Editorial

This has been a challenging and rewarding year in which to Edit ‘Bootham’. As usual there have been many newsworthy events in and around the school and nothing has stood still. Some much loved Bootham people have left us for retirement or to move on to other employment. We have suffered a double tragedy with the loss of two very young ‘Old Scholars’, Ed De Nunzio and Robert Atkinson. The school is one body, as the Head Reeves reminded us in their speech this summer, and we all share in the joys and pains that are woven so fine through the life of Bootham. We send our sincerest condolences to their families and friends.

We have seen another generation of Leavers go on to take up their roles in adult life and we have welcomed many newcomers whose energy and enthusiasm will invigorate us all.

It has been wonderful to hear of the achievements of many of our former members, from becoming Cabinet Secretary to swimming the Channel. Please remember however that we love to hear from any one of you, and you don’t have to have set the world on fire! Just knowing that you remember us and maybe want to get in touch with old friends is a real pleasure. Please write, phone or send an e-mail to oldscholars@boothamschool.com

I would like to thank David Robinson for his help with searching out Archive material, in particular on Penn House, Michael Allen for his article on Jeremy Heywood, the BOSA officers for their reports and all of the Old Scholars and friends of the school who send in contributions and photographs. Within school I would like to thank all those members of Staff and students who have supplied me with reports and material that enable me to create for our readers a picture of some of the many aspects of life that make the one body of Bootham such a vibrant being!

Sarah Sheils,
Bootham, November 2011
Welcome to another edition of ‘Bootham’. It contains plenty of interesting material, from long lost old scholars to channel swimmers and long distance cyclists, a Cabinet Secretary, and celebrated poets and artists – usual ‘Bootham’ fare in other words! I hope you enjoy reading it.

Do remember that each edition depends on contributions from readers such as you. Your news is always welcome, so please keep in touch with the school and the Old Scholars’ Association through the coming year.

Colin Henderson, President of BOSA 2010-2012
Since June 2011 there has been building in progress at Bootham. The tennis courts have been consolidated in one location; the groundsman’s shed has been relocated to the end of the field; a new building – to be called, perhaps, Portland Lodge – has appeared at the Portland Street entrance to accommodate porters and security staff. The School Reception and associated offices have been remodelled and cheerfully and tastefully redecorated.

These are the beginnings of a lengthy project to make the school site more attractive for student and pedestrian use, and to improve facilities in several subject areas which have been short of space for many years. New pedestrian entrances at Portland Street and directly from Union Terrace car park at the end of the school field will reduce the need for car traffic on site, and ease congestion in Gillygate and Portland Street. Portland Lodge will receive deliveries, and vans which currently drive across the site to Reception will be able to offload just inside the entrance, and retrace their route. There will be some reduction in on-site parking: the initial response of staff and our parents has been generally positive, and though there will continue to be some collective working-out of the best solutions for our city-centre site, we are convinced that our priority should go to educational, student-centred uses.

Next summer, work will begin on the centre-piece: a new building for art, music and performance, incorporating the current music school (itself an addition to what was built as a gardener’s cottage in the 19th century) and lying to the east of the school hall. There will be teaching rooms for both subjects, meeting the needs of individual music tuition and an expanded art curriculum, generous display and exhibition space, and a hundred-seat auditorium. This flexible space, with recording facilities and retractable seating, will be used for drama, musical events, talks, and teaching purposes by any department in the school. Its capacity is usefully between that of the Recital Room (about 40 seats) and the main hall (c. 450). The building will be a distinctive and characterful companion or counter-poise to the 60s exposed concrete brutalism of the hall. It will also be demonstrably ‘sustainable’ in its credentials: a sedum roof, echoing that already seen on Portland Lodge; photovoltaic cells; passive heating and ventilation; and we are planning for no overall increase in the school’s energy consumption when all our new buildings are completed.

The music, art and performance building should be completed by the autumn of 2013. The drama department will then occupy space currently used by art, which will also furnish us with a dance studio; the present drama studio – once the fives court – will become a science lab dedicated to longer-term research experiments by members of College. After that, our attention will turn to a new fitness suite and other improvements for sport at Bootham.

Other areas which are in considerable need of improvement are design and technology and the areas nearby, which are currently locker rooms and student toilets. These are difficult spaces to manage, being low-ceilinged and devoid of outside light; we hope to bring about some improvements here both to the students’ social spaces, and to dedicated teaching spaces for design and technology.

Beyond that, I think we shouldn’t speculate any further: our plans are driven by needs which are not hard to discern, but they are also flexible enough to allow for changes brought about by new educational priorities or financial constraints. We reflect each day on the wonderful buildings we currently use, which have often been funded by generous gifts from Old Scholars, parents and friends of the school, and we feel a common wish to hand down to the next generation of teachers and students a similar bequest: good-quality, interesting buildings which facilitate excellent teaching and learning, and also lift the spirit. In a similar fashion, the landscape of the school grounds, which has surreptitiously been taken over by tarmac and car-parking, will, we hope, offer space for recreation and reflection rather more effectively than it does now.

Jonathan Taylor

Above: Jonathan Taylor with Sheila and Victor Watson. Below: Stuart Wakefield, Development Manager, displays the Bootham Junior School York Design Award.
Clockwise from top: New climbing frame, Elliott Bussell and Joey Howard enjoying their first year at Cambridge, the refurbished Reception with reinstated glass roof panels, relay race and visit to Auschwitz.
D: Good morning. We’d like to start today with Bootham school’s motto.
L: Membra Sumus Corporis Magni. We are all members of one large body.
D: Every year this large body and the people that are at its heart continue to evolve, as we refurbish and renew.
L: Aesthetically, the body that is Bootham continues to undergo cosmetic surgery. Something all passers by will have noticed is the school’s façade on Bootham. The once seemingly disconnected town houses along the street have been given a well-earned re-paint - you can’t miss the blue doors that have restored the unity of the buildings.

D: Inside, the refurbishment continues. Number 51, Bootham, has been rejuvenated, with the History department now residing there.
D: Bootham’s growing body is also being kept in check much more efficiently, with the introduction of electronic registration. This has been closely followed with a virtual ‘parents’ portal’ for concerned mums and dads wanting to get a better idea of what their children really get up to.
L: Whilst taking care that this monitoring doesn’t reach Orwellian heights, the initiative has ended up being extremely successful and popular.
D: With the parents, at least!
L: JT is now also modernizing the staff, not just the buildings.
D: He’s dragging the Senior management team into the twenty first century, having armed them all with ‘Blackberries’, or, as Graham Ralph calls them, ‘Blueberries’.
L: Bootham’s academic departments are also managing to keep ahead of the times, all pursuing new, cutting edge ideas. Simon Benson, Head of
Bootham’s Drama department, epitomises this, with a wealth of innovative ideas, superb creativity and suitably, for ‘Bootham’, a certain... ‘unconventional’... nature.

D: This creativity first emerged with last year’s promenade performance of ‘Timon of Athens’. However, making the audience wander around the campus following the financial, emotional and philosophical meltdown of College student James Digby wasn’t enough for Simon.

L: In the Autumn Term, he and Joan Attwell chose to combine two plays, ‘My name is Rachel Corrie’ and ‘The Passion of the Christ’ to create a thought-provoking and show-stopping performance.

D: But last term’s Shakespearean feast topped it all, complete with diligent waiters, mead goblets and papier-mache hogsheads in tow.

L: Not to mention the in-house entertainment of not one but three of Shakespeare’s plays. It was difficult not to be impressed by the panache of all the staff and students involved.

But Bootham’s creativity and imagination goes beyond the Drama Department.

The creative side of students shone through in the Christmas Cabaret. Presented by the side-splitting combination of Ben Wright and Joe Rodgers, the evening was characterized by endless laughter and jokes.

L: The calendar has, as always, been filled with sports fixtures for all year groups, with the Under 15 basketball team performing particularly well, winning the York and District and North Yorkshire finals, as well as getting into the last 16 in the Nationals.

D: This proves that Bootham is capable of competing well against much larger schools than ourselves.

L: Talking of notable achievements, the energy and ability of Bootham has been subject to more regular viewings by the public this year. The schedule of events in the Recital Room has attracted Thursday lunchtime audiences from local people and Bootham alike and has encompassed everything, ranging from mathematical fractals, courtesy of James Ratcliffe, to talented student musicians.
D: These talented musicians have ensured that music at Bootham this year has been exceptional. Notable events included the Spring Concert, and the Chamber Choir’s rendition of ‘Surfer Girl’, arranged by Head of Music Paul Feehan for the Recital Room. It proved so popular that the performance had to relocate to the Hall, testament to the Choir’s popularity and to Jane Peak’s hard work in promoting the Recital Room as a venue.

L: The choir also participated in the York schools’ performance in the Minster, raising money for Homestart.

L: On the subject of charity events, Bootham students continue to raise money in furious fashion, with ‘Catwalk for Cape Town’ proving to be a celebration of design, style and impressive organization thanks largely to Georgie Coupe and the rest of the Charities’ team.

D: The school’s Amnesty group has been equally active this year, selling cakes, hosting a Valentine’s Disco as well as a Charity Film Night.

L: All night, that is.

D: This meant a long period of supervision for the staff, for which I know Amnesty are very grateful.

L: Between the various charity groups, there has been a lot of ‘friendly’ competition about who’s raising the most money.

Bootham students were fortunate enough to attend the Question Time school special in Harrogate this year. Other school trips have included a History excursion to Berlin and Krakow, a Classics trip to Rome, and the epic Football tour to California in the summer, an experience that the boys fortunate enough to go on continue to rave about. We must celebrate the diverse range of trips far and wide on offer to students here. (Just don’t tell B.E.A.S.T.)

D: Whilst the boys were in California, Biology took a trip to South Africa, (conveniently organized to coincide with the World Cup).

But sadly this year, we must say goodbye to the trip’s organizer, Head of Biology, Phil Price.

As well as organizing an unforgettable trip in the summer, he has made a name for himself as chief photographer, documenting all the events around school.
L: His friendliness towards all the students and staff will be greatly missed and we wish him the best of luck at his new school.

We will also be saying goodbye Colin Raper. This is a monumental loss to the school as he has served for 39 years here. His kindness, belief in his students and determination to give every one of them a nickname will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

D: We must also thank the resident graduates for their hard work and commitment during their time at the School. Dom and John have been involved in boys' sport this year, whilst Daniel from Sweden has helped to stimulate the more 'philosophical' sort. Meike has been a welcome addition to the German department, Fran Piddleston, our 'super-grad', will be particularly missed. Having already served one year at Bootham in monumental style, she quickly achieved Goddess status for her enthusiasm, versatility and sustained willingness to get stuck in for a second year.

L: It has been a pleasure to welcome new Heads of Department David Swales, Art, and Tracy Morley, Religious Studies. They have slipped into their roles with impressive ease and are already a well-established part of the Bootham body.

D: Although we say goodbye to old and hello to new, we have no doubt that the large body that is Bootham stays fundamentally the same, with its spirit and principles remaining at its core. Key to the school's spirit is the teamwork of those in the community, working together as members of the body.

L: On that note, Dom and I would like to thank the members of our own team: our deputies, Xavier Edmonds-Allen and Sandy Chan, for all their hard work this year.

D: As a team we would also like to thank Jonathan Taylor and Graham Ralph for guiding and humouring us in all our endeavors as Reeves; you are not only teachers to us, but friends. Sincerest thanks go to all the teachers we worked with this year, and of course the rest of College 2 – thanks for all the help with lunch duties, discos, the Cabaret and for sitting through all those meetings.

A big well done must also go to Belinda Yeldon for her great work as Clerk of the School Council.

L: While we're here – Congratulations to the new Head Reeves for next year: Owen Duffey, Livvy Hildreth, George Winfield and Katie Pooley.

D: On a final note, although we've enjoyed our job this year, there's someone whose life deserves far more recognition than we do.

L: Ed de Nunzio's tutor, Graham Ralph, celebrated his outstanding contribution and zest for life better than any silence ever could: with applause. Applause that proved contagious, just like him. So now, we wish to dedicate any applause you might have for us to Edward De Nunzio, who led a life well lived.
Geography

On our College I Snowdonia field trip, students carried out a traditional river study on the upper course of the River Conwy, investigated the urban environs of Llandudno and observed first-hand both the upland erosional glacial landforms and the lowland glacial deposits that north Wales has to offer.

Lower Senior visited Blencathra in May for their field work and studied Keswick and Catbells collecting data for their GCSE field work. Lower School Rooms enjoyed a day trip to Skipwith Common and the Wolds between Huggate and Fridaythorpe.

The York and District Branch of Geographical Association at Bootham has hosted excellent guest speakers covering the eruption of the Eyjafjallajokull volcano in Iceland, flooding in Bangladesh, water management techniques in Tunisia and sustainable development.

In December, John Smith, Principal Examiner for AQA spoke with A-level Geography students from all over York about how to tackle the Issue Evaluation examination.

Liz Brown, Head of Geography

BEAST

Bootham’s Environmental and Sustainability Team

BEAST has been around for almost seven years and works hard to promote environmental action around school. Bootham already has the green flag which shows our dedication to the cause.

Over the last few years BEAST has made an incredibly valuable contribution in improving Bootham’s environmental awareness. Some of our achievements include:

Carbon Offsetting

Last year, thanks to our bursar, Bootham managed to offset all of our school trips-making them carbon neutral. This was done by investing in worthwhile projects around the world.

The Zero Landfill policy

We now send all our waste from black bins to a company in Leeds which sorts and recycles everything we give them. This not only makes it easier for students and staff alike but also saves us thousands of pounds each year. Any other waste including food and cardboard is recycled internally.

Globe Day

Over the past years BEAST has organised hugely successful Globe Days. From Mark Robinson’s infamous “Dangerous Game” -where the losers are forced to eat cabbage at lunch- to using our compost bins as drums, there was a vast multitude of activities for all ages to enjoy!

Not only was this a fantastic day but students were given a whole new perspective on their planet and the problems we face. Be ready for more environmental excitement in a third Globe Day coming up next summer!

Liz Brown, Head of Geography

Green Flag

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Comments or ideas can be put into the suggestions box on the Bootham Council board.

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Maths and burger challenges

The saga of the Bootham School Senior Team Maths Challenge started in November 2010. A team consisting of the two Christophers of the Bootham maths world (Chris Hall and Chris Ellery), Yolanda Wang and Owen Duffey took part in the regional qualifying round. The team not only managed to answer the complex questions but Chris Hall found time to finish his economics homework between rounds. Nevertheless, after the euphoria of qualification, we soon realised that we would need to up our game for the finals in London.

Soon, it was time for the first round: the poster competition. Back in York we had already been researching our topic. Our topic was cycloids, an area of maths so exotic that it was new even to the likes of Anne Whittle. That did not stop her and the rest of the maths teachers helping our cause though. The maths department had even blown a large portion of its budget on new art equipment for the poster. So, armed with glitter pen and coloured card, we began crafting the collective magnum opus of our Bootham School careers. Only when the results were announced that afternoon would we find out that we had just created the 2nd best cycloid poster in Britain. After lunch, the real competition began. The whistle blew and we began the first round – ten difficult and abstract maths questions. We did well, but with a couple of wrong answers we knew that our title charge had taken a blow. The cross number round was equally frustrating, but we posted another respectable score. Then during the break something happened to bring fear into our hearts. We had spotted someone through the haze created by too many teenage mathematicians in a room at one time... Kelvin Wong.

Kelvin Wong, for those who don’t know, was a former Bootham pupil who made even Einstein look like he needed to rethink whether Maths was really for him. The final round was what we were best at – speed, teamwork and a steely nerve.

We had ended on a high but with such tough competition in the main Maths rounds we did not finish in the top three. However, our artistic skills had not gone to waste and we were pleased with our second place finish in the poster competition.

Our day of excitement was not over yet. A meal at Burger King awaited us. Unfortunately James had overlooked the fact that most mathematicians are not accustomed to the Burger King menu and we would take an exceedingly long time to order, infuriating the Burger King employees in the process.

It is difficult to describe the UK Maths Team Challenge final experience in words. We had represented the school, our Mathematical ability had improved, we were brought closer together as a team and we had all become better people.

Chris Ellery and Owen Duffey

Volunteering

This year has seen an increased number of students participate in some type of voluntary work, with new links with charities such as the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, St Nicholas Fields and SNAPPY allowing students in Lower and Upper Senior to become involved alongside College students.

Similarly, students in College have continued to give their time to a range of worthy causes, ranging from the hosting of quiz sessions at the Arclight Centre to running poetry sessions for adults with learning difficulties at the Salvation Army.

The contributions of Bootham students were recognised at an awards ceremony in July, where six Bootham students were presented with certificates by the Lord Mayor of York in recognition of their voluntary work.

If there are any charities or organisations that would like to set up links with the school, then please get in contact with Robert Hudson or Sarah Allen.

York Youth Council

This year has seen Bootham appoint its first two members to the York Youth Council (Flora Bowen from Middle Schoolroom and Joe Walker from Upper Schoolroom).

The Youth Council are a group of young people from schools and youth groups across the city who represent the voice of young people in York. Joe and Flora will be attending monthly meetings in the Guildhall where they will be discussing issues of direct concern to children in York.
Music 2010-2011

Grand Christmas Concert
Carols by Candlelight
Organised by Richard Burton on behalf of the Bootham School Association

Christmas Meeting
Norton (January)
Chamber Choir sang at Charlotte Levesley’s mum’s wedding

Lunch time recital (January)
Zoe Carl, Jeremy Freeman, Oliver Baily: ‘Cello, Trumpet, Violin

Lunch time recital (February)
Chamber Choir – so many attended, we moved to the Hall

Homestart Concert (February)
Chamber Choir and the Junior School participated in this charity concert in York Minster

The Darkening Green Project (February)
Lower Senior students and Bootham Junior School students participating in a composition at York university

Lunch time recital (March)
Nina Anderson, Guylaine Eckersley, Kevin Luk: Clarinet, Bassoon, Flute, Saxophone. Owen Duffey

Funeral (March)
Ed de Nunzio at the Minster – Chamber Choir

Spring Concert (March)
Bootham School String Quartet

Leavers’ Concert (July)
Jamie McKendrick

Jamie McKendrick, poet and Bootham Old Scholar (1968-70), talking to Michael and Val Allen after his poetry reading in the Recital Room last March.

Jamie had only visited the school once since he left, but remembered many staff and former pupils, including Jonathan, also known as “Alfie” Tennyson. In 1997 Jamie won the Forward Prize for poetry with his collection ‘The Marble Fly’.

In a recent Guardian Newspaper article Kate Clanchy said of his work “The poems have diffident openings, self deprecating endings, and, in the middle, tidal waves and centuries of violence. Somehow, the objects, and the poet, survive the disaster and carry on existing, modestly surprised.

This is a book like a cabinet of curiosities, one with fold out shelves and a battered exterior. The agave plant and banana boat bristle from its pages as cleanly as they ever did, but you can’t buy the actual blue and black book with its modest, dated fly image any more. I cherish mine.”
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Bootham School Association

It has once again been a very busy year for the BSA. We have continued to welcome families to more Coffee and Croissant sessions than ever before and they continue to thrive. These occasions have also been used to inform parents of the new building plans, canvass their opinion and explain the great changes that will take place in school over the next five years.

The Book Club has continued to meet on a regular basis reading classics to modern prize winning literature and discussing over coffee and biscuits in the Committee Room. This group always welcomes new parents, a bookmark can be collected from Reception listing forthcoming books and the dates. Just turn up!

Our Daffodil Dance in March was a joint venture with some Junior School Parents and was a wonderful evening. The Mediaeval theme was a great feature. It is hoped to repeat this event in the Spring of 2012, look out for details on the school website.

Our Leavers’ Ball in June was our largest ever and a great time was had by all (photo above). It takes some careful planning with the help of the Head Reeves. Plans are already in place for the 2012 ball.

We had our very first Beekeeping Talk with Parent David Bough giving us the most interesting talk about the life of honey bees. Next spring it is planned to have a more ‘interactive’ demonstration by going on site to some of David’s hives and ‘suiting up’ for a live demonstration.

November saw the new committee installed. Their first event was the increasingly popular Family Quiz with Pie and Pea Supper; followed by the Super Duper Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th. Our school label Christmas Puddings have continued to be popular, raising money for the School Trust!

The Carols by Candlelight always ends the term on a nice note. Don’t forget to check out the BSA pages on the school website for updates on our events as well as our contact information should you need to contact the BSA with any queries, we’d be only to happy to help.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Louise Lewis.

New students

AUTUMN TERM 2010

Lower Schoolroom
Annabel Burton
Lower Senior
Lizzy Exall

SPRING TERM 2011

Middle Schoolroom
Marcus Cole
Oliver Morley

SUMMER TERM 2011

Middle Schoolroom
Tom Jamieson
Tom Thornton
Upper Schoolroom
Alexander Blott
Daniel Doherty
Sylvin Hung

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Lower Schoolroom
Zeren Atacogu
Zoe Bagley
Emily Ball
Dominic Bielby
Megan Campbell
Jack Catchpole
George Cooper
Mariana Cox
Peter Dickie
Jack Farnworth
Rachel Gladwin
Bethany Glover
Eddie Greenhill
Andrew Harrer
James Haynes
Emma Hodgson
George Johnson
Ben Kelsall
Ross Kessel
Natalie Little
Hannah Long
Harvey Lyon
Rolf Marr
Jessie Meyer
Kelly Ng
Fraser Northing
Julia Ogilvy
Oliver Owen
Nicholas Pinnington
Olivia Plowman
Asa Pomeroy
Oscar Poon
Maddie Pope
Daniel Quinn
Imogen Schofield
Alistair Search
Sumiah Sinclair Shaw
Ben Smith
Morgan Smith
Eleanor Stainforth
Oliver Thow
Solly Tomlin-Kent
Edward Tomlinson
Matthew Valks
Daniel Walker
Joe Warn
Beatrice Watkins
Ben Welham
Susie West
Grace Whorley
Tom Widgery
Maria Winter
Louise Yorke

Middle Schoolroom
Owen Chan
Maya Gallagher-Coates
Theo Livingston
Frankie Lordan
Claudia May
Edgar Roberts

Upper Schoolroom
Tom Atherton
Tanya Djalili
Toby Holder Heyworth
Vikki Lai
Alex Liu
Maria Marshall
Sebastian Moederle-Lumb
Alex Noon
Tom O’Brien
Jamikorn Ratanawijit
Charlie Search
Nicholas Taylor
Charlii Thornton
Gaby Valks
Ada Wordsworth
David Yu

Lower Senior
Darius Cho
Jodie Furnass
Jake Greenhill
Millie Hanson
Jimmy He
Kathryn Hinton
Tobias Ho
Wing Lam
Alex Lambert
James Lambert
Pippa Lawton

College One
Giwa Aliyu
Abdul Bello
Natalie Cieslik
Archie Cross
Alexandra Hinton
Molly Houston
Youjeong Kim
Emily Knox
Michael Kwong
Andy Li
Charis Ma
Amy Major
Samir Mamedov
Grujica Mandic
Gemma Merrifield
Henry Pang
Toby Putnam
Fran Rankin
Charles Ren
Hennie Swiers
Humphrey Yuan
Junior Bootham
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Boys’ Sports 2010-2011

Football
All the age groups made excellent progress throughout the season, both in training and during games. The 1st XI had a busy fixture schedule and achieved some excellent results against tough opposition. The stand-out win of the season was an 8-0 victory against Ackworth School in which Nick Gunson scored a superb five goals. The team also managed a number of victories in the North Yorkshire league. All the age groups were very competitive in the York and District competitions with the U13 team gaining promotion to the top division. The same team also won a four-a-side tournament at Read School.

1st XI Football
Dom McGregor, George Winfield, Matty Roman, Owen Thomas, George Payne, James Aubrey, Simon Lambert, Joel Clarke, Jake Botterell, Dom Brooke, Tom Clarke, Robert Tetley, Owen Duffey, Charlie Featherstone, Lawrence Potter, Joe Rodgers, Nick Gunson, Allie Johnstone, Toby Joyson, Matt Williams

U16 Football
Tom Andrew, Matt Williams, Dom Box, Alex Curry, Max Fend, Alex Finch, Alex Goodfie, Solomon Lyon, Chris Piercy, George Welch, Cynus Yu, Mehrjai Zaman, Lewis Aubrey, Greg Harrison, Arthur Mymut, Jack Painter, Albert Exley

U15 Football

U14 Football
Eddie Hildreth, Tom Plowman, Sam Chamberlain, Sam Welsh, Tom Clarke, Nathanael Warwick, Will Dickens, James Heald, Dan Doherty, Oscar Massey, Alessandro Delrio, Arun Smith, Jamie Kessel, James Hindmarsh, Tom Hetherton, Jonah Tomlin-Kent, Hanjun Kim

U13 Football

U12 Football
Max Harris, Jamie Burrell, Sam Copp, Kane Curtis, Matthew Dunnill, Dominic Fairbrass, Ewan Morrice, James Murray, Tom Myers, James Nelson, Chris Pryer, Jamie Semmson, Jake Tod, James Widgery, Tom Williams, Jacob Stockings

Basketball
It was a fantastic season for Bootham basketball teams, with all the age groups competing well. The U13 team won their league in the District competition but just lost out in the play-off semi-final. The U14 team came third in the Shield finals. The U16 team won the York and District league to qualify for the County Finals. Unfortunately the team narrowly lost out in the final against Harrogate High. The U19 team once again competed well in the English schools competition and came fourth in the regional stages. Their best result was a 55-49 win against Bradford College. Two U12 teams came first and second in a local tournament and then a combined U12 team managed to also win the District tournament final. The Under 15 team proved to be the most successful team of the season. They won all their games in the York and District league and then followed this up with a win in the play-off final in a thrilling game against Boston Spa. The team went on to represent York in the County competition and beat Thirsk in the final to become North Yorkshire Champions. They followed this by beating Kings’ School, Pontefract in the regional stage of the English Schools Competition and reached the last 16 teams in the National competition. (photo page 8).

U12 Basketball
Ewan Morrice, Tom Myers, Tom Williams, Tom Nichols, James Nelson, Oliver McGregor, Kane Curtis, James Alderson-Edwards, Matthew Dunnill, Jacob Stockings

U13 Basketball

U14 Basketball
Ed Hildreth, James Heald, Alessandro Delrio, Brian Tang, Tony Pang, Luke Bussell, Nathan Popka, Ruairi Lewis, Jamie Mellors, Sam Chamberlain

U15 Basketball
Lewis Aubrey, Freddy Batchelor-Collins, Will Dawson-Pell, Charles Ireland, John Knowles, Yannis Koulocheris, Jack Painter, Chris Pang, Ryan Tutton, Kenneth Wong

U16 Basketball
Tom Andrew, Freddy Batchelor-Collins, Kevin Cheung, Perry Choi, Max Fend, Jeffrey Lam, Henry McGregor, Chris Piercy, Benedict Tang, Cyrus Yu

U19 Basketball
Ben Lam, Henry McGregor, Jeffrey Lam, Kevin Luk, Kevin Liu, Dom McGregor, Nathan Chan, Alvin Lam, Yang Niu, Cyrus Laing, Zeeshan Khan, Kenneth Cheung

Cricket
The boys competed well throughout the Summer term and produced some good results. The 1st XI had good wins against a St Peter’s XI and Pocklington. They also managed to beat a very competent Old Scholars team. Ed Gray and Nick Gunson batted extremely well in all matches and Captain Simon Lambert gained well deserved Yorkshire honours. The Under 15 team also picked up some good wins, especially against Hull Collegiate, Barlby and All Saints. A good number of boys benefited from coaching classes from ex county player Mark Lawson.

1st XI Cricket
Simon Lambert, Ed Gray, Josh Ramsay, Dom McGregor, James Atwell, George Featherstone, Robert Tetley, Xavier Edmonds Allen, Will Fletcher, Dom Brooke, Nick Gunson, George Payne, Laurence Potter

U15 Cricket
Jake Long, Dom Carass, Greg Harrison, Max McCartney, Ryan Tutton, Lewis Aubrey, George Baines, Arthur Mytum, Cain Richardson, Billy Rodgers, Freddy Batchelor-Collins

U14 Cricket
Oscar Massey, Tom Plowman, Elliot Long, Dan Doherty, Will Dickens, Sam Chamberlain, Nathanael Warwick, Alessandro Delrio, James Hindmarsh, Tom Hetherton, Ed Hildreth, Sam Welsh
Bootham started the game like a house on fire, fresh from the changing rooms they burst on to the pitch before gathering for an emotional last team talk. This had the desired effect as from the kick-off Bootham were rampant. A long goal kick spread panic amongst the disorientated Hull defence, who gave away a needless corner. Captain James Aubrey whipped in a fearsome delivery, which deceived the Hull defence, but not Simon Lambert, who rose majestically like a salmon and planted an unstoppable header into the roof of the net. He then wheeled away; arms spread wide, embracing his awe-struck team mates.

An inspirational half time team talk from footballing icon Andy Bell rallied Bootham. Five minutes into the second half Bootham grabbed a second goal. Simon Lambert dizzled the Hull Collegiate full back with a series of mesmerising step overs, before getting to the byline and fizzing an arrowed delivery across the face of goal to Nik Gunson, who darted to the front post and made a true, first time connection with his right foot to leave the Hull Goalkeeper utterly stranded.

The third goal was soon to follow. George Winfield ventured forward from defence, spraying a wonderful pass to the feet of speed merchant Owen Thomas, who took the ball into his path with a deft first touch. He whipped the ball into the box to find Simon Lambert whose shot rippled the back of the net. Hull forced Bootham back into their own half for periods of play. Dom Brooke covered every blade of the minimal amount of grass on the pitch, making tackles and breaking up the play. The defence was masterfully marshalled by centre back Joe Rodgers, and he was ably assisted by dominant full backs Jake Botterell and Charlie Featherstone, as well as the composed George Winfield. For all of Hull’s pressure they hardly tested goalkeeper, Dominic McGregor. When called upon he excellently defied the Hull striker with a brave diving save at his feet. He optimistically appealed for a penalty and was waved away instantaneously by George Trifan, in one of his only correct decisions of the day.

Then, in a quick counter attack, Nick Gunson and Simon Lambert once again linked up to devastating effect. Nik controlled the ball before turning on a sixpence and lifting it into the path of Simon Lambert, bringing it under his spell; he delicately chipped the ball over the languishing goalkeeper. Simon Lambert was again instrumental, going on a mazy dribble before being brutally chopped to the floor in the box. Yet again a decision from George Trifan resulted in a penalty for Bootham. James Aubrey calmly stepped up and took the penalty like a German, emphatically finding the back of the net.

Bootham continued to dominate until the final whistle to round off a brilliant overall display, the 5-0 result was thoroughly deserved. Thank you to all of the team, particularly those in College 2 who have represented the school not just for the First Eleven but throughout the years. Also a big thank you to George Trifan, Andy Bell and Ben Coxon, they are the best management team anyone could ask for.

Dominic Brooke and James Aubrey
Girls’ Sports 2010-2011

Hockey
1st XI
Milly Holman, Livvy Hildreth, Lucy Lewis, Lindsay Rose, Rachael Woolley, Sacha Quine, Rachael Webster, Katie Pooley, Belinda Yeldon, Megan Merrifield, Laura Jeffrey, Alanna Gibson, Anum Khan

Under 15
Chayter Aldred, Annie Evans, Anna Crook, Ellie Aspinall, Megan Eastwood, Gemma Hayward, Esha Young, Hannah Bartlett, Lottie May, Mimi Evagora-Campbell, Caitlin Thomas, Emma Medio,

Under 14
Ruby Charteris, Grace Morrison, Eve Nelson, Holly Haughton, Libby Winfield, Libby Winfield, Emily Bough, Maddie Cook, Hannah Houston, Maisie Northing, Ella Tierney, Emma Paul, Millie Gladwin

Under 13
Domenica Cox, Kishori Young, Lois Van der Voort, Holly Campbell, Nicole Langedijk, Catriona Evans, Skye Stockings, Charlotte Ellery, Sarah Woodmansey, Lily Monkman, Nancy Slater, Inez Clarke

Netball
Under 18
Rachael Woolley Lindsay Rose, Katie Pooley Charlotte Dean- Knight, Sacha Quine, Jess Jeans, Belinda Yeldon, Livvy Hildreth, Alanna Gibson

Under 14
Sally Foster, Gemma Hayward, Hannah Bartlett, Mimi Evagora- Campbell, Esha Young, Annie Evans, Caitlin Thomas, Lottie May, Megan Eastwood

Under 13
Francesca Summerbell- Moore, Eve Nelson, Helena Anderson, Ella Winfield, Maddie Cook, Alice McFarlane, Jessica Corner, Libby Winfield, Holly Haughton, Hannah Houston

Swimming
Under 18
Sophie Edmonds- Allen, Rachael Webster, Belinda Yeldon, Katie Pooley, Melissa Millson

Under 14
Eve Nelson, Ellen Denison, Emily Bough, Grace Morrison, Hannah Frew, Georgie Connew,

Under 13
Holly Campbell, Lily Monkman, Lucy Magson, Catriona Evans, Sarah Woodmansey, Sophie Brooke, Nicole Langedijk

Under 12
Flora Bowen, Emily Smith, Emma Gandy, Amelia Lawrence- Downs, Stephanie Loseby

Rounders
Under 15
Sally Foster, Annie Evans, Caitlin Thomas, Hannah Bartlett, Esha Young, Mimi Evagora- Campbell, Gemma Hayward, Emma Medio, Megan Eastwood, Ellie Aspinall, Josie Holman

Under 13
Kishori Young, Holly Campbell, Nicole Langedijk, Lois Van der Voort, Catriona Evans, Skye Stockings, Lily Monkman, Clem Hyde, Emma Charles-Wilson, Ellie Thow, Charlotte Ellery

Tennis
The Under 18 team :
Rachael Woolley, Lindsay Rose, Katie Pooley, Megan Merrifield, Milly Holman, Charlotte Dean- Knight

The Under 15 team :
Esha Young, Annie Evans, Josie Holman, Ellie Aspinall, Lottie May

The Under 14 team:
Holly Haughton, Libby Winfield, Ella Winfield, Eve Nelson, Francesca Summerbell- Moore

The Under 13 team :
Kishori Young, Catriona Evans, Nicole Langedijk, Emma Charles- Wilson, Skye Stockings

Congratulations to Frances Smith who won the lower schoolroom tennis championship.
Congratulations to...
The under 13 and under 14 rounders teams who both won the York and District tournaments for their age groups. These were the culmination of a successful season with all age groups winning about half of their matches.

Bootham had a bumper crop of winners at the City Athletics Championships. Third places were achieved by Arthur Mytum, Sam Chamberlain, Maisie Northing, Maddie Cook, Tom Preece, Mimi Evagora Campbell and Imogen Mann. The following were placed second: Gemma Hayward, Sam Chamberlain, Caitlin Thomas, Catriona Evans, Liam Langedijk, Oscar Massey and Jonah Tomlin- Kent. Congratulations to our winners: Kane Curtis, Mary Clark, Nicole Langedijk, Kishori Young and Annie Evans.

In netball, Alice McFarlane and Nicole Langedijk were chosen for the area netball satellite programme and Kishori Young was selected for the North Yorkshire County Netball Academy. These were fantastic achievements. The under 14 netball team were our most improved team and were runners up in their National Schools B tournament for the area. The under 15’s hosted a touring side from Abbey Gate College in January and finished the season winning half of their matches. The under 13’s were our most successful team this year winning five out of the last seven matches.

We had a good season on the hockey field. The 1st X1 won the majority of their matches, as did the under 15’s. Their most physical match turned out to be the one in the spring term against The Mount – who says that Quaker Schools are not competitive?

In the swimming pool, a special mention should go to the senior team who remain unbeaten all season.

In cross country, a small, but dedicated group of pupils ran in the Inter Schools Championships held in Beverley. Congratulations to Gemma Hayward (2nd), Mimi Evagora-Campbell (4th) and Mary Clark (5th) who collectively won the team event in their age group. A number of Bootham runners were also selected to represent York in the North Yorkshire Championships having finished in the top twenty in their respective age groups in the York and District Championships. They were James Nelson, Mary Clark, Anna Crooke, Mimi Evagora Campbell, and Gemma Hayward.

Congratulations to Mimi who came 14th and therefore, was selected to represent North Yorkshire. Many congratulations to James Nelson, Edward Hildreth, Sam Chamberlain, Eve Nelson and Belinda Yeldon who all came in the top 12 in their age group in the Schools Biathlon Competition held in November in Leeds. James came 4th and Belinda 3rd and qualified for the semi-final of the British Championships in January. James finished a creditable 25th, but Belinda having come 11th qualified to take part in the finals held at Crystal Palace at the end of March. This was an outstanding achievement.

And finally...
We enjoyed seeing the Old Scholars once again this year. The basketball, netball and football matches in March proved a great success. In fact, the OS football team had enough players for two whole teams! The OS netball team was particularly strong this year and romped home easy winners 18-9, but the school got their own back in the summer when they won 25½ 13½ in the rounders. Many thanks to all those who came back to make this a memorable occasion.

In outdoor education we had our annual visits to Helmsley and Dalby forest with middle schoolroom, Bewerley Park with upper schoolroom and Filey with lower schoolroom. We have welcomed a number of specialist coaches to Bootham this year. In football, York City coaches continue to put our younger pupils through their paces and for something a bit different coaches from York City Knight’s Rugby League have taken a workshop with lower schoolroom. In the summer term, we once again welcomed Rob Jones, tennis coach and Old Scholar, to the department. We were also pleased to welcome a professional cricket coach from Yorkshire Cricket to work with the lower schoolroom and lower senior boys’ cricket teams.

The department awarded four new trophies this year for an outstanding achievement in sport to a boy and a girl in the junior and intermediate age groups. The first winners were Jonah Tomlin-Kent and Kishori Young in the junior age groups and Freddy Batchelor Collins and Gemma Hayward, intermediate.

My thanks to the entire department, and Robin Scarce and Craig Pierroti, who tirelessly worked behind the scenes, Kath Watson in the kitchen and to all pupils and parents.

Finally, the department would like to pay tribute to Colin Raper and wish him all the best for his retirement. Colin was Head of PE for many years and his achievements are too numerous to mention, but suffice to say that many of his initiatives are still in place today. Colin was (is) an inspirational teacher and had that knack of being able to motivate anybody. His knowledge for the subject was incredible, his nicknames extremely witty and his enthusiasm showed no bounds. His coaching of cricket, football and basketball took Bootham to a new era and we remain indebted to him.
This year marks the bicentenary of John Bright, hailed throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as a political hero and campaigner.

As part of Quaker Week in school we were shown a film “John Bright and the Angel of Death” that explored Bright’s anti-War campaigning during the Crimean War. It demonstrated the complexities of adopting such a position and also showed us Bright’s conflicting characteristics.

There have been a number of distinguished Bootham Old Scholars; among them is John Bright, who for generations of schoolchildren was a household name as the champion of the anti-Corn Law League.

He and Richard Cobden were hailed as the upholders of the rights of the poor against the selfishness of the landowning classes who profited from high prices for corn at the expense of the working people of Britain. Cobden and Bright’s campaign, which began in 1838, succeeded in 1846 when Sir Robert Peel’s Government abolished the Corn Laws and made the first significant move towards Free Trade that was to bring everyday items within the budget of the ordinary people of Victorian Britain.

John Bright was born in Rochdale in Lancashire. His father was Jacob Bright, a much respected Quaker, and his mother was Martha Wood, daughter of a Quaker shopkeeper. She was educated at Ackworth School and was known as a woman of great strength of character. She bore her husband eleven children, of whom John was the eldest surviving son.

He was educated at home and then spent a year at Ackworth, followed by two years at the York Friends’ Boys School on Lawrence Street, later to become Bootham School. Although he learned little Latin or Greek he acquired a great love of English Literature and in later life was renowned for his oratorical skills and his ability to move his audience with his heartfelt speeches. He said he had learned more in the two years in York than in all the rest of his schooling.

In Rochdale as a young man John Bright espoused the cause of Temperance and spoke out against the evils that alcohol could do to family life. It was there that he first learned how to win over an audience.

He was active in the campaign for parliamentary reform that brought about the Great Reform Bill of 1832 and was gratified that Rochdale was awarded one of the newly created Parliamentary seats. Bright had become a partner in his father’s cloth business and was a modestly successful businessman, but his main energies were directed towards his various campaigns for social justice. His brothers and sisters were likewise involved in many of the political issues of the day.

In 1839 Bright married Elizabeth Priestman. Sadly she died of Tuberculosis shortly after the birth of their daughter Helen in 1841. John Bright was devastated. Three days after her death his co-campaigner, Richard Cobden, called to see him. After trying to comfort Bright he said to him ‘There are thousands of homes in England at this moment where wives, mothers and children are dying of hunger.

Now, when the first paroxysm of your grief is past, I would advise you to come with me, and we will never rest till the Corn Laws are repealed’.

Bright said ‘I accepted his invitation and from that time we never ceased to labour hard on behalf of the resolution which we had made’.

John Bright was soon recognised as the main speaker for the Free Trade movement. He travelled the length and breadth of England and Scotland...
addressing huge public meetings. By 1843 he had been elected as Member of Parliament for Durham and was distinguished in Parliament by his powerful speeches and his typical Quaker dress, which consisted of a rather old fashioned long coat and knee breeches. He was described as being ‘about the middle size, rather firmly and squarely built with a fair clear complexion and an intelligent and pleasing expression of countenance’.

Eventually the agitation of the Anti-Corn Law League and the terrible famine that struck Ireland in 1845 combined to sweep away the injustice of the Corn Laws. The British Government under Sir Robert Peel had to acknowledge the chronic injustice of maintaining high prices for corn when British subjects were starving in their hundreds of thousands. Cobden and Bright were the heroes of the hour and John Bright was presented with a library of twelve hundred books as a memorial of the struggle.

Bright espoused many causes in Parliament, including the abolition of capital punishment, the abolition of flogging in the Army, the Disestablishment of the Anglican Church in Ireland and he supported Cobden in advocating a reduction in public expenditure. He came to the fore again in the 1850s with his opposition to the Crimean War, where the British joined the French in a fairly fruitless and ill-judged campaign against the Russians. Perhaps the most memorable speech Bright ever made in Parliament was when he spoke out against the War thus. “The angel of Death has been abroad throughout the land. You may almost hear the beating of his wings”. Although this moved the House immeasurably it did not go down well in the country as a whole and Bright lost his Parliamentary seat. He was soon re-elected for Birmingham and remained a force to be reckoned with for another thirty years. The Marquess of Salisbury said of him ‘ He maintained that robust, powerful and vigorous style in which he gave fitting expression to the burning and noble thought he desired to utter’

John remarried in 1847 and he and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Leathem had seven children. By the time of his death in 1889 he had been awarded an honorary degree by Oxford University and had been elected Lord Rector of the University of Glasgow. Many schools and colleges around the world are called after him.

In 1911 the centenary of John Bright’s birth was celebrated at Bootham School. Among a great collection of dignitaries and well known Quakers were two of Bright’s daughters. (His eldest daughter Helen had married into the well known Clark family of shoe manufacturers from Street in Somerset.) The school Library was the setting for the celebrations and a plaque of Bright was set up bearing the quotation “A great love of books is like a personal introduction to the great and good men of all past time.

If there be no seed time, there will certainly be no harvest and the youth of life is the seed time of life”.

Another hundred years have passed since that day, but the qualities that Bright stood for are as relevant today as they were then. He spoke out against corruption and self interest in public life and for the rights of the individual to enjoy a peaceful and productive existence.

Steven Oakden, new Librarian, and the decorations of oak leaves and honesty to mark John Bright’s bicentenary.
Penn House was sold in July to a private buyer. One of the agents in the sale was Naish, and the local press made much of the fact that Nigel and James Naish, known to us as old scholars, are descendents of the Joseph Rowntree who first owned the house. The last junior boarders were relocated in 2009 to a refurbished and extended Fox House in 53-59 Bootham.

Two events this year recalled its history. The first took place one weekend in January when Bridget Morris, lately School Archivist and now Executive Secretary to the Rowntree Society, arranged a public exhibition of the house and its history: over two thousand people visited it during the two days it was open. John Hurd was on hand to explain how Joseph Rowntree I bought two plots in the new development of St.Mary’s in 1850, while his sons were day-boys at the School, building Penn on the first and using the second to give an extended garden with a kitchen garden beyond, an alley wending through it to give required access to the backs of other houses on Bootham. He also described how the house was later partitioned vertically into two to give the newly married Joseph Rowntree II and his wife separate accommodation using the back stairs, while his widowed mother stayed on in the front part.

Displays filled most of the rooms apart from the basement, and included the BBC film about the work of Seebohm Rowntree who was depicted writing his seminal work on Poverty in the house.

The second remembering was on the eve of Old Scholars’ in May, when the history of its site was recalled in a series of presentations to about 40 Mount and Bootham Old Scholars. Julian Bedford set the scene, talking of the bowling green and the cock pit that were opposite the Bootham hospital gates before St.Mary’s was developed. John Hurd again illustrated his researches into the house with maps and plans.

Nigel Naish spoke tellingly of his family’s connections with the house. Although Joseph Rowntree II himself moved out in 1875, the house continued to be a Rowntree home until 1920 when the School bought it for a boarding house, with Brian Sparkes as the first housemaster. After the evacuation to Ampleforth in 1939 Penn was taken over by the military, and was only returned to the School in 1942.

The photo shows Bedroom 24 in 1936: Peter Thornber, Chronicler and xylophonist, is at the back on the left. Two of the crocs can be seen at the front.
When a bomb that year damaged The Lodge (where the Headmaster’s house is now) the medical centre was moved to the top floor of Penn until a new ‘Lodge’ was created in 47 Bootham.

David Robinson introduced extracts from The Bedroom 24 Chronicle, kept by boarders from 1921 to 1939 and found hidden under the floorboards in 1972. Graham Ralph and Colin Raper were present and spoke of their times as Housemasters.

Readers may wish to know that Cyril and Kathleen Rankin, though not able to be present, are alive and well in Heslington. They spent nineteen years in charge of Penn, as long as the Elliots before them, and a little longer than the Sparkes who were there for 18 years.

The history of the house is that of the Rowntree family and of the School, but a thought might be spared for the man whose name it has borne these last ninety years, the Quaker founder of the colony ofPennsylvania, William Penn, who may yet have a message for our current financial markets: “Fear and Gain are great Perversers of Mankind....”.

In case you are wondering about Rowntree House (49 Bootham), Joseph Rowntree II rented it from the School between 1875 and 1882, when his portion of Penn proved too small for his expanding family.

David Robinson

Bedroom 24 Chronicle: entry in 1930. “Ma Plug” is the Housemaster’s wife, ...

The Bursar (from the Latin, ‘Bursarius’, keeper of the purse) looks after the money, doesn’t he? Well yes, and a few other things besides, which is why many schools now use the title ‘Business Manager’ – from fees to drains, HR to parking, lunches to listed buildings and Health & Safety to IT systems!

Increasing regulation, now fortunately being slowly pared back, also often falls to the Bursar and his team.

Nevertheless, one of the Bursar’s key duties is still to ‘count the money’, and to prepare annual accounts for the School Committee (Governors), the Charity Commission and Companies House. Our archives contain minutes of Governors’ business since the school was founded in 1823, and the annual Head’s Report and accompanying Financial Accounts provide a fascinating insight into the development of Bootham School over nearly 200 years.

It was not until 1927 that Bootham had a Bursar – prior to this date, it was one of the Head’s duties to prepare the accounts. Since then, eight Bursars have fulfilled the role:

1927 – 1938 Charles E Hodgson  
1938 – 1946 J Arthur Taylor  
1946 – 1977 Walter Webster  
1977 – 1994 Colin Henderson  
1994 – 2001 Nick Marten  
2002 – 2006 Adrian Upton  
2007 – 2008 Chris Ignatowicz  
2009 - present Andy Woodland

The School has of course grown about twentyfold over the years, from a small boys’ boarding school to a sizeable co-educational boarding and day school, (including the junior school), with less than 20% of the students now being boarders. (see below).

The Accounts from 1829, when the school was still at Lawrence Street, make interesting reading, with an annual turnover of less than £525, or about £16 7s 10d per pupil, with more spent on beer and wine (£13) than on fruit and vegetables (£10)!

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It is also interesting to compare the proportions of expenditure on different items, many of which are common through the years:

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Heating and light have of course changed from candles and coal or firewood to electricity and gas – and may yet return to firewood if our ideas for a biomass boiler come to fruition!

But how does expenditure of £525 in 1829 compare in real terms to more than £9m today?

Indexation for inflation over such a time period is fraught with uncertainty, but an adjustment relative to an index of ‘Average Earnings’ from 1829 to 2010 indicates that expenditure of £525 amounts to about £435,000 at today’s values, or £13,594 per student, remarkably similar to today’s average of £14,199 per student.

They clearly spent more on beer and wine than we do, but we probably spend more on computers and bursars!

A corresponding comparison over the years shows an annual spend per student, in today’s values, of around £30,000 for much of the latter half of the 19th Century and the first part of the 20th Century.

The School was of course almost wholly a boarding school until the latter part of the 20th Century and the spend per student therefore compares remarkably well with the current annual fees for a full-time boarding student of approximately £25,000.

We suspect that the quality of boarding accommodation and catering nowadays compares very favourably relative to 100 years ago?

So maybe the Bursar today has no more money to spend in real terms than his predecessors – it’s just a bigger purse!

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Andy Woodland, Bursar and Peter Webster, Deputy Bursar
This year sees the centenary of Austin Wright, an event that has been marked by an Exhibition at York City Art Gallery and a lecture given by Dr. James Hamilton, author of a monograph on Wright’s work.

Austin was brought up a Quaker and attended Cardiff Grammar School and New College, Oxford, where he read Modern Languages. He started his teaching career at The Downs School, Colwall, Worcestershire. (This was the Prep. School attended by Christopher John Rowntree in the early 1920s. It had connections with Bootham School and Austin came to teach at Bootham in the 1930s). Here he was able to devote some of his time to teaching Art as well as Languages.

Always a keen amateur Artist, at Colwall he was encouraged by the painter Maurice Field who started him carving in Alabaster. In York Austin was able to attend evening Life Classes at the York Art School, in those days functioning behind the Art Gallery in Exhibition Square. In 1937 he met Henry Moore, a meeting that set him on the path of dedicating himself to sculpture.

After World War Two, Austin was recruited on to the staff of the Art School, but not before he had met and married a young woman from the Mount School. They settled at an old house with a barn in Upper Poppleton and he was to spend the rest of his working life there. Hans Hess of York City Art Gallery arranged exhibitions of Austin’s work in the 1950s and his lead figures were exhibited at Wakefield Art Gallery in a number of shows. He designed the Christmas Crib that appears each year in Wakefield Cathedral.

While teaching at the Art School among his students were John Langton, June Lloyd Jones, John Wragg and others who were to become well-known local artists.

His own work progressed from stone carving to lead and later aluminium sculpture. In 1962 the University of Leeds awarded him the Gregory Fellowship and he was seen as a link figure in British Sculpture between the work of Henry Moore and Anthony Caro.

Some of his larger works can be seen on the campus at the University of York, perhaps most notably the Dryad, in the fine garden setting behind Heslington Hall, and the Untitled sculpture passed by hundreds of York students every day on the curving ramp that leads up to the Morrell Library.

Two more of his works are to be found on the York Campus in St. Lawrence Court of Halifax College. In 1977 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University in recognition of his strong relationship with both the University and the Arts in Yorkshire. You might enjoy a visit to the Campus to search out his works.

James Hamilton’s book is entitled The Sculpture of Austin Wright, published by Lund Humphries and the Henry Moore Foundation, and gives a comprehensive account of most of his works. If there are any Old Scholars who remember being taught by him at Bootham we would love to hear from you.)
Recent visitors to Bootham will have noted further changes to the fabric of the School. A new Porter’s Lodge now graces the Portland Street entrance making a distinct contribution to the architecture of that area. I hope visitors absorb the link between the School’s historic roots and its forward thinking. The reception area and Head’s suite has also been transformed.

Old Scholars who seek to reacquaint themselves with The Lodge ought by now to have realised that it moved a couple of years to the Southern end of the School. But they will now find that their path to the old building houses a very large and impressive Climbing frame which is well worth a look. The cushioned floor area beneath it minimises the likelihood of users needing to make use of the healthcare facilities which were formerly nearby.

As in previous years these improvements have been achieved only by meticulous planning by the project team in shoehorning the majority of construction into to the window provided by the Summer Vacation.

Our Boarding arrangements were the subject of an Ofsted inspection earlier this year when credit was given to us for the physical improvements which had been made and for the pastoral care which we offer. We had expected also to be inspected more generally, albeit with a light-touch inspection rather than the more intensive one we had a few years ago. Changes to the inspection regime meant that the visitation was postponed but we remain ready. An interesting feature of the process is that Governors are expected to offer their own self-assessment in advance of the visit. Our conclusion can perhaps be summarised as “Satisfactory – but could do better.” Ours is perhaps not the first School Report to be couched in such terms.

Pupils were not entirely absent during that period of ordered chaos because it also coincides with the release of GCE and A level results. As readers may have seen from the national as well as local press Bootham again had very successful academic results, But our academic results and the improved state of our buildings are factors in School numbers reaching record levels, despite the current economic climate. We are not, however, complacent. Various working groups are beavering away to give practical effect to the School’s Strategic Vision. Their work is less obvious than that of the Building Contractors but is nonetheless important and reaches into all aspects of School life.

Contractors will be with us again in the coming year, this time to build a new Performing Arts Building that will occupy a site near to the School Hall and will provide purpose-built facilities for Music and Drama.

Jo Rodmell and Harry Albright, each of whom has served as Deputy Clerk, retire on 31st December, although Harry’s wife, Beth Peackall, is officially joining us as from 1st January 2102 and has been sitting in on our meetings during the last couple of terms. Bernadette Ashby, one of the stalwarts of the Junior School Committee has also retired. All have served through periods of rapid change on both sites and their insights have been valuable.

The Junior School was able to host the Memorial Meeting to give thanks for the Grace of God in the life of Dinah Peryer, my predecessor as Clerk to the Governors. Dinah had taken a particular interest in the Junior School so it was fitting that we could meet in a physical expression of her work and learn how many other facets of people’s lives she had touched.

Most of us do tend to look back on our Schools with affection and I am sure this is true of Bootham’s Old Scholars, but I am struck by the fact that it is not just Old Scholars who see Bootham as a special place but also casual visitors who quickly sense there is something about Bootham which marks us out from other Schools. As Governors we have various legal responsibilities. But ensuring that Bootham retains that ‘special’ feel despite all the changes in fabric and personnel is perhaps our most important role.

David Laverick.
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Back row, left to right: Lauren Sankey, Sandy Chan, Harry Inman, Holly Raphael, Sam Gladwin, Nina Anderson, Sophie Edmonds-Allen, Yi C...

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3rd from back: James Attwell, James Aubrey, Kevin Liu, Kevin Wang, Dom McGregor, Jake Botterell, Xavier Edmonds-Allen, Simon Lambert,...

4th from back: Ellen Gladwin, Lucy Sothen, Cathy Besch, Bryan Woo, Jessica Jeans, Florence Mytum, Sophie Kennedy, Helena Barrell, Eugene...

5th from back: Fabio Corda, Alvin Lam, Joey Clarke, Elliott Bussell, Felix Charteris, Philip Price (Staff), Pauline Beckwith (Staff), Kath Watson...

Front row: Francesca Digby, Amy Sun, Kate Coombes, Phoebe Bage, Esther Wilson, Shannen Simpson-Pike, Lindsay Rose, Yolanda Wang, An...
Leavers Photo – If you would like to order a copy of the Leavers photo go to www.tspc-shop.co.uk click on the blue triangle. User name: eznjpy9. Password: bvsef5m.
Nina Anderson took A-Levels in French, Maths, Philosophy of Religion and English Literature with AS-Level Latin and Further Maths.

James Attwell studied A-level Economics, English Literature, History and General Studies, with AS-level Philosophy of Religion.

James Aubrey took A-level Maths, Economics, Physics and General Studies, with AS-level Biology and Further Maths.

Phoebe Bage took A-Levels in Art, DT and Classics.

Helena Barrell was a day pupil from 2004. She took A-Levels in English Literature, Geography and French with AS-Level History. In her time in College, she volunteered at the Scope Charity shop and ran poetry sessions for the Salvation Army. She plans to study English Literature.

Caitlin Borthwick joined Bootham in 2004 as a day pupil, and sang with the Choir, Chamber Senior Choirs as well as Bootham Belles. She volunteered with SNAPPY and played Senior team netball. She took A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Philosophy of Religion and Art, along with AS-Level General Studies. Her favourite School memory is swimming with dolphins on the South Africa Trip. She plans to study Medicine at Glasgow.

Jacob Botterell took A-Levels in Psychology, Art, Biology, Drama and General Studies.

Dominic Brooke joined Bootham as a day pupil in 2007. He took A-Levels in Biology, Economics, Maths and General Studies, with AS-Level Geography. As a member of College, he helped to run the tuck shop with the Enterprise Group, and played football and cricket for School first teams. He intends to study Economics at Newcastle.

Beth Brown studied A-level Drama, Music, Classics and General Studies, with AS-Level English Literature.

Elliott Bussell was a day pupil from 2004, and took A-Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry and General Studies, with French AS-Level. He played with the Orchestra and Flute Ensemble, gaining Grade 8 flute. He particularly enjoyed the Cuba trip in 2009. He plans to study Natural Sciences at Jesus College, Cambridge.

Yi Cai took A-Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chinese with AS-Level Chemistry.

Sandy Chan took A-Levels in Psychology, Maths and History, with AS-level Spanish. She was Deputy Head Reeve.

Jamie Charlton took A-Levels in Music Technology, Philosophy of Religion, English Literature, History and General Studies.
Felix Charteris was a day pupil from 2004 and took A-Levels in Classics, Art and History, with AS-Level English Literature. In his time at School, he enjoyed fencing and led the Debating Society. He intends to study Ancient History and is interested in becoming a screen-writer.

Joey Clark took A-Levels in DT, Maths, Physics and General Studies, with AS-Level Sport and Fitness.

Kate Coombes took A-levels in Geography, Biology, Chemistry and General Studies, with AS-Level History.

Fabio Corda joined Bootham as a day pupil in 2009, to study for A-Levels in English Literature, Psychology, Art and General Studies, with AS-Level Theatre Studies. He enjoined performing in Grimm Tales and Private Lives, and will always remember the way in which the chaos of Bootham life generally managed to resolve itself into order in the end. He intends to study Hotel Management.

Georgina Coupe studied for A-levels in French, English Literature, History and General Studies, with AS-Level Art.

Oliver Cowling took A-level Geography, Art, DT and General Studies.

Ben Dawton took A-level Art, Classics, History and General Studies.

Francesca Digby was a day pupil from 2004 and took A-Levels in English Literature, Psychology, Business Studies and General Studies, with AS-Level Theatre Studies. She performed in productions including Huck and Finn and Grimm Tales, as well as completing Grade 5 LAMDA. Her favourite memory is of the 2010 South Africa Trip. She intends to study Media, Communications and Culture at Newcastle.

James Digby took A-level Biology, Classics, History and General Studies, with AS-Level English Literature.

Sophie Edmonds-Allen took A-Levels in Biology, Design and Technology, Geography and General Studies, with English Literature AS-Level, having started Bootham as a day pupil in 2004. She was captain of swimming and competed in other sports, particularly athletics. She performed in Talent in 2009 as well the Schools’ Shakespeare Festival, and sang with the choir. She plans to study Industrial Design at Bath.

Xavier Edmonds-Allen took A-Level Maths, Economics, History and Physics, with AS-Level Latin.

Louise Eimermann took A-Levels in French, Art, English Literature and History, with AS-Level Business Studies and General Studies.

Tom Exall took A-levels in Philosophy of Religion, Business Studies, History and General Studies, with AS-Level English Literature.

Eugene Fan joined Bootham as a boarder in 2004. He took A-Levels in Business Studies, Theatre Studies, Art and General Studies along with AS-Level Sport and Fitness. He was a member of the fencing team, gaining Grade 9 in foil. He played piano and flute and was House Captain of Briggflatts. His favourite memories are of the Cabaret.

Ellen Gladwin was a day pupil from 2004 and took A-Levels in Psychology, Art, English Literature and General Studies, with AS-Level French. She volunteered with the Paired Reading Programme and always enjoyed the Art trips. She plans to work and travel in her gap year, and then go on to study Psychology and Art at Reading or Worcester.

Charlotte Gooddie joined Bootham as a day pupil in 2005 and after moving away re-joined the School in 2009 to study for A-Levels in History, Classics, Economics and General Studies along with AS-Level Maths. She was Deputy Stage Manager for Timon of Athens and particularly enjoyed School trips, especially the Pilgrimage. She intends to study Ancient History.
Edward Gray took A-levels in Philosophy of Religion, Business Studies and History.


Nick Gunson was a day pupil since 2004 and a boarder in Seniors, and took A-Levels in Business Studies, Classics and History with AS-Level Sport and Fitness. He played football, tennis and cricket for the School throughout his time. In College he took part in the Charity Ski in aid of Marie Curie and the 75-mile cycle ride in aid of Friedrich’s Ataxia. His memory of Bootham is of having a laugh with mates every day. He is taking a gap year and will be ski-instructing for part of this.

Christopher Hall took A-levels in Maths, Further Maths, Economics, History, Physics and General Studies.

Dominic Harker took A-levels in DT, Business Studies, Physics and General Studies, with AS-level Geography.

Samuel Hawksford White was a day pupil from 2007 and took A-levels in History, Art, Biology and General Studies, with AS-level Geography. He was a hard-working contributor to the College II profiles in 2008. He is going on to study History of Art at the School of Oriental and African Studies, UCL.

Alan Ho took A-levels in Art, Maths, Chemistry and Economics.

Rebecca Houghton-Prinn studied for A-levels in DT, Theatre Studies and Classics.

Joey Howard joined Bootham as a day pupil in 2006. He took A-Levels in Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths and General Studies, with AS-Level French. He sang with Chamber Choir, Senior Choir and Bootham Belles and Beaux, as well as playing with the Orchestra and Wind Quintet. He enjoyed climbing. He is going on to study Natural Sciences at Sidney Sussex, Cambridge with a Choral scholarship.

Georgia Hudson was a day pupil at Bootham from 2004, and took A-levels in Psychology, English Literature, Art and General Studies, with AS-Level French. She was a keen member of BEAST and production manager for Not in My Name. She says she has had the most wonderful time at Bootham, and will miss it. She is going on to study Politics with Media, Communications and Culture at Keele.

Jessica Jeans joined Bootham in 2009 to study for A-levels in Theatre Studies, Maths, Biology and General Studies. She played netball for the U18 team, and performed in drama productions including Timon of Athens, Grimm Tales and Richard III. Her favourite Bootham memory is of the 2010 South Africa trip. She plans either to study at the Italia Conti Drama School, or to study Biology at Loughborough.


Anunm Khan Sial took A-levels in Economics, English Literature, History and General Studies, with AS-Level Maths.

Alvin Lam studied A-Level Maths, Chemistry, Economics and Physics, with AS-Level Further Maths.

Simon Lambert took A-Levels in Geography, DT and Business Studies.

Waitz Li joined Bootham as a boarder in 2007. She took A-Levels in Art, Economics, Maths and Chinese, with AS-Level Physics. She was in the swimming team and enjoyed playing Mahjong. Her favourite memory of Bootham is of the Cabaret. She intends to take Fashion Studies at the London College of Fashion.
Poppy Lindley took A-levels in Art, DT and Classics, with AS-Level History.

Kevin Liu studied A-Level Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Economics, with AS-Level Biology.

A boarder from 2006, Kevin Luk studied A-Level Economics, Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Chinese and General Studies. He was Captain of the basketball team, and played with the Orchestra, flute group and Wind Quintet, with whom he won a first at the Harrogate Festival. His favourite Bootham memory is of the Cabaret. He intends to study Economics at the LSE.

Dom McGregor began his School career as a day pupil in 2004, and completed it by taking A-Levels in Chemistry, Sport and Fitness, Biology and General Studies, with AS-level History. He played football, cricket and basketball throughout his time at Bootham. His favourite memory of his Bootham friends is of camping out during the Duke of Edinburgh’s expedition. He plans to study Sports Sciences at Birmingham.

Ellie McManaman took A-levels in Art, Theatre Studies and Business Studies.

Ashley McVicar took A-Level Geography, History and General Studies, also studying English Literature in College I.

Philip Mitchell joined Bootham as a day pupil in 2004. He took A-Levels in DT, Maths, Physics and General Studies, with AS-Level Geography. He also completed his Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. He intends to study Civil Engineering at Newcastle.

Richard Barnes, Art teacher

A day pupil from 2004, Florence Mytum took A-Levels in Art, English Literature, Philosophy of Religion and General Studies, with AS-Level History. She played piano and volunteered with the Paired Reading Programme. She plans to complete a Foundation course in Art and Design at Leeds College of Art, before going on to study for a Fine Art degree.

Charlotte Noon took A-Levels in Psychology, Biology, English Literature and General Studies, with AS-Level Chemistry.

Lawrence Potter studied A-Level Sport and Fitness, Biology and DT.

Sacha Quine was a day pupil from 2009 and studied for A-Levels in Psychology, Business Studies and Art with AS-Level Spanish. She played first team netball and hockey and was a member of the Charities Group. She will remember Bootham especially for good times with amazing friends. She plans to study Advertising at Sheffield Hallam or Northumbria.

Josh Ramsey joined the School as a day pupil in 2006. In College, he took A-Levels in Economics, Geography, History and General Studies, with AS-Level French. He was a swimmer and football player, as well as playing cricket for the 1st XI. He sang with the Choir and Chamber Choir and played trumpet with the Orchestra and Big Band. He also achieved his Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. He hopes to keep in touch with fantastic Bootham people after going on to study Business Management at Durham.

A flexi-boarder from 2006, Joe Rodgers took A-Level Biology, Chemistry, Maths and General Studies, with AS-Level Philosophy of Religion. In College he competed in first team football, cricket and swimming. He intends to study Natural Sciences at Bath or Lancaster.

Lindsay Rose was a day pupil from 2004, completing her School career with A-Levels in English Literature, History, Biology and General Studies, with AS-level Geography. She enjoyed playing sport and was Clerk of the Council in 2009-10 before becoming Head Reeve. She helped to organise Charity fashion shows and Globe Day, but her favourite Bootham memory is of Parents’ Day when the whole school is happy and alive. She plans to study English at Bristol.
Lauren Sankey took A-Levels in Psychology, Art and General Studies with AS-Level Biology.

Shannen Simpson-Pike studied A-Level French, Art and English Literature.

Emma Sims joined Bootham as a day pupil in 2007 and took A-levels in Geography, French, Art and General Studies, with AS-Level Physics. She was House Captain of Firbank and a member of the Nominations Committee for Head Reeves. She stage managed Timon of Athens and Not In My Name, as well as singing with the Chamber and Senior Choirs and Bootham Belles. She plans to study International Relations and Politics at Liverpool or Sheffield.

Amy Sun took A-Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics and Chinese, with AS-Level Economics.

Adam Thompson was a day pupil from 2006 and took A-level French, Spanish, Economics and Maths with AS-Level Further Maths and Latin. He was Captain of Fencing and Judo, as well as House Captain of Pendle. He sand with the Chamber and Senior Choirs and Bootham Belles and Beaux. He helped to run the Enterprise Group and organised the Leavers’ Yearbook. His favourite Bootham memory is of the Pilgrimage. He intends to study Economics at Durham.

Isaac Tomlin-Kent took A-Levels in Business Studies, English Literature, History and General Studies, with AS-Level Philosophy of Religion.

Dominic Walker took A-Levels in Economics, English Literature, History and General Studies, with AS-Level Geography. He was Head Reeve.

Kevin Wang was a boarder from 2009 and took A-Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry with AS-level Economics. He enjoyed swimming, badminton, tennis and table-tennis at School and won a Gold in the Maths Challenge. His memories of Bootham are of kind teachers and easy-going students. In the longer-term, he hopes to end up in America for his Master’s degree.


Rachael Webster joined Bootham as a day pupil in 2004. She took A-levels in Art, Geography, Sport and Fitness and General Studies, with AS-Level Philosophy of Religion. In a varied sporting career, she was Captain of Hockey and helped to run squash and swimming activities in College. She represented Yorkshire and Humberside in the English Schools’ National Championships. She has fond memories of School trips especially the College I geography field trip and the Pilgrimage. She plans to study Sports Coaching.

Esther Wilson took A-Levels in Biology, Philosophy of Religion and English Literature.

Rachael Woolley took A-Levels in French, Sport and Fitness, Music and General Studies, with AS-Level Business Studies.

Ben Wright studied A-Level Art, Biology, Maths, Chemistry and General Studies.

Yveline Zhang was a boarder from 2009, and took A-Level Economics, History, Physics, Maths, Further Maths and Chinese, with AS-Level General Studies. She was Assistant Director and Stage Manager of Pericles and Not in My Name. She won a Gold Medal in the Senior Maths Challenge and achieved the Extended Project Qualification. Her favourite memory is of the Scarborough trip – a perfect day. Her long-term aims are to lead a life of liberty, passion and imagination.
Colin Raper

Colin came to work at Bootham 39 years ago. His contribution to the school has been enormous. To name but a few of the roles he has undertaken, he has been Basketball Coach, Cricket Coach, Head of Schoolrooms, Head of PE, had responsibility for newly qualified teachers, become a Design and Technology teacher, a Boarding House Master, organised the German exchange for Bootham sports students, organised or participated in school trips and visits running into the hundreds, - the list is almost endless. Colin has given a very large part of his life to the school. To him it has been a workplace, a home and a community in which to bring up his family. It was through the school that he met his wife Anne.

Like many young men of Bootham in the 1970s, Colin went up to The Mount in search of love! There he found Anne, working as assistant Domestic Bursar and eventually he persuaded her to marry him. Theirs was a long and loving partnership, sadly ending with Anne’s death in 2006. From 1990-1999 Colin and Anne ran Penn House, and living there with their two children, Alistair and Caroline, created a happy home for the many boarders who shared their home with them. Alistair and Caroline both attended Bootham School and Colin said how fortunate he was – as a father- to be in a job where he had the opportunity to see his children throughout the day and to witness so much of their growing up into strong and confident young adults.

As a Design and Technology teacher Colin used his great skills to get the best out of all those he taught. When Design and Technology was a new subject on the school curriculum Colin was seconded for a year to the University of St. John, York, to qualify to teach it. He returned as a fully fledged ‘D and T’ expert and with his infinite patience and natural authority he taught his students the value of good old fashioned hard work and attention to detail. By these means they achieved exceptional levels of attainment.

Colin’s good sense, humour and sheer courage will be much missed at Bootham. We wish him well for his retirement and know how much he will enjoy the company of his children and grandchildren. Thank you, Colin, for four decades of devoted service.

Kath Watson
Catering Officer

Kath retired this summer after almost forty years at Bootham. She joined the catering staff in 1972 as assistant cook and remembers the dire state of school catering in those days. Among
the delicacies served up then were re-
heated cheese on toast for supper. The
toast had been hanging around since
breakfast time! On one occasion there
was food protest when the boys
(Bootham had no girls in those far off
days), marched outside the reception
hall and confronted her.

She has effected a quiet revolution
and Bootham School food is now
among the best in the country. More
than six hundred lunches are served
every day and up to two hundred
boarders and staff sit down to
breakfast and supper. There is a buffet
style salad bar as well as the hot
meals on offer, and a pasta server
caters for those who don’t feel like a
main meal. Fruit platters and hot and
cold puddings would tempt the
faintest of appetites, and there aren’t
many faint appetites at Bootham.

Kath must have been responsible for
hundreds of thousand of meals in her
time and was always ready to provide
for the need of the individual, such as
special packed lunches for those on
particular diets on days out.

We wish her very all the best for a
well earned retirement and are glad
that the family connection will
continue as her daughter, Julie Glover,
is catering administrator at Bootham
School.

Stephen Bosworth
School Librarian

Stephen has retired after three years
service at Bootham, during which
time he has moved forward the
Library’s digital research facilities so
that we now have the world at our
finger tips. He made the renovated
John Bright Library a great place in
which to study. We wish him well for
a happy retirement.

Phillip Price
Head of Biology (photo above right)

Phillip led the Department with much
flair and quickly gained the respect of
the pupils. He was also a notable
photographer, and the Head Reeves’
Speech refers to the legendary field
trips he organised. He has returned to
the south of England to become Head
of Science at Woldingham School. We
wish him every success in the future.

Debbie Dawson

Debbie is leaving us after teaching
here for ten years. She plans to further
her work in counselling.

Pauline Beckwith
Physics Technician

Paul Burton (Head of Science) writes

Paul leaves us after twenty two
years of loyal service to the school
and the Physics Department in
particular. Her attendance record
would put many to shame and has a
determination to stay active no matter
what life throws at her. She came to
us from the Manor School where she
had been responsible for servicing up
to nine laboratories on a daily basis.
To start with she found the
‘extravagance and waste’ at Bootham
something to marvel at. In turn she
and Paul Burton were often laughed
at for their ‘Blue Peter make do and
mend’ approach to equipment.

Pauline always had the ambition of
providing a data base of all the stock
in the Physics Department and 2117
items later it is almost complete. Each
item was painstakingly catalogued – a
mammoth task she has slowly but
surely picked at over the years. When
our new member of staff, Robert
Mackenzie, arrived at the start of this
term Pauline came back to help him
to settle in and find the equipment for
the start of the new school year.

Phillip Price

Always considerate of others she
timed her retirement so that she
would allow for some overlap and
continuity in the Department.

As well as her work in Physics,
Pauline ran a Cookery activity for
Bootham pupils for many years. She
also taught them Dress Making,
Candle Making and Touch Typing. She
always made time to get to know the
Resident Graduates and many of them
are still in touch with her and her
husband Cliff. We are not only saying
‘Good Bye’ to Pauline, but also to
Cliff. He has played a large part in the
Bootham Community. He was the
Design and Technology Technician in
the early days of the Department, the
school’s Electrical Tester ensuring all
equipment was safe and regularly
checked, and he ran a number of
activities for the pupils including Sci
Fi Film Club and Model Gaming. He
still refers to ‘his’ boys and they come
back to see him when they are in
York.

Pauline and Cliff attended school
concerts, went on school walks and
helped Helen Pickett with the summer
holiday ‘Lets’. Together they have
been an integral part of school life for
the last twenty two years. We wish
them a long and happy retirement
together.’

Pauline and Cliff Beckwith
Old Scholars

Bootham Old Scholars’ Association AGM Report

(Extracts from the Minutes)

The President, Colin Henderson (1947-49), welcomed all present and spoke of his pleasure in the re-unions of Old Scholar Branches that he and his wife Jane have attended during his years of office.

He thanked all who have worked so hard and conscientiously for the Old Scholars’ Association, in particular those retiring this year from their positions. He gave a vote of thanks to Michael Crook in his absence and Trevor Kay was acclaimed for the many years of financial aid and advice he had given to the Association.

The secretary, Val Allen, was thanked for her work as Secretary and then Julian Bedford was thanked for his many years of service in a variety of roles. Colin described Julian as “Bootham personified”. Having been elected to the BOSA Executive Committee in 1964, he became Reunion Secretary in 1970, a post he held for twenty years. In addition he was a member of the Joint Schools’ Committee, the then Governing body of Bootham and the Mount Schools, from 1976-82.

In 1990 he became Chairman of BOSA and served in that capacity for the next ten years. He then became President for two years, and continued to serve on BOSA until 2004, when he resumed the role of Chairman until this year.

Julian was thanked for his outstanding service to BOSA and commended for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the ins and outs of BOSA business. His cheerfulness and courtesy towards new members has been a hallmark of his many years of service, and in recognition of his outstanding contribution he was presented with an original watercolour painting of Bootham by local artist, Alan Stuttle.

Sarah True reported on the arrangements for Old Scholars’ Weekend and thanked Sally Culpan for her excellent work on re-unions. The other officers gave their reports and the new Constitution of BOSA was adopted by all present. Michael Johnson (1949-54) was designated President Elect, to serve from 2012-2014. He was described as “the obvious candidate for the post. He has given Old Scholars outstanding service for many years, as Branch Liaison Officer for 24 years and a member of the Scholarship Committee for very many years. His commitment towards Old Scholars has been unwavering “. Michael was warmly welcomed by those present and declared himself honoured and delighted to accept the role of President Elect.

Bootham Old Scholars’ Association

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(If you would like to purchase one of the limited edition prints of the painting please see the notice at the back of the Magazine).

Julian will be succeeded as Chair of BOSA by Simon Hetherton. (1959-65).
West & South Yorkshire Branch
Elizabeth (Starkie) Wagstaff writes “Twenty-one of us met on Sunday afternoon the 24th July for a Branch walk and home tea in Bramhope. We were lucky to have a sunny warm day, though the en-route small lake with young geese had dried up! We started along a small road, leading to a path across fields and on to a path descending down to Arthington. The views across Wharfedale were attractive, including a view of Almscliffe crag. Our return was up a winding road and then along a wooded path.

It was very nice to have Bootham and Mount Old Scholars, including Michael and Christine Johnson from Birmingham and Colin Henderson from York.”

North East Branch
Elizabeth (Craig) Morgan has reported “We in Northumberland were suffering the winds and rain of autumn when thirteen Mount and Bootham Old Scholars and guests met in the mediaeval village of Blanchland for Tea at the White Monk Café. There was so much food we were unable to consume it all so we went away with “Doggie Bags” We were asked whether we should close the Branch as so few members had attended but we agreed to continue to meet every two years.”

Merseyside Joint Branch
Maureen (Poe) Roca reported “We had our 2011 Branch Meeting on Sunday 4th September at The Grange Country Club, Thornton Hough, Wirral. Unfortunately due to illness and being out of the country six of our most loyal members were unable to be with us, leaving only three from this Branch – Judy (Coomber) Pugh, myself and my husband Peter. However we were splendidly supported by Colin Henderson, the present Bootham President, Christine and Michael Johnson, who is Bootham’s President Elect, Philip Brown and David and Carol (Rycroft) Allan, who very kindly drove long distances to be with us. The weather was sunny and although there were only nine of us we had a very pleasant lunch together. As the Bootham President said” It was quality not quantity!”

Merseyside Branch lunch, Grange Country Club, Thornton Hough, Wirral.

North West Joint Branch
Michael Crook writes “ here was a very good turn out on Thursday 3rd June, a beautiful day, for a picnic at Sizergh Castle near Kendal. It turned out that the day chosen was in the middle of the schools’ half term. This did not daunt us as we found a quiet corner in the overflow car park. Sizergh has had a lot of improvements in recent times and it made for a very interesting visit. We had the outside developments explained to us before we set off for the Castle and the gardens. A very happy afternoon was enjoyed by everyone.”

The next meeting is for Lunch at the Heaves Hotel near Kendal on Friday
21st October and we are told that the response has been very good.

**Midland Joint Branch**

Christine Johnson writes “About twenty Old Scholars gathered for a Summer Lunch Party at the home of Michael and Christine Johnson in June. On this occasion we were very pleased to have Julie Davis with her husband Nigel and their daughter Sarah with us. Julie is the Bursar at the Mount and also Treasurer of MOSA. We were also pleased to have Colin and Jane Henderson with us. As many will know Colin is the present BOSA President and for many years he was Bursar to the two Schools and then to the Mount after the changes to the Joint School Committee. When he retired, MOSA was very pleased to present him with Honorary Membership of our Association. The photograph, which was taken by David Allan, shows Julie as current Bursar and Colin as past Bursar wearing the BOSA President’s Badge and also his MOSA brooch. A picture for the archives!
As on all these occasions there is much chattering and laughter and Julie was able to bring us up to date with news from The Mount and also to answer Old Scholars Questions.”

Michael A. Johnson
Branch Liaison Officer

London and Home Counties BOSA Branch gathering at Anthony P Howell (1951-58) and Carolyn Howell’s Eversholt home. Jane Peake, Development Director, Keith C Uttley (1942-47) and David L Stanton (1959-61).


BELOW. Merseyside Branch lunch. Left to right: front, Judy Pugh, Colin Henderson, Carol Allan. Middle, Maureen Roca, David Allan. Back: Michael Jackson, Philip Brown, Christine Johnson.
Old Scholar news

Sally Culpan
(Walker BOS 1988-92)
Leaves the Trust Office

Sally Culpan has been the smiling face of the Bootham Trust Office, dealing with Old Scholar records, and putting Old Scholars back in touch with each other and with the school.

Sally, an Old Scholar herself, got back in touch with Bootham in 2006 offering help with fundraising for the Historical Buildings Restoration campaign. She worked as a volunteer for a year, before applying for the part-time post of Trust administrator in 2007.

Sally has always given unstintingly in her role – looking after all Bootham’s friends & supporters. She organised two very successful excursion trips for Bootham Fellows – Ampleforth last year and Cober Hill this summer. She has been the linchpin in helping with many year group reunions for Old Scholars.

Sally’s response to any request is always positive and helpful – she will be much missed. Sally leaves us to take up a full-time administrator post with a local firm of Land Agents.

Although everyone will miss her, we are delighted that she will continue to be very much a part of Bootham through her work as a member of BOSA Executive Committee.

Jane Peake October 2011

Bootham Fellows visit Cober Hill

Following the very successful visit last year to Ampleforth, where Bootham School had been evacuated in 1939-40, this year Bootham Fellows, a delightful mixture of Old Scholars, retired staff and other friends of the school, decided to visit Cober Hill near Scarborough. This was the Quaker Adult Education centre where The Mount spent nine months between September 1939 and May 1940 while the school in York was being equipped with blackout, and underground bomb shelters.

The group was made very welcome and as an added bonus the day happened to be Geoff Easton’s 80th birthday, so to add to the celebratory atmosphere a cake with candles was produced by our hosts. After lunch we visited Scarborough and the Rotunda Museum.

Workbook day – can you identify the students?

Who remembers Workbook day? The drawing above was created by Tamaihiro Y over twenty years ago in one of Peter Warn’s forms. If anyone remembers who the children are, please get in touch. It would be great to have a re-union next year.
Bouncy castles and bouncy cricket balls keep people occupied.


Geoff Easton, Janardhan Rao, Mark Crowe

Presentation to J Julian A Bedford on his retirement as Chairman of BOSA. See also page 46.

Reunion Weekend
Robert Atkinson
(Bootham 2002-06) Died 11th June 2011, aged 21.

Robert was tragically killed in a traffic accident on Skye in June this year.

He was born on 7th December 1989 in Aberdeen and spent his first nine years in Inverbervie, Kincardineshire before going with his sister Helen (Bootham 2001-05) and his parents to live in Texas. Here the children enjoyed exploring the wildernesses of Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas and Texas. They camped far from civilisation in the company of wolves, mountain lions and bears and learned canoeing, white water rafting and mountain biking. Robert learned how to evade skunks and giant spiders and how to put Helen between himself and any alligators.

After three years in the USA the family moved to Paris and Robert joined Helen at Bootham. Here his particular friends were Gero von Bismarck and Nick Cockram. Robert was not too keen on Paris until he and Nick discovered that there were some hermaphrodite sculptures in the Louvre and they went in search of them together.

Robert tried to teach his father to roller blade around Paris, with mixed success. In spite of the Paris years the only GCSE that Robert did not pass was French! Later he was to rectify this omission.

At Bootham he was a lovable boy who got up to his fair share of mischief. He represented the school in the successful under-sixteen Basketball team in 2006. For his sixth form Robert attended Ellon Academy, making friends and becoming very popular with staff and students. He was elected to be the next Head Boy and Sports Captain, but having passed his Scottish Highers he was offered a place at Robert Gordon University to read Mechanical Engineering with the ambition of becoming a Drilling Engineer.

He left school to take up his place. While studying at Robert Gordon University he worked part-time in a number of prestigious restaurants in the Aberdeen area. He came to realise that this was where his future lay and that he wanted to become a Chef in a Michelin Starred Restaurant. He obtained a job at the Michelin starred Kinloch Lodge on Skye at the beginning of the summer holidays, and as he had completed two years of his degree course he was awarded an HND in Mechanical Engineering by the University.

His path now seemed clear. He spent eighteen months there, during which time he became second chef (a real achievement for one so young) and the Head Chef recommended him to further his career by applying for the Glen Eagles restaurant. With this in mind Robert took up the study of French again, and continued to enjoy his outdoor pursuits on Skye, where he was becoming a well known figure. He cycled with Gero von Bismarck around the Highlands, and they visited Germany together. Tragically all this promise was cut short when he was killed in traffic accident while on his way to work. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered on the shores of Kinloch. He will be greatly missed by his sister Helen, his parents and friends. We send them our condolences.

Andrew Walter Beeby
(Bootham 1950-57) Died 28th October 2011, aged 72.

John G. Guy wrote

Andrew started at Bootham in lower schoolroom at the beginning of the Autumn term 1950.

He was a quiet boy, tall and gangly for his age, shy but with a dry sense of humour. He was very bright and sailed through exams with a quiet modesty. He never boasted, but his academic achievements seemed to come so easily, without any apparent effort. We were very envious.

Despite his academic bent, he loved to get his hands dirty and make things, be it out of wood or wire. He had this rare ability of putting theory into practice and making it work.

I got to know Andrew in Upper schoolroom. I had been kept down, having struggled with the after effects of a head injury. I had been knocked off my bike two years earlier and had been sent to Bootham in the spring of 1952, in the hope that I would eventually catch up.

Andrew became my best friend. We shared a desk and became as thick as thieves. We discovered chess and played endless games. He always beat me but I would never give up. On one occasion our game ran over into lessons. It was history and Freddie Legg noticed that I did not seem to be concentrating in what he was saying, so he came over and gave us what for.

We had no defence; the chess board was laid out under the desk top, in the middle of a game.

For some reason, radios were banned at school. This did not stop Andrew; he made his own and kept it in his desk. He rigged up a clever device. It was an on/off switch in the desk drawer. If a teacher came into the class room, he would simply close the drawer and the radio would automatically switch off."

These exploits at Bootham were to foreshadow Andrew’s future career in structural Engineering. He graduated in 1960 from Northampton Engineering College, now City University; he then joined John Laing and Sons where he worked on
Motorway and multi-storey structures. Four years later he took up a research post with the Cement and Concrete Association and in 1971 he was awarded a Ph.D. by London University for his thesis on the prediction of cracking in reinforced concrete members.

In 1991 he was appointed to the Institution of Structural Engineers’ Chair of Structural Design at the University of Leeds. As well as his teaching he served on a number of international Committees and edited the Journal of the ‘Comite Euro-International du Beton’. Throughout his working life he contributed much to the codes of practice of the industry. His contributions were recognised by the award of the Fellowship of the American Concrete Industry in 1991 and he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 2003.

Upon his retirement from Leeds University, it was written of him in the University Newsletter “Andrew commands wide respect throughout the industry. His standing and reputation are indeed high throughout the world. He is a mild mannered, courteous private man and has always had an excellent working relationship with both colleagues and students”.

Edward Branson
(Bootham 1931-36).
Died March 19th 2011, aged 93.

Son of Sir George Branson and Mona Joyce (Brierley), his father, a High Court Judge, expected Edward to follow in his footsteps. At Bootham Edward’s main interests were natural history and swimming. He excelled in the latter, breaking most of the school records in his time here and going on to gain a Blue for swimming whilst at Trinity College, Cambridge, where at his father’s behest he read Law. World War Two intervened and he was commissioned into the Staffordshire Yeomanry. He saw action in tanks in Palestine, at El Alamein, Salerno and in Germany. In one of those quirks of wartime he met the American Egyptologist George Reisner and in a small way was able to continue the ambition he had begun at Bootham of becoming an Archaeologist. He spent what leave he could in the desert searching for shards of pottery with Reisner.

During the Salerno landings Branson acted as liaison officer with the 36th Texan Division. In Germany as Staff Major he administered the dispersal of refugees and displaced persons. (It is tempting to wonder whether he met his Bootham contemporary and friend Michael Rowntree who was with the Friends’ Ambulance Unit in the same area.)

On returning to England after the War he resumed his Law studies and in 1948 met his future wife Eve Huntley, then a stewardess on South American Airways. He proposed to her while she was riding pillion on his motorcycle. On their return from honeymoon they discovered that he had failed his Bar exams and his father had cut his allowance because he had married before completing his qualifications. Their infant son Richard used to be transported in the side-car of the motorbike. In 1950 Edward qualified for the Bar and specialised firstly in insurance cases and then in criminal practice from his chambers in the Temple. Eve, meanwhile, qualified as a gliding instructor.

From 1971-1987 Edward was a metropolitan stipendiary magistrate. When his son Richard was embarking upon his ventures that would see him become head of the ‘Virgin’ empire, Edward thought he should qualify as a barrister, and spent a weekend telling him so, before remembering that was exactly what his father had done to him. He recalled “So, the next weekend, I walked him up and down the lawn once again and told him to forget everything I’d said.”

Edward Branson is survived by his wife, his son and two daughters.

Stephen Clark

Stephen Clark, who died on 31 May aged 97, was born in Somerset on 26 December 1913. He was educated at Bootham School, York, Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, and King’s College, Cambridge. He also divided his working life between England and the US. Aged 21, he started working for the Avalon Leatherboard Company, a company associated with C and J Clark, the family shoe company. From 1937-1941, he was employed by Joseph Bancroft & Sons, a family business on his mother’s side, involved in cotton finishing in Wilmington, Delaware.

In 1941, he returned to England to become manager of the Avalon Leatherboard Company, where he was instrumental in introducing a number of successful innovations including Articor, a board consisting of ground-up leather bound with latex. Under his stewardship, the company became profitable after years of loss-making. At the same time, he continued actively as a director of Joseph Bancroft & Sons until its sale in 1961 and spent much of his time in the USA.

In 1966 he retired from the Avalon and was appointed company secretary of C & J. Clark until his retirement in 1975.

Stephen had a strong interest in preserving historic buildings. In 1962, he bought a house in Somerset named Stone Easton Park in order to prevent it from falling into ruin. After replacing the roof he sold it in 1964 to the journalist William Rees-Mogg. With the proceeds he bought Bowlish House, a fine but dilapidated house in Shepton Mallet. He restored it and opened a restaurant there, which still exists.

He also rescued a porch from Westcombe House in Batcombe, Somerset which was to be demolished, and re-erected it in a field opposite Bowlinggreen Mill in Street, with a fine avenue of walnut trees leading to it. These are now reaching maturity. He also planted an avenue of poplars along the road leading from the mill to Glastonbury.

In the USA, Stephen was elected a trustee of Woodlawn Trustees Inc, founded by his grandfather, William Poole Bancroft, for the preservation of open space for public enjoyment in Wilmington, Delaware, and the vicinity, as well as the provision of...
affordable rental housing. He was passionately committed to his grandfather’s vision and, after retiring from Clarks served as president of Woodlawn Trustees from 1976 to 1988.

Stephen was a beautiful ice skater and swam regularly in the small rivers around Street. He also spent much time horse riding. He is survived by his wife, Marianna, three daughters, one son 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Thanks to Stephen’s daughter, Harriet Hall, for providing this obituary.

Edward James De Nunzio
(Bootham 2003-10).
Died 26th February 2011, aged 18.

Ed was killed in an accident while on his Gap year, training to be a ski instructor. He was due to take up his University place to read Geography at University College, London, this Autumn. His death came as a terrible shock to the whole school community. His funeral took place in York Minster and Graham Ralph (Deputy Head) paid tribute to him on that occasion. What follows is an extract from that tribute.

“When thinking about Ed over the last two weeks it has been tempting to try to turn him into a rather saintly figure, to look at him through rose tinted spectacles and to make him out to be the perfect person. But Ed wasn’t perfect, and none of us ever really thought so. Well, perhaps that’s not quite right. Perhaps Ed thought Ed was perfect.

I looked back to see what I wrote about him for his University reference just eighteen months ago. ’Ed is an articulate school leader; he is considerate, empathetic, a good listener but not afraid to speak his mind. He is a natural leader and a key player in many school situations, being a doer as well as a talker. We have enjoyed his drama and his contributions to school Council and as a community we have been enriched by them……. He is a person of undoubted integrity, refreshing and friendly; he helps others to become more open and relaxed. As a school we will miss him, but he will be ready to enthuse others and to continue to inform himself’.

I actually began the reference in a way that I have not used for anyone else. ”Ed De Nunzio is fun”.

And Ed was enormous fun. He was famous for his Art installations around the school – sugar cubes, washing lines, rubber ducks. On one occasion he put post cards up on the walls around the corridors with comments on the various teaching areas of school. He was somewhat surprised to find other people had taken them down or added cryptic comments of their own. I pointed out to him that an artist should be pleased to evoke responses and he felt better after that. Ed always liked to be noticed. I remember the Geography trip to Iceland and his one-liners on the coach. We just hope the coach driver didn’t understand colloquial English.

I remember him as the perfect gentleman when he came to our home; the perfect guest with such easy manners. I remember the thoughtful, fun and kind man that he was, providing such good company on the Fox Pilgrimage.

At Bootham we sometimes use a George Fox quotation to encourage us to look ahead in our lives and to remember that one of our roles in life is to go out and find that of God in everyone we meet. Ed didn’t need to look ahead for this. This beautiful young man found the God in others throughout his life. George Fox said “Be pattern, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come… that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone”. Ed did walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone. And finally I would like to pay a tribute to Ed. Would you all stand. A tribute to Edward James De Nunzio. Thank you for a life well lived.’

The whole congregation stood and applauded Ed. His coffin was carried out from York Minster as the Bootham school choir sang the African anthem ‘Siyahamba, We Are walking in the steps of God’. Ed was buried at the churchyard in Kirkby Wharfe, his home village.

(Ed will be sorely missed by all who knew him at Bootham. We send our condolences to his parents and sister Sophie. Thank you for lending us Ed!)

Lieutenant William Fenwick-Smith
(Bootham 1935-38).
Died 18th December 2010.

Bill Fenwick Smith was born at Whitely Bay in 1922. At Bootham he was good at maths and sport, especially swimming. He most enjoyed a swim in the North Sea on Christmas Day.

When World War Two broke out he joined the Fleet Air Arm, learning to fly a Tiger Moth at Elmdon, (now Birmingham Airport). His training continued in Canada, where flying a Harvard he often overflew the Niagara Falls. He saw action in support of the American Landings at Okinawa in Japan and was involved in a ‘dogfight’ against six suicide bombers who were heading towards British Carriers.

He was mentioned in Despatches in the London Gazette 31st July 1945 for Operation Iceberg, Airstrikes on the Sakishima Islands on 26th March 1945. He continued to fly strikes in Sumatra against Japanese oil refineries until the War ended.

After the War he worked for Hood Haggie, a company that was taken over by British Ropes in 1952. He then bought a farm at Chiddingford, West Sussex and farmed until the mid 1970s, when he took semi-retirement and became a JP on the Guildford Bench.

He is survived by his first wife, Barbara Campbell, the two sons of their marriage and by his second wife, Tina Shepherd (née Fermor), to whom we are grateful for providing us with this obituary taken from the Fleet Air Arm Journal.
James Malcolm Holdroyd  
(Bootham 1948-53).  
Died November 1st 2011, aged 75.

James Holdroyd was a long serving clergyman with strong Yorkshire roots. Born and brought up in Honley, near Huddersfield, he came to Bootham in 1948. Not in the least athletic, if made to play Cricket he would doggedly bowl underarm; he won a reputation at school for his knowledge of Latin verbs.

He studied Law at King’s College, London, graduating with a Master’s degree, but had already decided that he had a vocation for the ministry. He attended Jesus College, Cambridge and was ordained in 1961. He was High Church man and following his appointment as Curate in charge of St. Chad’s, Hove Edge, Brighouse, he became Vicar of Staincross, near Barnsley, then a strong mining community. This period was followed by his appointment as Vicar of Marsden, near Huddersfield where the grand parish church is known as the ‘Colne Valley Cathedral’.

After two and a half years there he moved to St. Bartholomew’s Church, Brighton. This church does not have its own parish, but serves Anglo-Catholics from the wider area. He spent nineteen years there before retiring in 1993 over a number of issues he had with the Anglican Church, including the ordination of women, which he opposed. He returned to Yorkshire to nurse his parents and on the death of his father in 2001, James returned to Brighton; he shared a house with his long standing friend and fellow Anglo-Catholic, Dorothy Seymour.

A capable pianist with a love of Mozart and liturgical music, James Holdroyd was a man of strong and settled opinions. He was known for his forthright sermons and drew a congregation which approved of an authoritative voice declaring the Gospel. He is survived by his brother Julian.

Patrick Impey  
(Bootham 1930-34).  
Died 28th June 2011, aged 92.

Patrick had a rewarding and happy life, being a successful businessman in France. He lived on his beloved estate at Montfacon, Saint Quentin de Baron, for nearly fifty years and devoted his retirement to his many hobbies including photography and the scholarly pursuit of History and Politics.

Patrick was a Humanist, usually open minded, treated everyone as equals in a spirit of tolerance and freedom. He welcomed all who came to Montfacon and touched the hearts of many. His cremation took place on the 4th July and was attended by many local friends. His daughter writes that he took pleasure in reading news of Bootham and was proud of what the school has become since his days here. We send Rebecca Impey, his eldest daughter, our thanks for these notes and our condolences.

David Morris MBE  
(Bootham 1930-32).  
Died October 2010, aged 94.

David Ian Morris was born in Darlington, the youngest of three brothers. After Bootham School he followed his father in joining the Midland Bank. At the beginning of the Second World war he and his brothers all volunteered for the Royal Air Force. His brother Ivor (Bootham 1926-30) was shot down and invalided out after being seriously injured. His other brother, Lewis Trevor, (Bootham 1924-27), died in Canada when the plane he was delivering crashed in Goose Bay. David was assigned to desk duty and worked in recruitment. It was here that he met his future wife, Grizel Allen and they married in 1946. After the war they went to live in London, but concern for the quality of life of their three children sent them back to the North East, where David worked for the Midland Bank in Middlesbrough, Saltburn and finally Ponteland. When he retired from the Bank he developed a whole new career, founding the non-profit making company Swaledale Woolens. He and his wife were so concerned about the economic decline of the Yorkshire Dales that they set up the company to employ local knitters. They opened a shop in Muker, near Reeth, and soon had thirty home knitters working for them. He was also interested in local History, having six books published, the last only weeks before the end of his life. He was an enthusiastic member of the Fellmongers’ Company of Richmond and Chairman of Richmond Civic Society for more than twenty years. He was on the Board of...
Barry Nightingale
(Bootham, 1944-49),
Died 6th February, 2011.
Barry Nightingale was a Deputy Head Reeve at Bootham and represented the school in Cricket and Hockey. He was very happy at Bootham and sent three daughters to The Mount.

He had been suffering from Parkinson’s Disease for the last thirteen years, but was cheerful to the end and died peacefully from a chest infection. We are grateful to his wife Rosie for informing us of his death, and send our condolences to her and the family.

Ian Fairley Smith
Bootham 1942-46.
Died 27th September 2009
(Obituary prepared for Bootham Magazine by Sylvia Smith)

Ian Fairley Smith died on 27th September 2009 from a chest infection associated with his Parkinson’s Disease. He was 80.

Brought up in a liberal minded, Scottish Presbyterian family, he was educated at Earnseat and Bootham (1942-46). Here absorbed the ethos but became an agnostic by conviction, later.

His present post as Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister is an extraordinary achievement. Although he is not yet fifty, this is an extraordinary achievement.

Some readers may have heard his name mentioned or hovering on the fringes of a Westminster gossip. But he can occasionally be seen standing inconspicuously outside Number 10, or hovering on the fringes of a meeting of the G7.

The elder son of the late Peter (Bootham’s much respected Head of English) and Brenda, Jeremy became Head Reeve and went on to win an Open Scholarship to Hertford College, Oxford. There he gained a First in History and Economics. I remember him returning quite downcast from his initial Oxford interview, convinced that he had performed poorly. The economist interviewer had seized upon statistics (which Jeremy had been studying for just a week) in a desperate attempt to find a topic on which the candidate was less than wholly competent. Those of us lucky enough to teach him remember a pupil of vast abilities. Jeremy was respected and liked for his sense of humour, independence of thought, integrity and discretion.

After a spell in the Treasury, Jeremy was selected to work with Norman Lamont, then Chancellor of the Exchequer. So, he lived and worked through the trauma of ‘Black Wednesday’. Tony Blair’s startling request that he be his Principal Private Secretary initiated his move to Number 10. The change from Blair to Gordon Brown meant a change of outlook and personnel, but Jeremy served David Cameron.

It is possible to wonder whether Bootham, with its tolerance, its encouragement of the individual and its aim of bringing out the best in all its pupils, may have helped him to respond positively and thoughtfully to the variety of people and pressures around him.

He has certainly proved tough enough and flexible enough to cope with all that has been thrown at him. Averse to publicity he may be, but he and we are likely to hear his name mentioned more rather than less often in the next ten years

Michael Allen
Across the months

On March 11th 2011 Wing Commander Richard M. Hughes-Ellis visited Bootham for the first time since he left school. He was only here for a year, but has very fond memories of the school. He is now retired and lives near Llanidloes.

In April Byrl Short and his wife Clara came to England to celebrate Byrl’s eightieth birthday. Those who were at school in 1979-80 will remember that he came from Penfield, New York State, on a year’s exchange with Chris Moore (Chemistry). While they were in York they met up with a number of retired Bootham Staff. They would like to send greetings to all who knew them during their year in York. In October, Colin and Jane Henderson holidaying in New England, went on return visit to their home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

We heard news of Dr. Frank Braithwaite (1945-49), who practised as a Doctor in Australia for many years and is now enjoying retirement in Trentham, Victoria.

Joachim Wille, (left in 2001), was planning to come to York for a ten year reunion with a number of others from his year group. Joachim has been in Africa and plans to cycle from Ghana to South Africa, starting in November. He will spend about nine months on the journey. He works as an orderly in a Swiss hospital between his trips and is then free to travel for a few months. We look forward to hearing more of his adventures.

In August we received a letter from Ian Harrison (1939-43) which contained some lovely memories of his time at school. He recalls arriving at Bootham just in time to be evacuated to Ampleforth in September 1939. He wrote “I remember the freedom to roam; the discovery of one lake; then two lakes and finally the third lake where the herons nested. I remember paddling across the lake in a leaky boat we found and getting soaking because it sank before we reached the other side. I remember trying to find the source of the Owl Beck by plodding up it bare-footed. I remember one glorious walk we went from Ampleforth to Rievaulx Abbey, organised by one of the Nixes (teachers) Andrew and sitting down to ham and eggs in a farmhouse. Thank you Bootham for introducing me to God’s creation and teaching me how to enjoy the environment”.

In September 2011 Roger Allsopp (1952-59) broke a world record when he became the oldest person to swim the English Channel. At seventy years and four months of age, he has been presented with a certificate from the Guinness book of records. The swim took him seventeen hours and fifty one minutes, going from the Kent coast to France. Afterwards he said “My body has told me not to do anything like this again”. Roger Allsopp is a retired breast cancer surgeon. He lives in Guernsey and his swim has raised £100,000 for cancer research that is being undertaken at Southampton University, where they are working to develop a blood test to aid the early diagnosis of a number of cancers. His success was hard won and he spent many months training in and out of the water to achieve the level of fitness required. We send him our heartiest congratulations on his epic achievement.

Jim Massy (1943-47) came to speak to College Chemistry students on the chemistry and history of polymers, an area in which he has spent most of his working life. His talk was much appreciated.

Kristjan Laane (1999-2001) graduated with a Doctorate from Cambridge in ‘Human Interaction and Addiction’. He is now working in London on Android and Blackberry development for a Toronto based firm.

Tom Greening (1999-2001) read Psychology at the University of Northumbria and then did a Master’s degree in Computer Science. He worked for a few years for a film and television post production company, including working on the BBC series ‘Spooks’, before leaving to complete a qualification in Commercial Yachting and he is now second Mate on a ‘Challenge’ 67 foot racing yacht.

Charlie Taylor (2005-7) has made his debut playing for Leeds United against Crystal Palace. He signed a three year professional contract with Leeds in June and should have a bright future. You can follow his career on Google!

Elliott Russell (2004-11) and Joey Howard (2006-11) are enjoying their first year at Cambridge. (See page 49)

Andrew McDermott (1998-2005) studied Countryside and Environmental management at Harper Adams University. He now works for Yorwoods, a publicly funded woodland initiative based at Ripon. They work with the Forestry Commission advising on woodland management and they offer forestry training. As project officer for the Forestry Commission’s Forestry and Flooding Grant scheme it is his job to persuade landowners to apply for grants to plant woodland. He is keen to hear from anyone who needs advice about woodland management.

Tom Pearcy, Mark Riches and Ben Warn at the Summer Reunion. More photos page 41.
Bootham School Register 2010
A published book of all Old Scholars

The Bootham Register 2010 – how to get your copy
The new edition of the Bootham School Register is with the printers, after hundreds of updates from Old Scholars and several years of work by a number of people! It contains entries for over 7,000 Old Scholars and honorary BOSA members.

The Bootham School Register is a way of recording your place in history, along with everyone else who is an Old Scholar of the school. We hope that it will be a valuable resource for many years to come (as the previous editions of the Register have been), not only to see what your school friends have done, but also for family history researchers in the future who are researching their ancestors.

There are nearly 3,000 more names in the new edition than in the 1971 edition, and as a result there is not space to reproduce the 1971 edition entries in full. There is enough space to include names and school dates for all Old Scholars since 1823, but only biographical information that was not in the 1971 edition will be included.

For example, if Joe Bloggs left Bootham in 1960, he would have had an entry in the 1971 edition, which might contain details of his parents and marriage. His entry in the new edition will not repeat those details, but might include the names of his children who were born since 1971, and a biography mentioning what he has done over the past 40 years! Jane Smith, who left in 1990, would not have had an entry in the 1971 edition, and therefore she would have a full entry (name, address, occupation, years at school, family, education and biography) assuming we have those details.

We are intending to make the Register available online, to make it accessible to more Old Scholars. However, the details of this are still to be confirmed.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to get back in touch with school friends, please email oldscholars@boothamschool.com.

How to get a copy
There are a limited number of free copies of the new edition of the Bootham School Register, due to a generous donation. Once the supply of free copies is exhausted, a charge of around £30 (plus p&p) will be made.

The two ways to get a copy are:
You can get one at Reunion Weekend 2012, in which case you don’t need to do anything now. These copies will be the first to be given out.

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An open letter to old scholars

from Victor Watson (1942-46) and chairman of the Bootham School Trust

Dear fellow Old Scholar

I wrote to the senior Bootham Old Scholars and some others seeking a general view regarding our campaign to increase legacies in favour of the school. I wrote with confidence that the view would be favourable albeit with exceptions and qualifications. I was wrong. The replies were very favourable. Some went further and said, “Yes I’ll initiate a legacy but in case there is not much to share at the end here’s a donation to be going on with”. It is a typical reply from a product of a great school. My wife Sheila says that she can spot a Bootham old boy not just by the fact that he won’t buy a new jacket until the old one is worn out but because he cares – cares about people and their institutions. We were not taught these attitudes. In addition to fine teaching the staff of Bootham led by example. Perhaps this is why the school has prospered even without endowments or rich supporters; well, we have some but compared with many public schools we are the poor relation. But the generosity of many have enabled improvements, renovations and changes and we are very grateful.

Very Best wishes to you all

Victor Watson

Headline for next year...

GRAHAM RALPH CELEBRATES RETIREMENT WITH MARATHON ... and raises £10,000!

Well that’s what I hope to do with your help – run the 2012 Edinburgh Marathon and raise £10,000 for a very good cause, the Quaker Cottage, Belfast.

Quaker Cottage is a cross-community family support centre providing services for some of the extremely disadvantaged areas of north and west Belfast. Quaker Cottage is for mothers and their children who have experienced trauma or who are having difficulties coping with the day-to-day management of their homes, irrespective of their religion.

Mothers who attend have individual needs but typical issues are abuse, alcoholism, anxiety, bereavement, depression, domestic violence, and parenting. The centre strives to create a safe and caring atmosphere to enable women to share their feelings freely with emphasis on a holistic and solution focused approach giving mothers the space to deal with unresolved issues. The development programme also involves learning about each other’s culture. Whilst a creche offers stimulation for younger children, older children take part in a wide range of activities to help them build relationships, develop skills, and have fun! For 13-18 year olds, the focus is on personal development skills (e.g. communication) increasing self-confidence, promoting mutual respect and understanding across the religious divide.

Quaker Cottage aims to provide a safe and caring environment where increased self-esteem, greater family understanding and co-operation, improved social and life skills, enhanced development and mutual understanding and respect, are actively promoted. It has a history of working to bring local communities together.

In 2009/2010, the centre received an income of £153,000 which comes through funding from Government Grants (over half of the funding), Central Quaker Donations, Trusts and individual donations from Friends. The expenditure for the same year however was £185,000, and if I could raise my target, this would be over 5% of the annual expenditure.

As I have said, my target is £10,000 and to help me go a long way to achieving this, here is how I am hoping my generous friends and colleagues can help. I would like to find sponsors as follows:

1 person to sponsor me for £1000
2 people to sponsor me for £500 each
10 people to sponsor me for £100 each
20 people to sponsor me for £50 each

Whilst this is my aim, any amount, large or small would be gratefully accepted and put to very good use.

If you would like to sponsor me, please visit my website at http://www.JustGiving.com/Graham-Ralph and remember to tick the Gift Aid box if applicable.

Graham Ralph
**Weddings**

**Tom Sessions** (1994-2000) married Kate Stancliffe (1993-99) in Tuscany on 30th July. Among those present were May Stancliffe (now Richardson), Claire Harper, Lucy Jones, Amy Lovell, Fraser Kennedy, Jonathan Marlow, Alex Bradley, George Wise, James Waggot, Marishia Christie, Milyun Chiu, Emily Sutton, Will Sessions, (Tom’s brother), Mark Sessions (their father) and Mark’s Bootham contemporary Rick Barnes.

On 8th January 2011 **Benedict Coffin** (1992-99) married Dr. Sarah Reynolds in Girton College, Cambridge. He now works in London as a Civil Servant. He read History at Cambridge, followed by an M. Phil. in Medieval History. Among the friends present at the wedding were Tim Rounding, Alastair and Rosie Jamieson, Robin and Jo Peach and Jim and Margaret Ainscough.

**Births**

Henry Edward Arthur Lawer born 12th July 2011 to Emma Lawer (nee Rushby 87-92) and Jason Lawer, a brother for Archie.

Amalia Ava Marie Bell born to Andy and Freya Bell (staff).
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We look forward to seeing Old Scholars at both Reunions in 2012. It is always wonderful to see new faces so please do come along and say hello.

There are three reunion groups planned next year so have a look and see if any of them apply to you. If not come along anyway - there’s always a very warm welcome.

Saturday, March 24th - Sports Reunion
Join us for lunch and an afternoon of netball and football followed by afternoon tea. This event is hugely popular with recent leavers and is great chance to catch up with staff and friends.

If you want to take part please contact Lis Hooley hooleyl@boothamschool.com

May 13th – 15th Reunion Weekend
Friday 13th, 6.30pm – Reunion Supper
This year we are holding a relaxed buffet supper in the Staff Dining Room at Bootham School. This informal event is the perfect way to start your weekend here in York. You and your husband, wife, partner are invited to catch up with fellow Old Scholars from both The Mount and Bootham.

Saturday 14th
8.50am Meeting for worship in the School Hall
9.45am AGM
10.30am Coffee with past and present members of staff
11.15am Head Reeves’ speeches
11.30am Tours of the School ‘at work’
12.15pm Formal group photos
12.45pm Lunch (early lunch available for cricketers)
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Afternoon Activities
The swimming gala, tennis and rounders will all start at 2pm.
Contact Lis Hooley - hooleyl@boothamschool.com if you want to take part.

On the field – the popular bouncy castle will be returning again and so will the ice cream van. A colouring table will be set up for budding young artists.

20twenty Cricket – YOUR TEAM NEEDS YOU!
The OS team will take on a Bootham School XI, contact Ben Warn to play bwam@yahoo.com or 07802 273764

2pm Access all Areas School Tours - tours with a difference, you decide where to go and what to see.

3pm-3.45 The OS Big Splash – swim or splash, it’s up to you. The inflatables will be out too - a fantastic time.

3.45pm The Legendary Afternoon Tea

6.45pm Joint Reunion Dinner, Dante Suite, York Racecourse
Address by BOSA President, Michael Johnson

Sunday 15th May – at The Mount School
All Old Scholars are welcome to activities at The Mount.
10am Coffee in the Esther Tuke Room
10.30-11.00am Meeting for Worship in the Hall
12.15pm Lunch in the Dining Room

A more detailed programme will be sent out in February 2012 and all the information will also be on the Old Scholars’ section of the website.

Reunion Groups 2012

The three planned reunion groups for next year are:
1992 leavers, contact Sally Culpan: sallyculpan@btinternet.com
1965-69 leavers, contact Andrew Robinson, andrew.c.robinson@btinternet.com
1972 leavers, contact Andy Chapman, akchapman@aol.com.

There is also a reunion group being organised by Mount Old Scholar, Elizabeth Morgan for 1962 leavers. Contact elizabeth3app@btinternet.com or 0191 384 6874

Car parking

Important Information
There is great demand for parking spaces at Bootham over the Reunion weekend. If you are unable to find a space there are 3 car parks within walking distance and also a regular Park and Ride service from Clifton to Exhibition Square. For more information visit www.york.gov.uk/transport/Parking/Cars_parks/

If you would like to arrange a reunion for your year group please contact Jane Peake at oldscholars@boothamschool.com who will help you in touch with fellow Old Scholars.

Dates for your diary
2013 - Reunion Weekend, 10-12 May
2014 - Reunion Weekend, 9-11 May