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## Michael & Christine Ford October 2015

**It was with much sadness** and some shock that in late September 2015 the Committee learned that Christine had developed lung cancer and felt that it would be best if she resigned from her Committee post as Events Organiser. Sometime later Michael decided that in order to fully care for Christine at this difficult time it would also be advisable if he resigned.

As you can imagine the Committee's first thought was "how could we possibly replace them?" Both Michael and Christine have worked on the Committee in many different roles for at least 15 years. We felt they were irreplaceable!

Michael brought calm, analytical thought and measured responses to Committee decisions as well as charm and energy to the role of chairman and could always be relied upon to be the ambassador and make new members and guests feel warmly welcomed.

Christine was a fount of knowledge about event organising – there wasn't a stone unturned when it came to getting the best deal for association events. She worked tirelessly and spent many hours either on her

## News from the Chair

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a belated Happy New Year and I sincerely hope that 2016 proves to be a good year for everyone.

We got off to a busy start to 2016 with the Committee working very hard on your behalf. There are a number of exciting events and venues being organized, which, I'm sure you will all find enjoyable. One of which is a reunion in Germany to include Members and serving teachers in BAOR. More details in future newsletters when they are firmed up.

For those of you who were not able to make the Annual General Meeting and reunion dinner at the Royal Society in London, Mike Ford, our previous Chairman and Christine, his wife, asked that a letter they had written to the Association membership explaining why they were standing down from the roles of Chairman and Events Organiser, be read out. This letter can now be viewed on the **HOME PAGE** of our website [www.BFES-SCEA-Association.org](http://www.BFES-SCEA-Association.org)

If you have friends and colleagues who served abroad and are not yet members please do encourage them to join the Association. I am sure they would value the opportunity to enjoy wonderful reunion venues and the company and contacts they provide.

I look forward to meeting you at future reunions.

*Glyn Pascoe*

## AΩ JHQ

In **May 1945** the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany was achieved and the Allied Forces met in the central axis of the mutilated remains of Germany. Their immediate task was to control the "zones" into which Germany had (by agreement at Yalta) been divided. That task is described in its full complexity in Churchill's "War History". In each "zone" the task consisted in feeding the stricken and swollen population, disarming the Wehrmacht, setting up civilian administration, reviving agriculture and peaceful trade, and re-educating the people for a growing measure of responsible government. The British Zone Forces set up their HQ in **Bad Oeynhausen** and at **Bad Eilsen** respectively: two Spa Towns in North Rhein Westphalia. The HQ of the Flag Officer Germany was similarly settled in **Minden** to direct the process of Naval disarmament. And at that time no apparent need for a strategical concept (that became **JHQ**) was envisioned.



That scene soon changed as it became evident that peace and disarmament were not likely to proceed undisturbed.

The site for **JHQ** was chosen in 1952 out of a possible five choices within the triangle formed by Aachen, Roermond and Mönchengladbach. The area was a mixture of fields and forest which had to be cleared before any construction could get under way. Work on the ground started in 1953 and moved on at a frantic pace. The original HQ was formed with one

computer, on the telephone or travelling around the country exploring possible venues. You may not know this but Christine, often accompanied by Michael, visited almost every venue we used, sometimes going twice! All events were meticulously organised and Christine was constantly assessing the event whilst it was in progress and making sure everyone was not only enjoying themselves, but having the best service possible.

There is so much to be written about the work Michael and Christine undertook on behalf of the Committee that the newsletter would need to be double the size to contain it all! So we will conclude by saying we will miss their professionalism, organisational skills, ability to work hard and efficiently and most of all their smiling faces at Committee meetings. Michael and Christine, we can't thank you both enough for all you did and wish you both all the very best for the future and send our prayers for Christine's health.

#### Dates for your diary

##### **Friday**

**8th April 2016**

Lunch at Christ's College, Cambridge

##### **Saturday**

**7th May 2016**

Lunch at the Beachlands Hotel, Weston Super Mare

##### **Saturday**

**4th June 2016** Curry

Lunch at the Gurkha Mess, Winchester

side reserved for Northern Army Group (**NORTHAG**) and the other for the Second Allied Tactical Air Force (**2ATAF**). There was also room for the Royal Navy and the Flag Officer Germany, however the Navy soon decided that they had no need to be situated in the HQ. The space made available was however quickly filled by **BAOR** and **RAF(G)**.



Because NORTHAG and 2ATAF were multi-national HQs, the camp at JHQ had a wide range of service personnel stationed both at JHQ and in the surrounding areas. British, American, Canadian, German Dutch and Belgians made up the original manning of the HQ.

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the end of the Cold War saw, with time, the need for such a major HQ diminish. In later years **HQ ARRC** (Allied Rapid Reaction Corps) took over a large part of the HQ building after being originally formed in Bielefeld in 1992.



The departure of the ARRC for Gloucestershire in 2010 saw the beginning of the end for JHQ though it freed up office space for HQ SCE in the Headquarters' Building.

Down to some 18 personnel in September 2013, JHQ was formally handed over to the German Authorities on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.



A 60 page photo book (with appropriate quotes) compiled by Tom Nielsen-Marsh documenting the final 15 months of JHQ is available at a cost of £49 including UK postage. Further information from [bfses\\_scea\\_newsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bfses_scea_newsletter@yahoo.co.uk)

## **A Blast from the Past**

### **Tropical Depression Keith**

As we approached **October 2000** the end of the **hurricane season** was in sight and it was quietly felt that there would be no further excitement in store for us weather-wise. That was until the last weekend of September!

Tropical depression Keith had arrived off the north-east coast of Belize, and, after drifting westwards across the Caribbean it was now stationary and gathering strength. By late Saturday afternoon Keith had been upgraded to a Category 1

**Saturday***8th October 2016*

AGM &amp; Lunch at the Royal York Hotel, York

**Saturday***19 November 2016*

Committee Meeting in London

**A warm welcome to new members****Norman Barton**

Senior Inspector Adviser - HQ SCE, Wegberg (1998-2006)

Norman and Debbie live in Halifax, W. Yorkshire.

**John & Jenny Bastable**

Taught in Swinton (1979-1983); Cagliari (1983-1986); St Clement's (1986-1991); Wavell (1991-1995)

**Jenny** also taught in Edinburgh School; St George's and in Montgomery School Hohne.

They live in Cambridge.

**Janet Guenter**

taught in Nienburg, (1978-1996); Montgomery (1996-2007)

Jan and Paul live in Bergen, Germany.

**Doris Kennett**

Taught in RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus, (1968-1972 &amp; 1978-1980)

Doris and Ron live in Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

**Susan Shapland**

Taught in St Christopher's School, Gibraltar, (1996-1998)

Susan and Tim live in Basingstoke, Hants.

hurricane and the ***British Army Training and Support Unit Belize (BATSUB)***

Hurricane Orders came into force. Whilst husbands began securing the camp, wives prepared their homes for the battering that would inevitably follow.

MFO boxes (for valuables) and sandbags were delivered to each house. Families were told to close all windows and shutters and pack one suitcase per person. As we went to bed that night it was raining very heavily and the wind was blowing fiercely. By 3am on Sunday morning Keith had risen to Category 4. We were woken at 5am by a heavily cagouled soldier hammering on our front door. "Reduce your suitcases to one per family. You are leaving in twenty minutes" he told us. The Commanding Officer had decided to evacuate the families.

A small convoy of vehicles soon rolled out of Price Barracks in driving wind and rain. Two hours later a concerned and tired group of mothers and children arrived at the residence of the British High Commissioner to Belize in Belmopan, which was to be our home for the next five days.

For the rest of the week the BHG clubhouse doubled as a dormitory for adults at night and schoolroom for the children by day. Lessons took place for three hours in the morning and two in the afternoon and included English, maths, science and design technology. Our resources consisted of a ream of white A4 paper, a small number of pens and pencils, a pack of cards, three balls of differing sizes, five dice, a pile of old newspapers and some masking tape.

We were able to go for one very wet and windy walk and, once the rain had abated, we visited the national Assembly of Belize (The House of Government) and organized a nature ramble. During our stay in the Capital we ate Army compo

rations supplied by the training team and expertly prepared by the mothers on a rota basis. Evening entertainment was mainly videos for the children and conversation for the adults. Outside it was lashing with rain and blowing a gale – there was nowhere else to go!

Every evening the High Commissioner held a meeting to update everyone on the position and strength of Keith and to give us news of what was happening in the areas most affected by the storm. We had scant news of what was happening at Price Barracks.

As Keith crossed the east coast of the Yucatan peninsula it weakened considerably, the wind calmed and the rain stopped. The people of Belmopan emerged from their houses to start clearing up. Being 50 miles inland the damage was not too severe. In other areas of the country, especially the north-east, homes, hotels and businesses had been badly damaged and some completely destroyed. There was no fresh water and no electricity on Ambergris Caye or Caye Caulker.



British soldiers from Exercise Native Trail and sailors from HMS Cardiff and RFA Black Rover were drafted in to help restore order to the most affected areas. On Thursday morning we headed home along broken, flooded roads. Evidence of damage was all around us: trees, power lines, even houses had blown over. At more than one point the flood water crossed the road and stretched as far as the eye could see on either side.

When we arrived, Price Barracks appeared relatively unscathed. What we did not know then was that the men of BATSUB and the locally employed Belizean staff had worked long hours to clear the debris of broken buildings and fallen trees. After lunch in the Mess we returned to our homes to assess the damage. Fortunately there was little or none. The flood water covering one end of the camp to a depth of two feet had not reached the married quarters.

School re-opened the next day - at least there was no HMI inspection this time!.

*Written by Philip Arrandale – Headteacher (at the time) of Toucan School and published in School Matters (Issue No 5) spring term 2001.*

**Christopher Spencer**  
Senior Inspector Advisor, JHQ, (2003-2006); Assistant Director of Education, Bielefeld, (2006-2009); Assistant Director of Education, JHQ, (2009-2013). Christopher lives in Herault, France.

**Wilma Simpson**  
taught in BFS, Naples, (1983-1986); Pergamos, Cyprus, (1986-1988); Talavera, 1989-1994); Bishops Park, (1994-2000); Heidelberg, (2001-2002); Bishopspark (2002-2003) and HT at W Wordsworth, (2003-2015)  
Wilma lives in Perthshire.

**David Wordsworth**  
taught in Cornwall School, Dortmund, (1975-1993); Gloucester School, Hohne, (1993-95)  
David and Carol live in Huntingdon.

#### **Membership**

Membership of the Association costs just £10 per year (£12 for those who live outside the UK and who do not have a BFPO address).

Membership is open to anyone who has served with BFES, SCS(NWE) or SCE, or indeed is still teaching in one of the remaining SCE schools.

The membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December and payment can be made by Standing Order or cheque.

## **Weston-super-Mare Lunch**

**Saturday 7th May 2016**

Your Committee is keen that all members have opportunities to meet up with friends and colleagues each year and hope that arranging reunion lunches at various prices and in very different venues will assist.



This is your opportunity to attend a **Saturday Luncheon Reunion** in sunny Weston-super-Mare! The **Beachlands Hotel**, Uphill Road North, **BS23 4NG** is one of the best in this **seaside resort** and dining there is a pleasure.



The Gurkha Museum Winchester

## **Curry Lunch at the Gurkha Museum, Winchester**

**Saturday 4th June 2016**

The Gurkha Museum commemorates the service of Gurkha soldiers to the British Crown, a relationship that has endured since 1815. It is located in Winchester and is part of Winchester's Military Museums' complex in Peninsula Barracks (Post code for SatNav is **SO23 8TS**).

Drinks and Nibbles will be served in the Library from 12.30 (cash bar) and Lunch will be served in the Gallery at 13.00 with a choice from:

Khasi Ko Ledo Bedo (Lamb); Naram Charako Masu (Chicken); Mix Mas (Vegetable); White Rice, Naan Bread and Salad. To be followed by Fruit Salad and Cream, Tea/Coffee and chocolates.

Early arrivals may wish to visit Winchester Cathedral and the Great Hall or avail themselves of the coffee shop located near the barracks' entrance.

A **Booking Form** is enclosed with this newsletter and the cost will be £30 members/£33 guests.

## **Annual Reunion Lunch and Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 8th October 2016 at the Royal York Hotel, York.**

The **BFES- SCEA Association** cordially invites all members to an Annual Reunion Lunch and **AGM** to be held on Saturday 8th October 2016 at the Royal York Hotel, in York.

The AGM will convene in the **Minster Room** at 11.30 and will be followed by luncheon at 13.00hrs. Members and guests are welcome to remain (over coffee and tea) until 16.00hrs.

Cash Bar facilities will be available. The cost of the meal is £41 per head for members and £43 for non-members. Car parking, at £15 per vehicle, is available at the hotel.



Members (and guests) are invited to make their menu selection using the enclosed **booking form** and to make their payment by September 1st. Numbers are limited to 50 therefore early booking is advised.

The **Royal York Hotel** is a magnificent Victorian building, recently refurbished to a luxuriously high standard, standing within its own beautiful grounds. It is within walking distance of many places of interest.

The hotel is situated adjacent to the railway station and is thus easily reached by both train and bus.

**A membership application form/membership renewal form is available from:**

Membership Secretary,  
94 Headcorn Drive,  
Canterbury, Kent  
CT2 7TX

\* **The Grigg Committee** of 1952 was formed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Master of the Rolls. The chairman of this committee on departmental records was **Sir James Grigg**, a former Permanent Under Secretary of the War Office.

Legislation was required to implement many of the Grigg Committee's recommendations and the **Public Records Act of 1958** was the result. This Act still governs the way the Association Archive operates.

It came into force on 1 January 1959 to provide the statutory framework for the new system, and for the new relationship between the PRO and departments. It transferred responsibility for public records and the PRO to the Lord Chancellor, and placed the day to day management of the PRO in the hands of a Keeper of Public Records.

For the first time a statutory, general

## From the Archives

*Extracts from the Queen's Courier school magazine – Christmas 1958.*

**Mr JV Taylor, Headmaster**

"One of the results of splitting up a school year into three terms is that the year seems to pass with a most unusual rapidity. There are always examinations or holidays just a few weeks ahead, and in the anxiety to fill each week with its due quota of work the passage of the months tends to be overlooked. It seems a very short time since Queen's Courier first appeared and yet these notes are now being written for the third edition of a magazine that has already established itself as a worthy companion to the publications of other BFES schools".

"At the time of writing these notes our numbers are 554, a number we would almost have been prepared to swear we could not deal with – until we tried it and found we could."

"The numbers of staff too have increased and during the year our new recruits have included Mrs Joslin, Mrs Davey, Miss Baxter, Miss Smith, Miss Hudson, Miss Worton, Mr Stephens and Mr Weatherhead ... An old member of staff also appeared in new guise, since Mr Chignell was appointed Deputy Headmaster."

"Though not occurring in **1958** mention must be made here of the Christmas play which was produced by the school in the Garrison Theatre. This was an outstanding performance, both for the beauty of the staging and costumes, and the singing. According to some, the Angels were particularly to be congratulated on a fine piece of acting, since their stage performance was so quite out of keeping with their character as known in school".

"During the year we have been honoured to receive visits from a number of distinguished guests. These have included General Sir Charles Loewen, The Adjutant-General, Major General Brocklehurst, GOC Rhine District, Major General Moore-Coulson, Director of Army Education, Air Vice-Marshall Kermode, Director of Educational Services of the RAF, Mr Howard, a member of the **Grigg Committee\***, and Sir Ifor Evans, Chairman of the Army Education Advisory Board".

"All these signs of the vitality one can feel in the school and give tangible proof of it. And there are also signs that though Queens may be the most junior of the BFES schools, it is maturing and growing up – fast".

**Walter Lewis – Association Archivist** writes that the material the final Headteacher (**Brian Davies**) of Windsor School forwarded to him (Windsor, Kent (photo right) and Queen's amalgamated at the JHQ site and the "new" Windsor School opened in **September 1987**) has created one of the fullest records that the London Institute of Education (IoE) hold for the BFES/SCEA Association - very much due to Brian's diligence in gathering so much before closure.



"The closure of Windsor and dealing with all the archive material seems like yesterday not two and a half years ago. Much has happened since".

All the material was deposited with the professional archivists at the IoE in November 2014 and has been catalogued and placed on-line. It took a long time to collate and annotate! As Walter is gathering more and more memorabilia each year, especially with so many schools now rushing towards closure, the Association is very grateful for the excellent efforts of the IoE's professional archivists in getting our archives catalogued and placed on-line. The only deposits which have not yet been dealt with are those placed last November 2015 - mainly dealing with the closure of schools in the **Fallingbostel/Hohne** area in July 2015.

public right of access was given after 50 years – with arrangements for exceptions – to public records transferred to the PRO or to a place of deposit elsewhere appointed by the Lord Chancellor.

### The Dandelion The Flower of the Military Child

"The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why? The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Experts say that military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient. Military children have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world,

### Athletics Meeting – Rheindahlen 1972

The Primary Schools' Athletics Meeting was held on the Army Running Track recently. After a heavy downpour in the morning the weather brightened in time for the start of the meeting. The fifteen competing schools provided a splendid afternoon's entertainment. An 800 m race was run for the first time, and I am sure that there were many adults who admired the spirit and determination of the competitors – an example of which is shown in the photograph.



A. Brzezicki

From an article in *The Rheindahlen Bulletin* (no26) - August 1972.

### A Smooth Journey

#### Closure

This time last year (2015) **Bergen Hohne Garrison** was preparing for closure and saying good bye to some 6000 soldiers, families and employees as they moved on to pastures new. Everyone prepared themselves for the journey ahead hoping for a smooth ride.



The five schools on Bergen Hohne Garrison played a major part in making sure that the transition for the children and families was free from hurdles making the journey smooth and as stress free as possible. All the staff knew that the most essential ingredient was preparing the children emotionally for the next few months. Staff in all five schools worked tirelessly to make sure that all the children were equipped with the emotional resilience and skills for the big move.

Much of the preparation was done through the "Arts"; drama, music and art which gave the children opportunities to express their feelings and discuss the move ahead. The schools joined together to create a DVD of memories from each school with the joint choir singing "Drop in the Ocean" and every child received a copy of the DVD to help them on their journey. This move would start a ripple which would reach out to all parts of the world as the families moved away from Bergen Hohne Garrison.

**Montgomery and Slim Primary Schools** created four large tapestries which depicted many of the children's memories. One would stay in Bergen Ratskeller (town hall) and the other three would go to the other main towns or garrisons where the families would be living – Albemarle Barracks (Newcastle), Catterick Garrison and Bourne.



The Catterick Garrison tapestry was officially handed over at **Ripon Cathedral** during the "New Beginnings" ceremony of remembrance and then ended its journey at the Catterick Garrison library (NYCC) where it was officially unveiled. Ex pupils from Germany who now attend Carnagill, Hipswell, Le Cateau and Wavell attended the unveiling. They all made three wishes for the journey into the future. The wishes were written on yellow hands that would make dandelions (symbol of the service child) which are now displayed in the library alongside the tapestry.



To date, most of the children have settled really well and most of their wishes included meeting old friends left behind and the desire to meet and make new ones.

By **Lynn Eckersley** Headteacher, Montgomery School (Retired).

and that education doesn't only come from school. They live history. They learn that to survive means to adapt, that the door that closes one chapter of their life opens up to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences."

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#### We're on the Web!

<http://www.bfes-scea-association.org/>

**Your comments, articles, news items, photographs, and letters would be gratefully received in electronic or hard-copy format.**

The event was organised by Lynn, Nickie Young (Service Pupils' Champion) Gaynor Hemming Service Development Officer Richmond Library NYCC) and Jon Sykes (Headteacher of Hipswell School)

<https://www.schoolquest.org/blog/entry/the-dandelion-the-flower-of-the-military-child>

## Did you know???

### ***The British School Viborg in Denmark***

SCE once had a little-known outpost in Denmark. The British School in Viborg provided English education for primary aged children of MOD and Service personnel from the nearby NATO base. Postings were individual and usually for two years - so as in most SCE schools - children arrived and departed at different times throughout the year.

Normally there were around 20 children on roll and two teaching staff. Having so few children had positive advantages but also presented organizational and planning challenges. Usually the headteacher taught 7 to 11 year olds in Class 2 and his/her colleague taught the younger children in Class 1.

In addition there were usually two classroom assistants and a school secretary. In the summer of 2001 the secretary and chief dispenser of plasters and TLC was Ann Wille-Jørgensen, who had been with the school for 17 years

Small classes meant that both the headteacher and colleague were able to do much more individual teaching than they could in a larger school. It was often "the difference between teaching and baby-sitting: a wonderful opportunity to help children achieve their full potential".

For the headteacher the challenge of combining class teaching and headship was finding time to deal with the paperwork and administration; a supply teacher was often drafted in for two afternoons each week to help out.

Like other SCE schools at the time it was possible to take in fee-payers although no additional central funding was forthcoming. In 2001 they had a Polish student; previously they had a Chinese boy and some Americans giving an international feel to the school. It naturally gave the British children a view of other cultures and languages.

The school itself, on the ground floor of an annex to the Danish school, consisted of two classrooms and Ann Wille-Jørgensen's school office. Above them was the German school, also catering for NATO children.

Some of the Danish school's facilities were shared including the library, music and drama rooms and the gym. They also used the school theatre for productions, the children often playing two or three different parts, and every week a Danish teacher gave the children a "language and culture" session. Staggered playtimes allowed them to use the well-equipped playground.

The intimacy of the small classes and increased individual contact between teachers and pupils made for a happy and productive environment for everyone.

*"In a small school like Viborg it's rewarding to see all the children mixing so well and helping each other regardless of age difference".*

## Sixties Singapore

I taught at Alexandra Junior School, where Mrs Boswell was the Head and Graham Manley the Deputy, from September 1968 until December 1970. Since then I went back in 1992 and 1995 and still find Singapore a vibrant place and one of the best cities to visit. School there was early to start and early to finish before it was too hot. Ceiling fans scattering anything lightweight in the classroom, girls in green and white dresses and those children whose blond hair turned a strange greenish colour in the water from the swimming pools!

**Contributors are encouraged to send photographs in support of text submissions.**

### **Find us on Facebook**

Log on to Facebook and type in "British families education service association"

**Would you like an electronic version of the Newsletter? If so please get in touch.**

Several members have expressed a wish to pay for Association Lunches by Electronic Transfer. If you wish to use this method please remember that your Booking Form – duly completed - will still be required by the event organizer. Please see the instruction on the Event Booking Form.



At the Tuck Shop you could get paprika crisps, Horlicks tablets, chocolate or strawberry milk – what a mixture!

My albums are full of memorable menus, visits to the theatre – many to shows by the Naval Base Singers, China New Year, Thaipusam, Moon Festivals, hosting Americans on R&R one Christmas, and trips to the Cameron Highlands, Jason's Bay, H.K, India and Nepal.

*From Pauline Isaacs (nee Stocker) March 2007.*

**Were you there – do you have memories to share with us? If so please get in touch ...**

### **Departed Friends**

#### **Captain Michael F Law RN, 1927 - 2015**

Former head of mathematics and subsequently Headmaster at SCS Tal Handaq in Malta. Michael Law was Headmaster during the time of the Services withdrawal from Malta, and the subsequent return in 1972. When Malta finally closed he held the rank of Captain as Officer-in-charge of Service Children's Schools, Malta and Naples.

Michael is survived by his wife Pat and daughter Phillipa.

**Olive Harvey**, sadly died in January 2015. Olive taught in Meppen, 1949; Hannover 1949-1953; Windsor Boys School Hamm 1963.

**Alan Rowlands**, sadly died in January 2015. Alan taught in Munsterlager 1964-1966; Wavell 1966-1971; Hildesheim 1972-1978; Buckeburg 1978-1980; Fleming School, Enger 1980-1985 where he was HT.

**Graham Manley**, one time deputy head at Alexander School, Singapore and then Head at Cromwell School, Osnabrück, has sadly died. Graham was 84 and had been enjoying his retirement in Southend. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and two children.

### **Last but not least – a reminder Christ's College Cambridge Lunch**

**Friday 8th April 2016**



Once again you have an amazing opportunity to dine in the fabulous setting of Christ's College, Cambridge. We have been fortunate enough to secure the use of '**The Hall**', which is one of the finest amongst the **Cambridge Colleges**: dating back to 1857 with its fine stained glass panels it provides a unique historical setting for this year's lunch.

The arrangements for the day are:

**Morning Coffee & Pre Lunch Drinks** will be served from 11.30 in the Buttery Bar. (NB this will be a Cash Bar.) **Lunch** will be served at 13.00, Cost £45 members/£48 guests. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you wish to attend (there are a few places left) **please contact** Paul Macardle, 3 Owen Court, St Andrews Park, Norwich, NR7 0GS [paulmacardle@gmail.com](mailto:paulmacardle@gmail.com)

### **And Finally**

#### **Blankenhagen School Closure**

*Friday 24th June 2016 sees the start of a Weekend of Celebration of Blankenhagen School in Gütersloh*

It is hoped to cover the closure in the summer or autumn edition of the Newsletter.