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The Old Cliftonian Society



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The photo above shows our highlight of the year so far, a really quite superb Reunion which is described below. But there has been more going on than that and we have held dinners or receptions in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong and Bangkok which are all reported here. The branches in Toronto and Warsaw have met and the Polack's House Educational Trust has held its annual lecture given by **Sir Michael Bear** (PH '70) and these also are reported in this Newsletter.

It is gratifying that we are beginning to see an increase in in-bound OC news, some of which is included here. The most eye catching item that OCs of a certain persuasion will trip over is that **Chris Harris** (SH '93) has been selected for the BBC's new Top Gear team. That too is reported below.

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12 Jun	Cricketer Cup - Sunday 12th June 2016
4 Jul	OC Cricket Week 4-8 July 2016
14 Oct	Cardiff OC Dinner - 14th October 2016
11 Nov	Bristol Dinner, Friday 11th November 2016
11 Nov	OC Society AGM 2016, 11th November 2016
22 Nov	London dinner - Tuesday 22nd November 2016
27 Feb	Oxford Choral Recital and Dinner, 27 February 2017

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Jo Greenbury

You will recently have received an email announcing that the activities of the Old Cliftonian Society and of the Clifton College Development Trust will be unified, brought together within the newly created 'Cliftonian Society', the Secretary of which will be **Jo Greenbury** who is taking over from me on 1st August. The detail of that email can be read [here](#). The work involved in bringing this about has been largely hidden from view, but it has been considerable and we are all indebted to **Nick Tolchard** (President), **Mark Eldridge** (Chairman OCS) and **Simon Brewer** (Chairman CCDT) for what they have done. The structure they have created, as set out in the email, will carry the Cliftonian Society forward in a coherent cohesive single operation for the lasting benefit of Old Cliftonians and the School.



Mark Eldridge



Simon Brewer



Nick Tolchard

Newsletters started in January 2013 and this is the 11th. It is also my last and I would like to thank all those who have helped create them, particularly Vicky Halliwell who has met my erratic deadlines, moods and foibles with cheery optimism and enlivened what might otherwise have become tedious so that they have become an unexpected pleasure! And I thank her too on behalf of all the OCs who have read and appreciated them.



Vicky Halliwell



Simon Keece



Lucy Nesh

The Reunion for the 1983-93 leavers was held at Clifton on 7th May 2016. Do the maths and you'll see that all were over halfway to their biblical three score years and ten which made **Rev Dr Duncan MacLaren's** skilled take on Ecclesiastes 3 from the pulpit, to look at oneself now through one's own 16 year-old eyes, an arresting perspective on the 'mid-life crisis'. We are immensely grateful to him for coming from Edinburgh with his wife Jane to get the day going in such a thoughtful and entertaining way. Chapel was full and the singing superb, especially the choir's anthem *Sing!* based on Widor's *Toccata* – many thanks to all those OCs who were able to organise their day to get there in time.



Duncan & Jane MacLaren

Dr Charles Knighton's splendid display of photographs and letters from the Archives absorbed many at the pre-lunch drinks and can be accessed by clicking the tab below. After lunch in Big School OCs were welcome to visit their old Houses and the buildings that had been developed since they were at Clifton, especially the Music School, the Science School and the newly purchased 4 & 5 Worcester Road, the new English and Modern Languages Faculty. Others visited Beggar's Bush and an enterprising 4 played a reunion game of tennis.

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OC Society Recent Events

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1862 Club celebrates its third Annual Lunch – 6th May 2016

The 1862 Club recognises and appreciates those who have included a provision for the School in their Will. There are currently 64 members.

The third annual lunch held on the 6th May saw the sun shining on the Close offering a magnificent view of the College from the Cricket Pavilion.

The largest gathering so far, over 30, enjoyed an excellent meal prepared by the School Caterers before being welcomed by the new Head Master, Dr Tim Greene.



This was followed by a musical performance piece – *Concertino* by Cecile Chaminade – performed by **Chloe Wedlake** (WT) (former Head of School) accompanied by James Drinkwater (Deputy Director of Music and the College Organist). The vote of thanks was given by **Mark Lowe** (OH '52).

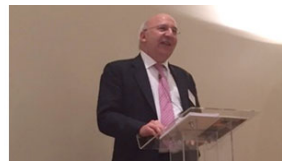
Guests were then invited to see the new Faculty of English and Modern Languages in

recently acquired 4 & 5 Worcester Road.

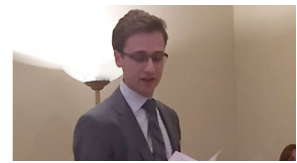
It was an excellent event and we were gratified by the many letters of thanks and appreciation.

Polack's House Education Trust Reunion – 12th April 2016

We were delighted, in April, to have nearly seventy attendees, spanning seven decades of Clifton life attend the Annual Polack's House Educational Trust Lecture (PHET) at Kent House, London. Highlights of the evening included Tim Greene, the Head Master sharing the great developments at School, **Toby Foster** (SH '09), a PHET graduate and of course Old Polackian, **Sir Michael Bear** (PH '90), regaling us with stories from his time as Lord Mayor of London. Thanks must also go to Lucy Nash for her support in organising the event and we were pleased that Lucy, Jeremy Pickles and Fiona Hallworth were able to join us at the event. This annual event is gaining in momentum and we look forward to reuniting even more old friends next year.



Sir Michael Bear



Toby Foster

Toronto Reunion – 12th April 2016

On an unseasonably cool April evening, 13 Ontario Old Cliftonians along with 5 family members, gathered at the "Duke of York" Pub in Toronto for our Spring get-together. We were very happy to welcome two new attendees, **Julian Edwards** (DH '92) and **Abolade Oshodi** (SH '93). As always there were many reminiscences of Clifton in this unusually British setting for Canada. A good time was had by all!



Ontario OC's present were: **Peter Barr** (NT '66); **Dr David Bevan** (OH '59); **Julian Edwards** (DH '92); **Tony Harborow** (WaH '56); **Philip Jones** (BH '57); **Richard Le Sueur** (DH '72); **Ian Markham** (BH '69); **Richard Musson** (SH '83); **Abolade Oshodi** (SH '93); **Annie Parsons** (SH '59); **Prof Ed Spooner** (OH '67); **Chris Walker** (BH '52); **Philip Yeandle** (BH '66).

Non-OC's present were: Anne R Jones; Dr Joan Bevan; Ruth Le Sueur; Kimberley Le Sueur; Janet Markham.

Reunion in Warsaw – 19th March 2016

This year's annual Polish Dinner was held on 19th March at the Der Elefant Restaurant in Warsaw. **Dr Tim Greene** (Head Master) attended and OCs **Piotr Holysz** (SH '03), **Jan Globisz** (WiH '15), **Aleksandra Wittchen** (WoH '14), **Alex Weber** (NT '94), **Aleksandra Skalska**, **Jedrzzej Bartol** (both currently in Y13) and **Marcin Szala** (WaH '99) (Branch Secretary) attended.



(l-r) Jan Globisz, Aleksandra Wittchen, Alex Weber, Dr Tim Greene, Piotr Holysz, Marcin Szala.

Marcin writes:

The conversation topics ranged from chemistry (obviously), through theory of music, American presidential election, expat tourists, and many more exciting topics, including the discussion of the future of Clifton (again obviously).

Tim Greene indicated that he would like to join us next year and I hope we will manage to arrange an appropriate dinner to celebrate again.

We also raised some money for the Polish Fund which we are growing for the benefit of future Polish students.

OC Gatherings in the Far East – February 2016

We are very grateful to the OCs in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong and Bangkok for all their help and support for the recent receptions and dinners in February.

The organisers were:

Jeremy Smeeton (NT '80) in Kuala Lumpur, **Colin Jarraw** (DH '90) in Singapore, **Vincent Law** (BH '85) and **Thea Inston** (OH '02) in Hong Kong and **Simon Makinson** (WaH '76) in Bangkok.

Besides being immensely good fun with a lot of catching up of old friends and stunning venues to appreciate, two initiatives may now have taken their first steps on the road to fruition with an increase in OC activity and support for the School in Hong Kong and Thailand. We hope that in the years ahead we can support these important and interesting branches of the Society with more visits and events such as these.

Further thanks to Jeremy Pickles who came from UK to the Hong Kong event, attended by nearly 70 OCs and to the British Consulate General for their most kind help in hosting it at Supreme Court Road.

Kuala Lumpur



Bangkok





Hong Kong



Singapore



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OUABC Alumni Gather – 14th November 2016

Gordon Hazell is a heroic figure for many OCs who came under his influence between 1955-88 when he made a huge impression by the way he taught boxing. He taught boxers to be skilful, quick, to be fit, to defend carefully, attack when you could and above all to respect your opponent in and out of the ring. 10 of his boxers went on to win 20 boxing blues between them at Oxford and there must be a similar cohort at Cambridge.

On 14th November 2015, 5 of those 10 Oxford Blues attended a great gathering of OUABC Alumni at a dinner in Pembroke College and they surely must have been the highest number of representatives from a single school. There was tangible fondness for Gordon and for all that he did for Clifton, as that generation will always have.



Gordon Hazell, Boxing Coach
1955-83



Back Row: **Simon Forrest** (ST '64), **Simon Reece** (ST '69)
Front Row: **Trevor Faber** (PH '64), **Mark Vincent** (SH '71),
Gordon Willoughby (ST, 80)



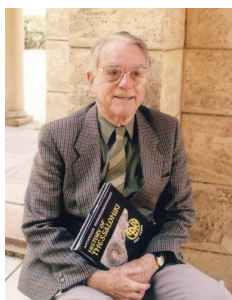
David Benger named Schwarzman Scholar

We congratulate **David Benger** (WiH '10) student at Brandeis University, Boston who has been named as one of the inaugural members of the Schwarzman Scholars class, a brand new international fellowship, which is being called the Rhodes Scholarship of the 21st century.

<http://www.thejustice.org/article/2016/01/the-netherlands-and-beyond>

Kyle Buchanan: Last 8 in the Building Design category of the Young Architect of the Year Award

Kyle Buchanan (MH '00) established his architectural company Archio in 2013 (<http://www.archio.co.uk/projects/>) and we congratulate him on winning through to the last 8 in the Building Design category of the Young Architect of the Year Award judged on 9th March.



Congratulations to John Melville-Jones (WiH 1947-52)

Emeritus **Professor John Melville-Jones** (WiH '52), Classics and Ancient History, University of Western Australia, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Macquarie University, Sydney, for his work in ancient numismatics and Byzantine Studies.

Terry Whatley Memorial Weekend, January 2016

On 24th January Sam Beale organised a wonderful weekend of tribute to Terry Whatley, former rackets professional. It was very strongly supported by former colleagues, family, Boosters and friends. It included a superb display of memorabilia by Dr Charles Knighton, rackets matches, an exhibition match and a dinner in the Pre Hall. There were several appreciative and warm speeches and anecdotes including from **John Inverdale** (ET '75) and **Chris Symons** (SH '67). **Simon Burns-Cox** (ET '80) presented Val Whatley with a sculpture before **Mark Whatley** (ET '89) rounded off proceedings with a most moving tribute.



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Julia Hwang supports Alzheimer's Charity with Concert



Julia Hwang (HH '14) now reading music at Cambridge hosted a charity concert at St John's College.

Second-year Cambridge Undergraduate Julia, who last year won the Cambridge University Musical Society Concerto Competition, and has been performing internationally since she was nine, has organised the concert for BRACE Alzheimer's Research.

An ambassador for the charity, the 19-year-old performed works by Beethoven, Lutoslawski and Wieniawski, at the college's Old Divinity School.

She said: "I am really excited to have the opportunity to make a contribution to Alzheimer's research through this concert."

Richard Tovey awarded MBE

Richard Tovey (OH '67) has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Years Honours List. Richard has received the award for his services to Education and Children's Services

Richard is the former Head Master of Tockington Prep School where he and his wife Jane ran the school since 1975. Their four children Mark, Clare, Paul and Simon also attended Clifton.



James Clark (MH 2003) inspired by former Clifton College Master – Ian Lowles



James Clark (MH '03), has launched a new product that is revolutionising the camping world: His product is a stylish new take on the old roll-out bed, and is for use when camping / glamping, as a spare bed (without the need for a spare room), and for kids to take on sleepovers.

What he has designed is a compact and convenient portable bed which allows for a cosy night's sleep, that you can roll out in seconds, anywhere.

James says, "I owe a lot of my success to the tutelage of Mr Ian Lowles, who taught me about product design at Clifton College"

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Olga Bermant (OH '03) has been named one of Forbes 30 Under 30 in Israel.

Olga is the managing partner and the youngest equity fund Manager at Catalyst. She has played a major role in creating the first Hisralit-sinit investment fund set up by Catalyst, which supports the growth of innovative Israeli companies and entry into China, whilst upgrading the technological standards required for Chinese industry.



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Clifton Pupils visit the Globe Theatre to meet Neil Constable (WiH '83)



Neil Constable CEO of The Globe welcomed back Clifton pupils to a workshop at the theatre followed by an opportunity to watch Twelfth Night, which the pupils are performing this summer in the Quad. These productions have become annual events which have captured the interest of the Clifton community.

Tom Davey (NT '98) was playing the part of Sir Andrew Aguecheek.

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Chris Harris (SH '93) to be new Top Gear Presenter





Chris Harris has established himself as a much respected and significant motoring journalist and racing driver. There is so much to say but we'll leave it up to you and Google to explore more – it's worth it, especially if you search 'Chris Harris on Cars'. We congratulate him hugely on his selection for the new re-vamped Top Gear team and wish him very well with this new venture.

If we meet our deadline with this Newsletter and if the BBC meet theirs, Chris will appear on your screen next Sunday!

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Tom Smith – SH '14 to play for MCC Team in Dubai

OC **Tom Smith** – stepped up to play for the MCC team at the T20 in Dubai on 18th March 2016.



The *Newsletter* that follows this one will appear after the Rio Olympics and tantalizingly this one is too soon to know all the Team GB selections. Watch out for **Lily Owsley** (WT '13) in hockey, **Freddie Owsley** (ET '15) in athletics and **Ryan Westley** (WiH '11) in canoe slalom and cheer them with all your Cliftonian gusto!

Lily, GB and England striker won hockey's 'rising star award' Here is a video clip from BBC Points West earlier this year

<https://www.cliftoncollege.com/news/2016/february/lily-owsley-on-bbc-points-west/>

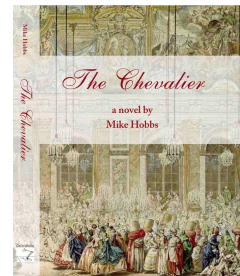


The Chevalier

Mike Hobbs (BH '71) is a freelance non-fiction writer, who has written (or co-written) almost 30 books. He has had numerous pieces of journalism published in newspapers and magazines and has run his own copywriting business, Westword, for over 20 years.



His most recent publication is *The Chevalier*, described as an 'Absorbing historical novel based on the true story of Charles, Chevalier d'Eon de Beaumont. An 18th century French transvestite and secret agent, Charles travels to Russia, disguised as a governess, on the eve of a major European war. The French are not welcome at the Tsarina's court – or at least their men aren't. Deceiving almost everyone, he seduces the Tsarina into changing sides to support the French.'

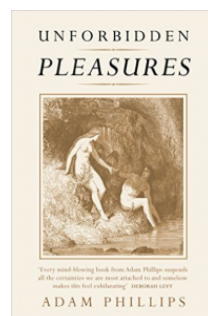


Fueru

Tony Lewis-Jones (WiH '76) award-winning Book of Haiku Fueru (meaning in Japanese: 'increase'), published in ebook format by Rive Gauche, Bristol, is now featured on top USA Spirituality book site 'Talk to the Spirit', alongside legendary Oxford Author CS Lewis.



Unforbidden Pleasures



Unforbidden Pleasures is the dazzling new book from Adam Phillips, author of *Missing Out* and *Going Sane*

Adam Phillips (PH '72) takes Oscar Wilde as a springboard for a deep dive into the meanings and importance of the Unforbidden, from the fall of our 'first parents' Adam and Eve to the work of the great twentieth-century psychoanalytic thinkers.

[Read article.](#)

In Memoriam

It is with much regret that we notify you of the death of the following Old Cliftonians that have not been previously reported. We offer our sympathies to their families and friends. Any obituaries that we have received can be found on the [OC website here](#).

Any full obituaries that we have received are indicated below (with *) and can be found on the OC website.

Decho Sariputra (DH 1954-59) 2nd May 2016 at the age of 74.

Charles Piggott (SH 1984-89) 19th April 2016 at the age of 45.

David Swift (PH 1949-49) in April 2016 at the age of 85.

Derek Hyams (PH 1939-44) 23rd March 2016 at the age of 90.

Richard Popplewell (WaH 1948-53) on 23rd March 2016 at the age of 80.

Hugh Davies (SH 1950-55) on 12th March 2016 at the age of 79.

Nigel Dodd, Head of English 1960-69 on 8th March 2016.

Gabriel Jaffe (PH 1941-46) 4th March at the age of 93*.

Andrew Potter (WiH 1962-67) on 18th February aged 67*.

Alan Barker (ST 1969-74) on 10th February at the age of 58.

David Richards (ST 1943-48) on 9th February 2016 at the age of 83.

Tim Bennett (ST 1940-44) on 10th November 2015 at the age of 89.

Brian Mawer, Chemistry Master 1959-68 in September 2015.

David Scott (WaH 1946-50) on 30 August 2015 at the age of 83.

Chris Speller (NT 1963-68) 30th July 2015 at the age of 65.

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Cricketer Cup – Sunday 12th June 2016

The Close, Clifton College, College Road, Bristol BS8
12 Jun 2016

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OC Cricket Week 4-8 July 2016

The Close, Clifton College, College Road, Bristol BS8
4 Jul 2016

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Bristol Branch Summer BBQ – Tuesday 5th July 2016

The Close, Clifton College, College Road, Bristol BS8
5 Jul 2016

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Cardiff OC Dinner – 14th October 2016

Cardiff and County Club, Westgate St, Cardiff CF10 1DA
14 Oct 2016

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Bristol Dinner – Friday 11th November 2016

Big School, Clifton College, Clifton College, College Road, Bristol BS8
11 Nov 2016

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OC Society AGM 2016 – 11th November 2016

Newbolt Room, Clifton College, College Road, Bristol BS8
11 Nov 2016

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London dinner – Tuesday 22nd November 2016

East India Club, Clive Room and East India Room, 16 St James's Square, London
SW1Y 4LH
22 Nov 2016

[More information](#)

Meet Barlow's Lark! It's named after **Charles Sydney Barlow** (DH '23), a South African businessman, conservationist and in his youth a significant cricketer who made two first class appearances for Somerset. I'd better look out for one next time I am in South Africa.

**Keep in Touch**

Keeping in Touch at www.oc-online.co.uk

We encourage you to register on the OC Website if you haven't already done so at www.oc-online.co.uk. Many OCs are taking advantage of the ability to access their contemporaries via the site and to keep in touch with the OC activities. You can also promote your business through the Old Cliftonian Business Network. Developing this area of activity is still very much work in progress but we are delighted to see that a number of OCs have now offered to come back to the School to help with career development and mentoring opportunities for our pupils.

There are a number of Social Networking sites for OC's, please click on link for:



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