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From The Committee

300 Club

The draw took place at the AGM, using a random numbers generator. The winning number - 46 - £100 to D Kershaw.



Chairman's Comments

With the term over, we reflect on what the School has achieved. Normality has gradually become more than a distant hope. Testing still continues and the Prep School has borne the brunt of Covid but to the credit of all involved with the College there have been some superb successes - boarding is full, Prize Giving was a great success where OS Malcolm Grimston actually received his Alumni Award for 2020 in person, albeit a year late, he was also the chief guest. The Owl presented was made by former student Matthew Grattan. The students currently at College or recently departed to university delivered excellent speeches and the day was a superb advert for the College. Later some 350 - OSs, existing pupils, parents, staff and friends enjoyed an excellent evening at the Spa - where Jason Liversidge was presented with the 2021 Alumni Award - at the now, school organised OSA Ball.

On the sports front there have been some superb outcomes. The Equestrian team are 105 team National Champions. The U16s Hockey team have reached the last 8 in the country. On the Rugby front the stand out team - the U15 Boys have continued another fine run in the England Schools' Rugby Cup. Victories over Pocklington, Ampleforth and Ripon Grammar School have seen the team enter the final 32 stage in the Vase Cup competition. We are delighted to inform members that we are sponsoring Tommy Risker who not only represents Yorkshire in Golf but has trained with the England U18 squad. He is off to Spain for a period of winter training in January.

The OSA delivered a presentation to the Sixth Form and we have been very impressed by the welcome we have received from students and we are intending to develop links and have a higher profile within the College. Credit must go to our Alumni Officer Nikki who has been in post for six months and has made a huge impact in person and developing the social media side of our communications. We would love to see an excellent turn out for our March Reunion - Saturday March 12th. Venue - check out social media there is a competition to guess the location from a number of clues.

Hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you a successful and Covid free 2022

John Rowlands

News of Members

Alumni Award 2020 - Malcolm Grimston



At the 2021 Prize Giving, the Guest Speaker was former student, Malcolm Grimston (Lodge, 1969-76) who gave a meaningful, insightful and inspiring speech to all present, reinforcing both the necessity and benefits of working hard, but also for being brave and strong to grasp any opportunity that presents itself in the future, as when these doors are opened, you never know quite where it may lead.

Malcolm was also honoured as the 2020 OSA Alumni Award winner which was announced last year when the College held a Virtual Prize Giving. This Award, which was introduced in 2013, is given to recognise the achievements of a member of the OSA in the hope that it will inspire the next generation of Scarborough College students to go out into the world and be the best they can be.

Malcolm was at College from 1969 to 1976, under the headmastership of Denys Crews and Richard Wilkinson. He was a member of Lodge House and focussed on science and music. After A levels in Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Music and General Studies (all Grade A) he went up to Magdalene College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences, specialising in Psychology in his third year. He sang with the Cambridge University Music Society chorus and was a member of the Standing Committee of the Cambridge Union (debating) Society. He was also a Choral Exhibitioner, taking part in the Sunday service each week in the College Chapel under the expert guidance of the Organ Scholar, Tim Kirkup – later to be Headmaster of Scarborough College.

Graduating in 1979, he spent an extra year taking a Post Graduate Certificate in Education, which led to a seven-year career as a chemistry teacher, first at Stowe near Buckingham, then at Millfield in Somerset. At both schools he kept up his interest in music, producing and conducting a staff-school joint production of Britten's Little Sweep at Stowe and taking various roles with the Strode opera Company in Somerset.

His life took a dramatic and unexpected turn in 1986, when he spoke from the floor in a debate on nuclear power while visiting a friend at the University of Birmingham. He got into a protected correspondence with the late John Collier, the Chairman-designate of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, which led to a post being created for him at the UKAEA doing something in the public understanding and presentation sphere – neither Malcolm nor John had a terribly clear idea what precisely this would involve – and he moved to London in 1987 to take up the position.

After 8 years with the UKAEA, writing, researching and speaking on the wider issues of energy and nuclear power (three of which were on secondment to the trade body, now called the Nuclear Industry Association) Malcolm was appointed a Senior Research Fellow at Imperial College in 1995 (he is still a Honorary Fellow at the Imperial Centre for Energy Policy and does a few lectures a year); four years later he started a spell in a similar position with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House). Always a prolific writer on energy issues, while at Chatham House he wrote his first two books, with the late Peter Beck: *Civil Nuclear Power – Fuel of the Future or Relic of the Past?* and *Double or Quits – the Global Future of Civil Nuclear Energy*.

Meanwhile, in 1994 he was elected as a Councillor to serve West Hill Ward in the London Borough of Wandsworth, in which role he was to have front bench responsibility for Housing, for Education and for Environment & Leisure and was for a time the Conservative spokesman on education for London local government.

However, energy and nuclear power remained his main focus and he became a regular media contributor, notably after the earthquake and tsunami which engulfed the Fukushima nuclear power station in Japan in 2011. In 2016 he published his magnum opus, *Paralysis at the Heart of Energy Decision-Making*, and continues to take part in conferences and presentations on the wider energy debate. He resigned the Conservative Whip in 2014 and has sat as an Independent Councillor since, winning the highest number of votes of any candidate in London (4,002) in the 2018 Council elections. His 2017 book, *West Hill and Wimbledon Park Side – story of a Council Ward* has sold nearly 1000 copies locally. In 2006 the local orchestra performed his *Wandsworth Symphony*. Since 2012 he has been in a blissful civil partnership with his Cuban partner Carlos.



Malcolm looks back on his time at College with great affection and is still in contact with many of his friends such as Paul Artley, Jamil Hamed, Rod King and Russ Pressney. When Tim Kirkup invited him to give the Founders' Day lecture in 2004 it was wonderful to see such long-retired figures as Denys Crews, Peter Burton and John Alderson – and Colin

Brooke, who had joined the Physics Department during Malcolm's time at the College and was still there!

Malcolm received his award, albeit a year late, from former member of staff and OS John Precious.

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Alumni Award 2021 - Jason Liversidge

This was awarded to Jason Liversidge who was unable to attend the Prize Giving ceremony but joined the school community in the evening at The OSA Ball, with over 350 guests, to receive his award in person from OSA President Miles Cartwright. His Award

was recognised at the Prize Giving and the following was read out at this event.



Jason attended both Lisvane & Scarborough College from 1984 until 1992. After leaving school Jason trained and worked as a mechanic for 9 years. He joined the family business before opening his own business in 2003. In addition to working hard he continued to enjoy an adrenaline filled lifestyle including skiing, grass tracking, motor biking and

fast cars.

Jason met his wife Liz in 2009 and after a whirlwind romance, they married less than a year later and soon became proud parents to Lilly and Poppy.

In 2012 Jason's life began to change. He started experiencing symptoms including weakness and muscle loss in his right hand, tingling down the left side of his body and slurred speech. He was eventually diagnosed with Fabry Disease in November 2012. Fabry Disease is an extremely rare, life limiting condition, which causes toxins to build up in the body leading to global organ damage, including kidney failure, heart failure and eventually death.



If this wasn't enough for Jason and his family to deal with and accept, his symptoms continued to progress. He was subsequently diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in August 2013, at the age of 37.

MND is a rare, rapidly progressive illness that strikes without warning and can kill within months. It damages the nervous system leading to weakness, muscle wasting, severe disability, paralysis and death. The victim is unable to move, speak, swallow and eventually unable to breathe. Professor Stephen Hawking, former Rugby Union

international Doddie Weir and Leeds Rhinos Rob Burrow have all been diagnosed with MND.

As a family they were devastated. With two daughters aged 22 and 4 months old they didn't know how they would cope or what the future would hold for them. Their plan was simple - Live every day like it was their last.

Since his diagnosis, Jason has achieved some amazing things and raised much needed money and awareness of MND through some amazing challenges and continued to enjoy life. They were acutely aware that Jason would eventually need to use a wheelchair and as a result would need to adapt their home. This is where Jason first featured on our TV screens, through BBC 1's DIY SOS. It was an old school friend and OS Catherine Brennand who suggested they should apply for DIY SOS and helped with the whole project, which as a result has been a godsend. Jason also had a bespoke voice (complete with a Yorkshire accent) created for him, again with the help and samples of his Scarborough College school friends.

Since his diagnosis and failing health, Jason has raised thousands of pounds for charity by undertaking some incredible challenges including;

- Conquering the Longest Zip Wire in Europe and the Fastest in the World.
- He became the first person to summit Mount Snowdon in an Electric Wheelchair
- He has abseiled off the Humber Bridge (whilst paralysed) and he has abseiled into Lancaster Hole, a 100 feet deep pot hole, which is part of the largest caving system in Britain
- In 2020 he set a Guinness World



Record for the Fastest Electric Wheelchair achieving a whopping speed of 66.826 MPH.

As a family they have supported charitable organisations such as Dove House, Marie Curie, the Motor Neurone Association and Fire Fighters Charity. He has also raised money for the Bendrigg Trust an organisation that provides out of bound activities for severely disabled and disadvantaged children.

Jason has two terminal illnesses, he is paralysed from the neck down and he is unable to speak, eat or breathe on his own. He needs round the clock care and everyday is a challenge, but he will never give up and still hopes that one day there will be a cure.

Many people call him inspirational, although Jason doesn't like the word and believes that he is just an ordinary man making the most of the time he has.

Jason is an example to others. He has highlighted what can be achieved with a positive 'can do' attitude and true Yorkshire Grit, even in the face of extreme adversity.

*Ball photo credits Richard Ponter
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Tommy Risker

We are delighted to sponsor Tommy who is in the first year of the Sixth Form. He plays golf for Yorkshire and is training with the England U18s. He plays off a handicap of -3 and in addition has achieved some excellent results for the 2021 season, including:

- 100% win rate as an individual for Yorkshire Boys
- Top 20 in North of England Open Men's Championship, his first national men's competition.
- Best Individual Score in the Yorkshire Men's 6 Man Team Championship
- Top 15 in the Yorkshire Men's Amateur
- East Riding Junior Champion
- East Riding Men's Matchplay Runner Up
- South Cliff Golf Club Club Champion
- Top 10 finish in the Faldo Series Scottish Boys' Championship
- Winning the Yorkshire League for the East Riding Men's team.



In January he travels to southern Europe for winter training to get ready for the coming season. After College, he plans to move to America to attend university at a D1 college and compete in the collegiate system or to turn professional immediately after completion of IB. Anyone who wishes to offer Tommy some sponsorship please contact us through the OSA email - osa@scarboroughcollegeosa.co.uk



Berenice Collignon

(2017-19)

at university in Canada



Berenice writes:

Right now, I'm at McGill University in my third year of university pursuing a double major in Economics and East Asian studies, and a minor in East Asian Language - Mandarin. The variety of courses offered, has given me the possibility to study what I am genuinely interested in with professors that are specialists in their fields.

University is more than just studying, it's a life experience and I would say that I am trying to make the most of it! I am involved in many different aspects at McGill.

I had the chance to participate in a Case competition, I helped out as a floor staffer at the annual MUN conference held by McGill (MCMUN, is the third largest collegiate MUN conference in the world and biggest in Canada). At some point I even started being a staff writer for a McGill affiliated International Development website and after a year decided that maybe I could try out to be a podcaster for the McGill International Review. I never thought I was a great writer, but it was all for the challenge and the experience.

This year I have become involved with my student department association as VP Communications, I helped create a Socratic Discussion Club and became VP internal, I am also VP communications for the McGill Taiwanese Student Association which is a cultural club.

All these amazing opportunities helped me meet fantastic people and really try out new things. I discovered what I am capable of, and what area I needed to improve in - mostly procrastination.

What I love most about university, is that there is something for everyone to do. Whether you are interested in robotics, tea, anime, Ukrainian culture, helping people get safe home, getting involved in student life, etc... either you join a club/association or you create it!

Lastly, Montreal offers many job and internship opportunities for students.

If I were to describe Montreal in three words I would say that it's: Iconic, vibrant and different. I actually haven't met anyone who said they didn't like Montreal. The city is separated in different sectors and each sector has its own vibes so it's nice to be able to experience it all.

The only downside, the winter which lasts for 5 months. It's rough. On the bright side, it does give me the opportunity to go skiing, snow shoeing, sledding, ice skating and building snowmen!

Botond Pinter

(2003-17)



Botond Pinter with Emilio Butragueno+

Boti writes:

During my 3 years at UCL I was lucky enough to participate in a multitude of teams and societies, including the university football team, varsity mooting and debating teams, and of course attending UCL's law society's events. Through networking events at UCL I had the chance to meet many legal professionals and managed to undertake work experience in a number of local courts as well as visits to the Supreme Court and the Royal Courts of Justice.

I was initially more interested in pursuing a career in governance and politics and interned for Lord Storey and Robert Goodwill MP at the Palace of Westminster in my first year. However, after really coming to love law itself I decided to follow a different path. I found that my talent and passion was in legal litigation. Finally, I graduated UCL with a 2.1 in Summer 2020

Once I had finished my undergraduate degree, I wanted to specialise in an area of law that I would not only be good at but also love doing. I chose Sports Law and my journey took me to Spain, to Universidad Europea de Madrid, where I completed a one-year master's in International Sports Law (LLM) and graduated top of the class with distinction. Unlike a conventional masters, I chose this degree because it was taught by practitioners rather than academics. I was fortunate in being taught by leading professionals and having had the opportunity to get to know them, I managed to build an extensive network in the sector. I was even able to do an internship with Real Madrid CF. Once that finished, I was invited to work at Sportia Law, a boutique sports law firm in Madrid.

Since May, I have been working at Sportia where international arbitral litigation is my job. I mostly represent football players in employment related disputes and carry out advocacy before dispute resolution chambers such as the FIFA Football Tribunal and the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne, Switzerland. In January 2022 I will be moving to Barcelona to begin work at Pinto Ruiz & Del Valle, a large sports law specialist firm. My plan is to stay with them until the summer and then move back to England to complete the Legal Practitioners Course (LPC) and undertake a training contract with a commercial law firm in London in order to qualify as a solicitor.

+ Former Spain player - 69 caps, Real Madrid, Director of Football, Club vice-president and Head of Public Relations

James Robertson

(2009-16)



James writes:

With the academic year coming back around, I have reflected on my past placement year at AlpsAlpine R&D, Stuttgart. Due to the pandemic circumstances the year was often steered in certain undesirable directions. This was, as for everyone, out of anyone's control and would change regularly. Overviewing the situation and making a plan with what could be controlled became very useful to myself. Quick but adaptable decisions were a key aspect of organising the logistics for the placement year.

I feel that out of all years, this last year has been the most experience enriched, eye-opening, worthwhile year full of learning curves, effort and reward. I could not have anticipated I would learn so much in this amount of time, and in areas that I would never imagine. From the academic side and the dynamics of how an international company functions to the fact of living and working in a foreign country and meeting nationalities from every corner of the world with different cultures, languages, and experiences to share.

Throughout my year I have had close work with implementing and testing the Amazon Alexa functionality in a voice-controlled infotainment add-on product. This involved very regular contact with Amazon in the USA as well as partner companies in Korea and China and illustrated the importance of clear communication for the new developments to correctly correspond to the issues faced and align with the Amazon certification requirements. I now look forward to getting stuck into my third and final year of Acoustic and Audio Engineering being back at Salford University!



Peter Caton

(Armstrong 1987-92)



Peter has returned to South Sudan to record the plight of the population who have continued to be affected by the floods he so graphically photographed earlier in the year. His recently shot photographs were featured in the Guardian.



Waveney Crookes

(Marske, 1985-92) captain of Rugby, School Prefect, Head of House, senior naval cadet, 1st XI Hockey)



Following Britannia Royal Naval College - careers in the RN, fishing, deep sea diving, involvement with the RNLI and a stint working for the British Antarctic Survey, - Wave and his partner, Laura, a marine biologist, came up with the idea to use seaweed's properties for food and cosmetic products. However sea weed is generally something to be avoided if offered. They started harvesting, washing and turning it into seasonings. As the first people to be attempting this there were a significant number of hoops to jump through in order to obtain the licence, so there was a lot of trial and error involved.

The site of their enterprise is some three miles off the coast of Scarborough, where Waveney grew up. It is being grown at a depth of 30 metres. Wave and Laura have established SeaGrown the first large scale seaweed farms in England. The algae, according to Wave is going to be an important contributor in reducing carbon emissions - the main cause of climate change.



How? Why?

It is estimated that seaweed is 20 more efficient at absorbing carbon from the atmosphere than woodland. It also releases oxygen into the water. New habitats emerge which allow marine life to flourish. It can also be used in animal feeds which if added to a cow's diets can mitigate emissions - which are significant contributors to greenhouse gasses. Seaweed can be used to sustainably manufacture such products as biodegradable plastics, textiles, fertilisers and food. A great advantage is that it is ready to harvest within three to four months - it grows a lot faster than trees.



The company SeaGrown has developed significantly since its birth five years ago - they now offer a consultancy for those wishing to work in the same field. It has endeavoured to expand its area under seaweed . It raised more than £27,000 from crowd funding in less than six weeks enabling a further 4 square kilometres to be used to grow seaweed.

They have also refitted Southern Star - a vessel which needed a full overhaul of engines, hull and fittings. It now resides in the harbour where there is a cafe, visitors centre, a seaweed hatchery and science labs. There are plans for an educational area.

Recently, an appearance on the Hairy Bikers Go North saw a significant increase in demands for SeaGrown's products.

See <https://www.seagrown.co.uk>

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/seagrown-turning-the-tide-on-climate-change>



Based on an article in The Yorkshire Post magazine

William Clouston

(Lodge, 1979-84)

Following on from the brief mention in the newsletter of April 2021, the SDP recently held its 2021 Conference featuring a significant number of well-known figures.

At the conference it launched “The End of Indifference”. This green paper on economics and industry shows why and how Britain must call time on four decades of debt and decline. The paper is available with a commentary by William on You Tube.



From the Archives

Fresh from the environmental extravaganza in Glasgow, the COP26 - 31 October - 12 November 2021 - we thought we ought to have a delve in the Archives to offer evidence that environmental issues were not something new and that the College was environmental concerned some 40 years ago at a time when the major concerns included - The Cold War, the Aids epidemic, Falklands War, Chernobyl, Miner's strike, Band Aid and the fall of the Berlin Wall at the end of the 80s decade.

Lovelock's Gaia, the state of the seas/rivers, air pollution, destruction of the Rain forest , Chico Mendes, Greenpeace, the Humpback Whale, Friends of the Earth, Bhopal, Seals, Decade of Destruction, Jungle Burger, anti-Nuclear Power featured but there always seemed to be more urgent priorities. Nevertheless at the College there were some interesting initiatives over the decade.

1980s

Eco Soc

This year has seen the rise of a new and exciting society. a small band of Eco-Freak masters gathered together and held an open, initial meeting. The response was much greater than anticipated.

The first term saw the Society implementing the ideas of "Intermediate Technology " in making paper. Great wads of past exam scripts and copies of the Evening News were mashed to a pulp thanks to the ingenuity of Mr John Lucas who brought a new meaning to the phrase "The Industrial Revolution". Notable experts with the 'deckle and mould' were Greg Johnson, David Moore, Fred Walter, Dianne Cook, Wendy Hakim, Paul Pentin and John Charlton. Letters have since been written to Greenpeace on our own watermarked paper. Glen Holmes designed a wind-generator for the electricity requirements of the animal house and James Loughran has produced some excellent art work to publicise meetings.



One of our great loves is Cetacea - whales, dolphins and porpoises, this led to a sponsored walk - "Save the Whale" which involved laying a wreath at the Whale Jaw Bones opposite Whitby Abbey and carrying a coffin back to Scarborough.

This together with disco - “Kestrel Haze “ (organised by A Whitehead, I Mitchell, S Harris and L Bennett together with some members of the OSA) raised over £200 for Greenpeace and funds towards projects for Eco-Soc. Our thanks go to all those students, friends and parents who supported the walk, to Mr Harris, Mr Newson, Mr Chadderton and Mr Robert Hopkins for their support for the walk and to our colleagues who have to suffer our ‘eccentricities’ daily.



Whale Walk - Whitby to College

Scarborough Marineland & Zoo: 1969 - 1984



The group had an excellent talk given by Mr John Braithwaite, a Scabroian who is one of the country's leading experts in training dolphins and whales. Many members went to the meeting in order to object to any system which imprisons these animals but they were so impressed by John's obvious care and concern for the animals and for his very entertaining account that he found it difficult to extricate himself from the from the large group of enquiring students following the meeting.

Finally on whales, Mr Burnard wiped out all the opposition in the Balloon Debate in which he

was H Whale (H for Humpback) where a poem and a recording of cetaceans communicating swayed the audience to allow him to remain in the balloon and so survive (unlike in reality).

Other notable occasions included a very closely fought debate on Nuclear Power with the Debating Society. Eco-So, thanks to the powerful speaking of M Hall and J Loughran won the day by one vote. Recent events included an illustrated talk on cliff erosion, with a particularly interesting section on coastal flora by Mr Keith Rowe; a talk on wool spinning by Diana Baker, using wool collected from fences etc during the visit to the Dalby Nature Museum.

We hope to build next year on the sound foundations. You have been warned, so if you are interested in the future of the Earth and this includes Scarborough, join us.

C Burnard/J Lucas/J Rowlands

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OUT OF ADVERSITY COMES STRENGTH

1986 is the year of Peace, and the emblem of it is the dove which, by coincidence, is also the emblem of Greenpeace.

Last year many of Greenpeace's members had their minds put at ease, as they were in the knowledge that the Canadian Seal hunt had been called off and that, after seven long years, the baby seals could go free, and get some peace and quiet, after all the torture they had seen done to their relatives by the human race, who were eager to get money.

The end of legal commercial whaling was another victory at the International Whaling Commission and United States Courts.

Greenpeace even evacuated people from Rongelap Atoll, an island which had been contaminated by radioactivity, which had originated from recent nuclear tests, to a new home in the Pacific.

To shock everyone after all their victories, disaster struck, when French Government agents carried out a diving mission which consisted of planting two limpet mines on their flagship, Rainbow Warrior, which at the time was berthed in Auckland Harbour. She sank rapidly and one of her members had left his photography equipment on board, so he ran back and was unfortunately killed. He was a campaign photographer and his name was Fernando Pereira.

Greenpeace intends the world's oceans to be populated by seals, whales and dolphins, not nuclear waste and dead sea animals, and it hopes for a world with Peace in the future.

Guy Smith 4T

Seventh Seal

Seventh Seal (aka The Lodge Band) was formed in December '87, the name being taken from the Book of Revelations chapter 8. They rehearsed in the basement of Lodge House (where they all lived) under the watchful eye of Mr R Scott and by March were travelling to Leeds for the regional finals of the TSB Rock School - a national competition with bands competing for the coveted title of Best National Band along with £3500 worth of equipment and prize money. Within the Yorkshire and North East region around 300 bands entered and Seventh Seal was surprisingly one of the eight bands to progress to the regional final at Mister Craig's nightclub in Leeds.

They set off at 6:30am from Lodge and travelled by coach provided by TSB to Leeds. They were impressed with the set which they saw - super equipment, stage lighting and sound. Before the competition started the travelling supporters from College arrived accompanied by Mr Campbell. Sound checks made, the band waited to hear the news that the first band to perform will be Seventh Seal. Unfortunately their nerves showed through and they felt they had not done themselves justice. The performances over, they waited for the results, unfortunately they did not figure in the top three; even so considering their inexperience - barely three months since their formation - they were not too disappointed with the outcome and spirits were not too low as a day they would not forget came to an end.

Seventh Seal

Lead vocals - Carl Smith:

Drums - Stephen Hodges

Lead Guitar - Matthew Ainscough:

Rhythm Guitar - James Ramage

Bass Guitar - James Lee (special thanks to session bassist Jonathan Harvey)

Keyboards - Lincoln Brown

The song they sang was entitled “North Sea” written by the house staff (J Rowlands & R Scott) inspired by an article in the Sunday Times magazine which highlighted the pollution of the rivers and seas particularly the North Sea.



North Sea (some lyrics)

It's running down the Rhine
 Into the sea that's mine
 It's tearing through the Tyne
 We commit the crime
 What do we wish
 The change comes back on you and
 you
 North Sea, Dead Sea, Red Sea do you
 see
 Blue Sea brown sea Dead Sea don't
 you see?
 In a scientific age,
 Comes out of the sewage
 Just build a longer pipe
 Nothing but sweet hype
 Children on the beach
 Death within their reach
 Don't tell them the seas will die
 Just tell them another lie

Geography coursework, in this era, on the beaches of Scarborough was showing the pollution evident including - the beaches were not clean and there was some very impacting pieces of coursework for 16 plus which graphically illustrated the fact that raw sewage was being pumped into the North Sea.

Around this time a group which included a member of staff at Lisvane rose to national prominence highlighting the pollution of the sea and beaches -

The Sons of Neptune

ΣΟΝΣ ΟΓ
 ΝΕΠΤΥΝΣ
MARINE CONSERVATION

The following information is from the Sons of Neptune website.

While a group of friends regularly enjoyed swimming in the North Sea off the beaches of Scarborough in the late seventies they started to notice some changes, the clarity of the water started deteriorating, the disappearance of eels & crabs and the alarming build up of pollution.

In 1983 the group decided that action had to be taken before it was too late. Being in the sea regularly they were the first in the country to notice that as the sea was becoming unfit for marine life there could only be one cause - and that at times had been staring them in the face in the Town's two bays - raw sewage! Styling themselves the 'Sons of Neptune' they then started what turned out to be a 15 year campaign to stop untreated sewage being discharged into the sea.

Back in 1983 they soon realised that the campaign had to focus on awareness - to convince the public of the danger in the bathing waters and on the shore. As most did not go into the sea, how could they be aware? The Sons were frequently vilified for scaremongering and frightening visitors away. One local Councillor even went to the press calling for the public to boycott the businesses of some of the Sons! In the 1980's there

was little environmental awareness and this goes some way to explain why the campaign took 15 years to achieve its goals..



Founder members of the team seen in 1986

Marketing Executive Bryan Dew; Lawyer and group leader Freddie Drabble; Schoolmaster Geoff Nunn; Master Mariner Capt Sydney Smith MBE; Bookmaker Cecil Ridley; Podiatrist Author & Broadcaster Charles White; Chartered Accountant Chris Found.

Early 1990s

By 1991 Mr Popely writes that the society had been hit by apathy and a feeling that we can leave it to someone else to put the mess right. The 'Sons of Neptune' who visited the Lower Sixth as part of the general course have shown the determination and commitment against all odds to prove their case and offer an example to each individual to react in a similar vein.

Trees have been planted behind the gym area , to add to those planted thanks to the Woodland Trust a few years ago on the Filey Road side (East) of the College and the pond area tidied up.

Thanks to Nicola Carrier for her posters and tireless support and to the recycling group for all their efforts.

1991 Recycling - ahead of the game?

This year saw the launch of Recycling and the Community. The group endeavoured to publicise activities by asking local shops to display posters. The response was not unexpected, most were negative or at best passive. Thankfully the local supermarket in Ramshill (pre Sainsbury's) proved to be a very important display area for us.

From this the group have built up an increased number of supporters. Members of the local community, in addition to parents bring paper and cans to the College; some individuals act

as street level collection centres; some residents in blocks of flats have banded together to collect. On Wednesdays the group go out in a minibus and collect from the contacts. The general reaction has been very positive.

The group sorts and packs the papers and magazines and are indebted to the efforts of Alex, Anna, Anouska, Suzanne, Susan, Rebecca and Jo for their weekly assault on the deliveries. Thanks must go to Jim who looks after the enterprise in the vacation and is ever willing to take the paper and cans to the hut.

Getting rid of the paper has become something of a challenge. Initially, Waste Savers collected from College. Unfortunately they went out of business. The local authority offered little hope and it seemed that having to take the paper to Pickering or cease to operate the initiative. Out of the ashes of Waste Savers a small group was established which collects weekly.

The deliveries of cans has increased significantly; local campsites deliver these en masse. Proceeds from the aluminium can collecting has enabled the group to 'buy' its first acres of tropical rain forest in Belize, some litter pickers and a can crusher. In spite of the unpleasant aspects of the activity, the group feels it is providing a service, helping the community, doing something for the environment and to contribute as a school to the community.

Marske House continues to be involved with local conservation and tree-planting activities on the nature reserve area of Oliver's Mount.



Left to Right: Keith Wilson, James Harvey, Graham Smith, Anouska Tilling, Anna Bradbury, Clyda Adams, and James Fogg.



Dr C.A. Bull explaining a project to Ben Taylor and Richard Wolf

Prize Giving



OSA Ball





Prize Giving

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If you had a favourite teacher at Lisvane or the College and would like to share you memories - humour appreciated - then please send in you memories to:

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Rosemary Blasdale - College 1976-85

We were saddened to hear very recently of the passing of Miss Blasdale who taught English and was involved as Assistant and Housemistress of Bankory House 1977-1981.