



THE BROADHURST ERA NEWS

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Welcome back to the newsletter. I am sorry it has been five months since issue 5 was published, but I have been overseas visiting family in the UK. But I hope there is enough to interest you in this issue to make the wait worthwhile.

Thank you for all those that have assisted in making the publication interesting with your comments and thoughts that I am able to share with other old boys. Also thank you to all those who were able and willing to make a donation to "The Arthur Broadhurst Commemorative Fund". This is an ongoing project.

I make it a point to respond to all emails and letters received and use what is appropriate for the newsletters. As I keep saying, we are always in need of interesting material for future publications, so please keep the information and profiles coming. If you have not yet submitted something,

why not take the time to drop a few notes on your memories or your life post St Peter's so I can share it. In particular, I need to receive any information on changed circumstances and addresses or if you are aware of the passing of any classmates.

As editor I wish, again, to express special thanks to Kath MacLeod, the graphic designer at the school who takes what I prepare and puts it into the form that you receive and understand.

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**ST PETER'S
CAMBRIDGE
NEW ZEALAND**



1946 RUGBY XV

Back row: J C Meikle, B R Horton, R N Baker G M Manuel, K McDougall, E B Russell.
Middle row: D A Overington, N C Thatcher, J D Slatter, R B Land, M G Glenn, A P Bell, P Heim.
Front row: D C Woolley, E C Jack.



1953 CRICKET XI

Back row: J G Shortt, D L Gill, L S Page, L S Milne, P J F Hardley, R F Galbraith.
Front row: R H Wrightson, J L Reeves, T M D Gardiner (Captain), A T Gunson, F W Woolliams.

THE 1953 CRICKET TEAM

The 1953 cricket 1st XI had a most successful year. Winning four school matches out of six and drawing the other two. Their one loss (a major one) was to the fathers' team! The team was helped by eight players who returned from last year's team and four of these had already won cricket colours. Two of the team, Gardiner (ma.) and Reeves first started playing regularly in the 1950 team and Gunson in the 1951 team.

Of the batsmen, Reeve, Gardiner, Woolliams, Milne and Shortt all did well at times. The bowling strength lay in Wrightson, Gunson and Woolliams. The fielding of a high standard all round, but Wrightson was outstanding. Gill developed into a really competent wicketkeeper.

Colours were awarded to the following team members: Gardiner (ma.), Reeves and Gunson in 1951, Wrightson in 1952, and Woolliams, Milne (ma.) and Gill in 1953.
(Summarised from the 1953 school chronicle.)

DAVID LEWIS CHILDS (1944 - 1946)

BORN: 25 JANUARY 1933

DIED: 8 MARCH 2016

It is with much regret I received news from Bill Childs of the passing of his brother David, aged 83. I am publishing this article in this issue of the *Broadhurst Era News* as David (and Bill) were at the 2015 reunion and reunited with a number of you. Below is the note from David's brother and also a copy of his obituary that gives you an insight into the life he led. I have included his brother, Bill's, email address in case anyone wished to drop him a note direct.

From Bill's email

"Hello Neil, Many thanks for your condolences. The years that he spent at St Peter's were among his happiest and were instrumental in preparing him for a full and successful life. I have attached a copy of his obituary which appeared in the Hartford (Connecticut) Courant. There is far more information than you need, I'm sure, but please feel free to edit it in any way that meets your needs. Bill. Email: wbillchilds@netscape.net"

OBITUARY

David Lewis Childs, 83, of New Hartford passed away peacefully on March 8, 2016, at Hartford Hospital in the loving company of his wife, Ellen, and daughter, Alison. David was born in Nice, France, on January 25, 1933, to parents Prescott Childs and Roberta Lewis Childs. His father's career in the U.S. Foreign Service brought the family to France, Germany, Barbados, Brazil, New Zealand, Cuba, India and Belgium. David attended the Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, MA and graduated from the Westminster School in Simsbury, CT. He attended Cornell University, and earned an economics degree from Mexico City College. It was there in Mexico City that he met his future bride, Ellen Cowgill. The couple enjoyed 55 years of marriage. David began his career in the family shoe business, Childs for Shoes in Massachusetts and Simmons Shoes in Connecticut. He continued with a successful career in commercial real estate with the firm now called CB Richard Ellis until his retirement. David was an outstanding tennis and platform tennis player, and was inducted along with his brother William into the platform tennis hall of fame, having won many senior national championships. In his leisure time he also enjoyed many worldwide travels with his wife. His lifelong commitment to community service was expressed through his activities in support of the town of New Hartford, where he served for many years as the chair of the Economic Development Commission; his church, Saint John's Episcopal Church of New Hartford; and his alma mater Westminster School. He was the recipient of multiple awards for his service, including the 2002 Charlotte Dufour Lifetime Service Award for Commitment to Saint John's Episcopal Church, the 2003 Commercial Realtor of the Year by the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors, and the 2009 Distinguished Leadership Award for Community Service to the Town of New Hartford. David is predeceased by his daughter Katherine Cowgill Childs, and survived by his beloved wife Ellen Cowgill Childs, brother William Prescott Childs and his wife Sheila Childs, daughter Alison Prescott Childs, son Porter Lewis Childs, grandchildren Sadie Childs Cora, Celia Pearl Childs, Milo Childs Campolo, great-granddaughter Alice Cora, brother in law William Cowgill, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Photo of David from 2015 Broadhurst Reunion

Editors Comment – I felt that there were many old boys who would be interested in the details I published above. Many of the 100+ who were at the reunion in April 2015 would have met and mingled with the Child twins. I did circulate this earlier to as many as I could who were in the same classes as David. It is only now that we have more particulars on an interesting life that we can really see the full story.



Bill Childs

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DALE BURDEN



Editor – I would like to share with you "Old Boys" two articles written by the new Headmaster, Dale Burden, for the inhouse St Peter's News "InTouch" in May of this year.

I think they show the forward thinking and innovation that the School strives to attain while still following the important Broadhurst philosophy of "Educating the Body, Mind & Spirit". St Peter's focus is still on providing that all-round education and gives praise where praise is due. I am sure you will recognise some of Arthur Broadhurst's thoughts in the two articles below. (I was certainly impressed).

TALL POPPY SYNDROME

The "Tall Poppy Syndrome" is a term used in a number of countries to describe the social phenomenon in which people are resented, criticised or discouraged because their achievements of genuine merit elevate them or distinguish them from their peers.

In New Zealand we are often told that we are one of the worst perpetrators of the "Tall Poppy Syndrome" in the world. While we clearly suffer from it at times there is evidence of its existence all over the world and throughout history. Canterbury University conducted some research a few years ago that followed the progress of some gifted and talented students over an 18 month period and found that they played down their abilities. The students did everything possible not to highlight their obvious talents and abilities. This is hugely disappointing in my opinion.

Long term the "Tall Poppy Syndrome" is bad for our country. We are small and punch above our weight in all aspects. We are so successful because of how innovative and competitive we are. Also, we have by far the best DNA in the world! We need young people to feel that it is cool to achieve and be proud of their achievements and comfortable talking about them.

Our education system and our schools are part of the problem and part of the solution. The notion that everyone is a winner with certificates and prizes for all, lots of first equals or just no recognition at all does nothing for competition or rewarding excellence; i.e. growing the tall poppies.

Equality of access is much different to equality in outcome. Students aren't all the same and we should not set up structures, customs and practices that bring the top down to meet the bottom in the middle. Encouraging students to be the best they can possibly be, knowing that not everyone is going to win a prize, or be at the top, is just as important as actually rewarding the top.

In this week's InTOUCH you will see a number of our school's "Tall Poppies". This was most evident in the Summer Sports Colours assembly. It was great to acknowledge those that have really achieved great success in their summer sport. They have done so with hard work, skill and dedication. And, importantly, with help and support from others including students at the assembly in their teams that didn't win an award this time.

I am proud to be at a school where we actively grow and encourage "Tall Poppies". While being humble is important as explained in the Māori expression "kaore te kumara e korero mo tona mangaroa" a kumara does not talk about its own sweetness, i.e. Self-praise is not encouraged, I also agree with Chez Cecile (Christchurch Press 2014), "Humility is a virtue but pride in success is permitted".

PERFORMING ARTS – A VITAL PART OF EDUCATION

It is a great pleasure to highlight the ongoing outstanding performance of Year 11 dance student Jake Gisby. His latest achievement has resulted in a scholarship to Los Angeles for a four week intensive course. We are all really proud of his achievements. During the last couple of weeks the rehearsals for the school production "Into the Woods" has gathered momentum, along with several music concerts, speech and drama and dance performances; the arts have been very active. Students involved in the visual arts have been busy also. At St Peter's we have an outstanding Arts Programme within our teaching programme and a rich and extensive co-curricular programme.

The arts are a very important part of a twenty-first century education. In New Zealand it is also a fully-fledged and important part of the New Zealand curriculum. Our curriculum is heralded around the world as having exactly the right blend of knowledge and skills for the twenty-first century.

Currently the industrial age is in its final phases and we are transitioning into the technology age. This is a huge opportunity for us as a country. The types of skills needed for the new age are certainly fostered within a well taught Arts Programme. Students taking the arts improve their critical thinking, problem solving and decision making. Self-expression in the arts promotes students creativity, innovation, collaboration and self-discipline, all of which are becoming more important in life and the workplace.

We need to move away from the dated Industrial Age school subject hierarchy that has the visual and performing arts at the bottom of the chain to a more 'future focussed approach' that recognises the huge value that these subjects provide to the development of a child and to the future of our country.

Steve Jobs founder of Apple said, "Technology alone is not enough- It's technology married with arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the results that make our hearts sing."

ROWING

2016 AON MAADI CUP REGATTA



2016 NORTH ISLAND AND NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL ROWING CHAMPIONS

A team of 54 athletes, five managers and seven coaches headed down to the New Zealand Secondary School Rowing Championships in Twizel.

The team won 13 medals (5 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze) and we won the Star Trophy for the second time in history (first being in 2012) with 43 points, Hamilton Boys in second on 36 points and Christchurch Boys in third on 26 points.

St Peter's Cambridge won the President's Scull with 30 points ahead of Ashburton and Hauraki tied on second with 21 points each.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday saw the heats, repechages and quarter finals take place. Thursday was semi-final day and the team made an incredible 26 A finals, 5 B finals, 1 C final and 2 E finals. Highlights from the day were the U15 Girls quad dominating to win by over 8 seconds, with our second crew crossing the line in an amazing fifth place.

Scott Miller and Sam Stewart won the bronze medal in the Novice Boys' Double. Our only boys 8+ entry lined up against the big guns in school boys rowing but just couldn't hang onto the fast finishing crews, ending up in sixth.

Matt and Jacob came storming home in the Boys' Lightweight Double to win a silver medal. Our U16 Girls this time got the better of Rangitikeia to win the four by 0.7 seconds and this started extending our lead in the Star Trophy and President's Scull points races.

Lily and Jasmine then showed real determination in the U17 Girls' Double race to hold off Tauranga to take the gold!

The Novice Girls' Four, out to a length lead, which they held all the way down the course and across the finish line to capture the gold.

The U15 Girls' Octuple then showed some true class as they moved away from the field in the first 750m of the race to win the title for the second year running.

MEDAL WINNERS

GOLD

U15 Girls 4X+
U16 Girls 4+
U17 Girls 2X
U18 Nov Girls 4+
U15 Girls 8X+

SILVER

U17 Girls 4X+
U16 Girls 8+
U16 Boys 2X
U15 Girls 2X
U18 Lwt Boys 2X

BRONZE

U18 Nov Boys 2X
U16 Girls 4X+
U17 Boys 4X+

SOME MEMORIES FROM THE 1950s

FROM PETER SMITH – HEAD BOY 1955

Dear Neil,

Re The A.F.B. Fund

Please find enclosed my contribution to the fund set up after the very successful reunion organised in large part by your good self, last April.

As a retired school teacher myself, I would like to acknowledge the important contribution made to my childhood by “Broady”, as we boys referred to him behind his back. It was the staff who referred to him as ‘AFB’.

Arthur Broadhurst was an Edwardian gentleman. His whole outlook and demeanor were shaped by a privileged upbringing and education. He was 24 years old when World War One broke out! After fine service in that war he was left with the question of what he was to do with the rest of his life and his inheritance from Tootle and Broadhurst.

It became clear, subsequently, that marriage and children were not a viable option, and so he turned to education, fortunately for New Zealand and subsequent generations. He could have frittered away his fortune on various self-indulgences (flying, orchestras?). However, instead he chose Cambridge, New Zealand, not England, to found a school, and the rest, as they say, is history.

I spent six formative years at St Peter’s, the last as Head Boy in 1955. I am eternally grateful for the opportunities the school gave me and in particular for Broady’s avuncular care and the passing on of his love of music, which remains with me to this day. I still sing regularly with an ‘a capella’ chamber choir and I still have the violin my father gave me when I was 10. I am now 74.

I feel I repaid some of that debt I owed the school when I represented the Old Boys on the Board of Governors during Peter Parr’s Headmastership. The Commemorative fund will cement in a lasting acknowledgement of Broady’s generosity and foresight.

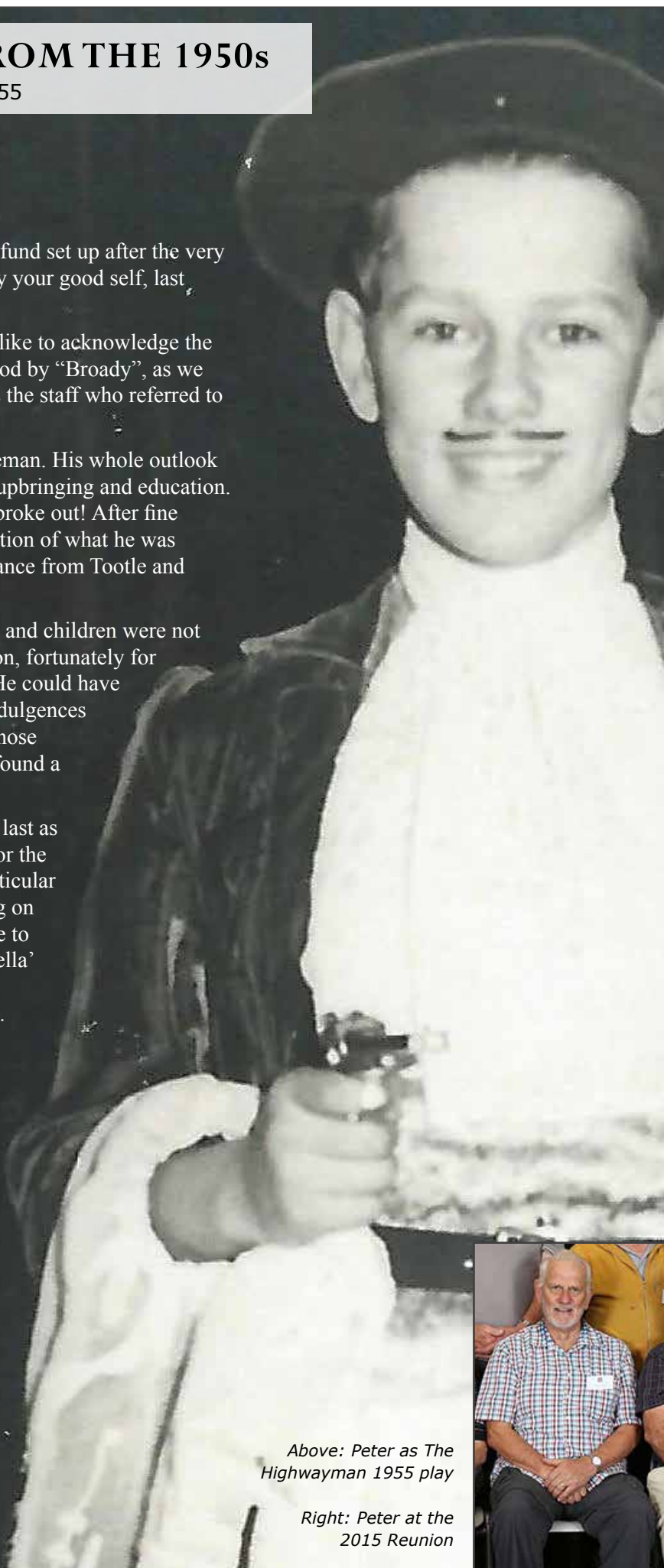
Kindest regards

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Editor’s Comment – I think that the thoughts Peter has expressed are felt by many and I have printed these to help stimulate some memories and discussion.

Above: Peter as The Highwayman 1955 play

Right: Peter at the 2015 Reunion



ARTHUR FRANCIS BROADHURST

THE EARLY YEARS UP TO END OF WW1

Arthur Francis Brooks Broadhurst (AFB) was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on 22 December 1890, the eldest son of Captain Arthur Brooks Broadhurst and Blanche Johnston-Stewart. His father was a regular army officer in the 14th Hussars, a cavalry regiment. He was posted to various military bases before finally settling down at Penrith, near Ullswater in the Lakes District, but the family did not always follow him – they often lived in comfortable accommodation instead. Arthur's interest in music began at an early age: he had piano lessons and played duets with his mother and with her sisters.

The Family Firm

The firm of cotton merchants associated with Arthur Broadhurst's grandfather, Henry Tootal Broadhurst, had had small beginnings in Manchester; then in 1859 it became Tootal Broadhurst Lee and Company.

By the time Arthur was born it had mills at Bolton and Manchester and branch offices throughout the world. Arthur's uncle, Edward (later Sir Edward) Tootal Broadhurst, was the managing director, but he had no children and hoped that in due course Arthur would enter the firm. Although he did not in the end make cotton his career, Arthur had a good deal of money at his disposal by the time he became interested in founding a school.

West Downs School

Edward Broadhurst had been at Uppingham School with Lionel Helbert, who had given up his career as a senior clerk in the House of Commons (which would have led to high office in the Civil Service) to found a new preparatory school. It was called West Downs, and it was situated in Winchester. Arthur's uncle persuaded Arthur's father to send him to the new school, and he went in 1900 at the age of nine. Helbert intended that his school would differ from other preparatory schools.

Lionel Helbert and his school had a profound influence on the youthful Arthur Broadhurst, who wrote later: 'I was little use at games, but LH encouraged me in every way with my love of music; practically the whole time I was at West Downs I was organist in the School Chapel. While I was at West Downs I took great interest in electricity; another boy and I were given the job of servicing the motor which worked the heating and ventilating system of the school. At that time my future career was clearly marked out for me: I would be an electrical engineer.'



AFB in RFC tunic and Scottish trews, on active service. With the RFC in Mesopotamia in WW1.

Winchester

In 1904 Arthur went to Winchester. He acknowledged his great debt to Dr Sweeting, the director of music, under whom he studied harmony and counterpoint and the organ, and took up the cello, which he played in the school orchestra.

At Winchester Broadhurst discovered a sport he could take up: 'I was walking down the riverbank with a chap called Bachus and the boatman said, "Why don't you chaps take up rowing? Come on, get changed and get into a tub." And that was the beginning of my rowing career.' Subsequently, Broadhurst won his school colours.



Oxford

In 1910 Broadhurst went up to Christ Church, Oxford, and studied music, classics and political economy. He graduated with a BA in 1912 and was awarded his MA in 1920 (to qualify for the MA it was only necessary to keep your name on the books, pay a fee and apply for it).

At Oxford he continued his interests in music and rowing. He sang in the Bach Choir, played the cello in the college orchestra, developed an interest in chamber music and joined the musical club. A report on the Christ Church Boat Club for 1910 stated: '...of the freshmen, Broadhurst and Buckmaster shone brightest being strong men with a certain amount of form'; but on the VIIIs of 1910 the captain wrote: 'Broadhurst had a good swing but not near enough energy, always sluggish.' By 1912 he seems to have improved (perhaps a result of more training and less food); he was still in the college VIII and his coxless IV won the Visitor's Cup at Henley in that year.

Cotton

By the time he left Oxford he had changed his mind about a future career, deciding to go into the family firm. He began at the bottom and worked in the shipping office, which managed

Editor's Comment – I have been asked by many "Old Boys" about Arthur's early life and his time prior to St Peter's. The above article and photos are from the School History Book "The Owl Spreads its Wings", and I am sure will answer a lot of questions that have been lurking in your minds – and hopefully separate myth from truth! How proud would he be of the rowing achievements by the current crop of St Peter's pupils – finishing as the top school in NZ at this year's NZ Rowing Championships – The Maadi Cup.

the firm's exports. This gave him many contacts which were to come in useful in his future travels. However, his bachelor accommodation in Plymouth was so damp that he contracted pneumonia. He was ordered by his doctor to convalesce in Madeira – soon after he returned the First World War broke out.

BROADHURST GOES TO WAR

In 1914 Broadhurst and a young cousin joined the Public School Special Corps, which Broadhurst described as 'rather an amateur affair'. He became a sergeant instructor of signalling but pulled some family strings and gained a commission in the Highland Light Infantry (being born in Scotland would have helped). After a long period of training he found himself fighting in the trenches for four months;

then he was, because of his commercial experience, seconded to the Indian Military Accounts Department and attached to an Indian Division at Basra in Mesopotamia. While there he met a squadron leader in the Royal Flying Corps, who had him transferred to the RAF in Egypt, where he learned to fly. In due course he became a flying instructor and later wrote: 'I probably got more enjoyment teaching flying than at any time before or since.' He must have been a very successful instructor, as in the Winchester School Register of 1940 he is described as having been mentioned in despatches – he never claimed this distinction later, but there is no reason to doubt its accuracy.

At the end of the war he was employed in collecting and piloting aeroplanes to various destinations.

MISSING ALUMNI

Below we have listed some more of the old boys we are still looking for (some may be deceased – but we would like to confirm if that is the case). If you can provide any further information or clues, even full Christian names, that would help. Please either email neilmcl@xtra.co.nz, or post to PO Box 331520, Takapuna 0740 NZ. Or phone +64 (0) 2161917.

Name	At School	Possible Clues
Saunders Donald A.	1960 - 1964	
Scaife P. S.	1957 - 1959	
Scale P. F.	1956 - 1956	
Seibert C. C. J.	1947 - 1947	
Sharp P. R.	1951 - 1952	In 1960 52 Westbrooke Ave, Wahroonga Sydney
Shaw Ross	1959 - 1963	Is he brother of Alan Shaw - same years & in Wgtn
Sheath Stephen Douglas	1958 - 1960	Kings 1963-67 Parnell House DOB 18/2/50
Sheilds-Brown I. E.	1947 - 1948	In 1960 was Box 805, Wgtn
Sherwood P. S.	1954 - 1954	In 85 book as no 431 - no clues??
Shieff R. L.	1960 - 1960	was c/o Highbury House, 3 Volcanic St Balmoral Ak in 1985
Simpson Richard John	1956 - 1959	DOB 28/4/45 St Kentigens, was 190 Gillies Ave Ak in 1985
Slade Michael John	1956 - 1958	DOB 12/9/44 Went Christs College
Slocombe D. V.	1940 - 1941	Went to Australian School - was Sydney at some stage
Smith Andrew J.	1958 - 1961	Kings 1962-66 Selwyn House
Smith Charles Merrit	1946 - 1949	DOB 10/5/36 NPBHS Farming RD6 Te Awamutu 1985
Smith Robert Anthony	1951 - 1953	DOB 10/6/41 St Kentigens, Ak Uni Bcom, Was Transamer. Airlines lived Lafayette Calif
Smyth J. E.	1937 - 1938	
Squire William H.	1945 - 1949	Hamilton Boys
Stroud Graham John	1958 - 1959	DOB 28/5/45, St Pauls Collegiate
Taylor J. H. A.	1941 - 1942	Left 1st Term to return to England
Thatcher Robin Hartley	1944 - 1949	Kings 1950-52 Parnell House DOB 2/2/36 Farming Gisb area? Ruatoria?
Thomas J C	1954 - 1959	Went Wesley College
Thomson Alan Peter	1946 - 1951	DOB 26/11/37 Nelson College - was 67 Kano St Karori, Wgtn in 1985
Torok P. D.	1959 - 1961	Mt Albert Grammer
Townsend A. H.	1955 - 1957	Ex UK Fernden, Haslemere, Surrey UK in 1960
Trenwith Howard Joseph	1948 - 1952	Kings 1953-56 Selwyn house DOB 23/4/39 Worked Int affairs
Tressider P.E.M.	1941 - 1943	Went to Hastings Boys High
Turnbull Alastair Kerr	1954 - 1955	DOB 9/4/45 St Kentigens was 58 landscape Rd Mt Eden in 1985
Turner David John	1958 - 1959	DOB 18/5/46 Went St Pauls?? Or Taupo Nui-a-Tia College
Tutt P. R.	1945 - 1949	Went Auckland Grammer
Virtue R J	1937 - 1939	NP Boys High,
Wallingford John Roderick	1955 - 1960	Tauranga Boys College DOB 3/5/47
Ward J R C	1955 - 1957	Was in London in 1960
Watson John Desmond	1955 - 1957	Lindisfarne DOB 8/8/43
Webber Michael St George	1953 - 1957	NP Boys High DOB 10/11/43
Whitcombe William John	1951 - 1954	Wanganui Collegiate then farming, then Computer Consultant Sydney
Wilcock R J	1958 - 1958	
Wilkie David Whatton	1936 - 1937	Went to UK? DOB 23/8/23 Was Anaesth. Tga hosp 48-70. In 85 Colville C'mandel
Williams Barrie Clifton	1956 - 1961	St Pauls
Williams J G	1937 - 1939	in 1985 1 Temple St Ak
Wills A A	1949 - 1949	
Wills G T M	1957 - 1961	Was Alpine Guide Mt Cook- Went Christs
Wills Hamish	1959 - 1963	Is Hamish G -believed teacher in Wales
Wintler A.J.C.T	1960 - 1961	Wanganui Collegiate
Woollams Frederick	1950 - 1953	Wanganui Collegiate DOB 13/5/40 Was Herald reporter Ham?
William		
Wright David Nevill	1951 - 1954	Went St Kentigens
Wrigley E. J. W.	1946 - 1948	
Wylie W. R.	1959 - 1960	
Yates A C M	1950 - 1951	

The Arthur Broadhurst Commemorative Fund

I am delighted with the continued response to 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. You will see that the list of those contributing is growing. At our March issue it stood at 18 donors, it is now up to 25.

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. This fund is a long term fund and the capital will be retained as a lasting tribute to Arthur Broadhurst and the income spent to promote the ideals that Arthur would have championed. As well as donations we would welcome any bequests that Old Boys were able to make.

Our first grant has been made from the Fund. We have paid half the cost of the Commemorative Plaque (see article in last issue) and feel it is a very appropriate way to start. Those who were at the reunion dinner will recall the offers made to set up and donate to this fund, so thank you.

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

Trevor Barrett (1955-1960)
Spencer Bush (1940-1944)
William (Bill) Childs (1944-1946)
Geoffrey Clark (1953-1957)
Gary Clemson (1942-1947)
Robert Cox (1957-1958)
Jim Dawson (1946-1948)
Patrick Gibson (1944-1947)
Rev Canon Ian Graham (Teacher 1952-1955)
Peter Jones (1953-1957)
Don MacCulloch (1945-1946)
Stuart MacDonald (1946-1949)
Graham Malaghan (1953-1957)
Neil McLaughlin (Editor & Chairman St Peter's Foundation)
Michael Mowat-Smith (1947-1951)
Peter Parr (Headmaster, 1979-1987)
Don Randell (1940-1943)
Graham Ruddenklau (1947-1951)
Peter McK Smith (1950-1955)
Sidney Spalter (1946-1949)
Warren Turnwald (1960)
Malcolm Waller (1936-1937)
Alastair Whitelaw (1944-1945)
Grey Whitney (1936-1938)
Nigel Yockney (1950-1955)

I am also aware of some bequests and will include those names once I get confirmation from the donor that it is in order to do so and clarification if some or all of any bequest is specifically for the Broadhurst Fund or for the Foundation General Capital Fund.



For any enquiry on the fund, its purpose or uses, or how to contribute please contact the Editor Neil McLaughlin.

Editor's Comment – I am also Chairman of the St Peter's School Foundation, and as the Broadhurst Commemorative Fund is held and administrated by the Foundation, I thought it appropriate to include a copy of my report to the Alumni AGM earlier this year.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report to Alumni AGM 15 April 2016

As Chairman of the St Peter's School Foundation I would like to present this report to the Alumni AGM on behalf of the Foundation. I will provide you with some background on the Foundation and its operation.

The Foundation was formed by a Trust Deed dated 1 May 2002. It operates under that Trust Deed and is solely for the benefit of St Peter's School. Funds can only be spent with the consent of the School Trust Board, and the Trust Board generally cannot force the Foundation to make distributions without the Foundation's consent.

The overriding aim of the Foundation is to build a Capital Fund of which income only is used to assist the School.

The Foundation is part of the St Peter's Family which comprises also the School Trust Board, staff, pupils, Parents Association and Alumni. It has always been the intention that all these parties would work together for the benefit of St Peters.

The Foundation does not see it as anything other than a vehicle that can be used by all of the school family to raise and accumulate funds then ensure they are used only for the purposes that they were intended. Where appropriate, Capital Funds are retained and grown when that is the intention of the donor and only the accumulated income used again for the intended purposes.

The Foundation operates four sub committees under four separate chairmen (Membership, Finance, Grants and Business & Entrepreneur), and these all report back to the main committee and allow more to be achieved.

The committee of the Foundation is elected at its AGM every year and up to twelve members of the Foundation can be elected to the committee. In addition, the following or their nominee is included on the committee: the Chairman of

School Trust Board, The School Principal, School Business Manager, Alumni Rep., Parent's Association Rep.

The committee itself is made up of a wide cross-section, including school staff, current parents, past parents and a number of Alumni. As such it has a good understanding of the School and its history.

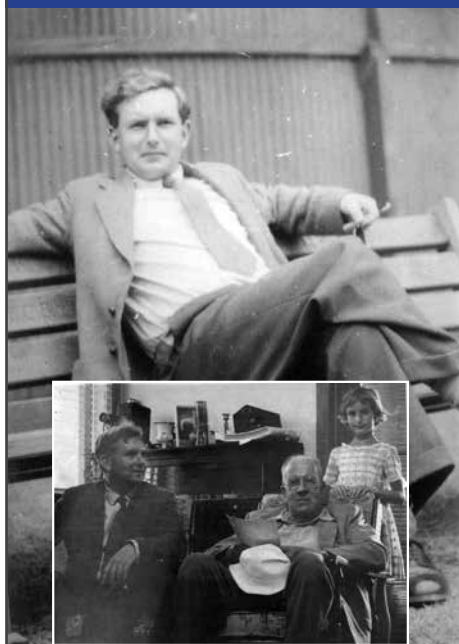
To December 2015 the Foundation has raised, received donations or income totalling around \$10.5 million. It has also made grants, scholarships and other distributions totalling over \$4.75 million. It currently has capital and retained funds of over \$5.7 million. The funds held are in many cases designated for particular purposes such as the Alumni Scholarship Fund of over \$200K. (This is money deposited with the Foundation by the Alumni, as a donation for the purpose only of providing scholarships that are agreed between the Principal and the Alumni, and the Foundation has no say in that. However, the capital must remain in the Foundation and is thus protected.)

The Alumni are a special group of people who should be (and are) prominent in many areas of the school. (Parents, past parents, Trust Board members, Foundation members teaching staff, support and farm staff). Once you have been a pupil you are an "Alumni for Life". It is this group of people who will carry forward the traditions and history of the school and it is important for the school that they embrace their roles. While many others, like parents, staff (some), Trust Board members and the like will come and go, you, the Alumni, are here for the long haul. At different stages in your life you will be able to make a different form of contribution to the school and, most importantly, stay connected with your school, and fellow school friends as that will be the strength of the school.

**Neil McLaughlin, Chairman
St Peter's School Foundation**

VIVIAN BEVAN

TEACHER 1955-1962 (from *The Owl Spreads its Wings*)



Vivian Bevan (nothing to do with the Bevan Cup) was appointed as a visiting teacher of violin and piano in 1955, and he received a glowing report in the 1957 Chronicle for his work with senior and junior orchestras. When G W McConnell (1955-57) left at the end of 1957 for Palmerston North Boys' High School Vivian was appointed head of music from 1958. He ceased to be 'a visiting teacher' and he and his wife, who taught the piano, moved into a school house.

Roland Yockney, when interviewed, said of Vivian Bevan:

'He was fantastic, the most important and inspirational man in my childhood. He was innovative, eccentric and humorous. He had stereophonic sound; he played Peter Sellers's rendition of the Trumpet Voluntary which was greatly enjoyed. He also knew all about repairing violins ... He was a photographer who used the dark room to the maximum ... He introduced us to radar electronics and especially transistors in 1960 ... He also emerged as an inimitable painter of the school environment ... He took us to NZSO concerts in Hamilton ...'

(Roland Yockney began the violin with Vivian Bevan and played it for the rest of his time at St Peter's).

Left: Vivian relaxing

Inset: Vivian and his daughter entertain Arthur Broadhurst.

A TRUE ADVENTURE INTO THE UNKNOWN

Peter Otway (1946 to 1950)

Peter attended St Peter's from 1946 to 1950. He was a Prefect and Co-Head Choir Boy, won English and music prizes and was in the 1st XV and the hockey XI.

Peter then went on to Te Awamutu College. He qualified as a surveyor. He surveyed in Antarctica in 1960 to 1963 and again in 1965 as well as the UK, Canada, Libya and Iran between 1963 and 1965. He joined the DSIR in 1967 and researched earthquake and volcanic activity.

Peter's adventures into the Antarctic are recorded with some fantastic photos in his recently published book *"It's a Dog's Life in Antarctica"*. Peter kindly donated two copies of this book to St Peter's School. As Peter said, "It's a Dog's Life in Antarctica: exploring the Transantarctic Mountains by dog sledge, 1960-1962 - and beyond is largely based on my diary, and is therefore a personal view of my life with the huskies, and others. The last chapter however goes on to show the career in volcanic research that those early experiences led me into. I hope it will be seen as an example of how a sound start in education can lead to an interesting and challenging life. It is in this spirit that I am donating the two copies of my book to the school as my own small tribute to AFB.

"This book is a personal record of a very lucky and life changing event that opened the door to an interesting career. I guess that, if there is a lesson to be learned from the book, it would be to follow your heart and seize the opportunities that come your way. And, of course, even that first opportunity would not have come my way if I had not had sound, all round education in the first place. The no-nonsense founding headmaster, Mr Broadhurst, stood me in good stead for life's challenges ahead.

"As a matter of interest, when I returned from my first big Antarctic trip and was working for a while in Hamilton, I spent many evenings touring the district giving slide shows of my recent adventures (using many of the photos in the book) on request to various clubs, groups and schools, of which St Peter's was one. That would have been in the first term of 1962. At the Broadhurst years reunion I didn't think to ask any old boys from that era if they remembered it. Maybe just as well as I may have found it had made no impression at all! So now, once my book is in the school library, it will be almost a case of history repeating."

(As editor I set out to review the book, which is the story of a real adventure, and I thoroughly enjoyed all the detail and accompanying pictures. However, I found it impossible to adequately summarise the story in this short space, but I can recommend a read to anyone who has an interest. I am sure an email to Peter will direct you to where copies may be found (there is one in the St Peter's Library and one in the staff room). I do attach a copy of the back cover which includes a review of the book by Colin Monteath.)



Peter with his parents, 1960



Broadhurst Reunion, 2015

St Peter's School Alumni Sydney Reunion

Friday, 4 November 2016
6.00pm onwards

Wolfies Restaurant, The Rocks, Sydney Harbour

Registration

To register your interest in attending, please
e-mail: events@stpeters.school.nz

The function is free to attend for all Alumni, this includes your first drink upon arrival and nibbles throughout the evening. A cash bar is available.

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THE STAFF IN 1958



Back row, from left: K C W West-Watson, K J Hiron (bursar), R A Finch, V E Bevan, M Smale, Sister R E Gallagher, the Revd D A Cowell, Mrs Y M Williams, D Gentleman.
Front row, from left: Mrs C J Wright (secretary), Nurse M J Willcox, A F B Broadhurst, Mrs E I Meadows (secretary), Mrs Janine Bevan, Nurse K Lyons, J E M Ball, Miss S V Halford.



1st XV RUGBY TEAM 1959

P G Meikle, G J Stroud, R H Jones, J H Grossman,
L N Fitzpatrick, R J Simpson, P C Sumpter,
H S Robertson, D J Turner, R D Harvey, W Ropata,
A Frame, D R Guy, P N Dougan, R T Odlin.

Comment on the Reverend Cowell article in Issue 5

Hello Neil,

I was so pleased to read the article *"The Forgotten Headmaster"* in the last newsletter as I knew Dennis and his wife Peggy well and counted them as dear friends. I taught alongside Dennis in my last year and a half at St Peter's and came to know him as a gentle, unassuming man, sincere and very caring. I say unassuming – perhaps too much so after such a colourful character as AFB!

I had the privilege of assisting him in the Chapel and received great support from Dennis and Peggy for my return to theological studies. I will always remember that he gladly invited me to celebrate my very first communion in the St Peter's Chapel after my ordination to the priesthood in 1957. Sadly his tenure as Headmaster (there is no question that he wasn't Headmaster – AFB told me so himself) was quite short. We visited them at Putaruru and also at Mahoenui but later sadly lost touch with them. I will always remember Dennis and Peggy with true affection.

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AFB'S O.B.E. INVESTITURE

A MEMORY FROM RICHARD NEWMAN (1948 - 1952)

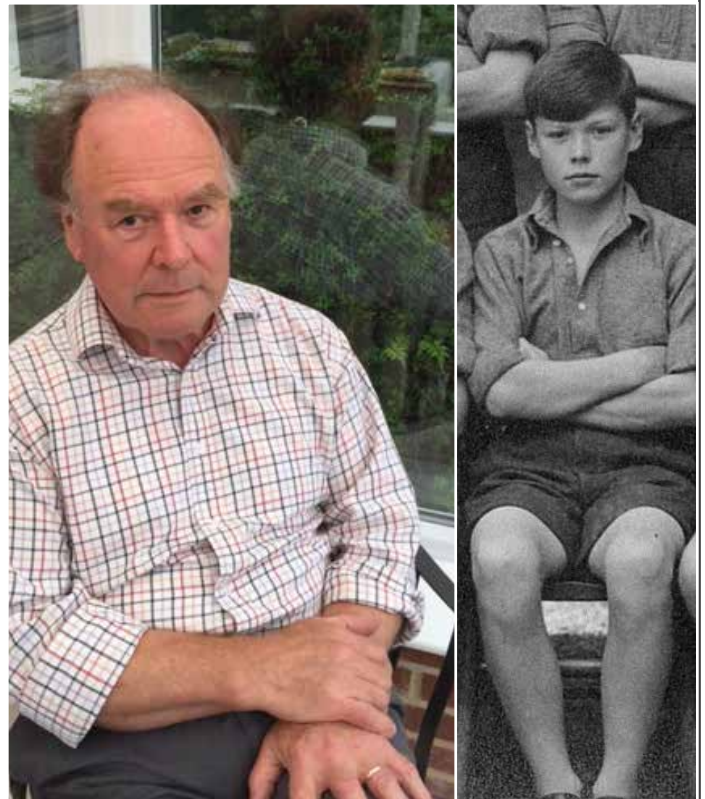
There have been a couple of references to AFB's investiture in recent issues of the *Broadhurst Era News*, and I thought Alumni might be interested in the story of the day. AFB was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours of 1950 but because he was on sabbatical leave throughout 1951 the investiture was delayed until 1952.

After the Ash Wednesday service on 27 February I changed into my Sunday suit and travelled by car to Auckland, with AFB at the wheel and Colonel Smeeton the other passenger. I was dropped off at home in Epsom in the early afternoon and I spent the evening at the cinema with my parents and sister watching a film of the recent royal tour of Canada. In those days it was possible to fill a cinema for a week with a film of that kind.

Next morning I went to the old Government House in Princes Street where I met AFB, Colonel Smeeton and Mr Oliphant, one of the St Peter's trustees. The ceremony was held on the lawn of the house, where a dais had been set up at one end for the Governor-General (Lord Freyberg in full dress uniform) and chairs had been laid out in rows for the audience. Fortunately it was a lovely fine day. There were about 120 people to be invested and about 300 guests. The first award was a knighthood and as the sword was unsheathed and the recipient stepped forward to be tapped on the shoulders, Colonel Smeeton whispered to me, "Watch carefully. You may not see this again" and lifted me bodily out of my seat so that I could see over the heads of people in front. The rest of the ceremony was - to be frank - somewhat tedious as each recipient stepped forward to a polite ripple of applause.

My father had written to AFB offering to host a formal lunch party after the event and asking if there was anyone else that AFB would like to invite. Somewhat to his dismay, the reply contained a list of 10 names. The lunch was held in a private dining room at the Trans-Tasman Hotel and the menu consisted of soup, fish, an entree of chicken, grills of various sorts, a couple of sweets and coffee to finish. My father gave a short speech in which, so my father wrote later in a letter, "I told the old boy what he knew already, and none better, that he was the best headmaster of the best school in the country, and he purred gently in reply. I think he was very gratified and the guests departed in a warm glow of good spirits". Perhaps that was not surprising; the Trans-Tasman was frequented by foreign tourists who did not know the no-tipping customs of New Zealand and the wine waiter, in an attempt to inflate his 10%, had been very liberal with the foreign wine (at a pound a bottle) without mentioning the cheaper alternatives. The total cost of the food was five pounds. I didn't attend this lunch but shared in the sandwiches and cakes provided on the verandah of Government House.

We travelled to and from Auckland in AFB's new Humber Hawk, a large and rather stately vehicle of which AFB was exceedingly proud. One of the boys once referred to it as



"brown", to which AFB replied, in his loftiest voice, "It's not brown. It's opalescent satin bronze." This conversation was reported to Monty Pierard, whose car was a grubby off white. Quick as a flash, Monty said, "Well, tell him mine's iridescent shot-silk ivory."

I was interested to read that some people who knew AFB in his Lichfield days regarded him as a "bit mysterious". Years later, Stanley Jackson told me that when AFB applied for his post at Lichfield, "such was the modesty of the man" that he offered only the briefest of CVs and gave no hint that his career in New Zealand had been so distinguished.

Richard Newman (1948 - 1952)

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Editor's Comment – I visited Richard at his home in Thatcham, UK in July this year and thoroughly enjoyed a chat with him over morning tea. We shared some of his memories of the School. Richard was head boy in 1952. He only arrived in NZ from the UK with his family in 1947, starting at St Peter's in 1948. He felt, as a result, the culture and structure were not too different from his experiences in the UK. Thank you Richard for your hospitality.
