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Editorial: -

Both editors have each done their personal profiles - see page 5. The Editors have decided to have three BiT Issues in 2014 and probably either three or four BiT Issues in

2015 with only 10 - 14 pages on each version. The reason for that is that OBA have decided to have some news on Facebook E-Boar which is much easier however, for those who haven't got Facebook or own computer, they will receive BiTs, three/four versions per year. Any news from OBA in Facebook will be put in BiTs. See next page for BiTs date and deadlines.

Happy Easter!

OBA NEWS

Tour

After R Willson's effort, WWII Tour in September 2014 has been cancelled. The real simple reason was a lack of support from the Old Burwoodians as well as others (non-Old Burwoodians). The travel agent, The Leger, has been informed and they confirmed to their thankful acknowledgement. All received deposits from the supporters have been refunded fully.

BiTs

| <u>Date Release</u> | | Deadline Dates for Reports |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Issue 35 | August 1 st 2014 | July 10 th 2014 |
| Issue 36 | December 1 st 2014 | November 8 th 2014 |
| Issue 37 | March 1 st 2015 | February 8 th 2015 |
| | Details about Bristol Reunion if any | |
| Issue 38 | June 1 st 2015 | May 11 th 2015 |
| | Details about Bristol Reunion if any | |
| Issue 39 | September 1 st 2015 | August 10 th 2015 |
| | With Bristol Reunion Tickets | |
| Issue 40 | December 1 st 2015 | November 9 th 2015 |
| | Full Report on Bristol Reunion | |

Videos

Videos to be put on website every 3 months for the website readers whether members or non members can access to look at videos up to October 2015

| April 15 th 2014 | Video 1 | 1956 Burwood Park School Sport |
|-------------------------------|----------|---|
| • | Video 2 | 1956 Burwood Park School Sport - Cont'd |
| | Video 3 | 1957 Burwood Park School Sports |
| July 15 th 2014 | Video 4 | 1958 Trip to Austria |
| • | Video 5 | Football |
| | Video 7 | 1970 Day in the life of the school |
| October 15 th 2014 | Video 8 | 1971 Boat Project |
| | Video 9 | 1972 Bantams at Burwood |
| | Video 10 | 1970 Table Manners |
| January 15 th 2015 | Video 11 | 1976 Mr Wood Retires |
| - | Video 12 | 1980 To France |
| | Video 13 | Scouts Camping |
| April 15 th 2015 | Video 14 | Sports Day |
| • | Video 15 | Coventry Cathedral |
| | Video 16 | Mr Avery |
| July 15 th 2015 | Video 17 | Mr Dobbs and the tree |
| _ | Video 18 | Visiting Mr Cox |
| | Video 19 | The Boar Weekly |
| October 15 th 2015 | Video 20 | Runner Beans |
| | Video 21 | 1984 Schleswig |

Video 6 The Nationwide Film from BBC - need permission

Archive Discs

Colin Sayer has transferred the three existing Archive Discs into one Disc called Archive: the old discs no longer work on more computers. He is now starting to work on adding Archive additions to the disc.

He has also created a new disc for Magazines only from existing discs, containing all Term Magazines (1955), Boars, Boar Weeklies, and New oar Weeklies.

It is going on Sale through R.Gibbins, gibbins3364@aol.com: - £5 for the Magazines Disc, available now £8 for full Archive Disc - (Sale after June 1st)

Committee Meeting (March 8th 2014)

Left to Right: S Healy, L Banks, M Bogard, M Towler,
R Taylor, C Sayer, M Flower, O Westbury,
R Gibbins

The OBA wishes Richard Willson, Vice-President of OBA, a speedy recovery after he had an operation on two toes each foot. He will come back for the meeting next September 2014.



OBA Mini Reunion in London



On March 8th after our Committee Meeting which was held at Premier Inn Hotel, Kings Cross, some of our committee (R Taylor, M Towler, L Banks, M Flower and C Sayer) and Pauline Gibbins & Astrid Towler went to Euston Flyers Pub, Kings Cross to meet P Hobbs, A Thomas, K Whalley, D Jones, S Wherry, and A Clarke for a mini reunion and evening socialising. It was a great evening, see below for more mini reunions;

<u>August 23rd 2014 – Wembley Rugby Cup Final</u> Chandos near Leicester Square from 6pm.

September 13th 2014

Euston Flyer, Kings Cross from 5pm.

October 18th 2014

Manchester from 5pm. Venue will be decided later. Further details will be on E-Boar/Facebook.

My surprise 60th Birthday Party



On Tuesday November 19th - my official birthday - my wife Karen and I decided go out to a local pub, Ritz (Wetherspoon), to celebrate my birthday with my family. We arrived and enjoyed meals and opened birthday presents etc. Karen and my sister Melanie arranged the next meal for Saturday November 23rd. Melanie asked where I wanted to go so I said we all should go to Toby Carvery, Melanie said okay and we all agreed. We arranged what time for meal, I said 7pm but Karen and Melanie said 7.30pm. I accepted what they said.

Melanie booked a taxi for 7.15pm for us, she said she's busy watching a football match (Lincoln City v Hereford) then we can pick her up after football.

On Saturday November 23rd we prepared to go out and waited for taxi which turned up 5 minutes late on way to pick up Melanie at Lincoln City Football Ground. We arrived there and waited for her. Karen and I sat in back of taxi and Karen said we better get out of taxi and go find her, then I entered function room with Karen behind me. To my surprise in front of me there was two big 60th balloons and Melanie there, also all my family and friends from local deaf club waiting for me. I knew nothing about this party! I was astounded when I saw my old school mates with their wives; Michael Freund, Peter Brown, (M Burton), Herbert Klein, Vaughan Jenkins, Stephen Holliday, Ian Paul – see photo. It was a great feeling to see those boys and hugged them they bring big smiles to my face. We enjoyed chatting and drinking all night. It was a great party night for me and we all had good times. I thank my lovely wife Karen for organising my wonderful birthday party.

Michael G Burton

<u>Did you know History of Great Inventions?</u> (Approximately)

BOAT - 8000BC (Europe)

Population migration across the Pacific Islands and Australia indicates that is possible that as far back as 50,000 years ago people may have been able to cross quite large tracts of ocean. However, there is no evidence of how they did it. The most likely explanation is that they used the dugout.

The earliest water-borne craft yet found is the Pese canoe from Holland. The four metre dugout boat is thought to be around 10,000 years old, and would have been propelled by the paddle.

Most people may think of dugout canoes as being primitive craft-vessels honed from a single log of wood but they paved the way for thousands of years of wooden boat building.

The invention of metal tools, such as the adze, used for crude shaping and gouging allowed more complex construction methods and the development of more ambitious vessels.

Egyptians, Scandinavian and Celtic boat builders in the Bronze and Iron Ages adapted and extended dugouts with extra planking to form the foundations of much larger boats.

The Chinese used the principles and the dugout boat to make immensely rigid and strong sailing vessels such as the junk that is still familiar today.

Around 5000BC Mesopotamian traders built sophisticated trading ships from bundles of reeds and wooden ships were known to ply the Nile around 5500BC.

As well as keeping the economy going, the ships of ancient Egypt had immense symbolic value. Rich noblemen or merchants were sometimes buries complete with the ships, which were thought to take them into the next world.

Metalwork - 4500BC Egypt.

The Stone Age ended around 8000BC when Neolithic man first profited from his discovery that some stones did not chip or flake when worked but due to their softness distorted and carried an edge.

These stones were nuggets of copper. Humeral into sheets they could be used to make tools, jewellery and arrowheads or beaten into rock cavities they could be made to form a shape.

At about the same time men discovered a material that retained a superior edge to copper this was meteorite iron, which Egyptian called "black copper from heaven".

For around 3000 years men made do with this erode use of raw metal nuggets. But in about 5000BC three discoveries heralded the true beginning of the metallic age.

The first was that lumps of virgin copper and iron would melt in a fire and could be cast into shapes by pouring the liquid into moulds.

The second was that pure metal could be extracted from the ore of smelting.

The third discovery was that when copper and tin were melted together a new material was created that had all the advantages of copper with few of the disadvantages. It could be hammered to a sharper edge and poured into moulds and it triggered a new age in manly development the Bronze Age.

The ease with which bronze could be worked meant its impact was widespread. The short dagger used for stabbing grew into a long implement for slashing. The fish hook was transformed from a thick bone into something thin and barbed. Plates, nails, rivets and tweezers were invented.

Early Bronze Age cultures travelled in search of ore, spreading the use of bronze from Egypt in 4500BC and arriving in northern Europe by 1800BC, by which time its heyday was almost over.

Man had by now discovered a way of extracting iron from its ore to make wrought iron. The process required a reducing atmosphere (a continuous blast of hot air at a high temperature) and brute force to beat out most of the ore's impurities.

Iron revolutionised metalwork. The next stage was to add carbon to iron to give it a steel edge. With this harder and less easily corroded material, an ingrind of new tougher tools were made that could clear forests and cultivate previously unworkable land.

Swimming Pool - 2500BC Egypt.

There is archaeological evidence of recreational swimming pools being built as far back as 2500BC in Egypt. The Assyrians, Romans and the Etruscans also constructed pools and learning how to swim was part of the Roman material tradition and an important part of elementary education.

Gaius Maccenas designed and built the earliest heated pool in the 1st Century BC using hypocaust flues. These terracotta blocks were part of a central heating system that channelled warm air from heating furnaces.

Ink - 2500BC Egypt and China.

The rise of civilisation itself owes much to the invention of ink, which had played a crucial role in the spread of ideas, the process that underpins so much of human achievement. The first inks were developed around 2500BC in ancient Egypt and China and were made from lampblack, fine black soot, ground up with glue or gums.

Now 4500 years later the ascendancy of ink is a means of conveying icles is being seriously challenged with the advent of electronic documents, e-mail and the World Wide Web.

Robert Young

Personal Profile - Editors of BiT.

Michael Towler (1961-66)



What are you doing now? I am still working and cannot wait for my retirement in July this year after working with the same firm for over 47 years

Any family news? Holidays recently? My wife Astrid and I have two children, Amanda and Karen. Amanda is married and has two children of her own. Karen lives in Cyprus as a Thomson Holiday Rep. Been on holidays in Turkey, Majorca, Sharm El Sheikh because Karen works and lives. We are going to Cyprus again in July this year.

Do you have particular memories of the school and life there? Great! Too many to say but Sports was the main thing.

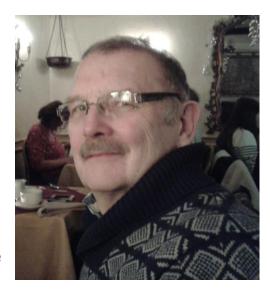
Any interesting stories to relate? Ghost story at school on every Oct 24th. Leaving school on last day. Rolls Rovce taxi ride from Walton on Thames to school.

Are you coming to the Grand reunion in 2015? Definitely, I would not miss it.

Do you have any old photographs that were taken at BPS/NH? Already in BPS Archive.

Are there any Old Burwoodians that you have missed seeing since the school days? Ian Burchett and Trevor Ivens, have not seen them since 1966.

Who are the Old Burwoodians that you are seeing regularly? Too many to say, but mostly see mates like R Gibbins, R Taylor, S Healy, D Richardson and Yorkshire buddies, also at Rugby venues (Both Codes).



Ronald Gibbins (1961-1966)



What are you doing now? I am now retired and have been since 2009, my wife and I love to travel around Britain. I am looking for more history on BPS and OBA – I am sure there are some somewhere and OBA needs to have it!!!!

Any plans for the future? I am going to step down as OBA Secretary after Bristol Reunion in 2015. It is time for me to move over and allow a younger member who can keep OBA rolling for many more years. I have really enjoyed doing the job so far. I am very willing to help with OBA after stepping down. I will be making an important speech at Bristol Reunion Dinner, about the future of OBA. I will be spending more time travelling and spending time with friends.

Any family news? My wife Pauline and I have two children, Martin and Michelle. Martin is married to Sarah and they have two children of their own, Grace, 8 and Joshua, 5.

Holidays recently? I often go out with the Taylors and the Towlers for weekends around Britain. Last May we went to Cumbria with the Taylors and last June Pauline and I went to Edinburgh for a long weekend; went to Bath for Christmas Festival last December for weekend with Taylors and Towlers.

Do you have any questions you would like to ask? I would like to see OBA to keep going for many more years and there are many young members and ex pupils around Britain that who could do the job. Perhaps someone could give better ideas. Who will become the next OBA Secretary at General Meeting in Bristol 2015?

Are you coming to the Grand reunion in 2015? How can I refuse to go, I must not miss the reunions! Do you even need to ask this question!?! (It was me that put that question on the personal profile!!!)



Are there any Old Burwoodians that you have missed seeing since the school days? I meet all with my class (1961) yearly and also some from class 1962. There are only a few that I miss.

Who are the Old Burwoodians that you are seeing regularly? Robert Taylor, Michael Towler, Stuart Healy and every year we have a gathering of Class 1961/62.

Old Boys News

Michael Ovett

Michael Ovett attended Burwood Park School in 1963.

He emigrated to Australia in around 1970, living in the Brisbane area.

He has 10 grandchildren.

Hope to have more news from him.



At the Party



Anthony Wilson, Ronald Gibbins, Michael Towler, Robert Taylor, Raymond Lee At Sidcup Party (Feb 2014)

Selfie photo of **D Jones** (right) and **G Sanders** at Millennium Stadium, Cardiff watching Rugby Home Nations Match between Wales and Scotland on March 15th 2014.

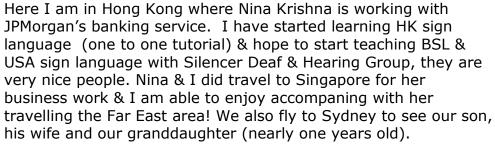
In future hope OBA will arrange a mini reunion in 2015 to watch Home Nation Rugby Match, Wales v. England at Millennium on Friday February 6th (8.05pm) or England v. France at Twickenham on Saturday March 21st (5pm)

Why not? Join the fun! Who will do it?



Arun Krishna living in Hong Kong









Amy, HK interpreter, teaches me HK sign language!





Silencer group of deaf & hearing group

Edward Stevens (044B) - November 1944 - February 2014



We regret that Edward Stevens (BPS 1957-1962) passed away at the age of 69 on 16th February 2014.

The funeral, which took place on February 25th, was a private one.

Obituary

The Boar 1963 – "On June 2nd 1962 E Stevens found a jackdaw which he kept and tamed". As I remember he cared and nursed the jackdaw by giving it some food and drink in a bicycle shed. The food and drink came from school food. After a long caring, jackdaw was released.

Ron Gibbins

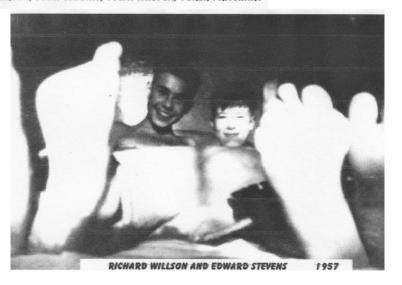
After school, I met Edward twice, around 1972 and around 1989. I know he has two children, a boy and a girl and his former partner is Jackie. In 1989, he was living in Galishield in South Scotland. Last year, I learnt, his life was deteriorating and was confined to the wheelchair.



GORDON BURGE. KEITH WILLIAMS. RICHARD WILLSON, EDWARD STEVENS, DAVID LUSHER, PETER HANDY allan Sharp, andrew lethbridge, John Pearson, John Gibbins, Colyn Walden, Derek Pritchard



IAN BURCHETT, ALAN COOK, EDWARD STEVENS, RICHARD NEWNHAM, ROBERT HARTLEY, CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS, DAVID LEWIS AND CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS.



From the Boar Weekly No. 73 – June 23rd 1962

The Jackdaw.

E? Stevens found a jackdaw some time ago, and it has now become very tame. Here is something which Mr. Barker saw happen to it: -

A very small baby starling accidentally got into the jackdaw's compound, and with much screeching opened its beak and asked for food. The jackdaw, which was, of course, much bigger than the tiny starling, was taken by surprise - and pecked the starling. The baby starling, hurt, ran away and called for mother. Both mother and father appeared and attacked the large jackdaw -

which ran away and hid under the bushes! Mr. Barker.

George Watson applied for a job at Burwood Park School

Heater Hill, Guildford

and Aug 1957. Survey.

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+ address has been given me
by he! Grifiths (hords) regarding
a coach groundsman's position
at a school for boys.

I am at prount cricket coach
at Crawleigh School, rwish to
obtain a position warranting
employment all the year.

Hove had a great deal of
experience on grounds a sports
fields, and hold the Advanced
loaching certificate (McC) for cricket

Educated at Shrwsbury
and obtained 2 England applied
for coccet.

Played 1st class cricket for Kent
and heicester for 20 years.

Age 47.

Can forward references upon
request, awould appreciate
details of the vacant pack at
yout earliest convenience
I can be available at
any time to suit you.

List fully,

Clorge S. Watton

3rd September 1957.

W.E.Wood, Esq.B.Sc Burwood Park School Walton on Thames. Surrey.

Dear Mr. Wood.

I interviewed today a Mr. George S.Wateon who had been recommended to me by the Assistant Secretary at Lords as a Groundsman/Games Coach. I would, of course, have had you present to see him but as you are away for a few days and I have to go away again, I thought I would at least have a preliminary interview with him.

I think he is a good type. He was educated at Shrewsbury; played 1st class cricket for Kent and Leicester, and has two international caps for soccer. He understands the maintenance of a sports ground and is at present employed as cricket coach at Cranleigh. He lives in Guildford and I understand is more or less free to take up an appointment this term.

I expect to be back from Italy by the I5th September. Would it be convenient for you to see Mr. Watson on say, the 16th September? If you would let my office know in my absence they will arrange for him to go to the School and I should be pleased to be with you when you see him.

W.E.Wood, Esq. B.Sc., Burwood Park School, Walton on Thames. Surrey.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th September. I am glad that you have written and engaged Mr. Watson. Today I have heard from his old school; they give him an extremely good write-up so he should prove suitable. My only fear is that he may find the job a little small and that it does not present him with enough scope.

Yours sincerely,

Cricket Equipment

7th Ootober.1957.

Dear Mr. Harding

Burwood Park School.

Thank you for your letter of the 1st October. I am sure that the Managers will be very pleased to accept the gift of the Slip Catching Cradle by the Association and I will certainly tell Lady Patricia of the Association's offer when she returns to this country next month.

We can, of course, easily arrange for it to be paid for out of your funds that we hold, but presumably I should defer doing this until after the next meeting of the Managers when I expect your offer will be formally accepted.

Yours sincerely,

SLIP CATCHING CRADLE

(Similar Cricket Equipment At Burwood Park School)



PAST REUNIONS



BLACKPOOL REUNION 1995



KENILWORTH REUNION 2001



WOKING REUNION 2005



EDINBURGH REUNION 2010



YORK MINI REUNION 2013



NEXT is BRISTOL REUNION - Sept 18th - 20th 2015





Full Details & Deposit Form See next page.

OBA GRAND REUNION 2015

We are thrilled that Old Burwoodian Association has booked a place for our OBA Grand Reunion 2015 on September 18th/20th 2015. It will be all in one place which is a weekend stay at the Hotel. The name of Hotel is **Thistle Bristol City Centre, The Grand**, Broad Street, Bristol BS1 2EL. It is about 20 minutes walk from Bristol Temple Mead Railway Station.

The Reunion Dinner will be held in Wessex Suite which have a capacity of up to 250 diners and have two bars, one inside the suite and one outside the suite.

As agreed with the Committees, the ticket for the Reunion Dinner will be £45 per person, up to two tickets per member. It will be a first come first served basis. You must be an existing member of OBA, so hurry! There will guests of honour and a presentation for this OBA Grand Reunion 2015.

For those travelling to the hotel by car there is parking available both on-site and at the nearby NCP car park. On-site car parking is chargeable for overnight stay at £8 per night until 12pm the following day. Please be advised there is a height restriction at the hotel car park of 1.9m.

ACCOMODATION AT THE GRAND HOTEL

The hotel has 182 bedrooms with en-suite. All prices below including Breakfast. 2 nights Stay - £89 per room per night for single, £99 per room per night for double. 1 night Stay - £95 per room per night for single, £109 per room per night for double.

| Two Tickets and 2 nights (Double/Twin) | £288 |
|--|------|
| One ticket and 2 nights (Single) | £223 |
| Two Tickets and 1 night (Double/Twin) | £199 |
| One Ticket and 1 night (Single) | £140 |

I have attached a standing order mandate form. I am sure it will help you to spread out your expenditure in the long term. I have estimated the costs for everyone so that you have a rough idea and hopefully this will meet with your requirements. There will be number of payments in total, **up to or before June 30**th **2015**.

<u>Instalments up to or before June 30th 2015</u> @ £15 per month or your choice

At the end of June 2015 we will know the exact cost for the ticket and room at the hotel, and we will inform you whether the total amount is in surplus or not. The difference of the amount will be refunded or adjusted to meet the right amount.

Should you wish not to have a Standing Order, you are welcome to put down a deposit and pay the full amount before **June 30th 2015**. We will need a deposit for ticket of **£20 per person** or a deposit for accommodation and ticket of **£50 per person** if desired. We will refund the full amount should you wish to cancel providing it is before **June 30th 2015**.

Deposit required. (Payable to OBA Grand Reunion)

Accommodation and Ticket **£50 per person** (two tickets per member)

Ticket only **£20 per person** (two tickets per member)

IMPORTANT: - In the Standing Order mandate form, your bank account details are required, along with your signature and date. The form is to be handed in or posted to your bank, not to me. And to remind you the last installments should end by June 30th 2015, so you should inform your bank. It could be before if we give you the details about the total cost.

<u>DEPOSIT FORM - BRISTOL GRAND REUNION - Sept 18th/20th 2015</u> Member with partner/friend

Accommodation and Ticket - <u>£50 per person</u> (two tickets per member)

Ticket only - <u>£20 per person</u> (two tickets per member)

| Please reserve | "Bristol Grand Reunion 2015" ticket(s). |
|--|---|
| Please reserve a (sin | gle/ twin / double) room at hotel for night(s). |
| Name | Partner / friend |
| Address | |
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| Form and cheque sh | for the amount indicated above, payable to OBA's GRAND REUNION. ould be forwarded to R.Gibbins 27 Mahon Close, Enfield, EN1 4DG. ask any questions, I will be happy to help. Thank You. Ron Gibbins |
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