contact with old school friends as well as making many new ones. I have enjoyed my stint as Chairman and feel privileged to have served the Association.

However, I feel the time has come to relinquish my post and I am resigning at the AGM in November. I will, of course, be attending the reunions where possible and will maintain contact as I hope you will, by renewing your membership and attending the reunions when you can, thus keeping the Association going.

My sincere thanks to all who have ever served on the Committee for their support and to you, the members, good luck and best wishes.

Colin Graham (43-50)
colin761@btinternet.com

TOGA members, their friends and families enjoyed two reunion lunches during the past 12 months. In Autumn 2011, we visited Teignmouth Golf Club on a beautiful and hot day. The views we were treated to were stunning and we all enjoyed a three-course meal followed by a surprise. The ‘surprise’ was the recital by Heather Wheeler (daughter of ‘Rat’ Wheeler) of her father’s familiar tale of Piskies. Eighty-five people in all attended the lunch, the largest number for several years of whom there were a number of first-timers. Hopefully these first-timers will become regulars to keep the Association going.

In the Spring of 2012, a similar number of 88 attended the reunion lunch at Cockhaven Manor, Bishopsteignton. In complete contrast, the weather ‘got its own back’. It was chilly and wet (no different to this Summer!). However, the conditions did not spoil the enjoyment. Again, we enjoyed a three-course meal followed as customary by a raffle contributing to the staff gratuity. No surprise entertainment this time but you can never tell as regards the future.

The next reunion as you will see elsewhere in this Newsletter is a lunch at Teignmouth Golf Club on 15th September 2012 so please act fast if you require a ticket as we need to advise choices regarding starters and desserts together with any dietary needs or vegetarian meals a week in advance.

Sue Ansell

Welcome to all members, old or new. If you are a new member, a special welcome as you are vital to the life of the Association which has been going since 1926. Please pass the word on to any colleagues, siblings or friends. We are especially grateful to Bo BAKER, (69-77), David MARTIN (57-64) and Roger STONE (57-63) who have taken up the call and joined the TOGA Committee recently. TOGA needs to thrive until the pupils from the last days of TGS have all reached their dotage and inevitably, the Association will come to an end.

Please note our advertisers as they all have connections with TGS. Every year we have a theme running in the form of a little picture at the top of each era, 30’s, 40’s etc. This year to recognise the Olympics, the recurring them of those pics is SPORT.

If you live in or near Teignmouth or Dawlish, please consider coming on the TOGA Committee. (I live in Exeter and drive to meetings in all weathers!) We seriously do need new members, from any era, but particularly if you were at TGS during the 60’s and 70’s. We need new blood, new ideas, to keep the Association professional, up to date, and thriving. It is not onerous, about 5 meetings a year, and regular presence at meetings and some of the reunion lunches while not compulsory, is appreciated. PLEASE phone or email any member of the Committee. Mary Thomas, Editor
FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE: Pat MASSEY nee HARDING (Staff 1972 - 1981) is to be married on 27th October 2012 in America to David Carpenter-Clawson. We send out best wishes for their happy marriage. (more detail in the STAFF NEWS section)

MARRIAGE: Michael EARP (59-65) married Val, a friend from University days

DEATHS

ALLEN, Margaret nee WRIGHTSON, aged 62
BEST, Peggy nee MANN, on 27 January 2012, aged 98
CHANLEY, Marjorie nee FOSTER (47-53) May 2012, aged 76
FEY, Alan on 17 July after a very long illness, aged. 75.
HARRIS, Sylvia nee COPELAND (44-51) on 6 June 2012, aged 76 - Former TOGA Secretary
CUMMINGS, Richard, died 24 June 2012 aged 55,
HOOPER, Peter, in August 2011, aged 79
HOWARD, Shelagh nee CONNELLY, in Australia) aged 72
LEDGER, Derek, in December 2011, aged 77
MAYTHORNE, Neil, suddenly on 11 November 2011, aged 64
McCARTHY, John (31-36) on 24 April 2012, aged 91
MOTTERSHEAD, Wendy nee AVERY (46-51) suddenly in December 2011, aged 76
PEDRICK, Harold, on 23 January 2012, aged 91
STENT, David, November 2011, aged 76
STOCKMAN, Marie nee SQUIRE ( 43-48) after a long illness, aged 80
THOMPSON, Dr Peter, former Headmaster TGS (61-79), 23 January 2012, aged 95
THOMPSON, Mrs Jean, Wife of Dr T, 25 February 2012, aged 88
WEBBER, Eddie, in November 2011, aged 73

We have often been asked about the ASHFORD Twins, Alan and Stephen (47-53). Roger Savidge informs us that Alan died in 1994 Stephen in 1995.

Not Old Grammarians, but known to TGS: Eileen DIGBY 20 March 2012, aged 91. For many years Headmistress at Inverteign Infant & Junior School. Eileen was a regular player for Teignmouth Ladies’ Hockey Club and played with many OGs, i.e. Audrey and Jean CHURCHILL, Sylvia FORROW, Marie SQUIRE, Val WEEKES, Jean FORD, Vona BLEWETT, Margaret SYMONS, and often joined by Kate McLEES, Mary POWER (Thomas), Val MARTIN, who had usually already played for TGS First XI in the morning!!

Vera ANSELL, on 6 May 2012, aged 98, mother of our invaluable Treasurer, Susan ANSELL. Both Mrs Ansell and her late husband had attended most TOGA reunions over past 3 decades, usually helping to count the money. We extend our sincere sympathy to Sue in her loss.

Miss CHIVERS, teacher at Brook Hill School

Richard Cummings 1956-2012 (TGS 67-73)
My dear friend Rich died in Crete on 24 June. We met at TGS in the mid-seventies and shared many happy times from that golden period of life. This is not an obit, there are big gaps I can't fill in. There were many more important people in Rich’s life than me, certainly his family and Dave Rice. We discovered in the 6th form that we were both interested in similar socio-political-economic issues, which, as we both loved a good argument, meant we could be quite fierce with each other when we didn't agree. There were always many laughs. This debate continued until the last time I saw Rich, just before he went to Crete. Cricket was a joint passion. We both had a huge appreciation for Roger Watts. I remember Rich and I turning up for a game which unbeknown to us had been called off. We waited outside the school gates, wondering why nobody else was there. After 10 minutes, Rich produced his baccy and, keeping a sharp look-out so we thought, we rolled up, became, as ever, engrossed in conversation and next thing we knew there was Roger. “If you must smoke, don’t do it in school uniform outside the school gates. The game's off.” We trooped sheepishly away. We lost contact for about 5 years, then one day there was Rich walking down the street in Canterbury, big hugs and it was as if we had seen each other yesterday. I had some problems at the time and Rich was very caring. I spent a lot of nights on his couch after an evening of music and talking about the meaning of life. A few years later Rich moved up north and we lost contact again. When we next bumped into each other in the late 90s, Rich was living in Bodmin. He said he had been very ill, but would not say what it was. Again after a few years, we lost contact. We met in Teignmouth in 2009. We had many more laughs, normally over a pint at our traditional hang-out The Ship. Rich met Helen Holcombe in November last year. I hadn't seen him so happy since school days and he seemed content with life. If he could have had the choice, I think Rich would have taken passing away in the sea off Crete after spending a perfect week there with Helen; except he wouldn't because he wouldn't have wanted to cause her and the rest of us the heartbreak of his leaving. I’ll always miss him. Jon Hollely (TGS 1973-5) Shaldon
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

It is intended to continue to hold two reunion LUNCHES again this coming year, rather So far it has proved popular.

AUTUMN LUNCH: SATURDAY 15 September 2012
at Teignmouth Golf Club at 12.30pm for 1.00pm.
Tickets £16.50.
Booking details and menu choices at the back

SPRING 2013 LUNCH: SATURDAY 13 April 2013
at Cockhaven Manor, Bishopsteignton,
12.30pm for 1.00pm.
Ticket price tbc.
Cockhaven Manor Hotel

A PLEA FROM NEWS EDITOR AND DIRECTORY EDITOR
(Mary Thomas & Terry Mitchell)

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

EMAIL /ADDRESS changed?

PLEASE let me know if your email or address has changed. Terry, Keith Macdonald and I frequently try to make contact but find email addresses are out of date.
NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS
1920’s

Audrey WATSON nee JONES (25-32) c/o, Landscore House, 3 Landscore Road, Teignmouth, TQ14 9JU, Tel: 01626 770340. Sadly, Audrey has, after a very active life, become housebound and not at all well. Roger, Gill and Vivian Stone—her nieces and nephew, keep us informed. We send Audrey our best wishes from TOGA. Audrey has been lovingly cared for at Landscore House (see advert below).

Peggy BEST nee MANN passed away at the ripe old age of 98. She had lived at Bishopsteignton House for many years.

Julie Andrews sang this at her 70th birthday
Try it to “My Favourite Things” from Sound of Music

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting, Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string, These are a few of my favourite things,
Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses, Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings, These are a few of my favourite things.
When the pipes leak, When the bones creak, When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things, And then I don't feel so bad.
Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions, No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring, These are a few of my favourite things...
Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin', Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames, When we remember our favourite things.
When the joints ache, When the hips break, When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had, And then I don't feel so bad!

A man hailed a taxi and they set off. After a while the passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder and at once the driver screamed, the car slewed round, hit the kerb, bounced into a lamp-post and came to a stop. “What caused that?” asked the passenger. The driver visibly shaken managed to blurt out “It’s my first day as a taxi driver, I've driven a hearse for 25 years”
1930’s

Pauline SEATON nee ROSE (35-41) has had an eventful year! Unfortunately Pauline fell and broke her hip last Autumn, which slowed her down considerably. She recovered at home in November and December, relishing her own bed again! With the great help of a teams of carers, good neighbours and friends, and of course, her son Tim, she has made a remarkable recovery, walking with just one stick, when she remembers! When we met at her home for our last TOGA meeting in June, she was able to ply us with sherry and crisps to get the meeting going as she has always done. It was good to see her back to her old self again after a pretty stormy episode.

Eva BRETT nee WARNE ((33-40) writes from her home in Crofton Park, London, to let us know she was still alive! Eva and her husband are both 89 years old, and her husband recovered well from a stroke last year when they celebrated 61 years together (Even the Train robbers didn’t get that long!) She says, I retired from Ladywell Bowling Club at the end of the summer 2011 as I was finding it a bit tiring although I was still playing quite well and finished on a high by winning the cup in the Mixed Pairs Competition. I was their longest serving member and the oldest, so was very honoured when the club made me a Life Member. I haven’t been to Teignmouth since my sister died nearly 3 years ago, but hope to make a visit later this year. (Eva, maybe you can fit your trip in with one of our reunion lunches—details in TOGA NEWS. Ed.) 97 Ewhurst Road, Crofton Park, London, SE4 1SD, Tel: 0208 5698690.

Joan METHERELL nee SHORT (32-38) Joan has moved to: 46 Leander Court, The Strand, Teignmouth, TQ14 8AQ. Tel: 01626 770329.

Marjorie SANDIFORD nee RIDER (34-40) The 1930s members must be getting a bit thin on the ground now, so here is a note to say that my brother (Norman Rider) and I are still in the world. I’m still busy with various local societies, but cannot do much travelling now as my husband, although physically quite well until recently, has been suffering with Alzheimer’s for some years. He had to go into hospital with a severe chest infection 10 days ago. I drive there in about 20 minutes and see him every day. Our four offspring and their children continue to amaze us. Second daughter, Karen Inglis, has self-published two children’s books - ‘The Secret Lake’ and ‘Eeek! the Runaway Alien’, available through Amazon and various bookshops. She was signing copies recently at Waterstone’s in Putney when Nick Clegg came in with his sons and bought a copy of “Eeek!” Now looking forward to the news - and jokes - in next month’s TOGA and I send best wishes to everyone who remembers me. 20 Mardley Avenue, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 0TZ. Tel: 01285 654809; email: marjorie.sandiford@btinternet.com

I’m looking forward to seeing my brother, Norman RIDER (32-40) in August, when he will be celebrating his 90th birthday with a large party at his home in Berkshire, organised by his daughters. Family and friends from near and far, including Australia and America, will be there. He is still a traveller, and just back from Portugal. Address: “Jarrah”, Tilehurst Lane, Binfield, Nr Bracknell, Berks, RG42, 5JS. Tel: 01344 425319

Monica ARNOLD nee DODD (30-37) Not much news from the Blue Ridge Mountains this year. We are both keeping well but, at the moment, fighting really hot weather—90 to 100 degrees most days. We have had a number of family members visit us from U.K.—both daughters, my brother and his wife and one of our grand-daughters, who is a pediatrician in Gloucester. We are fortunate that very few months go by without visitors, as we ourselves do not travel much anymore. Television here improves with time. We have been glued to watching a lot about the Queen’s Jubilee, as well as Wimbledon, UEFA Soccer Championships and the Formula 1 British Grand Prix. As I’m sure you know, there will be a Presidential Election in November but, with 4 months still to go, it’s the hottest subject of conversation here all the time. It’s hard to believe I’m in my 90s now and T.G.S. seems a long, long time ago.I still have lots of memories, though, and would love to see it again. Will look forward to the new TOGA in the coming months.

Paddy and Mick were walking along a street in London when Paddy looked in a shop window and sees a sign that catches his eye. The sign read, “Suits £5.00 each, Shirts £2.00 each, trousers £2.50 per pair”. Paddy said to his pal, “Mick look at the prices! We can buy a whole lot of suds and when we get back to Ireland we could make a fortune. When we go in I’ll put on my best English accent, you stay quiet! Let me do all da talking cause if they hear our accents, they will know we are from Ireland and try to rip us off”. Right yore Paddy, I’ll keep me mouth shut, so I will. You do al da business said Mick. They go in and Paddy said in a posh voice, “Hello my good man. I’ll take 50 suits at £5.00 each, 100 shirts at £2.00 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at £2.50 each. The owner of the shop said quietly, “You’re from Ireland, aren’t you?” “Well yes,” said a surprised Paddy, “What gave it away?” The owner replied, “We’re dry-cleaners”.

**IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD**

1. You can’t count your hair
2. You can’t wash your eyes with soap
3. You can’t breathe through your nose when your tongue is out.

Put your tongue in your fool!
Raymond SRODZINSKI (48-54) Writes from Tasmania: Pam and Ray visited the UK and Teignmouth in 2010. I was fortunate to catch up with Mike CONNELLY & his wife, Audrey), it was great to talk of days gone by. We spent some time with them in their new home & lovely garden with excellent views. They were very kind to us. We plan to visit the UK next year & hope to spend a little longer in Devon. Hopefully we hope to catch up this time!There is no doubt that we will catch up next year. The schedule we were on didn't allow us much flexibility, but as mentioned before, next year we plan a more leisurely time in the UK. Apart from catching up with friends we visited the old haunts that brought poignant memories back like St James Church where I was christened & also St Michaels Church where I sang with the combined church choirs, my old family home & the familiar landmark of "the Ness" not forgetting the Teignmouth Rugby Club. We had set time apart to have a Srodzinski reunion in London catching up & meeting many for the first time including another Raymond Srodzinski!!!! They had found us on the internet & asked if we were the Devonshire Srodzinskis & it grew from there. At this time our son, Tom, had arrived in London <Uni hols> & was staying with School mates at Oxford so the 3 of us connected for the reunion. It was wonderful discovering cousins of his own age. We were made so welcome, delightfully warm family & remain in touch. I had extra time in London visiting the Museums, Lords & the Britannia Oval for England v Pakistan. We had based ourselves in Wimbledon & during my extra week the Pope was also visiting! Pam & Tom went to Morocco, based in Marrakesh & had a great time doing walks in the Atlas Mountains, cooking class, Souks etc. We all met up in Nice & based ourselves in La Colle sur Loup 3klms from St Paul in Vence & handy to Nice & Monte Carlo. Tom flew out of Paris to return for Uni & we after a few days in Paris finished our hols with our close friends in Oxford. Voila!

I have had good chat with Brian MALLETT who passes on to you his very best wishes. He is very well & is off to Vietnam in Nov this year. He had a great time in Shanghai & Samoa which is the poorest of the South Pacific Islands, lovely people & beautiful Island.

John DOWNING (42-48) - Vic FERRIS wrote to inform us of a new address for John who has not been in the best of health for some time. He and his wife have moved from Bracknell to be nearer to one of their daughters.

New Address: 11 Honey Bottom Road, Tadley, Hants. RG26 4JP (Tel 01189 811285).check number

Barbara HAYTER nee SING (40-48) joined TOGA last year after we had tried many times to find her as she has been asked after for years. After all our efforts, she was only in Torquay! Barbara sent some names from the photo in TOGA NEWS 2010 in the centre, under the 1997 reunion photo, identifying these girls.


In the bottom photograph: Front: Margaret Harvey, Barbara, Betty Clark, Pam England, Daphne Burton, Philomena Jennings, Miss Cook. She says—I recognise them all and remember the names of most of them!

She also showed the back issues of TOGA NEWS to her brother (35-42). He is still very active in the scientific world and will probably be contacting us to join TOGA (not so far Barbara!!) 2D Imperial Court, Parkhill Road, Torquay, TQ1 2EP, tel 01803 292224.

Rev Peter RAINSFORD (44-48) also afflicted by the dreaded Orange Sticker! Renewed his sub and sent a little story: The priest stood in the pulpit and told his congregation he had three sermons. The first was 10 minutes long and would cost £100.00. The second was 30 minutes long and would cost £50.00 and the third was one hour and would cost £10.00. He then said: “Now we will have a collection”…. Peter believes God has a sense of humour, he must have to have made us!

Janice JONES nee WATKINS (47-53) writes from her home in Winnipeg. Sadly, Jan lost her husband Bev last year after a short illness. Quite a number of former school friends had met Bev and Janice either in UK when they visited for a reunion or in Canada where they were warm and welcoming hosts. Janice wishes to be remembered to Shirley NORTH (nee Silverston) particularly and the TOGA Team who remember her. Janice is a marvellous correspondent and can be contacted on: 112-280 Fairhaven Road, Winnipeg, MB, R3P 0ZY or janjones@mts.net
Sheila HARRIS nee WILSON (48-55) Sheila was interested to read that Ian PHILLPOTT (48-55) had emailed and we had found him at last (through Joyce TURNER nee TUCKER in Kent!). Sheila remembered how hard we had tried to find him and brother David, when the Year of '48, had organised their year reunion in 1997 when we were all 60. She was sorry to hear that Beryl ORPIN nee WHITTON (48-53) had had a fairly rotten time again—Sheila remembers that she and Beryl go back as far as Dawlish Infant School, and wishes her better health. We all do. She also remembers the “Club” that Jeannie AYLWIN mentioned which was run by Margaret SANDERS who taught them about Nature.

Cathy HOLLANDS ex BOW/Harris nee BROWN (47-50) Cathy writes from Pembroke, Ontario. Her twins, Paul and Martin BOW are still in South Africa, her daughter Susan, is nurse living in Pembroke also and whose eldest son was just about to make Cathy a great grandmother. She also has a son, Justin HARRIS who lives in Toronto. Cathy would love to come back for a reunion, but very much doubts that it will happen now. 474 Fraser Street, Pembroke, Ontario CAN, K8A 1YY or Email: david_hollands52@sympatico.ca

John BALLANTYNE (44-51) Enjoyed TOGA NEWS, and didn’t think it seemed a smaller edition as I perused it right through. I was glad to see EXE colours on the front cover! It was a sobering thought to note that some more of my contemporaries are no longer with us—Jim TUCKER, Geoff ROBINS and dear old Peter BOW. Back to the living I found David CORNELIUS’ piece of great interest but on a matter of accuracy, Philomena JENNINGS (not Philippa) and Brian HINKLEY should have read HINKINS. I remember because he and I went to pre-Confirmation class instruction evenings together. Before the arrival of TOGA NEWS I had intended writing to ask if there were any more verses to the School Song apart from the one we always sang. So it was an absolute delight to have all the music, verses and composer printed in last year’s issue. Thanks for that. Have recently had a hip op, and am hoping for a speedy recovery. Spoke to Ruth Smith nee LAIDMAN recently. 01453 842473 He does not have email!

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Gillian MONTAIUTI nee TOWLER (44-49) is still living in Italy, Villa Oscar Ghiglia, 250, Palazzina HI.INT.3, 00125 ROMA, Italy Email?

Christine McELLIGOTT nee TOWLER (51-56) has email: christinemcelligott@yahoo.com. She was in Wisborough Green, W Sussex the last time we had any correspondence from her.

Ted PHILLIPS (44-47) has a new address and email. 96 Higher Brimley, Teignmouth, TQ14 8TU; 01626 776256 Email: edmund.phillips1@btinternet.com.

Dilys EVANS (47-53) has a new email: dilysdefi@me.com.

Pat MATTHEWS (nee LACEY 47-54) has new email: pat.matthews@talktalk.net

Ian PHILLPOTT: (48-55) Ian is getting used to having a diagnosis of pulmonary fibrosis but not letting it stop his creative writing since he left the RAF. I have the pleasure of running courses in my house for members of the U3A in modern military history and politics and I still examine A level Political Ideologies twice a year for the AQA board. I was a member of the RAF Regiment for twenty years before going into management consultancy then teaching. At Dover Grammar School the Headmaster gave me command of the Combined Cadet Force which was one of the most enjoyable periods in my life. To see my ex pupils succeed in life, principally because of the life skills that membership of the CCF imparts. One of my ex naval cadets has recently been appointed to command HMS Diamond, a Type 42 destroyer, another is a senior staff officer at MOD, another is a test pilot and yet another is a Lieutenant Colonel commanding an infantry battalion which was recently in Afghanistan. But there are the sad moments when one of my ex cadets in the RAF Section, by then a Squadron Leader with Pashtun language skills, was ambushed by the Taliban and died shortly afterwards in Selly Oak hospital Birmingham. My publications on RAF History have been out for over five years (see attachments) and can still be purchased through Amazon, on line. They are published by Pen and Sword of Barnsley, Yorkshire. I chose to write about the inter war years because there was a gap in the market. They both took some five years to research as is the latest projected publication.

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Gillian MONTAIUTI nee TOWLER (44-49) is still living in Italy, Villa Oscar Ghiglia, 250, Palazzina HI.INT.3, 00125 ROMA, Italy Email?

Christine McELLIGOTT nee TOWLER (51-56) has email: christinemcelligott@yahoo.com. She was in Wisborough Green, W Sussex the last time we had any correspondence from her.

Ted PHILLIPS (44-47) has a new address and email. 96 Higher Brimley, Teignmouth, TQ14 8TU; 01626 776256 Email: edmund.phillips1@btinternet.com.

Dilys EVANS (47-53) has a new email: dilysdefi@me.com.

Pat MATTHEWS (nee LACEY 47-54) has new email: pat.matthews@talktalk.net

Ian PHILLPOTT: (48-55) Ian is getting used to having a diagnosis of pulmonary fibrosis but not letting it stop his creative writing since he left the RAF. I have the pleasure of running courses in my house for members of the U3A in modern military history and politics and I still examine A level Political Ideologies twice a year for the AQA board. I was a member of the RAF Regiment for twenty years before going into management consultancy then teaching. At Dover Grammar School the Headmaster gave me command of the Combined Cadet Force which was one of the most enjoyable periods in my life. To see my ex pupils succeed in life, principally because of the life skills that membership of the CCF imparts. One of my ex naval cadets has recently been appointed to command HMS Diamond, a Type 42 destroyer, another is a senior staff officer at MOD, another is a test pilot and yet another is a Lieutenant Colonel commanding an infantry battalion which was recently in Afghanistan. But there are the sad moments when one of my ex cadets in the RAF Section, by then a Squadron Leader with Pashtun language skills, was ambushed by the Taliban and died shortly afterwards in Selly Oak hospital Birmingham. My publications on RAF History have been out for over five years (see attachments) and can still be purchased through Amazon, on line. They are published by Pen and Sword of Barnsley, Yorkshire. I chose to write about the inter war years because there was a gap in the market. They both took some five years to research as is the latest projected publication.

"I changed my iPad's name to Titanic. It's syncing now."
IAN PHILPOTT continued: I well remember Mr Silverstone speaking to all the boys of TGS who had joined the local cadet forces instead of the Officer Training Corps in the School. I was one of those who had joined the town Air Training Corps. He was quite right for I would have been just as displeased if the boys in Dover Grammar School had done the same thing to me. Email: ianphilpott@hotmail.co.uk Ship Ahoy, Lighthouse Road, St Margaret’s Bay, Dover, Kent, CT15 6EJ

Mary THOMAS nee POWER (48-54) Still editing your TOGA NEWS when not working with Kate Force (nee McLees) as locum medical secretaries. Kate set this team of 5 former medical secretaries up in 1997 when we were 60, for a few years, or so we thought, and here we are 15 years on, only two us left, and still in demand! I have had to give up my fashion show modelling career, because of recurrent sciatica which has left me unable to totter around in my high heeled shoes, though I still produce fashion shows for my charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. No one wants an elderly model wearing high fashion and trainers these days! I have been fund-raising for Macmillan Nurses since my baby was in a pushchair and he was 46 last week. Love my garden, grandchildren, gallivanting, Spanish holidays, talking to Kate, and anyone else who will listen, and my new Kindle.

REW Derek (44-47) came to the Spring reunion 2012 at Cockhavenn Manor with his sister Sheila BOVEY nee REW 44-49). Derek has a new email address: Derek@abctechnology.co.uk; 2 Grasslands Drive, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX1 3RG. SHEILA’s email is: LIMBUV@tiscali.co.uk and her address: 5 Knight’s Crescent, Clyst Heath,Exeter, EX2 7TG. Her sister Joy HOWELL nee REW has new email: Joy.howell10@mypostoffice.co.uk

John CRUMP (44) sadly lost his wife, Rita recently after a long illness. John has moved to: 2 Broadparks Avenue, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 9ET, Mob: 07770 936606. John attends almost every reunion, often with Clive EDWARDS (46-52) when Clive is not sunning himself in the Antipodes!

Ruth SMITH nee LAIDMAN (45-52) Keeps very busy with her Quilting skills, politics,children and grandchildren and remains in touch with a lot of Old Grammarians. I did a couple of workshops to raise funds @ Broadclyst Church for their flower festival and who should turn up, having booked in, was Shirley SILVERSTON!!! she came to learn Japanese folded patchwork and made a pin cushion!!! I said I was sure Miss Stoodley would have been pleased!!! I have also had a letter from "Bally" BALLANTINE - he has had a hip op. but hasn’t quite recovered yet.

Rachel BAZLINTON nee WILLIAMS (46-54) writes: I was very sorry to read of the deaths of Peter BOW, Pat GLANVILLE, Geoff ROBINS and Jim TUCKER, all of whom I remember. Sadly it is a reminder that we’re all getting older. I was delighted that you were able to find the source of “VUZZ-bush fires in swalin’ time”.

Prof Ken COUNTER (41-48). Thank you so much once again for such a full magazine. Re the Prefects 1947 photo in TOGA NEWS 2010, page 31, the following may be of help but I may not be totally accurate, and I’m sorry it’s incomplete. Hopefully others will help out too. (also had help from Jean Potter nee Palmer thanks. Ed)

Treating the photo as three rows, the middle row being simply the four girls, and reading from the back: Sowden/John Beck/Heath/Peter Dawton/David Thomas/????/Nichols/Ken Counter/Jeffrey Shimell/???? Kathleen Johnson/Anne Glenton/Gwenyth Tavener/Jennifer Burrows…….Margaret Harvey/Barbara Sing/Betty Clark/????/Daphne Burton/Philemona Jennings (sister of Vic)/Miss Cook/????/?????????/????/Tucker/????

Soon after Ken and his wife Brenda moved to be nearer children in Norwich, Brenda suffered a devastating stroke from which, sadly, she did not recover. Ken’s address was: Flat 2, Robert Kett Court, 46 Bishops Bridge Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 4ET and email: ProfKNSC@goolemail.com He is moving back to Devon!

June PYM nee SPРОSTON (45-50) joined TOGA last year with her daughter, Debra (PYM 75-82). They both attended the October reunion at Teignmouth Golf Club. June, now 77, looking back thinks that perhaps the thing of which I was most proud was representing the ladies of the National Association of Licensed House Managers for 9 years at the Women’s TUC. Once I received a standing ovation after addressing a conference on health and the environment. Voluntary work finished with becoming a counsellor for my union. I have been on TV, once in the Antiques Road Show and also in the Glamorous Grandma of Great Britain. I have always supported handicapped children from when we were at Dawlish Warren, when Eric Belfield was Headmaster of Oaklands Special School. I helped with raising funds for a swimming pool, changing rooms and a hoist. Raising money to help those who through no fault of their own, cannot do so, is perhaps an onus I have always felt, a Christian duty. I would love to hear from Joan Pile, Vivenne Slater or Juliet Whitehead among others, if anyone is in contact with them please. 8 New Street, Paimpton, TQ3 3HN, 01803 391879.  (Can anyone help June contact her old friends? Ed)

JEAN STOCKER nee PEARCE (42-46) joined TOGA and came to the Autumn lunch. (Sister of Bryan) Address: 37 Blunts Wood Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex, RH16 1ND; 01444 413773.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it
Audrey HARVEY nee PASSMORE (46-51) also joined TOGA recently and came to the lunch last Autumn. She hasn’t moved far away, 8 Alexandra Terrace, Teignmouth, TQ14 8HA: Tel: 01626 779884

Roger SAVIDGE & wife, Barbara nee TOWNSEND (47-53) have their own mini newsletter for their year which seems a great idea to keep them all in touch. Those he is in touch with include: David Ashworth, Lucille Bayley, Peter Bonner, Ann Lynn, Frank Burgess, Ivy Withecombe, Margot Crispin, Dereen Mountain, John Dyke, Dylis Evans, Pat Matthews, Joan Butler, Judith Theobald, David Hales, Vi Dunscombe, Elizabeth Edwards,

Rev Peter RAINSFORD (44-48) Thanks for the magazine, fascinating a usual. I refer to the photograph on p13 from Gerald STROWBRIDGE, showing the Library committee. I was sure I recognised the ? in the second row, next to TWS as Winnie BACK, so I tried it on Pam – not a TGS ex - she knew Winnie at Rolle College, Exmouth. Pam recognised her instantly as Winnie Back. I would not have recognised Rosemary Broadbear - Didn’t her father have a garage in town, almost opposite Dawlish Rd, that was destroyed by fire? She used to sit half way up the Lady Chapel side of St Michael’s church, and I used to give her an extra puff of incense when in procession! What fun with a thurible, I still do it with our servers team just to play them up.

Jill WILLIAMS nee STONE (49-56) has moved to a new address: “Lathyrus” Long Mead, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 3RH, tel: 01935 421583: NEW email jillandverle@hotmail.com. Audrey & Robin ROBERTSON (nee Broom) call in from time to time and I catch up on all the news. Best wishes to Kate Mclees and Robin and Audrey, We don’t expect to be moving again!

Dorothy ARMSTEAD (nee BRADSHAW 53-55) has joined TOGA last year and been to two reunions with Geraldine LENNARD nee HOOK and Margaret HOLMAN. 10 Alandale Road, Teignmouth, TQ14 8NW; Tel: 01626 772612.

Barry HEATH (41-42) was delighted to join TOGA through his close friend, Brian STOCKMAN. Barry only came to TGS for one year, left in March 1942 through illness, then the family moved to Newton Abbot, and he attended Newton Abbot Grammar School to finish his education, but has some vivid memories of his years at TGS. He writes: Class names which come back to me were, Jessop, Boaz, Gerry Sandals, Roger Birch (became Chief Constable, Sussex), Denis Lovell (RIP) also joined the Police, Nicholls, Markham, John Searie (1st 11 Soccer), Peter Hooper, Soccer, later professional with Bristol Rovers, who died recently, SOWDEN (who who was “Jules” in Miss Stockley’s French lessons, I was “Edouard”. The only girl’s name I remember is Gwyneth TAVERNER, only because it’s an unusual name! Seniors I remember were: Derek COLE (Head boy and Captain of Exe House), Devon County Cricket and lecturer at Britannia Royal Naval College. BUCKINGHAM (Dart House Captain—my House), BROWN, COLSON, (Diddy-go-Bandy was his nom-de-plume in the Eisteddfod. Pete EVANS, piano, later in charge of music at Imperial Hotel, Torquay, BONNER (DCC and wicket keeper) who was always chewing carrots!, HELMORE (Builders in Teignmouth), RICKHaven, FOOT, CORPS brothers, Beryl WITHERS (Art Society Captain). Address: “Encore”, 4 Ogwell End Drive, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6FB: 01626 335786; email: jeanhthornhill@hotmail.com

Tony HEPWORTH (47-53) Thank you so much for sending me the latest edition of Toga News, I always enjoy reading the news from old students,a great magazine. My wife died last year so decided recently to move into a smaller apartment here in Lostwithiel overlooking the river Fowey. I was interested in seeing the photo of the 1958/59 netball touring the news from old students, a great magazine. My wife died last year so decided recently to move into a smaller apartment here in Lostwithiel overlooking the river Fowey. I was interested in seeing the photo of the 1958/59 netball

Joyce & Ian TURNER nee TUCKER (49-55) We had a very convivial day with Jen (NEWBERRY) and Tony BRYANT last autumn when Clare MEUNIER (nee Bailey) was passing through London en route from Canada for a cultural tour of Europe. We hope to see her again next autumn when we intend to have a week in Provence with her and her husband.

Julie HARRIS nee WINSOR (45-51) Little Salty, 19 Penpethy Road, Brixham, TQ5 8NW: 01803 853892 Always look forward to the next TOGA NEWS. She also asks where are Marion BOYNE, Sylvia SHORLAND, Monique GASKIN, Juliet WHITEHEAD, Liz?, Jean CANN, Lesley RENZI? It would be nice to get in touch with a few folks. (Julie, do come to a TOGA Lunch, there are always a good few from the 40’s and indeed, 45-51, your exact years. You will see who some of them are from above reading. Lesley HOLMES nee RENZI has been a TOGA member for years and lives in Peterborough. Ed.

Leslie SYDENHAM (43-48) and brother GEOFF (39-44) still live in Bournemouth and Poole respectively, but have not been able to get back for a reunion lunch for several years because of health problems. Leslie says she also has problems with her sight. (Many of us do Leslie! Ed.)

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went…..then it dawned on me.
OBITUARIES

PETER HOOPER (1933-2011, at TGS 44-50): It was with great regret that we heard of the passing of former Cardiff City winger, Peter Hooper, who died recently in Barnstaple at the age of 78 from cancer. Teignmouth born and educated, Peter was a hard- shooting left winger with what was described as the fiercest left-foot shot in the game. He played for Dawlish before having a number of years with Bristol Rovers from whom Cardiff signed him in July 1962 for £8,400. Whilst with Rovers he did his National Service in the Forces, and in 1951, while stationed in Kenya, became a Kenya International. He spent one season at Cardiff (62-63), making 45 league and cup appearances and scoring 24 goals (22 League, 2 Cup). He was in fact our top scorer that season and was deadly from penalties and free kicks. At the end of 62/3 he could not agree terms and joined Bristol City. He was later with Worcester City and after retiring ran a public house before joining the Probation Service. We offer our condolences to his family. (Cardiff City programme) Peter died in a nursing Home near his home in N Tawton after a short illness. A footballing legend from TGS.

MARGE HARDY (47-53) Marge hardly ever missed a TOGA get together of any sort. She was the same girl as she was at TGS, small in stature, big on laughs, with a wicked sense of humour, and an innate willingness to help all and sundry, she was an asset to any gathering. She also had a brother, David, also an Old Grammarian. She was a lifelong friend of Valerie Tooley nee Blackmore until she passed away in May after a few months in increasingly poor health. Marge spent her childhood in Bishopsteignton going to the local primary school. It was idyllic. At a time when the world was at war she had the fields and the woods of Happy Valley in which to play with her friends, many of whom she remained in touch with throughout her life. She was a smiling and happy girl. Whether at camp with the Bishopsteignton Guides or at school in her gym slip and white ankle socks, she was never far from the centre of fun. She developed a fondness for tennis which lasted a lifetime - there was no talking to her during the Wimbledon Fortnight. Marge’s first marriage was to Tony Strudwick. They had two sons, of Roger and Julian. Marge moved to Scotland after her second marriage. But it wasn’t Teignmouth, and she couldn’t settle there. Teignmouth – home – called and she came back. Marge found huge support in the “Open Door” and great friendship within the Church. Marge loved the theatre and loved to act, being part of the Teignmouth Follies for many years, often ad libbing and surprising the other members of the cast. She never gave up her voluntary work: helping at the museum, the Alice Cross Centre and the Baptist Church, including taking flowers each week to Glenkeally Care Home to which she was eventually herself taken when she became unwell. Throughout her life, Marge was the epitome of fun. The life and soul of the party. (Thanks to David Foster and family)

WENDY MOTTERHEAD nee AVERY (46-51) Wendy died following stroke in her home. She had joined TOGA a few years ago through her friend, Shirley Ingrams (nee Collins) and came to several reunion lunches from her home in Plymouth. She had left TGS at 16 years old, and worked as a receptionist until she was old enough to join the WRNS. She married her instructor, Ken Ashcrot, and they had three sons. They divorced and she worked at the Land Registry Office in Plymouth. She then married Keith Motterhead and moved to Plympton. She and Shirley remained friends from the Prep School days and met regularly until her death.

NEIL MAYTHORNE (58-64) It is with much sadness we report that Neil died very unexpectedly while out on his usual 3 mile walk on 11 September 2011 aged 64. He was very dearly missed by all who knew him. Neil was raised in Holcombe. At a time when the world was at war he had the fields and the woods of Happy Valley in which to play with his friends, many of whom he remained in touch with throughout his life. He was a smiling and happy girl. Whether at camp with the Bishopsteignton Guides or at school in her gym slip and white ankle socks, she was never far from the centre of fun. She developed a fondness for tennis which lasted a lifetime - there was no talking to her during the Wimbledon Fortnight. Marge’s first marriage was to Tony Strudwick. They had two sons, of Roger and Julian. Marge moved to Scotland after her second marriage. But it wasn’t Teignmouth, and she couldn’t settle there. Teignmouth – home – called and she came back. Marge found huge support in the “Open Door” and great friendship within the Church. Marge loved the theatre and loved to act, being part of the Teignmouth Follies for many years, often ad libbing and surprising the other members of the cast. She never gave up her voluntary work: helping at the museum, the Alice Cross Centre and the Baptist Church, including taking flowers each week to Glenkeally Care Home to which she was eventually herself taken when she became unwell. Throughout her life, Marge was the epitome of fun. The life and soul of the party. (Thanks to David Foster and family)

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Sylvia HARRIS nee COPELAND (46-51) For many years TOGA Secretary and a member for over 45 years, Sylvia passed away on 6 June 2012. Many Old Grammarians attended her funeral. Sylvia had worked tirelessly over many years to keep TOGA known to former pupils, to act as secretary, typing the Newsletter by hand on an old portable typewriter, helping to arrange dinners and reunion lunches. She knew everyone in Teignmouth and quite a few who had left, so she was always a fount of knowledge about old pupils. She had a lifelong love of animals, especially her beloved dogs. She married Richard (Alf) Harris and had two children, Claire and Richard. She spent her whole life in Teignmouth. Invariably cheerful and helpful she was always willing to do anything for anyone. We shall include more about Sylvia in TOGA NEWS 2013. We shall miss her cheery presence at TOGA events.
NEW MEMBERS 2012

We extend a warm welcome to the following who joined TOGA in the past year.
You will notice that we still get new members from the 1940’s to the last days of TGS in 1979

APPS, John (45-50)
ARMSTEAD, Dorothy nee BRADSHAW (53-55)
CARLSON, Jennifer nee SHEPPARD (56-62)
CORNISH, Colin (72-77)
COTTRELL, Margaret nee McLaughlin (57-62)
GOODAIR, Christine nee ALLEN (Hostel boarder 70-73)
DART, Adrian, (68-75)
HAYTER, Barbara nee SING (40-48)
HARVEY, Audrey nee PASSMORE (46-51)
HEATH, Barry (41-42)
HOLLEY, Jon (73-75)
MARTIN, Annette nee igglesden
MARTIN, Richard and Marilyn (Lyn) (nee GREAVES) (58-66 and 61-66)
MARTIN, David (57-64)
MARTIN,  Richard and Marilyn (Lyn) (nee GREAVES) (58-66 and 61-66)
PYM, June nee SPROSTON (45-50)
PYM, Debra (76-84)
ROBERTS, Jackie nee MORLEY (57-62)
RODEN, Robert (61-68)
RUDLAND, Hazel nee STEVENS (58-64 at age 13)
SERCOMBE, Lawrence (47-48)
STOCKER, Jean, nee PEARCE (42-46)
TAPP, Paul (76-79)

1930’s continued

For those of you who would have been at school in the late 30’s and early 40’s with Jean DART nee CREWS, you may be interested to know that I received a letter from her son Philip Dart, saying that she had sadly passed away in 2006 without knowing about TOGA, which he thinks she would have enjoyed as she talked about her schooldays at TGS and had kept all her school magazines. Philip has kindly passed them on to TOGA for our archives.

Phyllis WARREN nee GEISLER (30-37) wrote a very entertaining letter in beautiful handwriting, after she found that “I had been awarded the Orange Spot” (Subscription reminder). She added that forgetting is a not uncommon failing with nonagenarians. She says. I read the latest magazine from cover to cover in one sitting and was pleased to see the news from the Grammarians of the 1930’s and sad to see the passing of some of them. I remember Audrey JONES (see 1920’s above) as a senior and member of the Hockey Team. I remember watching her stoutly defending the goal. She may have remembered by cousin, Fran Strowbridge who left school shortly after I started in 1930. Reading the words of the School Song, it is sad to compare those optimistic verses with the state of the world today. However, “There be piskies” made me smile at the memory of a boy named REDDAWAY reciting it at one of the Eisteddfods. My elder son (whom I’m very sorry to say has died since I last wrote to you), loved, as a small boy, listening to me reciting that poem to him, and “Widecombe Fair” too. Congratulations to you and your team for producing this year’s magazine. 25 Cavendish Avenue, Buxton, Derby, SK17 9AE. Tel:01298 23191

A woman went to the doctor’s office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room. The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. “What is the matter with you?” the older doctor demanded.

“Mrs. Terry is 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?” The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, ...........................................

“Does she still have the hiccups?”

GROAN JOKES

German sausages are said to be the wurst.
TRIBUTES TO DR THOMPSON FROM STAFF & STUDENTS

It was sad news, he has had a good long life, sorry to hear that his wife, Jean, is in hospital she has my deepest sympathy, and my good wishes go to her. We had Dr Thompson as our English teacher when he first came to TGS. Much of the time he didn’t actually arrive in class as he was detained with ‘headmasters duties’, so we always had to have a book to read in case he didn’t turn up. When he was teaching he used to like throwing into the conversation a long unusual word, which if we didn’t understand it we had to put our hands up to ask the meaning. Some of these words even made it onto the end of year exam papers. The only one I remember from that time was SCOLIOSIS, curvature of the spine. Linda (Sullivan nee Rice) and I often used to see him on a Sunday, as Dr Thompson and his family were regular members of the congregation at St Michaels church. (Christine Burton nee Pelt 60-67)

I find it hard to think of him as having died at the age of 95 - when I think back to Teignmouth days, he hasn’t aged at all - and neither has anybody else! (Vivien Wennerstrom nee Hay, Denmark 61-68)

Dear Uncle Pete, I cannot give you any anecdotes about him, except that time when at the end of year once when some of the lads staged a thing where they had hijacked the projector room during assembly and - all I can remember - there were weird voices coming out of it saying "Uncle Pete, Uncle Pete!" plus a few Goon show radio style antics. He looked very unamused. He was a very good headmaster, and I can remember the times I was (frequently) sent to sit outside his door to be seen by him. There were two chairs outside his office, and it was interesting to see who was sitting on the other one. "Oh, how did you get here?" we used to ask each other. The prefects then were a pretty hardy lot and brooked no nonsense, I was hauled up by my blazer collar once by one as I was squirting water at a boy from one of those Jif lemon things. (I did used to wash them out thoroughly beforehand and Mum never knew why I wanted them!) "Headmaster! Now!" he roared at me. Mum didn't know anything about this either, she would have killed me! "Not you again," he used to sigh as I walked into his office. A stern warning and many "yes sir's" on my part, I went back to do exactly the same again. Although I left out the Jif lemons. Bless him, he had a lovely long life, but I expect he often thought about those annoying kids who must have tried his patience to the limit (Anonanji! 68-74)

Thank you very much for passing on the sad news. My one special memory of him is when he very kindly arranged a grant from the DCC to enable me to stay on in Teignmouth for 6 months to complete my ‘O’ levels, after my parents moved away to London to care for my elderly grandfather. It truly was a kind act, that I probably didn’t appreciate fully until much later in life. I wish now that I had shown more appreciation at the time. I am now very grateful for the fine quality of the education I received while attending TGS during his tenure. As I go through life I have had many opportunities to use information that I thought to be useless when I was at school. And of course, perhaps the most important preparation for later life, the ability to learn and understand new concepts. I wish all the best to his wife. I am sure he was a great man who will be sorely missed. (Neale Burgess, Spain 66-71)

I attended a reunion at the school hall about 10 years ago. (1997) It was the first one I’d been to and I hadn’t seen Dr T for over 25 years. We met in the course of the evening and I said to him " you won’t remember me".......he said "Oh yes I do Towill....I was coming through the school gates once and you were ahead of me - I said to you - late Towill?.....and you replied....yes Sir ...so am I" He told me he’d let me off detention for being a cheeky so and so. Good man. (Peter Towill...TGS 1964-72)

Thanks for letting me know about Dr Thompson’s death. A lovely gentleman, whose very nature showed us all that discipline did not have to be personal. It was one’s behaviour that he took exception to, and not the person. God Bless him. (Charmian Taunton 61-67)

Unfortunately I cannot be at Peter's Funeral, being on a train back from Mirfield in Yorkshire. This is something I regret because Peter was good to me in my second year in the sixth form - the year he arrived - but more so afterwards in the context of the Church - inviting me back to a thanksgiving for TGS to lead prayers in St James Teignmouth, and subsequently in Kenn Deanery when we met quite often and when I served as Rural Dean. He brought a firm courtesy to TGS and won our respect as shrewd, kind and cultured, affirming and encouraging - he raised our horizons and expectations, and his Christian life commended the Faith to us. He followed Ron Mitchell - whom we loved - a hard act to follow. He did it well. I thank God for him (Rev John Good 56-62)

So sorry to hear about Peter Thompson.He was a humane and kind man, although he retained the necessary gravitas and distance of a Head! Yes, he helped to inspire an interest in France and things French, and now – 38 years after leaving TGS – I am still teaching it! I remember his insistence on precision and grammatical accuracy in the days when ‘thème’ and ‘version’ were terms which still meant something! And his dry sense of humour… and for some reason I also remember him falling down the grass bank in the middle ‘quad’ and breaking his ankle! Alec Henderson took over as acting Head when PET broke his ankle, as he was away for 6 weeks. AH then suspended me for a day for some misdemeanour! I would also like to add that on the two occasions when I came back to speak at the TOGA annual dinner, PET was as polite and charming as ever, and could remember the names of my brother Clive, my sister Nicky, my mother Bunt, and my ex-wife Wendy Hawkins. Hugo Mieville, 67-74, Senior Master, Milton Abbey School, Tel: 01258 881812, hugo.mieville@miltonabbey.co.uk

Two memories neither of an educational bent, both some time between 1959-63:

1. His was the last home on my newspaper round. It was a quick cycle sprint from their back to my home at the bottom of Daimonds Lane, breakfast, change and back up to school, sometimes only just on time.

2. I attended a reunion at the school hall about 10 years ago. (1997) It was the first one I’d been to and I hadn’t seen Dr T for over 25 years. We met in the course of the evening and I said to him " you won’t remember me".......he said "Oh yes I do Towill....I was coming through the school gates once and you were ahead of me - I said to you - late Towill?.....and you replied....yes Sir ...so am I" He told me he’d let me off detention for being a cheeky so and so. Good man. (Peter Towill...TGS 1964-72)
2. He asked me to post a letter for him, which I did; interestingly it was addressed to General Franco in Spain. I’ve often wondered, in later years, why he was writing to him. (Chris Heyward 59-64)

Prob. not able to go to the funeral as I will be working in Cornwall. All the best for that day of good times in the past and a lot of changed lives! Rob Porch (75-80)

Thank you very much for passing on the sad news regarding Peter Thompson. Catherine and I were very sad to hear of his death, but what a wonderfully long life he had. We both have many pleasant memories of him; one of nature’s true gentlemen. We would like to go to his funeral but I am afraid that the chances of us getting there are remote in the extreme. 

Peter & Catherine nee Griffiths (54-61 and Staff 65-75 Camarthen)

Sad news, he was such a nice man. (Richard & Mary Jenking)

Such sad news (Jill Eck nee Williams, S Africa (65-70)

Sad news and thank you for letting us all know. (Penny Duke nee White 59-64)

It is very sad news. Thank you for letting me know. Dr Judy Harrison USA,72-80)

I'm unable to attend the funeral. , Thank you, Stephanie Kingston nee Dunn (62-68 and staff 85-08)

A sad day indeed, (Martin Drake 68-75)

It is sad news but 95 is a very good age isn't it? It must be the Devon sea air as my dad lived to 93! (Frances Newberry 64-72)

Very sad news. Amanda Roberts nee Honey (Hostel 66-70)

Sad news. Rosie Kitching nee Cresswell, Fife 58-65)

Many others sent apologies and condolences to the family and especially to his wife, Jean,, distance precluded them attending the funeral.

He was always interested in former students, and was a staunch supporter of TOGA, energetically encouraging the Association's growth and continuation, regularly exhorting me to write to this chap or that girl, "who is doing very well and who may like to join", and writing or telephoning me later to make sure that I had followed his instructions! He wrote beautifully neat letters to me with names in red that I MUST contact and always masses of news for the TOGA NEWS. He enjoyed attending every reunion until 4 years when his health began to decline rapidly and his hearing loss made communication difficult. Both he and his wife enjoyed reading TOGA NEWS and both loved the jokes! Jean once told me they were the best part! Mary Thomas on behalf of TOGA (48-54)

I am going to do my best and get back for this funeral (Kevin Alban.Rome 69-74) He has only just gone back after visiting his mother! End of an era but a good age.

Truly, the end of an era. (John Allen, Exeter 58-65)

I just wanted to post a little tribute to the late Peter, Thompson, who was my headmaster for just one year, 61-62, before I went off to Manchester. We all wondered what the new chap would be like, as R N Mitchell had done sterling work for several years. We were not impressed that he came to us from a public school, as it all seemed a bit posh for us. But he turned out to be very good at getting to know his new charges quickly and it was very much his advice that I took regarding my desire to read Modern languages, as he was of course a distinguished modern linguist himself and he steered me to his old alma mater, Manchester. The rest is history and my career was mapped out from there. He visited us here in Oxford some years ago when our girls were still at home and we had a delightful few hours with him. He was already complaining of losing his hearing which meant that he was unable to carry on with the simultaneous translation he had been doing. I remember our girls saying that they reckoned he got to know an awful lot about them very quickly, but that was the way he functioned.

My brother, Peter Crispin, 61-68, of course went through the school under his headship. He was hoping to be able to go to the funeral last Friday. Jean Thompson was a fine singer and the musical side of the school was well supported. He lived to a good age (95) and I feel privileged to have known him. Joy Crispin-Wilson (56-62)

... Much to my regret I shall not be able to attend his funeral in Ideford since the Torquay Boy's G S Chess team which I organise, is playing a Cup Final match starting at 1pm on 10 February. I am really disappointed but cannot change the arrangement. Dr Thompson held a very important place in my life. He began as Head of TGS at the same moment (September 1961) that I started as a new pupil. Being an A level linguist - (French/Russian/Spanish), I had a lot to do with him and vividly recall his teaching of the A Level French set in the Headmaster's study. Something must have stuck since I have made a living from teaching French for nearly 40 years. I am wondering whether there will be any other opportunity to commemorate his life or whether there might be a social gathering after the funeral which I might be able to get to. Although I did not know his wife at all, I would wish to send my condolences, but do not have an address, other than Ideford. I am an avid reader of TOGA NEWS (as is my mother aged 92, living in Teignmouth) and my sister Janice in Shrewsbury (Trefor THYNNE (61-68 pupil, then Staff)

We sent all these tributes to Jean, Clare, Charles and Nick Thompson and the church at Ideford was packed to capacity with friends, villagers, relations, old students and former staff. At the reception afterwards it was like one of the reunions that he loved so much. Little did we know then that his widow, Jean, would pass away quietly one month later.
1950’s

Val Berryman nee BELTON (58-63): Email: My email address is vanberryman@hotmail.co.uk
Alwys Court, Barnpark Road, Teignmouth, 01626 773286, attended the Spring Lunch at Cockhavn with a party of friends.

Philip GOODFELLOW (51-57) wrote in to give the names of one of the missing girl’s name in a photo in 2010 TOGA NEWS, on page 23. It was his sister, Hilary GOODFELLOW (Hil-Lil) GOODFELLOW. Thanks for that Philip.

Heather WHEELER (50-58) Have enjoyed TOGA NEWS not least the splendid front cover cake at the Claire Bailey, Joyce Tucker, & co reunion. The bit about the School Song has prompted me to send the enclosed copies of two entries in Teignmouth Post last winter. Viv Wilson’s original article and your humble servant’s defence of the School Song (see later in TOGA NEWS, Ed). Viv’s article was sent to me by Harold PEDRICK (RIP), otherwise I would never have seen it. I also enjoyed the reference to “Piskies”. Heather entertained us at the end of the Autumn Lunch with a marvellous rendition of “Piskies” done in best Devonshire dialect in the manner of her father, Harold, which was enthusiastically received by us all.

Joy CRISPIN-WILSON (55-62) Joy and Robin have moved to a new address 3 Evelyn Close, Botley, Oxford, OX2 9BZ, Tel: 018675 865701. I was amused to see the school song in print. I can still remember all the words. Mr Mitchell used to complain about our Devonshire accents on the line “and light of science in their eyes..” and used to give us elocution lessons to stop using the “oy” sound! I could name nearly all the girls on the Netball team of 58-9 and I particularly remember Fanny Paver, Enid Stocker, Mavis Leat, Gillian Boucher and Cynthia Hepworth. I was notoriously unspoerty… and proud of it! Robin and I are looking forward to bowing deeply to (Sir) Adrian Smith next time we see him; we frequently do, at Maths events. I was sorry to read that his father had died; my father Brian CRISPIN, taught him, and also Adrian’s mother, at the Dawlish School. I plan to get a copy of Viv Wilson’s DVD about Brook Hill School; my mother Sallie CRISPIN, taught there before the war, but was forced to resign when she married my father. As a loyal Dart House member (and Eisteddfod Champion several times) I was sad to see that there was too much Yellow on the border of the front cover! What an amazing cake! I was sorry not to be able to get down for the Autumn Lunch. I hardly see the Westcountry now that we don’t have parents alive. We always seemed to rush through Dawlish and Teignmouth on the train to Penzance on our way to Scilly.

Robin is still working part-time, teaching Maths at Pembroke College, Oxford, and writing lots of books and articles. We are both still active musically and I continue to sing at Christ Church, Oxford’s Cathedral, in the vacations. I still haven’t got myself computerised. I left teaching early (15 years ago!) to avoid the beastly machines, but life is catching up with me and I shall have to bow to the inevitable “progress” soon. Our daughter Jennifer is expecting twins in October, That will give us two sets of twins from our twin daughters! STOP PRESS! I now have my own email: joycrispinwilson@yahoo.co.uk

Michael COURT (51-57) New email: micpam7@gmail.com

Chris HEYWARD (59-64) My new address: 8 Gloucester Close, Torquay, TQ2 8AP; Tel: Tele: 01803 414507; Email: cjh64b@live.co.uk or cjh64b@hotmail.com. I got tired of the flat landscape of Essex. I do like to be beside the seaside!

Jennie HENDERSON (FINBOW) 56-61: Thanks so much for the Directory of Members, really great to have this. Please note my new email address: jenniehenderson@hotmail.com

Colin REYNOLDS (56-63) writes from Sunny Beach, Canada: I thought that the Toga news was certainly up to your usual high standard and, it seemed to me, did not suffer from being a little shorter. Congratulations! I found the photos particularly interesting as they helped me to put a few faces to names. I am amazed at the quality and quantity of memories offered by the first generation of TGS students. They certainly have better recall than I do. Sunny Beach…Not sunny and not a beach, but a large lake and sandy and it is about 50 kms west of Edmonton in Alberta. Email: colin.reinhold@gmail.com

Roger CANN (54-60) has retired as Head Porter at York University so has a new email: rj.cann@btinternet.com. My address should read 18 Larch Way, Haxby, York, YO32 3RU. My wife and I hope to come to the TOGQA Lunch and play the Teignmouth golf course.

The girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I’d never met herbivore.
Hazel RUDLAND Nee STEVENS (58-64) After leaving TGS in 1962 I went off to London to train at St Mary's Hospital. (forgot to mention my 3 week session in Jackie's father's shoe factory. I didn't last long. I didn't work fast enough, and they politely let me go.) I loved my time in London, and after I qualified I went to Kenya to work as a theater sister in a small township north of Nairobi. I spent the next few years roaming around Africa working wherever I happened to land up, loving the continent and its many different countries and customs. I came back to England in 1968 to nurse my sister, who died that year. During all my travelling, Jenny and I were always in touch, and to a lesser extent Meryl (Anne MILES) and Jackie (TUCKER nee HARVEY). After a year at home I got itchy feet again, and went to Rome to meet some of Mary's friends, and while I was working there, met my husband Mark who was teaching English in the eternal city. We had 2 years in Italy learning to love the language, the wine and the food, and reveling in it's incredible history, and architecture, then moved to Paris for a year, before coming back to England in 73 and getting married. We had 2 children Abby and Luke. Luke lives up the road from me, and Abby lives in London. I have no grandchildren as yet. We spent the next 20 years working in the Health service, and then in private health care. We stayed in touch with our Italian friends, and I see them regularly today. After 32 very happy years together, Mark died in 2006. I live in South Wales, where I have been for the last 30 years, and am unlikely to move as I have a wide circle of friends in tennis, and bridge, and also golf, which I took up recently. It would be difficult to start again somewhere new. I do however, feel that old pull of those Teignmouth roots, whenever I am down that way, and need a twice yearly dose at least. The Vines, Ashwell, Caerleon, Newport, Wales, NP18 1JH: Email: rudland@hotmail.com

JENNY CARLSON: (56-63) joined TOGA with Hazel RUDLAND nee STEPHENS and Jackie ROBERTS nee MORLEY (56-62) and they all came to the Spring lunch. 16 Somerset Place, Teignmouth, TQ14 8EN: 01626 770351; Email: gregory@gcarlson.orangeome.co.uk

Michael SUTTON (53-59) I retired several years ago from being an Electronics Engineer and software testing and live in Dorset on the Jurassic Coast and spend my time gardening, playing tennis and visiting Australia where we have children, grandchildren and friends.

Michael WRIGHTSON:(52-59) Jack Griffiths (45-48) and his wife, Elizabeth are great sailors. Whilst having a sundowner drink in a bay on Corfu last summer, they were talking with an old sailing acquaintance, Michael WRIGHTSON), and the during the conversation, it transpired that Michael had also attended TGS! They had know each other for years and the subject had never come up before. Small world, especially when you read of Michael’s life. "At Hull did economics, and member of sailing club, introduced Larks to replace Fireflys. Became town planner ending up in Bristol. Retired in 1992 to sail the world. Reached New Zealand in 1999, still there. Now spend May to October sailing in the Med and November to April sailing in New Zealand . Currently in Greece! My sister, Margaret ALLEN nee WRIGHTSON), died earlier this year. She attended TGS and was Head Girl in 1960-61.

Jackie ROBERTS nee MORLEY (56-63) 7 Fraser Drive, Teignmouth, TQ14 9DX: jackie2roberts@hotmail.co.uk

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Both these are run by members of the FORCE Family!
Mike ROBBINS (53-59) Another sad loss was that of Peter Hooper. He lived about 200 yards down the road from me in Teign Street. My two elder brothers George and Dave were more his age and they enjoyed playing football together on The Den. I remember playing football for our County Garage team against Pete's Pub Team in North Devon after he had retired from professional football. I can't remember the score but no doubt they won comfortably. He was still very fit and although 8 years older than me, he went past me as if I was standing still. Another lovely man: Gillrobbins@live.co.uk

Michael EARP (59-65) Just had my nostalgia fix with the latest TOGA - well done all! I noted our (very ambitious) School Song is attributed to “Joe Smith (Music Teacher)”. Does anyone know more about him - was he once the TGS's music teacher? By the way I re married in February last year to Val, an 'old flame' from Uni days. Email: michael@michalearp.com  (Congratulations , we now have 2 wedding announcements this year!) Yes, he was the Music Teacher before Jack Price and he wrote the words.

Richard BOSSOM (57-64) I retired from full time work for Siemens UK last November (2011), but am continuing to do some work on international standards for road transport. The intention is to try and make the transition to retirement less sudden. However it is taking a lot of getting used to, as after over 40 years of continuous employment it is difficult to adjust to the fact that I don’t need to do things as quickly and yes it is OK to take time out to read a book, or go walking, etc. My standards work involves travelling to meetings in various places, which so far this year have included Munich, Brussels and Melbourne (Australia). I have some more meetings at the end of September and October that should take me to Oslo, Brussels, Moscow and Vienna. It may sound very glamorous, but after over 15 years of business travel comprising about 200 overseas trips to destinations in about 25 countries, it is not. There is never time to do much beyond attend/participate in the meetings and come home, not that I feel like exploring as I am on my own because my wife has not been able to come with me. My mother Marjorie Bossom (wife of Les Bossom) is still alive and well, as is Joan Cresswell (wife of Roy Creswell). They are both in their 90’s.

LATE NEWS:  
Lesley HOLMES nee RIENZI (47-53) I married a doctor, but divorced after 23 years. I have 3 children (one living and working in Switzerland) and 9 (in Sept) grandchildren – only 1 girl. For various reasons, was unable to pursue further education after the Grammar, but did an Open University course 7 years ago, just to prove I could and obtained a B.A. Hons. in English Literature. I have been a Blue Badge City & Cathedral Guide in Peterborough for many years, but now do much less of it. You were right about the dancing. Have been doing ballet until 4 years ago, inc. exams (I know, ridiculous at my age!) + ballroom, line-dancing and when a teenager, Spanish dancing, complete with castanets! Now do yoga and golf and have recently joined a choir.

Julie WINSOR will probably remember my brother, Tony RIENZI, also an old Grammarian, 2 yrs. older than me. He lives and still works part-time, in Berkeley, California – a Psychiatrist – and quite mad. Email: diesleyholmes@talktalk.net. Living in Peterborough still!
Maurice CODD (50-54) 29 Broadstone Park Road, Livermead, Torquay, TQ2 6TZ; 01803 607403. Email: mdcodd@btinternet.com. From 54-56 I did National Service; 56-59 worked in Agricultural Research; 60-62 was farming; 62-96 followed a career in the Prison Service, beginning as a Farm Manager and working through the ranks to become a Prison Governor at the end of my service. After retiring I spent my time volunteering for Victim Support and Youth Offending. On my travels I had a Nuffield Scholarship to Scandinavia in 1972; representing the Prison Service at conferences in USA, for 10 years and for sport, managed a semi-professional team at Leatherhead, Kingstonian, and Woking, all in Surrey. 

I started my prison career at Dartmoor in 1962 and I spent my final six years of service responsible for 8 prisons in the north of England. I never served at Exeter, but visited on many occasions. After retirement I continued at Credton & Newton St Cyres and have organised the annual Youth Football Tournament of 120 teams and 800 kids! at NSC for the past 15 years. My wife and I returned to Devon in 1995, initially in Silverton and latterly in Torquay (back in Paradise!). We have between us, three sons and one daughter and eight grandchildren which keeps us out of mischief!!

Margaret COTTRELL (nee McLaughlin 57-62) “Smokey”, Staplegrove, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6SL; 01823 451251: Email: margaretacottrell@gmail.com.

Leslie and Pat (nee WRIGHT) NICKS (56-62) 116 Honiton Road, Exeter, EX1 3EW: L-nicks@sky.com. Les and Pat attended the Autumn lunch last October at Teignmouth Golf Club with a crowed of old friends from schooldays.

Terry MITCHELL (58-65) After graduating in Chemistry and Physiology from London University I took a year out and went back to my parents in Kenton where I got a holiday job working for John Baker, the boatbuilder. That holiday job lasted just over a year and I was offered a permanent position but I had already decided to follow in the footsteps of many of my close family members and become a teacher. I have many happy memories of my boat-building days where I learned many valuable skills in woodworking, glassfibre moulding and boat rigging as well as the rudiments of sailing. I now have a small yacht on the river Teign.

After completing my PGCE in London, I taught Chemistry and Electronics in schools in Edmonton, North London for eighteen years until the National Curriculum came into secondary schools, severely restricting what we could teach. I decided to leave teaching and try financial services but it wasn’t for me, the pressure of trying to sell people products that they did not want, so after a year I went back into teaching in a school in Broxbourne, Hertfordshire where I stayed until I retired in 2004.

I had always wanted to return to Devon, having tried and failed to get teaching jobs here, so my wife and I moved to Teignmouth in 2005 and haven't looked back. I have met up with about ten of my classmates and I have made many new friends through rambling and badminton with the New Road Area Community Association and playing bridge at the Alice Cross centre. 19 Drake Avenue, Teignmouth, TQ14 8NA; tel 01626 863682: Email: terrymitchell19@gmail.com (Terry is now our TOGA Directory Secretary and a valuable Committee Member.)

Penny DUKE nee WHITE (59-64 to 3rd Year) , Joined TOGA enjoyed the reunion last October and it was lovely to meet up with old school mates. I hadn't seen any of them for 48 years - amazing. New email: pennyduke19@gmail.com: 16 Gleneagles Drive, Waterlooove, Hants, PO7 8RX:

Twins, Michael and Bill GRANT (56-62) attended the Autumn Lunch at the Golf Club, along with a crowed from their years, Larry & Delia LOCKE (nee BEATTY), The NICKS’, David MARTIN, Roger STONE, Liz LINDSAY (nee ELLIS), Leon (Les) MALLETT, over from Australia, Paul

THINGS KIDS SAY

1. IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.

> 2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARNS.

> 3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.

> 4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYPATHETIC GENITALS.

> 5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.

> 6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.

> 7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.

I didn't like my beard at first......then it grew on me.
Albert LACEY (50-56) I am the Social Secretary of Carlton Male Voice Choir and I have been organising a trip for the choir in November to The Royal Albert Hall in London for a concert on 1000 voices and bands, I have got 120 people going and arranging accommodation and transport is quite a big job. After seeing the choir in concert at Southwell Minster I told my wife, “I am going to join them” That was in 1994 and I have never regretted the decision I made that evening. I have made a lot of friends because of the choir both through singing and socially. I have been fortunate to sing in Italy, Ireland Germany and Wales as well as many places in England such as Winchester Cathedral which was a truly awesome experience. Those trips are now down to me since I took over the role of Social Secretary in 2009, a very challenging job as I had a difficult act to follow.

Next year we are joining with various choirs from all over the country and some countries from around the world for the Cornish international male voice choir festival at the beginning of May. Email: jean.lacey@ntlworld.com 16 Gardenia Grove, Mapperley, Nottingham, NG3 6HZ. Have a look on the Carlton Male Voice Choir website and you can hear the choir and see the executive committee and a picture of Albert resplendent in his colourful choir jacket! Ed)

Just got back from my mate’s funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who couldn’t control her pupils?

Taken at TOGA Lunch on a glorious hot 1 October 2011 at Teignmouth Golf Club

Very back: Roger Stone
In front of him: Prof Paul Hill and Pat Nicks nee Wright)
Pink stripes: Mike Grant (of Grant Twins) peeping round him, Jackie Tucker nee Harvey), Penny Duke nee White (hostel girl—sister of Alix White) in green, Julia Escott nee Mann
Front: Liz Lindsay nee Ellis, David Martin, Bill Grant, Delia (nee Beatty) & Larry Locke, Les Mallett and John
“Suntanned” Nicks
1960’s

WENNERSTRØM, VIVIEN nee HAY (61-68) Hostel Girl; Thank you for the new edition of TOGA News. It was great reading and especially reading the parts where others could remember me! I can remember others, but for some reason or other tend to think that no-one can remember who I was/am! Reading it brings back many memories and I hope to re-visit Teignmouth some time although I fear that it has probably changed a lot. It saddens me very much that I won’t be able to see Mount Everest any more. As long as I am working it is difficult to get the time to visit others than my family when we are in the UK. I hope however to see Eileen, Jenny and Carolyn when we visit my parents in October. Please give my thanks to all those who work so hard to make TOGA News for the rest of us to read! Vivien Wennerstrøm, Krokusvej 6 Slagslunde, 3660 Stenløse, Denmark Email: vivien.ven@mail.tele.dk

Robert RODEN (61-68) I have fond memories of my 7 years from 1961. On the whole it didn’t seem to change much but I do remember that we were the year where streaming was introduced whereby some of us took 5 O-levels and then one A-level a year early. Also about this time the school acquired some land, previously some sort of recreation club (Winterbourne?), which provided a back entrance for pupils travelling by train. Mrs Jones was my first form teacher; her husband (Jonah) taught General Science and coached the under-13 football team. I’ll always remember when I made a terrible hash of a free kick (with the ball ending up in some unexpected and deserted part of the field) his bellowed encouragement “He’s found the space – now the rest of you make the most of it!” We footballers were also excited by the arrival of Mr Rosser who came to teach Chemistry but more importantly had recently played for the national Combined Universities football team. He was also an excellent cricketer as I subsequently found when bowling off-spin to him in the annual staff-pupil cricket match. Some of the older staff retired: Miss Bruster (Maths) was replaced by Mr Ford and Mr Wheeler (English) by Mr. Watts (who in his first year, my fifth, was our form master). Other teachers moved on: I think it was Mr Malthouse (Geography) who was succeeded by Mr Townsend (who coached both the football and cricket under-15 teams) and Mr Ellis (Physics – I’ll never forget the Optics convention “real is positive”) by Mr Atkinson (who had represented Devon as a fast bowler). I believe Dr. Thompson also started in 1961 and that I may have been the first pupil he ever talked to - I had just entered the school in a daze on my first morning when I was tapped on the shoulder by an august figure in a black gown who suggested (or maybe instructed...) that I remove my cap. He also coached the boy’s under-15 relay team the year I was in it on the mechanics of the handover; I don’t recall if we were successful but I fancy not. There was also the widespread, but possibly apocryphal, story of how he had supposedly mused that he understood the concept of infinity perfectly well but had trouble with the idea of infinity plus 1!

Some of the pupils in my class were Trefor Thynne (the best chess player in the school and with a resolute forward defensive), Keith Hallett (who scooped all the science and maths prizes in the final year), Lawrence Passmore (from Starcross), John Wood (whose father was the Shaldon vicar), Jeremy Hepworth (whose father had a market garden in Bishopsteignton) and Terry Hawker (a keen sailor who, like me, went to Imperial College).

In the sixth form some of us started visiting the Teignmouth pubs (they were more relaxed about under-age drinking then). We used to play darts in the Endeavour (still there) where the ordinary bitter was one and six a pint but the fashionable place to be, especially in Summer, was the back bar in The Jolly Sailor (now Ye Olde Jolly Sailor Inn). I remember when leaving there one evening narrowly missing Mr Cresswell, Mr Atkinson and some other teachers outside the pub just up the road (The King William I think but called something different now). Happy Days!

I studied Physics at Imperial College, London graduating in 1971 and completing a PhD in 1974. I subsequently entered the computing industry with Logica (which still exists but was then a fairly young company). Since then I have worked for several different companies (both well known and not so well known) and lived at various times in London, Paris, Wells, Reading and Shannon (Ireland). I married in 1977 (still married) and have two grown up children. I’m now retired and living happily in South Somerset where my interests include oil painting, art history, cricket and vegetable growing on the local allotment. I’m also enjoying revisiting quantum mechanics (from 40 years ago) with a goal of understanding Dirac’s equation. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers me! 7 Barton Close, Bower Hinton, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6LX: Email: robertroden@gmail.com


A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says “Oh, I forgot to tell you, today’s the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked.”

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble!
At school I promised myself that I would never do a 9-5 desk job; it’s a promise I kept. Post TGS I joined Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth as a Fleet Air Arm Naval Observer (tactical weapons and navigation officer) flying anti-submarine and search and rescue helicopters. Amazingly I met up with Bill Gray and Mike Elms (both TGS) on top of a Falkland’s mountain post that war! However, after 13 gloriously happy years, in ’88, the navy were cutting back so I jumped ship and joined the RAF flying Tornado low level strike/attack aircraft for the next 13 years out of Germany and Bahrain. Trust me flying at 100ft at 500mph is exhilarating, I even went to “Top Gun”. The Gulf was surreal, luxury 5 star hotel accommodation with air hostesses around the pool to war zone flying and back to the pool all within 4 hours was, for a simple Exminster boy, both ends of the “extreme living” spectrum. Later, after getting involved in Bosnia (as HQ Staff in Vicenza, Italy) and the Gulf again as a civilian wearing RAF uniform (don’t ask!), I went into the military simulator world as a civil servant, training crews on both the Tornado fighter and ground attack variants, returning from Germany to North Yorkshire in 2001– hence my Durham address. From 2005 until it’s axing this year, I instructed the RAF’s top pilots on the Harrier jump jet simulator near Peterborough. This had to be the greatest computer game in the world and the most amazing aircraft I have known. For purely professional reasons, one had to practice in it as much as possible! With its demise also reached 55 and decided to retire –unless a new adventure turns up –on my aircrew pension and I now spend my time commuting (see below), helping my wife or, thanks to Mr Davidson (Economics), successfully playing the stock market.

Socially, I married Cheryl Hollands (ex TGS) in 1979 and divorced amicably in 1991. She returned to Teignmouth remained in ‘92 and our 2 sons, Mike and Steve, went to Hazeldown and then to Torquay Boys grammar. Cheryl Driscoll now lives in Sydney, Australia with husband and 2 further children. Mike followed my footsteps, and a senior pension’s administrator in Bristol. From 2005 until it’s axing this year, I instructed the RAF’s top pilots on the Harrier jump jet simulator near Peterborough. This had to be the greatest computer game in the world and the most amazing aircraft I have known. For purely professional reasons, one had to practice in it as much as possible! With its demise also reached 55 and decided to retire –unless a new adventure turns up –on my aircrew pension and I now spend my time commuting (see below), helping my wife or, thanks to Mr Davidson (Economics), successfully playing the stock market.

To bring the story up to date, five years ago with just a £5000 start-up, we set up a small Belgian pet insurance company “Huisdierplan” which unbelievably has grown to become Belgium’s largest with her as the Managing Director.

"Mr Spooner’s encouragement just before my English O level exam. “Dart, either you or the examiner has to be drunk for you to pass this exam”. I passed- just (job done). I could also produce the 1970 TGS school photograph but unfortunately a naive 13 year old testosterone filled youth marked it up with all the girls he “fancied”. Ladies if you wish to know if you made the cut please let me know! One of you got 2 stars (my first love throughout school) rather than the usual 1, guesses via email please. However, looking at a goofy 1969 school photo of myself, you didn’t miss out on much!

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For those not yet bored, I travel south to see my Mum in Exminster about 4-6 times a year, if anybody who remembers me is up for going out for a drink when I’m down/travelling through or a general chat, face to face or via email, please contact me at adrian.dart@talktalk.net I would love to hear from you. As a saddo I do trawl the streets of Teignmouth when I’m down but have yet to recognise anyone hanging around “the Triangle” and “Milkmaid” – if they are still called that? (Yes, but the Triangle toilets have gone!)

It’s 2012 and it’s the Olympics in London.
A Scotsman, an Englishman and an Irishman want to get in, but they haven’t got tickets.
The Scotsman picks up a manhole cover, tucks it under his arm and walks to the gate. “McTavish, Scotland,” he says, “Discus” and in he walks. The Englishman picks up a length of scaffolding and slings it over his shoulder. “Waddington-Smythe, England” he says, “Pole vault” and in he walks.
The Irishman looks around and picks up a roll of barbed wire and tucks it under his arm. “O’Malley, Ireland” he says, “Fencing.”

……………………………"Fencing."
Annette MARTIN nee IGGLESDEN (68-73). Palace Farm, Rock Road, Chudleigh, TQ13 0JJ; Tel: 01626 852254: We met at Dr Thompson's funeral and got chatting and as a result Annette has joined TOGA. I went to Wyemouth Teachers Training College in 1973 and studied music for 2 years, then PE and science. My first job in 1976 was at Ladysmith Middle School Exeter and I married Stephen Gratton later in that year. In 1981 I moved to Whipton Barton Middle School and taught year 5 girls' games and science. I left teaching in early 1984 when my daughter Katie was born and also in that year moved to Ideford from Exeter. In 1986 son Thomas was born and in 1987 son Samuel arrived. Sadly in 1992 Stephen and I split up and I needed to return to work. My children were already at St Bernard's Prep School Newton Abbot so I found a full-time job there.

During the 1990s daughter Katie went to Torquay Girls' Grammar and the two boys went to Churston Grammar. I remarried a farmer in 1995 Dave Martin. Dave has 3 children who have similar ages to mine and we are so lucky they all get on well; we are certainly a house-full. Dave and I moved to Palace Farm in 2000 and I retired from teaching. We diversified into looking after young adults with learning difficulties adapting our small farm to allow learning disabled adults to come to the farm to access day care services. We registered the farm house for care and three youngsters moved in with us and our family. Over the past 12 years we have expanded our residential care facility and now have ten residents all with special needs. We employ 26 staff to help us. Some, not all, the residents help us on the farm and in the garden where we aim to be as self sufficient and environmentally sustainable as possible. A few of our residents do voluntary work in the community with staff support.

One of my favourite pastimes is showing our Greyface Dartmoor Sheep and some of our residents show the horses in hand and enter "Handy Pony" events etc. My daughter Katie is getting married in August and having the reception here at the farm so we are very busy. I feel I have an amazing lifestyle and am well blessed. I would be delighted to hear from old school friends, please get in touch. Email: homeorchard@tiscali.co.uk;

Gina PLOSJASKI (67-74) I was speaking to Judith BEER recently - her Mum died last December after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Dad, Ken BEER used to play music at the nursing home where she spent the last few years of her life. Jib lives in London and works at a Further Education College. I may well be seeing her next week so I'll mention TOGA to her. As far as I'm aware Tina DISNEY is living in Spain. Carolyn DANNY lives in London and is godmother to my son, with three children of her own. She works for the Lawn Tennis Association. Bridget BROWN is a town and country planner - she has two boys and lives near Lancaster. Rodney is now Dr GUSH and works in medical physics for a company in Axminster. Email: ginajive-line@yahoo.co.uk- have a look on YOUTube to see Gina Lindy Hopping in a school charity event. AMAZING! Ed) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbgzS09qP7Q and turn the sound up!

Chris PICKTHALL (62-69) sent me a list of the cast of Trial by Jury (photo last year) I arrived at TGS from Dawlish in 1966 having passed the 15+, we were truly comprehensive in those days. As a tail end “baby boomer” I joined a school which had a lot going on. I studied science in the Sixth Form but enjoyed performing in Othello and Trial by Jury. I was privileged to be school captain in the Golden Jubilee year.

I left for University at Cardiff and was selected for the University of Wales Air Squadron and very quickly I knew that I had found my niche in the Royal Air Force. Although I learnt to fly I was not destined to be a pilot and I spent 20 years as an Air Traffic Controller, later I was to manage 4 airfields. One of my unusual appointments was Commanding the Balloon Squadron. These balloons were large versions of the WW11 barrage balloons and had a small cabin which was used for parachute training. When the Squadron disbanded, (too much dangerous hydrogen), I was seconded as deputy Producer of the Royal Tournament during the 50th anniversary year of the end of WW11. This experience kindled a new interest and in 1996 I left the RAF as a Wing Commander to follow a career in event management. Although I had some great jobs my career did not take off until I rejoined the RAF eventually heading up the Ministry of Defence Events Team. I went on to direct 29 triennial events at home and abroad all of which were on TV and attended by a member of The Royal Family. The Queen's Golden Jubilee visit to the Armed Forces service events at home and abroad all with the 60th anniversary of the end of WW11 were among the biggest events I was involved in. The 25th anniversary of the Falklands war was one of the most challenging when we linked by TV, Horse Guards Parade and San Carlos in the Falklands, one in blazing heat and the other in a snow storm. I shall never forget when we suspended time at 11.00 on 11th of November 2008 when Henry Allingham tried to leave his wheel chair to place his wreath at the Cenotaph at the 90th Anniversary of the end of The Great War.

I later went on to organise the funerals of those last 3 WW1 veterans who had been there that year. I seem to have been involved with a number of memorial unveilings: the Memorial to the Women of WW11, the Conflicts Memorial in Westminster Abbey, the Armed Forces Memorial and the Basra Memorial. I retired to North Wiltshire in 2011 to enjoy time with my wife, Pam, 3 grandchildren and my horse. In early 2012 The Bomber Command Association asked me to produce the unveiling ceremony of their new memorial in Green Park. This event was attended by the Queen and 10 other members of the Royal Family. During my varied career I have met many of the great and good, but all of this would not of been possible if the late Mr Roger Watts had not persevered and got me through my English O level. Glebelands, Easton Tower, Sherston, Nr Malmesbury, Wilts, SN16 0LS: Tel: 01666 841072. Email: chrispickthall@aol.com

Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter' who has stabbed six people in the backside in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
1970's

Caroline KEANE nee FEY (75-82) You may remember Caroline and her family moved to Brittany 4 years ago. She sent an enthusiastic update last autumn. Thank you for the new Toga, it came today. The summer season with the gite is coming to an end and the kids are back at school so I have a bit more time to spare. If the weather improves the plan is to have some time playing, we bought a dinghy during the summer so Ade and I plan to sail across the bay, Ade on the helm and me on the trapeze, should be good fun! We do plenty of mountain biking around the tracks and the kids and I still horse ride on a Wednesday as they are not at school. Long term we intend to convert another of our barns to a gite perhaps for the summer of 2013 after we have obtained the planning permission etc, and there is always the garden to do! Sometime soon I will update our website with some photos of the gite and garden taken this summer. Have just come back from a morning bike ride around the coast path and the weather was wild but beautiful, turquoise seas with dramatic storms out over and white caps on the waves. All the sea pinks and bluebells are out around the lanes and there’s hardly anyone about. I have been here four years now and never tire of it. I notice that you have a few more people in the magazine from the 1970’s it is good to hear what people are up to! See their website: La Vielle Ferme, Brittany: Caroline & Adrian Keane, La Vieille Ferme, Lesnoal, 29770 Esquibien, France; tel. 0033 298706965; email info@selfcateringbrittany.co.uk

Lesley HERSHLAG (nee CONNELLY 76-82): Lesley has just returned home to the USA after staying with her parents. Mike and Audrey CONNELLY. Before she left she sent us the following: “You’re bone idle just like your father.” As I think back on my Teignmouth Grammar School education, this thoughtless comment, levelled by a teacher I won’t mention, comes to mind. It really shouldn’t, as most of my memories are positive, and I had some stellar examples of teaching I bring with me to my job as a special education teacher in Poland (near Paris, Norway, and Sweden in the state of Maine, USA!). In some way, the two schools are worlds apart- in some they are the same. We passed notes; my students text with phones in pockets. I feel the same about baggy low-riding trousers revealing underwear as, I’m sure my own teachers felt about flares and skinny ties. The schoolyard bully has been replaced by the cyberbully, and the blackboard replaced by the electronic smartboard. The mysteries of the first computer, that I believe Nigel Dowrick won for our school, have been replaced by a laptop for every student.

These changes don’t reflect changes of culture, as much as they represent generational changes. What has changed, in better schools, is the role of the teacher. Not only would it be inappropriate to call a student lazy while denigrating his/her parent, this exchange could end up on YouTube. In truth, the teacher’s role goes far beyond teaching. “I work with students who are likely to “flunk”. Flunking is easily done in a system with an all-or-nothing graduation system. I am lucky enough to be able to think outside of the box to help develop interventions to help struggling students survive their school years. As my mentors, I use teachers like Mr Peter Edwards, who opened my eyes to hands-on learning and problem solving in geography classes. I continue to use this premise to take students out of the building for expeditions into the rugged forests of Northern Maine. There is nothing like scrambling up a cliff while your rope is held by a peer, or practicing rescuing your teacher from an icy pond to give you a new sense of self. Miss Antcliff’s open acceptance of all, has informed my teaching of troubled youth. Mrs. Evans’ coaxing of her shy pupil reminds me to keep expectations high. Above all I try to treat the students respectfully, no matter what, in the hopes that eventually they will learn something from me. Address: 288 Route 232, Bryant Pond, MAINE 02419, USA:

Bart KELLY 71-77 Everything still going OK, we still have the donkeys and we now have a Donkey Blog! http://www.clovellydonkeys.blogspot.com. Don’t see many Old Grammarians up here in North Devon! Have a look at Clovelly Donkeys folks—they have a lovely website. (Ed) Bart and his wife have run this Donkey business for many years. Ed
LIZ FRANCIS (nee AYRES 73-80) To celebrate becoming 50 Liz embarked on a long cycle ride.
The bike ride was two years ago!! It was the charity ride 100 + miles for the Tour of Britain. Started in the pouring rain and 7 hours later in sunshine on Teignmouth sea front. Although a couple of thousand people took part and I know there was quite a few Old Grammarians taking part, I didn’t see anyone!! It was a brilliant day and felt like you were winning the Tour itself when finishing to all the cheers and banging on the boards from spectators at the finish. I am still working in Teignmouth as a PCSO and love my job never know what is going to happen next. I spend a lot of time with the young people from Teignmouth Community School and every time I walk along the school corridors memories come flooding back. Room 2 is now a reception room and when I told one of the teachers it used to be my form room they couldn't understand how a class could all fit in!, there was only 18 in our class in the 1st year, weren't we lucky.

I met up with Julie Hodgson (72-79) the other day. She now lives in South Africa and we ended up watching some old cine film of us when we were about 17/18. Lots of old faces (not changed a bit) Steve Powell, Mark Morgan Richards, Sally Boorer, Dave Morris, Sue Buckingham to name a few. Very funny.

Tich (Sarah Butt) We did the Dawlish to Teignmouth row together same year as bike ride. Tich and I still keep in touch and recently took ourselves off for a walking weekend in North Devon- disaster!! We both got flu and were really ill but still managed to do a few miles of the coast walk. Richard Cummings (few years above me) died a couple of weeks ago he had been ill for a while but still sad. I am still rowing in a team that includes Sarah Medwin and quite a few old school also row for the club. (Andy Darkin, Helen Morgan Richards).

My sister Alison AYRES (was at TGS for 6th form) is off travelling the world again presently in Malaysia soon heading for Australia then South America. She met up with my daughter who was volunteering on an island off Cambodia teaching, I was very jealous.

Karen GOVE nee BREWER (72-77) I have lived in Lightwater, Surrey for 24 years. My husband Alan runs his own Marble Contracting business working mainly in and around London and has a factory premises in Dawlish which he visits weekly. I have 2 children, James 23 who works for a precious metal trading company in the City, after graduating from Loughborough Uni, and Laura 19 who is studying Psychology and Special Education at Nottingham Trent Uni. I have worked in Primary schools as a Special Needs Assistant and in Admin at the local Comprehensive. I now only work a couple of months a year at Farnborough 6th Form College as an Exam Invigilator. My parents still live in Teignmouth (my father Roger Brewer having retired from his post as Workshop Technician at TGS some years ago).

My brother Steven Brewer lives in Dawlish and has 2 grandchildren, and

My sister Louise lives with her family in Torquay and still meets regularly with Helen (nee) Cummings and Anna (nee) Chard.

Simon and Lucy HOBBS (nee HOOPER 77-82) Thanks for sending TOGA NEWS 2009. If the records of Mr Massey's Ten Tors records were still available I'd love to see them. I did the 35 and 45 mile routes in 1980 and 1982 respectively. Probably have some photos somewhere. The photo of the teachers was fascinating and Lucy, my wife and I went through all the names including Mr Cameron in the back row on the left. Also the bearded History teacher in the middle was Mr Shercliffe. Happy to submit photos or names etc. I was at QES Crediton, for one year. I was at Haywards' Primary school prior to that and moved to Teignmouth in Silver Jubilee year. I joined at the end of the first year with just two weeks of term still to go. Maggie Helmore gave me private tuition to improve my French that summer. I was clearly borderline in Dr Thompson's view. Sad to hear he died recently.

Debra PYM (76-84) Debra and her Mum June (nee SPROSTON) joined us and came to a TOGA lunch last October. We were delighted to welcome them. Debra has eight children, she told me she always wanted 8 children.

Dr Ian BOOTHROYD (70's) My address is: My address is: Puhoi, Auckland 0951, New Zealand. Email: iboothroyd@golder.co.nz; Phone ++64 212754109

The wife was counting all the 1p's and 2p's and 5p's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.
Christine GOODAIR nee ALLEN 70-73 (Boarder at Mt Everest)  Reading the TOGA news from 2009 jogged my memory so I searched the loft for some pictures of Ten Tors, which I did in 71 and 72 (72 team was entirely made up of boarders). I was a boarder from the summer term of 1970 to end of 1973, and interestingly had never heard the term hostel girls! We always referred to ourselves as boarders. I left because weekly boarding was going to be introduced for 6th formers from the autumn term of 73, and since my parents were stationed on an RAF base 100s of miles away in Lincolnshire getting home would be difficult if not impossible! For the 6th form I went to Caistor Grammar School, near the RAF base; going onto university at Loughborough to read Information & Library Sciences (76-79). On graduating I went to live in Wimbledon, where I met my future husband Chris Goodair.

I worked for over twenty years in the charity sector running specialist information services, and moved in to project management in 2007. I currently work at St George’s Medical School, University of London, running projects in addiction sciences, and am Chair of SALIS an international organisation for Substance Abuse information specialists.

Sport was also an interest, particularly swimming. I am a member of a Masters Swim Club, Kings Cormorants, based in Wimbledon, and train 4 times a week, and have returned to competitive swimming (I was a competitive swimmer before life at TGS) which has taken us to abroad for major competitions including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Italy, Sweden, & Germany. This summer I am working as a volunteer at the Olympic and Paralympic swimming. Email:

(Have had enquiries about TOGA recently from: Alison UPFOLD, nee GIBBS (76-82) and Victoria RAE (76-82) and Maxine BRADLEY nee COTTAM (76-82) all friends of Lesley Hershlag nee CONNELLY. News awaited. Ed)

Barry WILMOT (76-82)  After leaving TGS in 1982 I went to Sussex University to study Physics and after graduating spent a number of years at Westland Helicopters based in Yeovil as an engineer. I then moved to Marlow in Buckinghamshire and began a career in sales which included living and working in Belgium for two years as well as working for a number of blue chip companies including Intel and Lexmark. I’m currently based in Hampshire, married with two children. I still enjoy visiting Teignmouth on a regular basis and, when I get the opportunity, one of my favourite places is being on the back beach outside The Ship Inn watching the sun set on the river Teign. Email: bwilmot@btinternet.com—Pauline Wilmot - is my sister. Email: b.wilmot@btinternet.com

Roger & Amanda WELCH (nee FAUCHON 73-76 and 70-76) have a new email: revmandywelch@gmail.com  

Son of Robert “Bo” Baker

—he didn’t like my casserole and he didn’t like my cake,

he said my biscuits were too hard, not like his mother used to make.

I didn’t perk the coffee right, he didn’t like the stew, I pondered for an answer—I was looking for a clue.

So I turned around and smacked him—like his mother used to do!

I used to be a banker, but I lost interest.
Bronwynn & Martin GORDON nee HUDSON (74-78) We were at TGS together. I left to do nursing at St Georges in Tooting! Martin was at Durham Uni and we kept up with one another and got engaged in Dec 79. Martin studied French and Russian whilst I did SRN training. Martin found it tricky getting work as his degree was literacy based not teaching! He became a driving instructor in Cambridge for a little while before going out to Bata Shoe to train in shoe manufacture and management near Strasbourg! I worked as a Medical receptionist in Cambridge then Exeter before going out to France to join him! I was doing all sorts at a shoe factory in the middle of nowhere and had to learn French fast! We often were in charge of the English speaking trainees from all over the world as Martin was the best bi-lingual management trainee! I worked in the Training Part of the factory. So we took African people and Sri-lankans Ski-ing when we barely knew how ourselves! Funny times!! This was 1984. We came back to London and Martin was given a job selling Leathers to other Bata factories in Oxford street! I worked in all sorts of jobs 9-5 including working at the TUC building during the Miners strike and met Arthur Scargill and many others of that time who worked with my senior Solicitor with a private flat at the top of the building!! I also went and worked at The National Heart Hospital and met Famous Surgeon Magdi Yacoub! WE bought a lovely little house near the Thames at Thamesmead and commuted Made many friends there doing similar things! Eventually tired of the rat race we moved out to Higham Ferrers where Martin used his French buying and selling Plastics! I ended up Working for the Library Service and then again as a Medical Receptionist.

We wanted to return to Devon and have a family and in 1990 finally got married at Exwick Church, Exeter, and in 1991 had Jennifer Laurence who was born with lack of oxygen and almost died but survived, but was brain damaged. We didn’t know what to expect in years to come! However she has been a miracle and got her GCSEs a few years ago including a “B” in Textiles!! Because Jenny suffered from epileptic fits as a little one I couldn’t work and Martin was unlucky in work and then ended up working for SWEB. He then took up a teaching qualification to use his French but then travelled the country and couldn’t get anything as was told had too many points and cost too much!! Meantime with Jenny’s progress I had Brittany Marie in 98 who has turned out to be a bright spark and after a few moves now goes to Okehampton College where I went myself in 71-74!! I am meeting old school friends which is great! We did move to the Midlands for a while, but it didn’t work out then returned here where we feel very much at home near Dartmoor! Martin had to look after me for a time as I had a horrid breakdown and now he can’t return to teaching! He and Jenny are searching for work and I’m doing a little bit of Body Shop to keep busy. Brittany is about to do her GCSEs and wants to become an astrologer! I think she will do it she is very knowledgeable already!!

I have also been in contact with Cathy COOPER who has been in France for 20 years, and remember Kathryn STOCKING when she was Head Girl in 1976. I believe she is now a Head teacher in the Wirral. I wasn’t at the Hostel but I was friends with Jackie GRAHAM who left after ‘O’ Levels in 1976. I have sadly lost contact with her (Can anyone help? Ed) I saw a few others at the reunion in 1997, but only Marcus? Has kept with us at Christmas (can’t remember his surname) His Mum was a librarian, a lovely lady. I have moved around a lot so it has been difficult to keep up with everyone, I went to so many schools! I have found a couple of younger Grammarians through Facebook as they remembered me as a Prefect!!! One is Tony Stokes who works for Peter Peter & Wright In Okehampton where I now live with my family! The other was his Ten Tors pal and classmate Anthony Colville who lives in Tedburn St Mary we often chat on Facebook where I advertise for Body Shop At Home which I do p/t!! Others in their Year contact them and me less often. It is nice meeting people who had the same experiences as you and teachers! We all secretly had a lot of affection for Dr Thompson I think!! Also Mr Watts! Both of us were prefects in 77-78! Address: 10 Ball Meadow, Okehampton EX20 1FB ; Email: bronwynnsfr@uwclub.net Anyone remember me?

Dai had proposed to Megan and been accepted. “But”, added Megan, before we get married I must tell you something dreadful about my past life.” “No,” said Dai, “I won’t hear of it. You can tell me after we’re married.” After they were married and had set off for their honeymoon in Penarth, Megan again brought up the subject of her “dreadful secret”. “No,” said Dai, “it can wait. Tell me when we’re in bed together, that’ll be soon enough.” That night as they got into bed Megan declared “Well, Dai, now I really do have to tell you my secret. You see, I’m a virgin.” Dai didn’t say a word but put on his clothes and travelled all the way back to his mother’s house. “Dai!” said his mother, “what are you doing here, you’re supposed to be on your honeymoon.” “It’s no good”, said Dai, “I’ve had to leave Megan; it turns out she’s a virgin.” “Well, Dai,” said his mother, “in that case you were quite right to come home. If she’s not good enough for the rest of the village she’s not good enough for you!!”

All the toilets in New York’s police stations have been stolen. The Police have nothing to go on.
KATE FORCE (WILKINSON) nee McLEES (48-53) PE staff (1970-1981) has just returned from USA where she has been visiting her two sisters, Molly and Alison CONTI (nee McLees 48-50) in Hudson, NY). Kate is still working as a Locum Medical Secretary (with Mary Thomas nee POWER). The demand is there so can’t retire even if we wanted to!

Mr Peter EDWARDS : Email: edwards@fullacott.plus.com I was sorry not to be able to attend Peter Thompson’s funeral. He was a man for whom I had much affection and respect... Bridget and I moved from Exmoor, but are now in the process of moving again, to Yorkshire where our daughter Anna and family live. I now just make clocks! We have moved to Yorkshire to be near our daughter and grandchildren.

Patricia MASSEY (nee HARDING) (1972 - 1981) is to be married on 27th October 2012 in America to David Carpenter-Clawson. We are getting married in a Spanish colonial style chapel which is part of an orphanage on a ranch in Nevada, not far from Boulder City. We decided to hold the ceremony there so that David’s many American relatives can be with us and also because our six children and their partners want an excuse to have a fun time together in Las Vegas. We couldn’t face the wedding conveyor belt system of Vegas so we’ve chosen a very beautiful place about 30 miles away. (Added attractions are that the proceeds go to the orphans and that we can take over an entire hotel for the week-end and incorporate a visit to Lake Mead and Boulder Dam.)

Some of David’s family and mine cannot get to the States and we have many friends who want to celebrate with us so we will have a blessing at St. John’s Parish Church in Bishopsteignton. This will be at 3pm on 27th April 2013. Numbers for the reception will be limited but if anyone else feels like coming to the church they will be most welcome. (The music will be superb.) For those who remember my daughter Anya, she went to Magdalene College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences, then to Sussex for an MSc in Artificial Intelligence. After that she designed Computer games and has just started up her own design company. She and her husband Ed, had a delightful medieval wedding in Glastonbury in May.

Ken BURFORD (CDT 49-62) rang for a chat and said that he has met up with Cyril CHANNON, Jo BOLT and Jim MALTHOUSE from time to time, but they don’t travel long distance these days. Ken is still very active in the Parish of Bickington Nr Umberleigh. He has been heavily involved in raising the funding for and the building of 16 homes for village young people. AN further project is under way. Ken has been in no small way responsible for getting this enormous project up and running.

StAFF RACE, SPORTS DAY 1954 Left to right: Nodder, Cole, Bruster, Burford, Willcox, Argyle, Bossom, Brice, ER Evans Davies, Stoodly, Cressie, Gale, Paton, Stockley, Price, Wheeler, Simon, AA Smith, Preedy

Velcro—what a rip off!!
For the last 2 issues we have introduced you to some of the longstanding TOGA Committee with Colin Graham and Pauline Seaton as the first two. Today we have one more for you:

**TOGA COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Shirley INGRAM nee COLLINS (46-53)** I was born in Teignmouth in 1935 and went to the Preparatory School in the grounds of TGS from 5-11 years old. After passing the 11+ Exam I went to Teignmouth Grammar School in 1946. I have very happy memories of my years there, and particularly enjoyed the Eisteddfod, Sports Day, Garden Party and the Annual Prizegiving at the Riviera Cinema. We were so lucky to have had such good teachers. I took O Levels but unfortunately when I was 17 I had a long illness and missed taking my A Levels. When I was well again I went to Newton Abbot Secretarial College for 1 year, and started work at Tozers in March 1958, as a shorthand typist and later as a Secretary. I left Tozers when I married Colin in 1963. We met when I joined Teignmouth Operatic Society. We also went to Ballroom Dancing Classes. Then for several years I worked in my Family’s Business (Bakers and Confectioners) until our premises were demolished in 1969 under Compulsory Purchase, and the new Road was built through Teignmouth.

In the early 1970’s Pauline Seaton asked me if I would like to come on the TOGA Committee, and I have been a member ever since. In those days I typed the Newsletter on stencils and Pauline got them run off on the duplicator at TGS where she worked. In 1972 I returned to Tozers working part-time for 2 years. My last job was with Turner and Freeman, Estate Agents, where I worked for nearly 10 years. Since we retired we have travelled to America, New Zealand and Australia, visiting members of my Collins family, who originated from Chagford, and we have traced them back 400 years. We both serve on the League of Friends Committee of Teignmouth Hospital, and sing with Teign Choral Society. I am also a member of Higher Teignmouth WI. We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed a long and happy Marriage, and hope to celebrate our Golden Wedding next year. Best Wishes to everyone - Shirley

Shirley is very modest. She has been a TOGA Secretary, she has hardly ever missed a TOGA meeting or a reunion dinner or lunch with her husband Colin and usually a group of old friends from her schooldays. She can always be called up to help with any task. A stalwart of your Committee indeed.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
This is what some of our Old Grammarians get up to:

On a recent trip home after spending most of the last 25 years in the U.S., my old school pal asked what I had been up to. When I told her I liked to climb and backcountry ski, she remarked how scary that seemed. I thought it sounded mild compared to raising 3 teenagers as she had done. While I consider working up the career ladder and raising a family to be a fantastic adventure, that is not the one I have chosen for myself. I wrote to Jim’ll fix it at the age of 11, asking for an adventure, and have been following one ever since.

Having had the great opportunities of being an outdoor instructor in U.K. and U.S., a fire fighter, a ski patroller, and a Maine State Guide, my husband and I decided to buy a house, and I had to get a “real job”. So it was back to teaching. In order to keep to the road less travelled, we continued with personal trips, mountaineering in the alps, sea kayaking, mountain biking (anything really, with a bit of adventure and a touch of the unknown). Our most recent soirees have been on a 25 foot sailboat - no, not a yacht, just a boat, with us and 2 dogs. A yacht implies cocktails on the poop deck, sailor caps, and calls of “lee ho”. Our reality involves the much less fancy and the far more amusing. Our most recent trip was navigating the Maine coast which is every bit as temperamental as the South West Coast, with just as many shipwrecks.

As satisfying as it is to successfully complete a goal, such as summiting on Cotopaxi or Mount Kenya, the best adventures are on the edge of misadventure. My most memorable moments include, leaving a vital rope half way down a multi-stage abseil, breaking the sailboat tiller in half in high winds, rescuing a horse drowning in deep mud in Mexico, losing the only cable that holds up a sailboat mast, a forced bivouac in the winter with 10 school children..... I could go on.

“As an adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is an adventure wrongly considered”

(G.K. Chesterton). Anon

See Ian Philpott (48-55)
**TOGA AUTUMN LUNCH**

**SAT 15 September 2012 12.30 pm for 1.00pm at Teignmouth Golf Club**

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS IN ADVANCE.

COMPLETE & RETURN WITH YOUR CHOICES AND CHEQUE.

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**LUNCH** Tickets £16.50 (includes gratuity)

To keep the price at £16.50 please choose/pre-order the starter and sweet.

**PLEASE TICK CLEARLY YOUR CHOICES OF STARTER AND SWEET:**

**(& VEGETARIAN IF REQUIRED)**

**STARTER:**
1) Smoked Salmon Salad
2) Goat’s Cheese & Onion Tartlet
3) Chicken & Smoked Bacon Salad

**MAIN:**
1) Chicken Chasseur & seasonal Vegetables, New and Roast Potatoes
   Or Caramelised Onion Nut Roast with Goat’s Cheese Topping **(VEGETARIAN OPTION)**

**SWEETS:**
1) Blueberry & Raspberry Shortbread Tower
2) Rich Chocolate Mousse
3) Mixed Fruit Cobbler & Custard
Tea or Coffee and Mints

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**NAME:** (PRINT)…………………………………………… **Maiden Name**………………………………

**No of Tickets required**…………………………………………**Years at TGS**…………………………

** NAMES OF GUESTS**
1.…………………………………………….2………………………………….…
3……………………………………………4……………………………………………5…………………………

**CHEQUE ENCLOSED** in the sum of: £……………………**Made out to TOGA**

Please state with whom you would like to sit, if any preference.

Please understand that we cannot promise to meet all seating arrangements, but will do our utmost to meet them!

Dinner cheques to “TOGA” Please return to Miss Susan Ansell, Treasurer, “Briary”, 6 Murley Crescent, Bishopsteignton, Teignmouth, TQ14 9SH. Tel: 01626 775577

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Membership cheques: Please return to Mary Thomas, 112 Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4RW

I enclose my subscription made out to “TOGA” of £………………for 1-year @ £5 OR for 2-years @ £10

**NAME:**……………………………….……… **MAIDEN NAME**…………………………………

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I agree to my name, address, telephone and email details appearing in the TOGA Directory of Members

**SIGNED**…………………………………………………………**DATE**…………………………………………………………

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**BACK ISSUES OF TOGA NEWS** are available from Mary Thomas at £1 each.

All full of news of friends and staff. If you have just joined TOGA they are well worth reading.

Welcome to this year’s edition. You will have read that we are looking for a new President after the death of Dr Thompson, and the resignation after 42 years as Chairman, of Colin Graham. All suggestions respectfully considered!

**REMINDE**rs: You may have had a reminder for your membership subscription recently. The reason is because we have over 100 members who have not renewed their subs and we can’t afford to send their TOGA NEWS to them.

**JOKES:** Keep the jokes coming. Jokes are sent in by members from all over the world. We try to print the best and hope no one is offended! Thank you all.

**TOGA DIRECTORY: £1.50**
Terry MITCHELL is now our Directory Secretary. If your address, email, telephone changes, please send details to Terry and copied to me, to keep our records right up to date.
The Directory is very popular. It contains names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of all members (unless any member specifically requests otherwise).

**WEBSITE**
www.toga.org.uk Any problems with registering, please email Keith MacDonald, our webmaster, on keith.macdonald@core-support.co.uk. Keith has to vet everyone who applies to join these days, because all sorts of weird and wonderful folk try to join TOGA. At the risk of repeating myself, the reason is that over the years all sorts have applied to join TOGA, umpteen Greeks, even more Russians, a Muslim girl looking for a penfriend, a few Poles, a lady who went to Newton Abbot Grammar School, and other non Old Grammarians, amongst others. Keith has to ask 2 relevant questions when anyone applies which immediately sort bona fide Old Grammarians from the oddities. So don’t give up if you can’t access the website immediately, Keith is very helpful indeed. ANY problems, please just email Keith or me.

**NEW MEMBERS**
If I had a £1 for every time a new member says to me, “Ah but my life is not very interesting, no one will be interested” I would be able to holiday in the Seychelles! Everyone’s news is of interest to someone. Please spread the word if you enjoy your contact through TOGA and the NEWS. Rather than lend a NEWS to a friend or family member who is interested, email or ring me and we will send them a back issue for themselves so that they can see what is on offer.

**ADVERTISERS:** We are most grateful to all, especially new, advertisers. The Little Flower Shop has closed and they took an advert for several years and we used them a lot. Old students who live away and still have relatives and parents in the area often want to send flowers when their loved one is in hospital, or for special occasions, and it is much easier when there is one well recommended. Do you own a business in Teignmouth or Dawlish area and would take an advert? We need a new Florist, B & B, Builder, Hairdressers, Carpet Cleaners, Painter & Decorator, and anyone interested.

**PROOF READING!!** Please forgive any typos, errors. Mistakes will still slip through, but we are not a professional publisher, we just want to get the news of old friends out to you as professionally as is possible and on time. Thanks to Kate Force for this task.

Once again my heartfelt thanks to my husband, David, who plies me with coffee, wine, food and encouragement in the hairy days when the final editing takes place.
Peter & Jean Thompson—RIP

Taken on holiday in the Pyrenees near Othez in 2002 - their beloved France - the last time they went there.

1957, sent by Eric Vaughan: left to right
Tony Whitby, Keith Dale, Nick Tucker (RIO), Phil Smith, John Seaborne, Paul Harding, Ian Clifford, David Tippins, Tony Bates, Susan Griggs, Suan Bolt, Hazel Loft, Jennifer Storr, Christine Towler

Not as many photos this year—please send any for next year