



OBHS *Gazette*

Celebrating 80 Academic Years

WELCOME

To the commemorative edition of the OBHS Gazette.

The school celebrated its 80th year with a Garden Party in July. The Garden Party was extremely well attended by current staff and students, and those who had connections with the school dating back to the 1930's. The school had gathered old photographs, school magazines, and other memorabilia and set them up in the Hall where many shared old memories and re-kindled friendships. There was also a film made by our current students and the BBC playing in the background which captured the stories of some of our oldest alumni. It was delightful to meet three ex-students who were at school 80 years ago, many things have changed but some things have remained. The Garden Party was formally recognised by the planting of a tree by the current and former Headteachers; hopefully it will still be in place for the next 80 years.

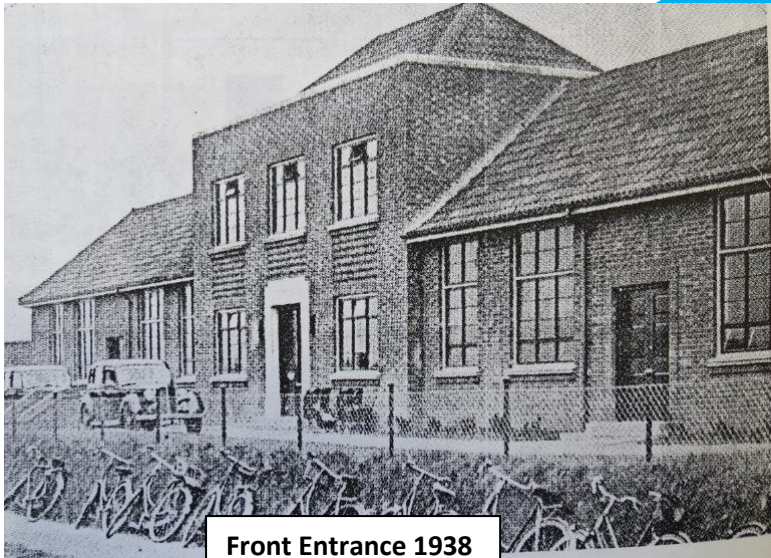
With very best wishes.

Andrew Fell

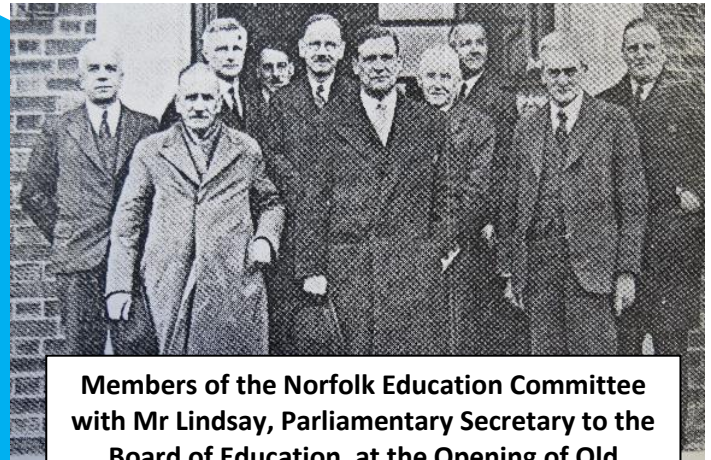




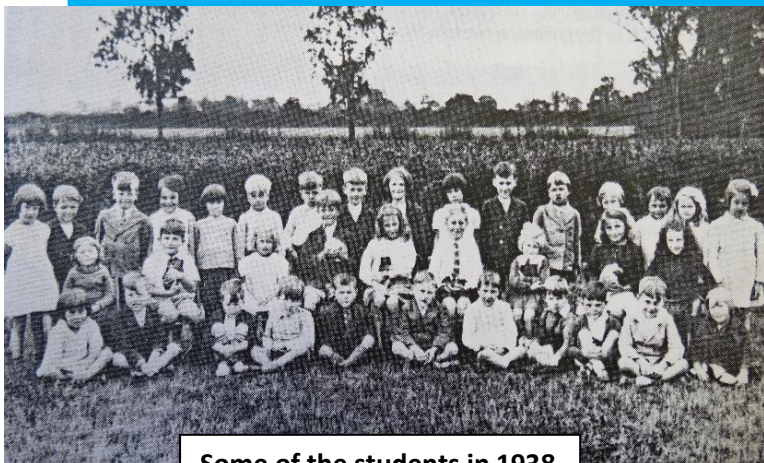
EARLY DAYS



Front Entrance 1938



Members of the Norfolk Education Committee with Mr Lindsay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, at the Opening of Old Buckenham School 1938



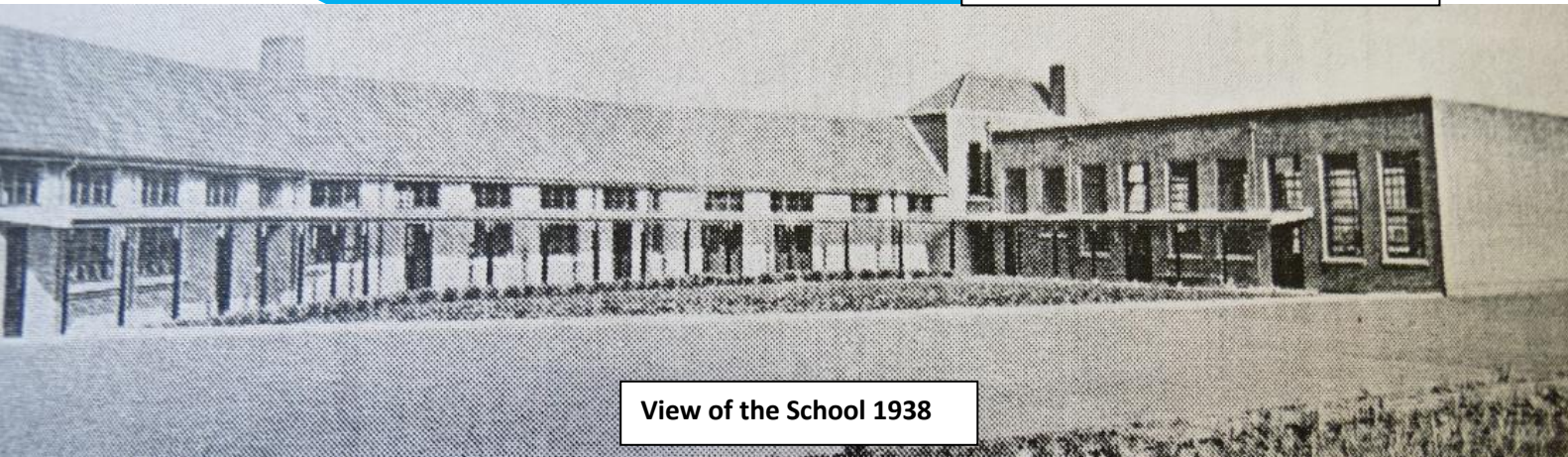
Some of the students in 1938



School meals provided in the School hall



Original Hall now the gymnasium



View of the School 1938



MEMORIES

Extracts from "My Story" written by Alan Arthur Rudd (born 1/11/1932) in Wilby, Norfolk

"...My first school was a small building on the green opposite the war memorial which stands on the other side of the road."

"...The building of the new, Old Buckenham Area School must have been going on a year or so before I started school, because when it opened I was still in the infant class and Mrs Stevenson was still my teacher, the infant classroom had a small room in one corner which had a small bed in, so if any child didn't feel well they could have a lay down, I remember doing so, also I am sure we all knitted different coloured wool squares which were sewn together to make a patchwork cover for this bed. "

"...We had a new Headmaster Mr Twiddy and his wife Mrs Twiddy was headmistress. This was a very large modern school and children came from villages all around the area, these children were issued with school bicycles to get to school, there was just one bus which brought the children from Shropham and Rockland."

"...This was a lovely school compared to the old village ones which I suppose were built in the 17/1800s, at that new school there were at least eight classrooms, a large assembly hall with a stage, domestic science for the girls and carpentry for the boys, I think the dining hall had not been completed when we first went there, we had some lovely school dinners there, fish and chips I am sure on a Thursday, chocolate pudding and custard, these were my favourites. The arrangement for dinners in the dining hall I remember was us small kids, we had to sit 3 or 4 each side of a table and 2 seniors one each end, a boy and a girl, had to go and get the food and serve it to us. On one occasion the girl serving our table was sick bringing a dish of mashed potatoes to us, it flew out over the dish, I think it missed!! There were always 2 teachers on duty in the hall and one of them took the dish back, they scraped the top off the mashed potatoes and brought it back to our table. (These little things stick in your mind)."

"...One thing just came to mind, the school did not have corridors, like they would have today, there was a veranda all the way round so you could go all round the classrooms without getting wet in bad weather."

"...I do remember after the 11+ exam my teacher Miss Gotts was not very pleased as no one in the class passed. I think I put my name and date on the paper and nothing else. I know my school mate and I played marbles all the way home after the exam was over as it was only a half day for the exam, anyway if you did pass it would mean you had to cycle all the way to Diss Grammar School, which was at least 7 miles away and we had a lovely school in the village!!"



Alan and another ex-student who were at Old Buckenham School when it opened in 1938.

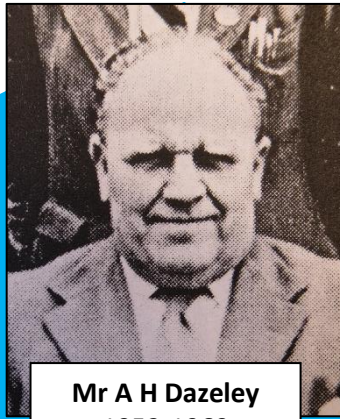


HEADTEACHERS

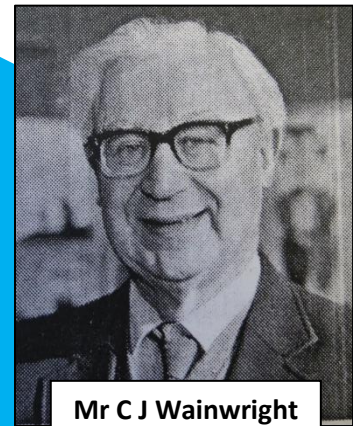
Past and Present



Mr L Twiddy
1938-1952



Mr A H Dazeley
1952-1969



Mr C J Wainwright
1969-1986



Mr A Whiles
2013-2016



Mr A Fell
2016-present



Mr N T F Newbury
1986-2000



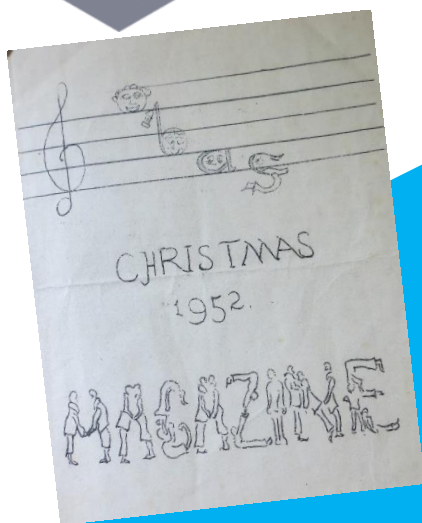
Mr P Whear
2010-2013



Mr G Hodson
2001-2009



MEMORIES



FOREWORD

As this is my first contribution to the Magazine, I wish to take the opportunity of expressing my grateful thanks to the Staff of the school, and to the parents, for the wonderful support I am being given here.

The co-operation of parents is the most valuable and essential requirement of any Head Teacher, and when it is given, together with loyal team work from the Staff, the welfare of the children, our main concern, is assured.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Christmas.

A. Dunning
Head Master.



School publications and memorabilia from the 1950s courtesy of Terence Dunning



Visit to Windsor 1952



SOME NOTES ON WINDSOR.

Stands on a hill, which is a natural stronghold and is said to have been used as a fortress by the Early Britons, by Julius Caesar and by King Harold.

William the Conqueror began the present Castle. Nearly every monarch since has added something to its buildings or traditions.

Henry I, 1100-1135, built the First Kings' House.

John, 1199-1216, was staying here when he was forced to accept Magna Carta at Runnymede.

Henry III, 1216-1272, built the 2nd Kings' House and Outlaw and Salisbury Towers.

Edward I, 1272-1307, gave Windsor town its first Charter of Liberty.

Edward III, 1327-1377, was born here and built the Upper Ward, Round Tower and Chapter House.

Edward IV, 1461, and Henry VII, 1485, built St. George's Chapel.

Henry VIII, 1509-1547, staged many tournaments and tournaments.

Handwritten notes:
y.p. Dunning
Chapel Hill
By Cambridge
O.B.A. 9
2nd class ticket
Chapel Hill
2nd = third first
second day cards
gas Stratford
B.B.

TIME TABLE.

Assemble at Attleboro' Station.

Train Departs	7.30 a.m.
Eccles Road	7.46 "
Harling Road	7.53 "
Arrive Windsor	8.0 "
Depart Windsor	11.56 "
Harling Road	6.42 p.m.
Eccles Road	10.51 "
Attleborough	10.58 "
	11.05 "

Take a packed lunch and drink with you. Tea will be provided on the River and also a packed tea on the train home.



GARDEN PARTY

The 80th Anniversary Garden Party was held on 7th July 2019. We were delighted by the number of people who attended.

The opening ceremony was conducted by Watton Town Crier, Mike Wabe, followed by a welcoming speech by Andrew Fell, Headteacher.

Visitors were entertained by the School Jazz Band, Rock Band and choir, led by Mr Jay, who put on a great show once again and were a credit to the school.





TREE PLANTING

We were honoured to welcome back three former Headteachers, Mr Nolan Newbury, Mr Peter Whear and Mr Aron Whiles, who took part in the tree planting ceremony in the Memorial Garden with Mr Fell.

They also cut the commemorative cake which was made by Michelle Beckley, a member of our catering staff.



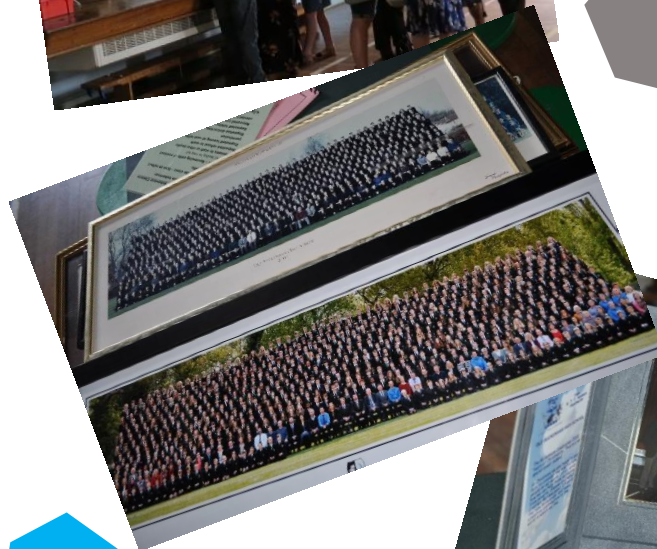
Rachel & George performing their last duties as Head Boy and Head Girl



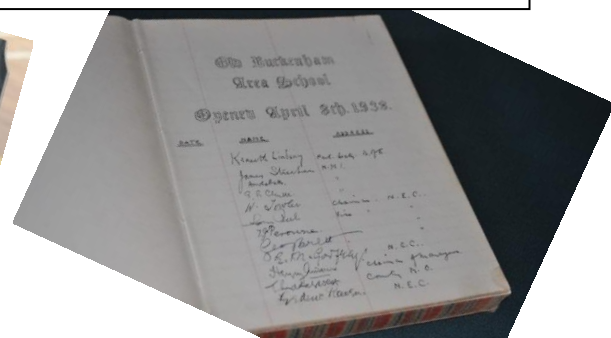
STALLS

A variety of well attended stalls included a tombola, welly wanging, skittles, lucky nails and a play area for toddlers. Burgers and hotdogs were provided by Banham Butchers and the Ox and Plough provided the licensed bar.

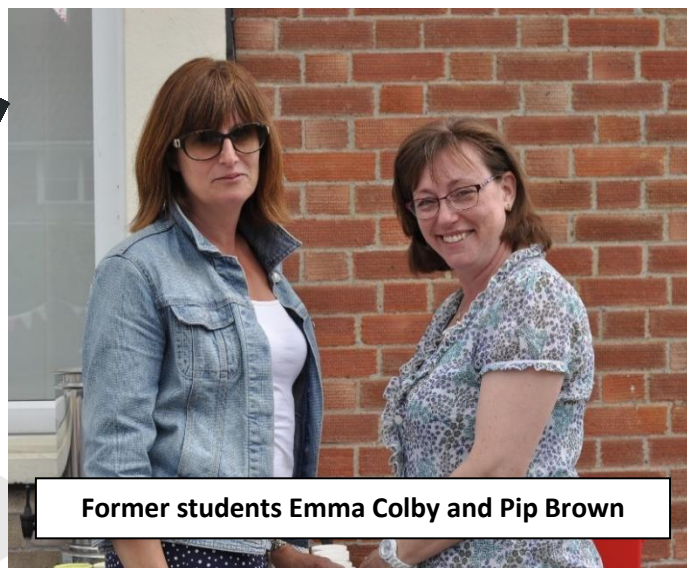




Left to right - Glenda Land (was Burlingham), Caroline Banham and Dawn Banham (was Burlingham) - All former students



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Former students Emma Colby and Pip Brown

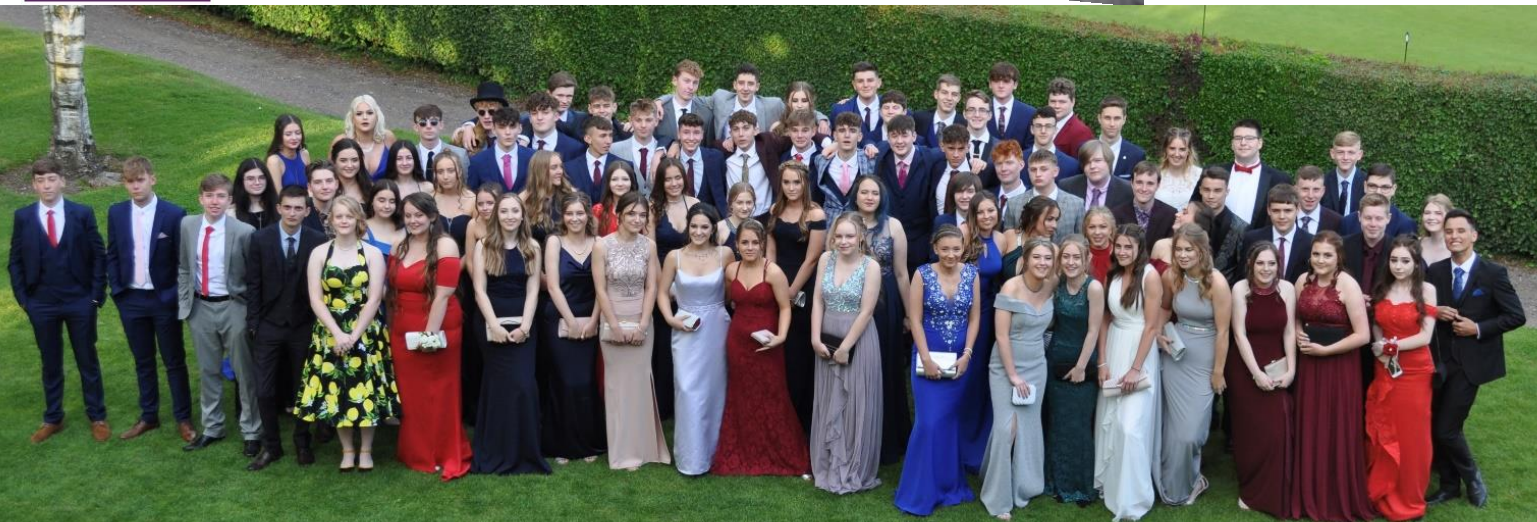


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FRIENDS OF OBHS

Our fundraising:



We have had a very successful year, with our refreshments and raffle being well supported at the Hairspray performances along with the pop-up sales we have arranged in school for students. Thanks to all who have supported our efforts by way of raffle prize donations, voting for us in Waitrose, the Easter Egg raffle, using the Easyfundraising website for their online shopping or buying our teas and coffees! Since September we have raised just over £2000.



The aim of the **Friends of Old Buckenham High School** is to raise funds through supporting and organizing events within the school community. These funds are then donated back into the school to purchase resources or finance projects to further the educational experiences of the students.

Some of our purchases this year to date for school:

- £836 for 10 x guitars and a drum kit – Music
- £152 for 20 x chopping boards – Food Technology
- £300 donation towards Year 11 prom
- £150 for 2 x embroidery sewing machines – Textiles
- £110 for Open Studios fee for Art exhibition in Norwich – Art

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing items as part of our Bags2School initiative. We are very pleased to announce that this collection raised a further £200 for the school.

Whilst doing your shopping online, can we remind you to go via the 'Easyfundraising' website. If you click to support FOBHS then we receive donations from the retailers at no extra cost to you! Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/obhs> . Thanks to everyone who already uses this – so far it has raised £116 for the Friends.

We very much enjoyed the 80th Anniversary Garden Party on 7th July where we served refreshments and ran a raffle. We are always looking for raffle prizes. These can be dropped off in school reception to be passed on to us or you can contact us by email: groom551@btinternet.com. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you to all those who have supported us and we look forward to more successful fundraising – every penny really does benefit our children.

The Friends of Old Buckenham High School



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