

# Summer Times Online

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## **Editor's scribbles**

Welcome to issue 36 of *Summer Times*.

For 35 years the news for these annual publications has been collected, and edited, and typed by one man, Secretary Frank Bamforth. Then, the printed product has been enveloped, and labelled and stamped, and posted to over 400 members by Frank, with the help of Treasurer Geoff Nalton.

Each year, Frank has produced a professional Newsletter, which has kept the Association alive and, I feel sure, has been welcomed by all members.

But all good things must come to an end and both Frank and Geoff have decided it is time to pass their respective reins to someone else at our next AGM — and, in the case of *Summer Times* a little sooner.

I couldn't attend a recent committee meeting but had passed some flippant comment to the effect that if no one else would take on the job, I wouldn't see the Old Scarboroughians without their *Summer Times*. The following day I got a phone call saying the job was mine, at least until the AGM, by which time it was possible that other members may have volunteered!

During the short handover period Frank has been of great help, and president Alan Elliott has been very supportive and has kept a watching brief over my efforts.

Possibly a thumbnail picture may be useful for those who don't know me.

My name is David Fowler and I attended the High School between 1949 and 1955.

I then went into banking straight from school and spent 39 years with Barclays Bank, 25 of them in management after attaining my Associateship of the Chartered Institute of Bankers.

Fellowship came a little later, and promotion took us around Yorkshire and Humberside (as it then was), but in those days it was a condition that we moved house when we moved job within the bank, so during my career we moved 12 times.

However, we were always near enough to Scarborough, to keep in contact with family and friends.

In 1994 the possibility of early retirement arose so we jumped at the opportunity, and moved back to Scarborough.

15 months later a spot of ill health intervened, but that is (I hope!), now in the past.

I met my wife Eileen on the stage of the Open Air Theatre during the 1961 production of *Desert Song*. In 1962 the production was *Rose Marie*, and anyone with a very good memory may recall that I was the Mountie with a hat two sizes too large. To keep the hat on, I had to pad it with paper, and one night there was a torrential thundershower; the hat and the padding got soaked, and the hat slipped down over my eyes.

I thought no one would notice, but I hadn't bargained for the director who was sitting in the auditorium on the other side of the lake, clutching a pair of binoculars!

That was the end of my theatrical career, and since then, whilst I have retained my interest in theatre, I have stuck to the front side of the curtain!

My main interests now include the Stephen Joseph Theatre (originally of course, situated in our old school building in the valley, but now operating in the superbly restored Odeon building opposite the Railway Station), Scarborough Lions Club, Web design and IT work for the northern UK clubs of Lions International, and Computers and the Internet.

Oh, and the Old Scarborians!

*David Fowler*

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## **Greetings from the President**

This is the second year that I have had the honour of being your President. During these two years I have had the privilege of meeting many old boys who, after leaving school, have had very distinguished careers.

For old boys who do not know me, I attended the Boys High school between 1948 and 1955. My academic achievements were modest, sufficient to enable me to train as a solicitor, and then to become a District Judge in recent years. Like many old boys I am completely indebted to our former Headmaster H.W. Marsden, MA, for the legal career I have followed. On leaving school, I had my name down to attend the City of Leeds Teacher Training College, but he suggested I join a local solicitors' firm as there was more money to be made in the legal profession.

The Scarborough and London dinners continue to be success stories. Both were well attended. At the Scarborough dinner one of the speakers was a former head boy, John Hall, who had travelled from his home in France to be with us.

His appearance led his younger brother Charles Hall to comment that, if we were that desperate, he would volunteer to speak again!

The visit to HMS Belfast for the London dinner proved to be very popular, although the distinguished speaker on that occasion failed to appear, as he had been called away for duties in respect of the Kosovo crisis.

Thanks largely to the enthusiasm and organisation of Chris Found and the sponsors who have supported the events, the two golf competitions held at the North Cliff Golf Club were again a success. I was delighted to attend the dinner following the second of the two events, and I know that everyone who participated in the golf enjoyed the competitions.

The present healthy nature of the golf competitions should be contrasted with a letter dated 12th March 1956 from TA Smith, then the Hon. Treasurer of the Old Boys Golf Association to H.W. Marsden in which he stated at an extraordinary general meeting it had been decided all interest in competitions had ceased, that the golf Association be wound up, and the trophies be returned to the parent body of the Old Boys Association.

**The AGM of the Association will be held at the Gresham Hotel, Ryndle Walk, Scarborough on 1st December next at 7pm, and the Christmas Dinner at the Palm Court Hotel on Thursday, 9th December next.**

I look forward to seeing as many old boys as possible at the Christmas Dinner.

*Alan R Elliott*

**President**

## Committee Reports

A meeting of the Committee of the Old Scarborians Association was held on August 25th 1999. The main subjects discussed were:

### Officers:

Both the Secretary (Frank Bamforth) and the Treasurer (Geoff Nalton) indicated their intention to retire at the next AGM.

The Committee will propose the creation of the office of Honorary Life Vice President at the AGM and the election of Frank and Geoff as the first holders of this office.

The Committee will also propose the following for election at the AGM, although all members, may, of course, nominate others.

Alan Elliott (President), Peter Robson (Secretary and Membership), Chris Found (Treasurer), David Fowler (Editor, *Summer Times*).

It was agreed to seek the help of committee member David Fowler to create a website for the Old Scarborians Association (see item "Old Scarborians online!" on page 9 of this edition of *Summer Times*), to assist recruitment and communication with members worldwide.

### Membership dues:

It was agreed to propose to the AGM that all current members of the OSA be considered as Life members. The proposed fee for Life Membership for new members will be £10 (£15 with an OSA tie). Existing members will be invited to renew their membership on a voluntary basis to cover the cost of mailing etc.

### Special Events:

The Committee will also propose to the AGM two special events over the next two years; a Millennium Weekend programme in association with the former pupils of the Convent and the Girls High School, to be held in late September 2000 and a Celebration to mark the centenary of the opening of the Municipal School at Westwood on January 6th 1902.

*Peter Robson*

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## Sports Reports

### Golf (1)

The annual Dr. Meadley Stroke Play Cup Competition was played in dry but slightly soft conditions at North Cliff Golf Club on Thursday 10th June. Sixteen members took part in this year's competition, which was first staged in 1937.

The results were as follows:

			<u>Net Score</u>
Winner	S. R.Lloyd	(North Cliff)	66
2nd	P.Bell	(Malton)	68
3rd	J.L.Brinkler	(South Cliff)	69

The trophy and prizes were presented at a dinner held at the North Cliff Golf Club on Thursday 22nd July after holding the Association's second tournament of the year, the T.A.Smith Bogey Competition. (See next page)

The event was again sponsored by Winn & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 62/63 Westborough, Scarborough, and it was pleasing to see one of the firm's partners take the first position.

*Chris Found*

## **Golf (2) North Cliff Golf Club President wins the TA Bogey Cup**

The annual T.A. Smith Bogey Competition was held in almost perfect if somewhat windy conditions at North Cliff Golf Club on Thursday 22 July 1999. Twenty two members of the Association took part in this year's Competition and the standard of play was very high. The results were as follows:-

<b>Winner</b>	<b>W Temple</b>	<b>(North Cliff)</b>	<b>+3</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>G.P. Gridley</b>	<b>(Ganton)</b>	<b>+2</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>F.T. Crosby</b>	<b>(North Cliff)</b>	<b>+2</b>

The trophy and prizes were presented at a dinner held afterwards in the Clubhouse by the President of the North Cliff Golf Club Bill Temple who, incidentally, won first prize.

In his after dinner speech the Association's President Alan Elliott welcomed the participants, thanked the sponsors of the competition Winn & Co., Chartered Accountants of 62/63 Westborough, Scarborough for their continued support, and also the local businesses that had donated prizes.

*Chris Found*

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## **Minute Books**

These were recently passed on to me by Frank Bamforth.

They are fascinating historical documents. A Preliminary Meeting of the Association was held on December 12th 1934. Rules were then adopted and the Association was formed. At the Annual Dinner in 1938, H.W. Marsden said, "becoming a member of the Association was really the least a boy could do in return for what he had received from the school".

In January 1952 the then committee planned 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the school. Ideas put forward for consideration included a re-union, a lunch, a dance, a church service, permanent memorial, a history of the school, an open day at school, and a commemorative prize. At a recent committee meeting Peter Robson reminded us the Centenary of the founding of the school is near at hand, and consideration should be given to a special get-together!

*Alan R Elliott*

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## **Scarborough Christmas Dinner**

**The 1999 Christmas Dinner will be held at the Palm Court Hotel, St Nicholas Cliff Scarborough, on Thursday 9th December 1999, at 7pm for 7.30pm**

Tickets are £14 including a four-course meal, coffee and mints, and a glass of wine, and entertaining speakers are being approached.

The hotel need to know numbers well before the event, so please book with one of the following as soon as possible, **by using the enclosed form**,

**Geoff Nalton, 18 Ryndle Walk, Scarborough YO12**

**(Main contact)**

Peter Emms, 19 Holbeck Hill, Scarborough YO11 2XE

(01723 363188)

Chris Found, Pinewood Cottage, Silpho, Scarborough YO13 0JP

(01723 882343)

Jack Layton, 10 Lady Edith's Park, Scarborough YO12 5PD

(01723 362455)

Peter Robson, Forge Villa, High Street, Eberston, North Yorkshire YO13 9PA

(01723 859335)

If you don't enclose your cheque when booking, please pay, on the night, **to the committee member with whom you have booked**. But PLEASE, so as not to spoil that member's meal, **do** try to pay by cheque

and not cash! In previous years, these volunteer members have spent half the evening trying to balance the cash that has been handed in for tickets, so they can then hand it to the Treasurer!!

*Geoff Nalton*

## London Luncheon

**This event will be held on Saturday 18th March 2000 at Mosiman's Club, West Halkin Street, London, meeting for coffee from 10.30am.** The club is situated in the Knightsbridge area for those arriving by taxi.

Provisional details are as follows, and please note the following changes from the last occasion we dined at Mosiman's.

- This lunch will be held on a Saturday.
- We shall have a much larger room on the ground floor, for our exclusive use.
- We shall meet from 10.30 am when coffee will be served (but, for the hardened drinkers, I do recall that there is a very pleasant pub almost opposite!).

Apéritifs (donated so included in the price) will be served at 12.30 pm, to be followed by lunch at 1.00 pm.

The menu will be Mosiman's "Chervil" and will consist of:

Smoked Salmon  
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Breast of Guinea Fowl  
Glazed Apple with Calvados  
Market Vegetables  
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Chocolate Delice with 2 sauces  
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Coffee with Petits Fours  
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Whilst the full Wine list will be available, members may wish to know that house wine will be available at around £18 a bottle, and payment for luncheon wines will be the responsibility of individual members.

Otherwise, the inclusive cost of this luncheon will be £39.

**To secure this booking we do need a minimum of 80 members attending.**

Please contact your OSA friends and make up a group. Or invite old boys who are not members of the OSA in the hope that they will join the OSA after the event.

**Please register your provisional interest on the enclosed form and return this to Geoff Nalton as soon as possible, and in any case by 31st December 1999.**

A notice will then be sent to interested members, in the New Year.

*Geoff Nalton*

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## Genetically Modified Crops and Sir Ralph Riley

The death of Sir Ralph Riley was reported in the national press on 11th September 1999.

Sir Ralph was one of the world's foremost experts in crop genetics and biotechnology. He was, during his career, Director of the Plant Breeding Institute (PBI), which was sold by the Government in 1987 to Unilever, who then sold it on Monsanto in 1998. Under his leadership PBI had enormous impact on British agriculture. During his time at PBI, he saw wheat yields in Britain increase from 4 to 8.4 tonnes per hectare. By 1984, 75% of the wheat crop area of Britain consisted of PBI strains.

His final appointment before retirement was as Secretary (Chief Executive) of the Agriculture and Food Research Council. He was a major figure in the genetic modification of cereals to improve yield, and

disease and drought resistance.

One wonders what he made of the current outcry against the results of recent work in this field.

Ralph Riley was born in Scarborough on October 23rd 1924, the son of a builder, who died before his son was born. When Ralph was 7, his family moved to Manchester, where he attended Audenshaw Grammar School. His mother died when he was 16 and he left school and took a job in Manchester Reference Library. After war service, he took advantage of the Ex-Servicemen's Scheme to enrol in the Botany Dept of Sheffield University, progressing to a PhD in plant genetics.

Ralph Riley was thus a Scarborough who never became an Old Scarborough, but the town should be proud of the achievements of one of its sons who overcame great adversity to become a senior figure in the British Scientific Establishment. It is possible that a present Old Scarborough was at school with him in 1929-31 and remembers him.

*Peter Robson*

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## **Old Scarboroughs On Line!**

As mentioned in the Committee report, the Old Scarboroughs Association is to move into the 21st century and have its own Internet web site. This will be designed and donated to the Association by "farthings web design", a small company I run through which I produce Web sites for organisations, charities and small businesses. There will be no cost to the Association.

As my first priority is to get *Summer Times* to the printers, it is likely that the full site will not be online by the time you receive your Summer Times, but I do hope to have an opening, or "Home Page" online.

The main aim of the web site will be to aid recruitment and communication between members. We are aware of a number of members living abroad, but there must be many more who have forgotten about our existence and who may welcome an approach to join us.

The Web address of the site is:

**<http://www.farthings.fsbusiness.co.uk/osa>**

Please let me have your suggestions, news and photographs to incorporate into the Web pages. My address is on the back cover. I also hope to incorporate extracts from *Summer Times* into the Web site.

*David Fowler*

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## **Our New Secretary?**

With Frank Bamforth stepping down, the committee will nominate Peter Robson as OSA Secretary at the AGM.

Peter was born in Scarborough and attended the Boys High School from 1945 to 1953. In 1952/53 he was the School Captain.

He was a student at Birmingham University graduating in 1956 with a First Class (Hons) degree in Chemistry and in 1959 a PhD. He represented his university and English Universities at Rugby and Cricket.

Following a year at Duke University in North Carolina, in 1960 he joined the R and D function of The Procter and Gamble Company where he held increasing responsibilities as he worked for the Company in Newcastle, Brussels, London and Cincinnati.

In 1984, he was appointed Senior Vice President for R&D for Jacobs Suchard in Switzerland and in 1992 moved to CPC Consumer Foods Europe in Brussels in the same role.

He retired in 1997 and lives in Ebberston, near Scarborough. He has four children and two grandchildren

and he and his wife Muriel (nee Nellis) recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary.

## **Geoff Nalton and Frank Bamforth**

During the last few months the minute books of the Association have come into my hands.

The first record of Geoff Nalton attending a committee meeting of the Association was on 18th October 1946. He was appointed Assistant Honorary Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting held on 18th November 1947, a position he continued to hold until he took over as Treasurer from S Flounders at the Annual General Meeting on 11th December 1961. There have been two consequences of note arising from Geoff taking over as Treasurer. Firstly, unlike S Flounders, he has never had an assistant. Secondly, when he took over in 1961, the Association had a balance of £38.9.10d in its General Account, £45.9.9d in its Welfare Account, and £488.11.5 in its Life Membership Account. At last year's Annual Meeting the balance in hand I believe was in the region of £1800. That our Treasurer is a man who has put his talents to good use is illustrated by the minute recorded at the 1974 Annual Meeting when his accounts were acknowledged for their "clarity and conciseness".

If I have read past minutes correctly, Frank Bamforth was first elected as Secretary at the Annual meeting held on 10th December 1962. When the High School for Boys closed, and the school magazine finished, Frank took it upon himself to publish "*Summer Times*" which has been a lifeline of communication to and among old boys ever since. He has made the arrangements each year for the Scarborough Dinner. This is the first year that Frank has not published "*Summer Times*", a task which David Fowler has agreed to undertake.

Nothing I can say can express fully the debt that all old boys owe to Frank and Geoff for the work they have done for the Association for so long, and they deserve our gratitude. We wish them well as they both relinquish their offices at the coming Annual Meeting.

*Alan R Elliott*

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## **Were you there?**

Another of the Association's successful Scarborough Dinners was held at the Palm Court Hotel, on Thursday the 10th December 1998, and the following 75 members were present:

HL Acklam; CT Adamson; R Armitage; J Bolton; J Bland; J Bray; SP Bell; N Bogie; D Blunden; Dr J Binns; FR Bamforth; D Bielby; DJ Burnby; M Bowman; B Beanland; JR Birley; PJ Berry; W Chambers; C Coole; W Coleman; F Drabble; P Emms; R Emms; A Elliott; AM Elvy; CD Found; DG Fowler; R Gledhill; E Green; A Green; J Goodman; P Gridley; G Hillarby; M Harland; B Howes; L Hartzig; C Hopkin; CE Hall; JF Hall; K Hepworth; P Jackson; J Kennedy; D Kynman; G Land; J Layton; P Lassey; K Milner; J Mann; R Muir; M Mulvana; G Nalton; D Perfect; D Pottage; M Peart; G.Poole; P Robson; K Robertson; E Rushforth; H Reynolds; J Riley; J Stephenson; A Storey; W.Simmonds; W Swiers; J Sothcott; B Shipley; T Thewlis; G Taylor; AR Turner; Dr F Vokes; AR Wood; D Watson; GF Winn; AM Wilson; B Welburn.

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## **Gilbert Gray, QC**

In years past Gilbert has, from time to time, spoken at old boys dinners.

This year on 10th October, in place of the usual bishop, he preached the sermon at the Annual Legal Service at York Minster.

*Alan R Elliott*

## A letter from Frank Vokes

Below is a slightly abbreviated letter from one of our speakers, OSA member Dr Frank Vokes.

Steinhausen 24  
7049 Trondheim

30th December 1998

Dear Frank

Thank you for your kind letter of 19th December. I am, of course, very pleased to hear that my first attempt at an after-dinner speech at an Old Boys' Christmas dinner was acceptable to you. From what I heard that evening from others present, it seemed that you were not alone in your approval. For one whose "public speaking" has been mainly on professional subjects this is all highly satisfying.

I don't know whether Pete Comish - or "Bonn" Clarke - would have approved of the rendition of my German geological colleague's pessimistic view of his profession - "Das Leben ist schwer, und die Gesteine es vielfach schwerer machen", although I did have my version vetted by a German-speaking colleague here before I left.....

.....I was at SBHS from 1938 to 1945, when I went up to Leeds to study Mining Engineering as the first step to a career, which became more and more geologically-oriented as time went by.

I remember Mr. Lovett clearly enough, but any proficiency I may have acquired in French was due to Les Brown.

Maybe it's a sign of ageing (?) but I am very glad that I have been able to renew contacts with OSA in recent years. I don't know what 1999 will bring, as yet, but I look forward to being able to sit back and enjoy someone else's after-dinner speech on a suitable occasion in the not-too-distant future.

My very best wishes for the New Year to you and to the Association.

Yours sincerely,

*Frank V*

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## A letter from Gerald Hinchliffe

5 Richborough Place  
Wollaton  
Nottingham

13 Jan 1999

Dear Frank

Just a line to thank you and the worthy Scarboroughians for the Christmas Card which you sent me. It was good to see all the names again -most of whom (and could decipher!) I remembered.

I realise that by now faces and shapes will have changed - none the less they live in my memory as sprightly 11 - 18 year olds.

I hope very much to see you and some of the well wishers on HMS Belfast! Meanwhile best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1999.

Sincerely

*Gerald*

## Alan Green remembers HMS Belfast

Early in 1947 I was a junior Flying Officer stationed in Hong Kong, when the Belfast was flagship C in C Far East Fleet. There came an opportunity to accept Royal Navy hospitality in the shape of a trip to Kure in Japan, Shanghai, then back to HK. While in Kure, I took the train to visit Hiroshima. That was an experience to stay with me for the rest of my life. The place was flattened for several miles across. Just the odd building at the epicentre of the atom bomb survived, but only as shells. People were living in dugouts covered in corrugated iron sheeting. It was 18 months after the bomb but it gave me the impression it could have been only a week or two.

After Hiroshima, I took the train to Osaka. The countryside, towns and villages were likewise flattened, after incessant firebombing. After Kure, the Belfast made a ceremonial visit to Shanghai. Chang Kai-shek and the Nationalists were still the official Chinese government but Mao's Communists were clearly heading for victory even then. I disembarked early one morning to take a train to Nanking. Shanghai municipal dust carts were collecting not only rubbish but the bodies of Chinese who had died during the night without food or shelter. A few days later, on my return, Shanghai seemed like any other city, if only on the Bund and round the hotel and business area.

The British Air Attaché had given me some Chinese currency as spending money — only a few pounds, but needing a suitcase to carry it! I bought 3 bottles of Scotch from an RN Establishment for 16s/6d old money, and enjoyed the next three days!

After Shanghai I cadged a lift with the US Army Air Corps to Peking, and from the co-pilot's seat had a fantastic view of the Great Wall, from 2-300 feet. Peking was still very much the historic place it had been for centuries, and for a young foreigner, keen on China, it must have been paradise. It was 37 years before I saw Peking again. After a few days based at the British Embassy compound I returned reluctantly to Shanghai and HK.

As to the Belfast luncheon in 1999, it went with quite a swing, even in the absence of the guest speaker, gone to Bosnia the day before! Old Boys seemed to like the unusual venue, not to mention the large glasses of hot rum punch, which welcomed us on board. The food was good standard fare but the company was the important thing. Apart from that and the generous flow of wine I don't remember much at all!

*Alan Green*

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## HMS Belfast (2)

Those present for the lunch on HMS Belfast on 26 March 1999 were:

John Barclay; B. Barnes; Bernard Barret; Barry Beanland; S.P. Bell; John Bolton; Mick Bowman; Edgar Boyes; David Burnley; John Clarke; W Coleman; Chris Coole; Stephen Day; Frank Dobson; Freddie Drabble; Derek Elcock; Alan Elliott; A.M. Elvy; Peter Emms; Rod Emms; Chris Found; David Fowler; Jim Goodman; Ian Green; W.R. Greenwood; Mark Harland; Lt Col Harris; RS Hartley; Les Hartzig; R Hebditch; M. Herman; Alan Hill; Geoff Hillarby; J.M. Hudson; Peter Hugman; Maurice Johnson; P. Lassey; John Leefe; John Ley; John Mann; Mike Mansfield; B.C. Melton; Geoff Mitchell; David Muir; Ray Muir; Geoff Nalton; Arthur Nockels; Doug Owen; Mick Peart; Tom Pindar; Brian Poole; G.G. Poole; Sid Poole; Dave Pottage; Arthur Prust; Ron Quaife; Peter Robson; Bryan Robinson; John Robinson; E Rushforth; Eaglen Sheen; Les Stockell; Geoff Taylor; Douglas Topp; Lyndon Wainwright; TMM Walker; David Webster; John Webster; Brian Welbourn; Bryan Whittaker; Geoff Winn; Martin Wilson; Roy Wood;

If you know any Old Boys who did not attend, why not have a word to see if they will help swell our numbers in 2000? They do not need to be existing members.

*Geoff Nalton*

## Old Scarboroughs honoured

In the Queen's birthday honours list, it was announced that the MBE had been awarded to Ernest Stear, who had just retired from being the organist at Scalby church, after sixty years.

Sir John Wilson, CBE, founder of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (now known as Sightsavers International), visited Scarborough in June, where a special service was held at St Mary's church in his honour. It was a service of thanksgiving and praise on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Sightsavers.

President Alan Elliott represented the OSA.

Sir John was staying at Paul Gridley's Crescent Hotel, Scarborough, and Paul took him on a tour of his well-remembered childhood haunts. He also presented him with an Old Scarborians tie. In 1931, John Wilson, then 12 years old, was blinded in an explosion in the Chemistry lab. They were making a large retort of oxygen when the explosion occurred. The master in charge, dear old Taffy Walt was himself blinded in one eye a few years later having walked into a tree branch in his garden at night when hunting beetles.

Sir John received the Freedom of the Borough at a ceremony at the Town Hall in late September, as did Tom Pindar OBE, another member of the OSA.

Following a fund raising event held by the Charity during Sir John's visit to the town a Scarborough Evening News headline proclaimed, "Freeman slams blindness scandal."

The scandal of millions of cases of preventable blindness around the world was highlighted by Sir John, the founder of Sightseers, who said, "It really is a scandal that so many people are blind because of something as simple as cataracts, including many in this country..."

After receiving his award, Tom Pindar, who continues regularly to attend a number of our events, and whose father George was made a Freeman in 1957, said, "Quite why we have been picked out is difficult to explain to ourselves, but maybe simpler to the Council."

"It is a real honour for I have lived here all my life, but I have not finished with it just yet."

*Frank Bamforth*

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## **Obituaries**

### **Colin Findley Lovett**

Born 5th June 1913, died 31st October 1998 Mr Lovett was educated at Dulwich College, London.

From there he obtained an Exhibition to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge where he read Modern Languages. The Exhibition was later converted to a Scholarship. He was at Cambridge from 1932-35.

#### **From 1936-41 he was at Scarborough High School teaching languages.**

In 1941 he volunteered to join the army. He served most of the war at Bletchley Park, the code and cypher centre. He would never discuss anything about his service there until the various books about the code-breaking operation were published, and then only discussed it reluctantly.

From 1946-53 he resumed teaching French at Hulme Grammar School, Oldham.

From 1954-73, when he retired, he was headmaster of Waterloo Grammar School, Liverpool.

After retirement he did, for several years, take French oral examinations. He enjoyed keeping this connection with young people.

In 1939 he married Margaret Croft, who died in 1952. There were no children.

After retirement he moved to Eckington, Pershore, Worcs., where he lived until moving to a residential home in January 1998.

*David Chaffey*

(Nephew)

## Maurice F Cornish

Maurice F. Cornish MBE ("Pete") died on 31st December 1998 aged 86.

One of the most popular masters ever to work at the High School he was our German master in the years just before the war. He taught us to sing Heidenroslein, how to play rugby, and how to have a good attitude to life. His PT lessons were a delight. He would take us out to the Fives Court playground on a sunny morning to play handball. So much more enjoyable than exercises on the dusty Gym floor, with a large menacing figure in the corner giving orders to the emphatic accompaniment of the double beater.

Pete Cornish was a good sport and a real good pal on the school camps. At Langdale Rigg, he strode along singing Old Man River. On the Mer de Glace above Chamonix, in 1938, he cheered lustily at the sight of Le Chapeau. He appeared briefly at the fruit picking camp at Burcot in 1940, then soon went into the army, joining the Intelligence Corps. Captured in North Africa, Captain Cornish later became a special duties officer, liaising between the German authorities and the British POWs whom he gave valuable help in their prison camps.

After the war he taught at the City of London School but he never forgot to show his loyalty to former pupils of SBHS. He came to many OSA reunions, where we were always glad to see him, and enjoy his cheerful company and conversation.

A sad loss, but the completion of a valiant life.

*Frank Bamforth*

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Scarborough Dinner</b>	9th December 1999	(See page 7)
<b>AGM</b>	1st December 1999, 7:00 p.m.	Gresham Hotel, Ryndle Walk, Scarborough,
<b>London Luncheon</b>	18th March 2000	(See page 7)

## Where are they now?

For future issues, information about members living away from Scarborough would be appreciated for a "Where are they now" feature. Also send your articles, letters, photographs and comments to the Editor whose address appears on the back cover.

And, at the same time, why not help to try and recruit more members? Any names, addresses and details, please, to the Secretary, who will be happy to follow up potential membership applications. His contact details also appear on the back cover.

## Membership

It is announced elsewhere in Summer Times that special events are planned for the September 2000 Millennium Weekend and January 2002 (Centenary Celebration).

In order to enable the maximum number of Old Scarborians to participate in these events, we are updating our Membership list and seeking to increase our membership.

The objective of the web site, which is in preparation, is to communicate with members and to recruit new members. A second initiative we are taking is to enclose a Member details slip with *Summer Times*; one copy for you to fill in and return to us and one copy to give to a friend who is an Old Boy, but who hasn't joined the OSA or who has lost contact with us.

We assure you that this information is being accumulated solely for the purpose of allowing the Committee to communicate with OSA members.

Details will not be divulged to third parties.

SO PLEASE FILL IN YOUR SLIP AND PASS THE SECOND ONE ON TO AN (OLD SCARBORIAN) FRIEND.

For your interest, there are currently 411 names on our list. We have Scarborough area addresses for 171 (42%) and other UK addresses for 224 members (55%). Only two members live in Scotland, two in Northern Ireland and one in Wales.

We have one representative in New Zealand, two in Australia, one in South Africa, five in Canada and three in the USA. In Europe, we have two in France, one in Switzerland and two in Norway.

Our current list contains three professors, eleven doctors (whether of Medicine or Philosophy, we do not know) and two Ministers of Religion.

PLEASE HELP US TO DIVERSIFY FURTHER!

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