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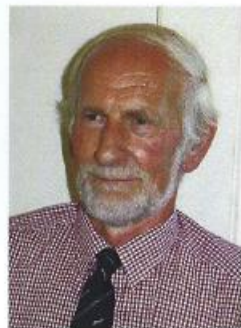
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Chairman's Report – Peter Harris



Welcome to the 5th edition of The Spur which I hope you will find both informative and enjoyable.

I am sure by now that most of you are aware that it has been a difficult year for Brymore School, and at the time of writing this so early, many of the difficulties have yet to be resolved. However, on a brighter note The Old Brymorian Association continues to move forward with increased membership with the tremendous support from you, the Old Brymorian. This is only possible through the help of Brymore staff, not forgetting the Office and Kitchen and the wives of the Committee members who give generously of their time to help the OBA to remain so buoyant.

Pym's Night Supper in December 2009 was yet again a very well supported event with Anthony Gibson OBE, retired South West Regional Director of the National Farmers Union as our Guest Speaker. The food, predominately Brymore produce, was excellent – in fact I would go so far as to say that it was the best Pym's Night ever. This year Pym's Night will be on Saturday, 04 December and Nick Whitley, who once taught at Brymore School and then joined the National Agricultural Advisory Service, will be our Guest Speaker.

A mini reunion was held in February 2010 which gave our members another chance to tour the new accommodation, have a buffet lunch and watch a House Rugby Match in the afternoon. It was good to see some new faces at this event.

Mike Fry and I attended the Leavers' Service at the end of May 2010, and again it was a great privilege to be there, and on your behalf, I presented the OBA Award for Excellence in Agriculture to Chris Adamson. We also handed out our Leavers packs to pupils and recruited more members for the OBA.

Open Day and Country Fair at the School at the end of June was another roaring success, which I found surprising considering the state of the economy et al. Our Summer Draw raised over £2000 and Mike Fry, ably assisted by John Manning, again increased our membership to around 350 Old Boys. A big thank you to our sponsors: the people and organisations that donated the draw prizes, and the support of you Old Brymorian – loyal to the end.

The day was rounded off with the OBA Annual General Meeting and Supper which were both well attended. The highlight of the AGM was the bestowing of

Honorary Life Membership to Mike Fry, the engine room of the OBA Committee. I and many others are privileged to know a man with such energy and passion for the task of Treasurer and the OBA. I am a lucky man: I have a tremendous committee – what else would you expect of Old Brymore Boys!

Peter G Harris
1959 – 1963
Chairman of OBA

Head Boys Report – Samuel Benson

Taking the role as head boy in the last academic school year has been brilliant. I feel that I have been given a huge responsibility and I was honoured that Mr Lloyd had given me such an important position at school. I have really enjoyed my time at Brymore, it is the best thing I have ever done.

It has been quite a demanding year. Especially because I'm in year eleven, I have been extremely busy, mainly concentrating on GCSE's, NVQ's, rugby etc. As everybody knows that being a Brymore boy, your school day is a bit out of the ordinary.

This school year started off with a high and I was really looking forward to this year. It hasn't been too pressurising but although at times I felt with the role I have, I was expected to do well across the board. The rugby season has been great and winning the area final was awesome. The deputy head boy, Rob House and I have basically worked as a team throughout the year. We have mainly concentrated on the food situation by setting up a food committee with a number of boys from each year expressing their own views towards the representatives of 'Proserve'.

I know that there have been a few problems recently involving the school, which have been quite concerning: However, the Staff are doing an excellent job despite the issues and we as pupils are doing our best to support the staff and make the school proud.

I would like to thank all the Staff for all their moral support and their hard work. Also to all the boys for their commitment and support.

Acting Head teacher- Mark Thomas



Firstly I would like to welcome everyone at the start of a new academic year. It takes a while to get used to what is a very different and unique school. However I have been more than impressed with the way everyone has settled in.

I appreciate many of you will still have concerns about the future of Brymore and the need for a permanent Head teacher

following the retirement of Mr Lloyd. I feel it is only fair to explain the situation as it currently stands. Firstly, when I was asked to consider working at Brymore I must admit I knew very little about the School. I knew students who had transferred here and had heard very positive comments from them and Mrs Faull. I also knew that students regularly achieved some of the highest results in the county in terms of value added results. Within ten minutes of looking around the School I knew I would enjoy working here. Initially I have been asked to be Acting Head teacher until Easter. This is simply because, with the formation of Brymore School Trust and the changes within the Governing Body, appointing a new Head for the start of the spring term would not be possible time wise. Appointing a new permanent Head teacher is a crucial decision for the School in ensuring it continues to thrive without losing its core values and traditions, therefore it is a decision which must not be rushed. Should the situation not be resolved by Easter then I would hope to remain until a permanent Head is appointed, although that decision is one for the Court Fields Governors to make, as clearly they have a responsibility to ensure what is best for their school. However, I can assure you that both Mrs Faull and I have a real commitment to trying to achieve what is best for Brymore.

Having now spent a few weeks here I would like to offer my first impressions of the School. The first thing that struck me was the excellent behaviour and manners shown by the boys. They are a real credit to Brymore.

Year 11 monitors have worked incredibly hard to assist staff in ensuring the smooth running of the School and clearly play a vital role in continuing the excellent traditions at Brymore.

The responsibility shown by students, working with others and looking out for each other and the relationships with staff, are some of the best I have ever seen in any school. The way the Year 10's and Year 11's have welcomed and worked with the new students has been outstanding.

I started work in Kent in a non selective all boys' school teaching geography and PE, before moving on to Essex where I eventually became a Deputy Head teacher. I moved to Somerset and Court Fields seven years ago, again as Deputy Head, before taking on the role of Acting Head teacher whilst Mrs Faull worked at Brymore. Originally I come from Cornwall and grew up in a rural community. My sole farming experience is having the glamorous role of scraping out, every Christmas Day, so that my father-in-law can spend more time with the family after milking and more importantly we have less time to wait to open our presents!

Finally, I know Brymore is going through a process of change, with building works, National Challenge Trust, EDF energy and an Acting Head teacher along with all the normal pressures any school faces. This brings me back to a point I made earlier, my role is to manage these changes and ensure Brymore continues to develop, without losing its core values and traditions, and the very essence of what makes it special.



**Boys showing their cattle
– Open day 2010**



Farm Report – Paul Kingston

Dairy: As of this moment in time (20/9/10) we are milking 14 cows with 1 heifer due very soon and 2 dry cows ready to calve in the next week. Unfortunately we had to pull out a dead calf out of a heifer last week which took the vet over an hour. We have 3 heifers which will be able to go to bull a little further into the winter.

The cows however are milking really well with most 305 day yields off over 9000 litres we did however have to keep them going throughout the dry summer with last years silage and a fair bit of cake. Current milk prices are averaging 29p/l which is quite disappointing however it will be going up in the next few months along with the concentrate prices. The majority of the organic cereals used comes from Eastern Europe and our feed mills are unsure about the availability over the winter.

Beef: The majority of our beef animals are made up of Friesian/Holstein steers. Thankfully the yearlings are mostly Friesian and are a reasonable shape so we will keep them over the winter finishing them next summer. However the Holsteins will be sold in the near future for 2 reasons

1. We cannot finish them sensibly on our organic low input system.
2. After the poor summers grass growth we had a very poor second cut, certainly not enough to take all of the cattle through the winter.

We do plan to finish a couple of well shaped steers, 1 Charolais x and a Hereford x Simmental. Let's not forget our beef shorthorn calves that are about 5 months old now and looking really well.

Sheep: We have been very pleased with our mules that we bought last year, all but one lambd and after a couple of difficult lambings to start with the rest lambd really easily. With this in mind we decided to buy some more from the same producer this year so we bought 15 @ £120/hd. At the time of writing this I have just sent on another 22 lambs through the organic producer group, we will be very interesting to see as to how the mule crosses kill out. Out of the first 12 we sent on we had 5 E carcasses and the rest U's and R's. The organic premium at the moment is only between 5 and 10 p/kg higher than conventional prices.

Pigs: We have been very pleased with the lops so far, and not just us as the litter born around open day were a great success with all the visitors that ventured around the farm. This litter is growing rapidly. There were 2 gilts which we will sell for breeding and a few will probably be sold through the market as store pigs and keep the rest for educational reasons and sold as finished pigs.

On time we had a litter born at the start of the term so the boys can follow their progress throughout. We are thinking about increasing our herd from 3 sows to 5 sows as we seem to be able to sell the offspring fairly well and educationally it would be more beneficial for the boys to have a few more pigs to handle. We have been able to sell to people who sell through farmers market and intend to sell to a top "Gastro Pub" We will also be looking for another boar from one of the rarer blood lines as this should increase breeding sales either for boars or gilts.

Poultry: The laying birds are producing really well and we have been able to sell most of the eggs at the end of the drive.

We are planning to buy in some meat birds (chickens) to sell at Christmas as well as some ducks. The ducks sold really well last Christmas and were really easy to rear and were a lot less hassle than the turkeys. They grew fast, had no health issues and were a lot more fun than the turkeys.

Fodder: The fodder beet have not done very well this year due to the very dry spring with poor germination, the long dry summer and the amount of fat hen that took over. The steerage hoe did a fantastic job inter row but inter plant we couldn't do a lot. The youth of today do not seem to have the same enthusiasm for weeding beet as past generations may have had! We are hoping that they will keep growing as we harvest throughout the winter months but I may be kidding myself to think it will grow to be an average crop. We also put some stubble turnips/forage rape in the spring but again due to poor germination of the forage and extraordinary germination of the fat hen and the flea beetle having most of what came up we did not have a lot to graze in the later part of the summer how ever it did ease the pressure on the grass for a couple of weeks. I have got the grass seed in now behind the turnips, after some problems with the drill it is now looking ok as I finished off by broadcasting best part of the seed. We have made some really good silage this year (in my opinion as it has not been tested yet) along side about 100 round bales of top quality hay. As I have said before, second cut was a non-starter due to the lack of rain. I don't think we are the only ones in this position.

Machinery: This summer we managed to buy a "brand new" flail topper to replace our old one which had really seen better days. We can now keep on top of the docks in half the time and do a much better job. We have also taken charge of a New Holland T5040. One of the year 11's took the tractor and 2 furrow reversible to this years Bridgwater ploughing match and managed to get a third place in his class - VERY WELL DONE



Treasurer's Report: Mike Fry

When looking back on the report I gave at this time last year, I realise that, when an organisation is continuing with the success that the OBA is it is all too easy to become repetitive for this year's report. However, I feel it is important to announce that current membership stands at 355, and, while a few members are 'dragging' their feet for renewals of subscriptions, an income close to £7,000 should be achieved for the current year. This figure has now become very important, as the cost of providing a bursary has now risen from £6,000 to £7,950. More membership required please?

Following requests from the Brymore Finance Department, the committee have decided instead of supporting one student for three years in advance, we are supporting three individual students for one year at a time. The new approach brings flexibility into the system to review individual requests for support on a wider basis. The criteria, that priority is given to applicants with previous Brymore connections remains in force. With this system in place, the committee were able to fund FOUR students this year, one in year 9, one in year 11 and two in year 12. Total bursary funding to Brymore over five years, is now £32,400!

Our thanks go out again to Rex Steer and his 'band of merry' helpers for the continued success of the Summer Draw. It is a scene to behold to witness the 'beehive' like activity around the sales tent throughout the day, and I understand the 'BEE-HAVIOUR' is something else as well. £2,200 was raised through ticket sales and donations from members and ticket sales on the day. We are most grateful to all involved.

The Pym's Night Reunion in December was another success with ninety tickets being sold, and the menu for this year's reunion on December 4th will again be based on the use of Brymore organic produce. The February Reunion was less well attended, so any innovated thought, maybe from the younger element of the membership, to give this occasion wider appeal, would be most welcome.

This is repetitive I know, but I conclude by thanking you all for your continued support for making the OBA the success that it is and may it continue into the future.

Once again the Leavers Service proved to be a great recruitment opportunity, with 27 signings on the day. A further 3 leavers have since signed and my thanks go out to them all and I trust the Association will continue to serve them well into the future.

Summer Draw 2010 – Rex Steer

Once again we had a very successful day in June.

This year the top prizes were won by old boys, NIGEL SWAINE, the Tonne of Animal Feed and ROGER ORGAN, is the proud owner of the Mountain Bike. The total profit overall was £2,200.

The only downside to the draw was that yet again many of the old boys did not return their allocated two books of tickets. I personally made over ninety calls to remind them to send them back! Moan out of the way, so now for the positive:- This year we had people ringing up to donate prizes i.e. the 5 A Day Veggie box; Tropiquaria sent a total of 22 free entries and bottles of wine and spirits were handed in on the day. A special mention goes to B.O.C.M, Pauls, Mead associates (Puxton Park), Yeo valley and Mole Valley who have supported us since we started.

This year we raised enough money to enable us to offer 4 x 1 year bursaries and it is our intention to offer 1 year terms in the hope of helping more students.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us and to those of you who bought tickets.

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Thank you all very much
Let's see if we can do even better next year



Andrew Turvey
Brymore School
September 1996 to July 1999
Day boy



I remember the day clearly that I went for my interview at Brymore School. I was shown around the farm, the gardens, the main house and the sports field. I was fascinated by the workshops and the three years that lay ahead of me. I was then called into the Headmaster's office and asked a series of questions about myself and why I wanted to go to Brymore. The most challenging of these questions was "What don't you like about the school?" Without thinking I replied "There are no girls". Unfortunately I can't remember the response that Mr Pearce gave me.

That was the start. It was the start of the best three years of my entire schooling. Some of the things that Brymore enabled me to do was improve my confidence and help me with my dyslexia. It also showed me that if I applied myself to a task or activity I could achieve anything.

Before attending Brymore I did very little sport. The school gave me the platform to try new activities. I loved athletics during the summer and rugby in the winter.

I originally went to Brymore because I wanted to become a farmer and nothing else. I wanted to do my three years, finish my education and set up with my uncle in agriculture. During the autumn of 1996, however, Channel 4 aired a television series showing the remarkable discovery and restoration of The Lost Gardens of Heligan. This was a Victorian garden that had been lost in its own overgrowth. It had gone into decline following the Second World War. The story was remarkable and captured my imagination. It seemed to me as if the gardeners had finished for the day, as usual, but never returned. So many of the original features still remained and were slowly revealed as they started to clear the large quantities of overgrowth.

My focus suddenly changed and gardening became my main goal. Although I still devoted the same amount of time to the farm, my heart was set on becoming a gardener and one day finding my own 'lost garden' to restore.

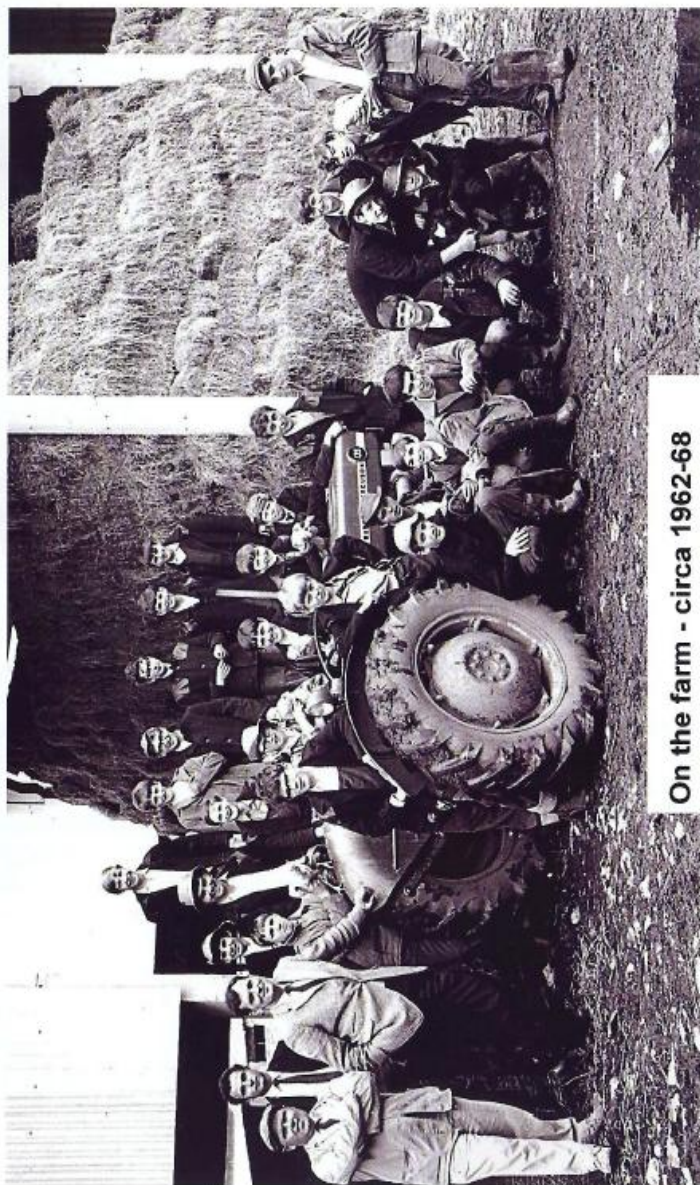
After leaving Brymore I continued my horticultural studies at college and then moved on to Hillier's Arboretum in Hampshire before training at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) garden Wisley in Surrey. I returned to the RHS a year later as a horticultural adviser, one of only six in the country.

A little over a year ago I left the RHS to embark on my own restoration project. Thirteen years after I first saw Heligan, which captured my imagination and plotted my future career, I became Head Gardener of Myddelton House Gardens (MHG) in Enfield, North London, and the former home of Edward Augustus Bowles.

In December 2008 the gardens were awarded a Heritage Lottery Funded Grant to assist Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, the owners of MHG, in restoring areas of the garden. It also enabled us to develop a visitors centre and cafe. This will bring the gardens alive and will also help in the telling of the extraordinary story of Mr Bowles' work for the RHS and the local community. The restoration of the garden includes a two acre kitchen garden that has never been open to the public. We are currently transforming this area from an overgrown wilderness into a Victorian cut-flower and vegetable garden. A day does not go by when I don't utilise the skills I learnt at Brymore. Currently I am using my animal husbandry skills to look after three pigs that we have to help us clear the unwanted vegetation from areas of the site. This two year project opens to the public in the spring of 2011.



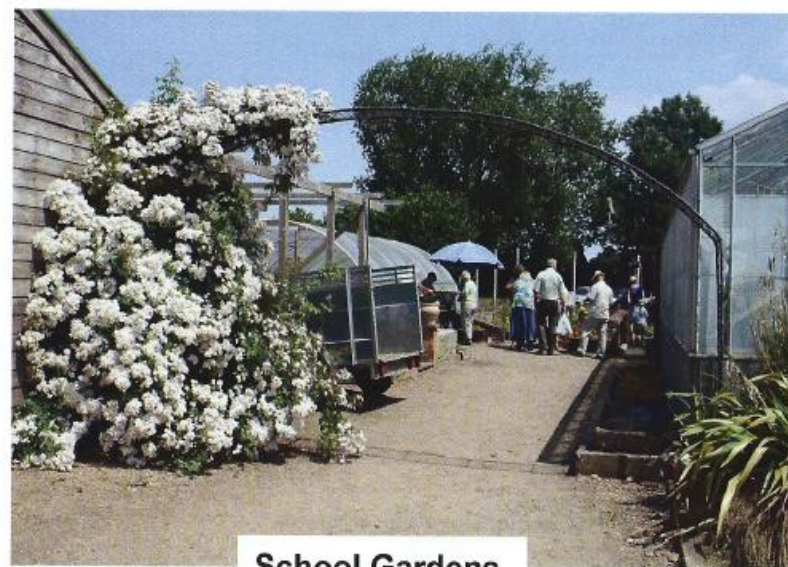
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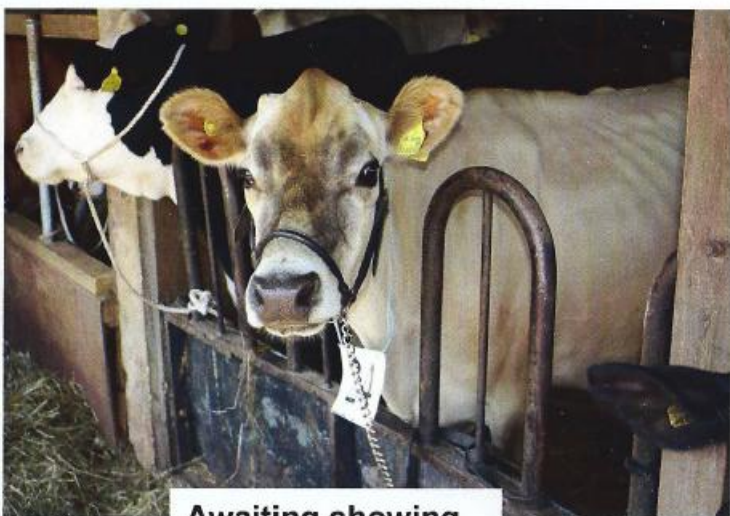
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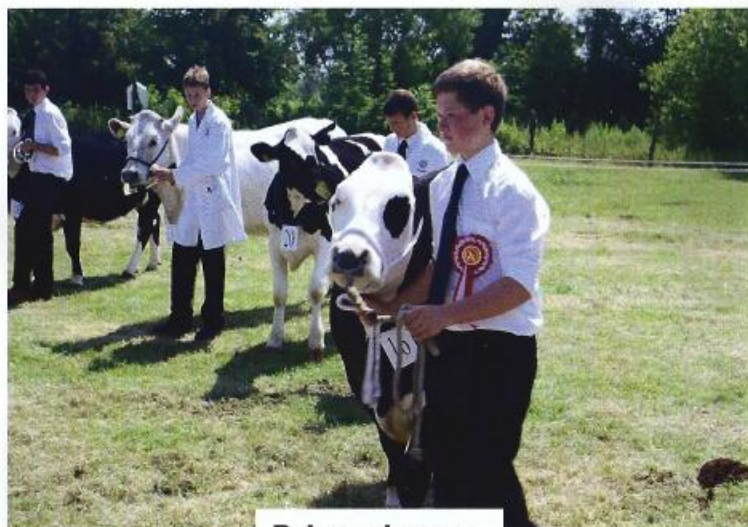
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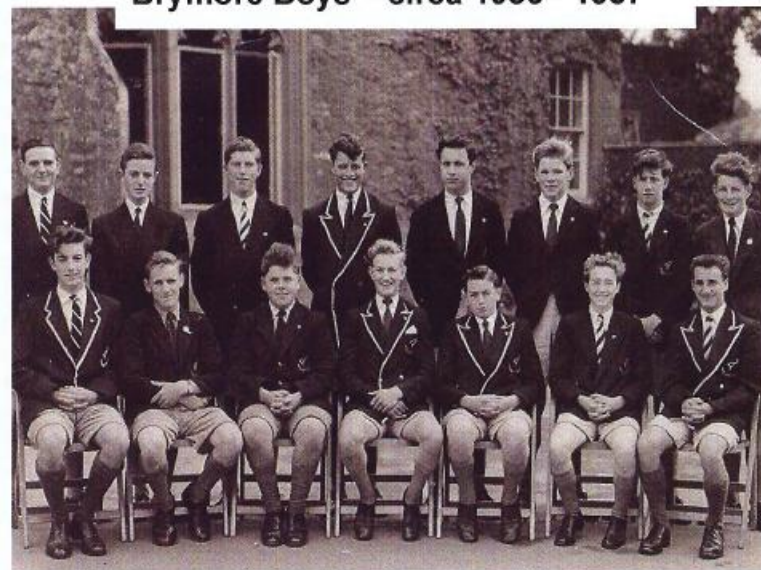
Prize winners



Scuba diving in the school pool proved very popular on Open Day



Brymore Boys – circa 1956 - 1957





Tunnels and a Fly

Alan Hemming

In early February we were fortunate enough to join what John Manning was to term a 'residential group' of Old Brymorsians viewing the impressive new buildings at Brymore. It was a good day in every respect, old friendships renewed, new ones made and a most informative and enjoyable question and answer session during and after lunch.

Our guide Tom Blackman was outstanding. A year nine student who was clearly enjoying his time at Brymore, particularly in caring for the animals. Our extensive and energetic tour of the boarding houses, classrooms and farm was highly enjoyable and the excellent lunch which followed provided an opportunity to sit down and rest.

The question and answer session concerned two important matters, the possible effects on the School grounds of the proposed access road for Hinkley Point C and the imposed formation of an educational trust with Bridgwater College to help shape the School's future.

At one point Malcolm Lloyd mentioned the School's cellars and this reminded me of a period in the early 1960's when Colin Munro's dowsers were in full flow, their dowsing rods whistling to and fro, forecasting the presence, not of subterranean watercourses but of countless underground tunnels traversing the School's grounds and perhaps leading to such places as the village church and a nearby farm which had been a manor house. One of the students, Nick Falcon, who was both inquisitive and energetic had the initiative to seek entrances to these tunnels in the School cellars. He was happily at work on one occasion when the headmaster, Reg Adcock, spotted him; the excavations stopped at once. Nick was rapidly installed on the seat of penance outside the Headmaster's study, where his sunny nature gradually eroded as the days of isolation went by. The School was assembled and told that the west wall of School House was on the brink of collapse. As I remember several members of staff had been aware, over several days, of Nick's activities but had assumed that he was working with the Head's blessing; it was thought wise, with so many thunderclouds about, not to mention this.

Nick's parents were summoned to discuss his future and at some point it was agreed that it would be best if he did not return for an extended course. If EDF are to cross the School's grounds then perhaps they need to be aware of the possibility of tunnels and perhaps even call upon Nick for assistance!

The second stirring of my memory was triggered by the large Spur set in the area between the boarding houses. It reminded me of the occasion early in the School's existence when the then Chairman of Governors, Lt General Sir Reginald Savory, KCIE, DSO, MC was speaking to the parents, boys and staff about a new prize, 'The Spur', which he was giving to the School. It was probably a prize day in 1955 or 1956 because it was in the Dining Hall; the current Assembly Hall had yet to be built. The general, who had trained in India and commanded an Indian Division at Alamein in the Libyan Desert, was a friendly and likeable man but his bearing, outward manor and trim moustache were distinctly military. As he spoke a very large horse fly landed on his nose. He gave not the lightest sign of awareness, no pause or hesitation, no eye movement or facial twitch and certainly no attempt to brush it away; clearly Simla and Desert Command had been a tough school. Initially the insect seemed content with the landing place it had found but after a short rest and perhaps stimulated by the lip movements of the speaker it began to explore and at one point seemed to find the General's nostrils of much interest, however, it was apparently deterred by the obstacle presented by the moustache from further investigation of that area. The General could never have had such an attentive audience, hanging on to every word he uttered and mesmerised by the actions of the fly. The release of breath when the fly ultimately took off was clearly audible. No-one had the temerity to ask the General if he had been aware of the fly or the reason for his audiences' concentration, we all realised that, in this respect at least, we were lesser mortals.

Thank you Brymore for a most enjoyable day and for awakening memories of earlier times at the School.



Alan Hemmings, Malcolm Lloyd and Old Boy's shown at February's reunion



Letter from a 'Lost Boy'

Ian H Walker – 84 Heysen Avenue – Hope Valley – Adelaide – South Australia 5090

Dear John Manning

I think I would be classified as one of your 'Lost' Old Boys, your quote in The Spur Vol. 1. Summer 2007; which my daughter obtained for me on the Internet.



My name is Ian Hamilton Walker I am retired and have just reached 70 years and my association with Brymore has filled 10 yrs of my life.

I have many happy memories of my time at Brymore. I started as a student in 1953 when Mr Day was headmaster. Some of my contemporaries: Mike Pettitt, John Durman, Lionel Bagg, Trevor Coran, Tony Criddle, Brian Roberts, Robin Irvine and Ian Henny Walker who I believe migrated to New Zealand.

The school farm at this stage was in its infancy, we had milking goats & chooks and the Bee Club organised. We spent much of our practical time removing barbed wire, plus other relics of WW2, ammunition clips and 2 anti tank mines in the mud be cleared from the ponds. The bomb dispersal squad was called and all the munitions placed under an Oak tree stump on the top rugby pitch and provided a very effective remedy for its removal.

We were very fortunate to have a very good staff, Alan Hemming, Mr Taylor, Tony Edwards, Phill Walker, Mr Evans, Mr Goldsworthy, Mr Hunter and Mr Burnell-Jones.

After leaving Brymore, I completed a year's course at Somerset Farm Institute and went from there to spend 3 very happy and productive years working for Frank Jean's at Currypool Farm, gaining very valuable experience on a very progressive mixed holding.

In 1962 I was offered the job of running the school farm at Brymore, in charge of the day to day running of the farm and instructing the students involved in their practical duties. I spent 6 very busy and productive years in this position and was very pleased to see the school farm develop into a very productive unit.

After 6 hectic years my wife and I plus our infant son, decided to migrate to Australia, a place I had always wanted to see and I am happy to say we have never regretted this decision.

On arriving in Australia, I managed a large commercial piggery for a time but I came to realise that I missed my contact with students, so I went back to Teacher's College and qualified as a High School Technical Studies teacher, my wife completing her teaching qualification for Primary School 3 years later.

We have been in Australia 41 years and have taught in a number of South Australian schools, our last positions being in schools in the Barossa Valley. We moved back to Adelaide on retirement to be closer to our 2 children.

I must admit that I have lost touch with friends in the UK due to the pressures of establishing a new life in Australia, not helped by the many moves during this period.

I send my best wishes to all my Old Brymorian friends and would be pleased to hear from any who would like to re-establish contact.

Yours sincerely
Ian H Walker



Open Day 2010



From the editor's chair – Helen Bradford

In a moment of madness, when I was at my weakest, it was, after all, one of my first Saturdays at work, I found myself agreeing to become the new editor of The Spur.

I should first introduce myself; I am the Learning Resources Manager – or Librarian, I took over from Mrs Pam Jamison at the start of the last academic year.

In my past I have worked in shops, served in the WRNS, been a Voluntary Service Overseas volunteer in Thailand and worked at a local further education college. After being made redundant due to financial cutbacks in FE, I saw the advert for the position of Librarian here at the school, I sent off an application was thrilled to be asked for an interview and was lucky enough to be appointed.

My overriding memories of my interview day are of having to wait for a couple of chickens to move out of the road on my way up the drive and getting a round of applause after my interview by a year 10 RE group.

My first year has been a steep learning curve but luckily both the school and I came through.

So a big thanks to all the staff, the Old Boys, F.O.B.S.A. and especially the boys.



Exhibitors

'Over the Garden Wall' A Year in the Horticultural department

This last academic year - 2009/2010 has been a busy and eventful one in the horticulture department; as always in September we started back at school with much to do in the gardens after eight weeks of good growing weather during the summer holidays.



There was much enthusiasm from the boys especially when working on their vegetable plots which had produced a good harvest. We had some great entries in our vegetable competition with a prize for the heaviest, the longest and the best looking vegetable that had been grown.

The Autumn term also saw much planning and growing for the schools garden competition to be held in May at Bridgwater College Cannington Centre. The competition for the best show garden is open to all the schools in the area.



A small dedicated team of pupils spent much time and effort planning and were helped by many others to build the garden. All their hard work and effort paid off when the garden won a Gold Medal and best in show.

The school also won a gold medal in the productive garden section of the competition where the judges visited the school walled garden to judge the vegetables grown.



The year has seen big changes within the Horticulture Department, at the end of the Spring term we said farewell to Mr. Nicholson who retired after many years working at Brymore. Mr. Wilcocks will now be stepping into his shoes as head of department. Academically Year 11 did themselves and the school proud with 98% passing the NVQ in horticulture & many of them getting Merit & Distinction Certificates, which are awarded by the school in recognition of the effort & achievement put in over & above that which is required to pass the NVQ.

In April the school was awarded a lottery grant for £10,000 to set up a gardening club. With the money we will be able to put up a polytunnel in the walled garden and be able to buy seeds and tools, which the lads in the club will be able to use on their plots. This was wholly the result of Mrs. Stanley's effort and so we are very grateful to her for that.

We are also very appreciative to all the staff in the gardens. Mr. Coates has continued to keep the grounds looking good and given the boys a chance to learn how to mow at the same time. Mrs. Nash has been a valuable help and assessor and Mrs. Gardner, who came in the summer term, fitted in so well and shared her knowledge with the boys in a quiet way. We shall miss her, as she has now moved to employment at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre, but we wish her all the very best. So we've had an interesting and varied year, but the one ahead will also hold many challenges and excitements as we put up the polytunnel, get our heads around the new BTEC course and settle into our new classroom (Room 13) as Room 12 was condemned and cannot be used as a teaching space. Added to all that is the general running of the department and keeping the flower beds and walled garden looking good and being productive. We hope everyone will be supportive when we have plant sales and will look out for the veg. cart at the front of school on Saturdays where you can buy fresh fruit and veg and potted plants.

Horticultural Dept

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1954	David Young; Julian Sheppard; Philip George; Henry Williams; Roger Hannam; Richard Pearse
1955	Simon Dee Shapland
1956	Mike Perry; John Field; Martin Ellis; Chris Fuller
1957	Gareth Wilcox; Rex Steer
1958	Rex Eastment; Dennis Rawle; Dave Perrett; Martin Cox
1959	Peter Harris; Les Sprake; Harold Bult; Bob Brice
1960	Nigel Bryant; Keith Baker; Tony Bradford; David Cudlip
1961	Fred Bundy; W G Clark; Duncan Hill; Steve Stoodley
1962	Terry Ayre
1963	David Marks
1964	Jeff Howe
1965	Mike Fackrell
1966	Glyn May; Bob Fowler
1970	Patrick Collins; Edward Nicholls
1971	John Riddle
1973	Tim Hurley; Philip Betty; Bill Slade; Graham Summerhayes
1974	Neal Bisdee
1976	Graham Fry
1977	Colin Nicholls
1979	Paul Steer; Geoff Garrett
1980	Martin Watts
1982	Rupert Loder
1983	Paul Williams; Christian Lazenbury
1985	Jason Vincent; Mark Wellam; Mark Brookes
1986	Simon Larkins
1987	Paul Callow
1988	Andrew Bult
1989	Jason Dickson
1990	Jason Bennett
1991	Mike Place
1993	John Hicks
1995	Nick Carr
1996	Peter Sanders
1999	Bob Blanch
2000	Reuben Croft
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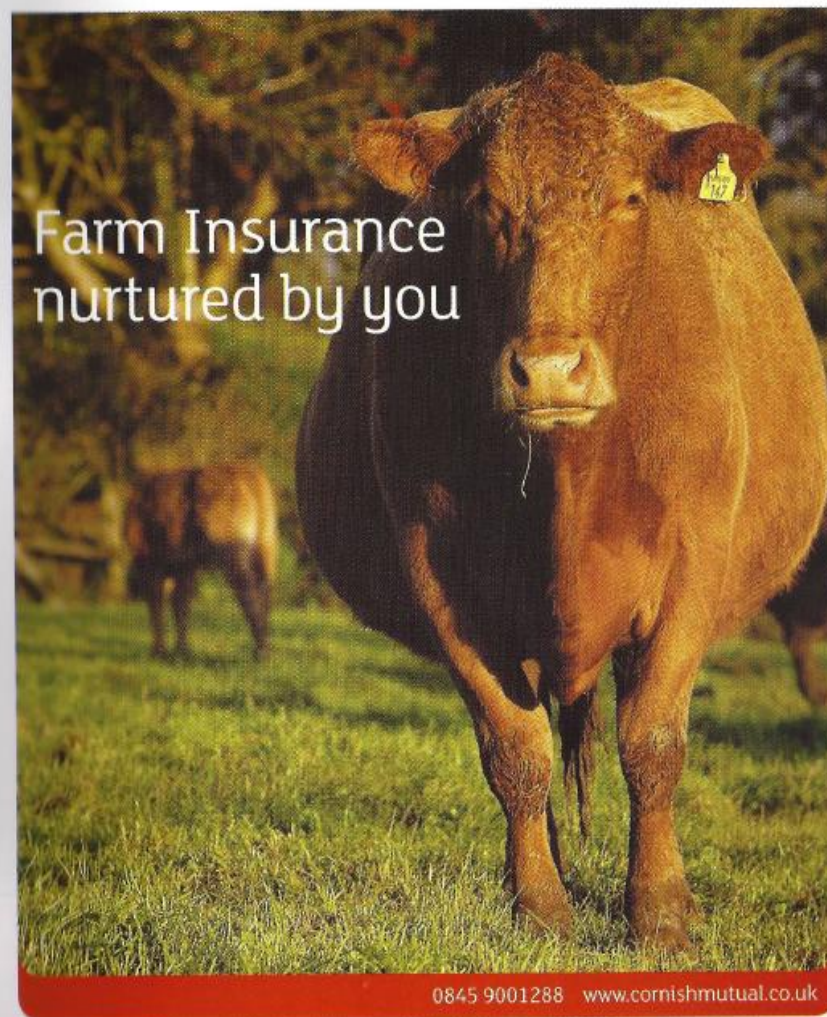
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