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# LBG & GC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A well-attended AGM was held at the Stradey Park Hotel on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Attending members were given an overview of events held (Dedication of an Official War Memorial remembering those former pupils and staff who gave their lives in war: St David Day Celebration and the inaugural “Lunch and Learn” talk given by Lord Lesley Griffiths on the life and times of John Wesley and links to Llanelli) as well as the charities supported financially (Educational Bursary: CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service); Ski4All Wales (disabled Ski charity operating from the ski slope, Pembrey) :LARS ( Loud Applause Rising Starts – performing arts initiative) and the Brin Isaac Memorial Fund)

## TRUSTEES 2016-2017

Members present at the AGM elected the following as Trustees of the Charity :- *Chair* - Prof. Ken Board ; *Vice Chair*- Mr. George Parker; *Treasurer* – Mr. Phil Cooper; *Secretary* – Mr. John Buckee. *Committee members* Ms. Claire Rumble; Mr. Peter Lane; Mr. Paul Oram; Mr. Keith Thomas; Mr. Stephen Edwards and Mr. David Marshall

## MEMBERSHIP

Development of the Association Webpage included the [facility for online membership](#) and as a result we now have 132 former pupils paying at least the suggested minimum membership fee of £5 per annum. In reply to demand we have also included a 10 year membership for £50 and a life-time membership at £100. Reminders for membership renewal are sent automatically on the anniversary of your membership. Where you see fit to support the Association with a donation, please remember to tick the “Gift Aid” box so your donation may be subject to tax relief adding a further 25% to its value.



*Former pupil and Honorary Patron of the Association Michael Howard, the Lord Howard of Lympne hosted a reception for members at the House of Lords*

House of Lords 8/6/2017

## FINANCES

The Financial summary of the Association for the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 showed :-+

- ✓ Created a surplus of £6,499 in 21 months
- ✓ Increased the value of the Association from £3,400 to nearly £10,000 (£9,800)
- ✓ Distributed nearly £5,000 to good causes within the Llanelli area during this period (actual £4,924)

**Our continued financial growth, and with it the financial support to local charities, is all due to YOUR continued contribution through membership, donations and support of events during the year. Thank YOU!**

## HOUSE OF LORDS VISIT



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, the night before the General Election , thirty alumni and guests from all over England and Wales visited the House of Lords.

The party toured the Commons chamber and the Lords chamber before a reception in the Attlee room.

The group was hosted by Lord Howard (Michael Howard 1952 to 1959) who gave a welcoming speech , answered questions about parliament and then circulated and chatted with Association members present.

Everyone pronounced the evening a success having met old friends and made new ones.

## ASSOCIATION TIES



Is your wardrobe lacking style ?

Finish off “the look” with an Association tie.

Association ties will be available for sale at the Reunion dinner priced £10.

Online purchase will be considered after this date (dependent on stock)

## REUNION DINNER 2017

We are very pleased to announce that former pupil

### **Mr. Doug Perkins Founder and Chairman of Specsavers**

has kindly agreed to be the speaker at our 2017 Reunion dinner.

The dinner will be held at the **Stradey Park Hotel, Llanelli, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

Tickets are priced at £30 per head and are available from the following ;-

- Committee members
- In person or in writing from Parker Plant Hire Centre, Halfway, Llanelli SA15 1HQ (mark envelope Tickets 2017)
- Reception Stradey Park Hotel, Llanelli (Tel 01554 758171}
- BACS Transfer and email confirmation to [Secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org](mailto:Secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org) (e-ticket sent by reply)
  - For payment by cheque, please make cheque crossed and payable to “LBG & GC Association”
  - For purchase by post please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope
  - For BACS payments Account Name LBG &GC Association: Number 11457101 ; Sort code 40-43-32
  - Note refunds cannot be given

## WAR MEMORIAL

As a follow on from the [dedication of the official war memorial](#) to those Staff and Pupils who gave their lives in the two world wars, Committee member Mr. Stephen Edwards is working on a Book of Remembrance detailing the lives of those listed on the school Role of Honour. If you have personal detail / photographs of any one listed then please forward to Stephen at the address quoted at the end of this newsletter or if in electronic form please forward to [secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org](mailto:secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org)

## PEOPLES COLLECTION WALES

As reported earlier, the Association are working with the National Library of Wales to populate an [Association Webpage](#) under their [People's Collection Wales](#) project. Whilst still in its infancy, the Association will work to upload our own documents, images, videos and sound recordings of life at the School ensuring history of the School, its masters and pupils are documented to help enrich the cultural history of Wales. If you have any old school magazines, photographs or which to document your time at School then please contact the [Secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org](mailto:Secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org) or at the address given at the end of this Newsletter.

Thanks to Mrs. Lydia Williams (widow of former master Mr. Penry Williams) and Mr. Terry Peters for their contributions to the Association archives.

We are also keen to receive copy of your “Memories of School” (in either English or Welsh – or both!) – and again address these to the Secretary (detail given above).

Thanks to Dr. Vernon Morris for his contribution – again these will be used to populate the Association archives.

## SAINT DAVIDS' DAY CELEBRATIONS AND CHARITY AWARDS

Those former pupils who attended the 2017 Saint Davids' day celebrations at the Stradey Park Hotel were treated to a toe-tapping evening with a medley of popular Welsh songs performed by the "The Phil Harmonics" rock and pop choir with a repertoire that ranged from good old fashioned "Hymns and arias" through to numbers by "Queen" and Elvis Presley.

A similar evening is planned for 2018 where the celebrations will be the principle charity awards event of the Association. Full details will be circulated closer to the date.

## SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

The Association, following its charitable aims, in addition to its Educational bursary (£1000)£3 was pleased to have offered financial support to the following local charities during 2016/2017

- The Brin Isaac Memorial fund (£250)
- Ski4All Wales (£350)
- LARS (Loud Applause Rising Stars) (£300 per annum for 3 years)
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) (£700)

Do you have a particular local charity worthy of support by the Association?

If yes then, as a committee, we are keen to hear from you stating the charity and reasons for Association support. Address your suggestion to the Secretary at the address given at the end of this newsletter else by email to [secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org](mailto:secretary@llanelliboysgrammar.org)



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Graig Former Pupils Association  
Cyn-Ddisgyblion y Graig

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**STAFF 1945**



*Llanelli Boys' Grammar School, Teaching Staff, circa.1950*

***Top Row (L. to R.):***

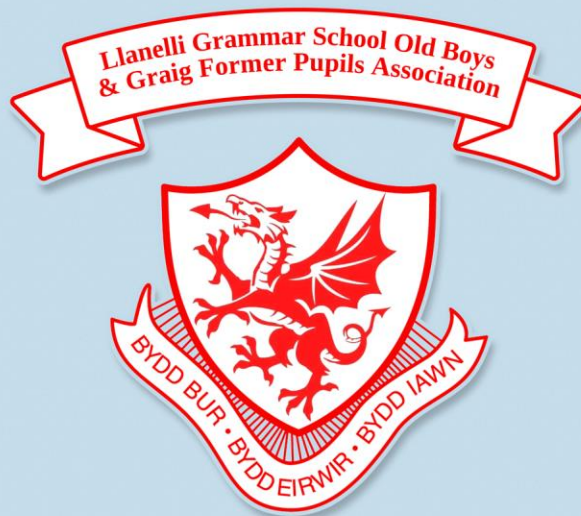
G.D.Thorne, J.B.Bowen, R.Jacob, M.Rees, G.Evans, D.A.Thomas, J.Walters, C.L.Humphries, A.H.Jones

***Middle Row:***

Tom Jones, J.L.Morris, R.Wyne, M.R.Thomas, J.R.Williams, Harding Rolfe, J.V.Harris, J.J.Lloyd, T.P.Jones, W.H.Davies, D.Gwynne Anthony, G.R.Hughes

***Seated (L to R)***

Eric Walker, D.E.Davies, D.Roderick, W.T.Stockton, T.V.Shaw(Head), A.M.Smith, H.W.Hampton, J.Afon Jones, F.H.Philips



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education, health, sport and music***



Music Award – Loud Applause Rising Stars



Armistice Service 2016



Educational Bursary



Ski 4 All Wales



CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service)  
Surf Tonic Project



Sports Award – Brin Isaac

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