



THE BROADHURST ERA NEWS

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Welcome back to the Newsletter. Doesn't time fly this is the fourth issue and we are still going strong. I must apologise for the stretch in time since the last issue but I have had 10 weeks in the UK, attended a London gathering, met a few Broadhurst Era Old Boys and made a pilgrimage to Lichfield where Arthur died and is buried. There has been a great response and thank you all for the material you are providing to help make it a success.

The gathering in London was a little disappointing as it did clash with an All Blacks world cup game but it was great to have four Broadhurst Era Old Boys there.

As I keep saying we are always in the need of interesting material for future publications so please keep the information and profiles coming (particularly for those unable to attend reunions or gatherings and those that have not been in contact with the school and classmates over the years) as it would be great to have a backlog to publish (an editor's dream). In particular I need to receive any

information on changed circumstances and addresses or if you are aware of the passing of any classmates.

I am receiving such great graphic detail and discussion I feel as if I am getting to know you all personally (and am now able to put many faces to the names) and am getting a great insight into what the school was like in the time of Arthur Broadhurst.

As editor I wish to again express special thanks to Kath & Josh, the Graphic Designers at the school who take what I prepare and put it into the form that you receive and understand.

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**ST PETER'S
CAMBRIDGE
NEW ZEALAND**



**ALL ABOARD! AIR RAID & FIRE DRILLS
WERE ORDER OF THE DAY DURING WWII**

LONDON ALUMNI GATHERING

On Thursday evening 24th September 2015 the Headmaster and his wife Steve & Claire Robb hosted a gathering of St Peter's Alumni in London.

While in the end the total turnout was not what we had aimed at it was noted that the World Cup Rugby match NZ v Namibia was played that evening and many had gone to the game. Still it was an enjoyable few hours.

I attended and was delighted to have 4 of the Broadhurst Era alumni also attend. It was a great chance to meet some of our London based alumni and put names (& personalities) to the faces. Those attending were Anthony (Tony) Hewlett (1948 to 1951), Richard Parker (1954 to 1957), Jon Staton (1954 to 1958) & Michael Paul (1954 to 1958). I have included a couple of photos so you can see how well they are keeping.

In addition I had a most enjoyable lunch with Michael Paul a couple of weeks later and it was great to swap NZ stories and hear about his experiences both during his school days and after.

We all thought that maybe next year we arrange a small get together of the Broadhurst Alumni in the UK as well as attending any all school year gatherings held.



Tony Hewlett & Richard Parker



Richard Parker, Michael Paul & Jon Staton

KEITH SINCLAIR EYRE (1937-1941)

Born 24th May 1927, Died 23rd October 2015

Keith was one of the earlier pupils at St Peter's. Starting in 1937 and attending school till 1941. while at school was in the 1st XI & 1st XV. He then attended Kings College in Auckland from 1942 to 1944.

Keith spent his life as sheep and cattle farmer at Ngaruawahia in the Waikato.

Keith died on 23rd October at the age of 88. He was married to his wife Greta for 57 years. He had 3 children and 3 grandchildren. He was also a brother of Colin Alfred Eyre who also attended St Peter's from 1936 to 1937.

ALASTAIR DAVID SHANNON WHITELAW (1944 -1947)

Born 6th March 1932, Died 21st July 2015

Alastair attended St Peter's School from 1944 to 1947. While at the school he was a member of the 1st Hockey XI and also awarded the Hancock Prize for Geography. From St Peter's he went to Fettes College, Scotland (1946 to 1948), Scots College, Wellington (1949 to 1950) then Victoria University where he graduated with a BA in 1955.

He then returned to the UK and attended Brasenose College, Oxford gaining a MA and Cert Educ.

Alaistair embarked on a teaching career that included Maidwell Hall, Northhamptonshire UK (1958-1960), St Kentigern College (1961 to 1969), Kings College (1971 to 1984) (serving as Housemaster at St Johns House).

Alaistair died aged 83, he was preceded by his wife Joan had 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



JOHN RUSSELL LEO READ (1949-1952)

A Profile

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Details

Born: June, 1939
Status: Australian, United Kingdom and New Zealand Citizen
Permanent Resident of Australia

Education

PhD, Geotechnical Engineering, Purdue University,
West Lafayette, USA, 1987
Grad Dip Mgmt, University of Central Queensland,
Rockhampton, Australia, 1982
MSc (Hons), Geology, University of Canterbury,
New Zealand, 1965
BSc, Geology, University of New Zealand, 1962

Awards

Highly Commended for Contribution to Mining,
Australian Mining Prospect Mining Awards, 2010
Nellie Munson Award for Excellence in Teaching,
School of Civil Engineering, Purdue University, USA, 1985

Present Positions

1990 - 2015 Managing Director, John R Read Associates,
Geotechnical Consultants, Brisbane
2014 - 2015 Honorary Fellow, CSIRO Australia

Previous Positions

2004 - 2014 Director,
Large Open Pit Mining Research Project,
CSIRO Australia, Brisbane
1994 - 2004 Deputy Chief, CSIRO Australia Division of
Exploration & Mining, Brisbane
Executive Manager, Queensland Centre for
Advanced Technologies, Brisbane
1987 - 1990 Senior Engineer & Associate,
Golder Associates Inc., Consulting Engineers,
Seattle & Atlanta, USA
1984 - 1987 Teaching & Research Assistant,
School of Civil Engineering,
Purdue University, USA
1980 - 1984 Superintendent Engineering Geologist,
Bougainville Copper Limited, Papua New Guinea
1977 - 1980 Superintending Geologist,
Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works,
Melbourne
1968 - 1976 Senior Engineering Geologist
& Associate Director,
Coffey & Partners, Consulting Engineers,
Brisbane & Melbourne
1964 - 1967 Engineering Geologist, Geological Section,
Department of Lands, Surveys & Mines,
Papua New Guinea
1962 - 1964 Teaching Assistant, Department of Geology,
University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ
1961 - 1962 Site Geologist, NSW Water Conservation
& Irrigation Commission, Sydney

Some of my thoughts on my time at St Peter's

Have just spent part of a relaxing day off whilst on a consulting task in northern Chile to read through Issue 3 of the Broadhurst Era News and scan all the photos from the April Reunion. Fascinating - it must have been a great weekend

A couple of items in the News caught my attention - one was the profile of David Chapman and the other some pictures featuring the old Crows Nest dormitory.

Seeing David's profile reminded me of carrying David upstairs to Sister Gallagher's medical room after David had tripped and totally scraped his knee back to a bare knee cap on a brass rod in floor in the passageway just outside Moab - somewhat traumatic!! I think even Sister Gallagher (lovingly referred to all at the time as the B---h) was impressed by the extent of the damage.

The bars across the windows in the CrowsNest are new, as of when I don't know, but when that was my dormitory there were no bars and as a dare we would go out the window and down the fire escape (which from the pix is no longer there) that went perilously close to AFB's quarters at ground level for a raiding expedition to the old orchard - the return journey, with apples, was by the same route.

The profile from David and the significant number of those from the Broadhurst era who have overseas addresses also spurred me into preparing one for myself that you may like to add into one of the future editions of the News

Finally, after reading Peter Parr's account of his visit with AFB when the possibility of going co-ed was discussed, I thought that it could be a good idea if in some future News you ran an article on David Thornton, who had the idea when he was Headmaster, to add a High School section to St Peter's curriculum - with day pupil entry from the Cambridge region. I think that initiative was the starting point for St Peter's becoming the school of excellence that it is today and is worth commemorating.

With my best regards, JR

Editors comment - Thanks John great to have the input - I always welcome information for upcoming publications. Note John attended St Peter's from 1949 to 1952. He was a prefect in 1952, Cricket XI 1950-1952, Won the Holden Cup and the Lerner Cup in 1952. He was in the school choir 1951 -1952. He left St Peter's and attended Christ's College, Christchurch from 1953 -1957). Also in regards to David Thornton - yes he also made an inspirational contribution to St Peter's and there is a publication that also comes out covering that period that I can mail or email on request. I will start to include the odd story on subsequent Headmasters and staff in the Broadhurst Era News.

DAVID THORNTON

HEADMASTER 1961 TO 1978

The Continuing Story of St Peter's from Grace Thornton, an old girl (86) of St Peter's

In August 1961 David and I and our two young daughters, Cecily (3) and Nicky (6 months) arrived at St Peter's and in 1964 we added Catherine, our St Peter's baby.

David had been at Christ's College where he loved the music and drama of Christchurch and had already said no to a headmastership. We never thought a preparatory school would be David's choice, it wouldn't have been had the Board not agreed to let him found a secondary school if he brought the school to life. The sad state of St Peter's after Arthur Broadhurst's gift to New Zealand made David willing to try to bring the school back to its glory.

Where to start?

The school had a roll of around 85, was in disrepair and needed an injection of pupils, good staff, active Board and to become part of Cambridge and make it pay.

The excellent features were the grounds (Mr Plescher) including the orchard (Mr Watts) and the farm (Mr Newnham). Two excellent teachers, Miss Swears and Mr Guyon Wells assisted the road to recovery. David and Guyon (music master) planned a choir tour which added new boys to the school who had a love of music. Anthony Brown won a music scholarship to the school and the choir tour was such a success that the Governor General asked the school to let him open the Auckland Arts Festival – The school was on its way!!!

A mini bus was purchased, day boys from Cambridge became an integral part of the school. Caring matrons, and a wonderful cook set high standards too but every staff member made a valuable contribution, all of which were appreciated by David.

David who had been a bursar, chaplain, painter, builder, plumber and a teacher, was now able to offer staff a wonderful place to live enabling employment of Peter Stewart and Tom Luck.

An outward bound venture was successfully started by Mark Hanna. The school had developed. Arthur Broadhurst arrived to formally open the secondary school in 1972 with Broadhurst Oliphant and Riddet houses being built.



The introduction of girl students in 1977 was the start of another core David was developing when he had to retire due to ill health.

There are many incidents which all helped in the development of the school perhaps a favourite of the school boys, the annual school fair where they all helped David set up sideshows to entice parents to part with their money, particularly on "Sir's Rook Machine".

Many wonderful boys arrived whose company and personality we enjoyed and many still keep in touch, however there is no doubt that David's teaching ability, musical & dramatical talent and personality endeared him to students, staff and residents of Cambridge.

David's love of education and making each boy reach his own potential survived throughout his 17 ½ years at St Peter's.

THE ROCK WAS STEADY AGAIN FOR ST PETER'S

Written by Gracie Thornton

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Editors comment – I am sure if any old boys want to drop Grace a note or phone she would be very receptive to the contact as she was when I invited her to write this article.

Photos extracted from The Owl Spreads it's Wings, St Peter's School History Book



MISSING ALUMNI

Below we have listed some of the old boys we are still looking for. If you can provide any further information or clues that can help even complete full Christian names, please either email neilmcl@xtra.co.nz, or write to **PO Box 331520, Takapuna 0740 NZ**, or call me on **+64 (0) 21 619 171**.

Name	At School	Possible Clues
McCaw, Bruce Crawford	1953 - 1955	DOB 7/7/44 Freyberg High Teachers Training (Crawford is family name)
McCaw, John Terence Rankin	1952 - 1955	DOB 3/3/43 Freyberg High Dip Art Hornsey School Art London, Post Grad Hornsey
McDougall, Ronald Russell	1944 - 1948	Kings 1950-53 Peart House - Was farming Pukekohe
McGregor, Graeme Charles	1951 - 1955	DOB 1/6/42, Kings 1956-60 Major House
McKimm, R. A. C.	1960 - 1963	
Melville, Alan Roger	1956 - 1957	Whakatane District High School
Milne, Lawrence Stuart	1948 - 1953	DOB 16/9/41 Kings, 1954-58 Marsden House, Brother Donald Robert at St P 1952-55
Mitchell, James Andrew	1938 - 1942	DOB 30/11/28 Christ's, then Royal Navy UK in 1961, Lt-Cdr on HMS Tiger
Moddy, R B	1944 - 1945	Should be R B Moody?
Morris, D O W	1944 - 1945	Went UK is it third initial N not W?
Morton, B R	1936 - 1936	
Mouat, John Gilbert	1954 - 1958	DOB 16/9/45, St Kentigern
Munce, Kerry Warran	1958 - 1960	Wesley College Paerata. Was 14 Coburg St Henderson in 1985
Murray, David Ross	1955 - 1960	DOB 2/7/47, St Pauls Collegiate
Murray, Donald Bruce	1955 - 1958	DOB 19/12/44, St Pauls Collegiate
Nathan, A. R.	1956 - 1958	In 1960 Orams Rd Manuera (parents)
Niemack, E. R.	1956 - 1961	Brother (?) John at school 1956 to 58 - sent email to John 25/11
Norman, Anthony James	1956 - 1958	Son of Sqn-Ldr J G Norman in 1960 73 Fancourt St Akl (parents?)
Odlin, R. T.	1957 - 1959	St Stevens Ave Parnell in 1960 (parents)
Palmer, Geoffrey Roger	1958 - 1959	DOB 23/5/46, St Pauls Collegiate in 1985. 42 Porritt Ave, Birkenhead Akl
Parker, P G	1958 - 1959	
Paul-Boncour, F. L. G.	1955 - 1955	Believed school in France, in 1960 Sussex Rd, Dublin Ireland
Payne, P J W	1955 - 1956	Believed went to Greshams School UK - no clues
Pearcy, Bernard William	1950 - 1952	DOB 11/4/40, Nelson College then Radiographer Nelson Hospital
Pratt, K.H.	1954 - 1955	School in Aussie, came from Sundbury, Victoria, Aust
Pratt, R.I.	1954 - 1955	School in Aussie, came from Sundbury, Victoria, Aust
Ramsden, James Brian	1959 - 1961	Kings 1962 to 64, Averill House
Rasmussen, Michael John	1946 - 1948	was Geelong Grammer
Reid, P S	1943 - 1944	add in 1960 was c/o J S Reid, NZ Legation Washington USA - poss in USA
Rickets, A. R. A.	1946 - 1951	Napier Boys - in 1960 add Box 54 Taneatua BOP
Robertson, Gavin Stuart	1957 - 1959	DOB 4/12/46 Lived Slipper Is - Corresp School
Robertson, Hugh Stuart	1956 - 1959	DOB 6/9/45 Lived Slipper Is - Corresp School
Robertson, Roland Stuart	1956 - 1957	DOB 4/12/46 Lived Slipper Is - Tauranga Boys & Corresp School
Ropata, William Teweri	1958 - 1959	DOB 12/4/45, went to St Stephens
Russell, M. J. R.	1937 - 1940	Was Waimai Valley, RD2, Ngarawahia Farmer in 1985
Russell, P. D.	1957 - 1961	In 85 book, Box 169, Gisborne - Went to Wanganui Collegiate

DESMOND RODNEY COATES (1936 -1937)

Born 25th March 1923, Died 29th August 2000

Desmond attended St Peter's as a 1st year pupil starting in 1936 and leaving in 1937.

After leaving school, Desmond was a sheep and beef cattle farmer. During WWII he enlisted in the army reserves, being ineligible for active service on account of color blindness and flat feet. Despite this, he received three final leaves, but on each occasion was at the last moment denied the chance to fight, much to his regret at the time. In 1950, at the age of 27, he married June McInnes Finlayson (of Scotch and English extraction) from Maungaturoto. Desmond and June had nine children, 23 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren Des and June had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 21st 2000.

In 1971 they moved, for economic reasons, to the dairy farming community of Malanda in northern Queensland, Australia (near Atherton, inland from Cairns), where they bought a dairy farm.

After retiring from dairy farming in 1980's, the Coates' ran a concrete trough-making business, with Desmond additionally engaging in wood turning, selling his bowls, lamps, and canes in Cairns.

Desmond died at the age of 77 in Tarzali, Northern Queensland, Australia (near Atherton, inland from Cairns).

Comments and feedback welcome. If you are prepared to post a profile to us for the next issue, or would like to contribute material, please contact Neil McLaughlin (Editor)
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ARTHUR BROADHURST'S LIFE AFTER ST PETER'S

When Arthur Broadhurst, aged 70, left St Peter's in the May school holidays of 1960, he did so discretely without display or sentiment. At a prearranged time, he bade farewell to the St Peter's resident staff in the courtyard and drove away, returning home to the England where he lived until his death on February 28th, 1986. His next visit to New Zealand was seven years later on 5th February 1967.

He spent his last 26 years in the West Midlands region of England where much of his life was centred on St Chad's Cathedral School, which would later be renamed Lichfield Cathedral School. Broadhurst had previously written to many English cathedral choir schools and Lichfield had made him a particularly positive response. Additionally, he was a close, personal friend with the Lichfield Headmaster of the time, Mr Duncan Jones. It is also possible that Broadhurst chose Lichfield because its proximity to Manchester, which therefore brought him back to his family roots. At Lichfield Cathedral School he was offered a post teaching music and classics, and a 'courtesy house' in the Cathedral Close by the Dean and Chapter at Lichfield in return for his work at the school. To Lichfield Cathedral School Broadhurst donated the last of his fortune and the last of his years. The twenty-six years after he left St Peter's and New Zealand to return home to England were relatively quiet and calm for the founder of St Peter's School.

Broadhurst lived in the historic Cathedral Close from 1960 to 1962. In 1962 he moved and in a letter to ex-pupil Ivan Posa, dated 5th May 1962, he wrote that he was now residing in "a little house of my own" and it is evident he enjoyed making it his home. In this new house, Broadhurst had his rowing oars hung on the wall in his bedroom and his rowing cups sat proudly on the mantelpiece. He took to improving the little garden and even planted a tree outside his front door. Broadhurst wrote that he found the English winters to be arduous: he told Ivan Posa that the winter of 1962 had been "long and cold" and he eagerly awaited the

summer term and the more pleasant weather and activity that it would bring. He always enjoyed the busy summer terms.

Despite the fullness of his life in England and the distance from New Zealand, Broadhurst remained very involved with St Peter's, even continuing as a member of the St Peter's Board. In 1972 he donated one thousand dollars to the school to help with the "financial hurdles" described by St Peter's Headmaster, Mr Thornton, in a letter to Broadhurst in July of that year. Broadhurst suggested that this be used either for the restoration of the organ, or as a contribution to the school development project. When the St Peter's Board considered inviting girls to attend St Peter's in 1976, Broadhurst wrote expressing his support for the idea, claiming that "nothing but good will come of it". He observed that in the 1970s it was "the modern trend" to integrate sexes in co-educational schools. When Mr Thornton stepped down as the Headmaster of St Peter's in 1978, Broadhurst received a number of documents from the school concerning the appointment of the new Headmaster, and he wrote back to receive further updates on the process. Thus, despite living more than eighteen thousand kilometres away from St Peter's, Broadhurst was still very involved with the school and influential in important decisions.

Broadhurst also retained an interest in the St Peter's School culture. He had the annual chronicles sent to him, writing about their content to friends in New Zealand regularly. He met with many ex-pupils who were living in England also. He wrote regularly to St Peter's staff asking for updates about minor issues, such as the seating in the dining hall when the roll rose in the 1970s. It is evident that Broadhurst's fondness for and commitment to St Peter's and its development was unwavering, even long beyond his departure from New Zealand.



AFB collecting his OBE in 1953, Richard Newman (1948-53), J Oliphant (Trustee), Lt Col W Smeeton (Bursar)

In Easter 1972, Broadhurst travelled to New Zealand for twelve weeks and visited St Peter's. He wrote to the school on his return to England that he had the "happiest memories of my visit and of the kindness of everyone". He sent copies of some photographs he took during his visit, particularly those taken during a picnic with St Peter's staff, noting that this sunny outing was a favourite memory. 1972 appears to have been a year of holidays for Broadhurst because he also enjoyed a summer cruise to Norway and Iceland that year.

Ian Wren, the former headmaster of Lichfield Cathedral School and close friend of Broadhurst, wrote that during this time Broadhurst was "in his element" providing academic and music tuition and that he was a charismatic music tutor, inspiring new musicianship in many young Lichfield boys. Broadhurst was also a devout Christian and attended the daily services at Lichfield Cathedral; Mr Wren wrote that Broadhurst could always be spotted in the Lichfield morning congregation. Mr Wren's notes remember Broadhurst's presence at Lichfield as unforgettable.

At Lichfield School, Broadhurst spent his remaining twenty six years not only tutoring but also contributing enormously to the school life. He played in the school orchestra, initially on the cello, then the viola and later the double bass. He also assumed the roles of musical director and conductor for some time. He was a member of the special choir until 1976 and in his first five years he was a classroom tutor also. He continued to provide music tuition and to be a governor of Lichfield Cathedral School until 1979. Broadhurst liked to ensure he made useful contributions to the Lichfield School community: his excitement about the busy terms to come, with their "extra activities" that he enthusiastically partook in, featured in much of his correspondence with friends and family throughout his time at Lichfield. Ex-students remember that Broadhurst would often take groups of students in his Humber Super Snipe to concerts and shows in Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield to enrich their musical tuition and compliment their classroom education. He was a dedicated and deeply involved member of the school community.

Even as late as 1976 when Broadhurst began to find walking difficult, he continued to provide his full quota of instrumental tuition to Lichfield students and wrote that he enjoyed this "as much as ever". He also took the Gramophone Club on Wednesdays, and met with the Choir



AFB's visit in 1972, David and Grace Thornton his left.

Probationers on Tuesday afternoons. He wrote to former St Peter's Headmaster, Mr Parr, in 1981 that he continues with this contribution because he liked "to make myself useful in various ways".

Broadhurst's friends, co-workers, and Lichfield locals have an abundance of stories recalling his active and charismatic life in Lichfield. Something that has stuck with many was his love of food and his characteristic exclamation of "oh my favourite!" at most school lunches; it appears that he had many favourites! A particularly enjoyable example that encapsulates Broadhurst's integral place in the Lichfield community is about his regular and somewhat comical visits to the local pub. He would ride his scooter up to the front door and was helped to his regular table at the window and then the waiters would move the scooter out of the way for him. This was apparently quite a regular ritual!

In 1976, due to age-related deterioration in his handwriting, Broadhurst began to use a typewriter instead; however, the use of the typewriter was something he never entirely comfortably mastered, and in the 1980s he still sent the occasional handwritten letter. In the early 1980s, his letters show that he remained optimistic despite societal and personal circumstances that were not idyllic. He wrote to an old friend in New Zealand that England was "bedevilled by strikes, oil shortages etc. ... [b]ut the weather is kind". Also, he remained optimistic about his capabilities despite his deteriorating health; writing during this time that he was well and attempting to maximise his contributions wherever possible. His optimism prevailed throughout all his correspondence with close friends and acquaintances and in his personal diary writing.

Broadhurst celebrated his 90th birthday at The George Hotel in Lichfield. This was attended by friends from three eras of Broadhurst's life spanning the two countries he had made home. One of Broadhurst's old English friends L. W. Greenwood delivered a eulogy in verse at this celebration. He recalled fondly Broadhurst's "abundance of varied activity" and noted his enormous contributions to St Peter's School, to Lichfield, and to the lives of all those he met and collaborated with. Greenwood's eulogy finished thus:

*So as he faces the future with confidence
We, his old cronies, with pleasure attend
To offer him greetings, sincere and affectionate,
Our valued, vivacious, most versatile friend!*



AFB's visit to St Peter's in 1967

At this celebration, Broadhurst was given a bound collection of memories and anecdotes from friends of his St Peter's days, collated by old friend R. B. Land.

Broadhurst began to suffer from memory loss in June 1981 and confided in Mr Parr he had recently begun forgetting some of the names of the boys at Lichfield and that he found this rather embarrassing and somewhat frustrating. Despite this he retained his extraordinary capabilities as a cellist and remained in the school orchestra. Additionally, he still remembered St Peter's fondly at this time and continued to read the St Peter's Chronicles, writing to acquaintances at St Peter's about the stories in the Chronicles and about the progress of the school.



On 25th February 1986, twenty six years after leaving St Peter's School, Arthur Broadhurst passed away at the age of ninety six. After a long and fulfilling life that touched so many people Broadhurst's death was quiet and peaceful. In his will Lichfield Cathedral School received the remainder of the Broadhurst estate and this generous bequest was used to construct the new pre-preparatory building in 1988, which was named 'Broadhurst'. Richard Hales, Headmaster of Lichfield Cathedral School, gave an address at Broadhurst's funeral service in Lichfield Cathedral. In this address he said that the congregation and all those who knew Broadhurst "should rejoice that we have known such a man and that he died as he would have wished - independent, in harness, and quite indomitable". The memorial service for Broadhurst took place on Monday 10th March 1986 where more than 350 people gathered to commemorate his life as a friend, family member, and colleague, and the invaluable contributions he made to the St Peter's and Lichfield communities. He was cremated and his ashes were laid in the Lichfield Cathedral Close near the school where he devoted his last years.

Poppy Perry-Evans



Left to right: AFB outside Lichfield Cottage; A young AFB in WWI Uniform; AFB's Grave in Lichfield



THE ARTHUR BROADHURST COMMEMORATIVE FUND

I am delighted with the response and reception of the Arthur Broadhurst Commemorative Fund. Many of the Broadhurst Era old boys have indicated that it is a perfect way for them to be able to show their gratitude for the formative years of their lives that were so influenced by their time at St Peter's School. I will mention it and its progress in each upcoming issue of the Broadhurst Era News.

I have spoken to many and received communication indicating an intention to contribute either with the donation or a bequest to be made to this fund in the Foundation. I am aware that not all are in a position to contribute and I do not intend to exert any pressure – this must be a personal decision made if you are able and willing.

While I have had an indication of upcoming donations and bequests to date we have received contributions from the following:

Spencer Bush (1940 – 1944), Rev Canon Ian Graham (Teacher 1952-1955), William (Bill) Childs (1944-1946), Patrick Gibson (1944-1947), Peter Jones (1953-1957), Graham Malaghan (1953-1957), Neil McLaughlin (Editor & Chairman St Peter's Foundation), Graham Ruddenklau (1947-1951), Sidney Spalter (1946-1949), Warren Turnwald (1960), Malcolm Waller (1936-1937), Alastair Whitelaw (1944-1945), Grey Whitney (1936-1938) and Nigel Yockney (1950-1955).

In the next issue I will go into more detail on the intended uses of the income from this fund. (If you are overseas and wish to make a donation via credit card if you send details to me I can arrange that (just either email, write or phone me at my contact details on the front page.

Neil McLaughlin, Editor

POPPY PERRY-EVANS

Profile of a Year 13 Student & Author of the "Broadhurst's Life After St Peter's" article.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2015

- St Peter's Head of Debating Prefect
- UN Youth NZ High School Ambassador
- Leader of St Peter's School Senior Interschool Debating Team
- St Peter's Student Librarian

2014

- Leader of St Peter's School Senior Interschool Debating Team
- St Peter's Student Librarian
- Leader of 2nd Violins in St Peter's School Orchestra
- Head Microphone Technician in St Peter's School Production

2013-2010

- Leader of Violins at Beaminster School Ensemble Group (UK)
- Head Microphone Technician for St Peter's Prep School Production
- Vice-Captain of St Peter's Under-15 Hockey Team
- St Peter's Junior (Year 10) Prefect
- Leader of Hautapu Primary School Councillors
- Hautapu Primary School Head Librarian

ACHIEVEMENTS

2015

- St Peter's Approximate Accessit
- St Peter's Thorold Gavel Trophy for Best Senior Debater
- St Peter's Year 13 Mathematics- Maths Studies Prize
- Highly Commended in the Waikato Senior Science Fair
- St Peter's Cultural Half Colours: Drama (AV) and Debating
- Waipa District Youth Awards, Multi-Achiever Category: Merit Award
- UN Youth NZ Model United Nations (NZMUN) Committee Scholarship (total conference cost)
- Delegate for Venezuela, & position on the Security Council
- St Peter's Prefect's Tie for Prefect Delegation
- Selected into the St Peter's Gifted and Talented Education Group
- Delegate for Kenya at Auckland UN Youth Model United Nations

2014

- Top of Year 12 IB History at St Peter's School
- St Peter's Academic Prizegiving (for 1st year IB and NCEA Scholarship)
- Silver Owl Award (for GPA>75%) the Academic Honours Award (for GPA>90%)
- International Biology Olympiad Entrance Examination
- Bronze award and selected to undertake NZ Biology Olympiad tutorial program
- Delegated Minister of Health and Family Welfare at Auckland Model G8 Summit
- Awarded Best Delegate in the Public Health Committee
- UN Youth NZ Committee Scholarship and delegation for Zambia at NZMUN
- St Peter's Cultural Full Colours: Instrumental and Drama (AV)
- Lacrosse Squad Selection: Waikato Under-18 Development & Waikato Senior Elite
- Placed 5th in NZ Under-18 and NZ Senior Tournaments respectively in these teams
- Rowing medals (novice):
- NZ Club Champs – Silver in coxed eight;
- NZ North Island Club Champs - Silver in coxed eight and coxed quad
- Rowing awards included:
- St Peter's Senior Sports Colour
- Dawn Shield (most successful 8+ at St Peter's)
- Green Cup (most successful boat Cambridge Rowing Club)

2013

- St Peter's Academic Prizegiving: St Peter's Scholar's Tie (for GPA>75%)
- 'Very Highly Commended' in St Peter's Bevan Cup Instrumental (Strings) Competition
- UK Society of Biology National Biology Challenge: Bronze Award 2012
- 'The St Peter's Association Prize for Unselfish Service in Year 10'
- 'Florence Ball Prize for Year 10 French'
- St Peter's Cultural Half Colours: Instrumental and Drama (AV)
- 2nd place in St Peter's Year 10 Speech Competition
- Te Awamutu Competitions Society of Performing Arts
- Placed in all classes entered and accumulated most points therefore winning Miles Family Scholarship and Casals Cup
- Australian Mathematics Competition & University of NSW Science Competitions Credit, 2010-2011
- St Peter's Cultural Half Colour: Instrumental
- 'Jones Cup for All Round Excellence' at Hautapu Primary School
- Cambridge Area Primary Schools' Rotary Speech Competition: 1st Prize
- Hamilton Competitions Society of Music Competition
- 'Very Highly Commended' in the Strings Section



POPPY PERRY-EVANS

Profile of a Year 13
Student & Author of the
"Broadhurst's Life After
St Peter's" article.

Editors Comment

Poppy researched and wrote the article on AFB – post St Peter's. I intended to acknowledge her for the article but was so impressed with her achievements to date that I thought I would share with you all the quality and skills of the type of pupil being produced by your school. I will pass onto Poppy any comments I receive.

A PILGRIMAGE TO LICHFIELD

By Neil McLaughlin - Editor of the Broadhurst Era News

Having taken on an interest in the life and achievements of Arthur Broadhurst since becoming chairman of the Broadhurst Alumni and Editor of the news I felt that it was necessary for me to make the trip to Lichfield in the UK to visit the school where Arthur went to after he left St Peter's and continued to be involved actively with for around 26 years till his death in 1986.

I made contact with Lichfield Cathedral School and with Sara Bayley, the PA to the Principal, at the school. I arranged a visit for Wednesday 30th September. On arriving at the town it was easy to see the magnificent Lichfield Cathedral dominating the town. (buried in a prominent crib in the Cathedral is Bishop George Selwyn 1st Anglican Bishop of NZ from 1841 to 1868 before returning to Lichfield as Bishop of Lichfield from 1868 till his death in 1878).

Inside the Cathedral grounds just a few steps from the entrance to the school is the grave of Arthur Francis Brooks Broadhurst O.B.E. MA.

I met up with Sara who had also arranged for a long time staff member, Geoff Beedle, to accompany us on a tour of the school and tell us some of his stories and experiences that he had with Arthur (many of which I probably shouldn't put to print, but showed the character of AFB).

There were the stories of AFB demanding instant assistance when things didn't go right like his TV or gramophone not working - Geoff would attend to find they weren't plugged in! Geoff was a wonderful font of information and the stories just flowed. You must remember that AFB was around 70 when he started working here and was still teaching selected classes up until his death at the age of 96.

Arthur was engrossed in his music while there and would entertain the junior choralsists with music from his gramophone and with stories. They would come to his flat some evenings after practise to be entertained. One staff member I spoke to remembered the boys returning one night with some of AFB's prized LP's under arm and when

challenged claimed he had given them to the boys (most unlike Arthur at the time). He died that night in his flat and was found the next morning.

I received the full treatment from the school and was shown around the grounds, classrooms, school chapel and activity rooms. I was introduced to many teachers and no where did I head an ill word of Arthur. He had continued to endear his acquaintances in the same way he did us.

If anyone is likely to be in the area and would like a look around and hear some of the stories just let me know and I will see if I can arrange through the school a tour and particularly a chance to meet some of Arthurs friends like Geoff who are still at the school. Just contact me by email or Phone via neilmcl@xtra.co.nz, or +64 21 619 171.

Photographs clockwise from bottom left:

1. Lichfield Cathedral
2. AFB in robes, still teaching in 1983 aged 93
3. Geoff Beedle, a colleague of AFB during his time at Lichfield Cathedral School
4. Broadhurst House at Lichfield Cathedral School



A FEW MORE MEMORIES FROM THE APRIL 2015 REUNION

I am still receiving some kind thoughts from old boys who attended the reunion and also many that were unable to be there. I have also put several old boys in touch with each other that did not have each others contact details. I am sure that many happy stories and memories will be shared in the coming weeks and months. How about sharing them with me so I can publish them. If anyone is looking for contact details of old friends just email or write to me.

Neil McLaughlin, Editor



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L to R

Row 3 David Leach, Denis Fitzpatrick, Kerry Pegler, Peter Grant, James Dawson, Ross Duder, John Duder, Nigel Browning

Row 2 Rick Tomkies, Andrew Brook, Neil Malaghan, John Reeves, Noel Dwan, Basil Coles, Michael Mowat-Smith, Bill McCallum, Pieter Arriens

Row 1 David Hogg, Ned Jack, Ian Lackey, Peter Otway, Ngairé Fisher, Peter Black, Stuart MacDonald, John Fraser, Lance Russell



