

RYE OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENTS PIECE

Without appearing sombre on the front page of this years Bulletin, I felt the need to be at least reflective in what the Nation and locals alike have remembered in the past month.

The Nation stood in silence on November 11th for the 100 years remembrance of the end of the Great War. A few days previous to this The Hither Green train disaster was remembered once again and a new commemoration stone has been unveiled (report and photos inside). Not forgetting either, the 90th Anniversary of the Mary Stamford tragedy where 17 local men lost their lives on a voluntary call to duty.

When looking at any of the local Memorials whether in Rye or in the surrounding Villages you recognise familiar names. Understandable really as they are second and third generation of people that you may have gone to school with yourself, even with current day students.

We have reduced the space within the Bulletin for obituaries but remember those ROSA members that have passed to pastures new this year. However we encourage everyone to send obits and photos to our webmaster so that such important notices can be recorded on the website.

To review the past 12 months is simple, it has been a traditional ROSA year where we have produced a Bulletin, supported the College yet again, at their awards evening, enjoyed a successful lunch and arranged a very enjoyable reunion. The website continues to blossom as an added bonus. Let's hope 2019 can build on this with the same ingredients.

Thanks, as always, to the Committee for their support. Just space to wish you the compliments of the festive season ahead along with a healthy and peaceful New Year

ROSA BULLETIN & WEBSITE

Since taking over the role as ROSA Bulletin Editor in 1994 with life long friend Gordon Boxall, the bulletin has evolved with a change every so often to keep it fresh. After the highly successful Website was launched there was even more reason to take stock and look to see how the bulletin can still be enjoyed and meet the need of our current membership against something that can be updated on an hourly basis (I feel sure it would if our wonderful webmaster Tim Rothwell had the time).

For 2018 we decided the bulletin needed a small makeover as the format has been in place since we went electronic with the bulletin in 2009. They say you should change a mattress every 8 years, this is not indicating that the bulletin is now a commodity that sends you to sleep but something that is different to what you can read with a click of a button on the website and still enjoyed as a hard copy of what has gone on in the world of ROSA during 2018. If there are specific things you would like to see with the bulletin and on the website, we are open to ideas and welcome any suggestions. Please make contact, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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Due to pressures of village and community life Tim Rothwell has stepped down as Chairman a few months short of his three year term of office. The Committee sincerely thank him for his commitment and enthusiasm during his role of as Chairman and the manner he has created and looks after our website.

For year round news, photos, memories and more, please visit our wonderful website

www.ryeoldscholars.org.uk



**THE RYE OLD SCHOLARS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 19TH
MAY 2019 AT THE MERMAID INN, RYE,
COMMENCING AT 12 NOON**

NEW PHOTO FOR FRONT PAGE

With thanks to former Thomas Peacocke School pupil and Rye resident **Tony Ham** for allowing us to use of his splendid photos of this Bulletin's front page. We hope to use others in the future

LINDA BAILEY 1961-1967

Linda was in Peacock House during her time at R.G.S. And was a member of the successful athletics team in 1965. After Rye she went on to Christ's College Cambridge University. As a mature student and achieved an Advanced certificate in Education.

Her interests include Bee keeping, Gardening, Singing Groups, Current Affairs groups and Book Groups. Linda has recently moved back into the Rye area and is enjoying meeting up with old friends.

PAT COMPORT 1959 -1966

Dr Pat Argar nee Comport, attended RGS from September 1959 to July 1966. Trained as a Secondary School teacher and spent her working life teaching English. The majority of her teaching career was spent as head of English at the Harvey Grammar School for Boys in Folkestone. Pat is married with two children.

When she retired Pat decided to further her own education and studied for a MA in English Literature and subsequently a PhD which she was awarded in 2015. Pat is now pursuing independent research into the Comport family, the Unitarian church and rural history, particularly of East Sussex and Romney Marsh.

NEWS FROM DAVID SWARBRICK 2009-2017



Photo Credit: Maciek Kaliski

My time studying in Rye lasted 8 years and for a good part of that I took pride in being involved with a number of extra-curricular activities and associations. One that was prominent and particularly special to me was the Rye Wurlitzer Academy. I have had a great interest in music and performance since the age of 5. My initial draw to Rye was that they catered for that.

It was my time at Rye Studio School that broadened my perspective on creative disciplines and I gained an additional interest in filmmaking, not leaving music behind by any means. My third film and first documentary in 2015 centred on the Rye Wurlitzer Academy, it's students and the fantastic people who make it possible. I was encouraged to enter the short into the Rye International Film Festival in the same year and to my amazement I came away with 'Best Student Film' (Can't be too bad at the age of 17). Since then, I have left Rye and am now a second year BA Film student at Falmouth School of Film and Television in Cornwall. I'm looking at the possible specialisms of Screenwriting, Directing and Sound. January this year, I bagged my first professional job as Sound Assistant on a Cornwall based short film called

'Backwoods' by Director Ryan Mackfall which is due to be released the start of next year. This semester I have written my own short film and plan to produce it next year. I am also Head of Department for sound on an upcoming short film 'Next of Kin' based on a farm in St Austell. Shooting commences mid- late January and the crowdfunder is live now. I am having a great time in Falmouth and have met some fantastic people, but I never forget the experiences and opportunities I was lucky enough to have at both Rye College and Rye Studio School, I wouldn't be working as a creative without them.

Editors Note—Thank you David for this piece. Can I encourage other recent old scholars to write in for next year's bulletin or even the website that can be read throughout the year. This is exactly what being an Old Scholar is all about, conveying news not only of a successful life but a developing career since leaving Rye.

WISE WORDS FROM JIM HOLMES

In the course of the very enjoyable ROSA lunch at The Mermaid on May 13th, I was reminded of my experiences on the school sports field, happy memories of cricket, rather less happy memories of football, at which I was heroically inept, the one to be picked last for the team, the player nobody wanted: I entirely understood, because I wouldn't have chosen me either. *T.S. Eliot wrote We shall cease from exploration And the end of exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time.* Looking back I realise that he was speaking to my condition, one of confusion over direction of travel on the field of play. However, I do remember scoring one goal to my surprise and pleasure. Having weaved my way skilfully past a rather lacklustre opposition without the need to do serious damage to anyone who got in my way, I put the ball triumphantly passed a strangely impassive goal keeper into the back of the net. The book of Proverbs reminds us that "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" You have guessed: it was an own goal.

If you are user of FACEBOOK, why not check our the following pages they may be of interest to you.

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THE R.O.S.A. 2019 LUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 19TH MAY AT THE MERMAID INN AT 1PM

R.O.S.A. LUNCH 2018

This year a change in day for our annual lunch meant that we had an increase in attendees and the magnificent Tudor Room at the Mermaid Inn was our base not only for the A.G.M. which Chairman Tim Rothwell presided over without incident, followed by our wonderful lunch. Background music is never required at this event as the level of multi conversations makes even the best hearing aid have an out of body experience.

With names cards in situ we soon realised that we had more in the room than we had places and more settings were prepared which meant that birthday boy John Breeds and myself were at opposite ends of the table but too far away to slide the marmalade down the table due to the glowing white cotton tablecloths.

It would appear customary at this event that after coffee and before the obligatory group photo that jars of preserves made by my person are distributed to those attending, this year was no exception and a little background knowledge of the flavours was conveyed.

Time passed all too quickly and by 3.30pm those who had enjoyed a fine lunch were contemplating their journey home, or for some a stroll around the beautiful town to re-live memories of a distant past.

One of the highlights for me was witnessing a cross table conversation by Judith's father Mr Payton and our very own Bertie Hacker who must win the prize for attending all the lunches. Both men are closer to 100 than their 90th year and it was a pleasure to listen to their tales and life experiences.

Thanks to all who attended to continue this rather refined tradition of ROSA that is so much enjoyed. Here's to next year.



Those wishing to attend the 2019 lunch, please register your interest by contacting **RICHARD MOORE** (01424)444058 or r.fm@btopenworld.com



THOSE ATTENDING INCLUDED

Tim & Libby Rothwell, Geoff Boxall, Martin & Judith Blineow, Tony & Sue Moore, Jim & Janet Homes, Richard Moore, Gillian Winterbottom, Michael Eagle, Maureen Getley, Lois Benton, Geoffrey & Rosemary Craggs, Christopher & Kay Breeds, Helen Paige, Beverley Gill, Bertie Hacker, Victoria Hurd, Anthony & Marie Breeds, Michael Breeds, John & Geraldine Breeds, Michael Hickman, Edward & Fennis Blundell, Virginia Hill, Howard Jones,



Bertie making a necessary gesture to catch every word of conversation





NEWS IN BRIEF Over the last year I have worked on a few films one being Finding Your Feet out now, also The Kid who would be King which has just finished filming. This year I have a remake of Dr Doolittle on the books and another episode of Wonder Woman. All the Best to everyone in Rye from me in The Chiltern Hills. **Keith Cowper R.G.S. 1951-58**

Hither Green Rail Crash Memorial Service of Dedication Monday 5th November 2018

51 years after the Event seems, perhaps, late in the day to put up and dedicate a permanent memorial to those who died but this, I think, very necessary task has now been undertaken thanks to Lewisham Council, Network Rail and others.

I now realise that I had always 'chickened out' of anything to do with this – even though it had affected me constantly for the past 51 years. When asked by the current Mayor of Rye whether I should like to represent Rye at this event I felt privileged and scared in equal measure. You may understand this better if you read my piece on the subject in the 2017 ROSA Bulletin. We were also proud to represent the two members of the Breeds family who died on this day in 1967. Judith Breeds was Head Girl at Rye County Secondary School in 1962. Together with her younger sister, Gay, they were both very active members of the school community in Rye and feature prominently in the RX magazines that can be accessed on the ROSA Website.

Geraldine, my wife and Mayoress when I was Mayor back in 2010-2012 and girlfriend back in 1967, accompanied me to Hither Green. We had a terribly slow journey by car, being stuck at Junction 3 on the M25 for at least half an hour. It would have been much quicker by train, but I never travel by train any more if I can help it and, when I do, Geraldine has to accompany me and hold my hand. I am a mess. I have been like this ever since the Crash!

The Service was lovely and very emotional. It was clear to see many people, including myself, were trying hard to 'hold it together' especially during the Townend version of The Lord's My Shepherd sung so beautifully by Trinity School Choir.

Very appropriately, Kevin Williams was chosen to pull the cord to unveil the Memorial. His sister Dianne is listed on the memorial twice – once under her married name of Reed and once under her maiden name. She had only been married a few days.

Of course, Richard Spencer was the other name uppermost in my mind because I think of him almost every day when I have my hour or so practice at the keyboard.

It is good to have at last a permanent Memorial with all the names listed and, even, a graphic image of the horror (although I'm not so sure I like that so much). While we stood round the memorial commuters were rushing past without so much as a glance – but that's life!

John Breeds



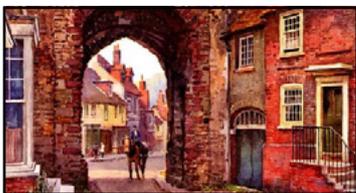
THE HITHER GREEN AWARD

Since my involvement with the Old Scholars from the mid 80's, my view of the Hither Green Award was that some money had been set aside from donations after the tragedy occurred in 1967. It was discussed for years at Committee and nothing seemed to happen about it. I was therefore proud and privileged to stand amongst people in November 2008 at Strand Quay where we unveiled a memorial bench in memory of those, together with a small gathering afterwards at the Standard Inn along with the souvenir jar of jam (no less). The jam may have been eaten but so proud to say the bench is still there and sat on daily.

Since then, every year, Kevin Williams travels to Rye for the Key Stage 3 Presentations to present "The Hither Green Award" an award that is presented to a student who has risen above adversity whether it be in a personal trauma, illness, disability, accident or unexpected life incident, taken it on the chin, dealt with it and moved on through strength of character.

It is an absolute privilege to sit there and listen to Kevin speak and inform current students and adults of what happened and to present the awards. The last two years in particular, the recipients stories have been more than touching and have led to a standing ovation from the room.

The Hither Green Fund is still in place and now it is being used every year for the presentation of a book voucher is slowly diminishing. If you would like to specifically "top-up" this very special and recognised memorial fund please send a cheque payable to ROSA but mark on the back Hither Green Fund so that it can be properly allocated.



1960's REUNION 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

A small collection of photos and words,
Please visit the website for many more photos.



With one of the driest summers on record, the date selected for the 1960's reunion just happened to be when the heavens opened for most of the day students of the 1960's gathered together for a reunion at the Sidney Allnutt Cricket Pavilion, including the Richard Merricks Room, on the Salts in Rye. Despite the weather, and the consequent inability to use in full the marquee which had been erected specially for the event, the general consensus was that a good time was had by all. Special thanks go to the following members of the ROSA Committee for making the event a success. A wonderful buffet – Judith Blincow, Claire Spacey and Shirley Bannister who worked so hard. And the pavilion looked suitably festive. Richard Moore's sterling efforts with the raffle made a valuable contribution to our funds. Margaret O'Neill had been tireless in drumming up support for the event and the results were evident on the night. Sue and Tony Moore did a fantastic meet and greet job under very difficult conditions and we have some more emails to add to our distribution list. Thanks to Martin Blincow for enabling us to use the pavilion and for putting up and taking down the marquee. Our official photographer Andy Spacey spent the evening taking photos, some are here and the others can be viewed on our website.



Those attending were the following:

Eleanor Hunter. Philip Hunter, Mark & Pam Jarvis, Richard Coleman, Virginia Hill, Will Eldridge, Sam Ford, Peter Eade, Robert Davies, Lois Benton (Staff), Maureen Getley (Staff), Marie Breeds, Anthony Breeds, Jill Elliott (Staff), Peter Holliday (Staff), Euan & Fiona Thomson, Liz Cornelius (nee Ewart), Richard Rimmer, Tony Hall, Tim Grant, Ted Blundell. Linda Bailey, Janet Carree, Martin Carree, Dave Howley, R. Osborne, Sam Lambourne, Janet and Alan McInnes, Anne Newstead, Nick Marshall, Howard and Mary Jones, Andrew Bennett, Mary Bennett, Sally Burke, Jenny Hadfield (nee Burke), Richard Wright (Staff), Colin Swan, Geoff Hughes, Roy Forward, Nigel Foy, Colin Hills. Bob Carter, Jim and Janet Holmes Malcolm & Christine Tree (nee Bourne), Mark and Rosemary Bianchi, Andy Chapman nee Lewis (staff), Graham Bourne, Andrew Keen, Colin Dickenson, David Goodlet, Alec Tiltman, Barry Fuller, Heather Barnett, Peter Barnett, Keith Matthews, Carol Bourne, Roy Bourne, Barbara Moody, David Moody, Gilly Winterbottom and Michael Eagle, Beverley Creed (nee Gill), Anne Avery, Peter Ewart, Ricky Turner, Yvonne Turner, Kevin Williams, Derrick Baldock, Shirley Bannister, Judith and Martin Blincow, John and Geraldine Breeds, Richard Moore, Sue and Tony Moore, Margaret O'Neill, Tim and Libby Rothwell, Claire and Andrew Spacey, Heather Barnett, Peter Barnett, Keith Matthews, Carol Bourne, Roy Bourne, Barbara Moody, David Moody, Gilly Winterbottom and Michael Eagle, Beverley Creed (nee Gill), Anne Avery, Peter Ewart, Ricky Turner, Yvonne Turner, Kevin Williams, Derrick Baldock.

ROSA Committee:

Shirley Bannister, Judith and Martin Blincow, John and Geraldine Breeds, Richard Moore, Sue and Tony Moore, Margaret O'Neill, Tim and Libby Rothwell, Claire and Andrew Spacey.



IS THERE REALLY LIFE AFTER RYE ? FROM FORMER TEACHERS PERSPECTIVE

I suddenly had an idea during the compilation of this year's bulletin that as well as reading about old Scholars, it would be nice to read what teachers have moved on after their term of endearment at Rye. I hope this is the start of an ongoing article

BARRY FULLER 1976 – 1986

PE and Woodwork. Bought Pub in Chard, Somerset with Mr Gil Wright (English) and Mr Mike White (Leasam House and History). Succeeded in getting it into CAMRA 'Good Beer Guide'. Returned to teaching Sept 1993 at Harvey G.S. Folkestone (Design Technology, ICT and Sport) Stayed there until Early Retirement in 2011, having reached the dizzy heights of Deputy Headmaster. Now retired, working at whatever my wife and daughter set for me. Still Umpiring Hockey at Folkestone Optimist H.C. and Stoolball at Pett."

JOHN STEWART

Here is a brief resume of what I've been doing since retiring from TPCC. I felt lost for a few weeks – no routine or structure so I got on the books of a great supply Teaching agency. They sent me to a good many secondary and primary schools. I thoroughly enjoyed working in many schools in Kent and East Sussex witnessing well managed and not so well managed schools. I was able to devote more time to painting. Warships and passenger liners being my primary subjects. I sold in a gallery in London and at Christies auctions in London and Amsterdam. Prints Of the paintings are on a website: Hansenfine art.

Interest in shipping has dwindled over the years as have the number of ships. Painting them is the easy bit. Selling them is a different story. I've just started a series of fish. The first one being a grey mullet, my old adversary. I spent thousands of hours fishing for them as a youngster. I enjoy cooking and going for walks with my Chihuahua.

ELIZABETH BUSH 1983-1997 (supply and part time to 2007)

Having been involved all my working life as a Music Teacher in various schools firstly in Northamptonshire, but eventually, following our move to Hastings in 1982, retiring from TPS, I'm sure it won't come as a surprise that in my retirement I am still very involved in music.

For very many years I have been involved in playing the organ or piano for Church services, most recently at St Leonards Baptist Church. I also arrange occasional Choir Concerts to raise funds for various charities. In the last two years we have had a Christmas in July concert, as the weather then is generally much better than in December for getting an audience!

Also, for the last few years I have been the accompanist for Christchurch Singers in Bexhill, which is a choir made up of people from various churches in the Bexhill, Hastings and St Leonards areas. This choir does two main concerts each year, Summer and Christmas, to raise funds for local charities, but we've also been one of the many local choirs taking part in 'The Big Sing' for St Michael's Hospice.

KEVIN HOGAN 1980-2003

One of the great joys when teaching at Thomas Peacocke, was to be able to take students on historical visits to Europe and England in the hope of opening their minds to the world's architectural and artistic marvels, as well as encouraging social mixing. Now that I am retired, in between the routine gardening and reading, I still like to travel whilst I have the health to do so. For instance, this year I found the old family home in Singapore, enjoyed the autumn colours of Slovenia and Croatia and next week will be celebrating my 67th birthday watching the changing of the guard outside the Palacio Reale in Madrid. I am already planning a trip to the Ethiopian Rift Valley for next year, but despite my enjoyment from my own travels, it is good to know that some students like Jon Colegrave, who participated on Hogan's History Tours, are now passing their enthusiasm down to the younger members of their family. Wishing you a happy Christmas wherever in the world you are.

MARTIN BLINCOW 1983-2002

I left Thomas Peacocke in Summer 2002, after 19 years at the school. Since then I have enjoyed a very varied and interesting career 2002-2004 I was Head of Geography and Geology at Bexhill Sixth Form College 2004 - 2009 I worked for Kent County Council as an Advisory Teacher for Business Studies, Vocational Education and Work Related Learning. 2009 - 2015 I worked as a senior Manager for Kent County Council in the 16-24 Skills Team. A host of different projects, including managing the Post 16 On Line Application system for 15,000 students, responsibility for Kent's Careers Education Policy, instigating and project managing a Careers Event for 5,000 students at the Kent Showground, and supporting Members of Kent County Council. 2015- Now working at The Mermaid Inn in Rye. Involved in a range of activities, website, social media, buildings etc.

Throughout this time I have been involved with Rye Cricket Club, where many former pupils continue to play and excel. In 2018 Rye Cricket Club won the Indoor League and Cup, and in the Summer won Division 4 East of The Sussex County League.

RYE ACADEMY TRUST, NEWS UP DATE BY EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL BARRY BLAKELOCK

Anyone passing Rye College in recent months will have had sight of the scaffold, skips and tradesmen on or around the building as our programme of essential works gets underway. Whilst activity focuses in the main on new roofing, wiring and upgrades to safety and security, when work is complete students are also left with new floors, doors and ceilings – and the smell of fresh paint. Undoubtedly, everyone at the college will benefit – students, families, colleagues and community – but the significance of the renovations is not just in the material improvement but also as a symbol of the investment in education taking place.

Although Aquinas have been involved in the management of the Rye schools in one way or another for over a year, a significant step in the schools' journey was taken on 1st November when both college and primary formally joined our South East London-based education trust. Now the Rye schools are part of an established family of eleven schools across two local authorities – and they are a most welcome addition to our growing learning community.

Named after Thomas, the philosopher and patron saint of students, Aquinas was formed in 2013 when a group of local schools took the opportunity to come together as part of a vision of a 'school-led system' – schools running themselves. Collectively, our schools offer learners an education where individuality is celebrated, talents are nurtured and progress is sustained from the early years to those preparing to heading off to university. It is this synergy with the Rye schools that have led us to firmly believe Aquinas is a natural home for them.

With eleven schools in the trust, there is not only a very real energy and enthusiasm amongst colleagues about our youngsters' learning but also a wide range of expertise – from classroom practitioners to senior leaders. Alongside the investment in the building comes a greater investment from the trust in the children, young people and adults who attend on a daily basis. It is a genuine commitment and total focus on learning and the leadership of learning that typifies our approach to schooling – we strive to ensure every learner succeeds and realises their full potential.

We are confident Rye College and Rye Community Primary School have much to offer the trust in turn; there is a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the local community which will ensure both schools maintain their own unique characteristics and individual identities – enabling us to become good 'local' schools – and the first choice for Rye's families. As we begin the journey, we look forward to working closely with students, families, colleagues and community – and we would strongly encourage Rye Old Scholars to play an active role to ensure the next chapter in the story of education in Rye is one we can all be proud of.

Thank you for all your support

CAN YOU REMEMBER WHEN.....

Jim Holmes is a prolific contributor to our Bulletin. His name may not appear in every edition but when it does, you will know, as he consistently makes the editors smile with his innocent observations of life.

I can still chuckle about his report for the last ever London Re-Union that no one attended apart from him. In this years bulletin his games lesson memory is wonderful.

Lets all follow in Jim's footsteps . What is the funniest or most memorable thing that happened to you at school ? If you can do better than Jim we would love to hear from you and share some insights into the lighter side of our school in Rye in future bulletins.

Please email to Richard Moore r.fm@btopenworld.com

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Can we remind you subscriptions are now £5.00 per annum.

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"ON YER BIKE FLETCH" (GRAHAM FLETCHER 1972-1977)

Graham was a great sprinter at school during his time there, running for both school and county. Professional career and family slowed him down a little but I know he was still running at a county level when we spoke last as a "veteran" and he made it to national veterans sprint finals on a number of occasions.

His hunger for exercise involving two wheels over the past four years takes some beating and I applaud him for the sheer energy, enthusiasm and absolute passion for cycling. During 2016 Graham cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats over a ten day period. He expanded on that in 2017, cycling from the North to the South of France, taking in Mont Ventoux en route. In 2018 saw a solo ride down to the French Alps, meeting up with like minded individuals, to then spend a week cycling routes around Alp D'Huez, followed by a solo ride back to the U.K.

As if it wasn't enough in 2018 also saw him complete the Isle of Wight Ultra running Marathon in May, a distance of 64.6 miles. July saw him take on the City to Summit challenge, a major ultra event starting in Edinburgh and consisting of a 15 mile run, followed by a 115 mile bike ride and then another 25 miles which culminated in a saunter up (and back down) Ben Nevis. This took Graham 17 hours to complete but he did stop off for lunch ! I dread to think what next year holds, but Graham assures me he is looking for the next challenge. I know he has a longer term plan to solo ride from London to Istanbul (I daren't ask why !). You can find Grahams activities on the Strava cycling app.

Taking on these events requires a fair bit of training, but Graham assures me he still works for a living.

Married to Sue (nee Walker) for nearly 35 years, Sue was also a student at Thomas Peacock, and they have been together since those heady sixth form days in 1976. They have four grown up children and currently live on the edge of the New Forest (yep, a perfect cycling and running territory for Graham).



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RECENT LEAVERS NEWS

Abbie Donald (2010 to 2016) University of Salford studying Graphic Design. Abbie is heavily involved with music and works closely with the music department at uni where they give her opportunities to perform but also listen to visiting musicians from in and out of the university. She has started creating album artwork for music students to try and gain experience. In her free time she still practices every day on guitar and keyboard along with open mic. nights every week.

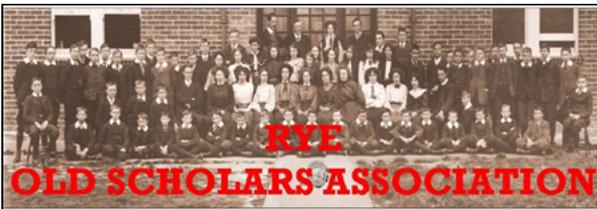
James Foster (2010 to 2016) Currently studying Computer Science at the University of Hull. James has recently been elected President of the Re-enactment society and recently travelled back to Rye to take part in the Rye bonfire celebrations, something that his family have supported for many years.

Thomas Pickering (2011 to 2016) After gaining good A level grades at Highworth, Thomas has now gone on to study music at the Guildhall of Music in London with his specialist instrument being the recorder



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WE REMEMBER

Mrs Jean Turner (nee Blackman)

Jean's son Ricky Turner has informed ROSA of the sad news that his mother, Mrs Jean Turner, has passed away. Jean was married to the late Colin, and her children, Susan, David, Ricky, Martyn and Elizabeth (Liz) attended the Rye senior schools. Jean was the daughter of Mr Blackman, who was headteacher at Rye County Secondary School, and the sister of the late Eve Beeney, who was the Headteachers' Secretary as well as ROSA Secretary for many years.

Martin Robert Jones Richard Jones has informed us of the death of his younger brother, Martin Robert Jones. Martin died in March 2018 in Cambridge. *"Martin was the youngest of us Jones boys (Peter and myself), attending Thomas Peacocke School from 1972-1979, from where he won a scholarship to Kings College, Cambridge to read mathematics. He liked Cambridge so much that he stayed there, working initially on finite element graphic software. It is evident that he had a leaning towards academia, and in his spare time had undertaken an Open University Masters degree and was actively involved with distance learning modules. He had recently announced his intention to undertake a Phd. Our Mum and Dad (Basil and Daphne Jones (nee Breeds)) were also Old Scholars, attending RGS during the war years when it was evacuated to Bedford."*

**A RALLYING CRY OR OTHER NOISE
FOR STUDENTS OF THE 1970'S**

Since arranging the first 1970's reunion in memory of dear Tim Docksey there has always been something to assist its success and "specialness". The first was at the Mermaid Inn and the intake year of 1970 packed the Tudor Room. The others have always been at the college in 4-5 yearly intervals depending on the circumstances. Friends reunited came along in that time which made it slightly easier for finding people and getting in touch outside of the ROSA bulletin. Now of course in more recent years this is the second I have been part of where Facebook will assist in spreading the word.

Personally speaking, this reunion will be special for me in that the intake year of 1970 will all be reaching the age of 60, sad, but very true. However, it is not just for that year group and during the seven years I attended Rye I met and became friends with some lovely people above and below my year group so I sincerely encourage everyone of that era to rally round so that we can have a very memorable occasion.

The hall is being refurbished so you will be able to witness the improvements this will surely make, there will be tours of the college during the early part of the evening. There will be a buffet supper with Lemon Meringue Pie as a dessert option much to my dismay, plus a special birthday cake to celebrate with everyone our 60th year.

Sadly, during a flood most of the 70's photos that were taken at the time were lost but if anyone does have something, please scan in and we can make a presentation that can be displayed on the big screen for the evening.

I am hoping to encourage as many teaching staff that are still with us to attend.

There may be some 70's background music at the start of the evening, but generally speaking the entertainment will be US with an evening of reminiscing and remembrance of happy days spent.

Students of the 70's please help me spread the word. Reservations are now being taken so that we have an idea for hall set up and catering, a deadline would be around the 18th, but we welcome people on the door if need be as long as long as you don't come along with a coach load of others which will mess up the French stick calculations.

Of my Facebook friends I have 76 that I class as school friends and would encourage those to spread the word to just one other person they know of that era. I will be using this quite a bit in the months to come to remind you all that this is going to be an evening to remember. As many of you know I seem to make a fair bit of jam and marmalade these days and I have set myself various challenges in my 60th year. One is to give a jar to all those Old Scholars attending this event, I would really like to think I will need to make at least 150 to cope with the support the evening will generate.

Nothing else to add for now as other old scholars will think this bulletin is a 1970's take over edition, and for this event, why not. Thank you for your anticipated support and really look forward in seeing you all on September 21st 2019.

Very best wishes to all my 1970's contemporaries. Richard Moore

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY? HAVE YOU TOLD US?

I will admit that we are past the stage of comments that "We haven't had a bulletin since Will Dunlop died" but we still get the occasional comment that a bulletin has been missing in peoples lives for a few years. It now takes seconds to correct and at no cost as I simply (when discovered) send on back issues from 2009 to the present day when the bulletin went electronic as well as paper. If we miss you, we don't do it deliberately, we simply need to know and we will correct it. However, if you move we cannot guess your new address so please tell us for those who receive a paper copy.

KEVIN MOORE 1968-1975

Without showing favouritism as we share the same surname but from a different tribe of Moore I want to give ROSA members the opportunity of learning a little more about this fine old scholar of the 1970's. The book and Kevin's life was so interesting when he sent me some words during the summer that I decided it justified a double page spread. Enjoy the read and buy his book.

Kevin Moore joined Sussex Police at the age of twenty-one years in June 1978. His father was a serving officer with the Force at that time having joined in the 1950s. Sadly, his father died a few months after he himself had joined. This means that their joint careers span a total of over 60 years of policing. After joining the police, Kevin spent his two-year probationary period at Brighton during which time he operated as a beat officer and area car driver/observer. Whilst there, he experienced a wide variety of policing situations as one would expect in terms of the cosmopolitan nature of a City the size Brighton and Hove. Following this, he became a rural beat patrol officer at Camber near Rye in East Sussex. A short while later, he entered the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), as a detective constable. This proved to be the beginning of a long and productive career as a detective during which time he climbed the ranks ultimately achieving the highest rank possible in the CID world of Detective Chief Superintendent when he was the Head of Sussex's CID. During his service he was the senior detective in charge of the CID at Hastings and Eastbourne. He also worked within the Professional Standards Department investigation complaints made against police officers. He also served as the Chief Superintendent and Divisional Commander of Brighton and Hove during which time he was responsible for all police operations in the City as well as working with key partner agencies including the City's Council. He took command of many large-scale public order demonstrations as well as other major public safety events.

During his detective career, he was a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) with a responsibility for leading enquiries into homicide and other major crime investigations. He was viewed as being a highly competent senior detective. He was formerly a member of the International Homicide Investigators Association. Following his retirement as a police officer in 2009 after more than thirty-one years of service, he took up a position with the newly formed SE Regional Organised Crime Unit as a civilian or member of police staff. This involved the role as the Regional Intelligence Manager and then subsequently that of the SE Regional Prison Intelligence Manager. This Unit has an overall responsibility for investigating the criminal activities of those involved in the commission of the most serious types of crime.

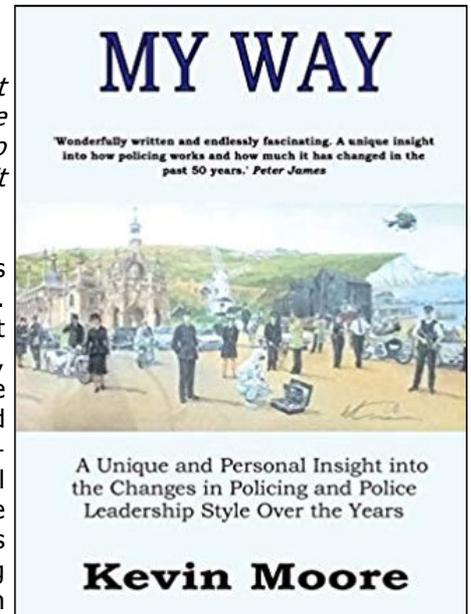
He fully retired from the police service in January of 2018 and has been married to Ann for over forty years and has two grown up children and five grandchildren. He holds a BA (Hons) Degree in Public Sector and Police Studies and a Post Graduate Diploma in Police Studies. He is interested in football and cricket and is a season ticket holder with Brighton and Hove Albion FC and also now spends much of his time with his wife, her Golden Retriever dogs and their four horses. He does continue to support the Police Service and is prepared to articulate his dismay at the consequences the severe budget cuts have had on the spirit of the ranks and competency of leadership, whilst acknowledging the remarkable work officers carry out on a daily basis.

FOREWARD TO "MY WAY"

Kevin spent almost forty years in policing. Indeed, he is proud to say that his entire service was spent in an operational capacity. As a police officer, he served for over thirty-one years within Sussex Police, the vast majority as a detective. He served at all ranks from detective constable through to and including detective chief superintendent as Head of Sussex CID. During those years, he led many homicide investigations and was acclaimed as a highly effective senior investigating officer. He also spent time as the divisional commander for the City of Brighton and Hove.

He has witnessed many changes to policing in his time. During his service, he gained a reputation for being an outspoken and no-nonsense leader with a determination to ensure that everything the police did was designed to enhance public safety by 'locking up the bad guys'. This included pushing the boundaries where appropriate and being 'lawfully audacious' whenever possible. Inevitably, during his service, he has attracted differing views on his leadership style and general approach to policing, both internally and externally, and many of these will be covered within the book. However, he would argue that he has always attempted to operate for the greater good of the public, never losing sight of the purpose of policing and the long-standing definition of a constable. In addition, he always tried to espouse the original principles of policing put in place by Sir Robert Peel, many of which have stood the test of time. In other words, he was determined to see that things were done in the right way or, as in the title of this book, My Way.

This book is a personal reflection on the changing face of policing and police leadership style over the past sixty years. Its purpose is to challenge the reader to achieve a greater understanding of how and why approaches have changed and how this has affected decision-making by operational leaders. It will hopefully provoke some thought as to what has influenced this, and whether this has been to the benefit or detriment of the police service. The author has been able to draw on evidence spanning many years from the mid 1950s, when his father joined the police service, to the current day.



As he enters full retirement, inevitably his thoughts have turned to the changing face of policing over this period and the drivers for this change, as well the culture underpinning this. Much of the account will contain a unique and personal insight based on the evidence gathered over a lifetime in policing, during which he achieved high rank and therefore mixed with some of the most senior leaders within the organisation. This has arguably given him a real opportunity to understand the mind-set of those working at the highest levels in policing. Many of his views may appear controversial but will be based on what he believes to be sound evidence- and are therefore honestly held. He will explore the thought processes that a senior police officer goes through in reaching key operational decisions and why, on occasions, these sometimes go wrong. Finally, he will consider whether policing was better in the past than now, whether such perceptions are accurate and why these may have developed in the way that they have.

RETIREMENT

During the summer of 2017, I decided that after almost 40 years in policing I had simply had enough and therefore I would fully retire in January 2018 on my 61st birthday! Ann (nee Muggridge and also a former Thomas Peacocke student) and I had celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary last August and I decided that the time was right for us to spend some quality time together at long last! Little did I know in January 2018 just how busy the coming months were to be! I very quickly came to realise that the saying often used by retirees of, "I really don't know how I used to have the time to go to work", was very apt!

Over the years, Ann and I have gathered together a large family, both animal and human. We have four horses, six Golden Retriever dogs, many Koi Carp, around 15 chickens and a cockerel, and 10 tortoises! This is on top of our two adult offspring Darren and Kelly and our five grand children. In addition to this, as of August we currently have 13 delightful Golden Retriever puppies. Therefore, things are pretty busy generally speaking day to day anyway.

Therefore, I set out to write my book as soon as I retired knowing that this was the best time of the year to get this done due to the weather. I had intended to write a memoir for sometime having been prompted to do so by a number of friends and colleagues. I managed to accomplish this pretty much inside two months. A friend assisted me with finding a publisher and the rest is history as the saying goes. I am extremely pleased with the end product and I am very grateful to my publisher Penny Reeves of Saron Publishers for her patience!

Completion of the book also enabled me to then assist one of my cousins with lambing on his farm in Ashburnham. My extended family had all been farmers and I had harboured a desire to help out with lambing for many years but it was impractical to achieve this because of my own work commitments. So for two months, the first, April very intensive and a second less so, I achieved my wish! It was a fantastic feeling and something completely different as well as being a whole new learning experience! I later helped out with shearing also.

In addition to all of this I started out as one of the volunteer guides for the 'Old Cells Police Museum' in Brighton. A number of us police retirees provide cover as guides for 2-3 days each month. It is a good way of continuing involvement with the public who really appreciate the authenticity and the stories ex police officers bring to their tours. For those of you who may be interested in visiting the museum see the attached link: www.oldpolicecellsmuseum.org.uk.

I have also just joined the local Eastbourne Branch of NARPO (National Association of Retired Police Officers) as a committee member with a view to taking over as Branch Secretary in a few months time. This is already taking up a reasonable amount of time but it is an excellent way of keeping in touch with former friends and colleagues through various social occasions. I have, together with a number of other retirees, created a group known as Retired Officers Who Care (ROWC). The group itself is not in any way politically motivated but was created as a result of what its members fear to be an ambivalence by current senior members of Sussex Police regarding issues facing policing in Sussex and elsewhere. It is felt that as a result the public are not being kept fully informed regarding the problems faced. Its main focus therefore involves challenging the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex Police (PCC) and the Chief Constable, regarding the issues relating to a lack of police officers within the Force Therefore, as the reader can quickly see, things have been pretty busy despite being retired!

Ann and I are very much looking forward to the 70s reunion of ROSA having attended the last one in 2013. I do hope that more will attend from my year group as it would be great to catch up.

Best wishes to all members of ROSA! Kevin Moore.

Copies of "My Way" can be purchased through the following Amazon link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Way-Personal-Policing-Leadership/dp/199998711X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1534251493&sr=8-1&keywords=kevin+moore+my+way

All Profits from book sales are going to Care of Police Survivors ('COPS') Charity

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RYE OLD SCHOLARS LUNCH NEWSFLASH

Just when you thought you had read all the good bits of the Bulletin, well, there is more to tell you. The ROSA Committee delighted to announce that we have a special guest at the 2019 Annual Lunch.

Mr John Lovell, teacher and educationalist extraordinaire has just completed 34 years at Rye. John taught PE and Geography for many years and was also the year 7 coordinator over seeing the transition from primary school to secondary school, he was also the manager of the schools sports partnership organising sporting activities for the local primary schools.

Past Dinners and Lunches have recognised long service at the College. Sadly there hasn't been anyone for a while so we are delighted that Mr Lovell is able to attend.

Lets us make Sunday 19th May a very special occasion for all those attending and we make a special invitation to Old Scholars who were taught by Mr Lovell during his 34 years.

The menu is displayed on the right to ensure that this special day is distributed to all Old Scholars with good notice. Please make a note of the date, if you are able to attend, register your interest and then send on your menu selection and payment to reach Judiith Blincow at the mermaid Inn by Thursday 16th May.

No doubt each attending guest will be in possession of a jar of something created by my good self to take home as a special souvenir of the event. We look forward to what could be a multi decade event. Not forgetting of course the original intentions of the lunch for those members of the Jacobite Era and even those who evacuated to Bedford in WW2.

We look forward to see in you there for what should be a very special event.

LUNCH MENU SELECTION

Chicken Liver Parfait (1)
Melba Toast and Local Fruit Chutney

Mermaid Prawn Cocktail (2)
Thousand Island Dressing

Red Onion and Goats' Cheese Tart (3)
Rocket Salad

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Roast Striploin of Beef (4)
Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Local Seasonal Vegetables

Crusted Fillet of Cod (5)
*Crushed New Potatoes, Tender Stem Broccoli
Lemon Butter Sauce*

Beetroot and Ginger Risotto (6)
Parmesan Crisps and Green Apple

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Brioche Bread and Butter Pudding (7)
Baileys Custard

Classic Lemon Tart (8)
Raspberry Sorbet

A Selection of Local Cheese (9)
Baked Cheese

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Coffee

The cost of the lunch is £22.00 per person

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