



The Haileybury Society

Annual Report and Newsletter 2025



Celebrating our Spirit of Service

The Haileybury Society

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Keep in Touch

Please continue to send in your stories, achievements, charitable pursuits and Haileybury memories for us to share with the OH community.

If you would like to help organise an event either regionally, nationally or internationally or for a particular house/year group, do please get in touch with us –
members@thehaileyburysociety.org
 or by telephone 01992 300331.

Online Shop

thehaileyburysociety.org/buy-from-our-online-shop

Last date for guaranteed Christmas orders:
Thursday 11th December 2025

Haileybury Memorabilia

If you have any Haileybury memorabilia you would like to send us, please do get in touch. We are always interested in receiving items such as letters, photographs, medals, uniform and pre-1965 copies of The Haileyburian.

Business Directory

The Haileybury Society's online Business Directory, to be found on our website, hosts businesses of all sizes and specialisms that are owned and run by OHs. Many offer generous discounts and privileges to OHs, so do please support them. If you would like us to promote your own business, please visit <https://thehaileyburysociety.org/our-community/business-directory/>

Missing Members

Over the years a number of OHs have lost contact with the Society. If you have other OH family or friends who may not be on our radar do please ask them to re-connect with us here <https://thehaileyburysociety.org/update-your-details/> or drop us an email members@thehaileyburysociety.org



The President's Statement



Fiona Illingworth
(B Fr 76 & Alban's)

It has been an interesting and challenging first year for me as your President. The challenging part has been our relationship with Haileybury and I was hoping to be able to inform you that we had moved our offices back onto the school campus and would be working closely alongside the school in rebuilding

the trust between our two institutions to the advantage of both. However, I was shocked recently, after what appeared to be a successful Foundation Day at the school, to be informed by the Chairman of Haileybury Governors that they have decided to step back from any further negotiations for at least six months.

This is hugely disappointing to me and all the trustees and officers of the Society who have been working so hard to bring about this rapprochement with the school, especially as it was largely being pushed by them. With this in mind, we will continue to serve all Old Haileyburians to the best of our ability and continue to arrange regional reunions and offer help to Haileyburians in whatever way we can.

This year in January I attended the OHRFC lunch at Ewell followed by the OH rugby fixture against Haywards Heath which was a resounding success for the Old Haileyburian team. In March, I hosted the Haileybury Lunch at the RAF Club where we welcomed the new Master, Eugene du Toit, at a very well attended lunch at which he spoke to us all and enthused about working with the Society. Sadly, this rhetoric has not been followed by appropriate action. In May I met up with a small but very convivial group of OHs in the northeast at The Apple Inn at Lucker near Bamburgh, Northumberland, where it was lovely to meet up with old friends and family as well as making new acquaintances. In June, I attended the funeral service of OH **Tony Nunn (H 41)** in Hurstpierpoint which was a moving, well-attended occasion. Later in the month I went to a concert at Haileybury and attended Speech Day.

In September I returned to Haileybury and spoke at Foundation Day. It was lovely to meet up with so many Old Haileyburians at this event and a privilege that some of us sang with the school choir during the service and played sports against the current Haileybury teams. In November I hosted the Queen's Club dinner, which was a wonderful evening with an excellent dinner and very amusing speech given by **Quentin Letts (H 76)** reminding us of the delights of College Pudding and the music of Jack Hindmarsh, his

journey to being a journalist and the disastrous choices being taken by the current government. It was an extremely convivial evening with a lot of hard work put in by Ashley Locke and Jane Everard to make it such a success. I look forward to going to the Kipling Le Bas Dinner and the Society's AGM towards the end of the year and once again meeting up with as many OHs as possible.

As a Society we believe that we are not just here for reunions and providing Haileyburiana and have been offering a free, confidential, weekly helpline for those OHs who are finding life not so easy to negotiate and I am extremely grateful to OH **Edmund Aitken-Ballard (Th 87)** for working with the Society and managing this. Several people have already been helped and signposted for ongoing help to NHS Therapy Direct, AA and Citizens Advice; he has also managed to secure a home hospital bed, white goods and grants to help OHs. The contact details for this service are email OH@coffeeandcoping.org or WhatsApp 07990 730 188 and can also be found on our website.

In our continuing spirit of service, our trustees have recently agreed a pastoral support fund, to help other OHs in difficult situations with small grants, using the balance of the monies raised in 2022 during the Arm in Arm to provide OH **Rob Butt (B 86)** with a bionic arm after he was involved in a dreadful coach crash. Our current appeal seeks to raise funds for **Mark Bowen (LS & K 87)** who suffered lifelong injuries whilst playing rugby aged only sixteen.

We have recently helped OH **David Rimmer (Th 76)** now a full-time carer, with financial and editorial support to publish a second book, 'A Man of Letters'.

Two young OHs, this year, have been awarded travel grants and two pupils with OH parents have been supported with Society bursary funds. We also provide an annual grant for the Assistant Manager at the Haileybury Youth Trust in Uganda and we work to support other small charities in which our members are interested.

I still hope for continued dialogue with the school and will endeavour to keep members of the Society updated with any future developments.

Sursum Corda et Vivat Haileyburia!

Fiona Illingworth (B Fr 76 & Alban's)



Celebrating our philanthropic heritage and love for Haileybury



Photograph: Peter Bray (K 1961)

2025 heralds a special anniversary for OHs, being 130 years since of the foundation of The Old Haileyburian Society in 1895, which became The Haileybury Society on 2nd August 1957.

This new Society, with charitable status, incorporated The United Services College Society and The Imperial Service College Society which itself was an amalgamation of the Old United Services College Society and the Imperial Service College Old Boys Society.

The Old Haileyburian Society supported Haileybury generously in the early 20th century with grants such as the Memorial Tablets in Chapel and Cloisters, teak XV and XI panels, even the purchase of Golding's Wood in 1941.

The Haileybury Society continued grants for the memorials and panels and ran the very successful Vivat Appeal in 1994 which allowed the new indoor swimming pool, phase one of the Technology Centre and the new chapel organ to become a reality.

It made a donation of £150,000 to the new Grubber in 2012, and for the last seven decades has funded significant bursaries and scholarships, together with grants to archives, sports, education, and houses to the benefit of pupils. In a ten year period at the beginning of the 21st century the Society made grants to the value of £1,000,000 to Haileybury.

The Society will always do its best to support our school and Haileyburians.



Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2025

The Executive Officers, Trustees and advisers who were in office on 31st May 2025 are listed below.

The Trustees listed were elected or re-elected at the Society's AGM on 30th November 2024.

Chairman of Trustees

I Colin Barber (K 61)

President

Fiona Illingworth (née Short) (BF 76 & Alb)

Society Secretary

I Jane Everard (née Etherington) (L 76 & Alb)

Treasurer

I Rob Hall (E 69)

Elected Members

Alison Baker (Former Staff 2002-2023)
James Dahl (L 93)
Sophie Day (C 11)
Nick Down (A 74)
Doug Everard (BF 73)
Lizzie Graham (née Coldwells) (K 76 & Alb)
Philip Huckin (B 67)
Andrew Nolan (BF 87)
Charles Richards (LS & Th 02)
Ben Tett (Th 92)
I Scott Woods (LS & Th 01)

(I - Investment Sub-Committee)

Donald Macleod (A 50) acts as Consultant to the Trustees

John Cook (A 65), John Dodwell (BF 59) Richard Goldson (BF 62) and Catherine MacLeod-Smith (L & Alb 79) (all former Trustees) are appointed by the Trustees as members of the Investment Sub-Committee.

Registered Office

The Haileybury Society, 77 Railway Street, Hertford, SG14 1RP

Bankers

National Westminster Bank Plc, 214 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BX

CCLA Charity Funds, 80 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6DZ

Investment Management

Rathbones, 30 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7QN

Independent Examiner

Minford Accountants, Moyola House, 31 Hawthorne Grove, York, YO31 7YA

Introduction

During the past year we continued to engage with the school with numerous meetings taking place with Martin Rayfield, the Chairman of the Haileybury Council, and Eugene du Toit, the Master, to bring about the close cooperation required between the Haileybury Society and the school.

Unfortunately, after this year's Foundation Day event which took place at Haileybury on Sunday 7th September 2025 Martin Rayfield and Eugene du Toit informed us that they would be terminating the Cooperation Agreement. They felt that there should be a six month pause in negotiations as they further their plans for the Haileybury Society to become a part of their new concept the Haileybury Association embracing the Haileybury Foundation – a fundraising arm of the Association, the Haileybury Society – a social arm of the Association and Haileybury Connect – a networking arm of the Association. We are anticipating a further meeting of reconciliation in the near future.

Objectives and Organisation

The officers of the Society continue to be Rob Hall as Treasurer, Jane Everard as Society Secretary assisted by Ashley Locke as Office Manager. Fiona Illingworth continues for another year as our elected President. The Trustees listed in this Report were all re-elected as Trustees at the AGM on the 30th November 2024. Doug Everard has been elected by the Trustees as Chairman of Trustees with Colin Barber standing down after four years.

2025 Activities

Trustee meetings have taken place regularly during the year. At those meetings, there has always been a review of the progress of the cooperation agreement negotiations taking place with the school between various Trustees and Martin Rayfield as Chairman of the Haileybury Council and the Master, Eugene du Toit.

Our financial position has been well maintained by Rathbones (previously Investec) and has been regularly overseen by our investment sub-committee. Many thanks are due to all those on this sub-committee: Catherine MacLeod-Smith, Scott Woods, John Cook, John Dodwell and Richard Goldson.

Ashley Locke has continued to do a wonderful job as Office Manager.

The team under the direction of our Society Secretary, Jane Everard, has continued to provide Society News with website postings, newsletters, and a social networking presence. Additional Haileyburiana items have been available for our members to purchase.

Our Treasurer, Rob Hall, has continued to maintain our accounts, carefully preparing the necessary budgets.

Our President, Fiona Illingworth, has been actively engaged and has attended most of our events during the year.

We were able to hold many events this year, which are detailed in this annual report.

In planning our activities, the Trustees consider how they will contribute to our aims and objectives, and endeavour to ensure that these activities are carried out for the public benefit as guided by the Charity Commission, as well as being valued by our members.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2025

Financial Results

The Statement of Financial Activities follows in the next pages.

Our income from Gift aided annual subscriptions, donations and legacies was £63,123 (£17,037 more than 2024). The Awards and grants paid from both the Restricted and Unrestricted funds was £23,926 (£1,772 less than 2024). Payments to clubs were £4,487 (£1,060 more than 2024). The total regular costs of managing and administering the charity were £175,340 (£6,287 less than 2024). These costs are a necessary part of our existence which are incurred on our staff, who communicate with our members and produce regular e-news information and to maintain an office and website.

Our total income for the year was £118,413 (£28,764 more than 2024). Our total expenses were £175,340 (£6,287 less than 2024). After a net loss of £2,892 on our investments in the year (compared with a gain of £73,515 in 2024) our total investments in the year were reduced by £59,819 to £1,407,213 as at 31st May 2025 (compared with £1,467,032 as at 31st May 2024).

Financial Review

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements that follow have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The Trustees are satisfied that The Haileybury Society has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future and, accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared on the basis that The Haileybury Society is a going concern.

Assets and Obligations

The Society does not own any freehold or leasehold property and there are no significant liabilities.

Investment Policy and Performance

The Trustees' Investment policy is to balance security, income, and capital growth. The management of the investments, including those of the subsidiary funds, is undertaken by Rathbones under the terms of a management agreement approved by the Trustees. The structure of the investment portfolio and the performance of the investment manager are monitored regularly by the Society's Investment Sub-Committee.

Grant-making Policy and Activity

The Trustees make grants to Haileybury with the aim of a) providing bursaries for pupils who might otherwise be unable to attend or remain at Haileybury and b) providing or improving facilities and prizes which the school might otherwise be unable to afford. Scholarship and bursary awards are also made from the subsidiary restricted funds administered by the Society in accordance with the purposes prescribed by their donors.

Sources of Funds

The running costs of the Society, including the provision of membership services, are met from the unrestricted funds. Grants and awards are made to the School from the Society's investment income and from additional voluntary subscriptions made by members. From time to time the Society receives legacies from the estates of deceased members.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to retain sufficient reserves to fund the Society's ongoing activities.

The Future

Our unrestricted funds have been reducing for many years. As we remain committed to our objectives, we will be raising funds from our members so that we can continue to provide services and arrange regular events for our members. We will continue to meet our responsibilities with regard to payments from the Restricted Funds. We will continue to make grants and bursaries, as approved by the Trustees. The intention at the last AGM to continue fundraising activities to provide all these services for the benefit of our Members and the school has not raised any significant amount. We are hoping that this necessary exercise will be more successful in the coming year.

Constitution, Structure, Governance and Management

The Haileybury Society was constituted as an unincorporated association on 2nd August 1957. It is a registered charity (Number 310014), and its governing document is its Rules, as ratified at the AGM in December 2023 and available on the Society's website and from the Society office.

Membership is open to former pupils, former members of staff and governors of Haileybury and Imperial Service College and its predecessor schools.

Risk Management

Monitoring the Governance of the Society, including identifying risk and any mitigation required, is an established agenda item at Trustees' meetings to enable us to provide an audit trail if required.

We will continue to pay particular attention to changes recommended in Charity SORP guidelines and Data Protection legislation and will make amendments to operational and reporting activities accordingly.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2025

Statement of Trustees' Responsibility

As ever, the Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in the execution of their responsibilities. Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's state of affairs at the end of the period and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether the policies are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As Chairman of Trustees, I confirm that there is no information relevant to the audit of which the auditors are unaware and that the Trustees have taken the necessary steps to ensure they themselves are aware of all relevant audit information and make sure the auditors are aware of it.

Thanks

Many thanks to all the Officers, Trustees and Members of the Society.

Our Society Secretary, Jane Everard, deserves special mention for all the duties she has carried out tirelessly.

Rathbones, our Investment Manager, has continued to make the best use of our capital funds and deserve our thanks for maintaining these in what was another difficult investment financial year.

Michael Grant of Minford Accountants, York took over as our Independent Examiner last year and has ensured our accounts are all in order.

Though, with regret, the cooperation agreement with the school has stalled, I believe we can continue to remain a vibrant Society with full engagement with our members.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Colin Barber (K61)

Chairman



Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st May 2025

	Unrestricted £	Restricted and Designated £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	63,123	-	63,123	46,086
Charitable activities:				
Raising funds	16,158	-	16,158	-
Investments	11,484	26,184	37,668	42,387
Other	1,463	-	1,463	1,176
	<u>92,229</u>	<u>26,184</u>	<u>118,413</u>	<u>89,649</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants and awards	(11,125)	(12,900)	(24,025)	(25,698)
Membership services	(59,283)	-	(59,283)	(59,983)
Managing and admin	(64,608)	(13,276)	(77,884)	(81,708)
Investment management costs	(14,148)	-	(14,148)	(14,238)
	<u>(149,164)</u>	<u>(26,176)</u>	<u>(175,340)</u>	<u>(181,627)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT	(56,935)	8	(56,927)	(91,978)
LOSSES Net (losses)/gains on investments	(879)	(2,013)	(2,892)	73,515
NET EXPENDITURE	<u>(57,814)</u>	<u>(2,005)</u>	<u>(59,819)</u>	<u>(18,463)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>(57,814)</u>	<u>(2,005)</u>	<u>(59,819)</u>	<u>(18,463)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward	445,902	1,021,130	1,467,032	1,485,495
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>388,088</u>	<u>1,019,125</u>	<u>1,407,213</u>	<u>1,467,032</u>

	Unrestricted £	Restricted and Designated £	2024 Total £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	46,086	-	46,086
Charitable activities:			
Investments	16,191	26,196	42,387
Other	1,176	-	1,176
	<u>63,453</u>	<u>26,196</u>	<u>89,649</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Grants and awards	(7,945)	(17,753)	(25,698)
Membership services	(59,983)	-	(59,983)
Managing and admin	(77,299)	(4,409)	(81,708)
Investment management costs	(14,238)	-	(14,238)
INVESTMENT LOSSES Net gains on investments	<u>(159,465)</u>	<u>(22,162)</u>	<u>(181,627)</u>
	(96,012)	4,034	(91,978)
NET EXPENDITURE	28,024	45,491	73,515
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>(67,988)</u>	<u>49,525</u>	<u>(18,463)</u>
	<u>(67,988)</u>	<u>49,525</u>	<u>(18,463)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward	513,888	971,607	1,485,495
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>445,900</u>	<u>1,021,132</u>	<u>1,467,032</u>

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st May 2025

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
FIXED ASSETS		
Investments	1,421,376	1,478,416
	<u>1,421,376</u>	<u>1,478,416</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	14,520	10,919
Debtors	1,065	10,235
Cash at bank and in hand	16,568	15,415
	<u>32,153</u>	<u>36,569</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	<u>(46,316)</u>	<u>(47,953)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	<u>(14,163)</u>	<u>(11,384)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,407,213</u>	<u>1,467,032</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>1,407,213</u>	<u>1,467,032</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Restricted Funds	1,019,125	1,021,132
Unrestricted Funds	388,088	445,900
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,407,213</u>	<u>1,467,032</u>

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operations	(36,514)	(36,339)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(36,514)</u>	<u>(36,339)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	50	53
Cash generated from investing activities	37,618	42,334
Net cash generated from investing activities	<u>37,668</u>	<u>42,387</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,154	6,048
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	15,415	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>16,569</u>	<u>6,048</u>

Incorporating the Trustees' Report and Abridged Financial Statements for the year 31st May 2025. Copies of the full financial statements, with an unqualified report by the Society's Independent Examiner, may be obtained from the Society office on request and will be available to attendees at the AGM.

The Haileybury Society incorporates the OH Society, The ISC Society and the USC Society.

Celebrating our Membership

Here we share an edited selection of news from OHs across the generations.
For more stories do please visit our new website www.thehaileyburysociety.org

New Year's Honours for two OH women

Rosalind Rickaby FRS, OBE (Tr & Alb 90)

Ros' significant and fascinating work in the world of marine biochemistry, was recognised in the New Year Honours by her receiving an OBE. Ros is Professor of biogeochemistry at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford, a Professorial Fellow at University College, Oxford, and Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford. Ros writes: "I am absolutely thrilled, if bamboozled, to have my work on the interactions of life in the ocean with evolving chemistry recognised in this way by His Majesty, King Charles. My love of science was born and nurtured at school, and I am eternally grateful to all whom have tolerated my endless questions ever since! I have been so incredibly lucky to be able to continue with the rollercoaster ride of discovery about the power of plankton in maintaining a habitable Earth and hope to continue to demonstrate the importance of the oceans, and all life within, for our future."



Annika Bosanquet, CBE (M & Alb 90)

Annika, an entrepreneur and co-founder of Wrapology, a global packaging company, was awarded an CBE for services to business. She is a business leader and advocate for innovation in both Industry and the Arts and is committed to supporting entrepreneurs focused on creating meaningful, positive impacts within their communities. She is the founder of multiple startups, and collaborates with high-performance brand teams, guiding them through the critical stages of launching and driving demand for innovative products and services in new markets or becoming more meaningful in existing ones.

Julian Cope (Tr 71)

Julian, a third generation OH on his paternal side, has contributed his Grandfather Herbert Vallack Cope's (Melvill 1906 – 11) cherished school blazer. This remarkable piece, preserved for over a century, remains in remarkably good condition, a testament to its enduring quality. Julian has also given photos of Herbert in house and in the XI. The historical significance and sentimental value of these items truly encapsulate the rich legacy and traditions of Haileybury.

Julian's other Grandfather was Major Charles Fair DSO, MiD (Former Staff 1912-1946, HM Trevelyan), one of the school's longest serving masters, who served in WWI and was in the Home Guard and ran the Haileybury College Junior Training Corps during WW2. The other item donated is a beautiful tapestry of Trevelyan House designed and hand stitched by Marjorie Fair, Charles' wife.



Celebrating our Membership

Dr. Steven Zhang (K 09)

Steven is a postdoctoral researcher in palaeontology at the University of Helsinki's Department of Geosciences and Geography. He is also Honorary Research Associate at the University of Bristol, where he completed undergraduate and PhD studies in the discipline. He has shared his scientific expertise on Channel 5's *Ice Age: A Frozen World* televised in February 2025. Steven explained the *modus operandi* of the fabled sabre-toothed cat *Smilodon*, specialist predator of large herbivores on the Ice Age prairies, to wildlife presenter Michaela Strachan.

Steven writes: "Working with the series' production team was a fun eye-opener into how mass media translates primary scientific research. Michaela was a class act to work with on the day of the shoot, she was keen to absorb what I have to say about the Ice Age's charismatic megafauna like a sponge, and happily spilt nuggets of her superb broadcasting knowhow on how to best explain some nuanced and tedious ideas in an accessible fashion. Ultimately, as scientists the better we get at accurately conveying our research through media exposure, the better we fulfil our institutional mission of enhancing the collective human understanding of how the world works."



Those of you who missed the TV premiere can now find it on Channel 5 catch up <https://www.channel5.com/show/ice-age-apocalypse/season-1/episode-1>

Sue Snowball (H & Alb 80)

An 'early Haileybury girl,' Sue an HR Consultant is a pioneer who champions women and particularly non-engineering women in the MoD, a very male dominated industry. She was recognised in Westminster for her experience, knowledge, skill and qualifications in Learning and Development and HR more. Sue read Anthropology and Geography at Manchester University and then a PGCE. She then taught in Wales as a lecturer for many years before joining the MoD. Sue worked at the MoD in Defence Equipment & Support as Head of Entry Talent until 2024. She became the first Specialist Fellow in Defence in HR in 2021. This is a considerable accolade as there are only fifty awarded each year with a rigorous application process for deep subject engineering specialists in very niche and specific defence equipment, including satellites, jets, ships, cyber, space, laser, warfare, and weapons.



Meeting up with George Mills (H 78) on his recent visit to Cyprus.



James Dahl (L 93)

James, Master of Wellington College and one of the Haileybury Society trustees, was shortlisted for Headteacher of the Year (Independent) at the Tes Schools Awards 2025 – often described as the Oscars of Education! This prestigious recognition celebrates the absolute best in UK teaching and leadership across both state and independent schools. We have also heard that James recently took part in Wellington's Tough Mudder competition, but that's another story!

Celebrating our Membership



*Derek Lam, Kevin Yuen, Timothy Linton (OO),
Jeremy Pong (OO)*

Derek Lam (B 85) and Kevin Yuen (M 87)

Derek and Kevin played their inaugural golf match v Old Oundelians on the New Course at the Hong Kong Golf Club on 8th May 2025. Derek writes that he hopes this will be the first of many encounters!



Andreas Payne (K 05)

Andreas was appointed as a Founder Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Communicators alongside thirty-two others in a ceremony at Ironmongers Hall in the City of London, the first such ceremony held by the Company since it gained its full Worshipful status earlier this year.



The Venerable Luke Miller (H 79)

Father Luke has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in the Greater London Lieutenancy.

A Deputy Lieutenant is appointed by the Lord-Lieutenant, at their discretion, to assist in their duties. DLs are distinguished residents who either have served the local community or have a history of service in other fields. They are people well-known in their locality for the service they have or are giving through public life, charitable activity, voluntary service, or the uniformed services.

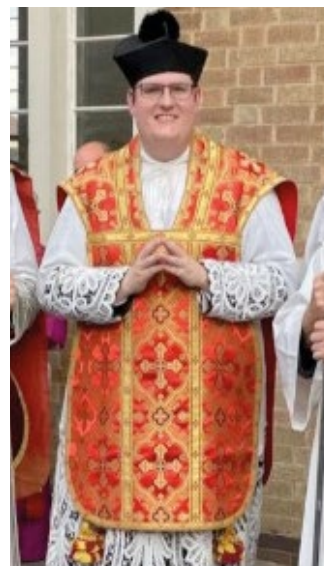
Canon John Stow (K 65)

John was appointed as Archdeacon of Bermuda in July 2025. This significant clerical appointment is all the more special as John's father held the post for ten years in the 1950s.



Stephen Miller (LS & L 09)

Father Stephen was inducted to his first parish appointment at St Peter and St Paul, Enfield Lock in June 2025. At 27, we believe he is currently the youngest ever incumbent vicar in the UK.



Celebrating our Membership



Arthur Baret (E 18)

Arthur and his team Green Bath Racing competed in the 2025 annual Shell Eco-marathon. 2025 saw the 40th year of bringing students like Arthur together to push the boundaries of energy efficiency. The competition embodies the spirit of these Changemakers – their perseverance, collaboration, and innovation – and ties it to Shell's purpose of helping achieve a cleaner energy future for all. These larger competitions invite between 80 and 150 teams to each competition, after securing their place through a strict selection process that receives the best teams from across Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, Europe and Africa, and Americas.

Arthur left Haileybury at the end of Fifths and completed his IB education in France, his home country. He then undertook a combined Bachelor's and Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Bath; he is now an intern at Space Cargo Unlimited to pursue his interest in the future of space exploration and innovation.

Simon Bland (Former Staff 2019-2024, Director of Music)

In June last year, the Haileybury Chamber Choir recorded an album in chapel. The album was the result of a three-year project to transform choral music at Haileybury with Simon and Hugh Rowlands (Former Staff, Organist) and was finally released this August on Spotify.



John Edwards (A 73)

Between the 1870s and 1940s, global cigarette companies produced trading cards to stiffen each pack which documented popular culture. Topics were diverse and included footballers, royalty, actors, and city flags, to name but a few. This became an extremely popular collectors' pastime. Many are rare and still extremely valuable; they are very much of their time

when smoking was prolific. John's Haileybury-connected antique shop find is one of a series of fifty produced in 1925 entitled The Public Schools Ties Series. There is also a partner series of Public Schools Coats of Arms which also includes Haileybury.



Sir Alan Ayckbourn (Tr 52)

Sir Alan has now penned more plays than Shakespeare! His 91st play 'Earth Angel' premiered at the Stephen Joseph theatre in Scarborough in September 2025 to rave reviews.

Rebecca Simmonds (Aby o6)

Rebecca is an Offie Award winning musical theatre writer with a master's degree in composition from Goldsmiths University. 'In Clay', her debut show with composer Jack Miles had a sold out run at VAULT Festival in January 2023 and then enjoyed a critically acclaimed run at Upstairs at the Gatehouse in March 2024. This production won several five-star reviews and two West End Awards, including Best Creation and was subsequently invited to present at NAMT's 36th Festival of New Musicals and New World Stages in New York in October 2024, was in Shanghai in June 2025 and heads to Washington in November 2025 and Oregon in January 2026. Rebecca is now writing her first Opera and a further original musical.



Events and Reunions



Queen's Club Dinner 2025

On Thursday 13th November 2025 following the success of 2024's event we returned to Queen's Club in west London for our second 'black tie and posh frocks' event. Hosted by our President **Fiona Illingworth (BF 76 & Alb)**, we were delighted to welcome **Quentin Letts (H 76)** as this year's guest speaker.

OHs from across 50 decades came together over drinks in the Members' Bar to greet each other over glimpses of Real Tennis being played on the court below. We then made our way to the glorious President's Room for the Haileybury latin Grace given by Fiona, followed by a delicious dinner of soup, lamb and lemon meringue pie. Fiona welcomed everyone and introduced Quentin who delivered a wonderfully entertaining speech.

Quentin spoke of his memories of Haileybury including paying tribute to the 'beaks' of his days at school, in particular showing his appreciation for Hailey House Master Ken Rimmer, Director of Music Jack Hindmarch

and rugby pro Dan Hearn, amongst others. He spoke of his time at University in Ireland and his career moves from dustman to journalist to author. Unable to avoid parliamentary satire he compared some current senior politicians in government with an XV rugby team (we can't possibly print his comments!)

The Society presented Quentin with a bottle of our Winged Heart Gin by way of our thanks for his fabulous speech as we had heard rumours that this was consumed neat in his study back in the day. We also managed to prevent those of his peer group present from flicking groise at him across the table. Quentin very kindly personally signed several copies of his latest novel 'Nunc' for our guests.

It was a wonderful evening full of happy memories, old friends gathering together and new OH faces joining us for their first Society event. This dinner will now be a regular feature in our social diary.



Zoom Lectures – Lyon's Corner Houses and The LEO computer

It was a delight to have not one, but two zoom talks with **Lieutenant Colonel Neville Lyons (Th 42)**. Our first talk was held in December 2024 where he told the story of the famous Lyon's Corner House restaurants and Tea Shops. Society members from all over the UK, Cyprus, America, and Canada thoroughly enjoyed Neville's engaging talk and detailed Power-point presentation about the history of this iconic institution founded by a member of his family.

In April we enjoyed another fascinating talk on the story of the LEO computer. Neville gave an illustrated presentation on how the project was conceived and progressed. There would probably be no excel spreadsheets or even mobile phones without Leo!

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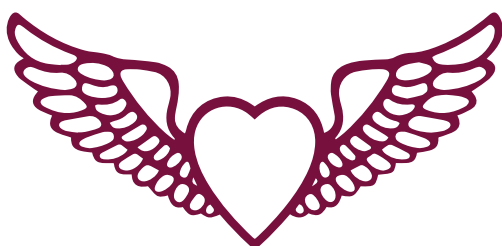
We were delighted to welcome our members to our 67th Annual General Meeting in the East India Club on 30th November 2024.

Lizzie Graham (K 76 & Alb) presented the President's Statement and gave her grateful thanks to all the trustees for their support and encouragement. She spoke of the need for OHs to consider legacy donations to the Society particularly for the benefit of pupil bursaries. She welcomed the election of her successor, **Fiona Illingworth (BF 76 & Alb)**. Fiona spoke of her pride at being elected and gave a commitment to represent the Society positively. The Master, Eugene du Toit, spoke of the many successes at Haileybury including academic excellence at exams, the new SciTech facility, thriving sports, music and other co-curricular activities, the positive sustainability of the Haileybury estate and strong partnerships with the Haileybury schools in Kazakhstan, Malta, and Bangladesh. He committed to a partnership with the Society with lifetime subscriptions for all pupils to be reinstated and our return to site.



Cornwall Reunion

Society Secretary **Jane Everard (L 76 & Alb)** so enjoyed meeting up with a group of OHs at the Heron Inn in Truro on the 14th of May. It was an evening of great fun and friendship with good food and wine, and so many happy Haileybury memories and interesting anecdotes were shared.



The Annual London Lunch 2025

Once again, OHs and guests came together for the Society's Annual Lunch at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. It is always a well-attended event and fair to say that this one was a resounding success. Attendees enjoyed a delicious three course silver service luncheon consisting of smoked salmon, spring lamb, and rum baba, together with Club Merlot and Club Sauvignon wines, finished off with endless servings of chatter & laughter!

Society President **Fiona Illingworth (BF 76 & Alb)** spoke of her great love of Haileybury as a third-generation pupil and how honoured she feels to be the Society's President. She spoke of Spirit of Service and extended a warm welcome to everyone present, especially the new Master Eugene du Toit and his wife Angela.



The Master spoke of how well Haileybury is doing both academically and with co-curricular activities. He talked about the new STEM department, 30 years of Model United Nations at Haileybury, of fabulous drama productions and music, and sporting prowess. He spoke of his wish to engage with the OH community and to welcome OHs back to events at Haileybury.

Huge thanks to **Graeme Titmas (H 65)** for enabling our use of the RAF club for this excellent lunch.

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HS HQ Open Day

On 20th May We opened our office doors to OHs, staff and anyone who has a shared passion for Haileybury. It was great to welcome faces old and new throughout the day, reminiscing over memories and a shared passion for our school. **David Rimmer (Th 76)** joined us with the launch of his new book 'A Man of Letters' offering signed copies.

The highlight of our day was a visit by local resident Andrew Lee, brother to two OHs, **Roger (M 57)** & **Malcolm Lee (M 60)**, who presented us with a rather fabulous piece of Haileybury history, papers of the original building plans for the school drawn up in 1861. Chapel, library, and dining hall have all changed location, but many rooms remain unchanged after over 160 years. A capture in time to the enduring legacy of Haileybury.



Stanley Spencer Gallery, Cookham

The Society's tour of the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham, Berkshire on 10th July was a great success. Our group enjoyed a fascinating talk about the artist's life and work, together with a gallery tour and walking tour of the village followed by lunch at the King's Arms, over which happy memories of school days were shared, old friendships revived, and new friendships made.



Northeast Reunion

On 22nd May, Society President **Fiona Illingworth (BF 76 & Alb)** hosted a very enjoyable supper for OHs living in the Northeast at the Apple Inn, Lucker, Northumberland. Old friends met with new, and an especially pleasant surprise was attendee **Tony Peereboom (BF 48)** who is related to Fiona through her late father **Henry Short (BF 43)**.



Three Counties Afternoon Tea

Thursday 31st July saw the Society back in the South Midlands for our annual OH reunion in this lovely part of the world. Local OHs & their partners came together for Afternoon Tea in the beautiful garden of **Tony Priddle's (BF 59)** house near Hereford. Tony and his wife Judy were generous in their hospitality and, assisted by their Labrador Brough, welcomed us all into their beautiful home and garden with warmth and enthusiasm.

This group of Society members is a well-established group of friends who have been meeting up annually for many years, arranged by **Jeremy Lenox (H 49)**. It was lovely to welcome new attendees **James Turtle (K 59)** and **Anwen Joffe (K & Aby 96)** this year.

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Young OHs at the Oriental Club

Unfortunately, due to unexpected industrial action by London Underground, our annual Young OHs evening at the Oriental Club was cancelled. All members who booked on to this event have been invited to our Christmas Drinks at Lucy Wongs, London on the 8th of December. All information regarding grants from The Society, OH Sports clubs or the OH&ISC Masonic Lodge can be provided on the night.



2005 Leavers - Twenty years out Reunion

The Haileybury Society is a network for life for every Old Haileyburian.

Friday 3rd October 2025 marked the night of our 20-year reunion for the Class of 2005 at The Hart Hotel, Shoreditch. This reunion provided an opportunity to reminisce, share memories, and most importantly talk all things Haileybury! It served as both a nostalgic journey and a chance to renew connections with long lost friends. A truly unforgettable night, we look forward to hosting the next one! Follow the link to our website to access the full album:

Additional thanks to **Georgie Harris (nee Worley C oo)** & **Brad Moran (E or)**



Foundation Day 2025

The second Foundation Day at Haileybury on Sunday 7th September was held once again as a joint event with the school. Thankfully the much-expected rain held off, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful day in the sunshine. OH sports teams competed again the school's first teams in Cricket, Football, Hockey (girls and boys), Lacrosse, and Netball. The school's teams triumphed in everything except for Football, in which the OHs won the Lyttleton Cup on penalties. In addition, the OH Rackets Society played the Richard Palmer Memorial competition.

A beautiful service in Chapel led by the new school chaplain **Father Matt Austen**, whose sermon about Haileybury's winged hearts was very apt and thought-provoking. The Chapel was filled with glorious music from the Director of Music **Richard Brain**, and the Chapel choir, joined by four OH voices, sang the anthems and led the singing of four beautiful hymns, including the School hymn 'Lift up Your Hearts' and 'Jerusalem', in time-honoured school tradition.

Members were shown around on a pupil-led tour of their House, an important part of any OH's return visits to Haileybury. Other school buildings were open for guests to visit in their own time.

We are grateful to **Dr Sam Koon**, Director of Teaching and Learning, Head of Classics, for welcoming guests into the library, which has been renovated over the summer holidays. This beautiful space is now even more welcoming, with all the original windows and shelving refurbished by the school's workforce, together with new computer terminals and increased desk space. Sam gave a fascinating presentation on the library project, together with displaying some archive material relating to **Clement Attlee (L 1896)**.

After a buffet lunch on Pavilion, The Master **Eugene du Toit**, the Society's President **Fiona Illingworth (BF 76 & Alb)** and the Chairman of Governors **Martin Rayfield**, gave speeches.

Members' Charitable Interests

So many OHs demonstrate their commitment to a spirit of service in different aspects of their lives, giving their time and energy to help others less fortunate. Here we share just a few of the wonderful stories of their fund-raising activities in the past year which have supported local, national, and international charities.

The London Marathon

Neil Campbell (BF 74-78), NSPCC

Neil, a risk consultant with the pharma industry, completed the 2025 London Marathon for the first time aged 64, raising £5,000 for the NSPCC. He says: 'The only unusual thing is that I was never really a runner, I only started a couple of years back; I was probably put off long-distance by having to do cross-country for Bartle Frere.....!'



Emiliya Sivankova (M 19), MIND

Emiliya ran the 2025 London Marathon and raised £2200 for her chosen charity MIND. She writes: 'To bring it back to Haileybury, I actually used MIND quite a bit within my research for TOK during IB (I got the full 3 points??) as well as personally, and so when I started running, I quickly realised that that was the charity I really wanted to raise money for as it has helped me so much! And now, there will always be a tie to Haileybury through it too!'



Felix Davies (BF 13), SANE

Felix embraced the incredible challenge of raising £2,975 for mental health charity SANE, by entering The Marathon des Sables in April 2025; this event is a gruelling seven-day ultramarathon, approximately the distance of six regular marathons widely known as the toughest footrace on Earth.

Felix writes: 'Since leaving Haileybury, I have been working as an accountant in central London. Outside of work, I picked up running and it quickly became a big part of my life. Out of over nine hundred competitors, I was placed 73rd overall and 11th out of 182 Brits – I was the youngest Brit to take part this year. But more than the numbers, it is the experience that will stick with me; the relentless heat, the torn-up feet, the strangers who became teammates, and the silent, brutal moments where we all had to find something deeper.'

Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge

The three highest peaks in the Yorkshire Dales Pen-Y-Ghent, Wharfedale & Ingleborough present a challenge of twenty-four miles and 5,200 feet of varied terrain, often undertaken in inclement northern weather.



Alex Shambrook (L 09), The Oddballs Foundation

On June 26th, 2025, Alex and his colleagues undertook the three peaks and raised an incredible £34,574 for The Oddballs Foundation which will go a long way to raise awareness, break down the stigma, and encourage men to check themselves on a regular basis. With many male OHs within our community, it is vitally important we raise awareness and money into the research and treatment of Testicular Cancer. Testicular Cancer is the most prominent cancer in men aged 15-49, with around 2,400 new cases in the UK every year, which is more than six every day. However, if detected early, Testicular Cancer is one of the most curable cancers.

Alex writes: 'In October last year I noticed a small lump and decided to get it checked out after a couple of weeks, and it turned out to be very early stage of testicular cancer. Luckily, it was caught very early, and I was rushed through the NHS and had an op 3 weeks later which was a success. Since then, I am now on a 10-year monitoring course where I have regular 3 months checks for any sign of it coming back. My most recent scan was fully clear.'

Jack Smits (E 08), CHEXS

Jack and his team laced up their boots on 20th September 2025 to conquer the three peaks in not twelve... but 9 hours! They raised £770 for CHEXS, a brilliant charity that supports local families in Hertfordshire, building better communities and making sure each child gets the opportunity they deserve. Unfortunately, adverse weather meant the team had to stop with the steepest peak still ahead, but that did not stop them making a real difference.

Members' Charitable Interests

Debbie Wright (Honorary Member), Alzheimer's Society

Former Deputy Bursar and Financial Controller at Haileybury for over 20 years, and parent to three OHs walked a half-marathon in the 2025 Trek26 Suffolk Coast campaign for Alzheimer's Society, on 2nd August 2025, and raised £540. Debbie writes: 'Thank you for supporting me and any donation to the Alzheimer's Society; hopefully they can bring hope to everyone affected by dementia.'

Oliver Lepage-Dean (K 02), Young Lives vs Cancer

Young Lives vs Cancer help families find the strength to face whatever cancer throws at them; every day twelve more children and young people hear the devastating news they have cancer. On 6th September 2025, Oliver ran the Sea2Sky 53km Ultra Marathon through Snowdonia, a race which offers a challenging and scenic experience from sea to sky to raise £5,804 for this incredible charity.

Oliver writes: 'Since leaving Haileybury, I completed a four-year voice course at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in Greenwich and began teaching at St John's College School in Cambridge, with a few self-employed years in between spent touring, gigging, and recording with my band lepagedeanmusic.co.uk / @lepagedeanmusic. I also taught singing at Haileybury and St Faith's School for a couple of years. After undergoing an operation on my voice, things changed. When the Deputy Housemaster role became available at SJCS, I took it on, and I am now going into my third year in this position, teaching both sports and music. Living in the boarding house also gives me the chance to tour with the world-renowned St John's College Choir. Once my voice is back to full strength, I hope to relaunch my music career. A family I have known for a long time—and even lived with for a while—has been through a really tough few months. Their eldest son, Sam, has been battling lymphoma. Thankfully, Sam is now on the mend, which is amazing news. They told me that Young Lives vs Cancer has been an incredible source of help throughout everything.'

Dylan Cooke (L 15), The Global Hunger Project

Dylan and thirty work colleagues undertook the BigBike, a 300km cycle from London to Paris, on 11th September 2025 and raised £500 in aid of The Global Hunger Project. Dylan says 'After leaving Haileybury, I went into Executive Search for a year then to Oxford Brookes University to study Business Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, then started working at BigHand. The Global Hunger Project is committed to ending hunger and poverty by empowering people to lead sustainable, self-reliant lives; it doesn't just provide food, they focus on community-led development by supporting education, health, agriculture, and leadership training, and help communities build lasting solutions to hunger and create a future of opportunity and dignity for all.'

James Nye (K 95), Only A Pavement Away and Licensed Trade Charity

In May 2025 James, a managing Director in the hospitality industry raised £6,770 for two charities he is involved with. This is his story: 'Here we go again! I am getting back on my bike again and heading to the heat and hills of Taiwan for this year's Hospitality Rides epic adventure. I'm really proud to be part of this initiative that has raised over £1 million for Only A Pavement Away and Licensed Trade Charity over the last three years and this year we are looking to raise the bar again. Teaming up with some of the greatest personalities in hospitality, we are looking to raise money and awareness for these two brilliant charities that do so much for our industry.'

Licensed Trade Charity does so much to support those who need it most in our wonderful industry. Only A Pavement Away has helped more than 650 people from tough backgrounds find meaningful employment and purpose within hospitality. OAPA is a charity that helps homeless, ex-military and prison leavers into full time employment through hospitality and has helped over 650 people into meaningful employment since it was created in 2018. It is completely self-funded, and the bike ride is one of the biggest sources of funding for the charity, which is growing rapidly and hoping to get to over 1,000 people into employment landmark this year.



Imogen Brace (Alb 13), Hertford

Immy says: On 12th October, I will be running a half marathon to raise money for Hertford, a brilliant local charity run by the amazing Debs Bonfield and supported by a powerhouse team who volunteer their time and energy to make a real difference. I feel very

lucky to know the members of the team, and I know just how hard they work and how much they care, helping to support families, communities, and spread kindness where it is needed most. I have chosen to raise money for this charity because it is very close to my heart, and I have known the team for many years now. I know first-hand how hard they work to better the lives of those who need help. It is more than just food and clothing that is provided, it is friendship, face to face support and help when people are struggling emotionally as well as financially.'

I left Haileybury in 2020, where I had the best school and extracurricular experience, and indeed, I still keep in contact with many of my former classmates, especially some of the Alban's girls (who I try and see weekly!). I was successful in gaining a place at Exeter University and had a fantastic experience both academically and socially. After graduating, I spent eight months travelling (Europe and Asia) which was an amazing opportunity to meet new people and explore new cultures. Most recently, I have completed my first year of insurance, working towards becoming a property Underwriter.

OHs in Print

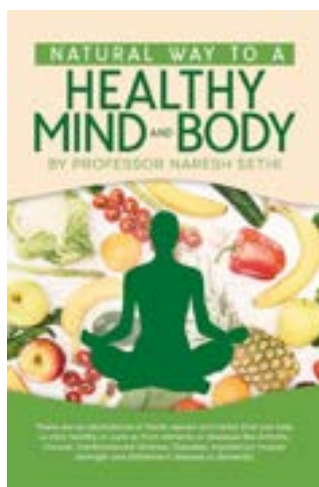
American journalist Christopher Hitchens is attributed with saying that everyone has a book inside them, and in most cases, that is exactly where it should remain, but the OH community certainly proves that to be untrue! Here is a highly recommended selection from OH authors on a wide-ranging variety of topics and interests.



Colonel Chris Darnell, OBE (M 65)

Chris, an officer in the British Army for thirty years, defence consultant, former President of the Society and a member of Haileybury Council, is now a prolific

author of both fiction and non-fiction books all available through Amazon. His fictional character Paul Stanton has an entire series entitled 'Search and Save Agency' and Chris has just this year produced a fascinating two volume autobiography, 'The Story of My Life until I Grew Up' and 'Stories From a Military Life' which features his memories of his time as a pupil at Haileybury.



Professor Naresh Sethi (A 69)

A Professor of Business Management, Accountancy & Finance, Naresh has written two books on living a healthy life. His first 'Mortality, Goodness, Good Karma, Spirituality and Soul' is one of the founding books on Hinduism, and his second, 'The Natural Way to a Healthy Mind and Body' offers helpful advice on healthy foods, spices, and herbs.



Tana Macpherson-Smith (Former staff 1999 – 2013, Senior Mistress, HM Allenby)

Tana published her debut novel, 'There's a Monkey on Your Shoulder,' in November 2024, as a transformative resource for young readers and adults alike. After experiencing a life-altering mental health crisis in

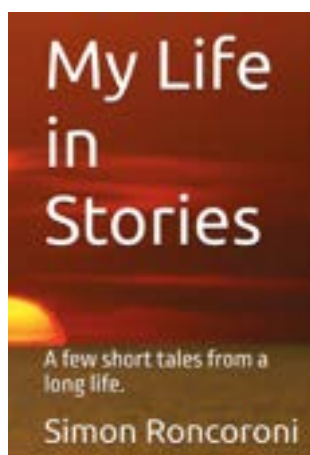
2013, Tana retrained as a trauma therapist and mindset transformation coach, founding ClearMinds Education in 2015, through which she has empowered individuals from as young as four to their twenties, providing essential tools to process emotions and overcome trauma. As a sought-after consultant and speaker, Tana has received numerous accolades, including the LoveBiz Inspirational Businesswoman of the Year Award in 2024 and was a Finalist in the international Speakers Awards 2024.



Professor John S Tregoning (L 90)

Professor of Vaccine Immunology at Imperial College, London has written a second popular science book entitled 'Live Forever?' (a Curious Scientist's Guide to Wellness, Ageing and Death). In his research John tried various health hacks from gene sequencing to cold

water swimming to brain-training apps to weight loss drugs to less red meat/more veggies/no alcohol/more sleep/less calories/more fibre if you can name it John has probably tried it! John's book launch at the famous Daunt Books in Marylebone High Street on 9th January 2025 was attended by some of his OH friends, (Suse Flint Cahan (B & Alb 93), Rachel Rank (Th & Alb 93) and Tony Charalambides (K 90).



Simon Roncoroni (K 60)

Former Management Consultant Simon has published his first autobiographical book, 'My Life in Stories' in which he writes with eloquence, candour, and humour, including some of his early memories of his time as a pupil at Haileybury.



Sean Feast (E 80)

Sean, a military aviation historian with a long and successful career in PR, has written extensively on RAF matters, most notably Bomber Command and the Pathfinder Force in WW2. Titles include 'Thunder Bird in Bomber Command,' 'The Pathfinder Companion Diaries,' 'An Alien Sky,' 'Heroic Endeavour,' 'Master Bomber's,' 'Carried on the Wind.'

Travel Grants

During 2025 the Society has awarded Travel Grants of £500 each to two young OHs.



Daniel Hampshire (B 13)

Daniel's detailed application enabled him to secure a grant to travel independently to Guatemala. Daniel immersed himself fully in the local culture, undertook Spanish language courses to enhance his proficiency, lived with host families, and engaged with community projects, including initiatives focused on education, gender empowerment, and local development. His intention was to make a meaningful contribution while gaining invaluable insights into grassroots efforts, which he considers crucial for his own personal and professional growth. This ethos aligns with the grant's aim to support enriching independent travel experiences for young OHs.

Daniel writes: After leaving Haileybury during the first covid lockdown; a tumultuous time of much uncertainty, I went on to study Management and IT at Lancaster University. Upon the completion of my degree, I began working in a travel consultant role at a luxury travel company. Here I got to help my clients to achieve their dream trips to Australia and New Zealand whilst gaining experience with logistics and communication. After a year of working and receiving an award for new starters, I decided it was the right time to pursue my passion for international development, and I enrolled at the University of Manchester studying Digital Development. This course focuses on the intersection of digital transformation and international development, an intersection I hope to contribute towards during and after completing my travel to Central America.



Freya Nates (Alb 15)

Freya sent in a comprehensive application detailing her exciting travels to include NZ, Australia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Bali. Following an MA in English Literature in Edinburgh, and as a freelance artist with a passion for sustainable fashion, she has been immersed in local individual styles and fashions, native patterns, vibrant colours, and shapes.

We have been delighted to follow Freya's recent travels on Instagram. Freya tells of meeting her father's family for the first time in Auckland, her travels by Kiwi bus to Rotorua to learn about Māori culture and then on to Lake Taupo, Wellington, Nelson, and Abel Tasman which Freya calls the highlight of her adventure so far. After this came Westport, Mahina Pua, Wanaka, Queenstown (unforgettable bungee jump!), Milford Sound, Mount Cook (the tallest mountain in NZ) and Lake Tekapo. After this she worked for two months in Queenstown in a bar and a bead shop where her creative talents allowed her to make jewellery.

From NZ to Australia where Freya spent a week in Melbourne, then went on to Sydney to meet up with friends, to go camping in the Myall Lakes National Park, visiting Bondi Beach and Manly. She then went on to stay in a hippie-style hostel in Byron Bay followed by a visit to a university friend in Brisbane, which included a visit to Australia Zoo. From here Freya went on to Noosa and then K'gari where she met a host of new people, and her longest bus ride – 17.5 hours – on to Airlie Beach and then to Magnetic Island to see the koalas and rock wallabies.

Freya's final Australia stop was Cairns where she explored the Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation, scuba dived on the Great Barrier Reef and stayed at Gilligan's Backpacker's Hostel (Sticky, loud, and terrifyingly similar to university halls!) before a final stunning trip on the Great Ocean Road to Adelaide and a return to Melbourne, then Vietnam and back to the UK to take up her place to study Fashion Design in London.

To apply for our next round of travel grants for 2026 please see here: <https://thehaileyburysociety.org/charitable-status/travel-grants-for-haileyburians/>

WW2 Memories

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe and the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain in 2025 from our community's perspective, we remember with gratitude those OHs, OISCs, Masters and College staff who gave service to their country in this long and arduous conflict, in particular to the 481 of our community who paid the ultimate sacrifice. We highlight a selection of the wonderful stories of OHs who served in WW2, together with a report of life at Haileybury during wartime, using material from the book **Haileybury in Two World Wars** by **Andrew Hambling (Former Staff 1957-1991, Head of History, HM of Thomason and Second Master)**, which was published by the Society in 2002 during his time as the school's Honorary Archivist.

We pay tribute to all Haileyburians who have lost their lives in all conflicts worldwide in our digital **Roll of Honour**: <https://thehaileyburysociety.org/haileybury-history/the-haileybury-roll-of-honour/> Many of these are also commemorated on the marble tablets in Chapel at Haileybury (all funded by The Haileybury Society over many decades). Those who played for the OHRFC are also commemorated on boards at the clubhouse in Ewell.

OHs who served in WW2

At the outbreak of war OHs flocked into the Services. Many, including those leaving school aged eighteen, often joined the ranks rather than expecting an officer's commission as in WW1. Some of those who had served in WW1 had senior positions in WW2 including **Wing Commander Harry (Wings) Day (C 1912)** who was shot down in November 1939 and became a PoW, **Air-Chief Marshal Robert Brooke-Popham (L 1891)** was C-i-C in the Far East, **Air Vice-Marshall Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory (M 1906)** led Fighter Command in south-east England and spearheaded Operation Overlord in 1944, at which **Air Vice-Marshall Brian Baker (L 1910)** was awarded a CBE for his contribution to its success.

Air Vice Marshal John Slessor (L 1911) was appointed C-in-C Coastal Command in 1943; **Air Marshal William Dickson (Hi 1912)** served in Fighter Command in Italy. In the **Royal Navy Admiral Sir William Wake Walker (M & B 1900)** was appointed Third Sea Lord, the most Senior OH Naval Officer and who was responsible for the small boats' operations off the beaches at Dunkirk in 1940; **Admiral Sir Royston 'Ronnie' Wright (M 1926)** was Commander of Destroyers in the Atlantic, Norway and the Mediterranean. Of those Army leaders promoted to Major-General were **Meade Dennis CB CBE DSO MC (H 1907)** who fought in Sicily with distinction, **Eric Rowcroft (C 1905)** served in Palestine and France, **James Denniston CBE (Tr 1909)** and **Charles Loewen (Le Bas 1914)** battled in Norway and Italy, **Lewis Lyne CB DSO (Tr 1913)** advanced 3700 miles in 4 weeks across the North African desert, and fought at Salerno and Anzio. All were already highly decorated career servicemen, and received further honours for their service in WW2 and beyond; in contrast



to their age and experience but showing equal bravery and determination the youngest OH to receive the MC was **Charles Newcomb (M & BF 39)**, who left Haileybury in 1943 to join the Essex Regiment, and was decorated for his service at Arnhem in 1945 when he was barely 20.

During the late summer of 1940 in the Battle of Britain a group of young Lawrence OHs were amongst those ace fighter pilots who defended our skies – **Peter Townsend CVO, DFC, DSO (L 1928)** (later Equerry to King George VI and romantically attached to HRH Princess Margaret), **Denis Clyde Smith (L 1930)**, **John Reid (L 1931)**, **Keith Lofts (L 1932)** and **Brian Mortimer-Rose (L 1935)**. Numerous OHs told their war time stories to The Haileyburian – **Captain Peter Langley-Smith, RN (H 1933)** wrote of his early naval service under fellow OH **'Ronnie' Wright (M 1922)**, **Henry Vollmer (Tr 1928)** flew with Bomber Command and received a direct hit; unhurt except for two twisted fingers he spent the next 5 years in various PoW camps, **Derek Ridler (Tr 30)** wrote of his experiences in Italy for which he received an MC, **John Whitley (C 1935)** told of being shot down in enemy territory and his 42 day return to England, **Michael Rouse (L 1935)** was in the first landing craft to enter Rangoon and **William Marley (Le Bas 1924)** witnessed the surrender of Japan whilst on the USS Missouri.

Many OHs lost their lives in action during the first part of the war, the first three reported very early on in 1939 were **Martin McPherson (Th 1916)** (lost at sea), **John Haigh (M 1927)** (in a flying accident) and **John Blackwood (Tr 1931)** (shot down over Germany). News of the deaths of many OHs during the war years was greeted sombrely at school – the list seemingly endless and from so many diverse places so far away. To name but a few representative of so many for their dedication and bravery – **Charles Beath (L 1927)** died at Dunkirk, **Major Hubert Bourne (L 1916)** was killed in Malaya, **Frank Kendall (L 1919)** in North Africa, **William Peters (E 1933)** went down on HMS Barham, **John Womersley (BF 1933)** was lost when 'The Prince of Wales'

WW2 Memories



Rex Whistler
Highfield 1919

was sunk by the Japanese, **Edward Rose (L 1935)** was shot down in Malta, **Brigadier Norman Upton (BF 11)** was killed in Burma 'due to his own self-sacrifice for others', **Stephen Haggard (H 1924)**, a successful actor, playwright, poet and author with two young sons died in the Middle East, **John Shephard (M 1935)**, former Captain of Cricket at school, was killed leading a charge on a Japanese position, **Clifford Jocelyne (C 1927)**

was killed in Burma, **Rex Whistler (Hi 1919)** the renowned artist and designer, was killed near Caen in 1944.

OH Prisoners of War

Over one hundred serving OHs were taken prisoner in Europe and spent much of the war held captive in the notorious camps. Around 36 OHs were incarcerated in Japan and the Far East. **Charles Wells (Hi 1931)** told of rife diphtheria, malaria, dysentery, typhus, scabies, ulcers and malnutrition, **Frank Bell (E 1930)** set up a 'university' to teach languages, **Peter Hartley (Th 1932)** wrote of being torpedoed and picked up by a Japanese tanker, spending two days on a steel deck which was too hot to stand on by day and freezing by night, with no food or clothing. **Group Captain Harry (Wings) Day (C 12)** made six escape attempts from various camps and was considered 'a particularly dangerous prisoner' by his German captors. Yet a sense of community spirit prevailed – there was even an OH dinner in Laufen camp in 1941 attended by 10 OHs of different Regiments, different Houses, and ages.



On the political stage

Clement, Earl Attlee (L 1896) was appointed Lord Privy Seal and a member of the war cabinet, and became Deputy Prime Minister in 1942, then elected Prime Minister in 1945 after the war. A shrewd politician and significant figure in war time, he guided post-war UK through social reform including

the nationalisation of the railways, coal mines and road services and presided over the establishment of the NHS in 1948. **Christopher Mayhew (M 1929)** was his PPS. **Geoffrey Lawrence (Tr 1894)**, former President of Haileybury Council, was Lord Justice of the Court of Appeals and then appointed Presiding Judge on the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Clement Attlee was a proud OH and a regular visitor to his alma mater.

War-time life at Haileybury



During 1938 & 1939 Haileybury prepared for war by setting up a First Aid squad and a Fire-watching party, the school's 3000 windows were blackened, and Air Raid shelters on the road to what is now the Art School and on the site of the then Memorial studies behind Thomason were built. More 'Beaks' signed up, and wartime staff were appointed including

several recalled from retirement, notably the former Master **Fredrick Malim (The Master 1912-1921)** and sportsman and **OH Sam Toyne (E 1895)** who had taught at Haileybury before his appointment as Headmaster of St Peter's York. An LDV unit (later called the Home Guard) was formed at Haileybury of teaching staff, college servants, and senior pupils. News of those away at war filtered through slowly and was reported discreetly in each term's edition of *The Haileyburian*.

Clive Robinson (Tr 36) recalled that they slept with their rifles and bayonets in the long dormitories, with ammunition to be issued only in an emergency. **Cornie Thorne (Tr 1937)** recalled strong points built on Hailey Lane and at the end of XX acre; windows were netted, and sand buckets appeared all over the school as incendiary bombs fell in the local area. Boys in top floor boarding house dormitories slept fully dressed in classrooms and younger Batten boys recalled being cared for by **John Drinkall (B 1936)** who was Head of School in 1940. An excellent athlete involving any game with a racket, John went on to a long career in Foreign Services including as Ambassador to Afghanistan and Haiti, and High Commissioner in Jamaica. He is also remembered on an inscribed marble tablet in the Haileybury Chapel. **Richard Harrison (Tr 1937)** kept a journal in the Autumn Term of 1940 which catalogues the terror felt within the school with almost daily reports of violent gunfire, shrapnel in Quad, planes over XX acre, windows broken on Terrace, violent explosions on Hertford Heath, a landmine on Hoddesdon and bombs falling down Hailey Lane. It was even rumoured that an OH overrunning a Luftwaffe station had found an aerial photograph of Haileybury with a note not to bomb it directly as the paths across Quad served enemy bomber-pilots with a compass direction. In August 1940, the KBM block was requisitioned as a hospital and each House grew its own potatoes on XX acre, behind the Science Labs, near the Rackets Court and the Art School. The Women's Land Army taught forty boys how to drive a tractor. Boys sent parcels of food, books, and cigarettes to twelve OHs prisoners who spent their war in the notorious Oflag VII via **Cecil Pheysey (E 1910)** who lived in Portugal, a neutral territory.

WW2 Memories

In May 1942 Haileybury and the Imperial Service College at Windsor merged at Haileybury. School numbers improved from 374 to 480 and with mutual goodwill and forbearance the fusion was a great success despite initial hostility from some of the boys. The amalgamated school received its new coat of arms in 1943 with the ISC motto 'Fear God, Honour the King'. That year an influenza bug rendered more than two hundred boys unwell, cared for by prefects and rabbit pie made a regular appearance on the menu in Dining Hall. A highlight of war time school life came in 1944 when Haileybury, coached by **Colin Cobb (Former Staff 1940-1984, HM Colvin)**, won the Public Schools rugby tournament. A sole young teacher amongst those much older members of Common Room and unable to join the services due to a car accident, Colin Cobb was remembered with great affection by the boys in his care.



OHs who served in WW2 are remembered in Haileybury Chapel

The end of hostilities

On May 7th, 1945, the German surrender was broadcast to the nation just before Prep at Haileybury, where the pupils erupted into Quad in celebration. VE Day began at Haileybury with a service of Thanksgiving in Chapel and the boys had a day off school. Winston Churchill's broadcast to the nation was relayed in Big School, followed by a singsong and the further broadcast by the King, George VI, then a huge bonfire with German 'guys' made by the boys was lit and the Vivat was sung.

Throughout the war the BBC covered all aspects of the war time life led by the familiar and reassuring voice of **Howard Marshall (B 1914)**, heard on crystal radio sets both in Haileybury house dormitories and the wider world. At the Victory Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral, he described the Service to the nation, which included music composed by **Michael Heming (L 1934)** who was killed at El Alamein 'outstanding excellence in the care of his men, never too tired, too cold, or too hungry to do a bit more and died very bravely.' His music was also played in Haileybury Chapel on June 30th, 1946, to commemorate the 481 OHs, OHISCs, one Master and four College staff who had lost their lives during the war.

OH war poets

OHs wrote war poetry in both world wars, primarily in WWI with poets including **Clement Attlee (L 1896)**, **Walter Lyon (Tr 1899)** (one of five Haileybury brothers, three of whom were killed in action), **George Robins, (E 1892)** and **Robert Beckh (BF 1908)**.

In WW2 **James Rennell (C 1871)**, the UK ambassador to Rome during WWI, had a book of war poems published in 1940, just a year before his death. **Duncan Bulman Tr 1936** wrote a very emotive **Sonnet to Haileybury**, aged barely twenty, whilst serving with the 8th Army in the Western Desert in 1942, which was published in *The Haileyburian* in 1944:-

Of, when the noontide pall of desert heat
 Brings drowsy numbness to my trivial brain,
 I leave behind the sands that clog my feet,
 And Haileybury holds me once again:
 Then may I walk quiet Mississippi banks,
 Where water chuckles between silent pools,
 Unravel Heath, or pace th'arboreal ranks
 Of Chestnuts, Guard of Honour to the Schools;
 But always, whatso'er my path of hours
 I pause at last on the Quad's southern square,
 Close by the books I loved, and standing there
 I muse the Chapel domed against the stars ...
 This faith revives and springs I drank before
 Nourish my roots amidst the drought of war.

Dr Toby Parker FSA



Dr Toby Parker FSA

Dr. Toby Parker FSA (Director of Heritage and College Archivist, previously Director of Learning and Research) left Haileybury in July this year, after 21 years' service to the school and the Society.

During this time he taught Art and History of Art, managed the IB core curriculum and was a House tutor in Bartle Frere. His reputation as a teacher of art led to a large number of OHs who were taught by him entering employment in the arts, decorative arts and architecture. He was a stalwart for maintaining the traditions and customs of the Common Room acting as Dining Secretary and silver steward for much of his time at the school. From the Society's perspective we enjoyed a perpetually warm and mutually respectful working relationship with Toby throughout this time, working together on various projects and enabling OHs to learn more of the great heritage of our school.

Toby's contribution to the heritage of the school was significant, including liaisons with both the Kipling Society and the Society for Asian Affairs which brought their libraries to Haileybury. He also worked on the refurbishment of Clock House, five windows in Chapel and the new Library project. Clock House now showcases the school's Archives, and the Library has just been restored to its former glory and upgraded it to a 21st century digital learning space. This was made possible by donations from the wider Haileybury community. Outside of life at Haileybury he found time to act as Court Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars, chair its Education Committee, sit on the Association of Art History's Schools Committee, lecture widely on landscape history and give his time to Speakers for Schools.

Toby's loss is felt greatly by those of us within the Society who value his phenomenal knowledge of all things Haileybury. We have thoroughly enjoyed his talks at our gatherings and his Heritage Days at Haileybury. OHs have benefitted from his tours of the school, both personal and organised, including the wonderful WW1 Trench Trail. His knowledge about the East India Company and its college led to his participation in two programmes for BBC 2 on the history of the East India College. In 2012 he co-edited a new History of Haileybury and he later published books on Humphrey Repton, the Thorne Family at Haileybury and Haileybury slang. This year, in spite of the upheavals in his professional life, he edited a four-volume series of the histories of the East India College and wrote two of the volumes.

The Society has supported the archives financially for twenty years to allow Toby to have been able to secure OH medals and other artifacts at auction so that they remain in the Haileybury Archives. A highlight of working together was the Society's Presentation of four OH portraits to the school in 2015 when Toby helped us to commission portrait painter **Dr. Amy Thomas (LS, Alb & M 98)** to paint **Sir Alan Ayckbourn, CBE (Tr 52)**, **Field Marshal Sir John Chapple GCB, CBE, (K 45)**, **General The Lord Ramsbotham GCB, CBE (M 48)** and **General Sir Rupert Smith KCB, DSO, OBE, QGM (A 57)**. This gift continued a long tradition of the Society giving portraits to the College to mark the achievements of its former pupils. He continued the school's tradition of commissioning leading contemporary portrait painters to mark the retirement of the two last Masters. He carefully selected Andrew James to paint **Joe Davies (The Master 2009-2017)** and Tim Benson to paint a controversial but powerful portrait of **Martin Collier (The Master 2017-2024)** in 2023/24. In 2025 Tim Benson was awarded second prize in the Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer Portrait Prize (formerly the BP Portrait Prize) organised by the National Portrait Gallery.

We were very pleased that Toby and his wife Colette were able to join members of the Society to celebrate his long and dedicated service at a special lunch at the Cinnamon Club in London in June, and we are delighted that he has accepted Honorary Membership of the Society. We wish him, Colette, Flora and Theo all the very best for the future.



Fundraiser for The Still Mark Campaign



Who can forget the first term of their Lower Sixth? Back to school in new suits, the novelty of A-Levels and a newfound swagger at being part of the sixth form. Head days.

Mark Bowen (LS & K 89) always remembers that time. Because four weeks into it, aged sixteen, a terrible rugby accident changed his life forever.

Today, Mark, a quadriplegic and one of the school's most courageous OHs, needs support, from the OH community and beyond.

This call comes, sadly, due to the largely inadequate financial settlement Mark received in the wake of his accident. These circumstances back then make Mark's life today so much harder than anyone could have anticipated 33 years ago when, in a split-second, the entire world came crashing down on a fresh-faced lad who had only completed his GCSEs the previous term.

So please donate and share this message with whoever you think can help us, in order to help reach our donation target. We want to back Mark to live a life – after more than three decades of all kinds of unimaginable struggle – that he and his 11-year-old daughter deserve.

From rugby star to wheelchair and round-the-clock care

Thirty-three years ago, on October 4th, 1992, Mark, a vicar's son and shoe-in for the XV as a precociously talented loosehead prop, broke his neck playing against Germany for an U19 Middlesex side. He has been confined to a wheelchair and has needed 24-hour care ever since. These days, you might expect that an accident for someone so young would result in multi-million-pound compensation, but in fact Mark received a modest insurance pay-out from the RFU, which was supplemented by the school's own insurance payment, plus charitable donations from Haileybury-led fund-raising shortly afterwards. These funds are now running out. As a professionally qualified psychotherapist, Mark works hard to support others through tough times, but his own circumstances are becoming increasingly challenging. As the film *Still Mark* shows, the actual reality of living with a severe disability is inconceivable for many of us. Mark lives it every day. Not being able to walk, says Mark, "is the easy bit."

Love lifts hearts, but it cannot foot costs of lifelong disability



Mark, who will be fifty in a few months' time, and lives in Cornwall with his daughter, is lucky to have an incredibly supportive and loving family. The picture of Mark with his OH sisters **[Kate (Alb/K 94), Claire (Alb/K 97) and Beth (Alb/K 98)]** may jog some memories.

Converting hardship into real quality of life

George Williams (K 88) is a lifelong friend of Mark and became one of the Mark Bowen Trust's trustees in 2019. George writes 'It rapidly became clear that Mark had been living very frugally, foregoing much that others of us take for granted, and that remaining funds would not be sufficient to sustain both him and his daughter in the medium to long term. Career opportunities for severely disabled people to obtain gainful employment are extremely limited, particularly for someone injured at such a young age. Despite this, Mark has gone to tremendous lengths to train as a psychotherapist, using his experiences to enable others and contribute to his cost-of-living needs.

But now, unfortunately, Mark's funds are diminishing more quickly than previously – partly due to increased costs of raising an older child and partly through general cost-of-living increases. As a result, he can no longer engage in many of the activities that the trust was intended to support. Things like occasional holidays, trips to visit family and friends and therapeutic support are essential to his quality of life. They provide purpose and meaning and allow Mark to thrive rather than merely survive.

Tackling the problem: a £300,000+ shortfall

Immediately after the accident, funds were raised to safeguard Mark's future as described above. These enabled him to buy a home in Ware and a modified car, with the balance invested to provide a long-term income. Unfortunately, the sum invested was roughly half of the estimated £750,000 he would need to live out his life in comfort, and far below the £1 million that former staff member and England centre **Dan Hearn (Former Staff 1965-2000)**, who was similarly injured, campaigned for at the time. Spinal injury claims today often result in very large settlements – much more than Mark received, even adjusted for inflation. His payments were never sufficient to support him for life, never had any actuarial basis, and certainly did not anticipate him raising a child of his own.

The RFU's Injured Player's Foundation have agreed to assist with some long-overdue updates to Mark's bungalow in Cornwall. Whilst they are happy to assist with renovations, they are not prepared to assist with day-to-day living costs.

Our ultimate aim is to raise £300,000 to provide Mark with a modest income over the next 20 years. This would allow him to pay his bills, maintain his property, take his daughter on holiday, and visit his mother and sisters in other parts of the UK and Ireland. For context, financial advisors suggest savers need a pension pot of around £400,000 on top of the state pension to live a moderately comfortable retirement. Mark is still 16 years away from the state retirement age and has no such pot, a dependent child, and no realistic way to build one. I appreciate our request is significant but also hopefully realistic and not arrived at without careful thought.'

Donate to help Mark over the line

We are asking you to please give what you can so that Mark can continue to live a full and independent life with his daughter.

Thank you for your time and any assistance you feel you are able to give. Please share this message with whoever you would like to see it amongst your OH friends and contacts and the wider community.

If you wish to donate, ideally with Gift Aid, you can do so here. <https://thehaileybursociety.org/store/Donate-to-Still-Mark-p787675782>

Watch Mark's story here:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtSmAr105VM
with thanks to Jo Elliot

Fundraiser for The Attlee Foundation bursary

Help raise £5,000 for the Attlee Foundation



We are delighted to be working in partnership with the charity The Attlee Foundation during the eightieth anniversary year of the election as Prime Minister of **Clement, Earl Attlee KG OM CH KStJ TD PC FRS (L 1896)**. To celebrate his continued impact on the welfare of disadvantaged young people we are asking our wonderfully generous OH community to raise at least £5,000 to fund a bursary to support a young person from a disadvantaged background through university. It was a great pleasure to meet Clement's granddaughter and Attlee Foundation Trustee, Jo Roundell-Greene, at Haileybury a few weeks ago, together with her colleague Laetitia Lucy, who was introduced to us by **Sarah Monk (LS & H 01)**. We thank Angela du Toit for hosting us to tea in the Master's Lodge and Sam Koon for the tour and presentation.

The Attlee Foundation was established in 1967 to continue OH **Clement Attlee** vision of expanding opportunity for those disadvantaged by poverty or lack of opportunity. Today, the Foundation helps young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive by funding bursaries that ease the financial pressures of going to university. The bursary students can use the money for essentials like books, travel, and accommodation, so they can focus fully on their studies, and really can change lives for the better. Every donation, large or small, helps to open doors to education and opportunity.

Clement, Earl Attlee KG OM CH KStJ TD PC FRS (L 1896) – A LIFE OF SERVICE

On leaving Haileybury Clement Attlee went up to read Modern History at the University of Oxford, and went on to become a barrister. He was first drawn to the OH run Stepney Club (Haileybury House) in London's East End by his brother, **Lawrence Attlee (L 1898)**. Clement joined the many OH volunteers there in 1905, becoming its resident manager in 1907, and Secretary of the charity Toynbee Hall in 1909. This time amongst the slums exposed him to the harsh realities of poverty, which led him to believe that the state needed to intervene to alleviate poverty and suffering, in addition to private charity. This realisation was a key factor in his political awakening and conversion to socialism. Dedicated to public service, he relinquished his legal career, joined the Independent Labour party, and became a lecturer at the London School of Economics.

During the Great War Clement signed up immediately aged thirty-one and served with the Lancashire Regiment and the Tank Corps in Gallipoli, Mesopotamia and on the Western Front. In 1919 he was elected as Mayor of Stepney and then stood for Parliament in the 1922 General Election. He was elected as MP for Limehouse, at a time when the Labour Party overtook the Liberal Party as the main opposition. In 1924 Clement served in the first Labour minority government, joining the cabinet in 1929. He held his seat in Labour's landslide defeat in 1931, became Deputy Leader in 1935, and served in the wartime coalition government in 1940 as Lord Privy Seal, then as Deputy Prime Minister in 1942. At the end of World War Two he led the Labour Party to a landslide victory, at a time when the country was close to financial and infrastructure collapse. Under Attlee's leadership public utilities and major industries were nationalised, wide-ranging social reforms were undertaken, including the 1948 formation of the NHS. The Labour Party were narrowly defeated in the 1951 General Election; Attlee continued as its leader in opposition for another 4 years and then was elevated to the Lords where he served until his death in 1967 aged eighty-four.

Clement Attlee is still considered one of the greatest British prime ministers.

Please donate to our campaign here:

<https://thehaileyburysociety.org/store/The-Attlee-Foundation-p778231332>

Pastoral Support Programme

We provide a framework to take care of the needs of our members should they find themselves in a situation they feel unable to deal with.



A Confidential Weekly Telephone Helpline

Our dedicated weekly support helpline run by **Edmund Aitken-Ballard (Th 87)**, as part of our partnership with his charity Coffee and Coping has now been active for a year. Edmund, who himself is a recovering addict, is the son of former Haileybury chaplain **Richard Ballard (Former Staff 1986-91)**. Edmund is a qualified Recovery and Mental Health Advocate, with level 2 Mental Health First Aid and level 3 Counselling skills.

Edmund reports that he has been able to guide and assist several within our community who are in difficulty. Examples of this work include bereavement, loneliness, poverty, depression, alcoholism, and relationship issues. Edmund offers the hand of friendship and is not judgemental; he is a consummate problem-solver and can also signpost callers to other charities and organisations who can offer further professional support and advice, such as Citizens Advice Bureau, AA, and NHS Therapy Direct.



We have been bowled over by the many positive comments from those Edmund has helped, and the support of so many in our community who believe, as we do, that this is a vital part of the Society's work.

Christmas and New Year

Edmund will be manning the Telephone Helpline as usual throughout the Christmas period – Saturday 27th December 2025 and Saturday 3rd January 2026, Noon – 3pm. Every call is important so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Pastoral Support Fund

The Society has launched a fund which will enable us to financially support members of our community with small grants. These grants will be of the order of £500 to be used for support such as respite care for carers, home help or gardening assistance after an operation, transport to medical appointments, equipment, and aids where no other assistance is available. Please email jane.everard@thehaileyburysociety.org for further information. Every application will be treated in confidence and with respect by a small sub-committee of trustees, together with Edmund.

Future Plans

We will shortly be launching a monthly online 'Drop In.' This will be set up for the OH community to join Edmund, Jane, and others for an informal chat on an online forum about Haileybury days, sharing memories about the old days and re-connecting rather than actual problem-solving. This can just be chatting about past which people might well find comforting, and they can then bring up issues to Edmund in private.



Communitas vincit solitudinem.

Community fights loneliness

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of
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for
Every
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Haileybury Youth Trust Report

HYT continues to lead the way in Uganda, with its climate-friendly building and training, working among some of the continent's most vulnerable communities. Despite the catastrophic impact of the cuts to humanitarian aid in much of the developing world, HYT has maintained its programme of sustainable development, providing families with clean water and sanitation, building classrooms and equipping youths with new skills.



HYT provides employment opportunities for marginalised young women

The Trust expanded its climate-friendly work this year from Bidibidi, the world's second largest refugee settlement, to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, in the far southwest of Uganda. The Batwa, an indigenous people, who had lived as hunter-gatherers in the Bwindi Forest for millennia, were evicted from the forest 30 years ago to make way for gorilla tourism. The Batwa, an ancient Pygmy tribe, were left with nothing: no homes, no land, no work or schools and no future. They were refugees in their own land.



An HYT-trained Batwa builds his own home in Bwindi Forest

Working with the Batwa Development Program, and the Batwa themselves, HYT has improved lives and livelihoods for these remarkable people. The Trust has built classrooms and latrines in Batwa schools and recently embarked on a programme of training and development in Batwa villages, building simple homes and providing domestic toilets, where there were none.

Bwindi is a beautiful, mountainous landscape, bordering the DRC and Rwanda and home to the fabled mountain gorilla. But its ancient people desperately need support: jobs, schools, training, water, and homes. HYT's work with the Batwa is an important development - adding to its work with the South Sudanese refugees in Bidibidi.

Lizzie Hughes (H 13) joined the team in Jinja in April 2025, becoming its Assistant Country Manager in September. Lizzie joins a line of outstanding graduate OHs, who have committed themselves to the award-winning work of the Trust, since it started life in Uganda in 2026. HYT continues to be very grateful to the Haileybury Society for its welcome support for Lizzie, our Assistant Country Manager.

Next year will see the 20th Anniversary of HYT in Uganda and we look forward to celebrating this important milestone with the wider Haileybury community. The Trust remains ambitious, with Haileyburian support, to keep improving the lives of some of the world's most impoverished people, in a way that does not cost the earth.

Russell Matcham (Former Staff, HM Kipling)

Director

www.hytuganda.com



The new Assistant Manager, Lizzie Hughes (H 13) with Russell Matcham

The Old Haileyburian and ISC Masonic Lodge

The Old Haileyburian and ISC Lodge has enjoyed a particularly strong and lively year, marked by excellent fellowship, growth, and renewed energy. Regular meetings have been well attended, with members continuing to uphold the values of camaraderie, service, and good humour that have long defined the Lodge.

The Lodge remains a warm and welcoming space where long-standing traditions meet modern fellowship, and where members take genuine pride in maintaining the connection between the School and the Craft.

We continue to maintain close ties with other school Lodges and enjoy convivial meetings and dinners that strengthen those bonds. We are always interested in hearing from Old Haileyburians who may wish to learn more about Freemasonry, and we also encourage OH women curious about Masonry to get in touch — we would be delighted to introduce them to the two female Grand Lodges, who share the same values and fellowship.

It has been, in every sense, a rewarding and memorable year for the Old Haileyburian and ISC Lodge No. 3912.

Please email secretary@haileybury3912.org.uk

The Old Haileyburian Sports Clubs

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The OH Sports Clubs are an important part of the OH community. So many OHs contribute their time and effort to manage the clubs for the benefit of club members who represent the Haileybury name in various national alumni competitions and matches. The Society is hugely indebted to them all for their continued engagement.

The Society makes annual grants to the clubs to assist with their running costs, in particular entry fees to events and to support young OHs with their club subscriptions and travel to competitions.

If you would like to be put in direct contact with any Club officials, please email us at members@thehaileyburysociety.org

Haileybury Hermits 2025



The Hermits began their 2025 Cricketer Cup campaign on Sunday 8th June with a home fixture against Old Bedfordians (OBs). Skipper **Tom Billings (LS & BF 04)** won the toss and elected to bat first, much to the delight of the lively crowd gathered on Pavilion.

Tom Billings and opening partner **Bill Meacock (Tr 16)** made a steady start, putting on 45 for the first wicket. However, the captain's dismissal sparked a collapse, as the Hermits lost three further quick wickets to slump to 54 for 4. **Joe Satt (LS & BF 04)**, the Hermits' most recent Cricketer Cup centurion,

anchored the recovery with characteristic heart. Supported by **Ben Wells (B 18)** and **Samir Jordan (K 19)**, Joe Satt helped the side scramble to a total of 139 all out.

In reply, the OBs came out firing, racing to 70 without loss in just eight overs. But the Hermits did not give in. **Rhys Carter (LS & B 04)** struck twice in quick succession, bringing his Cricketer Cup wicket tally to 21 and moving him up to sixth on the Hermits' all-time record list. Samir Jordan then removed the other opener, aided by a sharp piece of glovework from Bill Meacock behind the stumps.

With three quick wickets, the Hermits sensed a potential turnaround. However, the OBs' middle order held firm and guided their side to victory with no further wickets lost.

Following the high of the first Cricketer Cup semi-final in 41 years last season, the result was a disappointing one for the Hermits. But credit must go to the OBs, who went on to win the competition for the first time, defeating Old Tonbridgians in the final.

Despite the early exit, the future is bright; three Hermits made their Cricketer Cup debuts, and seven members of the team were under the age of 23. We will go again in 2026.

Tom Wigglesworth (K 06), Secretary

The OH Sports Clubs

Old Haileyburian Golf Society

This has been a year in which we have made significant progress in broadening our membership as well as putting emphasis on recruiting younger members and getting them involved in playing for us in matches against other schools.

The highlight of the year was the achievement of our team in The Silver Tassie, the ladies equivalent of the Halford Hewitt, which is played at The Berkshire each year, over two courses. It was the first time that we had managed to put a team together for this competition. **Lyndsay Barnes (M 03)** was the driving force behind this entry and was joined by **Catherine Doel (Aby & Alb 79)**, **Hallie Copping-Jones (H 2019)** and **Mia Da Marchi (H 2019)**. At the end of the day, they finished tied for first on 81 points, with two other schools. After two countbacks, they finished in second place, winning the Armada Dish. What a great way to start our involvement!



At the Halford Hewitt, we lost in the second round, having beaten Forest in the first round. The positive, on this occasion, was to welcome **Ben Wells (B 18)** into the team for the first time. Three of the team had left school within the last 5 years.

Continuing on the same theme, we believe eight new members, under 30, made their first appearance for the Society during the year.

This drive is being led by **Rob Ambrose (LS & L 04)** who has established an Under 35s WhatsApp group, had a day's golf at Royal St. George's in the Spring and another event at Porter's Park in September.

The following week we had our annual match against the School at Essendon with ten-a-side. We were pleased to meet the Master-in-Charge of golf at the School, Cameron Brann, and were delighted to witness his enthusiasm for the Golf Programme at School. Talking to those playing for the school, it is clear that there is a significant number of very enthusiastic and talented players, some of whom are, clearly, potential Halford Hewitt players.



I am confident that this drive to expand our membership will continue after my period as Captain, as I was delighted to nominate Rob Ambrose as Vice-Captain at our AGM in September and he will take over as Captain next September.

Also, at the AGM, we welcomed two new Lady members and seven from the Under 35's group.

In the Mellin Salver (over 55s), we nearly succeeded in defending the Trophy which we won last year, at West Hill, losing to Sherborne in the Final.

As was evident in past Captain's Reports, we have a very distinctive club blazer and at the AGM Dinner, we had 14 in evidence.

In true OHGS tradition, last year's Summer Cup Final finally took place this summer and was won by **Sam Smale (BF 59)** beating **Simon Horwood (BF 79)**.

Best wishes

Ian Much (B 62), OHGS Captain



The Old Haileyburian Sports Clubs

Old Haileyburian Rackets Society



We kept the fixture card busy with matches against HAC, ORs, OCs, Queens and OEs. Plenty of quality rackets and the odd bit of flair thrown in for good measure. The club continues to be a brilliant spot for OHs young and old to dust off their rackets, trade a few boasts and enjoy some good company off the court.

We carried that strong momentum into the Noel

Bruce tournament, entering a record 6 pairs (bettered only by Cheltenham and Tonbridge). Haileybury II (**Dylan Kent (B 12) & Flynn Jennings (LS & E 18)**) played some exceptional rackets beating Harrow III & Tonbridge VIII in the group stages, before beating Eton III in the final qualifying round to make it into the main draw. In the Round of 16, they played a formidable Malvern pair, winning the first game but narrowly losing 3-1 overall. Haileybury III (**Rob Walker (K 89) & Arhyam Jain (LS & K 16)**) lost to Cheltenham II before finding their form to beat Wellington IV 2-0. Haileybury VI (**Sam Wilson (BF 03) & David Wilson (BF 02)**) put aside their sibling rivalry and some considerable rust to beat Eton IV 2-1 before a narrow loss to Radley IV. Haileybury V (**Hugo Paxton (H 94) & Simon Robert-Tissot (Th 72)**) struggled as Simon recovered from a fractured wrist but put on a valiant display in their games against Clifton II and Cheltenham



XI. Haileybury VI and OH stalwarts (**Deane Pennick (B 77) & Paul Tripp (L 76)**) turned back the clock, playing some excellent rackets but in the end Winchester III and Clifton I ran out the winners.

Defending Champions Haileybury (**Tom Billings (LS & BF 04)** and **Mark**

Farmiloe (B 93) entered as favourites but unfortunately had to pull out on the eve of the tournament as Tom picked up an injury. Thankfully Tom made an excellent recovery and went on to win the World Doubles Championship on 15th November at Queens alongside his partner Richard Owen, against Ben Cawston and Will Hopton, once again.

If you would like further information on fund-raising for the restoration of the Haileybury Rackets court building renovations please contact members@thehaileybursociety.org in the first instance to be put in contact with the OHRS Chairman **Deane Pennick (B 77)**.

If you'd like to get back into playing Rackets please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Greg Carton (K 05)

Secretary

Old Haileyburian Rugby Football Club

The 1st and 2nd XV teams both had tough seasons with the 1sts coming last in Counties 1 Surrey. It was a league too far this time, with the majority of games being against Town sides spread over Surrey/Sussex, as opposed to just traditional Old Boys sides. The 2nd XV fared better in Surrey Championship, finishing 8th. There were 97 players and availability was patchy which speaks volumes for the 2nd XV's ability to beat opposition with little regularity of players.

On the 18th January 2025 we held the annual Match Day lunch with both teams playing at home. This year the lunch was attended by the new Master of Haileybury Eugene du Toit, accompanied by the Chairman of Governors Martin Rayfield, and Haileybury Society trustees and officers including **Society President Fiona Illingworth (BF 76 & Alb)**, **Lizzie Graham (K 76 & Alb)**, **Society Secretary Jane Everard (L 76 & Alb)** and **Doug Everard (BF 73)** and **Andrew Nolan (BF 87)**. Over 60 attendees made the lunch a noisy success.

On 4th March 2025, without notice and with six years remaining of their lease, Sports Direct abruptly packed up and left the gym. This has left a large hole in our finances and the need to self-finance for insurance, rates and dilapidations. Thankfully we are close to signing up a new tenant and we are very grateful for a bridging loan from The Haileybury Society which will keep us solvent until income from the new tenant kicks in.



Unfortunately, we had to take the difficult decision to not run our two sides in the 2025/26 leagues and we have ceded our positions in the leagues to the new club OH Exiles which is made up of previous OHRFC players and run as a separate club with ground-sharing at Old Blues RFC, New Malden. So far, the OH Exiles teams have won all their fixtures and have signed up over 60 players for the season ahead, testimony to the hard work of the new Club management team and the also the arrival of the new head coach George Trimmer from Rosslyn Park RFC. If you'd like to play for the OH Exiles contact **mcarkadin@gmail.com**

The OH Sports Clubs

Old Haileyburian Veterans Rifles Club

We were only able to field two full teams at the schools' veterans' competition at Bisley in July this year and, despite several good scores, we didn't make it into the higher end of the competition results but a great time was had by all.

The Cricketers on the Green in Pirbright was our new evening meal destination and, judging by the time we left (all other diners had gone) it turned out to be an excellent choice with delicious food and great service.

The passing of the captaincy to **Graham Marley (M 75)** was marked by a most generous and unexpected presentation by members to **Nick Courtney (M 60)** who, after more than 20 years at-the-helm felt it was time for someone younger with working eyes and knees to take over! We wish Graham well and look forward to many more Bisley competitions to come.

Along with The Society, we are currently investigating some interesting new ideas that we hope will contribute to maintaining the longevity of The Club, more news on this as the situation develops. We are greatly indebted to The Society for its significant financial support over the years without which we would be unlikely to be able to compete at Bisley.



If you are a Haileybury Society member and would like to join us for the annual shoot at Bisley or some clay shooting for those in the home counties, please don't hesitate to get in touch for further details. No equipment or firearm/shotgun certificates are required but, as there is currently no opportunity for full-bore practice, those wishing to shoot at Bisley will need to have had previous experience (you don't have to be a 'crack-shot'!)

A selection of other OH sports superstars on the national and international stage!*

Sam Billings (BF 04) secured a historic third successive men's Hundred win with his team Oval Invincibles.

Andrew Neal (Tr 16) signed a professional contract with Hampshire Cricket, and was promoted to the first team for the remainder of the 2025 season to play in the Metro One Day Cup.

Zara Everitt (Alb 16) was Captain for yet another year for her netball team London Pulse, who secured their first Netball Super League title in 2025.

Gareth George (LS & BF 97) represented Thailand rugby at the Union Cup in Taiwan.

Nick Isiekwe (K 14) & **Jamie George (LS & BF 03)** were Red Roses co-captains for the England rugby tour of Argentina & USA. Jamie also played in the winning England team v the All Blacks on 15th November 2025.

Tom Billings (BF 04) and his rackets partner, Richard Owen, an Old Cheltonian, won the Brown Advisory British Open Doubles final, their 6th British Open Title in January 2025, also winning the British World Doubles Championship at Queen's in November.

Michael Levitt (L 14) represented the Netherlands in the T20 World Cup. It is the first time that any men's professional match, either List A or T20, has gone to a third super over with Michael Levitt's six eventually giving the Netherlands victory.

Fraser Rawlins (K 18) more than proved his worth during the England U18 rugby tour to South Africa last season bagging an impressive brace against Georgia and has signed for this season's senior academy intake with Saracens.

Oscar Piastrri (K 16) has kept us on the edge of our seats on Formula One Grand Prix Sundays through the current season. He has also won two prestigious sports awards – the Lorenzo Bandini Trophy and Australia's Don Award. Following the Las Vegas race and with only two races to go as we go to press he holds second place in the drivers' standings behind McLaren teammate Lando Norris.

We are very hopeful that he may yet secure the drivers' championship title!

Callum Illott (BF 13) delivered a stunning performance this August, climbing 18 positions from his P24 starting spot to finish sixth in the IndyCar Series, matching his career-best result and securing PREMA's fourth consecutive top 10 finish. The result also marked Callum's second consecutive P6 after his strong showing at Laguna Seca.

Lizzie Bird (C 06), the British record-holding steeplechaser, announced her retirement from athletics in July 2025 after her final race at the 2024 Paris Olympics. She is now pursuing a career in immigration law.

Those Remembered

We share names of those Society Members who have passed away up to October 2025, chronologically by leaving year. An asterisk denotes an obituary follows.

1930

Flower, Gerald Wanklyn (M 26) – 20th April 1994, aged 81

1937

Wigram, Valentine Knox (Le B 34) – 2007, aged approx. 86

1940

Quihampton, William (L 37) – August 2002, aged c. 79

Simpson-White, Dr Robert (ISC (D) 35) – 1st June 2023, aged 101

Redfern, Lt Col George, OBE (Tr 48) – 11th June 2025, aged 90

Robinson, Clive (Robbie) Atkinson Skipworth (Tr 36) – 1st January 2020, aged 97

1941

Barnett, Carew Percy (B 37) – 1st June 2012, aged 88

*Nunn, Antony Stuart, OBE (H 41) – 7th May 2025, aged 97

1942

Molloy, Major David (ISC (F) & K 42) – September 2025, aged 97

Robertson, Colin Wylie (H 39) – 15th March 2021, aged 96

*Whiteman, Neil (H 42) – 24th April 2025, aged 85

1943

Kendall, George Langton (Tr 41) – 2003, c. aged 76

1944

De Sausmarez, Canon John Havilland Russell (ISC (F) & K 41) – 27th February 2024, aged 97

1946

Burchett, Peter James (H 42) – 7th June 2012, aged 83

Cohen, Laurence Anthony (B 44)

1947

Goddard, Robert (Robin) William (B 42) – 29th March 2025, aged 95

*Whiteman, Neil (H 42) – 24th April 2025, aged 95

*Harper, Gerald George Frederick (B 42) – 2nd July 2025, aged 96

1948

Harris, Lt Cdr William Robin (Th 44) – 2nd November 2024, aged 94

Futrell, Col Anthony Christopher (E 43) – 1st November 2020, aged 90

Pearson, David Compton Froome (Tr 45) – 6th November 2022, aged 91

Nash, Ven Trevor Gifford (Tr 44) – 12th August 2016, aged 86

1949

Green, Norman William Bishop (B 44) – 20th August 2021, aged 90

1950

Anderson, John Anthony (L 46) – 6th February 2022, aged 89

1951

Prosser, Peter John Stanley William (K 47) – 11th July 2019, aged 86

1952

Coleman, Robert Johnson (Th 48) – 22nd October 2024, aged 89

Hough, John David (BF 48) – 1st April 2025, aged 90

Masters, Capt Henry Walton (K 48) – 27th December 2024, aged 90

Thompson, Brian Grammer (E 48) – 2022, aged approx. 88

Townsend, Ian Collingwood (H 47) – 22nd February 2025, aged 91

1955

*Llewellyn, Major General Reverend Richard, CB, OBE, OSTJ, DL (H 51) – 12th December 2024, aged 88

1956

Fichter, Peter (BF 56) – January 2025, aged 86

*Skan, Martin (A 51) – 11th October, 2025, aged 90.

1958

*Lapidus, David (B 54) – 5th July 2025, aged 84

1961

*Close, Peter (Th 57, Former Staff 65-69) – 16th February 2025, aged 81

*Rice, David Hugh (Th 56) – 17th March 2025, aged 82

*Romilly, Colonel Martin, OBE (Th 56) – 6th December 2025, aged 81

1962

*Eastwood, Robert (Th 57) – December 2024, aged 80

1965

Halsey, Michael (BF 60) – 18th October 2025, aged 78

*Hayles, David (Th 60) – February 2025, aged 85

1967

*Foster, Angus (E 63) – 3rd January 2025, aged 74

1974

*Gandon, Nicholas John (M 69) – 28th February 2025, aged 68

1984

*Hine, Air Commodore Andrew, OBE (Tr 79) – 15th April 2025, aged 58

1982

Brown, Charles (E 77) – on 27th October, 2024, aged 60

Former Staff

*Bookless, Lloyd (1969-2005) Head of Classics, HM Melvill

*Greer, Peter (1990-2002) Head of Geography

*Hurley, Christopher (1989-2003) Modern Languages

Lewis, Reverend Peter (1978-85) School Chaplain

*Marriott, Martin (1966-1976) Acting Master, Second Master, HM Trevelyan

*Nye, Humphrey (1961-1994) HM Melvill, Head of Mathematics, Lt Col CCF

*Perrins, Michael (2000-14) HM Batten, Head of Politics, Director of MUN, OC RAF

*Slater, Harry (1985-2002) CCF School Staff Instructor

Obituaries

Gerald Harper (B 42)



At Haileybury Gerald was a Prefect, played in the XV in 1946, was School Boxer in 1946 & 1947 and Captain of Swimming. He enjoyed the stage from a young age, including a Haileybury pupil tour of Macbeth in Denmark in 1947.

Gerald had a long and fascinating acting career

including starring in cult TV series as crime fighter Adam Adamant (1966-67) and elegant cad Hadleigh (1969-76). His prolific film appearances included *The Dam Busters* (1955), *The Admirable Crichton* (1957), *A Night to Remember* (1958), *The League of Gentlemen* (1960), *The Shoes of the Fisherman* (1958), *The Young Ones* (1961) and *The Lady Vanishes* (1979). He also had a long and varied stage career including Shakespearean roles, notably his Iago in 1974 at the Bristol Old Vic, and he compiled and performed a touring one-man show with himself as Rudyard Kipling, which had a London season in 1984. Later in his career he was a disc jockey with Capital radio in the 1970s and Radio 2 in the 1990s. In 2008 he made a film comeback in Bill Kenwright's production of Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*.

Tony Nunn, Olympian (H 41)



At Haileybury Tony was a Prefect; he played in the XV in 1944 the XI in 1944 and 1945, and the Hockey XI in 1943, 1944 and was team Captain in 1945. Tony was a member of the British field hockey team in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, which won the bronze medal. Tony played all three matches as forward. He also played for the Hawks Hockey Team in the post-war period. At the time of his death, he was the oldest

living British Olympic medallist and Olympic medallist in field hockey. Tony had a long and successful career in Insurance and was awarded an OBE for services to the Marine Insurance Industry.

Tony was supportive of Haileybury Hockey for many years, encouraging and inspiring pupils and young OHs in the competitive game, including Haileybury awards, the Nunn Cup and the Helsinki Cup, establishing an annual alumni Sixes competition at Haileybury. An incredibly kind and gentle man, Tony was a true inspiration to everyone who met him, not least for how he coped with his decreasing mobility with great stoicism and strength of character.

Air Commodore Andrew Hine, OBE, (Tr 79)



At Haileybury Andrew sang with the choir and played rugby for the XLV. He was senior NCO in the RAF section of the CCF and won the CCF prize in 1984, going on to a sponsored cadetship with the RAF at St Andrews University where he read Modern History. He joined

RAF Cranwell in 1989, winning the BAE Systems prize for top academic marks, then becoming a Flying Officer in 1989, and Flight Lieutenant in 1990. Following in his father Air Commodore Patrick Hine's footsteps he was a frontline Fast Jet Pilot with 17 Fighter Squadron in Germany, becoming a Squadron Leader in 1998 and deployed to Kuwait in 1999 to oversee a detachment of six Tornados in the Gulf War. He was appointed Wing Commander in 2003, flying twenty-eight sorties from Qatar, most involving air-to-air refuelling and lasting many hours. In 2008 he was promoted to Group Captain and posted to Permanent Joint HQ to run the operational plans division, going on to command Lossiemouth, the RAF's biggest and busiest operational base in 2009, supervising deployment to Afghanistan and Libya whilst also preparing for the replacement of the Tornado with the Typhoon. In 2012 he was promoted to Air Commodore.

Andrew retired from the RAF in 2015 and began a second career as a history teacher and Deputy Housemaster at Oundle School where his knowledge and clarity brought his subject to life. He was also involved in Educational Support, the CCF, cross country and rowing and in his spare time enjoyed hiking, golf and running, including marathons and Ironman triathlons. He is described as a highly intelligent thinker with great integrity and loyalty. In 2018 Andrew read a lesson in Chapel at the OH WWI Service of Remembrance.



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Robert (Bob) Eastwood (Th 57)

At Haileybury Bob was a prefect and played rugby in the XV in 1960, 1961 & 1962 (Captain); he was also in the Athletics team in 1960 & 1961. He went on to Hertford College, Oxford, gained a BA in History and spent his career in the travel industry. Bob was a regular attendee of our London lunch and a generous donor to the Society, for which we are very grateful. Bob's father **Eric Douglas Eastwood (Th 28)** was also at Haileybury and died in air operations in 1943 shortly before Bob's birth.

period he played thirty matches scoring 1,010 runs including one century and four 50s. Between 1989 – 1993 he played for Lincolnshire scoring 1,556 runs in thirty-five games. He was a Director of the Cricket Foundation at Lord's and was heavily involved in setting up 'A Chance to Shine'. The Gandon Prodder Legacy Fund (now All To Play For) was set up to raise money for four cricket related charities. Nick set up Aureus Social Ventures, supporting charities and social enterprises. He gave generously of his time and energy to causes he believed in and remained active in charity work all his life.

Angus J E Foster KC (E 63)

The son of **D E Foster (E 40)**, whilst at Haileybury Angus was a prefect, in the school Boxing team in 1963 and 1964, the Sailing team in 1966 and Flight Sergeant with the CCF. He went on read History at Clare College Cambridge, then read law at the University of Edinburgh, and was called to the Bar in 1975. He practised in Scotland until 1981 and then joined W.S. Walker in the Cayman Islands. He was appointed acting judge of the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands in 2007. He took silk in 2008 and became a permanent judge of the Grand Court, allocated to the Financial Services Division, in 2009. He spent over forty years in Cayman, where he latterly sat as a Grand Court Judge (Justice) for many years, returning to Scotland in 2024.

David Hayles (Th 60)



David was a colourful character and a master of Scagliola, a decorative plaster that resembles fine marble; his work spanned the globe from Buckingham Palace to Disney World. He taught its intricacies on courses and wrote two definitive books on the subject, *The Magic of Scagliola* and *Confessions of*

an Ornamental Plasterer. David was a proud fourth generation Haileyburian from a family which can trace its lineage back to Sir Robert Walpole.

Nick Gandon (M 69, Former Staff 1993-2003)



At school Nick was a Prefect, played in the XXX 1974, Captain XI 1973/74, Hockey Captain 1973/74, Fives Captain 1973/74. He went on to Durham University where he was captain of both hockey and cricket teams, and then to St Edmund Hall, Oxford to do his PGCE. Nick taught first at Uppingham

and then at Haileybury from 1993-2003; he served as Registrar from 1997-2003, was President of the Haileybury Hermits for many years, and was President of The Haileybury Society 2021-23. He touched the lives of many in our community and beyond. A Thanksgiving service for his life was held in chapel at Haileybury on 25th October 2025.

Nick spent much of his life involved with cricket. Whilst still at Haileybury and a Hertfordshire Young Cricketer he made his debut for the County in the 1975 championship winning season. He played his final County game 1996 and during this

David studied Architecture at Bristol University but 'dropped out' to seek adventure in India. Back in Bristol, after trying his hand at various trades and ventures, he founded Hayles & Howe, a Bristol-based decorative plastering company, which went on to have a workshop in Baltimore, USA. Stepping down in 1999 due to illness he soon resumed his eclectic lifestyle, living in New York state with his wife where he built their unique house using old beer cans and tyres, while continuing to teach and undertake plastering restoration jobs. After surviving throat cancer and the removal of his voice box in 2018, David spent 18 months on a 20,000-mile solo round-the-world bike ride and then set off again in 2024 to cycle from top to bottom of the American continent. After three accidents his adventures finally ran out in La Paz, Bolivia.



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David Lapidus (B 54)

Whilst a pupil at Haileybury David was one of the unbeaten 1954 XV England Schoolboys Rugby. He went on to Sandhurst, then served with the Royal Army Service Corps, the Royal Corps of Transport and the 48th Gurkha Brigade. He continued to play competitive rugby, capped by the Army v the Navy at Twickenham, and played for both Hong Kong and Jersey. After the Army followed a successful career in the hotel trade. David was President of Jersey Rugby Club, an Ambassador for Variety Clubs International and long-standing local overseas Secretary of The Haileybury Society.

Major General Reverend Richard Morgan Llewellyn CB, OBE, OStJ, DL (H 51)



Morgan served in many significant military roles including with the Welch Fusiliers, in Malaya, Berlin, and Northern Ireland for which he received an MBE in 1976, an OBE in 1979 and a CB in 1992. He was Colonel of the Queen's Own Gurkha Transport Regiment from 1984-1993 and Director of

Army Staff Duties and Chief of Staff, UK Land Forces. On retiring from the Army in 1991 he studied Theology and as an ordained deacon he became a Minor Canon of Brecon Cathedral in 1993 and Chaplain of Christ College Brecon in 1995.

Hugh Rice (Th 56)

Hugh came to Haileybury as a major scholar and left as Head Boy with A/S levels in Latin, Greek, Ancient History and Double Maths. Hugh went from Haileybury as a Classics Scholar to Christ Church, Oxford and gained his BPhil in 1967. Aside from a year spent at the University of Connecticut, he spent his entire academic career at Christ Church in a variety of senior roles and published a book *God and Goodness* (Clarendon Press, 1999). Sarah Foot, Dean of Christ Church, describes Hugh as 'A fine philosopher with a vigorous intellect and a perceptive eye ... a wonderful colleague, supportive and wise.' I was asked to do a reading at his funeral and chose the passage from the last chapter of *Pilgrim's Progress* which includes the words familiar to every Haileyburian "Then said he my sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage...."

With thanks to Robert Rice (Th 60)

Colonel Martin Romilly, OBE (Th 57)



At Haileybury Martin captained the XXX in 1960 and later played for the OHRFC. After school Martin joined the Army in 1962 and undertook many roles including serving with the Royal Leicester Regiment, the Anglian Regiment, at Camberley Staff College, Latimer National Defence College, Greenwich IT

Defence College and as Senior Military Officer at the Chemical and Biological Defence Establishment at Porton Down. He was a founder member of the Scientific Exploration Society in 1969, served as the information officer on the Blue Nile Expedition and was then appointed to the SES Advisory Board in May 2024. He also served in Aden and received an OBE in 1986 for his service in Northern Ireland. Martin regularly attended Society events was a generous donor to the Society including the gift of a legacy in his Will. He was a loyal member of the Old Haileyburian Rugby Club, writing a poem for them in memory of the fifty OHs club players who lost their lives in WW1.

Neil Whiteman (H 42)

On leaving Haileybury, Neil completed his National Service, serving in the Malayan Emergency, before joining the United Africa Co Ltd, a trading company that operated in Nigeria and Ghana. Neil remained in West Africa for most of his working life. Being in West Africa during the instability of the Biafran War and subsequent struggles for independence and had a wealth of entertaining tales of his often-hair-raising experiences. Neil was a regular attendee of the Society's West Country Reunions.

With thanks to Christopher Lunn (B 62)

Martin Skan (A 51)

At Haileybury Martin was in the second XI and the Athletics team in 1952 and 1953, and School Boxer in 1951 and 1952. In 1954 he went to Harvard School in California as an exchange scholar. An astute businessman from an early age, Martin was a Director of his family confectionery and tobacco business, running over 200 sweets businesses. In 1965 Martin and his brother **Trevor (A 51)** bought the then rundown Chewton Glen hotel near Bournemouth. A significant risk at the time, Martin said 'there are certain things in life you know to be right, and you just do them'. This proved to be absolutely true and under his leadership Chewton Glen went on to be the flagship of British country hotels. It received a Michelin star, a blue ribbon from the RAC and Five red stars from the AA, and has hosted royalty, politicians, rock stars, authors and actors. Martin prided himself on the hotel's attention to the very finest detail and believed that the guest experience was paramount. In 1992 Martin became a founding Director of the Walpole Committee, set up to promote British excellence overseas.

Obituaries – Former Staff

Lloyd Bookless (Former Staff 1969 – 2005, HM Melvill, Head of Classics)



Lloyd spent his entire career teaching Classics at Haileybury, a total of 108 terms. He served Haileybury as Assistant HM in Batten for many years and became Universities Adviser in 1981. He was HM of Melvill (1989 – 2000) immediately after Humphrey Nye,

also becoming Head of Classics in 1993. Lloyd attended King Edward VI Grammar School for Boys in Morpeth and went on to read Classics at Churchill College, Cambridge, staying on for a PGCE.

At Lloyd's final Speech Day in 2005, **Stuart Westley (Master 1996-2009)** said 'Lloyd Bookless has served this community with great dedication since 1969. A scholar and a gentleman, several thousand Haileyburians will have had reason to be grateful for his meticulous teaching of Classics and his dedicated service as Housemaster of Melvill, in the days when House Tutors were rare and Sundays off were unknown. There is much about Lloyd Bookless we shall miss, including his sterling support for Chapel, not to mention his humorous asides, often penetrating, never unkind.'

Christopher Hurley (Former Staff 1989-2003)

A graduate of Merton College, Oxford, Chris was an expert teacher of Modern Languages who joined Haileybury in September 1989 from Richard Hale, where he had taught languages and been a Housemaster. He delivered French and Spanish to A level with rigour and insight, inspiring many Haileyburians to study Modern Languages at degree level. He was a much-valued Tutor in Thomason House and a highly efficient Examinations Officer. He also accompanied overseas trips and other activities, including golf. In retirement he enjoyed opera and played golf regularly at several local clubs, often with his former colleague, **Rob Turnbull**. Chris was a dedicated family man and his two daughters, **Isabel (Alb & Th 91-93)** and **Anna (RD & Alb 95-97)** are OHs.

With thanks to **Bob Griffin (Former Staff 89 – 98)**

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Martin Marriott (Former Staff 1966-1976, HM Trevelyan, Acting Master)



Prior to his appointment to Haileybury Martin taught at Heversham School. His rise at Haileybury was meteoric – he became HM of Trevelyan in 1968 and Second Master in 1972, taking on the difficult role of Acting Master in 1975 following the sudden death of Bill Stewart. He will be remembered fondly by

OHs and former colleagues for his calm wisdom and deep intellect and most especially for the dark time when he held the school together with great strength of character and dedication to duty.

During his time at Haileybury he taught English, History, Latin and Geography and was active in the CCF, ran Squash, helped with Athletics and, together with his late wife Judith, was a great participant in the annual Pastimes productions. Martin was appointed as Headmaster of Canford School in September 1976, where he remained until his retirement in 1992. He was committed to broadening access to bursary education and had an unshakeable belief in the power of education to open doors and lift horizons. After formal retirement he mentored many potential and new Head teachers.

Humphrey Nye (Former Staff 1961-1994, HM Melvill)



Educated at Dulwich College where he was a head prefect, played in the XV and was CSM of the cadet force, he went on to spend his National Service with the Royal Signals in Singapore. He went up to Queens' College Cambridge in 1957 to read Mathematics; he rowed, played rugger,

and joined the TA. Humphrey Nye spent thirty-three years teaching Mathematics at Haileybury, and was a loyal, genial, and diligent servant of the school in many roles – Assistant HM of Batten from 1962, HM of Melvill 1977 – 1989, Head of Mathematics and Lieutenant Colonel commanding the CCF 1970-1978 and 1990-1992. He was Master i/c Sailing 1963-1972, Master i/c Shooting 1986-1993, Chairman of Entertainments and of Pastimes, Chapel Treasurer 1964-1994, coached rugby at all levels and organised many Adventurous Training trips and CCF camps. On hearing of his death **David Summerscale (Master 1976-86)** said 'A good man, of great loyalty to Haileybury, always to be counted on... and fun, too'.

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Michael Perrins (Former Staff 2000-2014, HM Batten)



Michael was a man who adored his family, his dogs, his braais, and his rugby. He will be remembered as an excellent father, an inspiring teacher, a loving husband, and an intrepid explorer of the world.

Michael was born in Cape Town and attended Rondebosch Boys' High School and the University

of Cape Town. After graduating, Michael worked in Johannesburg as a script writer on a morning news show for the South African Broadcasting Company. He then moved back to Cape Town, where he became a teacher at Rondebosch, his boyhood school. His life was defined by adventure. In 1995, he first moved to the United Kingdom, eventually becoming a history teacher at Giggleswick School in North Yorkshire.

At Haileybury Michael taught Politics and History, he was HM of Batten, Head of Politics, Director of MUN and OC RAF. He was full of life with incredible energy and huge dedication to his pupils and colleagues, arranging fascinating overseas trips and with a passion for openness and transparency. It was here that Michael's interest in Model United Nations grew and evolved. In 2014, he moved on to St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio and introduced his students to six of the world's seven continents, running trips and exchanges in countries ranging from Uganda to New Zealand, and was foundational to the growth of MUN in the Cleveland area.

With thanks to Alison Baker (Former Staff 2002-2023, HM Hailey, Haileybury Society Trustee)



WO2 Harry Slater (CCF School Staff Instructor 1985-2002)

Harry Slater was appointed SSI following a full career in the Royal Regiment of Artillery. During his time with 29 Regiment, he was part of the Directing Staff team created to convert the Regiment to a Commando role. In his time with the CCF he always wore his Green Beret with enormous pride. Harry spotted early on that cadets were different from regular soldiers and that to achieve high standards required a different approach. This paid dividends and soon earned him the respect and affection of officers and cadets alike. His excellent administration helped ensure that Camps and Field Days, as well as the weekly parades, ran smoothly. Together with his late wife Irene he was also responsible for running the VI form Shack, a task which he undertook with aplomb and as well as providing a relaxed, but ordered, environment, they provided a listening ear which was appreciated by many and helped all to recognize that a Sergeant Major can have a human side. It was fitting that when he retired in 2002, at the end of Summer Camp at Wretham he was ceremonially paraded from the square to the gates astride the barrel of a 25-pounder, applauded by all the adults and cadets on site, in traditional recognition of his fifty years in uniform.

With thanks to Robin Bishop (Former Staff 1984-2012, HM Batten) and Charles Monk (Former Staff 1981-2014, HM Trevelyan)

Peter Close (C 57, Former Staff 1965-69)

As a pupil at Haileybury Peter was a Prefect and a Scholar. He played in the XV in 1959/1960 and the XI in 1959/61, also serving as Captain. From Haileybury he won an Exhibition to Caius College, Cambridge, achieving a DipEd and a Cricket Blue in 1965 having played fifteen matches for the University Cricket Club with a total of 344 runs, with one fifty. Peter, who bowled right-arm off break, also played minor counties Cricket for Dorset from 1962-1965.

In 1965 Peter returned to Haileybury to spend four happy years as an assistant Master. In 1969 he moved to Bristol Grammar School, and from there to Monks' Park School in 1972. He moved again to St John's Comprehensive School in Epping in 1974 as Head of VI form, and then to Midhurst Grammar School in 1977 as Deputy Headmaster. In 1982 he was appointed Headmaster of Hardyes School, Dorchester and from there in 1988 to his last and significant appointment as Headmaster of Cranbrook School in Kent, until his early retirement on health grounds in 1998. A man of great integrity, Peter dedicated his life to education and enjoyed a broad and interesting career that spanned both private and state sectors. He was known for his ability to balance tradition with modern educational developments.



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Events 2026

Following on from the fabulous attendance at our events in 2025 we look forward to seeing more of our members during 2026! Here is a taster of what we will be offering.

The Annual London Lunch at The RAF Club

23rd April 2026

Please book here

<https://thehaileyburysociety.org/society-events/>

SAVE THE DATE

OH Thailand Reunion Bangkok

31st January 2026

Young OHs London Networking Evening

19th March 2026

Tour of Imperial War Museum North (Manchester) and Northwest dinner 7th May 2026

Jersey tour and OH reunion

16th - 18th May 2026

OH Clay Shoot with Sussex Shooting

27th June 2026

20 Years out Reunion for class of 2006

2nd October 2026

Queen's Club Black Tie and Posh Frocks Dinner

9th October 2026

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