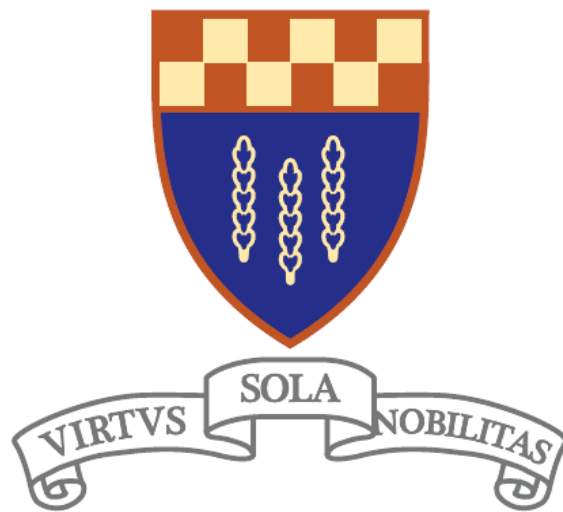


The Pavior



**The Newsletter
of
The High Pavement Society
(founded 1989)**

November 2023

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Faces to Remember
Allan Philip MILLIDGE
Modern Languages Master
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OBITUARY NOTICES

Malvern (Mal) Tedds

We have been informed by his son, Gary Tedds, that his father, our member Mal Tedds, (1944-49) died on September 2nd 2023.

Gay Willott

We have been informed by her son, Rod Willott, that his mother, Mrs Gay Willott, an Honorary Member of the Society for many years, died at the end of August 2023. Gay was once a very active participant in Society activities and social events.

Rex Davies

We have been informed by his wife, Jenny Davies, that her husband Rex Davies (1941-48), has died peacefully and without pain on April 27th 2023. Many of us at HP knew him well by his nickname 'Pyrtle', always a source of fun and originality.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

A brief summary of the 2023 AGM proceedings

1. **Welcome** by the President, Ken Kirk, who explained the reason for the Chairman's absence due to illness. The President chaired the meeting as his surrogate.
2. **Members present.** 13 members were present.
3. **Apologies for absence** Received from 27 persons. 20 proxy forms had been received.
4. **Presentation and acceptance** of the Chairman's Report. Acceptance was unanimous.
5. **Presentation and acceptance of Annual Financial Accounts 2022/23.**
Ken Kirk presented copies of the Society's accounts for the period ending in June 2023, which had been scrutinised by the Society's appointed Examiner, John Chambers. The Accounts were accepted, Proposed by Ray Wright, Seconded by Howard Green.
6. **Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents of the Society.**
Members appointed, without dissent, were: John Elliott, Noel Gubbins, Colin Salsbury.
7. **(a) Election of Officers for 2023/24**
All the existing officers were willing to stand for re-election. No other nominations. All were re-elected without dissent. Proposed: John Chambers, Seconded: Ken Moulds.
(b) Proposal from the Executive Committee that the Annual Subscription should be increased. Ken Kirk explained the need to strengthen the Society's financial position by increasing the annual subscription from £15.00 p.a. to £20.00 p.a. commencing in July 2024. Seconded: John Chambers, carried unanimously.
8. **Proposed review of the Society's Constitutional and Administrative Arrangements.** These included a) New membership categories. b) Annual Subscriptions c) General Data Protection Regulations. d) Review and update of the Society's general status. All proposals were adopted unanimously
9. **Proposed new cover design for *The Pavior* newsletter.** The Chairman thought that the front cover ought to carry evidence of High Pavement School's long life since being founded in 1788, in addition to the current information. A possible design was inspected. Commencement would be in the February 2024 issue. The concept was approved in principle without dissent.
10. **Any other acceptable business:** Two enquiries were dealt with concerning Tours of the HP College and The Remembrance Event in November. Neither required a vote.

The Society AGM & Luncheon

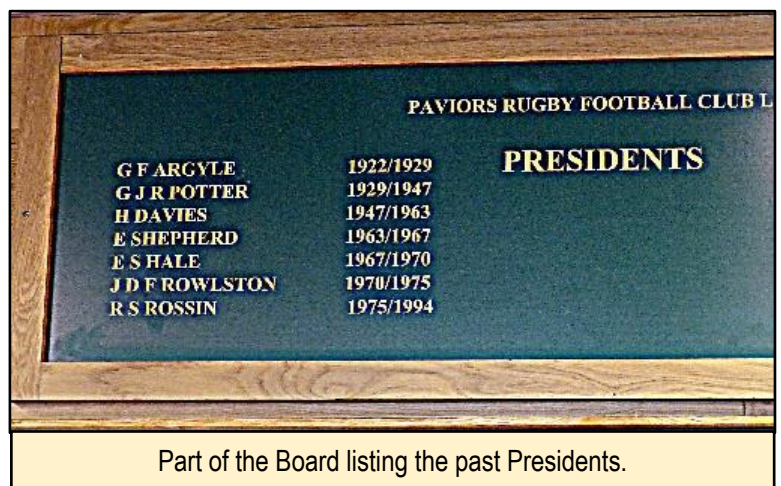
The Society AGM was held on Mon 25 Sep 2023 at the Clubhouse of the Pavior RFC at Burntstump, Arnold. There was an attendance of 13 members and 3 non-member/guests. Those attending had an opportunity to see the facilities available at the Clubhouse and test the Audio / Visual equipment.

We were also able to see the Centenary Wall which recorded, on inscribed tiles, those who have donated to the RFC Centenary Fund for the Clubhouse extension. The tile recording the Society's donation was prominently displayed at the head of this wall.



The membership assembling for the Luncheon. The Centenary Wall is visible (right) and one of the 3 video display screens (above left). The Tile contributed by the Society to the Centenary Wall is shown (inset).

All around there were reminders of the RFCs long association with High Pavement School. Above the bar hangs a list of past Presidents. The first 4 names on this list are GF Argyle, GJR Potter, H Davies and E Shepherd, all headmasters or masters of High Pavement School that will be well known to Old Paviors. There is an adjacent list of past Vice-Presidents. This carries the same 4 names together with many other familiar names including JW Barrett, W Benner, KH Bonsor, RC Caulton, R Crossland, BJ Dodd, JJ Elliott, WJ Gray, FB Page, W Snowdon and KSS Train. Regrettably, so many of these are now also marked 'Dec'd'.



Part of the Board listing the past Presidents.

After the business of the AGM was completed members and their three lady guests adjourned to the dining area where the two gracious ladies on duty served us with our 'Match Day Fare' lunch, in all its meat pie glory (which was actually more palatable than some had feared). Of course, we took a little refreshment with it from the well-stocked bar.

A little socialising then took place as the meal progressed, during which the Audio/Visual display unit was able to deliver a sequence of images of the High Pavement history. The 'Match Day Fare' was followed by a fine display of cold meats and cheeses which made some of us regret not choosing this for their lunch.

The AV equipment was then set to deliver an animation of the School Song. This was produced by computer from a single black and white photo of the whole School standing on the steeply banked choir tiers at a Speech Day at the Albert Hall in 1965 – a truly impressive site. The camera slowly zoomed and panned across this picture to the accompaniment of the soundtrack of the School Song obtained from our Society Web-Site. Membership joined in and we gave forth our usual performance with gusto and (thanks to the accompanying music) considerable accuracy. Non-participants were most stirred and impressed.

Some of us had hoped to continue with our socialising for an hour or so but at this point Ken had to depart and most members took this to mean the show was over and dispersed quite soon after.

We all felt that the Paviers RFC premises had proved to be an excellent venue, if a little difficult to locate, and we all looked forward to the promised delights of the Society's Christmas Lunch there in December, hopefully honoured by the presence of our Chairman, Barry Johnson, by then fully recovered from his present affliction. **Colin Salsbury**

Acting Chairman's 2022/23 Annual Report

The Society has not held an AGM since 2019 due to the UK Covid Pandemic Restrictions. This Chairman's Report only covers the year from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023 when the Covid restrictions were sufficiently relaxed to allow the normal conduct of the Society's business to return. Limited activity however did take place during the previous two years (2020 to 2022), but only as the restricted circumstances allowed.

The current Acting Chairman, has only been in place since the Executive Committee Meeting on 26th April 2023 when Ken Kirk, the previous Chairman, stood down. The Executive Committee at the same meeting voted upon the vacancy and appointed me as Acting Chairman until the next AGM. Ken Kirk is still President of the Society today as well as continuing as Acting Treasurer. However it has been agreed for the purposes of the current AGM that my Report should only cover the whole of the Annual Year 2022 to 2023.

All members of the Executive Committee have given considerable time and effort as a team to make sure that the Society's affairs have run as smoothly as possible during the Covid restrictions. Since April 2020, The 'Pavior' Newsletter has been printed and distributed by post on 10 occasions including 3 editions in the current AGM 2022/23 year (but not including the latest issue in August 2023 which was delayed slightly). Over the same period Executive Committee meetings have been held when possible and during 2023 one has been held every month. All meetings have had a full Agenda and have been well attended.

On the Internet, the Society's Website has been improved and a Facebook page has been added. The number of 'hits' to the website has improved considerably (556 in April 2023).

The Society's involvement in the Pupil Prize-Giving Awards at High Pavement 6th Form College continues. In November 2022 a particularly well attended Joint Armistice Day Service was held at the College on Chaucer Street. A Slide-Lecture made by the Society about the history of High Pavement School was also shown to pupils there on a separate occasion.

The Society held a successful Christmas Lunch in December 2022 at the Mapperley Golf Club with 50 persons attending. Another Christmas Lunch is to be held this coming December at the Paviers RFC Clubhouse Function Room at Burntstump Hill, (see page 11).

Prior to the Covid Pandemic in 2019, the Society held a joint meeting with the Paviers RFC at their Clubhouse at Burntstump Hill. This was to discuss the Centenary Celebrations of the Paviers RFC which was formed in 1922 and other aspects of joint interest between the High Pavement Society and the Paviers RFC; one outcome being the current AGM. The sports ground at Burntstump Hill was purchased in 1973 by the Old Paviers Sports Club with tax free monthly subscriptions paid by OPSC members many of whom were the same Old Paviers who eventually went on to form the High Pavement Society in 1989. The facilities and pitches at Burntstump Hill at that time being solely used by the members of the existing Old Paviers Rugby Club and the Old Paviers Cricket Club. The Old Paviers Sports Club and the Old Paviers RFC still exist today but the Old Paviers Cricket Club has long since been disbanded.

The Executive Committee of the Society have also been reviewing aspects of the Society's administration particularly with regard to communications, filing and the keeping of records, data and the processing of personal information. This involves financial arrangements as well as administration. It has become apparent that the legal requirements under the Data Protection Act 2018 are not being met and that the current review now being undertaken needs to continue and will embrace all aspects of the Society's management. (Please see the Proposals on the AGM Agenda and the Acting Treasurer's Annual Report and Accounts)

I would like to mention urgently that the High Pavement Society is in desperate need of more voluntary help particularly from members, preferably younger members, and in particular in respect of the current vacancies on the Executive Committee. Our ageing membership will eventually mean that our numbers will decline over the next decade unless the Society can address this problem. This is now becoming critical else eventually the Society will cease to exist. If you want to prevent this from happening then please put your hand up and volunteer. *'Many hands make light work'*

One of the ways the Society can immediately improve is to actively promote the Commemorative and Educational objectives within the Society's Constitution. The History and Achievements of the High Pavement School since it was founded nearly 250 years ago in 1788 have not been sufficiently publicised. We should give these objectives greater prominence in our activities for the future.

Barry Johnson July 2023

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THE WONDERS OF PHOTOSHOP



Readers may wonder why such a well-known personality as Allan Philip 'Fred' Millidge has had to wait so long to have his photo appear in our 'Faces to Remember' column. He began his time at HP in 1931. The reason is that we had only one reasonable portrait of him. In that picture (left), his face is obscured by the head of a boy in front. It has been necessary to await the miracle technology of Photoshop before we could perform the necessary facial reconstruction (right). Oh,



the technology that goes into producing these pages! **G Wybrow**

The History of 'Bestwood'

I have only recently realised that many Old-Paviers, including some who have spent the majority of their school years at Gainsford Crescent, are unaware of the fascinating history of the name 'Bestwood' and of the land on which the school was built. The name Bestwood did NOT originate with the two large council housing estates, Bestwood and Bestwood Park which were built 1938-50s. Nor did it originate with the Victorian mining village of Bestwood (built 1870s) on the road between Bulwell and Papplewick. The name comes from the Royal Hunting Forest of Bestwood that was established in the reign of King Henry I (1100-35).

The Royal Hunting Forest of Bestwood seems to have developed broadly in parallel with Nottingham Castle. Within 5 years of the Norman Conquest in 1066, William I had established a castle on the 130ft Castle Rock in Nottingham. Originally of wood construction, this Castle would have been replaced by the reign of Henry I by a stone fortress. It would seem that Henry I also established Bestwood as a Royal Hunting Forest nearby, at the southern end of the much larger Sherwood Forest. However, it was not until the days of Henry III (1216-72) that the Bestwood estate was first fenced.

Inevitably, the name Bestwood shows many variations in spelling over the years, such as Bocswood, Bosckwood, Beskwood, Busewood and it was recorded in the Pipe-Rolls of 1177 as Beskewude. If we assume 'Buskr' is from the Norse meaning a thicket and 'wudu' from the Anglo-Saxon meaning some wood, then this might indicate an even earlier settlement prior to the Norman Conquest.

In 1363, King Edward III sent instruction to the custodian of Bestwood to fell sufficient timber to enclose the park and to surround this with a deep trench or buck-leap 15 ft outside the fencing. This fence would have been of the order of 8-10 miles in length. He also ordered the building of a suitable lodge on the most attractive part of the enclosure, somewhere for the King to stay whenever he wished.



The 2nd Bestwood Lodge as it is today. It is currently owned by Gedling Borough Council and operated as a Best Western Hotel located within Bestwood Country Park. This 2nd Lodge was built in 1863 to replace the original Plantagenet Lodge on the same site. The photo shows the West Side of the Lodge with the Main Entrance and Carriage Sweep.

Since the 1st Lodge was built in the 1360s, it is possible to find, in almost every reign, some reference to the Royal Hunting Lodge at Bestwood. Many kings have stayed here for recreation, whilst remaining close to the security of the Nottingham Castle. The whole estate remained Crown Property until the 1670s when King Charles II gave the whole estate to Nell

Gwynn to provide security for the 2 sons (Charles and James, born 1670 & 71) that she had borne him. The elder son Charles Beauclerk (pronounced 'Bo-clare') was made Duke of St Albans in 1684 and the estate was to remain in the Beauclerk family until 1939 when it was put up for sale. It was at this sale that the Nottingham City Corporation purchased several farms in the southern part of the estate.

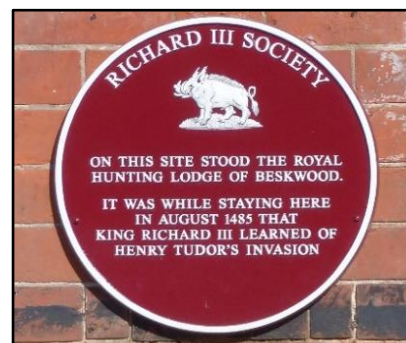
The 1st Lodge was to stand until the 1860s, when the 10th Duke of St Albans, William Amelius Aubrey de Vere Beauclerk decided to make Bestwood his home and replace the Lodge with one more suitable for modern living. The old Plantagenet Lodge was clearly unsuitable as was an adjoining 'freak house', built by his immediate predecessor Admiral Lord Amelius Beauclerk. This was built on his retirement from naval service and was built in the style of the 'man-of-war' that he had recently commanded, with rooms modelled after cabins and the house-length that of a quarter-deck. Regrettably, there are no known pictures of the 1st Bestwood Lodge or of the 'freak house'.



The South Side of the 2nd Lodge today.

Significant events in the history of Bestwood include:

- **1363 Edward III:** Edward III (1327-77) was responsible for the construction of the 1st Lodge in 1363 and it is known that he frequently stayed at Bestwood.
- **1485 Richard III:** Richard III was staying at Bestwood Lodge when he was informed of the advance of Henry Tudor (the future Henry VII) and his army. Richard left Bestwood on 17 Aug 1485, only to be killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field (the last of the Wars of the Roses) on 22 Aug.
- **1660-85 Charles II:** Soon after the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660, the new King Charles II took a special interest in Bestwood finding it a convenient place to entertain Nell Gwynn far from the court in the capital.
- **1863 New Lodge:** The original Lodge was replaced by a new Lodge in domestic Gothic style, designed by architect SS Tulon. The Prince of Wales (later to be Edward VII) liked it so much that he gave Tulon the job of partial rebuilding his recently acquired house at Sandringham.
- **1870s Prince of Wales:** One of the last members of the Royal Family to frequent Bestwood was the Prince of Wales (later to be King Edward VII) who liked to visit incognito, often walking up to the Lodge from Daybrook Railway Station by himself. In 1878, he paid a visit with Princess Alexandra for the formal opening of Nottingham Castle Museum.



Richard III plaque at entrance to Bestwood Lodge Hotel.



Alexandra Lodges and plaque recording Royal Visit of 3 Jul 1878.

- **1869 Bestwood Colliery:** A lease granted to the Bestwood Iron and Coal Colliery Company to develop a coal mine, village and iron smelting works on the edge of the estate.
- **1882 GNR Railway:** Branch Line constructed from Great Northern Railway at Basford, northwards along Western edge of estate (now beside Hucknall Rd) to Bestwood Colliery.
- **1893 Fire:** A disastrous fire at Lodge – many treasures destroyed including 25 pictures.
- **1898 10th Duke Died:** The estate leased to local industrialists: first Sir Thomas Isaac Birkin (lace manufacturer); later Sir Frank Bowden and his son Sir Harold Bowden (Raleigh Cycles Co).
- **1934 11th Duke Died:** Decision to sell the estate to meet crippling Death Duties.
- **1939 Estate Sold:** Nottingham Corporation bought 6 farms on south side of the estate.
- **1939 Start of WW2:** Lodge and grounds requisitioned for Army use.
- **1940 Dunkirk Survivors:** Many of the exhausted survivors of the Dunkirk Evacuation were hurriedly brought to Bestwood and billeted in tents to rest and recuperate in the tranquil surroundings.
- **1945 End of WW2:** Lodge and grounds purchased as Headquarters of the Army Northern Command and later, the East Midlands District Army Headquarters. The army went on to build a mini housing estate nearby, which brought many families to Bestwood.

Since the days of Nell Gwynn, the Bestwood Estate has occupied some 3000 acres, running from Basford (specifically the present day Arnold Rd / Hucknall Rd junction) to Papplewick, to the 7-Mile House on the Mansfield Road, to Red Hill and Oxclose Lane and back to Arnold Rd.

When sold in 1939, the estate included 14 separate farms: Bottom House, Top House, Sunrise, Cherry Orchard, Southglade, Top Valley, Forest Farm, Bulwell Rise, Home Farm, Forge Farm, Broad Valley Farm, Westhouse, 100 Acre Farm and Goosedale. Many of these names remain today either as names of current farms or in the names of recent developments (eg housing estates, roads etc).

The High Pavement School site at Gainsford Crescent lay on the edge of, but wholly within, the Royal Hunting Forest and occupied some 27 acres in the South West corner (just under 1% of the estate). Bestwood Lodge was just 1½ miles north of the School gates. Gainsford Crescent was situated on the southern slopes of a prominent hill known as Sunrise Hill (presumably part of Sunrise Farm). The name ‘Sunrise’ was likely given by the residents of Basford, as it is from there that the sun can still be seen to rise everyday over Sunrise Hill. It is a sobering thought that, when the School opened in Sept 1955, our pupils were walking where, for at least the preceding 900 years, only Kings and courtiers had been allowed.

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[Editor’s note: We are very pleased to include, this splendid work of scholarship by our Archivist, Graham Wybrow:- The Bestwood premises of our former School were worthy of commemoration in this way and it will be of great interest to all our members who were privileged to attend there.]

Bestwood Remembered - The Main Building Upper Floors

Both photos show the West End Staircase of the Main Building (ie the Staircase nearest to the Admin Corridor). There was a mirror image Staircase at the other (East) End of the Main Building nearest to the Science Block.

The 1st picture shows the 2nd / Top Floor Landing outside Classroom 10. The photo is taken from the entrance to Room 10 and just visible on the extreme right of the photo is the entrance to the adjacent Classroom 11. To the left of centre and through the double fire-doors, can be seen the top of the Western Staircase. To the right is the corridor to the Main 'Senior' Library (far distance) and on the LH-side of this



The Main Building (West End), 2nd / Top Floor Landing outside Classroom 10.

corridor beyond the double doors, the separate Junior Library. This small room was often used for Language Oral Exams for External Examinations (eg GCEs).

The 2nd picture shows the corresponding view on the floor below (the 1st-Floor). The photographer is standing outside Classroom 6. On the RH-side of the photo is the corridor to the History Room (visible in the distance). Before this, on the RH-side of the corridor can be seen the open entrance door to the adjacent Classroom 7.



The Main Building (West End), 1st Floor Landing outside Classroom 6.

Note once again the use of circular Pilkington Dome Glass Skylights to provide natural

lighting on the Top-Floor Library Corridor. Compare the brightness of the Library Corridor with the relative gloom of the History Room Corridor where no skylights were possible. There were some small windows (visible in the photo) between the corridor and Room 7 to allow some light from Room 7 into the corridor, but this in no way compensates.

I was always very impressed by the brightness and airiness of the Main Library and the adjacent corridors. With the sun streaming in and the panoramic view down over the Playing Fields, it always gave a 'good to be alive' feeling and certainly helped steady nerves ahead of language oral exams. I don't know whether it was by accident or design, but I was always aware that the surrounding housing estate was barely visible from any of the school windows¹.

¹ Only the north-facing windows in the History and Geography Rooms and the Main Library

New Pavior Cover

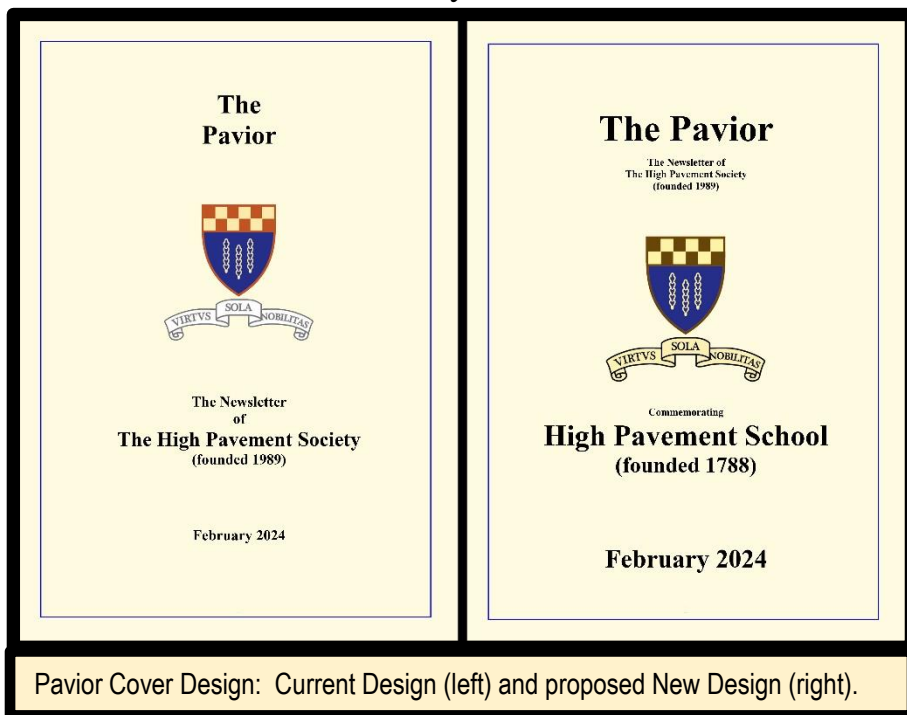
At a recent Committee Meeting, someone commented that the current cover of the Pavior Magazine does not adequately advertise the purpose of the Society or the long history of the school - the only date currently shown being the founding date of the Society, 1989.

Initially, there was a general reluctance to change the existing design. The current design has been unchanged since the introduction of the 16-page A5 Colour Booklet Design by our Current Editor Colin Salsbury in 2009, and it has done much to promote the dignity of the

Society with its simple consistent design. However, it was agreed to look at the possibility of accommodating the suggested changes.

Now, a new design (see illustration) has been produced that we feel accommodates the required changes whilst retaining much of the simplicity and dignity of the old, much-loved design.

In essence, the block of text 'The Newsletter of the High Pavement Society (founded 1989)' has been much reduced in size and



Pavior Cover Design: Current Design (left) and proposed New Design (right).

placed below the magazine title. This has made room for a new block of text 'Commemorating High Pavement School (founded 1788)'. The size of the various words has been adjusted to reflect relative importance. The New Design has also provided an opportunity to correct the colours of the School Badge, particularly replacing the 'reddish brown' which the more familiar 'yellowish brown', and adding a yellow background to the motto tape.

It is planned to introduce the New Design with the start of the New Year / Volume in Feb 2024. If any members have strong feelings please feel free to communicate these to the Committee as soon as possible.

Graham Wybrow

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**Merry
Christmas**



HPS Christmas Lunch

12.30pm for 1.00pm Thursday 7th December 2023

Paviors R.F.C. Function Room, Burntstump Hill, Arnold, Notts.

A separate flier is enclosed with this news-letter giving full details of choices, diet and how to get there. **If you have not already done so, your choices should be entered on its order form using the appropriate reference numbers, and sent to the address given.**

Those Old School Ties

A reader has recently sent us a fine photo of his collection of HP Memorabilia from the 1960s. It shows a 'Full Set' of: 3 HP School Ties, a School Scarf and a School Cap (probably dating from 1958). The photo shows from Left-to-Right: the Prefects Tie, the 6th Form Tie and the Standard School Tie.



[Colin Salsbury writes: How interesting! I recall that during my time at HP, (1942-49) there was initially only one school tie in use for all classes, using the newly created (1933) colours of 'Donkey' brown (actually a different adjective was then in use), blue and gold although there were two sub types using those colours:

- a.) *The one favoured by first years, which was a continuous knitted strip bearing horizontal stripes. This was often contemptuously alluded to as 'a strip off a dishcloth'.*
- b.) *The other, a more conventional tapering tie, mainly brown but bearing narrower diagonal stripes in blue and gold.*

Later in the 1940s, after Harry Davies became the Head, he instituted a School Council (involving both staff and pupils) which recommended among other things two further designs and the Head graciously implemented their recommendations, which were:

- a.) **Sixth-Form Tie:** *A distinctive tie to be worn by sixth formers with broad brown stripes and narrow gold stripes flanked by two slightly broader blue stripes*
- b.) **Prefects Tie:** *A more richly coloured design worn only by prefects (in addition to their lapel badges) as their official regalia. This had much more prominent (ie wider) blue stripes, separated from the brown stripes by narrow gold stripes.*

The 'lower forms' would continue to wear the traditional tie(s)

It would seem that little had changed in the later years although the colour reproductions are difficult to compare

I am proud to say I wore all these designs at different stages of my career at the school. However, my pride slipped a little in the sixth form and I became enamoured by a maroon and blue tie in my father's wardrobe and audaciously wore it to school one day, only to be pounced on by the form master (Jim Bullock) and sent to report to the head immediately. I feared the worst but Taffy seemed slightly amused and, lifting the tie gingerly, simply said 'A rule is a rule, Salsbury. See that you always obey it!' and that was that, so henceforth I always did.

Colin Salsbury]

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E-mail Address – A Word from the Chairman

The Society is now reliant on sending correspondence, except for the Newsletter, to our members by e-mail. Recently several e-mails sent to members have bounced back as 'Address Unknown'. If members have changed their e-mail address can we request that they make sure our Secretary is informed of this, without delay.

Barry Johnson

FROM OUR READERS
FROM PAUL EVANS

The list of names at the end of Gerald Taylor's letter in the last issue included two that gave me a smile. Firstly, the teacher 'RIP' Graves. Gerald was five years below me at school and I think that the name 'RIP' must have been acquired by Mr Graves after I left in 1966 because I never heard it in my time at HP.

Mr Graves taught English and PE and would come into even an *English* class in his tracksuit and plimsolls. This must have made an impression on me as, when I was at teacher training college, I wore plimsolls myself most of the time as I thought it looked cool! Perhaps I thought that it would give the impression that I was an athletic type (I certainly wasn't). One of the girls at that college always called me 'Dappy', because 'daps' was the west country lingo for plimsolls.

Mr Graves had a great love for the works of Thomas Hardy, which he got me reading avidly for a while. Also, Mr Graves had a brother who, along with Nigel Sandford (also of the English department), was a member of the Co-Operative Arts Theatre, along with most of my family.

The other name that stood out was Peter Hartill who taught Economics. I was studying Economics in the sixth form and in the first year our Economics teacher was Peter George, a lovely man but who was sometimes a bit over our heads. When Mr George left in 1965, he was replaced by two teachers, surprisingly, as the only Economics classes in the school were the upper and lower 6th. One of them was Peter Hartill and the other Stuart Bentley. Mr Bentley also took Hockey on games afternoon. Both were straight from University, Peter from Leeds.

Both classes (which were hardly enormous to start with) were split between these two. I was in Peter's half and he was a brilliant teacher, very quietly spoken and went at a pace that we could all follow. But why had we been split into two?

We learnt the sad answer to that a few months later. We arrived at school one morning to the devastating news that Stuart Bentley had died. He suffered from Leukaemia, a cancer for which much can be done now, but in the 60s there was very little hope. We pupils knew nothing of his illness but I think that the staff did. I assume that he was taken on as an act of compassion by this great school of ours knowing that his days were likely to be short.

I attended the memorial service for him at St. Mark's Church in Woodthorpe where, as we were meditating, I felt a great sadness as I noticed a graze still healing on the back of my hand which had come from his hockey stick. (I had, of course, given up rugby at the first opportunity!).

So the classes were recombined and it was up to Peter then to get us all through A Level Economics, a job that I think he did very well. **Paul Evans (Newstead House, 1959-66)**

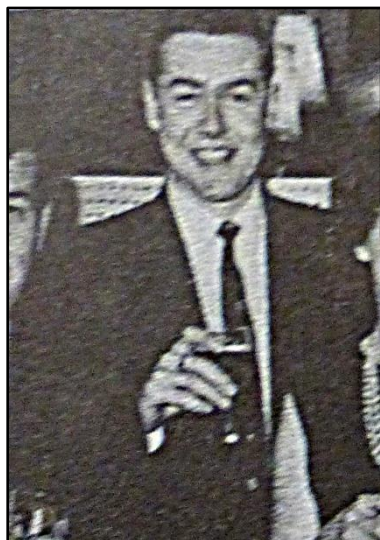
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Paul Evans has reminded us all of a very sad event in the life of the school. It was recorded in the 1966 School Magazine (also called The Pavior) with an Obituary for Stuart Bentley. We feel it is worthy of reproduction here. (overleaf)

Obituary extracted from the 1966 School Magazine (*The Pavior*):

Mr. Stuart Bentley

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. Stuart Bentley earlier this year at the age of 22. Educated at Nottingham High School and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he came last September to teach here. It was known to his colleagues that he was suffering from leukaemia, that he was often in pain and that his life was not likely to be a long one. But, nobody, to meet him, would have known this. Tall, handsome, much at ease, full of energy and delightful gaiety, he became immediately well-known in the school, not only as a teacher of economics, but in the choir, on the hockey-field, with the Joint Sixth Form Society. It seems hardly possible that we shall never hear again from this lively and sympathetic young man. We remember his directing the carol he composed at the annual service last December in the High Pavement Chapel, and if a personal memory is allowed, I can still see him urging his fellow choristers on with characteristic vigour in the verse 'Sing, Choirs of Angels, sing in exultation.' He was an example to us all. To his parents and his brother, we extend our deepest sympathy.



Stuart Bentley at Paviors RFC Dinner Dance at Daybrook House in 1964/5.

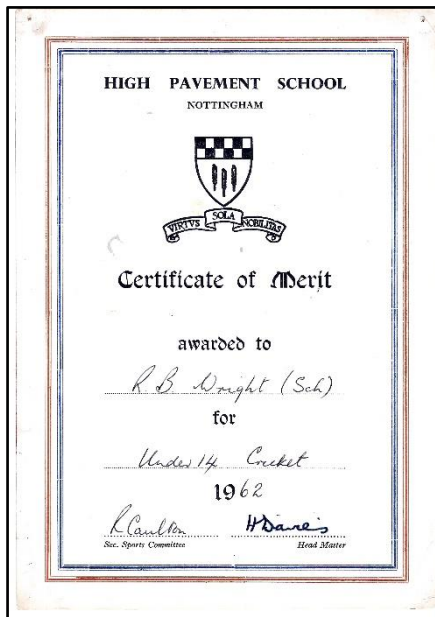
[This photo of Stuart Bentley was not included in the original Obituary but has been obtained recently from the Paviors RFC. It shows Stuart Bentley at a Rugby Club Dinner Dance at Daybrook House in 1964/5.

That same Dinner was also attended by Mr MH Brown (the then Headmaster of High Pavement School) and his wife and Mr Eric Shepherd (Geography Master at High Pavement and then President of the Old Paviors) and his wife.]

Attending the same dinner were (L to R) Mr M H Brown (then Head of High Pavement School), Mrs Brown, Mr Eric Shepherd (then President of the Old Paviors) and Mrs Shepherd.



OUR ENDPICE
FROM RAYMOND WRIGHT
A Cricketing Success Story



Society member Raymond Wright has written to us with details of his cricket career at High Pavement. Raymond was at High Pavement from 1959-64, in classes 1C, 2C, 3C, Science 4B and Science 5B and was in School House. When he was in his 1st year, he gained a place in the School U13 Team and he worked his way up through the various school 'age' teams until making it into the Senior School Teams when he was still in his 5th Year. As a result, he has a fine collection of School 'Certificates of Merit' for Cricket and photos of the School Teams that he was in. He must have been a remarkably organised young man, as he found the time to record on each of the photos the names of the individuals shown. Such photos, with names, are of course of great interest to the Society. We hope to publish his photos in this and a future edition of *The Pavior*. We start below with his 1960 HP 1st-Year Cricket

Team photo and his 1963 HP U15 Cricket Team photo:



High Pavement 1st Year Cricket Team (1960)

Back Row: Mr B J Dodd, Raymond Wright, ?? Smart, Peter Stretton, David Wilson, Keith Green, ?? Selby, Jeff Towle, Terry Craggs.
Front Row: Lawrence French, Marson Smalley, Ian Campbell, Clive Ball, Roger Batty, David Widdowson.

After leaving school he maintained his interest in Cricket becoming a regular member of the Old Paviers Cricket Club. He was a member of that Club in 1973 when they won the Division One Championship of the Nottingham Evening Cricket League with a total of 83 points, 32 points ahead of the nearest rivals, Arnold CC. To prove it, he even has a copy of the 'Nottingham Sport' newspaper with the Old Paviers Team Photo on the front page.



High Pavement U15 Cricket Team (1963)

Back Row: ?? Selby, Marson Smalley, ?? Cookman, ?? Finch, ?? Smart, Andrew? Rankawitz, Raymond Wright, Lawrence French.

Front Row: David Widdowson, John Barlow, Peter Stretton, Roger Batty, Jeff Towle, Ian Campbell.

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The very last word from The Chairman
Outstanding Annual Subscriptions

A few members are behind in their annual subscriptions; we have lapses for 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24. These may have been due to the difficulties caused over the period by the Pandemic as well as with the sad death last year of Robin Taylor, then our Treasurer.

All members, whether paid up or not, have received all previous Newsletters and every year the four Newsletters costs over £13.00 to print and distribute. This is a cost we are not able to afford in the future unless members annual subscriptions are fully paid on time. Since 2019 the Annual Subscription has been £15.00. It is set to rise in July 2024 (for 24/25) to £20.00. We request that members check if their Annual Subscription is paid up to date and amend their standing order accordingly if required. Thanks.

Barry