



Welcome from the Chairman

As I write, the curtain has come down on the Rugby World Cup. It's been an outstanding tournament drawing together players and fans from around the world through one common thread – a love of rugby. It occurred to me that

– with the common thread of an education in Worcestershire - is an even more diverse group with alumni in 2015 scattered all over the globe.

their studies at Bromsgrove, with the

the opportunity to travel and pursue their careers on the international stage. In either case it's inspirational to hear how a Bromsgrove education empowers students to go on and really make their mark on the world. Enjoy reading about their exploits and make sure that you tell us about yours too.

HANS ROSTRUP
CHAIRMAN

Reunited: Old Bromsgrovians at the Pre-1960s Reunion enjoy a tour of the School with current pupils

The school

I count myself in nothing else so happy

As in a soul remembering my good friends.

(Richard II)

There's nothing more tiresome to a teenager than a Headmaster trying to tell them what will one day come to pass. The adolescent brain is hardwired for 'now' – the future is an afterthought. Promises that hard work pays off, bad habits become ingrained, digital indiscretions come back to haunt and broken hearts mend - all usually fall upon deaf ears. Accordingly, I try not to patronize our pupils by constantly predicting their future for them.

However, on one issue it's hard to bite my tongue. The friendships they form at Bromsgrove will sustain them for a lifetime and I unashamedly remind them of that at any opportunity.

At every reunion that we host, evidence

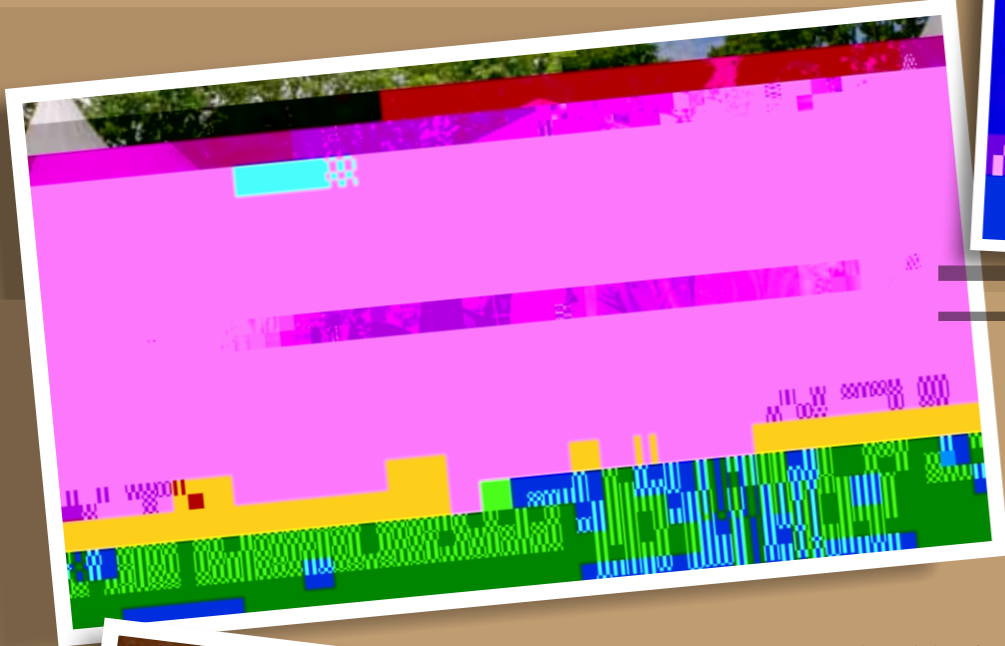
years before to those who recall life at Bromsgrove during the War, all are shaped by those fellows with whom they shared a class, a meal, a dorm, a triumph or a defeat. Whatever other relationships we form in life, our earliest and most formative are forged at

community.

PETER CLAGUE
HEADMASTER

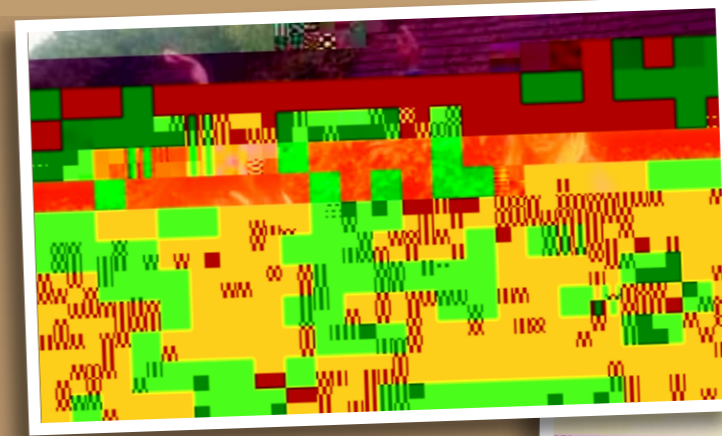
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A LOOK BACK AT THE ACADEMIC YEAR



production of the year.

celebrated their superb exam results over



Remembrance Day 2014 was a poignant occasion this year, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of WWI.

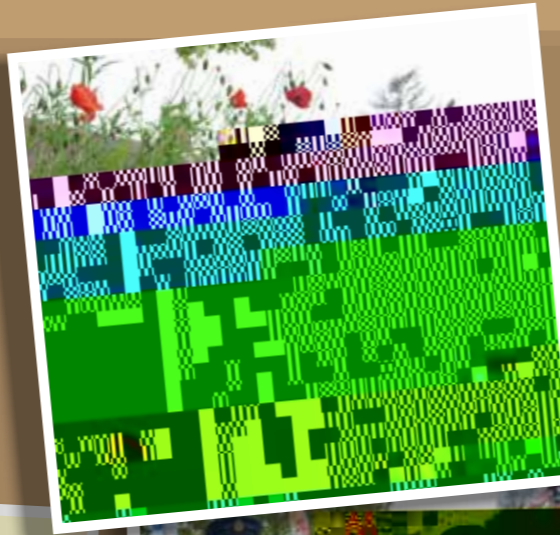
CCF cadets planted a memorial garden near the Armoury to remember the thousands of soldiers killed in the Wars.



The dining room, originally opened in 1965 by The Queen Mother, has undergone a complete transformation over the last 12

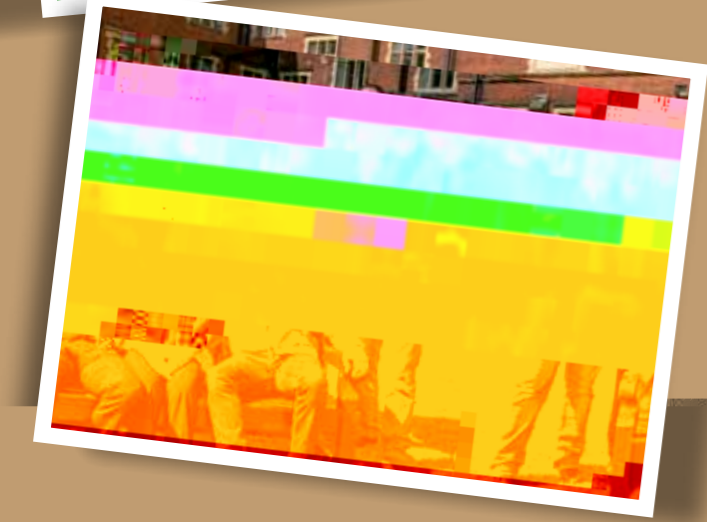
Bromsgrovians joined together

Commemoration Day. We were particularly delighted to welcome a group of former pupils from Wendron-Gordon who were celebrating their 20th anniversary.

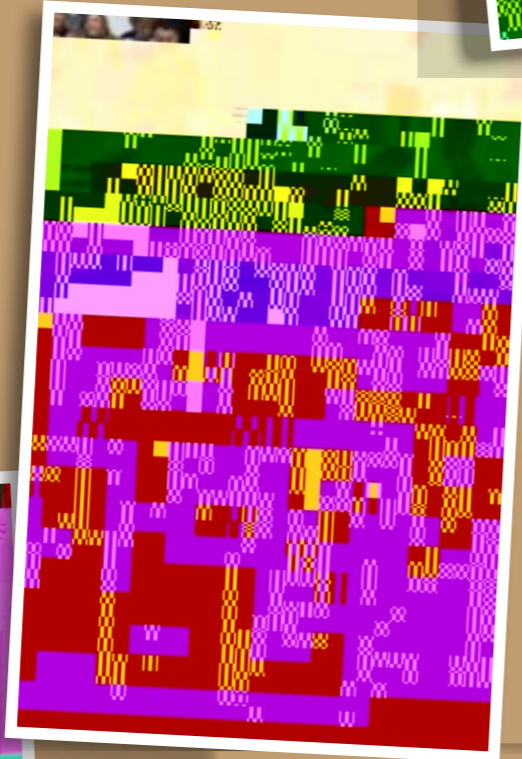


Houses to undergo refurbishment over the summer of 2015, re-opened and was ready for business at the

Thomas Cookes, the oldest House on campus, is now undergoing its own extensive refurbishment works.



The cast of LEAR Inc. performed a six-day run of the drama production at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2015. They were delighted to see a number of the audience.



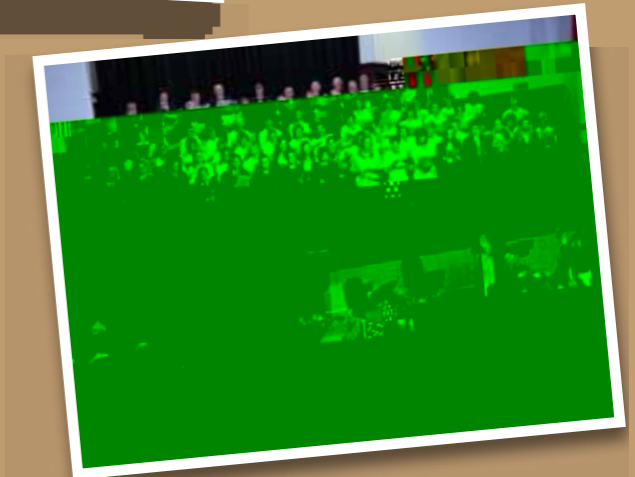
A momentous occasion for the whole school occurred in March 2015 - the Cup at Twickenham, playing against



Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine as well as Ralph Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical



the partnership with the Bromsgrove International Young Musicians' Competition (BIYMC), holding their four-day music competition in Routh Hall.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2014



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FIND OUT WHAT OLD BROMSGROVIANS FROM YOUR ERA ARE DOING NOW

Elmshurst Philip Langford and Philip Hobson

were born on the same day, joined

same time and later went into the Law profession together. They have remained lifelong friends. During their visit to Bromsgrove, Mr Langford and

with a current Elmshurst pupil and also met with the Deputy Headmaster, Philip Bowen. They later attended the History

where they reminisced about their school days.



Brian Scriven

like to connect with Bromsgrovians who share his ideas and values. Brian left the school in 1950 and says that Bromsgrove gave him a strong, modern and rational education. He particularly remembers the history teacher Mr W.G. Holmes.

In 2010 Brian wrote a book entitled Buckley's Testament; What to believe when you stop believing in God which explores instinctive morality. As a result of writing the book, Brian says that he lost religion but gained a faith - and

Bromsgrovians who share his ideas. If you would like to get in touch, please email Brian at fbscriven@gmail.com



Alex Cook (1997-2001) was presented

against the team on a stop over ahead of their tour to Australia in July 2015. Unfortunately Alex was away

and the tie was given to him after the

he has gained 2 caps (1 try) to date. He remembers his own rugby tour to Australia with Bromsgrove in 2000, and says that 15 years later it's nice to see history repeat itself.

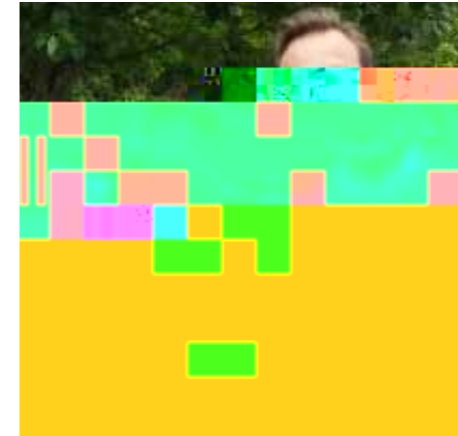
Philip Mennie (1999-2005) visited Bromsgrove during the summer term with his wife and daughter to look



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Charlie Clemmow (1997-2004) visited

Hoffman, talking about their media careers. As well as being a cameraman, Ben is a wildlife documentary maker and Charlie enjoys a successful stage and television career.



Mad Cap Theatre Productions, run by Emma Hobday

at the Artrix in Bromsgrove at the end of May and also enjoyed a short run of UK theatres with their show, Postcards from the Seaside. The part of Lester Duvall was played by Nick Baldock (the brother of current member of staff Kate Linehan, née Baldock), who

she was at Bromsgrove so she is now enjoying the reversal of roles!



We recently discovered this feature in Now magazine, with Ollie Frost (2006-

Brian Scriven, Philip Mennie, Alex Cook, Charlie Clemmow, Emma Hobday, Nick Baldock, Ollie Frost, Ben Hoffman, Kate Linehan, and Philip Bowen.

Congratulations to **Anna Perrott** (2007) who recently informed us that she was nominated, and later chosen, as one of 'Tomorrows Travel Leaders Today 30 under 30'. Anna works as a cruise company.

Alex McIntosh (1996-2004) kindly offered his expertise and advice to current pupils interested in a career in banking. Alex is currently Relationship Director at Barclays Personal and Corporate Banking.

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Katie Hile
as Business Producer at the BBC

recorded an interview with the Prime Minister of Malta on Radio 4.

Adriana Voloshchuk (2001-2006) and her colleague Valeria Tkachenko interviewed international students about their views on a proposed student helpline. The initiative, to be run by the company, Ubiquitor, aims to help Russian speaking pupils with issues they might face when moving to the UK.

L Melton

Nishil Thakrar (1997-2002) has launched a new men's clothing venture,

Centre, Birmingham. We wish Nishil the very best of luck and look forward to visiting the new shop soon!

Sam Waltier (2007-2012) made his debut performance in the England

edge out their opponents, Wales, taking

Coach, Ian Davies was particularly

saying that he "kept the team moving throughout the match".

School

Simon Bucknall (1990-1995) enthralled and entertained Fifth Form pupils with his public speaking workshop in Routh Hall at the beginning

Thomas Cookes

We were thrilled to hear from **Ally Taft**
Glyn Harry

Thomas Cookes

Olivia Safe (1992-1994) performed conductor Jules Buckley for the Late

congratulations on her engagement to partner Duncan Patrick.



Claire McCahill (1997-2002) took

April 2015. Her 'jaunt' as Claire calls it, raised £6500 for Walking with the Wounded.

The race took place in the Moroccan running a total of 250km. There were 1400 runners in the group and

rying their own sleeping bag, food and

During the 5th stage of the marathon, Claire recorded a sub 5 hour marathon, coming in as 9th woman and 171st overall for the stage, despite having to squeeze her blistered and battered feet into her shoes.

This is such an enormous achievement, and we congratulate Claire on her successful completion of the race.

Wales

Greg Simpson (1999-2010) recently graduated with a 2.1 Masters in Chemistry from Newcastle University.



Oliver Thomas (2007-2012) returned to Bromsgrove to talk to pupils about life

studying Medicine at Peninsula Medical

The talks, organised by the Careers Department, provide invaluable 'insider'

or former/current parents would like to help out in other sectors, please get in touch.



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Josh Gupta (2010-2013) met up with Ollie Strong (2011-2013) at

completing his phase 1 training and he is now at Gibraltar Barracks to continue his phase 2 training in the Royal Engineers.



Philip Rowse (2006-2014) undertook his GAP Year at Disney World in

Disney, Philip attended classes held at the Disney University, where he learnt about Walt's dream and how the company strives for perfection. Now back in the UK, Philip has begun his course at the University of Leeds reading Economics and Geography.

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Miss Scannell (Assistant Head) met up with Mlle Emmanuelle Rochefort in Ho Chi Minh City. Mlle Rochefort

until 2006 and is now responsible for External Relations at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers in Paris.



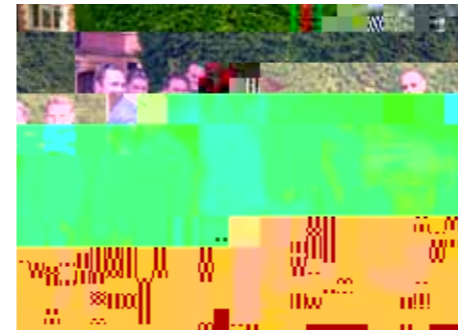
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A group of former pupils from Wendron-Gordon organised a special visit to the

June 2015) to celebrate their 20th year of leaving Bromsgrove.

Andrew Cowley (1990-

study and bedroom!



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Llanwrtyd Wells

Former pupils of Bromsgrove, who were exiled to Llanwrtyd Wells during WWII,

special celebratory lunch.

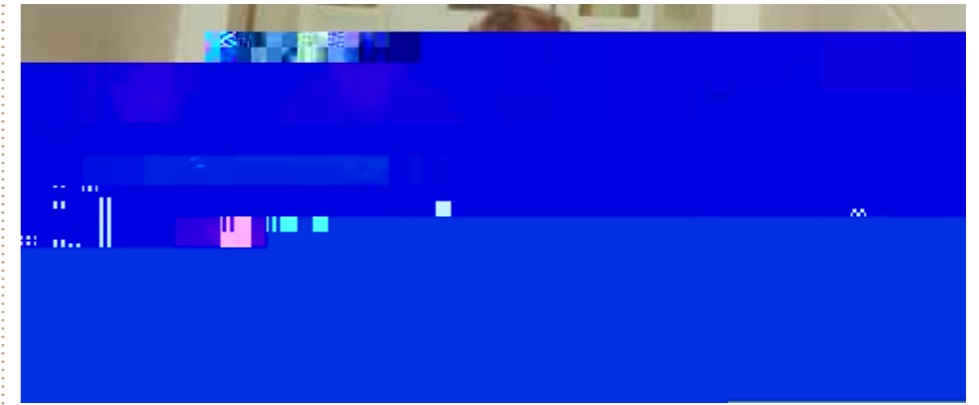
not seen each other since their school

Chapel. Photographs and record books were on display where guests were able to spot their own names and faces.

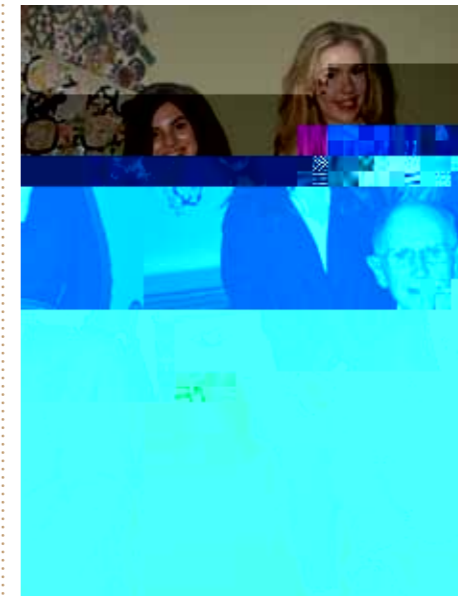
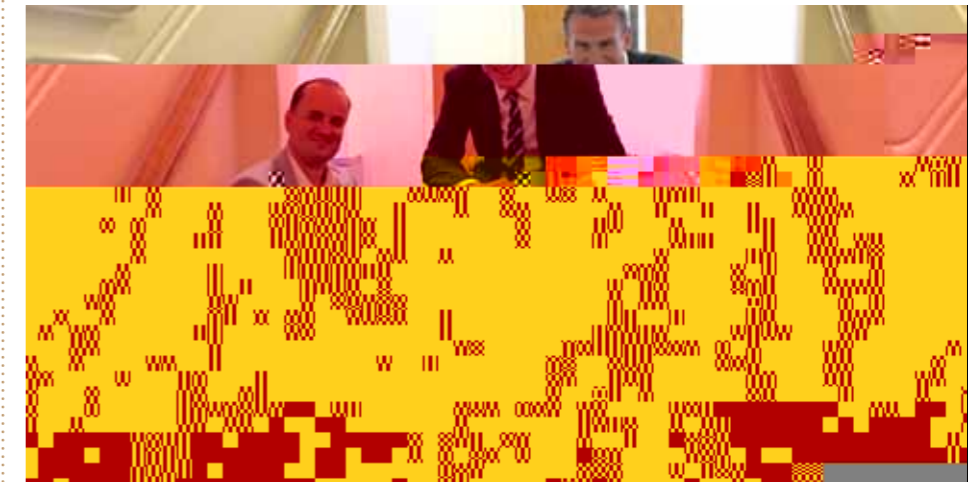
At the end of the day some of our guests kindly recorded their memories of Llanwrtyd Wells and Bromsgrove with the History Department and current pupils. These oral history recordings will

will enrich the teaching and learning of

come.



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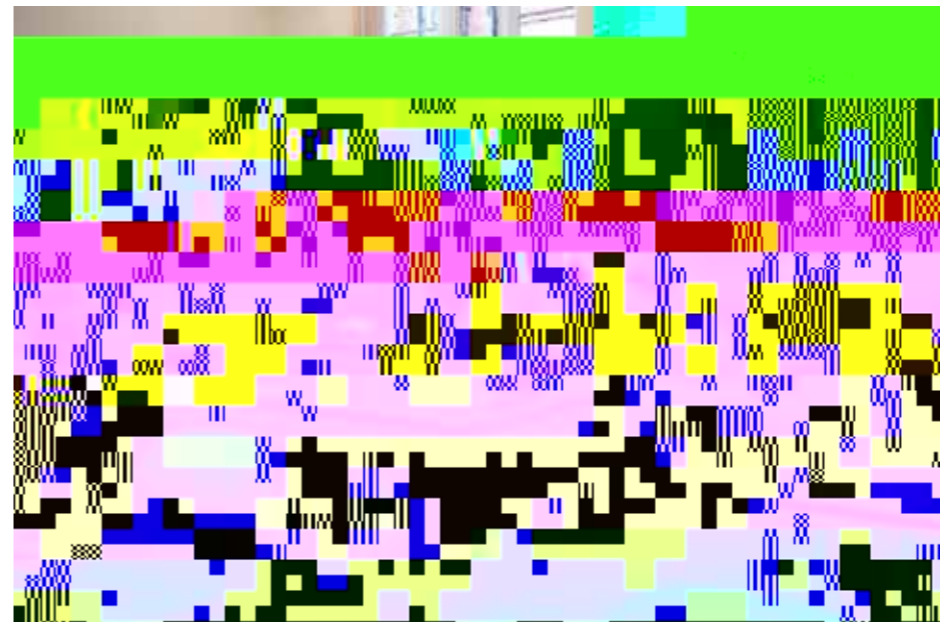


Andrew Campbell (W 1967-1972) and Jenny Bossard (née Gricks, Ws 1972-1974) along with Nikki Thorpe

in Llanwrtyd Wells for the poignant

with Llanwrtyd Wells and we thank Andrew and Jenny for their support in

soldiers who are commemorated in the Welsh town.



A Lesson for OBs

they visited Bromsgrove for a meeting.

class were:
Patrick Firminger (Ly 1969-1977)
Robert Biddle (G 1952-1956)

David Cariss (E 1949-1953)

Hugh Furber (E 1953-1957)
Tim Powell (L 1952-1956)

With thanks to Mark Gunton (Ws 1977-1982) for the photograph and words!



President's Dinner

The Bromsgrovian Club President's Dinner, hosted by Paddy Firminger (Lu 1943-1947) was held at the Bank House Hotel near Worcester in November 2014.

The Headmaster, Peter Clague, was the

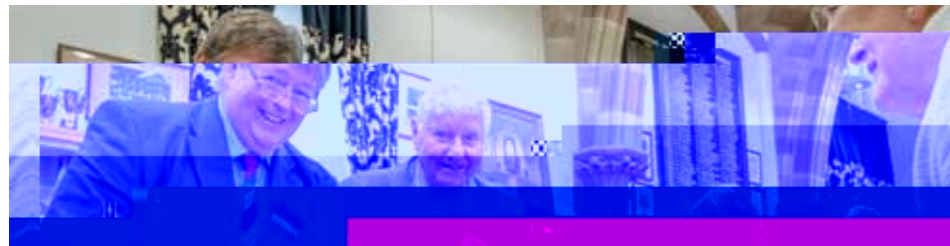
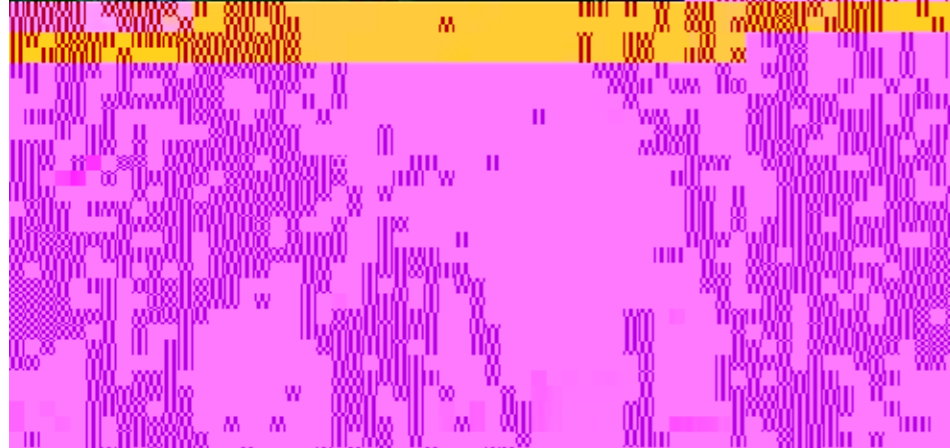
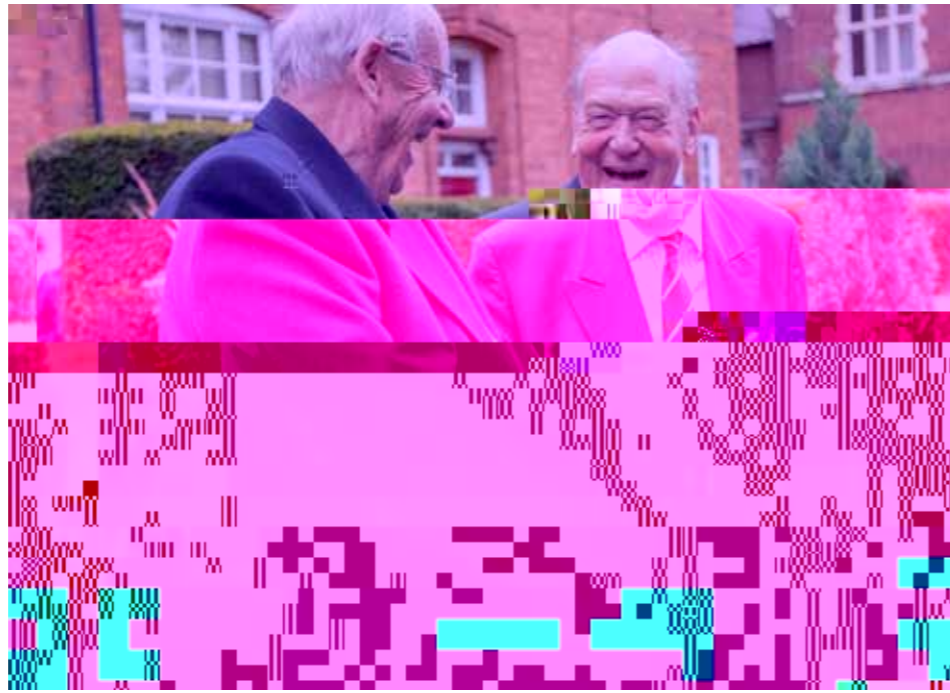
Bromsgrovians, their partners and guests to what was a very enjoyable evening, with many people commenting on the excellent venue.

Parents Reunion

prior to 1960, and for some it had been 50 years since they had been back to Bromsgrove.

Guests were welcomed with a service in the Memorial Chapel, complete

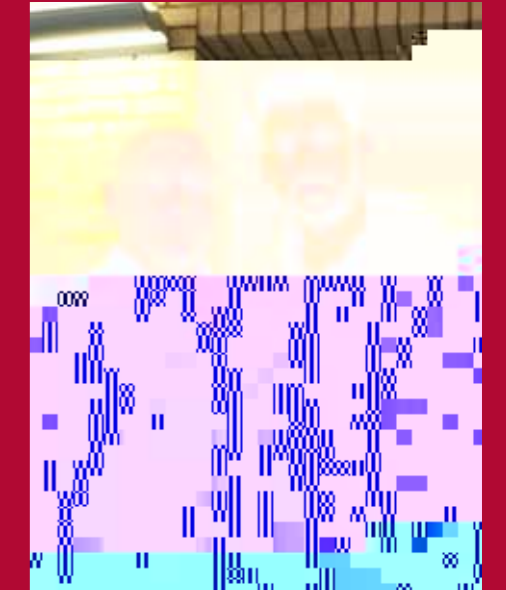
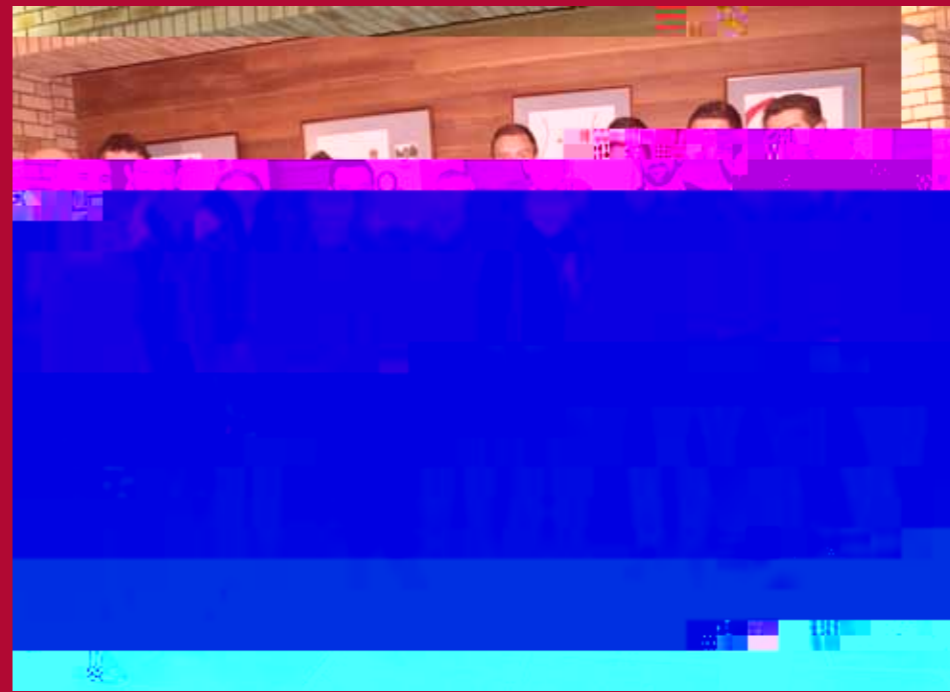
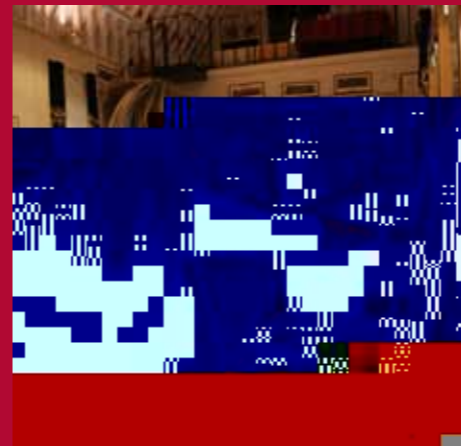
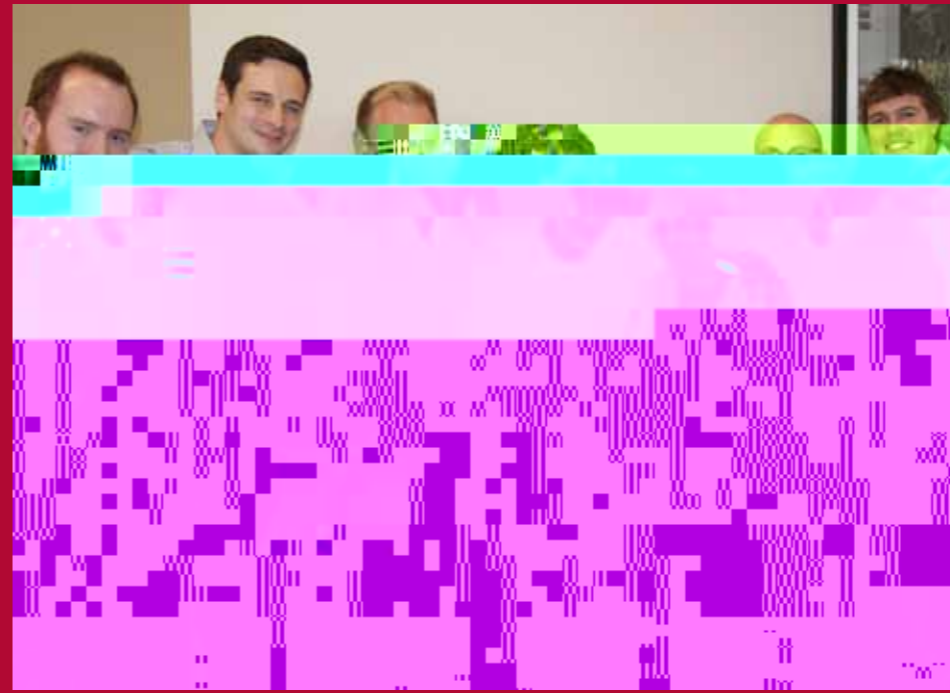
pupils, enjoyed reminiscing with their contemporaries over lunch and were thrilled with a rugby game - watching from the sidelines as Bromsgrove beat



Leavers Reunion

to welcome almost 40 leavers for a

Headmaster and members of staff. Many were stunned and delighted by the developments that had taken place since leaving, and tales were regaled of their time at Bromsgrove over lunch.



Cookes House Reunion

in November 2015 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Cookes House.

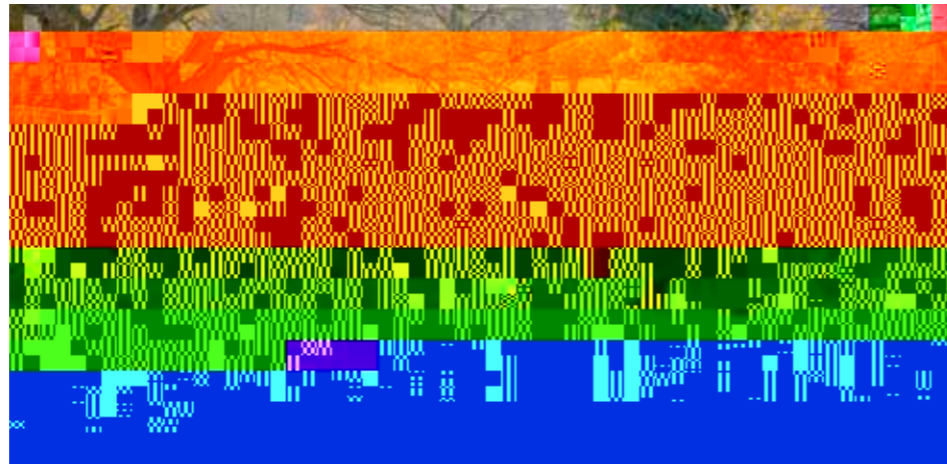
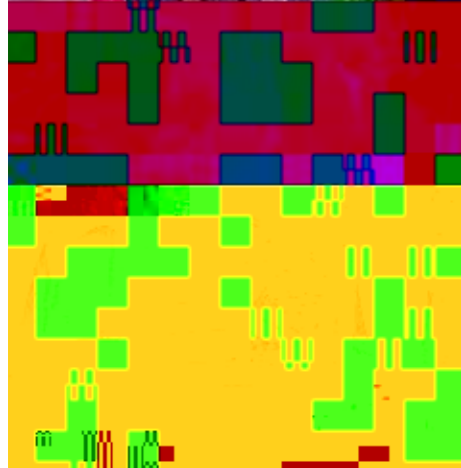
Cookes House, led by Mr and Mrs

when in 1972 the House split into Lyttelton and Walters.

During tours of the current Thomas

(which some still believe is haunted) and recounted tales of their school days whilst looking around Cookes Room, their former library. Guests later sat

where the reminiscences continued.



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Mr Bowen Retires

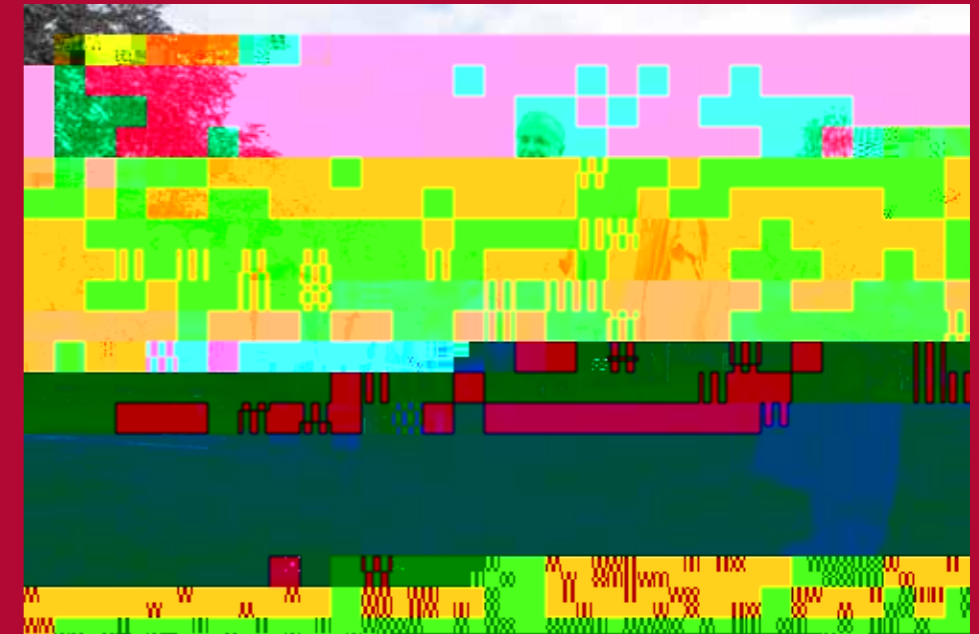
Bowen retired after more than 34

including the years before when he

Present day were in attendance at a special event, held in the Hospitality

however took place on Commemoration

generations came together and wished Mr Bowen a fond farewell.



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The **Alumni Committee**

and who would be willing to assist with keeping other former pupils connected

As our Alumni are now spread out all over the world and could be aged

huge task to remain relevant to such a diverse group.

events (whether here or in their own countries) and with your help, we'd like to see this grow and develop. With our new database recently launched, we

Hong Kong get-together

Head) and Peter Ruben (Deputy Head Academic) were in **Hong Kong** for the

informal get-together in Dickins Bar at The Excelsior Hotel.

It was a delight to see **Charles Tsai** (WG pupils to attend Bromsgrove from Hong Kong.

Two former students **Edmund To** (WG 99-04) and **Katy Chung** have set up a Bromsgrovian Hong Kong Facebook Group in the hope of facilitating further events and contact

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE BROMSGROVE ALUMNI OFFICE

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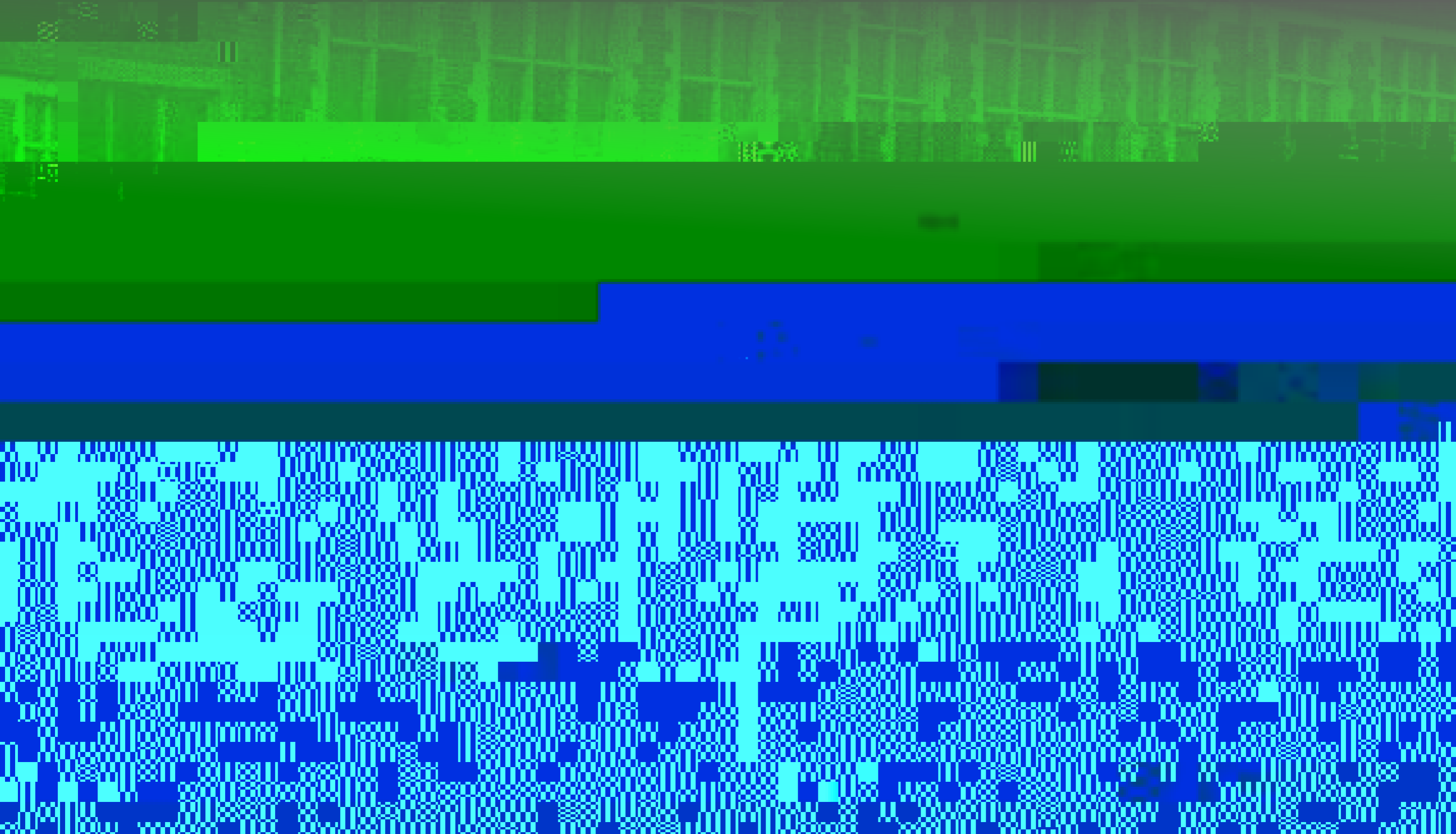
We're delighted to welcome **Archivist, Nikki Thorpe** to Bromsgrove. Nikki joins us from the Library of Birmingham where she worked as Collections Curator.

Nikki will be working closely with the

as cataloguing the existing archives which have been collected through the centuries.

If you have any stories or memorabilia which you would like to share with the

In this photograph, the Headmaster D.J. Walters is shown with guests in front of Kytless.



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Re College Arkin
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and in Cobham House, from 1959 until
short of his 96th birthday.

Obituaies

OLD BROMSGROVIANS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Roger Peirson at the age of

years, always at his side, he lost his battle

his family and friends and was immensely appreciative of everyone's kindness. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Cora; his son, Garnet Peirson (Mary-Ann); daughter,

Dylen and Carson Willis; sister, Carrie Bromell (Martin) and his nephews. Roger is predeceased by his father and mother, Garnet and Barbara Peirson.

Roger was kind, dedicated, loving, brilliant and accomplished. He attended

Business Administration at the University of Birmingham before coming to Canada in 1969.

Roger enjoyed a successful career at

twenty-nine years. Roger had a rich,



Donor Tree

The Donor Tree, which can be found by the stairs leading up to the Hospitality

acknowledging and expressing our appreciation for your support. Donors giving £250 and over can have a bronze, silver or gold leaf engraved.

St Thomas Cookes Legacy Society

those who have made a gift in their wills to Bromsgrove. Members are invited to an annual lunch and a new memory board listing those who have made

will soon be placed alongside the Donor Tree.

If anyone is interested in making a gift in their will to Bromsgrove, please contact

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THANKING OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT DURING   
GIFTS RECEIVED FROM SEPTEMBER   SEPTEMBER  

Cookes

David Baker (63-67)

Ian Gibson (66-71)

Elmshurst

Hugh Furber (52-57)

David Hallchurch (42-47)

Robert Jolly (60-66)

John Kirkus (50-55)

James Leek (57-62)

Tim Mitchell (46-51)

Richard Noake (59-64,
Foundation Chairman)

John Ruck (50-53)

Ben Turvill (93-00)

Alexander Walsh (94-99)

Topper Webb (72-73)

John Withers (51-56)

Gordon

Mark Adams (72-77)

Richard Brook (45-50)

Jeremy Davis (46-54)

Robert Dowler (57-62)

Barry Dumughn (50-55)

John Faull (46-51)

Andrew Fryer (60-64)

Clive Gummow (52-57)

John Illsley (62-67)

Peter Mountford (54-59)

Events

WHAT'S ON AT BROMSGROVE DURING 2020/21