SEDBERGH SCHOOL POLITICS AND LAW TIMELINE

"Many Sedberghians have made enormous contributions to public life and to the communities and constituencies which they have served. Lord Bingham is widely regarded as the greatest Judge of the modern era. He, in particular, and countless other Sedberghians, only a few of Gerrard Lowther whom can be featured in this timeline have had, and in some cases continue to have, a significant impact on the administration of justice and/or on the legal profession and on society at large."

His Honour Judge John Walford





From left to right: D.R. Wood, R.P. Lowden, T.D.T. Hodson, J. de G. Walford, T. Hewitt



The Right Honourable —

Sir David Edward KCMG PC QC FRSE Sedgwick House 1948-53 Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974, 1992-2004, Judge of the European Court of Justice. Awarded the Distinguished Cross, first class, Order of St. Raymond of Peñafort (Spain) in 1979; appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George in 2004; sworn of the Privy Council in 2005; appointed a an Officer of the Legion of Honour and Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres



in 2012.

Geoffrey William (Bill) Meikle TD DL LLB School House 1950-55 Retired solicitor, partner 1962-97 in the largest firm in the NE, appointed Under Sheriff for Newcastle upon Tyne 17 times, Clerk to the Lieutenancy for Tyne and Wear for 5 years, upon Tyne Law Society from 1997, Deputy Lieutenant for



His Honour Judge David Hodson LLB

Evans House 1956-60 Hon. Treasurer of the Newcastle Circuit Judge, Manchester 1987-96. Senior Circuit Judge and Hon. Recorder of Newcastle upon Tyne 1997-2010. Bencher. Tyne and Wear for 15 years (now Inner Temple. Deputy, then Chancellor of retired), Deputy Chairman for the Diocese of Newcastle 2001-12. Judicial almost 20 years of the NE Rail Member of the Parole Board. An Assistant Users Consultative Committee. Surveillance Commissioner 2013-15.



An eminent Counsel and Bencher of

Lincoln's Inn and High Sherriff of Cumberland in 1592. The Lowther family would appear to have been supporters of Mary Queen of Scots Involved in various plots in Elizabeth I's reign including "The Rising in the North" he was first Lord of the Treasury and and one led by the Duke of Norfolk with was Lord Privy Seal from 1699 until his his brother, Richard. They managed to death in 1700. extricate themselves and survived



Trained to be a lawyer at Cambridge 1636. An ardent Royalist

involved in the activities to bring Charles II to the throne Charles

appointed him Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and

Chancellor of the County of Durham. Knighted in 1673 or 74.

securing Cumberland and Westmorland

for King William III and was appointed

to the Privy Council in 1689. In 1690

John Lowther, 1st Viscount of Lonsdale. The Right Honourable Sir Alan Chambre

Twice MP for Westmorland between 1677 into the northern circuit. Elected to the

and 1696. In 1688 he was serviceable in bench of Gray's Inn in

Sir Robert Rhodes James

Historian and Conservative MP, 1955-64.

worked in the Clerk's Department of the

until his retirement in 1992. Parliamentary

MP for Pudsey 1974 to 1997. Held a number of ministerial

posts under Thatcher: Parliamentary Under-Secretary for

Department of Energy: Minister of State for Home Office

N. Ireland Office, Department of Environment and

and Department of Trade & Industry. Chairman of

Governors at Sedbergh School 1992 to 1997.

Private Secretary at the Foreign Office.

Lubton House 1946-52

Knighted in 1991.

Lubton House 1945-5

Died in 1693 and buried in St Andrew's Church, Sedbergh.

2nd Baronet PC FRS

(Tom) KG PC OC Winder House 1947-52 Judge and jurist. He served in the ighest judicial offices of the UK as Master of the Rolls Lord Chief Justice and as Senior Law Lord before House of Commons, 1976, became a his retirement when he focused on his Conservative MP for Cambridge, a seat work as a teacher and lecturer in human rights laws. 1525 Society President 2010-12

Sir John Otway



Lord Lieutenant's Advisory Committee on

His Honour Judge Brian Duckworth DL MA

In 1983 he was appointed to the Circuit

Bench of Judges and when he retired in

2004 he was the longest serving Circuit

Judge in the country. Served on the

Lancashire Probation Committee the

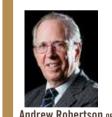
the Magistracy and was appointed a

Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire in 1995

Lubton House 1948-52

Winder House 1948-52 Labour politician. Created a life peer in the House of Lords in 1993, taking the title Baron Haskel of Higher Broughton in the County of Greater Manchester.

Lord Haskel of Higher Broughton



Andrew Robertson ORE Evans House 1956-61 A former solicitor, he was Glasgow and Clyde 2007-15. Local Government Awarded an OBE in 1994. Chairman of the Sedbergh School Foundation 2001-8. President of the Foundation from 2014 and 1525 Society President from 2013.





Lord Bruce-Lockhart of The Weald (Sandy), KT OBE Anthony Watson, QC Council 1997-2005. In 2004 Sedgwick House 1958-63 Managing Partner and Chairman of the NHS Greater he became Chairman of the Called to the Bar Inner 2 years seconded as Legal Temple 1968. He has Association. Made a Knight acted in many of the leading Intellectual Property cases of the School Governor 2000-8, Vice OBE. Elevated to the peerage last 40 years. Joined Hogarth Chambers in 2013.

Alan Craze

owell House 1959-64

rmer solicitor who

has been Her Maiesty's



Lubton House 1960-65 circle law firm Allen & Director of British Aerospace Post- retirement, 2003-9 non-executive director of Trustee 2007-13: School Governor and chair of the Executive Committee 2008-16.

Michael Pattison CRE

Winder House 1960-64

administrator, Private

Sedbergh School

Foundation Trustee

Diplomat and

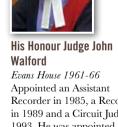
Senior Coroner for the Secretary to successive

unty of East Sussex Prime Ministers 1979-82.

2007-14.



Eversheds, School Foundation



Recorder in 1985, a Recorder in 1989 and a Circuit Judge in 1993. He was appointed Chancellor for the Diocese of Bradford from 1999-2014. OS Club President 2015-2017

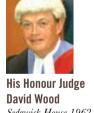
Lowden

2012.

Evans House 1961-66

Crown Court 2001-9.

His Honour Judge Richard Peter Birkett ac



Winder House 1961-6

Resident judge at Durham the Crown Court 1989; master of the

He was judicial recorder at the High Court (Isle of Man) 1999;

Called 1972; Inner Temple. Recorder of

Bench (Inner Temple) 1996; deemster of

Criminal Court 2000; member of the

General Council of the Bar 1999-2001: Crown Courts until his

leader of the Northern Circuit 1999-2001. death in 2007.

Durham 2005-10. Died in approved to sit as a recorder at the Central Circuit, in Newcastle,

John Charlesworth

In 1767 he was called to the bar and went

1781 and in 1783 filled

the annual office of

treasurer 1796 he was

Lancaster, Worked at

the court of common

pleas 1800-15

appointed recorder of

A colliery owner and MP for Wakefield 1857 and

1859. Defeated by his Liberal opponent, William

Leatham were subsequently found to have

Leatham, at the 1859 general election both he and

conducted extensive bribery during the campaign

The Honourable Sir Michael Sachs KSS

In 1993 he was the first solicitor to be

appointed as a High Court judge and

Division, receiving a knighthood. Also

member of the Law Society in 1993.

Received an honorary doctorate of lay

from Manchester University in 1994.

became an honorary bencher at the

Middle Temple and an honorary

assigned to the Queen's Bench

Sedgwick House 1945-50

Edmund Sharne

An architect, architectural

sanitary reformer. His

historian, railway engineer, and

lesigned the School boarding

houses and chapel. An elected

erved as mayor in 1848-49.

championed the construction of

(David) gcvo pc QC DL

Winder House 1944-47

as Governor of Bermuda.

The Right Honourable Lord Waddington

Conservative MP who held a variety of

government roles under Margaret Thatcher

including Home Secretary. Made a life peer in

1990 and held several positions in the House of

Lords including Leader of the House. Also served

new sewers and a waterworks.

Sedgwick House 1962-66 Appointed an Assistant Recorder in 1984 Recorder in 1989 and Circuit Judge 1995. Served as President o the Council of Circuit Judges in 2008 (and retired in 2013).



His Honour Judge

Lawrence Schroeder



His Honour Judge Tim Hewitt

Became a recorder, or part-time

judge, in 1996. He was appointed a

Lupton House 1964-68

judge in 2000 and sat

on the North-East

Durham and Teesside

Powell House 1966-70 In 1998 he was appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge. 1996-2001, Attorney Sir Roger Gifford General to the Duchy of Lancaster. 2001, appointed to the High Court, as Presiding Judge on the Northern Circuit. 2012, appointed as a Lord astice of Appeal. Sedbergh School

McCombe,



Service 1953-63. Practised at the Bar in First elected to Stormont at the Northern

1973 and also Senior Circuit Judge and appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the

William Ainslie

Conservative politician, magistrate

North Lonsdale 1885-92

Sir Russell Fairgrieve CBE TD

Member of the Council of

1975-80. Appointed a CBE in

achelor in 1984. Appointed High President of the OS Club 1993-96. Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished

Worked for Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Winder House 1936-41

Europe. Chairman of the

President Liverpool Law Society in Conservative Party in Scotland

ciety in 1983. Became Knight 1974 and knighted in 1981.

Porcell House 1940-44

The Right Honourable Sir Richard

His Honour Judge Robert Warnock

Circuit Judge 2003 now at Liverpool

Crown Court. Snr. Judge S.B.A.

Junior of the Northern Circuit 1981. Powell House 1968-72

Asst. Recorder 1993, Recorder 1997. Qualified as a solicitor in

Sedgwick House 1966-70

Cyprus 2012.

Recorder for Liverpool 1992-97.

State for Scotland 1979-81 and a

School House 1937-42

ironmaster and stockbroker MP for

1842-1848

A land explorer of the Australia

Morant Bay Rebellion took

Sir Christopher Hewetson TD MA DL

976. President National Law

Sheriff of Merseyside in 1998.

Lubton House 1943-48

urchitectural practice, Sharpe and Governor of New Munster Province in

Paley (by then Austin and Paley) New Zealand From 1854 he was

town councillor for Lancaster and of Jamaica when the

Concerned about the town's poor place – a major turning

water supply and sanitation, he point in Jamaica's history.

continent and colonial administrator

1848-1853, he served as Lieutenant

Governor of several Caribbean island

colonies. He was a controversial Governor

Evans House 1968-72 A London banker and the 685th Year Honours list. Sedbergh School Foundation Vice President from 2014.

James Lupton

Baron Lupton CBE MA

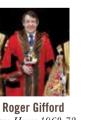
1997. Co-founded investment

is Chairman of Greenhill Europe.

Appointed as a life peer in 2015.

bankers Greenhill London in 1998 and

Co-treasurer of the Conservative Party.



After Emmanuel College Cambridge he practiced as a Solicitor in London, Was international industrial business Executive and MP for Eddisbury, Cheshire for 16 years, including serving as Minister for International Development and as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the Sahel, Africa, Vice-President Liverpool School of Tropical United Nations. United Nations Under-Secretary-Queen's Bench Division. 2004-7, served Lord Mayor of London 2012 to General for Humanitarian Affairs & 2013. Knighted in the 2014 New Emergency Relief Coordinator 2015-17. Appointed as a non-executive director of the Department for International Trade in 2019.

Her Honour Judge

A Louise Bancroft

Casterton School 1971-79.

School and the Foundation.

Called to the Bar by Inner Temple in 1985

1985-2013 Barrister. 2002 Recorder (Northern

Circuit), 2013 appointed Circuit Judge based at

Liverpool Civil & Family Court, 2015 elected

Judicial Bencher of Inner Temple. Former

Governor of Casterton School, Sedbergh

Sir Stephen O'Brien KBE

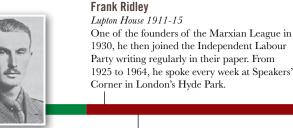
Hart House 1970-75



The Honorable Sir Mark Turner School House 1972-77 In 1998 he was appointed a Queen's Counse Became a Recorder in 2000. Justice of the High Court and assigned to the Oueen's Bench Division, 2013. Presiding judge Northern circuit.



John Litton Q(Winder House 1979-84 Called to the Bar in 1989 and was a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of Treasury Counsel for 7 years before taking Silk in 2010. Assistant editor of the Encyclopedia of Planning Law. Called to the Bar in Hong Kong, N. Ireland and the Supreme Court of the Eastern Caribbean, A member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an Associate Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators.



Charles Peat Sedgrerick House 1905-10 A Conservative politician, accountant and School House 1912-16 cricketer. In 1931 he was elected as MP for A Conservative politician, rugby Darlington, During WW2 he served as Principal Private Secretary to PM Winston England and President of the Rugby 1910. He was one of Sedbergh School's Mercia Constabulary. Appointed a Deputy Churchill. 1945, he served as Parliamentary Football Union. In 1935 he became Lieutenant for Worcestershire Received the Secretary to the Minister of National QPM in 1968; knighted in 1970; Knight of Insurance. Played first-class cricket for Oxford University and Middlesex



Glencairn Balfour Paul cmg Hart House 1931-36 After WW2 he served in the officer. He served as Director of Legal Sudan Political Service as a Services for the RAF and was Head of District Commissioner, before joining the Diplomatic Service in 1955 Appointed Ambassador to Iraq in 1969, Ambassador to Jordan in 1972 and Ambassador to Funisia 1975-77, Awarded The Order of St Michael and St George in 1968.



Sir John Willison TD Kt OBE QPM

Sedgreick House 1898-1902

the Order of St John in 1973.

POLICE

School House 1933-37

Joined City of London Police in 1933 and

Constable of Berwick, Roxburgh & Selkirk,

Worcestershire Constabulary and West

Air Vice-Marshal Peter Furniss DFC

Solicitor and senior Royal Air Force

OROYAL

AIR FORCE

Conservative politician who served as an MP from

1960-64 and from 1966-92. Also served as a

Received a Knighthood in 1982. Created a life

peer in 1994, 1525 Society President 2002-05.

the RAF Legal Branch from

Sedgwick House 1934-38

served with RNVR 1943-46. Chief

Sir Francis Sharp Powell, 1st Baronet

A Conservative politician who sat in the

House of Commons between 1863 and

greatest benefactors and was the

Sir Hugh Cortazzi GCMG MA BA

Sedgwick House 1936-41

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of Diplomat businessman academic author

Chairman of Governors 1874-1914.

and Japanologist. Left the RAF in 1947 and

appointed Deputy Under-Secretary of State.

Ambassador to Japan where he served until

1984 and was appointed GCMG (Knight

His Honour Judge William Wickham BEL The Right Honourable McConnell of Lisburn, Lord Shaw of Northstead (Michael) JP DL

Ministry of Finance and became Minister of

Home Affairs in 1964. President of the

European Movement in Northern Ireland

1992-95. Granted a life peerage in 1995.

Liverpool 1963-73. A Circuit Judge since Ireland general election in 1953. 1962, he was Member of the European Parliament 1974-79.

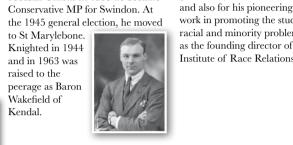
Baron McConnell Lord (Brian)

Order of St Michael and St George).

joined the Foreign Office. 1975 he was

1980, appointed as Her Maiesty's

Sir William Wavell Wakefield. 1st Baron Wakefield of Kendal union player for Harlequins and to St Marylebone Knighted in 1944 and in 1963 was raised to the



The Honourable Lord Grieve (Bertie) VRD Winder House 1931-35 In 1964 he was appointed Sheriff Principal of Renfrew and Argyll. A judge of the Courts of Appeal of Guernsey and Jersey 1971-72. In 1972 he became a judge of the Supreme Courts of Scotland. He was the advocate who prosecuted the last man to be hanged in Scotland.

Sir Hilary Scott

Philip Mason, OBE CIE

Lubton House 1919-24

Independence in 1947.

Had a distinguished career in

the Civil Service in India until

racial and minority problems

Institute of Race Relations

School House 1919-24

President of the Law Society

The Law Society



great many books about India post he held for 16 years. In 1940 became Parliamentary work in promoting the study of Private Secretary to Churchill and in 1941 was made Minister of Information, a post he held as the founding director of the until the end of the Second World War. After WW2 he was made First Lord of the Admiralty A generous benefactor to the School and was Chairman of Governors 1951-58

H Montgomery Hyde

Porvell House 1921-25

Bill Carritt Lupton House 1922-27 Communist, lecturer and poet. Air-lifted home from WW9 to stand as Westminster Abbey Communist candidate in the 1945 general election and was elected to Westminster council.

Sir John Robertson

Winder House 1926-31

High Court of Justice.

Dunn Crichton

1946, he was one of five Communists tried at the Old Bailey for leading a campaign which put homeless families into empty luxury flats. Until the 1960s, he worked as a Communist Party full-timer.



Commons in 1959 as a result of campaigning for

homosexual law reform. In 1972 wrote the first history of

homosexuality in Great Britain & Ireland, 'The Other Love'

Helsby, Baron Helsby (Laurence) GCB KBE Joined the Civil Service in 1946. In 1963, he

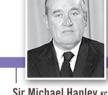
Barrister, Ulster Unionist MP and author, Joined the British Army Intelligence

Corps in 1939 and was commissioned into MI6. Lost his seat in the House of

was made joint Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and Head of the Home Civil Service. Made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1955; awarded Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath in 1963; made a life peer in 1968.

James MacColl

Sedgwick House 1922-27 Appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1938. Mayor of Paddington 1947-49. At the 1950 general election he was elected MP for Widnes and held the seat until his death in 1971. 1964-69 he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Local Government.



Sir Michael Hanley KCB

Sedgwick House 1931-37 Served as an officer of the Royal Artillery during WW2. Became the Assistant Military Attaché in Budapest in 1946. Joined the Security Service MI5 in 1948: 1971, he became the Deputy Director General; 1972 promoted to Director General.

Christopher Boyle or

Sedgwick House 1981-88

Called to the Bar in 1994 and was appointed

ecclesiastical law. He is a member of Planning

& Environmental Bar Association (PEBA) and

the Compulsory Purchase Association (CPA)

Queen's Counsel in 2013. He specialises in

planning, environmental, transport and

infrastructure, compulsory purchase and



Mike Redmayne Sedgwick House 1980-85 Law professor. Pioneer in criminal Called to the Bar in 1992, justice scholarship whose research appointed a Recorder of the began to admit DNA analysis in 2018. Specialises in fraud, criminal trials. In 2002 he was one crime and professional of the founding editors of the regulation. Also a member of leading journal for research in law the Bar Standards Board and statistics 'Law, Probability and disciplinary prosecuting pane Risk'. Taught at LSE from 1999

until his death in 2015.



Evans House 1985-91 Selva Ramasamy QC Sedgwick House 1981-88 into the use of forensic evidence Crown Court in 2009, and was Bar. 2008, joined CPS South West Planning & Environmental Bar, the tarted to appear once the courts appointed Queen's Counsel in as a Crown Advocate. Awarded



ames Ward OBE Studied piano and conducting at Birmingham Conservatoire. 1993-2007 Special Constable in he practised at the independent OBE in 2015 for services to Law for service to the community.

Robert Walton QC

Powell House 1986-91

and compensation law.

Called to the Bar in 1999 and took silk

in 2019. He has an extensive practice in

environmental and compulsory purchase

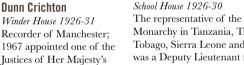
all aspects of planning, public,

Norman Openshaw

Hart House 1927-32

Liberal MP for Bolton

Alexander Booth QC Hart House 1988-93 Diploma in Law (CPE) – City University. Scholarships - Middle Temple, Oueen Mother's Scholar, West Midlands Police. 1999-2008 Astbury Scholar, Lord Justice Sachs Exhibitioner. He is a member of the Compulsory Purchase and National Infrastructure Planning Associations and Order in the South West and He is an author of the National Infrastructure Planning Service.



The representative of the British Monarchy in Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Sierra Leone and Malta. He was a Deputy Lieutenant for Wiltshir and a Knight Grand Cross of the Maltese Order of Merit

Sir Maurice Dorman GCMG GCVO



Laura Priestley Lubton House 2001-03 Solicitor. One of the first girls to attend Sedbergh School when it became co-educational in 2001. Graduated in History at the University of Cambridge Now a solicitor specialising in Wills, Tax Planning, Powers of Attorney and the Administration of Estates



Kate Baron Lupton House 2004-06 Solicitor. Studied law at Manchester 2007-10, completed her LPC 2011 now an Associate at a firm



The Right Honorable Sir Richard Aikens Karen Bruce Lockhart 1999, made a Justice of the High Court Queen's Bench Division and nominated as Governor of Sedbergh judge of the Commercial and Admiralty School 2005-13. Courts. Presiding Judge of the South East Foundation Trustee Circuit 2001-4. Judge in charge of the Commercial Court from 2005-6. Lord Justice of Appeal in 2008-15. Sedbergh School Governor 1988-97.

Scottish Advocate 2007-13.





