



THE BROADHURST ERA NEWS

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INTRODUCTION TO ISSUE 1 OF THE BROADHURST ERA NEWS

Welcome to the first (of many we hope) issue of the *Broadhurst Era News*. This is a newsletter put together to inform and provide news on fellow students from the Broadhurst Era. The students of that era we think totalled about 616 at our best count. What we would like to do is identify all of them and their current locations, as well as recognising those no longer with us.

We will provide relevant news on current school events that we think will be of interest to this group as well as news from the St Peter's Alumni. What I have found in contacting past students that most have lost contact with many of their peers and in many cases would like to catch up with that old classmate and we will endeavour to provide the means for this.

The students from the Broadhurst Era shared a unique experience and it comes through from almost all of them and that is the love of music that was instilled in them by Arthur Broadhurst and how that helped to shape their future lives no matter what direction it took.

The success of future issues of this newsletter will be to a large degree dependent on the future input from you. We need your help with stories and news that you think will be of interest to your peers. We would also like you to provide a profile on yourself and what has transpired in your life since leaving St Peter's (we would invite you to allow publication of contact details so fellow Alumni can contact you if they wish, and of course an optional photo, either current or from school days). Also any help in locating our missing numbers would be appreciated. See the contact details on this newsletter for submitting contributions.

And of course, as covered in this newsletter, the upcoming reunion to honour Arthur Broadhurst will be a great opportunity to reconnect in a social environment with old friends.



ST PETER'S
CAMBRIDGE
NEW ZEALAND

ALUMNI SUMMARY

The students from the Broadhurst Era (1936 - 1960) by nature are a clearly defined and limited group of special people who had the privilege of being instrumental in laying a foundation and philosophy that still holds true. The School aims to educate "Body, Mind and Spirit" and still has a strong focus on music. It was a past student Richard Wrightson (1950 to 1953) on a visit to the school who said *"the school still adheres to the traditional values of schooling but provides educational opportunities that are cutting edge and relevant."*

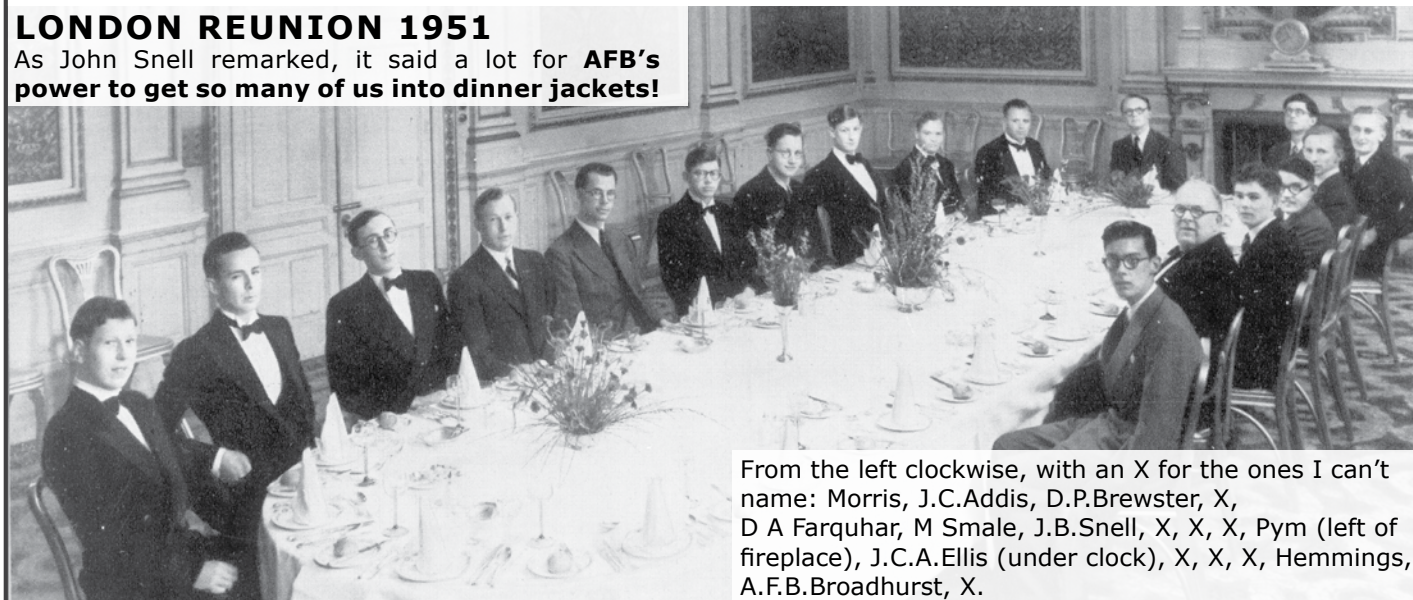
We have identified a total of 616 pupils who attended during this period. Unfortunately we have recorded 136 positive deceased (but suspect more in our unidentified list).

We have current contact details in the form of either/and postal addresses and email addresses for a further 280. We are working to increase this from the pool of unknown contact details which number 190 (but of these we have possible addresses and contacts for about 20). We are just waiting on verification and several who we believe are deceased which we are waiting confirmation on.

In our newsletters we will provide details of some missing and some of the deceased. (We will aim to have a full list of both available on the website, it is currently available on request).

LONDON REUNION 1951

As John Snell remarked, it said a lot for **AFB's power to get so many of us into dinner jackets!**



From the left clockwise, with an X for the ones I can't name: Morris, J.C.Addis, D.P.Brewster, X, D A Farquhar, M Smale, J.B.Snell, X, X, X, Pym (left of fireplace), J.C.A.Ellis (under clock), X, X, X, Hemmings, A.F.B.Broadhurst, X.

JEREMY ADDIS (1942 - 1945)

The war considerably ended when my primary education was also finished, and from 1945 to 1948 I was at Gresham's School in Norfolk, which in many respects was not unlike St Peter's.

There was an orchestra that made enough noise to drown my viola, and school plays which left me with an abiding love of the stage.

I served the then compulsory two years of 'national service' in the RAF, hoping to be selected as aircrew, as I had just earned my private pilot's licence, but instead became an 'Assistant Education Officer'.

David Brewster late of St Peter's was doing his service in the army only a few miles from my station and I motor biked

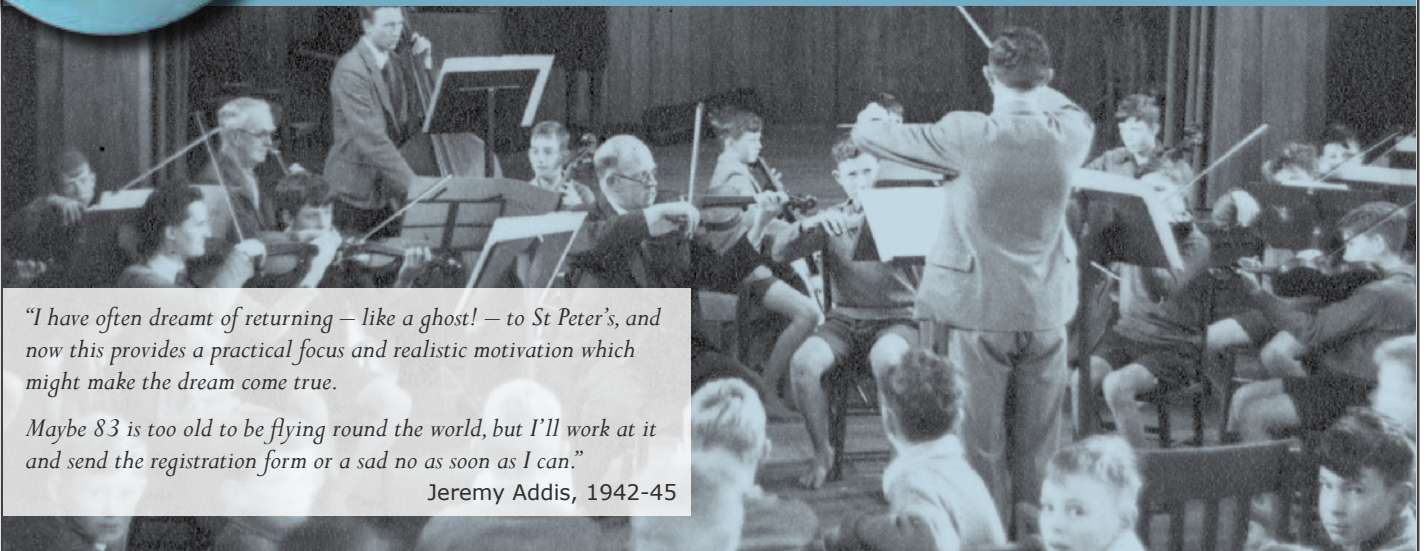
over complete with viola to make a quartet of his trio, but made such an embarrassing mess of sight-reading, that I promptly sold the instrument and so ended my musical career. Did Brewster really become a bishop?

Self-taught, I started a shoestring printing business in London and, not long after marrying and begetting three sons in five years, accepted the inevitable and looked for a job – which brought me to a publishing house in Dublin. As a spare-time occupation in 1976 I started a monthly reviewing magazine, Books Ireland, and with Arts Council subsidy this became my full-time job in 1990.

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THE BROADHURST YEARS 1936 - 1960 REUNION 7 - 9 April 2015



"I have often dreamt of returning – like a ghost! – to St Peter's, and now this provides a practical focus and realistic motivation which might make the dream come true.

Maybe 83 is too old to be flying round the world, but I'll work at it and send the registration form or a sad no as soon as I can."

Jeremy Addis, 1942-45

The above is an extract from an email from Jeremy that was sent by return on receipt of the advice of the reunion. It seems to encompass what this reunion will be all about. It is about the celebration of the Broadhurst Years, a chance for the Alumni to come together and relive some of their experiences that shaped their lives.

We have tried to fit a programme that will be of real interest and will be a focus on the things that were important to you in your time at St Peter's. We will have displays, talks and walks that explore what St Peter's was like and what made it so important to those who were there.

And of course it will be a chance to renew friendships with those who are there (and you may not have met since leaving the School), and to talk about those that are not there for whatever the reason "age waits for no one". So why not grab the opportunity while it is here, and come and help us make the event a success. Forget any perceived problems that you think may prevent you coming, overcome any uncertainty and help us all together celebrate your time at St Peter's and

remember the generosity of Arthur Broadhurst who made it all possible. His dream is still alive and well and being recognised in the day to day operation of the School today.

The whole event will be a relaxed affair that will allow you to soak up the memories and the friendships one more time.

And the writers response to the quote from Jeremy that opened this article:

"Thanks a lot for those comments. We would love to have you there and show off the school. We are hoping there will be many 'ghosts' returning from your years. So why not be one of the 'returning ghosts' and again walk the corridors and dormitories, eat in the dining room and spend time in the chapel."

If you want to discuss anything on the reunion or get particulars please contact:

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Neil McLaughlin**

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NEW JUNIOR (PREP) SCHOOL BLOCK OPENING

It was a special occasion on 6 June 2014 when we officially opened the school's Junior Block, a ten classroom facility built in the area between the Chapel and the Kahikatea stand.

The event marked more than the opening of a new building – it signified St Peter's coming full circle in its classroom rebuilding cycle.

St Peter's opened in 1936 as a preparatory boys' boarding school, the legacy of which lives on with what is still called the 'Prep School' for our Year 7 and 8 students. Up until last year, our Prep students were still being taught in the original classroom building.

Seventy eight years on, our 1936 students would barely recognise the classroom environment in our stunning new Junior Block.

At the building's heart is an open plan atrium which extends to ten classrooms and opens out to an outdoor space overlooking the school's pond and Kahikatea stand.

The building has been designed to be flexible and interactive, with large glass walls and doors which slide open or closed to create larger or more intimate work spaces. The colourful furniture can be pulled apart and pushed together in multiple ways and even the whiteboards, projectors and touch screen computers are mobile.

Speaking at the opening, Principal Steve Robb thanked the St Peter's Trust Board for their vision and commitment in

making this project happen. The innovative design took 38 drafts to perfect and, while drawing inspiration from the original Lippincott design of St Peter's, represents a markedly different building style for the school.

The result is a magnificent new building which is distinctly modern, functional, energy-efficient and perfectly suited to our junior students.

Invited to open the building were members of the Eyre family, who have been part of St Peter's since day one with Colin and Henry Eyre attending the school as first day boys in 1936 and '37.

Over the years 11 members of the Eyre family have attended St Peter's. Mark Eyre, who is both a past student and a former teacher at the school, shared with those gathered at the opening his family's experiences at the school throughout the years, giving an insight to what it was like to be here over the decades.

After a blessing of the building, guests proceeded inside for the Vallentine Room dedication. The room has been named in memory of Richard "Dick" Vallentine, one of the school's first pupils.



Cutting the ribbon: Four generations of the Eyre family officially opened the Junior Block – from left to right: Philipa Hickson and daughter Zoe, Gaylene Eyre, Colin Eyre, Loris Eyre, Mark Eyre and Bradley Eyre.

FRED EINSTEIN (1948 - 1953)

1959-65, University of Canterbury, NZ. BSc (1962),
MSc (1963), PhD (1965)

Summers: Tasman Pulp and Paper, Kawerau (58-9)
CSR, Chelsea, Auckland (60-1)

1965-67 University of British Columbia, Vancouver
Summer '67: travel in Europe

1967-2000 Department of Chemistry, Simon Fraser
University. Thanks to Jack Monigatti (KC)!
(Visited him in 2004.)

Retired.. Professor Emeritus

300+ refereed publications etc

Sabbaticals: '83 and '88 Oxford (Oriel)

'93 Hoffmann La Roche, Basel, Switzerland

Personal

Married 1965 Judith Tripney (Geraldine, NZ)

1969 David (son)- GD Katherine GS Thomas

1972 Susan (daughter)- GS Mattias

Hobbies

Travel (International) and day hiking
(walking, not quite tramping)

Music -mainly classical some folk
(thanks AFB and LCMS(KC))

Bridge

Investment management

Contact: einstein@sfu.ca phone 604 777 9460.

PETER MCK SMITH MI (1950-1955)

1956-60

Sec.education at King's College

1961-3

Completed B.A. in History and educational theory and
Dip.Ed. at Auckland University

1964

Attended Ak. Sec. Teachers'College. Dip. Tchg.

1965-7

Completed "country service" at Taupo-Nui-a-Tia college.

1968-9

Tour guide in Europe and N. Africa.

1970

Started long career at Glenfield College on Auckland's
North Shore. Married, two children: Natalie and Duncan.
Deputy Principal 1982-2001.

1982-86

Old Boys' Rep. on St Peter's Board of Governors.

Now retired and relief teaching at
Takapuna Grammar school.

Plus Devonport Rotary and fishing.

Most important contribution that St Peter's
made to my life?

A.F.B. and music: many stage productions, choirs including
Bach Musica, Musica Sacra and currently
the Orlando Singers.

Structa Saxo,
Peter S.

DICK VALLENTINE (1936-1937)

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD (DICK) VALLENTINE
16 APRIL 1923 – 25 NOVEMBER 2012

One of the school's first pupils, Richard (Dick) Vallentine attended St Peter's in 1936 and 1937. Richard looked back fondly on his time here and left the school a substantial donation on his passing in 2012. Richard's generosity has not only helped fund the new Junior Block, but also enabled the school to offer several 'Vallentine Scholarships' to Year 7 and 8 students.

Richard led a varied life during his 89 years. After he finished school, he enlisted in the RNZAF in 1942 and after receiving his training at Wigram was based in Canada during WW2. Following the war, he returned to New Zealand and followed his father's footsteps into the mining industry, graduating from the Otago School of Mines in 1949.

Richard married Patricia (Pat) Thorburn in 1950 and together they embarked for Africa, where they would reside for nearly three decades. Richard joined Luanshya mine in 1950, in what was then known as Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia). His subsequent promotions took him to the position of mine superintendent in 1965 and assistant manager in 1967. He was appointed manager at Mufulira copper mines in 1969. In 1976 Richard and Pat made the move to Botswana, where Richard took up the position of general manager for BCL Ltd.

Richard and Pat returned to New Zealand in 1979 and lived in Nelson, while he continued to work as a mine consultant. After a stint in Port Douglas, Australia, in the late 1980s, Richard eventually settled in Tauranga for his retirement.

Richard travelled extensively throughout Africa, as well as abroad, and his family recall viewing many slides of African game and scenery from his travels. He was also a keen fly fisherman, photographer and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Richard was pre-deceased by Pat and the couple had no children.



DECEASED ALUMNI

We have 136 deceased Alumni for this era and below we have listed some of these. These are the ones where we have known dates of death between 1st January 2006 and 30th September 2014. We will publish further names in the next newsletter.

If anyone would like a full list please contact Neil McLaughlin who can post or email one.

Surname	Given 1	Given 2	Entry	Left	Deceased
Blomfield	J.L.		1/01/1936	31/12/1936	20/03/2006
Brockway	Rex	Hotstam	1/01/1953	31/12/1958	1/01/2007
Bush	Richard	Thomson	1/01/1938	31/12/1941	4/02/2011
Caldwell	G L		1/01/1936	31/12/1936	20/03/2006
Clist	Martin	Steadman	1/01/1954	31/12/1957	20/05/2014
Collinson	David	Allan	1/01/1958	31/12/1960	1/01/2011
Cox	Peter	Seymour	1/01/1957	31/12/1959	10/02/2012
Davis	Ian	Murray	1/01/1937	31/12/1939	17/03/2007
Dick	Ian		1/01/1941	31/12/1943	25/03/2013
Edmundson	Nigel	Graham	1/01/1947	31/12/1950	26/05/2014
Ellis	John	David Otley	1/01/1936	31/12/1938	11/07/2009
Ellis	Lloyd	Percy	1/01/1936	31/12/1936	4/08/2007
Fairclough	John	Foster	1/01/1936	31/12/1940	7/03/2012
Farquhar	David	Andross	1/01/1936	31/12/1941	8/05/2007
Firth	David	Clifton	1/01/1948	31/12/1953	26/06/2014
Franzen	Arvid	James	1/01/1943	31/12/1947	19/04/2010
Gentles	John	Lewis	1/01/1936	31/12/1941	15/01/2012
Gibson QC	John	Alexander	1/01/1946	31/12/1950	19/06/2009
Grant	Graeme	McIntosh	1/01/1936	31/12/1940	29/06/2009
Grant	John	McIntosh	1/01/1936	31/12/1939	27/11/2012
Grant	Robert	McIntosh	1/01/1938	31/12/1942	20/02/2012
Gunson	Alexander	Timothy	1/01/1947	31/12/1953	20/11/2009
Harlen	Graeme	Anthony	1/01/1947	31/12/1951	21/08/2008
Heim	Peter		1/01/1944	31/12/1946	5/10/2012
Land	Rodney	Brock	1/01/1942	31/12/1946	8/05/2011
McCallum	John		1/01/1940	31/12/1942	19/02/2012
Meikle	Peter	Glenn	1/01/1955	31/12/1959	20/09/2013
Montague-Ebbs	Peter		1/01/1955	31/12/1958	4/04/2014
Orr	Alexander	Benjamin	1/01/1936	31/12/1937	28/04/2008
Overington	Don	Augustus	1/01/1944	31/12/1944	3/06/2012
Pope	Jeremy	David	1/01/1947	31/12/1952	29/08/2012
Riddell	Ross	Henry	1/01/1945	31/12/1947	29/10/2007
Riddet	Colin	Lang	1/01/1940	31/12/1945	16/12/2008
Sainty	Ivan	Raeburn	1/01/1940	31/12/1942	15/08/2008
Searle	Shayle	Robert	1/01/1937	31/12/1941	18/02/2013
Smale	Michael		1/01/1936	31/12/1940	20/03/2006
Snell	John	Bernard	1/01/1940	31/12/1945	3/01/2014
Tarte	Adrian	Rood	1/01/1939	31/12/1941	20/01/2012
Thatcher	Neil	Campbell	1/01/1942	31/12/1946	10/03/2012
Thomson	David	Osborn	1/01/1937	31/12/1942	5/12/2010
Tong	Alan	Bruce	1/01/1957	31/12/1958	1/08/2014
Tothill	Roger	Mortimer	1/01/1937	31/12/1942	6/02/2010
Tompkins	Antony	Arthur	1/01/1946	31/12/1950	18/04/2010
Trimmer	Ross	McLean	1/01/1941	31/12/1943	18/05/2007
Urquhart	Alexander	Augustus	1/01/1937	31/12/1941	25/09/2006
Vosper	William	Nelson	1/01/1936	31/12/1937	1/06/2011
Wake	John	Hereward	1/01/1936	31/12/1938	27/02/2014
Whitney	Chisholm	John	1/01/1936	31/12/1938	20/03/2006
Wing	Alan	Armstrong	1/01/1943	31/12/1944	6/09/2007
Woodhouse	Randal	Heaton	1/01/1939	31/12/1941	27/06/2014

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL. PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT CARD

Name: J. S. Edmundson

Term: 1938.1

BEGINNING OF TERM	HEIGHT		WEIGHT		CHEST		UPPER ARM	FORE ARM	THIGH
	FT	INS	ST	LSB	INS	INS			
	4	4	11	2	26 1/2	26 1/2	7 1/2	7	14 1/2
END OF TERM	4	4 3/4	11	8	27 1/2	26 1/2	8	7	15
INCREASE OR DECREASE		3/4		6	1 1/2	1/2	1/2	-	1

INSTRUCTOR: J. S. Edmundson

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL. PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT CARD

Name: J. G. Edmundson

Term: 1941.1

BEGINNING OF TERM	HEIGHT		WEIGHT		CHEST		UPPER ARM	FORE ARM	THIGH
	FT	INS	ST	LSB	INS	INS			
	4	10 1/2	6	8	30	31 1/2	10 1/2	8 1/2	18 1/2
END OF TERM	4	11	6	13	30 1/2	32	10 1/2	9	19 1/2
INCREASE OR DECREASE		1/2		5	1/2	1/2	1/4	1/4	1

INSTRUCTOR: N. G. Hard

Jo Edmundson's physical development, 1938 to 1941



Gardeners

GRAHAM RUSSELL (MINOR)

1948 – 1953

NO. 6 LIGHT BLUE - BORN 6 JANUARY 1940

I had two brothers (Lance) Russell Major and (Ron) Russell Mus and four McDougall cousins at the school. So together with the five Fitzpatrick brothers we made up a reasonable percentage of the 91 boys at St Peter's.

I did not start until the second term of 1948 due to the polio epidemic when all New Zealand schools were closed. I enjoyed a very long break at our holiday house at Orewa doing very little correspondence and a lot of playing around the rocks

St Peter's for me was like a home away from home where I made long lasting friendships. I have fond memories of time spent on the farm, making huts in the Kaikateas, riding our bikes to Karapiro to watch the dam being built, sports days, confirmation classes in chapel and many memorable times. Even some mischief like stealing the bras of Sister Mary Grant and Ngaire Harvey from the changing room whilst they were swimming.

I still have a book called *"The Stories of Father Brown"* by GK Chesterton given to me by AFB which he signed in the front of the book when I left St Peter's.

From St Peter's I went to King's College from 1954 to 1956. I was in St John's house and enjoyed my time there. I wasn't too bad at running and represented the school in 440yd and 880yd races at the inter-secondary school competitions.

On the weekend 17,18, and 19 October 2014 we celebrated 60 years since starting King's and four of us attending were St Peter's Old Boys. Ross Duder, David Gill, Richard Wrightson and myself.

I was keen to get home onto the family vegetable growing farm. In 1964 I married Helen (Cameron) and we have three daughters who have produced five grandsons and one grand daughter (the youngest). Currently I have four grandsons in St John's house at Kings College. This is in spite of my efforts to encourage them to go to St Peter's. However the much closer proximity to where they live ruled the day.

My career has been growing and exporting vegetables to world markets. I retired in 2002 and am involved in Pukekohe Rotary, Pukekohe Community Action, St Andrews Anglican church, and St Andrews Court (a retirement village) belonging to the church where I am in charge of building new units and maintenance.

Sadly I lost Helen on 30 March 2012 from breast cancer after surviving five and a half years after detection. She lived life to the full right up until the end and together with about twelve of us we had a wonderful week cycling in the McKenzie country. One week later she passed away.

Apart from community activities, some travel and grand children I keep myself fit by riding my bike. I have entered the 200km Conquer Cancer ride again which takes place 15/16 November 2014. Last year our team of three raised \$31,500 which went directly to the Auckland Cancer Research centre.

29 October 2014 - Email: graham@ghr.co.nz



The Life of Arthur Broadhurst Post St Peter's days

For those of you that are lucky enough to have read the 2011 Jubilee Reunion publication

"The Owl Spreads its Wings" you will have seen there is a lot of good coverage of Arthur Broadhurst in his early days before St Peter's. There is also a lot of good information on his time at St Peter's up to 1960, (this information will be part of our displays at the reunion next April).

What is missing is a comprehensive report on his life post St Peter's. As part of the Jubilee planning we thought it appropriate to tackle this task and produce a publication for this period. Richard Cain from the School is researching this and will arrange for it to be published. So what I am asking all of you is if you have any records or memories of interaction with Arthur post 1960 then we would appreciate any information or photos you may have. If he visited you (or you visited him) then we would love to have details & dates to help us fill any missing gaps and to help put a human side to the publication.

**Any information can be sent to
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And I will ensure it gets to Richard

MISSING ALUMNI

We have over just over 190 Alumni that we do not have contact details for. Many pupils here during and shortly after the war years were from the UK and returned there after their schooling. Also we expect a number of these to be deceased. Below we have listed some of these. If you can provide any further information or clues that can help even full Christian names. Please either email neilmcl@xtra.co.nz , or post to PO Box 331520, Takapuna 0740 NZ. Or ph +64 (0) 2161917 We will publish further names in the next newsletter.

Surname	Given 1	Given 2	Entry	Left	Possible Clues
Abbot	R H		1/01/1937	31/12/1938	Was Abbot Armstrong Howie Ak
Adams	R N		1/01/1956	31/12/1957	
Ainsworth-Taylor	J M		1/01/1941	31/12/1942	
Akauola	Hon George		1/01/1943	31/12/1946	Was Tonga - just hard to pin down
Akavola	Inoke	Foyu	1/01/1944	31/12/1945	Was Tonga - just hard to pin down
Allen	B A		1/01/1945	31/12/1948	
Allen	C S		1/01/1955	31/12/1956	
Anderson	John	R F	1/01/1956	31/12/1960	Went to Kings
Anderson	M J D		1/01/1957	31/12/1961	Went to Christs
Angell	J L		1/01/1956	31/12/1956	
Armstrong	Richard	James	1/01/1955	31/12/1957	Went to Hamilton High
Barclay	John	Bernard	1/01/1939	31/12/1942	Went to Wanganui Collegiate
Barnacott	Gary		1/01/1956	31/12/1958	
Barnes	Hugh	Edward Michael	1/01/1941	31/12/1942	Prob UK - Chartered Acct-Sherborne?
Barr	Russell		1/01/1958	31/12/1959	
Barton	R J		1/01/1937	31/12/1939	Prob UK -
Basset-Smith	B J		1/01/1953	31/12/1953	
Baverstock	R G		1/01/1949	31/12/1950	
Bayliss	Thornton		1/01/1960	31/12/1963	
Beckett	G A V		1/01/1949	31/12/1950	Went to Nelson College
Beeson	G B		1/01/1947	31/12/1949	
Bell	S A		1/01/1957	31/12/1958	
Bogie	D C		1/01/1944	31/12/1946	Prob UK -
Bosh	G B		1/01/1956	31/12/1956	
Boyes	W F		1/01/1942	31/12/1943	Went John McGlashan- dunedin
Brewster	David	P	1/01/1939	31/12/1944	Was Geelong - Bishop? Believed deceased?
Buckleton	D G		1/01/1937	31/12/1938	
Bull	Peter	Michael	1/01/1951	31/12/1954	Went to Kings
Burns	Paul		1/01/1959	31/12/1964	
Bush	Greg		1/01/1956	31/12/1956	
Cairns	John	MacDonald	1/01/1952	31/12/1953	Went to Christs
Cameron	Ronald	Douglas	1/01/1938	31/12/1942	Went Wanganui Collegiate
Carroll	Nicholas		1/01/1939	31/12/1944	
Carson	John	Rendle	1/01/1955	31/12/1959	Went to Feilding High
Cencora	P G		1/01/1960	31/12/1962	Went Mt Albert Grammer
Chapman	David	James	1/01/1948	31/12/1952	Went to Kings
Clifton	G.S.		1/01/1947	31/12/1947	
Coates	Desmond	Rodney	1/01/1936	31/12/1937	Went Wanganui Collegiate
Coates	John		1/01/1956	31/12/1957	
Cochrane	Peter	John	1/01/1953	31/12/1957	
Cradwick	Peter	Dennis	1/01/1952	31/12/1956	
Crawford	Reid	Dickson	1/01/1945	31/12/1949	
Croft	J A		1/01/1939	31/12/1940	
Cunningham	D R A		1/01/1942	31/12/1942	
Dally	M J		1/01/1955	31/12/1955	
Danson	Roger	William	1/01/1954	31/12/1957	Went to Lindisfarne
Davies	Lyness	John	1/01/1957	31/12/1961	Went Whangarei High
Denniston	J A		1/01/1957	31/12/1961	
Donnelly	W G		1/01/1946	31/12/1948	
Edgecumbe	George	Spencer John	1/01/1936	31/12/1938	Went Kings- Dentist Te Aroha?
Elliot	M J		1/01/1959	31/12/1961	
Ellis	C M		1/01/1938	31/12/1940	
Evans	R D G		1/01/1956	31/12/1956	
Ewen	M C		1/01/1958	31/12/1962	
Flower	Mark		1/01/1958	31/12/1959	
Frame	Alexander		1/01/1958	31/12/1959	Went Kings

JOHN SNELL (1940-1945)

Born: 1 January 1932 Died: 3 January 2014" - Obituary from the Daily Telegraph

John Snell was a heritage railway enthusiast who left BR to run small gauge steam lines such as the Talyllyn and RH&DR

John Snell, who has died aged 82, was a pioneer of railway preservation, firing the first train on the reborn Talyllyn Railway in 1951 and running the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch for 27 years. A mentor to many as vice-chairman of the Heritage Railway Association, he was also an accomplished railway photographer and author.

Snell's passion for steam was born when, as a 15-year-old schoolboy, he visited the Talyllyn, a North Welsh narrow-gauge line that had been left out of the nationalised British Railways and was on its last legs.

After the death of its owner in 1950, the railway author LTC Rolt set out to rescue the Talyllyn as the world's first volunteer-operated railway. Snell, waiting to go up to Oxford, wrote to Rolt offering his services.

Rolt recalled: *"Though fresh from school and quite unskilled, in looks, manners and sheer height he seemed much older than his age. I could imagine no catastrophe of fire, flood or sudden death dire enough to make John show any excitement or quicken his normal pace... he was to prove a most valuable addition."*

On May 14 1951 Snell was on the footplate of locomotive No 2 Dolgoch, heading the preservationists' first train from Towyn to Abergynolwyn. In 2011 Snell would board Dolgoch again on the 60th anniversary of the re-opening.



John Snell back on the footplate at the Talyllyn after 60 years in 2011.

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