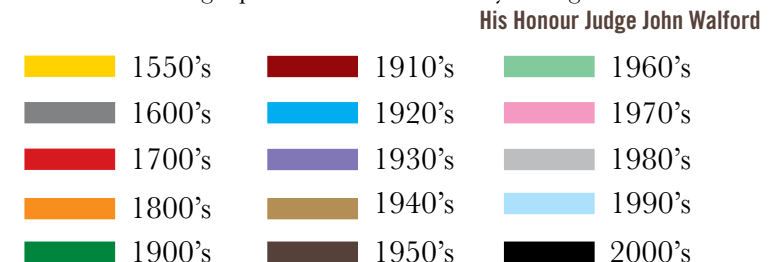


SEDBERGH SCHOOL POLITICS AND LAW TIMELINE

"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 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."



The Sedbergh Bench
From left to right: D.R. Wood, R.P. Louden, T.D.T. Hodson, J. de G. Walford, T. Hevitt



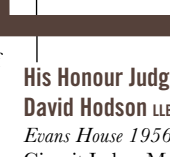
The Right Honourable Sir David Edward KC MG PC QC FRSE
Sedgwick House 1948-53
Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974. 1992-2004, Judge of the European Court of Justice. Awarded the Distinguished Cross, first class, Order of St. Raymond of Peñafort (Spain) in 1979; appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George in 2004; sworn of the Privy Council in 2005; appointed as 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, Hon. Treasurer of the Newcastle upon Tyne Law Society from 1997, Deputy Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear for 15 years (now retired), Deputy Chairman for almost 20 years of the NE Rail Users Consultative Committee.



Andrew Robertson OBE
Evans House 1956-61
A former solicitor, he was Chairman of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2007-15. Awarded an OBE in 1994. Chairman of the Sedbergh School Foundation 2001-8, School Governor 2000-8, Vice President of the Foundation from 2014 and 1525 Society President from 2013.



His Honour Judge David Hodson US
Evans House 1956-60
Circuit Judge, Manchester 1987-96. Senior Circuit Judge and Hon. Recorder of Newcastle upon Tyne 1997-2010. Benchier, Inner Temple. Deputy, then Chancellor of the Diocese of Newcastle 2001-12. Judicial Member of the Parole Board. An Assistant Surveillance Commissioner 2013-15.



Lord Haskel of Higher Broughton (Simon)
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 Bruce-Lockhart of The Weald (Sandy), KT OBE
School House 1956-60
Leader of Kent County Council 1997-2005. In 2004 he became Chairman of the Local Government Association. Made a Knight Bachelor in 2002, having previously been appointed OBE. Elevated to the peerage in 2006 as Baron Bruce-Lockhart, of The Weald in the County of Kent.



Alan Craze
Powell House 1959-64
Former solicitor who has been Her Majesty's Senior Coroner for the County of East Sussex since 1998.



Lord Bingham of Cornhill (Tom) KG PC QC
Winder House 1947-52
Judge and jurist. He served in the highest judicial offices of the UK as Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice and as Senior Law Lord before his retirement when he focused on his work as a teacher and lecturer in human rights laws. 1525 Society President 2010-12.

His Honour Judge Brian Duckworth DL MA
Lupton House 1948-52
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 Lord Lieutenant's Advisory Committee on the Magistracy and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire in 1995.



Sir Robert Rhodes James
Lupton House 1946-52
Historian and Conservative MP. 1955-64, worked in the Clerk's Department of the House of Commons. 1976, became a Conservative MP, became a seat until his retirement in 1992. Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Foreign Office. Knighted in 1991.



Sir Giles Shaw
Lupton House 1945-50
MP for Pudsey 1974 to 1997. Held a number of ministerial posts under Thatcher: Parliamentary Under-Secretary for N. Ireland Office, Department of Environment and Department of Energy; Minister of State for Home Office and Department of Trade & Industry. Chairman of Governors at Sedbergh School 1992 to 1997.



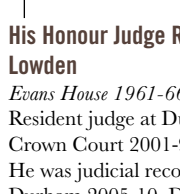
John Rink
Lupton House 1960-65
Spent 35 years with magic circle law firm Allen & Overy; the last 10 years as Managing Partner and 2 years seconded as Legal Director of British Aerospace. Post-retirement, 2003-9 non-executive director of Eversheds. School Foundation Trustee 2007-13; School Governor and chair of the Executive Committee 2008-16.



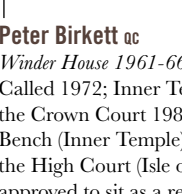
His Honour Judge John Walford
Evans House 1961-66
Appointed an Assistant Recorder in 1984, Recorder in 1989 and Circuit Judge 1995. Served as President of the Council of Circuit Judges in 2008 (and retired in 2013). He was appointed Chancellor for the Diocese of Bradford from 1999-2014. OS Club President 2015-2017.



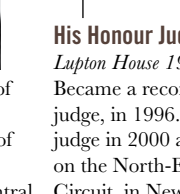
Michael Pattison CBE
Winder House 1960-64
Diplomat and administrator, Private Secretary to successive Prime Ministers 1979-82. Sedbergh School Foundation Trustee 2007-14.



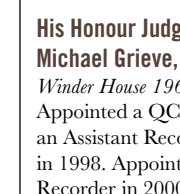
His Honour Judge Richard Lowden
Evans House 1961-66
Resident judge at Durham Crown Court 2001-9. He was judicial recorder at Durham 2005-10. Died in 2012.



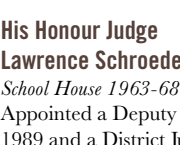
Peter Birkett QC
Winder House 1961-66
Called 1972; Inner Temple. Recorder of the Crown Court 1989; master of the Bench (Inner Temple) 1996; deemsiter of the High Court (Isle of Man) 1999; approved to sit as a recorder at the Central Criminal Court 2000; member of the General Council of the Bar 1999-2001; leader of the Northern Circuit 1999-2001.



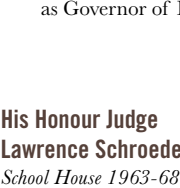
His Honour Judge Tim Hewitt
Lupton House 1964-68
Called a recorder, or part-time judge, in 1996. He was appointed a judge in 2000 and sat on the North-East Circuit, in Newcastle, Durham and Teesside Crown Courts until his death in 2007.



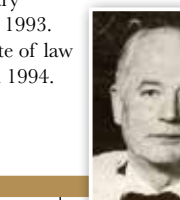
His Honour Judge Michael Grieve, QC
Winder House 1964-68
Appointed a QC and an Assistant Recorder in 1998. Appointed a Recorder in 2000.



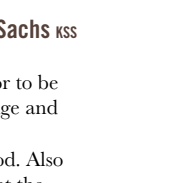
His Honour Judge Lawrence Schroeder
School House 1963-68
Appointed a Deputy District Judge in 1989 and a District Judge in 1992.



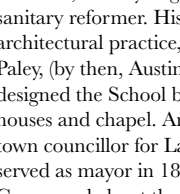
The Right Honourable Sir Richard McCombe,
FRCS (Hon)
Sedgwick House 1966-70
In 1998 he was appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge. 1996-2001, Attorney General to the Duchy of Lancaster. 2001, appointed to the High Court, Queen's Bench Division. 2004-7, served as Presiding Judge on the Northern Circuit. 2012, appointed as a Lord Justice of Appeal. Sedbergh School Governor 2002-13.



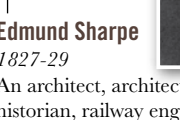
The Right Honourable Lord Waddington (David) CBE QC PC QC DL
Winder House 1944-47
Conservative MP who held a variety of government roles under Margaret Thatcher including Home Secretary. Made a life peer in 1990 and held several positions in the House of Lords including Leader of the House. Also served as Governor of Bermuda.



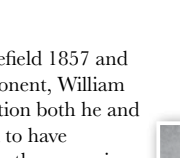
Sir Christopher Hewetson TD MA DL
Lupton House 1943-48
President Liverpool Law Society in 1976, President National Law Society in 1983. Became Knight Bachelor in 1984. Appointed High Sheriff of Merseyside in 1998.



Edmund Sharpe
1827-29
An architect, architectural historian, railway engineer, and sanitary reformer. His architectural practice, Sharpe and Paley, (by then, Austin and Paley) designed the School boarding houses and chapel. An elected town councillor for Lancaster and served as mayor in 1848-49. Concerned about the town's poor water supply and sanitation, he championed the construction of new sewers and a waterworks.



Edward Eyre
1829-30
A land explorer of the Australian continent and colonial administrator. 1848-1853, he served as Lieutenant-Governor of New Munster Province in New Zealand. From 1854 he was Governor of several Caribbean island colonies. He was a controversial Governor of Jamaica when the Morant Bay Rebellion took place – a major turning point in Jamaica's history.



John Charlesworth
1824-33
A colliery owner and MP for Wakefield 1857 and 1859. Defeated by his Liberal opponent, William Leatham, at the 1859 general election both he and Leatham were subsequently found to have conducted extensive bribery during the campaign.



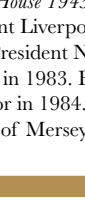
His Honour Judge Robert Warnock
Sedgwick House 1966-70
Junior of the Northern Circuit 1981. Asst. Recorder 1993, Recorder 1997. Circuit Judge 2003 now at Liverpool Crown Court. Snr. Judge S.B.A. Cyprus 2012.



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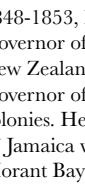
Sir Stephen O'Brien KBE
Hart House 1970-75
After Emmanuel College Cambridge he practiced as a Solicitor in London. Was international industrial business Executive and MP for Eddisbury, Cheshire for 16 years, including serving as Minister for International Development and as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the Sahel, Africa. Vice-President Liverpool School of Tropical United Nations. United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs & Emergency Relief Coordinator 2015-17. Appointed as a non-executive director of the Department for International Trade in 2019.



Sir Hugh Cortazzi GC MG MA BA
Sedgwick House 1936-41
Diplomat, businessman, academic, author and Japanologist. Left the RAF in 1947 and joined the Foreign Office. 1975 he was appointed Deputy Under-Secretary of State. Chairman of the Council of Europe. Chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland 1975-80. Appointed a CBE in 1974 and knighted in 1981. President of the OS Club 1993-96.



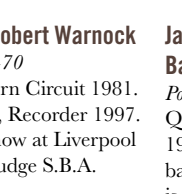
Sir Russell Fairgrieve CBE TD
School House 1937-42
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland 1979-81 and a Member of the Council of Europe. Chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland 1975-80. Appointed a CBE in 1974 and knighted in 1981. President of the OS Club 1993-96.



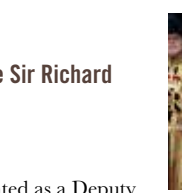
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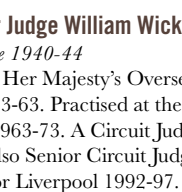
Sir Francis Sharp Powell, 1st Baronet
1843-46
A Conservative politician who sat in the House of Commons between 1863 and 1910. He was one of Sedbergh School's greatest benefactors and was the Chairman of Governors 1874-1914.



James Lupton, Baron Lupton CBE MA
Powell House 1968-72
Qualified as a solicitor in 1997. Co-founded investment bankers Greenhill London in 1998 and is Chairman of Greenhill Europe. Co-treasurer of the Conservative Party. Appointed as a life peer in 2015.



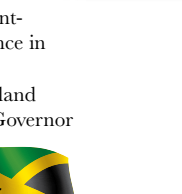
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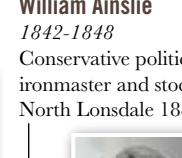
His Honour Judge William Wickham BCL
Powell House 1940-44
Worked for Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service 1953-63. Practised at the Bar in Liverpool 1963-73. A Circuit Judge since 1973 and also Senior Circuit Judge and Recorder for Liverpool 1992-97.



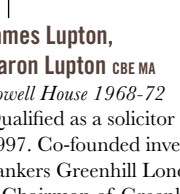
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Sir John Willison TD DL OBE OPM
Sedgwick House 1898-1902
Joined City of London Police in 1933 and served with RNRV 1943-46. Chief Constable of Berwick, Roxburgh & Selkirk, Worcestershire Constabulary and West Mercia Constabulary. Appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Worcestershire. Received the OPM in 1968; knighted in 1970; Knight of the Order of St John in 1973.



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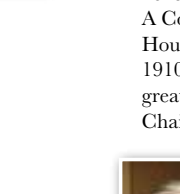
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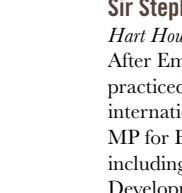
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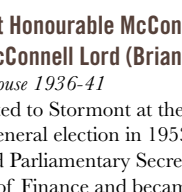
Frank Ridley
Lupton House 1911-15
One of the founders of the Marxian League in 1930, he then joined the Independent Labour Party writing regularly in their paper. From 1925 to 1964, he spoke every week at Speakers' Corner in London's Hyde Park.



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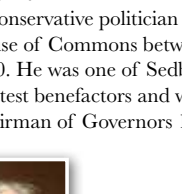
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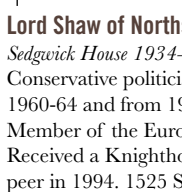
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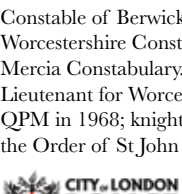
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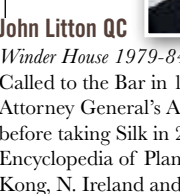
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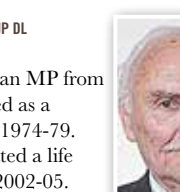
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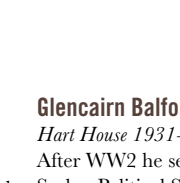
John Litton QC
Winder House 1979-84
Called to the Bar in 1989 and was a member of the Attorney General's Panel of Treasury Counsel for 7 years before taking Silk in 2010. Assistant editor of the Encyclopedia of Planning Law. Called to the Bar in Hong Kong, N. Ireland and the Supreme Court of the Eastern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



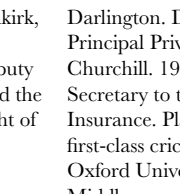
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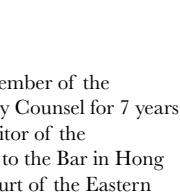
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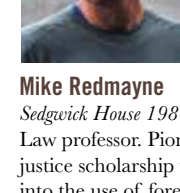
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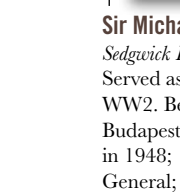
Charles Peat
Sedgwick House 1905-10
A Conservative politician, accountant and cricketer. In 1931 he was elected as MP for Darlington. During WW2 he served as Principal Private Secretary to PM Winston Churchill. 1945, he served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Insurance. Played first-class cricket for Oxford University and Middlesex.



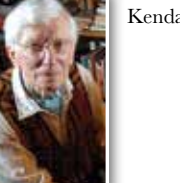
Christopher Boyle QC
Sedgwick House 1981-88
Called to the Bar in 1994 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2013. He specialises in planning, environmental, transport and infrastructure, compulsory purchase and ecclesiastical law. He is a member of Planning & Environmental Bar Association (PEBA) and the Compulsory Purchase Association (CPA).



Mike Redmayne
Sedgwick House 1980-85
Law professor. Pioneer in criminal justice scholarship whose research into the use of forensic evidence started to appear once the courts began to admit DNA analysis in criminal trials. In 2002 he was one of the founding editors of the leading journal for research in law and statistics 'Law, Probability and Risk'. Taught at LSE from 1999 until his death in 2015.



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