

## List of attendees

Those that could not make the reunion have been included and shown with a \*  
They all send their very best wishes

### \*Chris Barker

#### Raymond Bellm

After leaving St George's Ray went to Sheffield University where he completed a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Business Studies between 1968 – 1971. Ray is an auto racing driver. He started his career in 1980, running in Historic racing series and winning the British Historic 2L GT class in 1983 and 1984 driving his Chevron B19 sports car. He made the move to modern sports car racing in 1984, driving for Gordon Spice. In the early 1990s he moved to the British Touring Car Championship, driving for Vic Lee Motorsport, finishing fifth overall in 1991.

Taken from Wikipedia

Currently Ray is the Owner of the McLaren F1 Owners Club.

### \*Adrian Berry

#### \*Jon Blackwell

After leaving St George's I joined the Army (paras) where I did three tours in Belfast in the 70's. I served for five years then went to Nottingham University and qualified as a social worker and worked in child protection before I emigrated to Australia in 1983. My career has involved welfare and then hospital management, CEO of NSW Govt. Department then Habitat for Humanity Australia. I am now semi-retired and my hobbies include surfing, golf and bowls. I have two children and four grandchildren from my first marriage. My brothers Mark and Patrick (also OGs) are still living in the UK. If any of my contemporaries visit OZ, please let me know!

### \*John Bodenham

#### Maurice Buckingham

After leaving school I became a chartered accountant and worked in practice for 18 years. I then moved into financial service regulation, where I remained for a further 16 years at the FSA before moving into compliance within the London Insurance Market. I retired from full time employment in April 2013. I married Barbara in 1978 and have three grown up children, Anna, Tom and Patrick.

### \*Robert Burrow

#### Duncan Cairns

Retired Chartered Surveyor. I am married and we have two daughters who are both married themselves. I build a number of businesses both in provinces and London. My hobbies include rugby (now not a player!), golf, tennis and amateur dramatics.

#### Edward Carter

I attended Oxford Polytech after leaving St George's and gained a business diploma and then a marketing diploma at Kingston Polytech. I worked for Mary Quant as Assistant Grand Manager. I then became a Pop star in a band called Mr big with a hit record in 1977 called 'Romeo'.

After the music career I went into developing and restoring properties for ten years after which I formed a chain of ladies fashion shops which collapsed in the nineties.

I revisited developing and worked in Turkey on luxury villas for six years. I am now semi-retired and run a small campsite in Oxford. I have four children and am still married with my wife Caroline whom I met at one of my gigs.

I am still playing music and table tennis.

## **Glen Cawdeary**

I attended Portsmouth Polytechnic for a Spanish BA. I had various occupations pre my 30th birthday which included: Translator, Session Musician, Stage Fighter, Theatre Stage Management and Zoo PR. Took me ages to settle but post age 30 I was in the Financial Services industry - Compliance. I'm still involved in music and enjoy drumming in a jazz quartet as well as orchestral pit work. Have been married to Isabel for 40 odd years and have one daughter (who can do no wrong, but I would say that). Thoroughly enjoying retirement in Herefordshire.

## **Vincent Champion**

### **Kevin Cheney**

I was a pupil at St George's between 1957 – 1968.

I attended Exeter University 1969 – 1972 BA Hons.

Christ Church College Canterbury PGCE in 1973 – 74

Sandhurst Royal Military Academy in 1974-75

Captain in the Royal army educational corps 1974-1977.

Assistant House Master at Clifton College 1977-1980.

Housemaster Millfield School 1980-1986

Headmaster Trinity School Teignmouth 1986-1992

Headmaster Cranmore School, West Horsley 1992-2000

Headmaster Millfield Prep School, Somerset 2001-2010

Retired in 2010 and now Governor at Exeter School

Married to Hillary in 1978 and we have four sons, three of whom went to St George's. My interests include sport, gardening, DIY, travel but most importantly my family.

I enjoyed SGC and was very involved in sport. Academics came late to me but the school allowed for this late developer. School was much better with the girls. I think we were lucky to have the Josephites rather than some of the other more severe orders.

### **Patrick Crawley**

After leaving SGC I studied at Imperial College, London, graduating in 1971 with a BSc degree in Chemistry. Nicholas De Klerk (also ex SGC) was a close friend and fellow student (Physics) during my time at Imperial and afterwards. During 1972 I began working for the National Research Development Corporation and training for qualification as a UK Chartered Patent Agent.

After qualification I went to work for Celltech, the pioneer British biotech company, in 1982 as Patents Manager.

I stayed there until 1992 when I and my family moved to Switzerland to work as a Patent Attorney at Sandoz, which after merger with Ciba Geigy in 1996 became Novartis. I eventually retired from Novartis in 2014 after 20+ years of fun and frolic obtaining and litigating pharmaceutical patents.

I am married with twin daughters both of whom are getting married this summer - happy if somewhat stressful days. In retirement my main focus are my family and my 36 ft. cruising sailing yacht Minnehaha.

## **Mr Tony Creber**

I was a Geography Teacher at St George's between 1966 - 1973. I was also the rugby and rowing coach. I then moved to Hampton School as Head of Geography and then Deputy Head between 1973 - 1988. I then moved to Kingston Grammar as Headmaster until an early retirement in 1992. I then moved to Worth School as the Marketing Director.

## **Mrs Pat Creber**

I was a Maths teacher in Woburn Hill School between 1972 - 1987. This was followed by Surbiton High in 1987 - 1999. All three of our sons attended St George's and now our two granddaughters are pupils at St George's

## **Nicholas Crisell**

I left in 1965 after 'O' Levels. I went to Guildford Tech for two years for 'A' Levels and a Business Studies Diploma. I qualified as a Chartered Accountant and was in practice for around ten years. In 1979 I started a Paper Merchant Co with a partner. I ran for 25 years and then retired. I married Angie D'eon, sister of OGs Geoff and Tony. I have two children, Paul who also went to SGC and Sarah. I also have six grandchildren aged 13 to 20. I keep in touch with Chris Lang, Justin Flemming, Tony Bywater, and until his death two years ago Derek Lucie-Smith.

## **\*Derek Davidson**

On leaving St George's I joined James Walker Group, whose headquarters are based in Woking. I joined as a Management Trainee. I qualified as a Chartered Certified Accountant and from there went into General Management. They make seals and gaskets for engineering application and are worldwide. I worked there for 45 years and then retired. I am married and have two daughters, one is a Vet, the other shortly to become a Chartered Accountant. I played rugby for Chobham RFC for some years. I spent five years in Cockermonth, Cumbria, and played there as well before retiring. I played hockey for Woking Vets at Woking FLC. I have sailed over the years, mainly in sea water and have done numerous Cowes Weeks and channel races. I see some OGs on the Sailing circuit and have spent time in retirement sailing the Baltic with OG Jonathan Proctor.

## **Mr Jim Donnelly**

Former member of staff (Modern Languages) 1961 – 1992.

## **Martin Dore**

After graduating I joined the London office of one of the predecessor firms of what is now Ernst & Young and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1976. I stayed in their London office for three years before transferring to the Kuala Lumpur office for a two year secondment. I stayed for five years and got married to Ann. We returned to London in 1984 and our first child was born later that year. I carried on working with Ernst & Young in London until 1987, before moving to a series of financial roles in the City. In 1997 I joined the Kuwait Investment Office where I have had a financial accounting, reporting and advisory role for the last 21 years. For the last few years I have been planning to retire next year, but still not got round to it. Ann & I have two children, the younger of whom has seen the light and is also an accountant.

## **\*Ian Draper**

## **Joseph Dwyer**

After leaving St George's, I became a student at Queens University Belfast. There I took a degree in Psychology followed by a teaching qualification and then a Masters in Child Psychology, to qualify as an

Educational Psychologist. Belfast was clearly not the wisest choice of places to live in the late sixties and early seventies, but, as a student I had a wonderful time, and also met Sheila, a fellow student from Belfast, who became my wife in 1978.

I worked as a Psychologist for an Education Authority in Northern Ireland for over 40 years, retiring in September 2017. I loved this job doing my best to help children and young people with difficulties who could present with very challenging behaviour (and who didn't seem to exist at St George's in the sixties!). I still find a lot of satisfaction continuing through private work, to assist individuals with troubled lives.

Sheila and I have four children, two of whom are now married and all of whom live in London. In a wonderful circular sense, as I retired, my youngest daughter, Nora, began a Doctorate in Educational Psychology at the IoE.

Living in Northern Ireland for so many years, I lost contact with my old school friends but re-established this more recently and now meet regularly with a group, in addition to seeing so many others at the over 60s lunch every June. I think our present friendship, enduring 50 years after we left school, is a testimony to the nurturing environment of St. George's.

## **Paul Engelen**

Attended St George's College: 1962 – 1967.

Having left St George's, I began a three year course for a diploma in Art and Design at Twickenham College of Art. My interest at that time was a career in graphics, although in what capacity, I wasn't sure. During my first year, one of my friends; Peter Frampton, whose father, Harry, a very well respected Makeup Artist ('Kind Hearts and Coronets', 'Pink Panther' etc.) introduced me to the world of film and makeup. I was soon 'moonlighting' and working at weekends, helping out with the crowd calls on the musical 'Oliver' which was being made at Shepperton studios nearby.

During this time, I met another highly respected makeup artist by the name of Tom Smith, who asked me to assist him for three months on a film called 'Alfred the Great', a movie to be made in Ireland for MGM, starring a very youthful David Hemmings.

I thought I would return to Art College at the end of the production, but needless to say, that never happened, and 50 years later, I imagine, I'm too late now!!

There have been many highlights to my career, and I have developed many skills. I have worked on several 'James Bond' movies, as well as being involved with some very exciting directors and their productions i.e. Steven Spielberg: 'Empire of the Sun' and 'Munich'. Ridley Scott: 'Gladiator' and 'Kingdom of Heaven'; George Lucas: 'Star Wars: The Phantom Menace', and the first three seasons of 'Game of Thrones' to name a few.

I have just returned from four months in Scotland and the highlands working on 'Outlaw King', a piece revolving around Robert the Bruce. This will be released 2018. I like to think this will be a more honest rendition than was Braveheart! Earlier in the year, I worked on 'Phantom Menace' with Daniel Day Lewis. It's been a very fruitful business, and fully absorbing, but incredibly physical and very long hours. I think I may have another couple of years in me before retirement!!

I have been married for 40 years to Lizzie (nee Whiteaway) and have two daughters, Samantha and Georgina, both married. I have four grandchildren.

## **Paul Fairbairn-Tennant**

At St George's I studied Science, Maths etc., I remember taking my Astronomy exam in one of the Josephites rooms as I was the only one!! I think I got an A!! I ended up as a prefect and remember when

the girls from St Maur's descended on the common room for the first time!!! The old swimming pool was fun in the summer even if it was filled & emptied like a huge bath!! I wonder if it's up for a grade listing?? Anyone know? I had a look last year & it seemed a bit forlorn!!!

When I left St Georges College I did a sandwich course in computer science and after getting my diploma in programming/coding (Cobal Fourtran I think they are now obsolete!! I know the ICL 1901 cabinets with tape drives are museum pieces!! They are similar to the ones you see in the original Italian job when they mess up with the traffic lights ☹) I decided, with my mother's prodding (she used to be in the business) my father was not that happy!! To try modelling instead of business/industry. This was great fun travelling the world meeting pretty girls & earning money basically just having a blast being photographed for catalogues magazines TV Commercials etc. it wasn't hard work!! I was always more interested in the other side of the biz so retrained in my early thirties in Photography. In those days it was all analogue, with film in both Still and movie Analogue Cameras!! These days I shoot with high end DSLR or 4-8k Film cameras. My work is PR Commercial & Corporate although years ago I used to shoot weddings (great training) you couldn't get it wrong!

I am also involved in property on a personal basis & am a Director of a property management company. I still enjoy working and playing golf in the sun hopefully!!! Here and abroad and travelling to interesting places in Europe & Central & South America! I really enjoy going back to SGW and catching up with the guys I spent happy times with all those years ago!!

The Development office is amazing!! Because I am London based, I try to get to the events they organise, such as the 150 Ball!! That should be a blast!!!

## **\*Pierre Ferrari**

### **Justin Flemming**

After leaving SGC in '68 I went to work in London for a small company owned by Solarbo of balsa wood modelling fame. After 2 years 'itchy feet' got the better of me and I left to do my 'gap year' driving to Spain in an ancient black cab taxi with a friend ending up working for a summer as a holiday rep. On my return I went to the college for the distributive trades in London for a one year course sponsored by Debenhams.

Having passed my exams I moved on to Maples the furnishing group briefly lodging at John Meaney's family home 1967. In 1974 I started a garage called the MGB centre with a friend in Farnham Surrey. We traded for 3 years when the 3 day week and petrol crisis resulted in no demand for MGBs! After closing the doors I then had a stint in shop fitting and store management before going to work for a holiday company in Brighton. Ten years later having become general manager with marriage, children and a mortgage I once again went on my own starting a specialist tour operation to Tunisia. Over the next 15 years it grew to be one of the largest independent tour operators in the UK with over 300 staff.

I was fortunate to sell the company to Airtours Holidays in 1999 since when I have had several Board positions and served for several years as President on ABTA. I have two sons aged 40 and 26 together with two grandchildren, live in Sussex with my wife Vivienne and still have an active interest in a holiday company. My main interest and hobby is still cars and I race a 1960 single seater, historic Lola MK 2 here and abroad in the summer. I am in regular contact with Old Georgians Nick Crisell, Kevin Cheney and John Meaney together with my brother Stephen who left SGC in 71.

I am looking forward to meeting up with many past friends and colleagues on the 19th.

## **Michael Gelardi**

In 1974 Michael formed his own entertainment consultancy to the hotel and leisure industries, Pan Leisure, which he developed quite rapidly, and sold in 1978 to the hotel and leisure conglomerate, Trust Houses Forte PLC, becoming the youngest executive of his time to report to the Main Board of a Footsie 100 company and creating the entertainment and events division of the Group, which he headed up and built over almost 20 years into the second largest organisation of its kind in the UK. During this time he was also appointed Vice President of the Entertainment Agents' Association of Great Britain and subsequently Vice President and Treasurer of the European Federation of Performing Arts (the Performing Arts Regulator of the EU), later receiving the coveted honour, Barker of the Variety Club of Great Britain.

On the acquisition of Forte PLC by Granada, Michael formed his own production company, which he later sold onto MICE PLC (Europe's leading Experiential Marketing Group) and he is presently of Michael Gelardi Associates Ltd., his own entertainment company, also heads up Boisdale Entertainment, an arm of the London based Boisdale Group of Companies, and is an associate of The Buell Group, an elite hospitality consultant team.

In his career, Michael has produced over 1,000 concerts, shows, festivals and events, and has worked with many major and legendary artistes from Sammy Davis Jnr. and Bob Hope to Jools Holland and Take That.

## **Alan Gunner**

Professionally, I have been a Chartered Accountant for 45 years. In that time I have performed a variety of commercial finance roles in several industries. I have worked independently for many years with a few clients, which I continue to do. Sports wise, I coached mini and junior rugby for over 30 years both at Bracknell RFC and Berkshire. I have also had season tickets at Arsenal for over 25 years (pre Monsieur Wenger). I married Rosemary (remember the inscription on my Pacemaker 125) forty six years ago and we have three children and six grandchildren scattered across the country.

## **\*John Harman**

## **Rick Harmes**

Sue and I moved to our present house in Lymstone (Devon) a couple of years ago. Prior to that, we lived in Cornwall. Last Autumn I completed a PhD in Politics at Exeter University – I have been working there as a Research Fellow since 2015.

Sue and I have two daughters: Roz (b. 1979) and Laura (b. 1981). Both of them are living and working in the Manchester area. We now have two wonderful granddaughters living up there as well.

After leaving St George's in 1967, I did my undergraduate degree at St Cat's Oxford and my postgrad teacher training at London University's Institute of Education. I then worked for ten years as a language teacher in the UK, Germany, France and Spain. I left teaching to work as a local authority manager of education and children's services. During my career in local government, I spent periods working in Sussex, Devon and Oxfordshire.

Both my mother and my sister still live in the Weybridge area, and I come up to Surrey on a regular basis to visit them.

I am in occasional touch with the following OGs from the 1967 – 1969 period: Kevin Cheney, Peter Edwards, Robert Peevey, Chris Steele and Peter Tickner. Sue's brother, George James, was a student at St George's c. 1965 – 1970.

## **\*Mr John Hindley**

### **Mr Francis Hussey**

Schoolmaster-Belmont Abbey, Hereford for nine years.

Wine Merchant - 13 years

Writer - 10 years. Retired - 10 years.

I have two daughters who are both married. And I have three grandchildren.

Funniest moment: when John O'Sullivan-Capt. Of Under 16XV- fainted at the sight of the O level history paper.

## **\*Charles Illing**

### **Paul Kellerd**

After qualifying as an actuary and getting married, I lived and worked in Geneva, Massachusetts and Brussels for many years, returning to England in 2006. Now retired, Pat and I make frequent trips to Belgium to visit our Belgian-Moroccan grand-daughter, Lilia. At St George's I was in the tennis team but switched to squash a few years later and stay active enough now to still have the occasional game.

## **\*Richard Kendall**

### **Peter Kornicki**

After leaving St George's I read Japanese and Korean at Oxford and then got a DPhil (PhD). I have lived in Japan for six years and I taught at the University of Tasmania for four years and Kyoto University for two years before moving to Cambridge in 1985. I remained at Cambridge retiring in 2014 as Professor of Japanese and Head of the Department of East Asian Studies. It was when I was in that role that we hosted the North Korean ambassador for a visit to Cambridge and a lecture, and I have very warm memories of the small dinner party I hosted afterwards for the ambassador, who was very good company. I now live in central London and lead a busy life lecturing, writing and travelling. My first wife died in 1995 but in 1998 I married Francesca, an Italian professor of Indian studies at SOAS. I have two children, Martin and Alice. Francesca and I are keen hikers, and have in recent years been hiking in Madeira, the Azores, the Dolomites and Japan.

### **Mr Robert Lee**

I was born in Addlestone in 1941. I left state school aged 16 and worked as a laboratory technician at Woking Grammar School whilst studying part time at Brooklands Technical College. I then moved to St George's College as their first laboratory technician working for the legendary teachers Charlie Rice (physics) and John Robotham (chemistry). Generous Headmaster Fr Peter Murtough paid for my part time studies which launched me into a degree course at Kings College London. On completion of my degree in 1966 Fr Peter invited me back to teach Chemistry and I studied for my PGCE part time. I must have liked it ... I taught at the College until retirement in 2002. I soon realised that Fr Peter was the heart and soul of St George's.

Whilst teaching I had posts of Head of 4<sup>th</sup> Form (Year 10) and Head of careers twice. I helped with SVP Society visiting elderly people's homes and the Christmas party for the local elderly folk. I went to Lourdes with students twice helping on the diocesan pilgrimage with the VIP's in the hospitals there. Alas not a sportsman but helped with athletics events, sailing driving coaches and transits for the rowers and taking boarders ice-skating at Richmond. I also went on three most enjoyable skiing trips organised by Fr Adrian and Brother Michael. I wrote numerous published school books and articles on science with an environmental flavour.

I married Elizabeth Ford, Drama teacher at St Maur's in 1980 and our son Jonathan came to St George's in the Senior School. Jonathan is now an author and senior editor for a publisher in New York; he is married to Amy and they have a son Arthur. We visit NY each year and he gets to England at least once every year; we are largely a skype grandparents!

Since retiring I have worked part time for Cambridge Occupational Analysts visiting schools and giving careers interviews. We moved to Dilton Marsh in Wiltshire 13 years ago and love to join in the village activities. We have regular visits to beautiful nearby Bath and sometimes Salisbury. I enjoy swimming and working (and chatting) on my two allotments.

I keep in regular contact with ex teachers Harry McHugh, Joe O'Brien, Chris Dunnings, Richard Reyes, Mike Newsome and of course the ever positive Fr Jude, surely today's heart and soul of St George's.

### **Felicity Light**

I retired from being a busy GP in 2008 but continued as a GP Teacher in the London Deanery until 2014. During this time, I trained for a role in the Church and now work as a Pastoral Assistant in our parish church. I also help my husband to run classical music concerts in two venues in Ealing.

I continue to play tennis at my local club I have five grandchildren and am involved in grandparent duties in Dorset & Kew on a regular basis!

### **Paul Marley**

### **Christopher Marsh**

### **Jim McCarthy**

Jim, known at school as Jock, left SGC in 1968 for Aberystwyth University, where priorities lay with playing for the successful university rugby team rather than the study of political science.

Jim qualified as a chartered accountant with Mann Judd, now incorporated into Deloitte, and subsequently enjoyed a career in industry, initially with responsibility for finance, broadening into commercial and general management roles. Appointments have taken Jim around the country with jobs based in Cardiff, London, Bristol, York, Nuneaton and finally Brighouse in West Yorkshire, as well as regular visits to China where Jim was directly responsible for two factories.

Whilst working in Cardiff, Jim met his lovely wife, Lynda. Home is in Kenilworth in the lovely Warwickshire countryside, with retirement focussed on golfing, skiing and watching Wasps play rugby. Jim has just completed a six year term as treasurer of Acorns Children's Hospice and remains a trustee. In the last year, Jim has enjoyed a successful year as Men's Captain at Kenilworth Golf Club.

### **Marion McDonald**

### **Ben McDonnell**

### **Nigel Mortelman**

I actually finally left SGC in July 1969 and started working in a conventional shipping company in October of that year. In 1972 I switched to marine container leasing which is a support industry to container shipping. This took me all over the world including 3 years working in Hong Kong in the 80's followed by 4 years in New York in the 90's and 2 years in Belgium. By 2009 I had worked for 6 different container leasing companies, been fired once and made redundant twice. My last role in corporate business was

repositioning containers to demand areas for my employer, TAL International (a major marine container leasing company). In 2009 together with 2 other business partners and friends we set up an independent company seeking to reposition empty containers for the container and shipping industry. This was a major success and in 2015 we sold the company. As part of the sale I was required to work a further 2 years and retired in March 2017. I have very much enjoyed my working life and the places to which it has taken me.

In 1979 I married Louise Wilkie who I chased for 5 years before she would go out with me. We have 3 daughters 2 of whom are married to a solicitor and a legal journalist. All are successful in their chosen fields in legal industry recruitment, TV documentary production and a commercial airline pilot flying for United Airlines in the USA.

### **\*Robert O'Farrell**

#### **Mr Brian O'Gorman**

I taught English at St George's between 1962 and 1992 and I was the Master of cricket 1st XI and rugby 1st XV. I am now retired and my hobbies are the theatre (British Music Hall Society), military history, golf and the countryside. I am President of the OGA and the Hon Secretary of the Old Georgians' cricket. I am a playing member of MCC.

### **Casey O'Hanrahan**

#### **Anthony Paine**

Left SGC in Sept 1969 and went to law school for a year, but decided not to pursue this route. This was followed by a couple of years of computer programming. In 1972 went to Cape Town, S.Africa for two gap years!! On returning to UK, I joined a London paper trading company and travelled frequently to Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. In 1984 I moved to Bunzl Pulp & Paper and stayed with them until 1990. In 1990 I started Pace Export, selling paper mainly from Europe to Asia and the Far East. Business gets tougher each year, but then it does for everyone!! I was married for over 20 years but, sadly, now divorced. I have three grown-up daughters and, so far, two delightful granddaughters and it is wonderful to see their early rapid progress. After leaving SGC, I played for Esher Colts for a year (or two) and then had a brief time at Saracens before changing codes to the round ball. I played football for the Norsemen FC in the Southern Amateur league until the year 2000 when a knee injury took its toll. I played tennis until recently but a shoulder injury made it impossible to continue. Joys of getting older and falling apart! I started skiing in my 40s and love every minute of it. I took up rowing and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Great River Race in 2010 & 2011. I'm a fair weather cyclist and recently completed a 50 mile charity ride round the seemingly numerous hills of Hertfordshire. Finally, I still go to watch the Spurs home matches with my 91 year old Dad - he first went in 1937 so I've some catching up to do.

### **Joanna Jacques**

#### **Nicholas Poore**

I joined St George's in September 1969, as a boarder from a day Prep school in Hampstead. I started in the first form. My brother Christopher was already at the College, two years older. We were both in the Petre House, the same house as our father before us.

I progressed through the school, in a fairly undistinguished way but managed to get sufficient 'O' levels to enter the sixth form where I took Zoology, Physics and Chemistry 'A' levels.

I played rugby, hockey and cricket with enthusiasm but little skill, eventually playing for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI or 4<sup>th</sup> XV, with occasional appearances for the 3<sup>rd</sup> XV rugby, when that team was decimated by illness.

I left school after 'A' levels in 1968 and took a year out as my family had recently moved to a large house in Dorset and there was quite a lot of stuff to do there. In 1969 I went to the University of Liverpool to read Zoology. Due to my indifferent A levels, I embarked on a four year degree programme, which seemed ideal as it provided an extra year as a student. I entered the Botany section of the ARC Weed Research Organisation, Oxford, looking at crop/weed interactions in cereals. In 1975 I transferred to the University of Nottingham on a two year postgraduate studentship, to continue this work in Sugar Beet. I wrote this work up for an M.Phil. which was awarded in 1982.

In 1977 I embarked on a PGCE at the University of Oxford and in 1978 took a job as Assistant Biology Master at Bancroft's School, an HMC school in the process of transition to co-education. I was appointed Head of Biology in 1991 and I remained at the school, in this position until I retired in 2014. I got married in 1979, to Elizabeth Payne, and we have three daughters, born in 1983, 1986 and 1991. We live in South Woodford, E18, not far from the school.

In 1981 I started up a Duke of Edinburgh's Award group at Bancroft's School which continues to flourish. I still help with the expeditions, hill walking being one of my enthusiasms. I also spend time gardening, renovating our Victorian house and, since I qualified for a Freedom Pass, making more use of London and what it has to offer.

I continue to run investigative project work with the sixth form Biologists at Bancroft's, presenting a display each year at the Schools Zone of the Cambridge Science Festival.

I am also writing some resources for 'A' level Biology that attempt to introduce a more scholarly approach to the study of Biology at 'A' Level.

### **\*John Reardon**

### **\*Mr Charlie Rice**

### **\*Mr Mike Rosewell**

Former St George's teacher and rowing master between 1964 – 1976. I was a journalist for many local papers between 1962 and 2015.

### **John Ryan**

After leaving St George's I joined Price Waterhouse as a trainee accountant. However, after working there for a year I decided that, longer term, it would be better to have got a Degree, so I left PW and went to Manchester University to read Economics and Politics. After graduating, I finished qualifying as a chartered accountant and started to climb the corporate ladder.

In 1983 I was appointed Finance Director at Bentalls plc who were running department stores in the South East – the largest being Kingston on Thames, where we faced a significant challenge, with John Lewis opening a large department store opposite us.

In 1987 I was appointed Finance and Property Director and we started to build a new store which opened in 1990. We were thus in a position to demolish the old store, and commence construction of the Bentall Centre, which opened in 1992. We managed to achieve this by losing only one day's trading. Father Peter married myself and Jenny in 1977. We are blessed with five grown up children and five grandchildren.

### **Vivian Cavanagh**

I was a full time boarder at St Maur's and I left in 1967 and returned to Barcelona where my parents were living. I did a Spanish course for foreign students at University and then worked for the British Consulate for 2 years. After that I worked in Brussels before returning to the UK and marrying my husband, Chris. We have three sons, two of which are now married and we have five grandchildren. In 2000 I graduated from the Open University with a BA Hons in Humanities. I am currently working for Babcock 4S who are the leading education support and improvement service in the UK. I try and keep in

touch with Jo Jacques, Tricia Paul, Anne Wilson and Gerry de Vere. I retired in 2016. I am also a volunteer steward at the Watts Gallery Artists' Village in Compton once a week. I also enjoy swimming and Pilates.

## **Christopher Steele**

After leaving St George's in December 1967, I spent six months in Madrid teaching English and learning Spanish, and was soon joined by two other Old Georgians, Rick Harmes and Mike Moore, who had also just left the College. Glen Cawdeary also came out for a short visit and John Ray was also living in Madrid at the time.

In October 1968 I went on to study Modern Languages at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, doing a four-year course which included a year in Paris as an English assistant. After graduating in 1972 I spent a year in Rome teaching English and learning Italian. I then did a one-year PGCE teacher training course in Cambridge, after which I took up my first post teaching French at Whitley Abbey Comprehensive School in Coventry.

Shortly before the summer holidays in 1975 I saw an advert in the Times Educational Supplement. An organisation called The Centre for British Teachers in Europe was recruiting English teachers to work in Germany, as there was a shortage of English teachers at the time. I thought this would be a good opportunity to get to know a new school system and learn a new language, so I applied and was given a two-year contract. I spent one year teaching at a Gymnasium in Mainz, and one year in Pirmasens, just a few miles from the French border. At both schools I taught highly motivated pupils and that is probably why I decided to stay on in Germany rather than taking up a post I had been offered at a Grammar School in Bournemouth. Instead I applied for a job at a private Gymnasium (Gymnasium Weierhof am Donnersberg) founded in 1867 and that was to become my permanent home for the next forty years!

During my time at Weierhof I was involved in several exchange programmes with various countries: England, Ireland, France, Spain, Canada, the United States, and Japan. In 1980, in an attempt to avert financial ruin, our headmaster decided to introduce Japanese to the curriculum, and along with a few other teachers and interested pupils I took up yet another language. In 1985 Japanese was given a firm place on the curriculum, but this meant that a second teacher was needed at least on paper, even though there were only just enough students for one teacher to make a living. I volunteered to go to Japan for a year and learn the language properly and the headmaster agreed. Well, it turned out that a year was not really enough for me to reach the same standard of proficiency I had managed in a similar time in Italian and German, but it was enough to teach the beginners and I was only needed when the Japanese teacher was ill for a longer period of time, and that fortunately only happened twice.

In 1989 I married Inge Lichtenberger, who I had got to know 12 years previously. Her mother ran the only shop in the village and lived in the house where the school was founded in 1867 by Michael Löwenberg. Inge's mother is the founder's great granddaughter and at 91 still lives in that house. Our sons Thomas and Mark were born in 1992 and 1994. They are now in their mid-twenties, Thomas works locally in Kirchheimbolanden, and Mark works in Mainz and lives in Wiesbaden, about 45 minutes' drive from here.

I retired in 2012 but continue to help out with the bridge club at school and give a few private lessons to keep my hand in. Bridge has become my main hobby since I retired and I play in two bridge clubs in Kaiserslautern (about half an hour from here by car) every week.

## **Peter Tickner**

I graduated from Keble in 1971, then went walkabout for some years, pottering about over most of Africa. I returned to Oxford for a PGCE plus research in into learning mechanisms in children. I taught A-Levels for a few years, then research into Pollution and Radioactive waste dispersal at Manchester. I then went to Bristol for a party. Landed up staying. I worked in HSE as a factory inspector, then as HSEQ Manager for a brewery before setting up my own company, based in Bristol. I was widowed in 2014. I recently managed to retire and now enjoy being a gentleman of leisure.

Sadly there are a few friends from your year group that have died and we would like to remember them and their families.

Anthony Roberts  
Chris Beatty  
David Sands  
Desmond Keogh  
Dominic Krzysiak  
Paul Esser  
Paul Barton  
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