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'Reflecting' on the successes of our Art Students

For their projects themed 'On Reflection', our talented Year 12 AS Art pupils were thrilled and privileged to work with world renowned Lancashire artist Liam Spencer.

Inspiration for their projects came from many sources including a photography presentation of reflective imagery and a visit to the London and Tate galleries. Manchester artist Lucy Burscough worked with the students, concentrating on their technique, and the highlight was the professional link with Liam Spencer, who visited BRGS to present his own unique style, technique and ideas.

The Seegallery in Crawshawbooth very kindly agreed to showcase the students' interesting, accomplished and lively outcomes, alongside works from Liam and Lucy. On the open day the artists, pupils and teachers enthusiastically welcomed visitors to the popular exhibition and Diane Bamford, Head of Art, was delighted with its success: "It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to study, meet and work with extremely high calibre art practitioners. We are enormously grateful to the Seegallery for again providing pupils the unique experience of exhibiting their work in a professional setting."



Welcome

A very warm welcome to our Spring Edition of 'Friends of BRGS'. We have enjoyed another eventful term here at BRGS, full of challenges and an abundance of different activities. We very much hope that you enjoy sharing in all our latest news and photographs. In this edition we are delighted to include reports of the outstanding theatrical performance of the Wizard of Oz, our London alumni reception and three fantastic charity fundraising events

Despite our best efforts, it always seems impossible to squeeze everything into one letter! So please do also take a look at our website to discover more about what has been happening here at BRGS.

On a more personal note, you will be delighted to hear that Emma, our Development Director, has given birth to a beautiful daughter Lara Isobel. Emma is a great personal friend to so many alumni and so I am sure you would wish to join us all in offering Emma, Steve and baby Lara our very best wishes.

I hope you enjoy our latest edition of the newsletter and may I take this opportunity to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. My very best wishes for an enjoyable Easter break.

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Appointment of Sir Paul Stephenson

We were delighted to learn of the success of former student and Head Boy Sir Paul Stephenson. Following Sir Paul's recent appointment as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Marc Morris, Headmaster, offered the following congratulations: "Everyone at Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar was delighted to hear that Sir Paul has been appointed as the commissioner. We offer him our warmest congratulations and I am confident that his achievements will serve as an inspiration to current BRGS students as they prepare for examinations, universities and professional careers. We wish him every success in his new role."

Farewell to our friend Joan Ormerod

In December the entire school packed into the main hall to bid a fond farewell and offer huge thanks to Mrs Joan Ormerod, the Science and Faculty manager who had worked at the school since 1975.



She not only spent 33 years organising labs, equipment, chemicals (and teachers!) but for an additional six years Joan was educated at the school too. A lifetime of dedication to ensuring the best for our pupils deserves our praise, gratitude and a well-earned rest. The staff and students, both past and present, offer Joan our very best wishes for a wonderful retirement.

Reunited at Dr Johnson's House

Reunions for former students take place in London every three years and this time it was an opportunity to welcome our alumni to the unusual setting of Dr Johnson's House, a historic venue in Gough Square, Holborn.

Our Vice Chair of Governors, Heather Skilling, warmly welcomed guests on behalf of BRGS before Marc Morris, Headmaster, spent a few minutes updating everyone about the latest events in the school and outlining all the exciting plans for the future. He also offered his sincere thanks to all the guests for their continued interest in the school. Stephanie Pickford, the curator, kindly spoke a few words about the venue before leaving the guests to wander freely around the museum, enjoying the opportunity to meet with fellow alumni over drinks and canapés.

We were delighted to welcome back guests from across the decades, from the 1930s right through until 2008. The London reunions have always proved very popular and there is an obvious affection held for the school amongst the alumni. The event was a great success; we offer our sincere thanks for the continued support of BRGS and very much look forward to meeting everyone again at a future reunion.



Sixth Form Fashion & Dance Show

The main hall was filled with lively music and spectacular lighting effects as over 400 people gathered to enjoy a dance and fashion extravaganza presented by our talented sixth form students.



Dazzling Charity Event

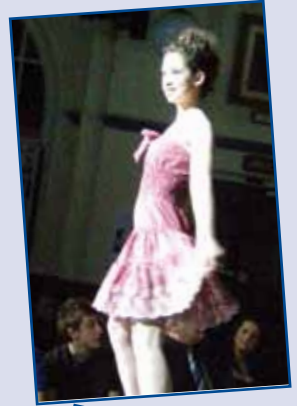
This dazzling annual charity event is invariably a sell out. The show, has been attracting audiences since the late '90s and is most notable for being the stage that arguably launched the catwalk career of top model Agyness Deyn, then Laura Hollins.

This year the students chose to raise funds for Derian House, a children's hospice located near Chorley. The hospice offers children a home from home, the best possible medical care, and as much fun and laughter as they can pack into their shortened lives and this year we are delighted to have raised over £500 for this truly worthy charity.

The theme for the evening was "Music and Fashion through the Decades", from the fifties through to the noughties, incorporating vibrant dance routines and sparkling catwalk parades in a fusion of modern and retro styles.

Tufties in Rawtenstall kindly styled our models' hair for the evening before they stepped out confidently down the catwalk dressed in the latest clothing ranges and footwear generously loaned by local retailers. The finale to the evening was a stunning display of magnificent ballgowns and evening wear from Just Gorgeous in Crawshawbooth.

David Morriss and Judith Wilkes, the show organisers, commented: "It was a real team effort. The students were fantastic; all the dance routines were choreographed by themselves; and they showed confidence, commitment, and a level of cooperation that academic studies alone cannot provide."



Year 10 Row the Channel

Endeavouring to improve their overall levels of fitness, members of the year 10 football team have been focussing some of their training in our state of the art fitness suite.

The rowing machines, in particular, have proved very popular and it's from here that the lads agreed to embark on the toughest of challenges, rowing the distance of the English Channel. The team of seven, together with the support of Marc Morris (Headmaster), Colin Williamson (Head of History) and Brendan Baird (PE) rowed a staggering 34km, each undertaking two demanding legs of 1,700m.

The determined athletes appeared in fancy dress for the challenge and were spurred on by an enthusiastic crowd of staff and students to complete the distance in an outstanding 2hrs 14 minutes and 4 seconds. They sliced a massive 56 seconds off their target and rowed at a speed akin to the Dover Calais car ferry!

Colin Williamson praised them all, saying: "It was a great achievement by everyone, particularly the way in which they worked as a team. So far we have raised almost £300 with sponsor money still coming in. We hope to lift the total to £500". The dedicated footballers intend to donate the money raised to Water Aid, a charity whose mission is "to overcome poverty by enabling the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education."

Our congratulations go to all the rowers involved - Alex Griffiths, Sam Parkinson, Jordan Carlton, Marc Caine, Sam Minihan, Joe Brierley, Wes Clutterbuck, Matthew Dell.



Staff Stars In Their Eyes

Following in the footsteps of their pop heroes, seven brave members of staff stepped out into the limelight to revel in a few moments of fame and take part in the Annual BRGS "Staff Stars in their Eyes".



Students packed into the hall to cheer on Liam Gallagher, Phil Collins, Amy Winehouse, The Killers, and the highlight of the show, Status Quo. Of course the fun was all in aid of charity and their efforts raised an amazing £454 for Comic Relief.

Year 7 Trip to Aladdin

In January a number of Year 7 students enjoyed a visit to the Oldham Coliseum Theatre for a pantomime production of Aladdin.



Our thanks go to student Mathew Wilson of 7S who wrote the following report:

"Aladdin was very funny and entertaining with some great characters. The props and costumes were fantastic and although there was an awkward moment when one of the props was accidentally broken, this just added to the comedy. We didn't return home until 11pm, very late for a school night! But it was a brilliant show and everyone had an enjoyable evening out."

The theatre trip, a popular annual event, was organised by Sue Kennedy, Head of Year 7.

"WATERWAY TO LIVE" Lionheart Challenge

The Spring term got off to an enterprising start with the 2009 Lionheart Challenge Continuum Programme. It is one of several projects supported by the BRGS Development Fund and is a fantastic way for students to experience how businesses really work.



Our year 10 teams of budding entrepreneurs were offered support and guidance as they brainstormed their initiatives, all based on Eco themes. The proposals were then formulated into workable, cost effective and profitable business plans.

Last year BRGS students were Regional winners of the Lionheart Challenge, quite a feat as it was the first year that the school had entered the competition. The successful team were welcomed back to the stage for one last time to offer encouragement to this year's participants: "Play to your strengths, work as a team, value the insight you will get into the business world but above all make the most of it!"

The school was delighted to host Mr Peter Mileham, the immediate Past President of the British Chamber of Commerce and judge at the National Finals of the Lionheart Challenge last year. He was extremely impressed with the positive vibe of the school and commented: "The best new ideas come from young people and your students are certainly extremely smart, articulate, enthusiastic and dedicated!"



The day culminated with each team presenting their idea to their peers and a panel of judges, before an overall winner was announced. Charlotte from the winning team said: "The Lionheart Challenge was a great experience; it gave us a chance to express ourselves. It was really professional and gave us a realistic insight into the world of work. I really enjoyed it, so did the rest of Team 10... and we won with our idea WaterWay to Live!"

Ding Dong the Witch is Dead

Tickets for the BRGS production of *The Wizard of Oz* sold out almost as soon as they had gone on sale – and no wonder.

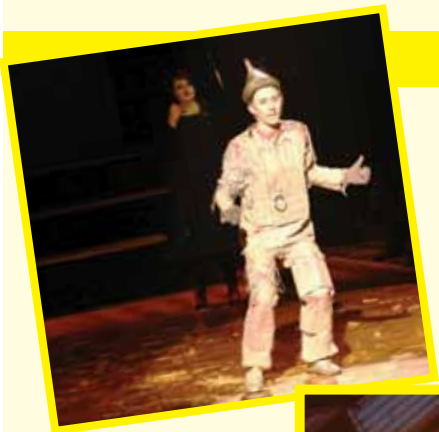
Director, Martin Neve (Head of Drama), had put together an incredible cast to deliver a very different version of the classic *The Wizard of Oz*.

This was no Judy Garland dressed in gingham frolicking through Oz with the Munchkins; instead audiences were treated to a richly gothic interpretation of this Hollywood classic. Presented in the round, the stage was lit with a single spotlight and a more sinister opening would be hard to imagine. Martin said: "I had always seen *The Wizard of Oz* as more of a Gothic horror, never fully realised." The gothic themes weren't only reflected in the setting and the themes of the production, but also in the music. Musical director, Jo Matthews, said: "We tried to pick out the more melodramatic aspects of the score, aiming to create an eerie atmosphere more akin to a horror movie than a frivolous family musical."

As the director, Martin managed to bring a very contemporary feel to the production as he used the script to bring out a variety of topical issues. But however clever the script may have been, the power of the production could never have been realised without some outstanding acting performances. As Dorothy, Hannah Potts (Year 11) was on stage for almost the entire duration and delivered a truly professional performance in a hugely demanding role. On her journey, Dorothy was of course accompanied by Scarecrow (Daniel Ratcliffe), Tin Man (Philip Bacon) and Lion (Hester Owen). Daniel was in his first major theatrical role which he played with heartwarming sincerity, and an equally complex performance came from Philip. Hester's Lion was particularly memorable as she managed to achieve a beautiful balance of humour and pathos in her delivery of the role.

All the actors were utterly believable in their roles. However, what made the overall performance such an outstanding one was the commitment from absolutely everyone involved





The logistics of putting on a production with nearly 100 cast members means that the success of the production was founded upon the tireless efforts of large numbers of backstage crew and the production team. As one make-up artist said: "Have you any idea how long it takes to create seventy zombies? We start getting ready as soon as the bell goes for the end of school to get them on stage in time!" Everyone involved can feel a tremendous sense of pride at a performance that would have been equally at home as a professional stage production and it will not only be a lifetime memory for those who watched, but for everyone that helped to make it happen.

Volcano Alert!

“But they’re all going to die!”
exclaimed the evacuation team.

News had just come through from members of the satellite team. They’d tracked its position and requested some high definition imagery. The results had been passed to both the hurricane team and the volcano team.

Their analyses showed that not only had volcanic activity increased, but that the hurricane had increased in intensity and was heading towards the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean. The town of Richmond was at risk and had over 1000 residents.

The evacuation team had realised that they did not have sufficient vehicles to move them all to safety!

This was a scenario that our year 9 pupils were placed in recently. The maths department ran a project in which pupils formed an Emergency Response Team reacting to a simulation of the natural disaster that occurred when Montserrat was devastated in September 1996.

Pupils were connected to “Mission Control” at the National Space Centre in Leicester by a live video link. A mission commander from the space centre fed “live data” to the teams whilst they reacted to the different scenarios as they unfolded. Pupils had to work as teams to manage the data, make calculations and predictions, and research the dangers of the twin threats.

The project was developed to form part of the curriculum offered to year 9 pupils, enabling them to apply knowledge they had gained in lessons to a real context. Shahzeb Mirza, from 9G commented: “I think it was a good experience – it was an inventive way to mix geography and maths together in a fun way and it also promoted good teamwork to do the task”.

New Challenges for a New Year

Following on from the success of our adult evening classes in 2008, we again ran a series of courses in the Spring term.

They were extremely well received by the local community, with almost 60 students attending one of several courses on offer. Thanks to community funding, we were delighted to be able to offer this popular range of courses free to celebrate the Maths and Computing Specialism and the Training School programme here at BRGS. If you would like to receive information on any forthcoming courses please contact Gill Spokes, Assistant Head, at gls@brgs.org.uk or on 01706 234500.

Maths Students Fly High with the RAF

The Royal Air Force and the Kingfisher Centre at Futures Park in Bacup recently played host to year 10 students from across the Valley.

In an innovative and unusual approach to maths, the workshop involved a carousel of activities including testing pupils' reaction times under differing conditions; using investigative measures to decipher codes; planning and co-ordinating catering services for large numbers of personnel; loading a cargo bay; testing skills of observation by identifying aircraft and shapes from aerial photographs; measuring and estimating noise levels; and plotting co-ordinates to arrange flight plans.



It was a popular and challenging interactive session with one of the instructors commending the students for their teamwork, communication and problem solving skills, commenting that "these are some of the best sets of pupils we have ever worked with!"

Caring for LEPRRA

Our Year 7 students have demonstrated how committed they are to helping others by arranging a sponsored workout in the gym.

They raised funds for LEPRRA, a British organization whose mission is to restore health, hope and dignity to people affected by leprosy and other diseases of poverty.

The efforts were fantastic and in just one month the children raised an impressive £1594.13. Jackie Fairbairn, the Community Representative for LEPRRA, visited the school to present a plaque which was received by the two students who raised the most sponsorship, Lydia Flavell and Patrick Barlow. The event was co-ordinated by Sue Kennedy, Head of Year 7, who hopes that fundraising for LEPRRA could well become the start of a wonderful new tradition at BRGS.



National Holocaust Memorial Week



To commemorate Holocaust Week, BRGS welcomed back Ibi and Waldimir (Val) Ginsburg who spoke movingly about their experiences to all of Year 9.

Val and Ibi both spent time in Dachau concentration camp and were liberated by the Americans when the war ended.

They actually met after the war when Ibi was acting as a nurse and Val was recovering in the hospital at Dachau. They fell in love, married in 1946 and now share their experiences openly by speaking regularly to school groups.

Tom Jackson from the Holocaust Educational Trust also spent time in school, working across year groups to help them understand the impact of the events on our history.

The visit was coordinated by Margaret Stanley (Research and Development Leader and History teacher); it was certainly a thought-provoking day and an experience which our students found most moving.

A Week in Politics by Wes Davidson

Enterprising year 13 student, Wes Davidson, recently arranged to spend a week in London with Rossendale's MP Janet Anderson. Our thanks to Wes for his enlightening report



"In February I spent a week with Rossendale's MP Janet Anderson, in Parliament, to learn first-hand about the Parliamentary process. I spent time shadowing Janet, attending select committee meetings in both the Houses of Commons and Lords. I was able to sit in on Prime Minister's Questions, where the majority of MPs gather to grill the government and in the week I was there, the ongoing financial crisis was the main issue dominating the debates.

"Janet arranged a tour of Big Ben and also Number 10 Downing Street where I was able to see the Cabinet Rooms and the other State Rooms. The Prime Minister wasn't in during my visit but I was able to see inside one of the most historically important buildings in the world.

"It was fortunate that Janet Anderson found the time to accommodate me and the trip gave me a brilliant insight into politics, a possible career path for me after I finish my History degree. To gain the experience of visiting Westminster was definitely worthwhile and also quite surreal in that I spoke to and met some of the men and women who are running the country."

Celebrating Catering Staff Success

Our Catering staff have not only been hard at work in the kitchens but also studying for their NVQs in Catering and Hospitality.

To date six have successfully attained Level 1 and are already moving on to achieve Level 2, with Sandra Connor, the Catering Manager, being awarded Level 3. In addition, five colleagues have been awarded Level 3 in Food Hygiene.

Their NVQ assessor from Accrington and Rossendale College, Jane Boothman, has commended them for being "excellent students".

The school kitchens were completely refurbished during the summer 2008 to provide state-of-the-art dining facilities. A cashless dining system was introduced simultaneously which has greatly improved the speed of service and virtually eliminated the need for students to carry money in school.

BRGS is now the proud holder of the Healthy Schools accolade, a scheme run by Lancashire County Council. It recognises the school's efforts in giving the students the confidence, skills, knowledge and understanding to make healthy food choices. This in turn creates happier, healthier children who do better in learning and in life!



Sax Collective

Aside from his teaching commitments, Ryan Searle, a peripatetic music teacher here at BRGS, performs with an accomplished saxophone quartet.

In February we were delighted to welcome into school this lively, talented and accomplished ensemble, otherwise known as the Sax Collective. Our students thoroughly enjoyed working with them throughout the day as the music was made fun and accessible to all, including over 20 saxophone players, the samba band and also our jazz musicians.

The event reached a crescendo with an evening concert, encompassing all the elements that the students had enjoyed throughout the day. A highlight for all was to hear a piece arranged by talented Year 9 musician Chalcedony Williams, played by the Sax Collective and conducted by Chalcedony herself.

This popular event offered our students a wonderful opportunity to perform with accomplished and entertaining musicians and Clive Davenport from the music department commented: "Good fun was had by all and it was an inspiring day for all the students". To hear an audio clip of the piece arranged by Chalcedony and played by the quartet, please refer to the news feature on our school website (www.brgs.org.uk) and follow the link via the Sax Collective.

Sporting Successes

Orienteering

British Schools' Orienteering Championships took place at Hawley and Hornley, near Farnborough, this year. Over 1000 pupils made the journey to enjoy a weekend packed full of fun and orienteering. The weather held for most of the day and everybody was in great spirits.



World Orienteering Champion Graham Gristwood attended the event and the competitors had the opportunity to be photographed with his Gold Medal. GB Squad member, Sarah Rollins and director Ed Nicholas, were also on hand to distribute the prizes and congratulate the competitors. BRGS fared well, with the Year 13 team consisting of Liam Taylor, Alex Willis and Stephen Horrocks finishing in first place to become British Schools' Champions in the Y13 Boys' category. The lads beat off a strong challenge from Cotham School and King Edward VI Aston School. Alex is pictured holding the former British Junior Men's Team Trophy, first contested in 1967.

Also in the medals were the Y9 Girls with Lucy Horrocks, Evie McDermott and Heather Cudworth finishing in third position. However, the best result of the weekend went to Sophie Horrocks, who has been selected to represent England in the World Schools' Orienteering Championships which take place in Madrid, Spain, at Easter. Sophie won her place in the team by coming 2nd in a World Champs Qualifier Event, the day before the British Schools Champs, where she finished 5th in the Year 11 Girls' class.

In a special ceremony, our very own Mr Tom Gray was presented with the BSOA award for services to Schools' Orienteering. Our sincere thanks go to Tom for his continued support of the sport at BRGS, and congratulations on receiving such a prestigious award.

Basketball

The U14 basketball team have again excelled in the Lancashire schools' competition. They had a convincing win 62 – 30 in the quarter finals against Primet High School and are now through to the semi finals to face a Preston school, Archbishop Temple.

Congratulations to Mollie Campbell who has been asked to join the England Basketball U16's Development Squad. As part of this commitment, Mollie will be required to attend their training camps and from the squad a team will be selected to represent England in the European Championships. We wish Mollie every success and very much look forward to following her future progress.

Congratulations also to Jake Campbell, Mollie's brother. He plays for the Manchester Magic U16's Basketball team and recently received a gold medal when the team won the England Basketball National Sureshot cup.

Cross Country

Our talented runners took part in the Lancashire Schools' Cross Country event in February together with students from over 100 other schools. It was held at Witton Park in Blackburn on a frosty day with a frozen ground underfoot. Congratulations to Sam Tosh who ran an outstanding race for the U19 boys and was placed 2nd. The top six runners go forward to the national championships and so our best wishes go to Sam and we look forward to following his progress. Congratulations also to Rebecca Flanagan who was placed 8th in the Year 7 girls' race.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme remains extremely popular with 60 participants signing up for the Bronze Award, 32 for Silver and a 16 for Gold.

The highlight of last year was the expedition to the Cairngorm Mountains in Scotland. Six groups hiked for fifty miles over four days through heather-clad glens, crossing mountain passes to camp by rushing streams and secluded lochs. For one group, their journey took them to the summit of Ben Macdui, the second highest mountain in the UK after the Great Ben itself. All those on the expedition faced a personal challenge and through teamwork, friendship, courage and individual effort, everyone achieved a successful outcome.

Through the fantastic efforts of all the participants we are delighted that 42 students have gained their Bronze, 30 have gained their Silver and 14 have gained their Gold Awards. Our congratulations also to Claire McClellan on

completing her BEL Award and to award coordinator Tom Gray, and fellow supervisors

Dave Parkinson, Jonathon Fitton and Jane Jackson who have successfully completed their Expedition Assessor's Accreditation. We are very grateful to parents Tim Stonebanks and Chris Ingham for also completing this course which will help with our future expedition assessments. Indeed, we are appreciative of the continued help and support received from parents and colleagues alike. It is their enthusiasm that enables us to carry out all these popular activities.



Who? What? Where? When?

Thank you to all our former students who helped to identify pupils in our winter newsletter. The back row from the left to right featured: Sheila Warren, Jean Taylor, Mary Winterbottom, Joan Jackson and Sylvia Tompkinson. On the front row was seated Jean



Greenwood, Joan Castle, Patricia West, Doris Plant and Joyce Swift. The schoolfriends from 1944 travelled by bus to Bacup to arrange their own photograph after finishing their School Certificate exams.



In our Spring edition we would welcome your help in identifying a former PE master and his bemused students! The only information we have so far is that the picture was taken for the Bacup Times in about 1964. If you do recognise any of the bewildered faces please do get in touch. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Dates for your diary

27th April

Year 8 Parents' Evening

12th May

Year 11 Leavers' Day

13th May

Year 13 Leavers' Day

14th May

PTA Quiz Night

More details to follow

11th June

Year 10 Music Concert 7.30pm

All are welcome

24th June

Lower School Music Concert

7.30pm All are welcome

26th June

Year 13 Leavers' Ball

3rd July

Year 7 sleepover

10th July

Year 11 Leavers' Ball

20th August

A Level results

27th August

GCSE results

ALUMNI EVENTS

Following the recent successes of our 2008 school reunion and the reception in London, we would dearly like to build on these popular events. We are therefore hoping to arrange an annual dinner here at BRGS in the summer term. In addition, and in celebration of the school receiving its Maths and Computing specialism, we would also like to host a reunion for those former students who are now working within relevant fields, including related professions such as Engineering. If you are interested in receiving further details for either event, then please contact Nikki Wilby at nsw@brgs.org.uk or on 01706 234500.

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Message Board

Wedding congratulations to Miss Claire Smith (Geography) who is now Mrs Claire McClellan.

Our best wishes go to Ms Sarah Hartley (Chemistry) on the birth of her daughter Katherine and also to Mrs Sophie Fowler-Gibbs (English) who is now enjoying her maternity leave.

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Sandra Harris, our new Science Faculty Manager, Miss Jaimie Ogle (mathematics) and Mr Christopher Blacoe (English). We wish them all a very happy time at BRGS!

Our students have recently taken part in a survey of local woodland from Waterfoot, through Staghills, to Lea Bank and an application is being made for a lottery grant to improve access and create a woodland park. If you have any suggestions about access, walking paths or cycling routes in this area, please contact Mr David Archer here at the school.

As an Eco School we make every effort to dispose of our computers responsibly. Although they may no longer be required by the school, they still have many years of useful life left. If you know of a local group who may be interested in receiving any of our old units at the end of the summer please contact our ICT team for further information.

OBITUARIES

We are sorry to learn of the following:

Former student, David Lionel Hodgkinson, sadly died on 22nd November, aged 65. He attended BRGS from 1955–1962 and was Head Boy from 1961/1962. David passed away shortly after retiring from Manchester Metropolitan University where he was a lecturer in English and leaves his wife Lorna and three children.

Former student, Mr George Alan Thomas, sadly passed away on 2nd February. George attended BRGS from 1932 – 1937. On leaving he began a 44 year career with the Inland Revenue, becoming an HM Inspector of Taxes in 1963, serving in Liverpool, Birmingham and Preston. A native of Bacup, he and his family moved to the Wirral in 1959. His wife, Gladys, predeceased him in December 2007 and he leaves two sons and four grandchildren to whom we offer our sympathy.



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