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We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Nicola Button as our Alumni Officer.

Nicola is a Scarborough girl, she has been a teacher for nine years, both in Scarborough and at British School of Guangzhou (China) - spending a wonderful three and a half years there.

Her passion for travel and experiencing different cultures has taken her to many parts of the world. She also makes good use of the local environment and is making the most of this during her spare time. As well as travel, Nicola has a great interest in history, reading and music. And, of course, loves socialising with friends! She is looking forward to working with us and meeting many members of the OSA.



OSA News

President's Message

I am appealing for a little bit of help from our members. Your committee works extremely hard keeping the OSA going, but we could do with two or three more members to help us out.

We hold meetings twice a year, usually held the night before the March social event, and the annual ball in November. During the pandemic, we have met on Google meet, but as we hopefully return to something more like normal, we will resume our usual meetings. We also have a local sub committee that meets monthly which any committee member is welcome to attend.

We would like two or three people to join us to help share the workload which I can assure you is not too onerous. It is not long ago that the OSA was all but dead, but thanks to the sterling work done by Zoe Harrison, John Precious and John Isles, we now have a thriving organisation which is the envy of many other schools, but we need a little help to maintain and advance the OSA.

If you would like a chat before committing yourself, please give me a call on 07958 033146, or email me at milescartwright@hotmail.co.uk

Miles Cartwright

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Olympics - Tokyo Nominated Entry

Charlotte Cundall

Charlotte was a very deserving recipient of the OSA Alumni Award in 2019. Throughout her life at

College she showed real passion, commitment and ability for horse riding. She left the College with a reasonable set of A Levels but decided to decline all of the University offers she had received in order to pursue a career with horses. Charlotte soon realised that perhaps she should have taken the advice of her teachers and continued her education at university. This would have ensured she had qualifications that would act as a backup in case the horse career didn't work out and she needed to find an alternative career path. The staff at the College were more than happy to help Charlotte reapply to university culminating in her gaining a place at Newcastle University to read Agri-Business Management the following year. Friday 13th April 2007 Charlotte handed in her dissertation. University life complete, and a busy three years it had been.



Monday 16th April 2007 Charlotte's life changed forever. While Charlotte was out riding she had an accident and ended up in hospital being told the devastating news that

she had broken her back. The next year consisted of two spinal operations, months of rehab and a lot of tears. Not what she had planned but luckily university had given her that back up plan in the form of a first-class honours degree.

Charlotte's recovery was amazing and she was eventually given the all clear to ride again. She became Yorkshire Novice Ladies point to point Champion, she evented to International 3*** level and life was good again.

July 2010, 3 years on from her accident, lightning struck Charlotte for a second time. Another minor fall and the devastating news that she had broken her back again, but this time the nerve damage was so much worse. Charlotte underwent full spinal fusion surgery. The surgeon told her that it was time she got a 'proper job' as her riding days were over for good.

Over the following four years along with her rehab and recovery, she completed a graduate programme. She spent time working at both Goodwood and York Racecourse in both marketing and accounting roles and latterly worked as the accounts manager for a successful Motorsport Team.

Charlotte was lucky. She had a plan B and after two serious accidents was incredibly lucky to be able to live a normal life. But on the inside she suffered from depression and always felt something was missing. With the support of her family, she went back to her beloved horses. Having to learn how to ride all over again, Charlotte soon realised that she would have to compromise and dressage was the only option she could even consider. This lady has some serious Yorkshire Grit!

In 2014, it was brought to Charlottes attention that due to her injuries she could be classified as a para-athlete.

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Charlotte has worked her way up the levels within the sport and in 2016 was rewarded with selection for the World Class Programme which is funded by UK Sport and The National



Lottery. She has been fortunate enough to compete in many international competitions and in 2019 reached a World Ranking of 5th in the world in her disability grade.

The great news is that she has been listed as a Nominated Entry for Tokyo 2020.

Charlotte, writing on her Facebook page, says:

"I'm not quite sure I even know where to start with this postI am beyond

excited, and immensely proud, to share with you the announcement that I have been listed as a Nominated Entry for TOKYO 2020 with The Lady Joseph Trust's LJT Simply Red!!! To be included amongst a list of riders like this really is a dream come true. The tally of medals and major championship appearances between them really is truly inspiring, so to see my name alongside them is such an honour. Many congratulations to all on the list."

"From this list the team of four combinations that will travel to Tokyo will be chosen."

"Ten years ago I was nowhere near a horse, battling with the grief of losing my dream of competing at the highest level of eventing due to my injuriesthe saying I have been telling myself for the past few years really is true ...

'You must NEVER stop dreaming you might just need to change the direction of that dream.' THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart to every single person and horse who has helped me along the way, we are on the most amazing journey."

We were delighted to be informed of this superb achievement and wish her well.



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Dorothy Russell

We were saddened to report in the last newsletter that Dorothy Russell passed away on March 31st 2021, aged 78. She had had a fall following what was thought to be a huge stroke. Dorothy served the College for over 20 years as Head of Home Economics and as Housemistress of Crews. Both her children, Katie and Richard, attended the College.

Dorothy was a full-time member of staff from 1976 being in charge of Home Economics, at the time there were 83 girls in total. Dorothy started at the College a year earlier in a part-time capacity. In 1977 she was assistant in Crews, working with Sheila Masson. There were two girls houses - Bankory (now Weaponness) for the 47 boarding girls and Crews the day girls house of 64 pupils

In 1980, Dorothy started her 15 year career as Housemistress of Crews in charge of 83 girls, reaching 96 in 1981. Holbeck created as a second day girls' house in 1982 still leaving in excess of 70 in Crews with two



house staff. Holbeck had 29 and there were 63 girl boarders in Bankory

1982-83



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In addition to her Home Economics teaching she was also in charge of weight training from 1989 until 1993 to add to child care.

1984-85



1995 saw the end of her tenure in Crews and the name Crews left with her following a restructure of the House system. Thankfully it has now returned a one of the four houses in which all pupils are allocated for competitions etc.

Her last entry in the School Magazine for 1995 reads as follows:

CREWS HOUSE

This time last year, I was saying we had had a brilliant year, but had come second in too many cases, and I called for action. Since then the House has certainly showed its real qualities and produced brilliant results. Attitude and effort has been second to none, and on the competitive side, we won all the major events other than junior rounders and the old chestnut, swimming. Well done to all the winners and a big thank you to all the other participants, the captains and the staff.

Mrs Peart took responsibility for our House assembly and produced a lively and thought provoking result, using junior House members with several of the seniors helping behind the scenes.

Once again, charity work has been high on the agenda, with the Kenya Orphanage being our main concern. We ran two raffles - one at the mid-term musical evening and one at the Christmas dinner - which raised over £260 for the CCF to take out to the orphanage. Thank you to all who contributed, especially the parents in their generosity with prizes.

In the Spring Term, we collected a large volume of clothes for Bosnia and, later, children's toys and clothing for a Romanian orphanage.

The Summer Term was marred by the death shortly after her 26th birthday of Beth Garvey, one of our old girls. After a brave fight, cancer finally took its toll. Her beautiful funeral was a celebration of her life, but whilst we sang All Things Bright And Beautiful, our thoughts were with her parents and brother and their sad loss.

Not until we neared the end of term did I realise that this would be my last year as Crews' Housemistress. I go with sadness but with lots of very happy memories. Thank you to the staff and pupils' who, over the last fifteen years, have made this a very rewarding period of my life. I trust Dennis Crews, headmaster in the late '60s and after whom the House is named, would have been proud of what we have achieved - I know I am!

D C RUSSELL

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Dorothy left the School in 1996 and Keith Rowe offered the following in the ULULA 1996

DOROTHY RUSSELL

As a Biologist, I would classify Dorothy Russell as a rare breed. Dorothy was, and still is, a thorough professional, whose devotion to her girls was outstanding. She joined the school in 1973, just as the first girls were being admitted, and from then on her involvement in the pastoral life of the girls began. She took over Crews House in 1980 and ran the House with a mixture of deep seated love for the job and lively enthusiasm that is her hallmark.

Dorothy's other side was the Home Economics
Department; again she was there at the start and it was under her guidance that the Home Economics
Department grew into the hub of activity that we all grew to love. So it was with great sorrow that we said good-bye to Dorothy in the summer. There are so many ex pupils who have Dorothy to thank for so many things, and Scarborough College will miss her enormously.

K W ROWE

Following posting the news of Dorothy's passing on Facebook we received some comments on social media and by e-mail about Dorothy and also some interesting tales. We share some of these below. Many thanks to those who have contributed and also to Jennie Jackson and Sally-Ann Fawcett for supplying the Crews House photographs.

Rachel Pascoe

RIP Mrs Russell. She was my tutor in fifth form and was always so understanding and supportive. She used to let me skip assembly (used to get really claustrophobic in that main hall) and do some homework in her classroom. Fond memories of Home Ec lessons too - making semolina in first year, then forgetting to collect it at the end of the day. By the time I remembered it had gone all mouldy!

Ali Hay

I am so sad to hear this news. Mrs Russell was such a kind and wonderful lady. I absolutely loved her lessons in Home Economics and also childcare. Sincere condolences to her family.

Alison Cappleman

Such sad news, I was only thinking of her last week and kept in touch with her for many years after leaving school. She was one of life's lovely people and probably didn't realise what an impact she made on all those she taught. My thoughts are with her family she will be missed by

so many rip Vxx

Phil White

Sad news. My thoughts are with the family. Mrs Russell was lovely and helped me on a number of occasions mainly just as an ear to talk to.

Jennie Jackson

Shocked to read this .. I have nothing but fond memories .. from wetting my hair to flatten it from gelled spikes to trying to remove my make up - especially after having my eyelashes dyed !! .. then blowing the new microwave up in the Home Economics kitchen - (I did put metal in it as I was unaware not too - my parents received a hefty invoice to replace it !!) Many other incidents too ..

She was lovely ... at the time we thought not but to chat with her outside school in later years was a pleasure. Always called me black eyes lol ..

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Matthew Ainscough

Rest in Peace she was a lovely lady. She always made time to listen, especially if you were dealing with emotional problems.

Yvonne Brewins (Van Zeller)

Mrs Russell taught me Home Economics at 'O' Level and was my Crews Housemistress. I recall Mrs Russell was a kind, patient teacher, and a good listener. I still make bread to her recipe (although I have never made pork pies again after our school fund raising endeavours, which certainly looked better than they tasted!) Home Economics lessons were not just about baking and cooking, Mrs Russell gave us valuable life lessons in time management, planning and organisation.

Sam Andrews

- cutting our little plaits on the stage in front of the whole school !! The poor woman, she did have her work cut out with some of us .. Even after leaving school, we would always chat and reminisce about calling me' black eyes' .. RIP 'Mrs Russell'.. lovely lady x

Hannah Mudd

There is one occasion I do remember (memory's not what it was!). The hair fashion of the 1980's with New Romantics etc was tiny little pigtails down the centre back of a short hairstyle. That was classed as an extreme hairstyle and wasn't allowed by school. In a Crews house meeting we were told that we had until the next house meeting to have these pigtails cut off otherwise Mrs Russell would cut them off herself. Most people had theirs removed but at least one girl had carefully tucked and pinned the offending pigtail under the rest of her hair. Mrs Russell wasn't fooled and called the said girl up, carefully unpinned it and in front of the whole house to everyone's shock and amusement, produced a pair of scissors and without hesitation cut off the pigtail. Mrs Russell was a great housemistress, kind, caring with a good sense of humour.

Kimberley Tordoff

Gosh I am so sad to hear this news. Mrs Russell was the stand out teacher for me at SC. She helped me a great deal pastorally at a difficult time and her and her husband Eric went above and beyond. Sad to say I haven't seen her since my wedding but I will never forget her and the confidence and belief she instilled in me.



OSA Ball: 20th November
Tickets: £55 students £40
For further info: 01723 360620
Ticket email:
osaball@scarboroughcollege.co.uk

March 2022 Reunion celebrates 50th anniversary of girls being admitted to College -Dates etc soon

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What do the following have in common?









My Favourite Teacher



During our time at school, we all had a favourite teacher, (we had a few we couldn't stand to be honest), but there is always one that will stay in our minds for ever.

There are many from my time at Lisvane and at the College who I liked and respected, John Alderson, Denys Crews, Paul Hornsea and Peter Burton to name just a few, but one remains in my fondest thoughts.

I started at Lisvane in January 1964, having left my Prep school in Doncaster, Hill House run by the fearsome Hamilton Haigh, when my parents moved across to Scarborough, and I did not know what to expect when I first walked into school. I soon made new friends, and my English teacher soon became my favourite. John Walshaw was not only a fantastic teacher, but he was a great character as well. His lessons came across to me in such a way that I hung on to every word he said, and I looked forward to every single period that John Walshaw gave. He was a firm but fair man, always willing to listen if you strayed from the

straight and narrow, and give you a chance when wrong doing had been committed. He had a 2 foot plastic ruler, and even when you were stood alongside his desk, he would tap the ruler on your hand whilst explaining what you had done wrong, and why you were being punished. You knew that at any time, the ruler could come down on your hand, but when it did, if you got your hand out of the way in time, you had won that one, and the ordeal was over! A great example of corporal punishment that wasn't, and to be honest, I cannot remember anyone actually getting a blow from the ruler.

At Hill House, we played football, but at Lisvane, it was rugby. Back then, to say I was less than enthusiastic is maybe an understatement. I never saw the attraction of stripping off to shorts and a shirt in the depths of winter and rolling around in mud, so I was soon relegated to the team of the worst players in the school. Mr Walshaw was the man in charge of the whistle, and he even made the bi-weekly ordeal more bearable. He had a limp, which we were told came from a serious injury that he had received playing the sport at a high level, but this prevented him from running around himself, and if play was getting a little bit away from him, the whistle would go, and he would come up the field and inform us to stand behind him whilst he took a "Blackheath" kick, which basically meant he would punt the ball down the field for us all to chase, and his favourite cry to us all was "Hurl that pigskin around!"

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July 1967 saw me leave Lisvane to go up to the College, and I was sad that John Walshaw would no longer be teaching me, but I do remember him telling my parents that if I took my English O Level then, I would sail through it! He made a lasting impression on me in several ways, mainly to be fair, and to give people a chance, and to understand that a good teacher is worth their weight in gold. Even when I was at the college, I used to go round to his house on Grosvenor Road to see him, and he was always welcoming, and gave me plenty of great advice that I remember to this day. The teachers up at the College were a great bunch, but none made the impression on me that Mr Walshaw did. An absolute gem of a man, and my favourite teacher.

Miles Cartwright













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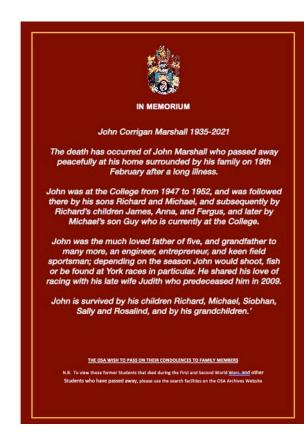


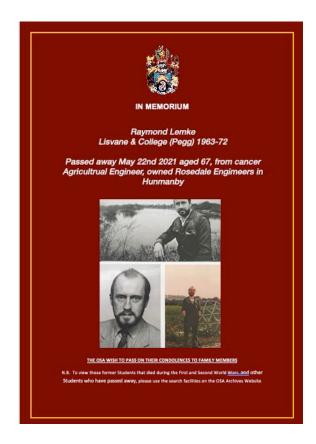
Your memories are important to us

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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We would like to start the ball rolling and publish one member's memories of their favourite teacher each newsletter.





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