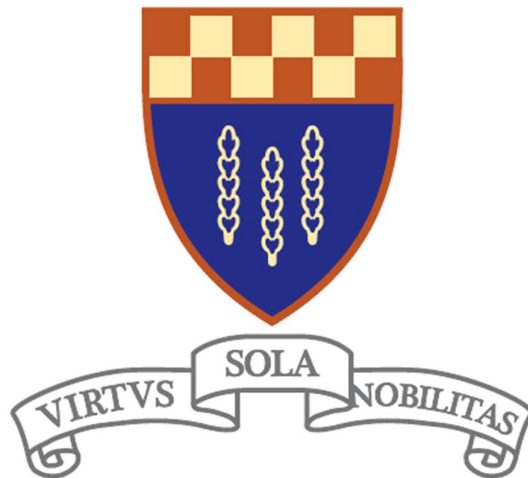


The Pavior



**The Newsletter
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Faces to Remember
James Brian Stephenson
Geography Master at High Pavement
1958 - 62

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Temporary Editor

The usual Editor of this magazine, Colin Salsbury, is continuing to make a good recovery from his recent illness. However given the excellent job the Temporary Editor made of the last issue, Colin has agreed to allow Graham Wybrow to have another go at this edition, so that he (Colin) can devote all his energies to completing his recovery (& seasonal festivities). Nevertheless, Colin has made considerable contributions to this edition and I am sure he will resume full editorial control fairly soon. **Temp Ed**

Your former editor is not completely out of action as he recovers from his sickness and is acting as the Temporary Editor's assistant and 'right hand man' as they work together on the next Pavior, from locations some eighteen miles apart, which might possibly be an excuse for any unusual features that might appear. **Colin**

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Hyperlinks

Your increasingly aged Committee are slowly (very slowly) moving into the Computer Age (or at least trying to). Hyperlinks are the strange blue underlined things (eg [Hyperlink](#)) that have appeared in the last couple of editions. Hyperlinks are one of the wonders of the computer age, enabling readers to jump to another reference (which may be almost anywhere in the world) at the click of a single button. Magic ! At least it is when it works. Unfortunately, they lose their magic when printed on paper – and don't work. Bear with us. We are aware of this and will explain more in the next edition.

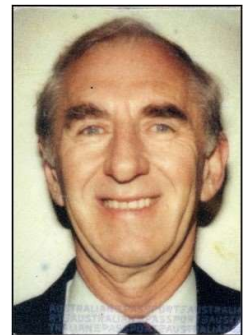
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Kenneth William BATEMAN, 1931-2022

[HP: 1942-50, Wollaton House]

Ken's eldest daughter Hazel Bateman has written:

I am writing to you to pass on the sad news that my Dad - Ken Bateman (an old Pavior 1942-1950) - passed away this Monday 31st October, aged 91 after a short illness. He lived independently at home in Brisbane, Australia with Margaret his wife of 65 years until early August this year. Dad had four children, nine grandchildren and a great grandson. Dad was a mining engineer, and later a mining industry executive, with degrees from Leeds and Sheffield Universities and made a major contribution to the development of the Australian Coal Industry to produce and supply to world markets.



For many years now, the Society has awarded an annual prize called the "Ken Bateman Award for Engineering" to the best performing Sixth-Form student intending to pursue studies in engineering or associated subjects. This award was named in honour of Ken and it was Ken who personally funded the Award. The Society is grateful to Ken for his generosity and respect his willingness to encourage the next generation to enter engineering. Ken was himself the son of a collier and grew up at 2 Wheatcroft Yard, Cinderhill, Nottingham.

John Michael BIRD, 1936-2022

[HP: 1947-55, Trent House]

An Appreciation

Most of us were dismayed to read in the national dailies that our member John Bird had passed away, aged 86, on December 24th 2022. John had achieved a national reputation as a satirist, one of the more difficult types of humorous comment but he had to develop this from unpromising beginnings.

John attended High Pavement Grammar School despite having failed his eleven plus. He lived on Perry Road and commenced his secondary education at Ellis School in Basford. However, a supportive senior master clearly recognised John's talent and potential and was able to exert sufficient influence to allow John to transfer to the Grammar School. At that time, in the Nottingham educational establishment, there was sufficient flexibility to allow this.

Once in the ranks of Paviers, John pulled out all the stops and excelled. In 1956, he passed the entrance exam for King's College, Cambridge, where he read English and stayed on to do a postgraduate thesis on 'European Drama 1888-1914'.

While still at HP he became interested in stage productions and featured in the school dramatic Society production of *Julius Caesar*, opposite Peter Bowles, another keen thespian. Society member Barry Johnson remembers John at Gainsford Crescent in 1955, conducting impromptu lunch-time comedy sessions (copying the Goons off the BBC radio etc) in the Science Lecture Room, accompanied by another talented pupil, Mike Hurworth.

Later, at Cambridge, John became involved in the famous 'Footlights' and from there took part in the two successive late night BBC TV programmes '*That was the week that was!*' and '*Not so much a Programme, more a Way of Life*' where he imitated famous people and took part in satirical comment, sometimes verging on mockery.

He later developed satire to a fine art when teamed up with John Fortune and Rory Bremner in the Channel Four TV programme of that name '*Bremner, Bird and Fortune*'. Bremner was a clever mimic of the great and the good but Bird and Fortune indulged in complex dialogues purporting to be public figures, politicians and civil administrators who exchanged views which were preposterously likely but nonsensical to boot. Both Bird and Fortune became household names from their satirical work and it is for this that they are remembered best.

John Bird also acted in various television series, often, but not always in humorous roles. One that comes to mind was in a series '*A Very Peculiar Practice*' where he played the Vice Chancellor of a bizarre provincial university who was beset with problems involving his secretary. Another role was in the humorous legal series '*Chambers*' where he portrayed the pompous barrister leading a law firm. There were countless other roles, mostly on television.

John was a loyal and long-term member of the High Pavement Society and our last contact with him was only a few months ago when he contributed to our obituary for his long-term fellow thespian, Peter Bowles. John Bird, a very worthy Pavior, will truly be:

A hard act to follow.

Alan Frederick BULLIMORE, 1946 -2022

[HP: 1958-63, Trent House]

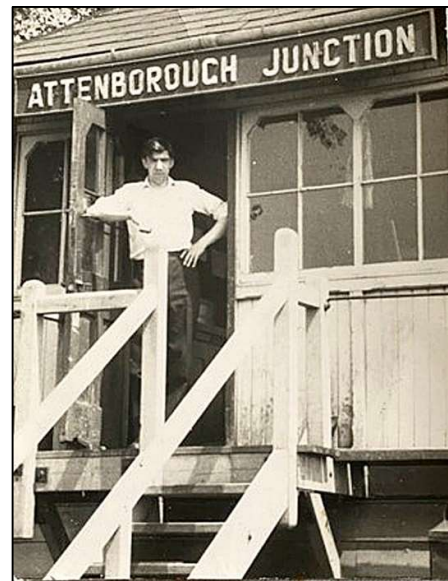
A few weeks ago, our Society Secretary Colin Salsbury managed to persuade his brother-in-law Alan Bullimore (also a member of the Society) to write an article for the Pavior describing his career. Little did anyone suspect that Alan would pass away suddenly, before completing this task. Under the circumstances, we thought that it would be a fitting tribute to Alan to publish here, his first draft, in his own words, describing his proud career. From his earliest days, his ambition was always to follow his father and older brother into a career on the railways.

In September 1963 I joined the railway straight from school as a Junior Porter at Toton Sidings. Within a week I was given the position of Control Reporter (Box Lad) in Toton Centre.

In 1965 I took up my first signalling post at Attenborough Junction on the line between Nottingham and Trent. I then worked in signal boxes in the Trent and Erewash Valley areas until early 1973 when I was promoted to Assistant Controller in Trent PSB. (Power Signal Box). In 1974 I moved up into the Supervisory grades first at Derby Midland and then back to Toton as a Relief Yard Inspector.

Late in 1975 I was promoted to Area Inspector at Llandudno Junction and stayed there until the end of 1989 by which time I was the Assistant Line Manager. In January 1990 I was appointed Chief Movements Inspector at Chester responsible for Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury and the Cambrian. Thereafter I held a number of Management posts, all based in Chester, and retired in 2001 as Assistant to the Area Production Manager Liverpool, responsible for North Wales, Chester and Crewe (WCML - West Coast Main Line).

Alan died aged 77 on Tuesday January 10th 2023, after a short illness. His funeral was held at Colwyn Bay Crematorium on Tuesday February 7th 2023 with his family in attendance.



Alan, in 1965, at his first signalling post at Attenborough Junction signal box.

Alan RIPLEY 1937-2023

[HP 1948-55. Sherwood House]

We have been informed that our member Alan Ripley died, aged 85, in January 2023. He was always known as 'Smiler', a nickname that originated during his schooldays. A Memorial Service was held for Alan on January 31st 2023.

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The Christmas Lunch 2022

This year the Christmas Lunch was, from all reports, a great success. Strangely, I have been given the task of writing the report even though I was not there! Yes, the dreaded lurgi had imprisoned me in downtown Leicester and I was unable to attend. The event was organised, with considerable finesse, by Barry Johnson but he, like me, was unable to attend for medical reasons. Fortunately, Barry's wife Helena stood in for Barry at the event itself. – CS



◀ Helena Johnson, the gracious lady who presided in place of her husband Barry.

But the show must go on and some 48 or so Paviers turned up at the Mapperley Golf Club on the day. The

Mapperley Golf Club excelled themselves by moving the celebration from the rather constricting dining hall into the much larger bar area with six spacious tables of eight diners each. Included in this commendable attendance were four members from the Paviers RFC, with whom we maintain fraternal relations. They were Paul and Simon Stirland, Clive Bell and Jerry Lee.



◀ One of the festive tables, so cleverly photographed by Anthony Chapman.

More smiling diners recorded by Anthony Chapman. ▶



Some serious eating at the table with Mike Watkinson and his wife, Pat. ▶



This Christmas lunch was different from the many previous events by having present the person of our member Anthony Chapman who acted as a roving cameraman to put the event on record, bless him and the resulting video can be viewed by following the hyperlink:

[Paviors at play - alumni of the world's best Grammar School - YouTube](https://youtu.be/FcXL77MH_vE)

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(on your *computer!* Also, note the ‘underscore’ between the ‘H’ & the ‘v’ in the short version). Anthony has also penned his thoughts on the event (including the School Song) which are reported elsewhere in this Pavior.



◀ The valiant Paviors Choir in full cry giving vent to their version of Carmen Pavorum, ably led by the prominent figure of our President, Ken Kirk.

As usual, the Paviors choir was summoned to their post by Ken Kirk and launched into ‘*Una voce etc*’ and all seemed to go well until the last chord of ‘*Scholae laudatores*’. Now the beginning of the next verse ‘*Remo, pila etc*’ begins at a note or two lower in pitch than its predecessor (have a look at the music sheet if you aren’t convinced). Those of us with strong (?) enough voices and many years of practice can lead the choir to follow this but this year it was the untutored who held sway and led off ‘*Remo pila etc...*’ at the previous pitch. The result was, of course, a minor disaster since the successive verses rise in pitch until the choir has to scream out the impossibly high notes of ‘*Ludis omnibus et pensis aspernantes fraudem!*’. ‘Nobby’ Nolan would be turning in his grave – but what fun it all was!

Better luck next time. Perhaps the alcohol inside everybody was partly responsible. Yes, even for those not actually present it was a most Memorable Christmas Lunch!

Colin Salisbury

As another who was unable to attend for health reasons, I greatly valued the video which enabled me catch up on the event afterwards and see what I had missed. **GW**

Introducing Edward Vick



One ‘first timer’ at the Christmas Luncheon was our member Edward Vick who normally resides in Wiesbaden, Germany where he runs a successful translating agency. He was made particularly welcome. This picture of Edward Vick was taken by Anthony Chapman at the Luncheon. Unfortunately, Edward was a little too near the edge of the field of view of Anthony’s fisheye lens, which distorted his image slightly – we tried to ‘undistort’ the image but were not entirely successfully - sorry about that Edward. Also, Anthony did not know Edward, since he was a first timer at the Christmas Lunch. However Edward acknowledged that he was ‘one of Stanley Middleton’s children’. We sincerely hope this will be the first of many such visits that Edward will make to one

of our functions.

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From Anthony CHAPMAN [HP: 1955-64]

Anthony is an occasional visitor to our reunions. This time, in addition to his excellent work in producing the video, he has taken the time to pen some thoughts on the event.

I was asked by my dear friend Colin Salsbury to record my experience of the 2022 HP Society Christmas lunch.

It was indeed a very enjoyable day and I had many conversations with participants but what was noticeable was that the conversations were not *to* old friends and colleagues (as I had expected) but rather *about* those old friends and colleagues. Many old and cherished names and anecdotes came up but sadly there was not a single participant I recognised from my 1955-64 era. But that certainly didn't detract from my enjoyment of the event.



Anthony Chapman

Needless to say the food and drink on offer was splendid with solid Nottingham ales and traditional and non-traditional Christmas fare. Interestingly I noted that I was in the minority on my table in choosing turkey and trimmings as this was my only opportunity to have such this year, whereas I suspect many others were participating as part of a sequence of Christmas lunches and hence chose to eat something different. I spotted a selection of rather succulent-looking steaks and fish. Likewise I was alone in sampling a scrumptious traditional Christmas pudding with custard whereas the others had a variety of trifles, blancmanges and the like. Entertainment included, of course, the traditional singing of the School Song *Carmen Paviorum*. I found this authentic and typically stirring though others thought it fell short of earlier years. I missed the poetry reading and other entertainments delivered at my last attendance at an event of this sort, an Annual Dinner several years ago. But I probably need to attend the summer incarnation to hear that again.

Where I was perhaps unique was in what happened after we all left (I think I was very nearly the last to leave). I was staying in a B&B in St Annes Wells Road and you may recall that was the coldest night of the year (-6 deg C). As my digs were extremely cold (the first and only time I have slept with head and feet reversed to escape the freezing blast from the single-glazed window), I decamped in the evening to the Crossed Keys for a glass of warming mulled wine. It so happened there that I got into conversation with a certain Peter Toseland, who it transpired had connections with High Pavement and particularly the rugby set. And so this chance meeting effectively turned in to a continuation of the afternoon's event with heart-warming recollections of pupils from my era and names many may recall – Pallant, Heath, Turner, Penak, Jackson, Studholme and Shipman. Names I had mostly not heard or recalled for well on 50 years! Fred Shipman, in particular, I prefer to remember as the mild, amiable and thoroughly unobjectionable fellow (but ferocious fly-half) that I knew so many years ago.

So I hope you'll forgive the sentimentality of these reminiscences but it seems I enjoyed a superset of the experiences of fellow Pavions on that day and with that I wish you all a very happy and successful 2023.

Anthony Chapman

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From Martyn BEARDSLEY [HP: 1969-74]

Martyn, though not a member of the Society, has sent us two interesting pictures, one relating to an article in the Pavior (Aug 2022), plus some memories of the Hockey Team.

Dear Colin,

I immediately recognised the tie mentioned in the August 22 edition of the Pavior, as I have one myself¹. I can definitely confirm that it was issued for the bicentenary, because I attended it and it's where I bought mine. It is odd that the colour scheme was wrong, but I must admit I had never noticed.



I was at High Pavement from 1969-74, and I still have my actual school tie, which has admittedly seen better days! I also have my old school Hymn Book, which you can see has also seen better days.

Best wishes
Martyn Beardsley



PS , I have just come across a picture, on the Memories

section of the website, of the hockey team (posted by Gerald Taylor). He was unable to name all of the players but I can certainly identify one of them as he is a good friend. The boy on the back row, far left, is Peter Towlson. He worked at Boots for many years, and is now retired and an excellent bowls player!

How well I remember those copies of 'Songs of Praise', which we had to buy at a price (memory vague) of six old pence in 1942. Mine with its limp covers became more and more tattered, just like Martyn's. The solution was to visit the school office and buy a copy with stiff board covers at presumably a higher price. A lesson well learnt. The stiff covered version also proved more useful as an emergency weapon of defence than the limp version!

Colin Salsbury

I still have my copy of "Songs of Praise" – it has hard covers but is in no better condition.

Graham Wybrow

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High Pavement Society Ties



Our ties are readily available for any member at a price of **£12.00** each including postage. Quality is excellent and enhances any formal Society occasion.

**Please send your order with cheque to the Secretary (address on page 2).
He will do the rest.**

¹ Martyn refers to the unusual HP Society Tie that Arthur Lacey wore to the Society's Annual Luncheon in Jun 2022.

Bestwood Remembered: The Administration Corridor

It was never actually called the “Administration Corridor” - but this article needed a title. This Corridor connected the School Main Entrance Hall (left distance) to the Main Building (right distance). Almost every pupil passed along this corridor at least twice each day, to and from Morning Assembly. The camera (140° view) was immediately outside the Staff Room door.



In the LH Corridor, the 1st door (extreme left) was the Headmaster’s Study, the 2nd door the staff entrance to the School Office. The 3rd door (just visible in the distance adjacent to the steps) was the “visitors entrance” where pupils, parents and any other visitors would have access to the Office staff via a “serving hatch”. Pupils from the 60s will remember the 3-steps up to the Entrance Hall. These are still present but reduced in width to accommodate an “Accessibility Ramp” which also required removal of the wooden bench that was under the windows on the right-hand side of this corridor. It was on this bench that, in the 60s, visitors used to wait to see the Headmaster. It was also where, occasionally, pupil miscreants (often conspicuously dressed in PE kit) would be required to await their “appointment” with the Headmaster. The door in the foreground on this side of the corridor was the Kitchen / Ladies Toilet. In the 60s, this was the ONLY Ladies Toilet on the site.

The RH Corridor benefits from 3 circular glass-dome skylights which provided excellent and even natural lighting. The first door on the right (just passed the blue radiator) is the entrance to Classroom No.1. The other doors on the opposite side of this corridor were the male staff toilets and utility (eg cleaners & store) rooms.

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Stanley Road Remembered: The Laboratory Block

The Laboratory Block was built in 1895, at the same time as the Main School Building and ran along the Sturton Street side of the school site. This picture was taken in 2010 from the window of the old Art Room (Bill Benner’s room) on the top floor (south end) of the Main Building. The only external difference from 1895 would appear to be the addition of the single storey covered porch (with the red door) in the centre of the photo and immediately to the right of the protruding 2-storey stair-well.



The larger building to the right (at the south end) of this Block accommodated the Physical Science Laboratory on the Ground Floor. As High Pavement is recognised as having the Country's first organised Science School (established 1883), it is very likely that this was also the Country's first "purpose-built school science laboratory". This laboratory seems to have remained almost unchanged through to the time HP left in 1955.

Above this, on the 1st floor, there was in the 1940s/50s the Chemistry Laboratory. However, it is thought that, when the school was first built, this room was actually the Gymnasium. The Gym was known to have a number of ropes hanging from the ceiling and the open roof beams in this room would have provided convenient attachment points.

The smaller building to left (at the north end) of the Block also appears to have 2 storeys but in fact contained only one usable large teaching room. It is believed that, when the school was first built, this accommodated the School Laundry with several large "coppers" for boiling clothes, where girls would have been taught essential laundry skills. However, by the 1940s, the school had become boys-only and this large room had been converted into a Science Lecture Room. This had several rows of tiered bench seats all facing towards a demonstrators bench at the north end. There were 2 entrances to this theatre, both from the 1st floor level, one from the south (ie the Chemistry Lab) and the other, via a long straight staircase from ground level at the north end. Below this and half below ground level, there appears to have been a small store / utility area, never used for teaching purposes, and accessed through the visible half-sunken door.

Regrettably, this whole Laboratory Block (with its fascinating history) no longer exists, having been demolished as part of the major site redevelopment, sometime around 2016.

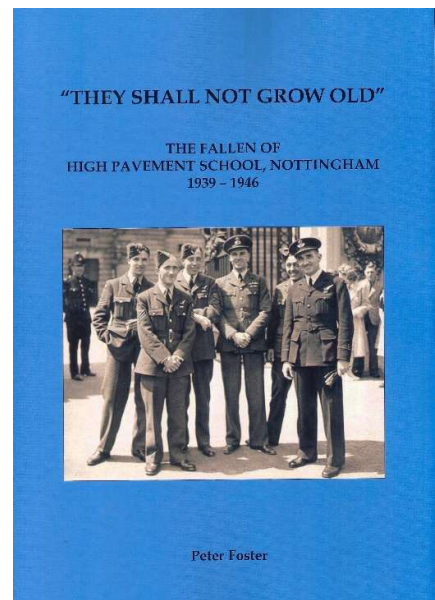
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The Fallen of High Pavement School, Nottingham 1939-1946

Peter Foster has now published his book on the Old Paviers who lost their lives in 2nd World War. The book is similar in concept to the one that Peter published in 2017 covering the 1st World War. However, this book is probably of more interest to our membership who will be more familiar with the 2nd World War and may even have known some of the names covered.

The book begins, as background, by describing the principal theatres of war and then goes on to consider each of the fallen in turn. It covers each of the 90 Names recorded in the School's World War 2 Book of Remembrance. For each, the book describes their family background, their school days, civilian life and career and their service in the armed forces. A surprising number served in the RAF.

The book is A4 format with soft-covers, printed on glossy paper with 216 pages. The cover photo is taken outside Buckingham Palace and shows Warrant Officer Jack Grain, Radio Operator (2nd from right) with the rest of the crew of the Lancaster Bomber with whom he completed one tour of duty of 30 missions.



Copies will be available for sale at Society functions or by post on application to the Society Secretary. It is priced at £13, or £17 by UK post (incl P & P).

Chaucer Street News
2022 Remembrance Ceremony

On Thursday 10th November 2022, the Society and the High Pavement Sixth Form combined to present what has now become an annual event to mark the sacrifice made by former pupils and staff of the School in the two World Wars. The ceremony was held in the main foyer of the Sixth Form building on Chaucer Street and was attended by members of their staff, Sixth Form students, members of the High Pavement Society and also members of the Paviers Rugby Football Club (RFC). The service was very well attended and it is planned to repeat the event in 2023, on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday.



Society & RFC members at the WW1 Memorial.
L to R: Graham Turner (Chairman of Paviers RFC), Barry Johnson, Alex Rae, Chris Eggleshaw (Secretary of Paviers RFC).

ORDER OF SERVICE

The ceremony proceeded as follows:

10:40 am The Reading of Names: A team comprising Sixth-Form students and one member of staff solemnly read out the list of the names of the fallen from both World Wars, almost 190 names in all. For each of the fallen, was read their First Name, their Surname and (most poignantly) their Age. The formal War Memorials record, for each individual, only the Surname and Initials (as was the custom at that time). Their First Names and Ages have been made available only through the meticulous research of Peter Foster (himself an Old Pavier) in the course of preparing his two books on the High Pavement Fallen of the two World Wars.

10:58 am The Act of Remembrance: Words from ‘For the Fallen’ by Laurence Binyon were recited by the Society Chairman, Kenneth Kirk:

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*
(All repeat) *We will remember them.*

11:00 am The Last Post: This was played by Sarah Ebdon (Royal British Legion Bugler) to mark the start of the **Two Minutes Silence**.

11:02 am Reveille: This was sounded by the Bugler to mark the end of the Two Minutes Silence. There followed a short recitation of ‘The Kohima Epitaph’ by Kenneth Kirk:

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow we gave our today.*

11:04 am: The Laying of Wreaths: The Service ended with the laying of wreaths before the High Pavement School 1914-18 War Memorial, which is permanently mounted in the Foyer of the Sixth Form Building. The 1939-45 War Memorial takes the form of a Book of Remembrance that is held in the College Library at Chaucer Street.

Presentation: A History of High Pavement Schools

On Fri 9 Dec 2022, members of the Society gave an informal presentation to the pupils and staff of the Sixth-Form College. The talk was entitled “A History of High Pavement Schools”. The event was organised on behalf of the College by Mr Dan Furniss of the History Dept. The talk was given by John Chambers, using PowerPoint material prepared by Graham Wybrow, who also attended along with Ken Kirk. The talk lasted about an hour, including about 15 mins for questions. It was attended by about 20 students, mostly from Mr Furniss’s History department and seemed to be well received. The questions reflected a high level of interest.

The “new technology” came as something of a surprise to the older Society members. There was a large Touch-Sensitive Interactive Display Board (where the blackboard should have been) which proved to be a little too touch-sensitive. The students were all half-hidden behind open laptops, on which they feverishly typed away throughout. We were not sure whether they were taking meticulous notes of our words of wisdom, or just playing Space Invaders (perhaps that’s my 1960s cynicism – I was once a schoolmaster).

The talk provided an overview of the history of the School, from its foundation in 1788. There was not much time for detail, but the talk emphasised the reasons why HP has become one of “Nottingham’s best known educational establishments”, namely:

1. **Long History:** 3rd Oldest School (230+ years) in Nottingham, still in existence.
2. **Boys & Girls:** educated equally from outset.
3. **Organised Science School:** the Country’s first (1883) .
4. **Non-Denominational Charity School:** amongst first (1796).
5. **State-Regulated “British” School:** amongst first (1851).
6. **Academic Success:** 92 Oxbridge Scholarship (1932-79).
7. **Sporting Success:** particularly in Rugby, Rowing, Cricket, Swimming & Athletics - many trophies won.
8. **Paviors RFC:** currently, a successful Nottingham Rugby Club celebrating its centenary (& no longer directly connected with the School). However, it was originally founded by the School in 1922 as the “Old Boys Rugby Club”.
9. **Distinguished Alumni:** includes 6 Knights & 4 Fellows of the Royal Society (FRS).
10. **Foundation Day (26 Jan 1788):** coincidentally, exactly Australia Day – the very day the first fleet arrived at Sydney Cove to found the 1st European (Penal) Colony.
11. **School History:** well documented & much researched by educationalists.

The talk went on to describe the four School sites and then briefly look at each in turn. Regrettably, there was no time to discuss Distinguished Alumni, which was the biggest single omission. However, that subject would have required a whole talk in its own right - perhaps, for another occasion.

School Locations		
1788-1805	17 yrs	The Beginning: No School Buildings Teaching at Home of Headmaster <i>At least 2 different locations identified.</i>
1805-1895	90 yrs	Site 1: High Pavement <i>Mixed Elementary / Higher Grade Elementary / Science School</i>
1895-1955	60 yrs	Site 2: Stanley Road, Forest Fields 1895-1931 (36 yrs): Boys & Girls 1931-1955 (24 yrs): Boys only (Girls moved to Manning School)
1955-2002	47 yrs	Site 3: Gainsford Crescent, Bestwood Estate 1955-1973 (18 yrs): Boys Only Grammar School 1973-2002 (29 yrs): Mixed 6 th -Form College
2002-Now	19 yrs	Site 4: Chaucer Street <i>Mixed 6th-Form College</i>

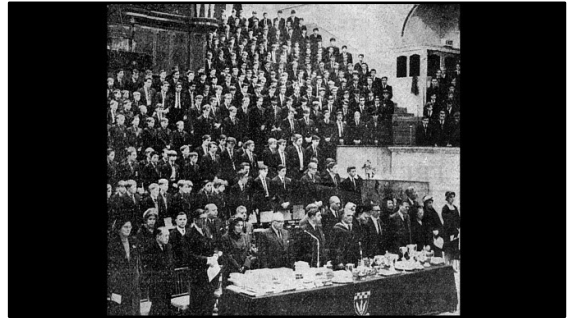
Site 1: High Pavement (1805-1895, 90yrs)

- Distance from Town Centre: 0 Miles
- Site Area: 0.1 Acres
- Still Exists: Yes
(Air BnB Hotel “Heritage Mews”)
- Cost: Not Recorded.



The talk concluded with a recently produced computer animation of the School Song, as performed at a Speech Day in the Nottingham Albert Hall on Thu 4 Nov 1965, presided over by Mr Maurice Brown. A dramatic and impressive finale.

It is hoped to eventually package this PowerPoint Presentation with a recorded narration on CD/DVD or Memory Stick, so that it can be distributed more widely as a self-contained stand-alone Presentation / Film.



Graham Wybrow

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High Pavement Society Prize Awards - 2022

In the last edition of the Pavior (Nov 2022) we reported on these Prize Awards. Unfortunately, timescales did not allow us to include information on where these winners would be continuing their education. This information is now available and is included below. Unfortunately, the “Nov” article also contained a few typographical errors. The Temporary Editor of that edition apologises for these errors which have also been corrected below.



The Society offers its warmest congratulations to all four award winners and wishes them all success in their future careers. The Awards were as follows:

High Pavement Society Award for Excellence (Female)

Award for best performing female student:

Bianka Efremova

Unfortunately, there is still no further information available on her continuing career.

High Pavement Society Award for Excellence (Male):

Award for best performing male student:

Abdullah Al Kayal

He is currently studying at the University of Nottingham for a BSc in Computer Science and hopes, eventually, to take a Masters degree in cyber security.

Stanley Middleton Literature Award

Award for best achievement in English Literature:

Colby Enever

She is currently progressing towards a law degree at the University of Sheffield and hopes to become a human rights lawyer or take up a role in politics and international relations.

Ken Bateman Award for Engineering

Award for best student intending to pursue studies in Engineering or Associated Subjects:

Muhammad Hamed

He is currently studying mechanical engineering at the University of Nottingham.

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OUR END PIECE

Alan A SMITH [HP: 1943-48, Basford House] **Just An Ordinary Bloke – Part 1. Life & Career**

Late last year, our Secretary Colin Salsbury received an email ‘out of the blue’ from an Alan Smith in Australia:

Hi Colin

Just messing around on the computer and came across ‘The Pavior’. I was at High Pavement from 1943 to 1948, Basford House. At 92 years of age and living in Australia I doubt it is worth my while joining the Society but might be useful to establish contact. Best wishes, Alan A. Smith

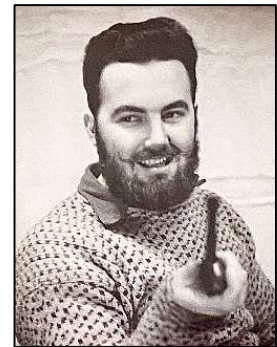
There followed a couple of email exchanges while we sorted out which of two Alan A Smiths he was. That resolved, we were able to persuade Alan to describe his fascinating career in a form suitable for this magazine. In the following article, Alan outlines his whole life and career to date. Like John Bird, he went to High Pavement Grammar School despite failing his 11-Plus Exam, transferring to the Grammar School at age 13. If anyone wishes to contact Alan, please do so as usual via the Society Secretary.

It was 1941, I was 11 years old, father away in the RAF, mother at home with three kids, me the eldest. No memory of any encouragement about school work nor the importance of examinations. What would you expect of a working-class household? I was not perturbed to learn that I would be going up to the William Crane’s Senior School.

The next two years brought about change, father was invalided out of the RAF and I blossomed. Father was an avid reader and told me something of the books he read. I knew of Tschiffely’s horse ride from Buenos Aires to New York. I knew that Frederick Cook claimed to have reached the North Pole before Peary and that experts in Denmark supported his claim. I understood that Amundsen shaved each morning on his journey to and from the South Pole.

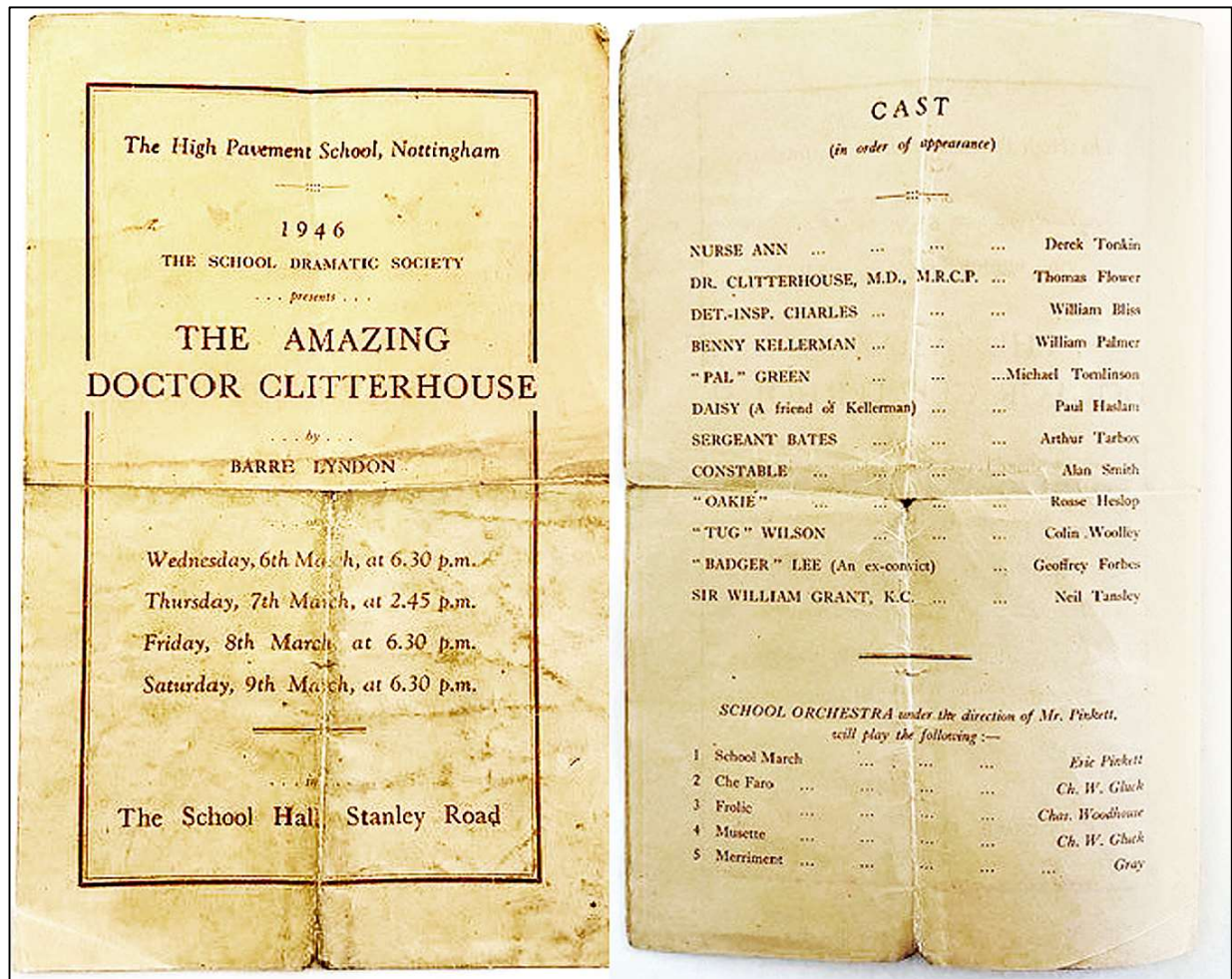
There were two Alan A Smiths at that time. My full name is Alan Arthur Smith, his name Alan Albert Smith. We were both from Aspley (my address was 2 Watford Road) but I did not know his address. In the William Crane Primary School we were in the same class. For several years at HP, I was ‘Alan Smith 1’ and he was ‘Alan Smith 2’. In 1941 at age 11, he passed the exam and went to High Pavement. I did not pass and advanced to William Crane Senior School. I blossomed late and 2 years later I won 2 scholarships, one to the Nottingham School of Art and the other to the High Pavement Boys Grammar School. I chose the latter, my choice no doubt influenced by my father, more and better employment opportunities. At High Pavement I had little to do with the other Alan and he could have left the school in say 1944 as he dropped out of my sphere.

So in the winter term 1943-44 I found myself in General 3 and my form-master was Mr Farr. In March 1946, the HP Dramatic Society put on a School Play entitled ‘The Amazing Doctor Clitterhouse’ in which I played the part of a policeman. I cannot remember whether or not I was provided with a proper helmet. I still have a copy of the programme (see photos on next page). Others in the cast included Derek Tonkin, Paul Haslam and Rosse Heslop.



Alan Smith in 1954
(age 24) on Signy
Island, Antarctica.

However, I did not apply myself in school work as I was more interested in the Manning School girls (2 in particular). And as a consequence I did not do well enough to enter a university in the 1948 end of school exams. National service was compulsory and so I served 19 months in the RAF as a clerk. Demobilisation was followed by 10 days leave essentially walking solo in the Lake District although I did stay overnight at a couple of Youth Hostels.



I joined the weather service as a Scientific Assistant (Meteorology). Worked in Wick (near John O’Groats) then in 1952 joined FIDS (Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey), that was the predecessor of the British Antarctic Survey and proceeded to spend 2 winters and 3 summers in the Antarctic.

I migrated to Australia in 1957 and married my long time fiancée. I part-timed at university to complete 2 degrees and now have 4 daughters. From 1971 to 1988, I was with Australia Post’s HQ. I took early retirement in 1988. Yes I have now been retired for 34 years. Incidentally hanging in our lounge are two framed pictures of mine², one dated Dec 2009 and the other Mar 2016. I must have retained some artistic ability. **Alan A Smith**

In future articles, we plan to print some of Alan’s specific recollections of his High Pavement School days and much, much more about his work and experiences in Antarctica.

² Both pointillisms in black ink. One is of an old woman asleep in the sun and the other of a cattleman’s hut in the Australian high country.